

'We Must Learn To Utilize Rain,' Says SCS Engineer

"We must learn to utilize the rain that we get."

By doing this the United States will continue to be great, asserted Ottis Armstrong, field planning engineer of the state soil conservation board of Abilene, in his talk before the Lions Club.

Isadore Mellinger, president, presided. A past president's pin was presented to Supt. Mack Fisher. Principal C. A. Farley reported on the glasses given to the grade school boy.

From the Middle Clear Fork district committee there were present: Nelson Ester, Elmdale, Ed Gist, Hawley, Tom Russom, J. B. Harlan of the SCS, Abilene, was also a visitor.

"With a pioneer type of farming the farmer of 1920 produced more than we do today with 4-row tractors and better seed," stated Mr. Armstrong.

"We have the 'know-how' today yet we produce less. We have more mesquite.

"The bigger crisis is our water situation," he continued. "What has happened to our land since 1920? It has been overworked. Our land is dying. We are not keeping our rain, we are not holding the water in the soil.

"The soil needs proper care. We need to condition our land to hold water and produce more. We must learn to utilize the rain that we

get," stated Mr. Armstrong. "When we get 16 to 18 inches of rain we should be able to keep 11 inches of it, enough moisture for grass and other crops.

"By proper care this can be done," he said. "The SCS technicians can show you how."

Layton Plaster Is Minister of Monahans Church

Layton Plaster is now minister of the Church of Christ at Monahans. He went there Oct. 7 and preached his first sermon as its minister the following Sunday.

He and his family have moved to Monahans.

Mr. Plaster was minister of the Church of Christ here a little over a year ago and resigned to go to Missouri. He visited here a short time ago.

BOY TO McCONNELLS

Mr. and Mrs. Dolphe McConnell of Fort Worth announce the birth of a baby boy, Timmie, on Oct. 9, weighing 5 lbs. 12 ounces. This is their third son. The other two, David and Steven, are with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. McConnell.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1934 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

TO PLAY WINTERS

When Merkel takes the field against Winters on the local gridiron Friday, McAninch, big left tackle, and Robertson, left guard, will be missing because of injuries received in the Roscoe game. It is also doubtful if Boaz, key man and captain, will be able to play because of knee injury.

FLOWBOYS WIN

With a runaway victory over Merkel last Friday, the Roscoe Flowboys served a loud threat notice on district 13 teams. The score was 32 to 0. The Flowboys scored the first time they got the ball, culminating a 63-yard march down field, and throughout the afternoon had everything their own way.

LARGENTS WIN

The steer shown by Willie Joe Largent was the best Hereford, the champion of that breed, at the American Royal Livestock Show in Kansas City, Mo. He is the son of C. M. Largent, The Texas Hereford placed second to the grand champion of the show, C. M. Largent and Sons placed Jim Reed Domino as the champion fat steer among the Herefords. They placed a bull calf second, Publican Domino 4th Jr., and a young bull first in his class, Publican Domino 26th.

SHRUBS STILL LIVE

Out of the 25 Arizona cypresses planted in the highway beauty plot along the railroad right-of-way yearly in the year at the instance of the local highway beautification committee, it is found that 24 are alive and

healthy, only one having been lost thus far.

MRS. M. PETERSON DIES

A heart affliction was assigned by the attending physician as the cause of the death of Mrs. Minnie Peterson, 26, wife of Joe Peterson, who was found dead at her home about 2:30 p. m. Tuesday when one of her nieces returned from school. Funeral services were held at 3:30 p. m. Wednesday from the Northside Missionary Baptist Church.

LIONS MEET

When the newly organized Merkel Lions Club met Tuesday at the America Cafe for its first regular luncheon the attendance was very near 100 per cent. President Jones announced in opening the luncheon program that a strict observance of the one hour limit would be adhered to.

LIST GINNINGS

The total ginnings are for five plants here and those at Stith, Blair and Noodle. Last week the total was 6,876 bales and this week the figure increased only 105 bales. The season's total is 6,981. Last year at the same date the figure was 12,959.

RECORD BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Crisp a boy Oct. 21, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Dudley of Trent a boy Oct. 23.

TO HOLD SUPPER

The Union Ridge school house will hold a sack supper on Friday Nov. 2. Come and bring some with you.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1914 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

THE BREEZY CORNER!

Don't Chase Time — carry it in your pocket. We will sell you an A-1 watch for a very small price, or a better one for just a little more. We repair watches and all kinds of jewelry. Sublett, The Jeweler, at Mrs. E. M. Rust's Drug Store.

Generate Prosperity — wear suits that are neatly cleaned and pressed. Do you? Ladies' work a specialty. The Star Store Tailor Shop, C. L. Cash, proprietor.

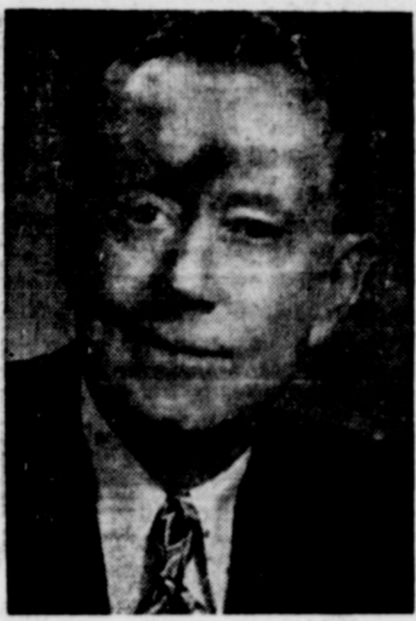
People Forget — while we work. They are entertained by Mutual Moving Pictures. A good show all the time, 5 and 10 cents. The Royal Theatre.

If It Is Sweet — we have it. Everything in the confectionery line — pure, delicious and wholesome and NOT expensive. Your friends come here! Hot drinks of all kinds. The Elite Confectionery.

A Fresh Painted House is like a well groomed man — it commands attention. Let us figure on your next job. Burroughs Drug Store.

Warehouse Now Open for the storage of Merkel cotton. W. A. Scott, manager.

Merkel Collecting Agency — adjustments made anywhere affiliated with Retail Merchants Association and Banks of Texas. Ira Armstrong, Manager.



SENATOR HARLEY SADLER

Folks Show Love For Sen. Sadler At Last Rites

State Senator Harley Sadler, 62, died at 6:20 a. m. Thursday of last week in Stamford several hours after suffering a heart attack at Avoca. Stamford was his boyhood home.

The funeral was held at 10:20 a. m. in the First Baptist Church, Abilene, Friday.

Senator Sadler was a showman, oilman and legislator. At his funeral were Texans by the hundreds, from all walks of life, paying their last respects to him, showing their love and high regard for the man who had entertained them and for the man who had represented them in the state government.

Senator Sadler liked his fellowmen, and his fellowmen loved him. The man in the street came to the last rites and the man in the governor's house in Austin arrived to pay his last respects to him.

Andrew J. Pannell Dies at His Home At Age of 64

Andrew Jackson Pannell, 71, retired farmer and Taylor County resident for 64 years, died at his home Monday morning after a short illness.

Funeral was held at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. James Andrews, pastor of the Hebron Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mr. Jackson had been a church member since early manhood and was a member of the Hebron Baptist Church.

Mr. Jackson was born Nov. 4, 1882, in Arkansas and moved to the Comper community in Taylor County at the age of 7. Then he moved to Mulberry Canyon (Taylor County), where he was married to Dovie Guin Moore on Dec. 24, 1905.

He retired from farming in 1948 and moved to Merkel.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Dovie Pannell; five sons, William Andrew of Houston, Paul and Jack of Wichita Falls and Guyn and Dan of Abilene; four daughters, Mrs. Kemper Cercher and Mrs. Grover Gant of Dallas, Mrs. Clarence Gant of Dallas and Mrs. Miles Fox of Abilene; four brothers, Clyde and Jim of California, Charlie of Vernon, Rufus of Electra; three sisters, Mrs. Nettie Thompson and Mrs. Eulala Holland, both of Abilene, and Mrs. Dan Reidenbaugh; 15 grandchildren; and 1 great grandchild.

CLAYTON DOANS HAVE GIRL

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Doan are the parents of a girl born at the Sadler Hospital Oct. 17.

BOY TO L. DAVIDSONS

To Mr. and Mrs. L. Davidson was born a boy at the Sadler Hospital October 18.

2 BALES TO ACRE!

Mr. and Mrs. Doc Vaughn returned Saturday from a 10-day trip, visiting friends in North Texas, going as far as Gruver and stopping in six towns. They saw beautiful crops from Littlefield to Tascosa. In one stretch of about 100 miles they were told the maise would make four tons to the acre and cotton two bales to the acre.

BAKE SALE

By Blue Bonnet Home Demonstration Club Saturday, Oct. 23, starting at 10 a. m. in front of Mellinger's store. Phone Nubia 4176 for orders. —Adv.

BULLETIN!

Largent & Son had four winners in yesterday's judging of the Hereford division at the American Royal Livestock Show, Kansas City.

The Merkel ranch showed the champion in senior heifer calves. The Largents also won second in senior bull calves, third in junior yearling heifers, and second in junior heifer calves.

'We Are Not Near Third World War,' Says Burleson

"We are not near a third world war."

That was the statement of Congressman Omar Burleson who visited The Merkel Mail office Monday afternoon. He was accompanied by Mrs. Burleson. They spent a number of hours in Merkel, visiting folks.

"The best intelligence and military advice feel that we are not near a pre-meditated war," he remarked. "However, there are conditions existing in a number of places that are powder kegs for trouble. There is Germany for example, the Chinese Communists are another, all through the Middle East and the Arabs are others.

"We have passed the critical time," he continued. "Four years ago it was thought that the world war would take place in 1954. But maybe our atomic lead was a deterrent, also our long range planes. However, Russia has almost closed our lead, maybe entirely.

"But this they know," stressed the Congressman, "that we can retaliate quickly if they strike."

Mr. Burleson does not believe in co-existence. He does not believe that we should trade strategic material with the Communists — Russia or any one behind the Iron Curtain.

Does this mean that war is inevitable?

"In the long run we will have to fight if we believe what they tell us — that is, that they are dedicated to the destruction of our way of life."

REV. SAM E. TULLOCK ATTENDS CONVENTION OF TEXAS BAPTISTS

Rev. Sam E. Tullock left Tuesday for Ft. Worth to attend the Texas Baptist General Convention. It ended Thursday night. Members of the local church planned to go to the meeting.

IT'S PRACTICAL

We maintain that the Bible gives to us a happy, sensible, stable and reasonable program of positive living. Come and learn as we learn. We start at 9 and finish at 9:40 a. m. in order that you may attend the church of your choice.

DOWNTOWN BIBLE CLASS Texas Theatre

GIRL TO W. THAXTONS

A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Warren Thaxton at the Sadler Hospital October 18.

I. GREENWOODS HAVE BOY

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ira Greenwood a boy at the Sadler Hospital October 17.

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SINGING AT CHURCH OF CHRIST

There will be singing at 3 p. m. Sunday at the Church of Christ. "Come and enjoy an hour of worship with us," is the invitation to everyone.

BAKE SALE

Will be held Saturday Oct. 23, starting at 11 a. m. in front of Max Mellinger's. To place orders phone 349, the parsonage. Sale sponsored by Women's Missionary Council of Assembly of God Church. —Adv.

SINGING AT SHILOH

There will be singing at Shiloh at 7:45 p. m. Thursday, Oct. 28. Everyone is welcome.

Mighty Albany Is Held Scoreless In Second Quarter

Though Albany was loaded with speed and power it was three Merkel fumbles that started the Lions on their way to a victory of 41-7 against the Merkel Badgers.

The Merkel boys held the Albany champions scoreless in the second quarter, to one TD in the third and broke even with the Lions with one touchdown each in the last stanza.

Merkel received the ball on its own 20 and fumbled. Albany recovered. Terry O'Brien threw them for a loss of three yards. Burton spurted the distance for the TD.

Kermit Rutledge took the kick to the Merkel 30. Again Merkel fumbled and the Lions recovered on the 27. And again the Lions were on the march with Terry, Jackie Russell, Robert McLeod, Gene Hargrove, George English, Kermit, Wesley Morton doing the tackling. Mitchell took a pass that was good for 14 yards and the tally.

Freddie Boone delivered the ball to the Merkel 32. Then Larry

Joyce, Phillip Pursley, carried the ball and a pass to McLeod set the ball on the mid-stripe. A fumble was recovered by Albany on the Badgers 48. Larry and Morton made the tackles. Then Daniel Mitchell ran 40 yards for the counter.

Again Boone delivered the ball to the Merkel 28. A beautiful pass, Pursley to Billy Mac Gilbert, netted 32 yards. Phillip made a yard. Passes were incomplete and Merkel kicked.

Joyce, Morton, Hargrove, George English tried to stop Albany, advancing to the Lions 33. Joe Beal shot 67 yards for the scoring points.

Pursley delivered the ball to the Merkel 39. A fumble again took place and Albany snapped the ball. Russell, Terry O'Brien and George English tackled in succession as Albany moved steadily to the Merkel 30 as the quarter ended. Albany made extra points each time: 28-0.

The Badgers began to fight in earnest and in this part of the game it was able to advance to the Albany 23 yard while the Lions got only to the Merkel 27.

Russell, Morton, English, Terry and Carl McKeever did the tackling, holding Albany almost stationary and Merkel took over on its own 31. Larry Joyce made healthy gains and then a pass. Pursley to McLeod, placed the ball on the Albany 32. Kermit made a first down. Joyce and then Boone carried the ball to the Lions 23.

Albany's stone wall stood fast and the Lions took over at this point. Hargrove, English, Rutledge did the tackling as the Lions advanced to the 41. English knocked down a dangerous pass. Hargrove and English held them on the next play and Albany had to kick.

Merkel was unable to advance and also had to kick. Boone and McKeever held them on the 50. Joyce, Morton and Terry stopped them. Then Albany fumbled and Gene Hargrove recovered the ball. Merkel was unable to advance and passed but the ball was intercepted by Albany on its own 21.

Morton, Hargrove and McLeod did the tackling. Albany suffered a penalty, a pass was incomplete and the quarter ended with the ball on the Albany 15 with no change in score.

Though Merkel never did get the ball into Albany territory in the next quarter it fought valiantly to keep the Lions from scoring more than once.

Taking the ball on the Merkel 35 the Lions marched steadily to the 5 with tackling being done by English, Russell, Terry O'Brien, Boone, Rutledge, Gail O'Brien, Morton and Gilbert. McLeod threw them for a 6 yard loss. Gail held them for no gain. And Merkel took over here.

Rutledge and then Boone advanced to the 25 when Albany intercepted a pass. Then the steady march began with walls being erected by English, Gilbert, Gail, Hargrove, Joyce, Morton, and Albany was on the 17 when David Mitchell took a pass for the TD. No extra point.

Boone delivered the ball to the Merkel 30. Rutledge and Joyce were able to make a first down on the 40 but passes were incomplete and Merkel kicked.

Morton and Gilbert held the Lions on their own 21 and Rutledge threw them for a loss of 2 yards as the quarter ended: 34-0.

Albany soon kicked. Boone and then a pass to McLeod was not good for a first down and Merkel kicked. Albany fumbled this ball and Morton recovered which set up the Badgers TD on the Lions 40.

Larry went to the 38 and then a pass from Boone to Gilbert was good for the 22 yard.

Two plays and no gain. Then Pursley passed to Gilbert and Billy Mac made the scoring points. English kicked the extra point.

Rutledge stopped Albany on its own 45. McLeod, moving swiftly knocked down a pass. Terry made a good tackle to stop a receiver of a pass on the Merkel 40. Rutledge

MERKEL VS. ROBY

Merkel plays Roby here at 8 p. m. Friday, tonight, at the local stadium. This is a conference game.

knocked down another pass. Then Albany moved steadily on again for the TD with Joyce, Terry, English holding them as they advanced to the 2-yard line. Joyce and Terry stopped them on the 1-yard and then David Mitchell carried the ball over. The extra kick was good.

Joyce had the pigskin on the Merkel 20. For two first downs they moved along until reaching the 42 with Boone, Rutledge and Joyce carrying the ball. Albany intercepted a pass and McKeever tackled the receiver. The ball was on the Merkel 19.

Terry and English stopped their progress. With the ball on the Merkel 30 Albany attempted a field goal which failed.

McLeod received a pass and placed the ball on the 34. Joyce took a pass that netted 34 yards and placed the ball on the Albany 32. A pass to McLeod carried the ball to the 20 as the whistle blew.

THE FIGURES

Table with 2 columns: Merkels and Albany. Rows include First Downs, Yds. Gained Rushing, Passes Attempted, Passes Completed, Passes Intercepted, Punts, Punt Averages, Penalties, Yds. Lost, Fumbles, and Yds. Lost.

Big Plans Made For Trent High Festival Nov. 12

The Trent High School is planning a homecoming Friday, Nov. 12. The homecoming will begin with a pep rally downtown Thursday night, November 11.

At 2 p. m. Friday Garland Franks, former Trent High School principal and who is now city manager of Sweetwater, will address the ex-students and families at a general assembly.

After general assembly refreshments will be served.

The high-light of the homecoming activities will be the annual football game with the Hermleigh Cardinals on the Gorilla field at 7:30 p. m. The pep squad will perform at halftime and also a feature attraction will be the crowning of the 1954 homecoming queen.

The candidates for the homecoming are Y'Vonne Martin, Thelda Hamner, Betty L. Payne and Nelda Heatly.

The officers are:

President, Jerry McWilliams; secretary, Dayne Ambrose; treasurer, Betty M. Payne; program committee chairman, Barbara Washburn; foods committee chairman, Carolyn McRee; public relations committee chairman, Zana Young; registration committee chairman, Judy Steadman.

Jack Mitchells Open Cafe Next To Bus Station

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mitchell have opened the cafe next to the Greyhound Bus Station. They came here from Pyote where they were in the restaurant business.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell will open the cafe from 6 a. m. to 10 p. m. daily and Sunday. They will specialize in steaks and Spanish foods.

MIKE DOING FINE

Mike Dudley, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Dudley is getting along nicely. He is in the Hendrick Memorial Hospital. He has polio.

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

Charles A. Smith was taken to the Veterans Hospital at Big Spring Monday morning. There he will undergo treatment.

NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gentry and daughter Patricia spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Putman and Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Gentry in Colorado City. Mr. and Mrs. George T. Moore spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dorsey in Midland.

E. O. Carson was in Eunice, N. Mex., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Norwood of Clyde visited Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Bill Sledge, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller spent last week in Ft. Worth, Huntsville, Palestine, Jacksonville and Edgewood, visiting relatives and on business.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Walters visited the State Fair over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wright of Lubbock visited over the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Diltz.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bullock spent the weekend in Weatherford with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Delton.

A/3c Roy W. Thomas returned to duty at Sedalia, Mo., Air Base after visiting for 16 days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Thomas.

Ralph Bartlett of North Texas State College at Denton spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bartlett. Ralph and three companions attended the B. S. U. State Convention in Abilene.

Miss Denta Gibson attended the State Fair Saturday.

Jerry Robinson who is a senior student at the Sam Houston State Teacher College at Huntsville visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orvin Robinson of Trent over the weekend. Also attended the B. S. U. State Convention at Abilene. Other visitors over the weekend were Rev. and Mrs. L. Harris and little daughter Ann of Huntsville.

Mrs. A. B. Parham has returned home after visiting her sister, Mrs. Ray Shepard, who is seriously ill in a Paris hospital.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walton last Friday were Ike Turner, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Turner and family of Ft. Worth and John Turner of Grand Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Bowen were in Fort Worth Sunday visiting their son Bill.

lukewarm water will be the safest. Wash once and rinse twice. Then, if the soil is not removed, use a second short wash and rinse.

To avoid setting in creases or wrinkles that may be hard to iron out, spin only a short time in the spinner machine to extract water, or release the tension on the wringer rolls in a wringer type machine. Hank the cover straight and let it dry enough to iron. Iron carefully so the cover doesn't come out of shape.

As the return in popularity of copper and brass brings beauty to the modern home, it poses a problem for the homemaker. How do you keep it gleaming clean?

Both copper and brass are hard metals and can be treated much alike. For spots that don't come off with hot soapy water, try rubbing with hot vinegar and salt. Lemon rind and salt or hot buttermilk will do the trick too.

If you prefer a dull finish, apply a paste made of rottenstone and boiled linseed oil. Wipe off the paste with a cloth moistened in linseed oil, and polish the surface with a dry cloth.

An antique finish is polished only with linseed oil or lemon oil. For more information, see bulletin in C-306 "Take Care of Household Metals." A copy is yours upon request from your county home demonstration agent. Or write the Agricultural Information Office, College Station, for a copy.

MRS. POWELL MILLER AND MRS. V. PATTERSON AT CONFERENCE

Mrs. Powell Miller and Mrs. Virgil Patterson were in Lubbock three days last week attending the conference on Christian Education. The conference was held at Forest Heights Methodist Church.

Charter No. 7481 Reserve District No. 11
REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE

Farmers & Merchants National Bank

of Merkel in the State of Texas, at the close of business on Oct. 7, 1954 published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes.

ASSETS

1. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance and cash items in process of collection \$1,303,924.40
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed \$1,570,000.00
3. Obligations of State and political subdivisions 187,585.48
4. Other bonds, notes, and debentures NONE
5. Corporate stocks (including \$4,500.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank) 4,500.00
6. Loans and discount (including \$851.88 overdrafts) 602,912.94
7. Furniture and fixtures 2,500.00

12. TOTAL ASSETS \$3,671,422.82

LIABILITIES

13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations \$3,099,174.86
15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings) 9,429.26
16. Deposits of State and political subdivisions 322,307.35
18. Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.) 3,837.65

19. TOTAL DEPOSITS \$3,434,749.12

24. TOTAL LIABILITIES \$3,434,749.12

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

25. Capital Stock:
 - (c) Common stock total par 75,000.00
26. Surplus 75,000.00
27. Undivided profits 86,673.70

29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS 236,673.70

30. TOTAL LIABILITIES and CAPITAL ACCOUNTS \$3,671,422.82

MEMORANDA

31. Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes 104,000.00
33. (A) (1) Loans to farmers directly guaranteed and redeemable on demand by the Commodity Credit Corporation, and certificates of interest representing ownership thereof 51,056.68

I, GEO. T. MOORE, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEO. T. MOORE, Cashier

CORRECT—ATTEST:
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H. C. WEST

Directors
STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, ss:
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of Oct. 1954, and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank.
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By LORETTA ALLEN

Summer soil has begun to show all too plainly on slip covers by fall housecleaning time.

Slip covers can be cleaned satisfactorily, and laundering and dry cleaning companies often make a speciality of such work this time of year. Many fabrics used for slip covers, particular cotton fabrics, may be laundered successfully in home washing machines.

It pays to make sure first that the fabrics as well as the binding of the cover is washable—and also pre-shrunk. That will avoid having colors run or covers come out too small to fit the furniture.

The specialist says it saves the fabric and makes for easier, more successful laundering if the covers get into the washing machine before they are badly soiled.

Brush out any loose dust and dirt from all seams and remove stains—grease spots, for example before putting the cover into the machine. Close all zippers or snaps before washing.

For machine washing, use a mild soap or synthetic detergent and if the slip covers are in colors,

Exciting Story In Garden of Evil At Queen Theatre

The galaxy of stars plus an exciting screen story plus stunning vistas of Mexico photographed in CinemaScope excite public interest in "Garden of Evil," the film offering at the Queen Theatre Sunday and Monday.

Gary Cooper, Susan Hayward and Richard Widmark star with Hugh Marlowe and Cameron Mitchell in a suspenseful adventure drama. This group forms an adventurous crew who follow Miss Hayward into the "Garden of Evil," lured on by the promise of gold and her love.

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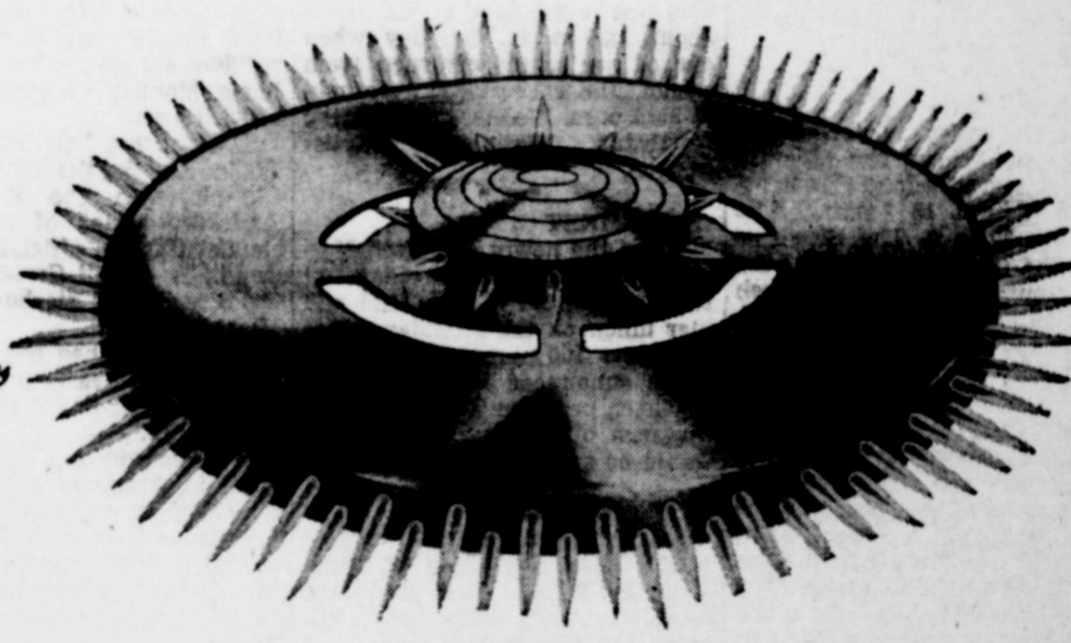
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In breathtaking succession the audience is mesmerized by the beauties to be found on the floor of the Atlantic, tensed by the fierceness of aquatic dangers in the killer-kingdom of tiger-sharks and giant octopi, and thrilled by the struggle for freedom as the divers extricate themselves from a bed of strangling kelp in the strange episodes from the everyday existence of these sponge fishermen.

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SLIP COVER NOTE

Slip covers can be laundered satisfactorily. While many dry cleaning and laundering companies make such work a speciality this

time of year, covers of many fabrics may be washed at home. Iron carefully so the cover doesn't come out of shape.—A. & M.

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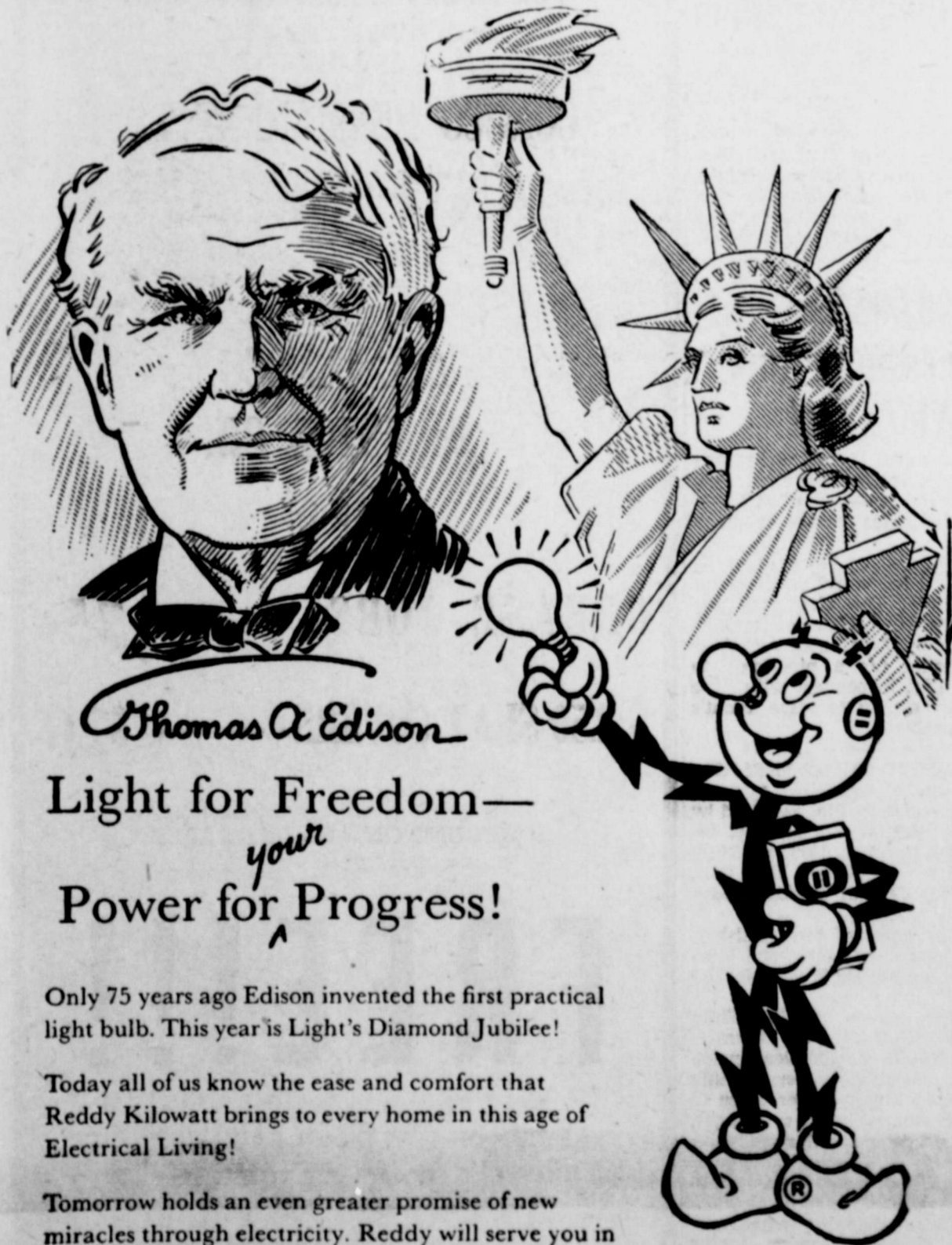
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Ferrante, Teicher In Piano Duo Saturday Night

The first concert of the Civic Music concerts will be held Saturday night at Radford Student Life Center at McMurry College, starting at 8:15 p. m. It will present Ferrante and Teicher in a piano duo.

Concert-goers may be amazed to see one of the pianists suddenly rise from his bench and leaning over the inner strings, begin to beat, pluck and strum them.

That, however, is only one of the percussive devices Ferrante and Teicher, one of the most barnstorming musical teams about these days, use in their own arrangements and compositions.

For drum effects they have fashioned small mutes to be placed over certain parts of the strings. Various small wooden sticks placed at angles across the strings create stronger sounds and for massed chordal effects they do not hesitate to use their elbows or fore-arms on the keys.

MRS. E. SEYMORE SURPRISED ON HER 82ND BIRTHDAY

Mrs. E. E. Seymore was honored on her 82nd birthday with a surprise party in the Community Center.

Hosts were her children and grandchildren. Sons and their families attending were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Seymore of Sudan, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seymore. Daughters were Minnie B. Adams of Fort Knox, Ark., Bertie Woods, Belton, Pearlne Toland and husband of Abilene.

MRS. E. LASSITER ELECTED PRESIDENT OF T. E. L.

The T. E. L. Class of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. E. O. Carson last week on Wednesday afternoon. A business meeting was held with Mrs. A. R. Booth as teacher. Officers elected were:

President, Mrs. Earl Lassiter; vice president, Mrs. Lon Stephens; secretary-treasurer, Miss Selena Teaff; reporter, Mrs. Hugh Campbell.

Dainty refreshments were served to those mentioned and Messdames J. A. Kuykendall, Homer Shanks, J. C. Allen, Fred Baker, E. H. Thompson.

FREE COFFEE, CANDY

The Hopper Conoco Station is holding its first anniversary this week. Specials are being offered. Free coffee will be served and free suckers and balloons will be given to the children.

GOODMAN H. D. CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. CAL McANINCH

The Goodman Home Demonstration Club met Oct. 8 in the home of Mrs. Cal McAninch for its regular meeting. The president, Mrs. Jenning Winter, presided.

The meeting opened with a prayer led by Mrs. G. C. Blair. Roll call was answered with a joke. The minutes were approved.

Mrs. Karl Bonneaux gave the council report as the last meeting was a joint session with Compere and Stith Clubs.

The yearly report was made ready to give the agent.

Mrs. Nell Weaver of the Good Neighbor Club of Hamlin was a guest speaker. Mrs. Weaver was one of the three delegates from Jones County to attend the state meeting at the Adolphus Hotel in Dallas the latter part of August. She gave an interesting report of the meeting.

It was voted to give another scholarship to be known as the THDA Scholarship. The scholarships go to girls doing outstanding work in 4-H Clubs in Texas.

Mrs. N. L. Balcum of Anson had attended the state meeting and told about the session.

Mrs. McAninch served hot cheese sandwiches, fritos, cookies and ice tea to 10 members, the two visitors and three children.

The next meeting will be Oct. 22 with Mrs. W. L. Phillips when the agent, Miss Jimmie Wainscott, will give a demonstration.

Family night will be a picnic supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Carter Saturday, Oct. 16. Everyone in the community is invited to come, bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the get-together.

LOCAL FOLKS AT GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Parker Sharp, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. J. P. Sharp, and his aunt, Mrs. Anna Cain, of Sweetwater attended the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Telford at Taft on Oct. 10. Mr. Telford is a brother of Mrs. Sharp and Mrs. Cain. While in South Texas they made a sight-seeing trip to Mustang Island and Corpus Christi.

LOCAL TEACHERS ATTEND MEETING OF MU CHAPTER

The Mu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, national honor society for women educators, met Tuesday evening, Oct. 12, in the Crockett Elementary School, Abilene.

Miss Fleur Walton, an Abilene High School speech and social science teacher who received a fellowship from the Ford Foundation, spoke on her experiences in Europe last year.

Local teachers present were Mrs. Carroll Benson, chairman of research, and Mrs. Mack Fisher, second vice president of the Mu Chapter.

E. C. RAYS ENTERTAIN CHILDREN WITH PICNIC

The E. C. Rays entertained their children with an outdoor picnic and barbecue last Monday night in the spacious yard of the old Butman Ranch house. Steak was barbecued, marshmallows were roasted and even hot biscuits were cooked in a dutch oven over camp fire coals.

After the delicious meal conversation and games were enjoyed by Messrs. and Messdames Horace Steel and son Randall of Houston, Kenneth Ray and children, Kenneth, Karen and Michael, Vernon Ray, and E. C. Ray and daughter, Becky.

SURPRISE PARTY GIVEN AT CALDWELL HOME

Surprise birthday party was given for Bill Caldwell, daughter Ruby and niece, Mrs. Ted McAninch, Sunday in the Caldwell home at Noodle.

Bill's birthday was Oct. 20, Ruby's Oct. 5 and Mrs. McAninch October 11.

A bountiful dinner was enjoyed by all and a huge cake was also enjoyed as a gift from Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper.

Those present for dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell, Ruby and Paula, Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper, Noodle, Mr. and Mrs. Ted McAninch and Dayna, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Clemens, Jackie and Maurice of Snyder, and Hester Brewer and Dwayne, Trent. Pictures were taken.

CUT YOUR SPEED!

"Cut your speed after dark," Col. E. B. Tilley of Houston, president of the Texas Safety Association told motorists. Col. Tilley said that this bit of advice can do a lot to reduce the terrible death toll of night traffic accidents.

LAVERNE BUTMAN MARRIES MARVIN A. BAIRD OCT. 14

Miss Laverne Butman and Marvin A. Baird were married Thursday, Oct. 14, with the single ring ceremony being performed by Rev. F. E. Healer of Sweetwater. The marriage was held in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will F. Butman, of Divide. Mrs. Annie Baird of Bryan is mother of the groom.

Vows were exchanged in front of a big picture window flanked by ivy and baskets of white chrysanthemums. Music selections were played by Mrs. F. E. Healer.

The bride wore Navy blue crepe with pink accessories. She carried a bridal bouquet of white carnations.

Miss Charlotte Wilson of Big Spring attended her aunt as maid of honor.

Banning Butman, brother of the bride, served as best man.

A reception was held for the immediate family following the ceremony. The table was laid with a hand crocheted cloth centered with a three-tiered wedding cake topped with a miniature bride and groom.

For a wedding trip to East and South Texas the bride chose a beige suit with Navy accessories. Her corsage was white carnations.

Mr. and Mrs. Baird will be at home at 1312 West St., Bryan

RUSHEES OF BETA SIGMA PHI ARE ENTERTAINED

The rushees of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority were honor guests at a dinner in the Gay Nineties room at Richards October 14. Thirteen members and four guests enjoyed the delicious dinner.

The rushees were also entertained with a model meeting Tuesday night in the home of Mrs. Lester F. Dorton, Sr.

MORE THAN 300 PERSONS CELEBRATE OIL DISCOVERY

More than 300 persons attended a barbecue at the Albert Mabery place six miles north of Trent, celebrating the completion of oil discovery on the Mabery farm.

The barbecue was given in honor of the drilling crew. Hosts were T. J. Harvey, Buddie Harvey, Fred Yandell, and Albert Mabery. Musical numbers were given by the Boyd String Band, the Trent Girls Trio, The High School Girls Trio, the Boys Quartet, the Trent Sextet and accordion numbers by Jane Williams.

About 5,500 persons visit the White House daily.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McConnell and sons Daryl and Dale of Odessa were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simpson and son Jimmy over the weekend.

Mrs. Sally Moore visited Mr. and Mrs. Pete Green and daughter Lynda Sue and Mr. and Mrs. Ward Berrymann of Midland the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barbee and son Johnny have returned to Merkel after an absence of six months.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Coats of Frederick, Okla., are visiting their daughter, Mrs. J. W. Barbee, and family.

Mrs. Elmer Patterson was discharged from the Sadler Hospital, Wednesday and is getting along nicely.

Mrs. T. R. Smith and daughter, Mrs. J. E. Tipton of Abilene were recent visitors of her sister, Mrs. Boyd Scott.

T. (Tommy) L. Cousseaux of Levelland was in town a few days visiting friends and also his aunt, Cousseaux was reared in Merkel and Trent. He left here in 1916 for New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Denson and sons of Odessa with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Perry and Kay visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Denson at Lake Phantom Sunday. All enjoyed a delicious fish dinner.

Bill White was home from the University of Texas over the week end visiting his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Aubrey F. White.

Mrs. N. Sloan of Hawley is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. J. Martin, and husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swann left Tuesday for Tulsa, Okla., to deliver 20 polled Hereford heifers to a ranch out from Tulsa.

Mrs. J. A. Adkisson of San Antonio is guest of her sister, Miss Sallie Orr for an indefinite time.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Sears of Snyder were visitors of her mother, Mrs. J. S. Swann, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. V. Garner visited his son Howard and family in Farwell the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Harwell, Mrs. Francis Carey and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Ike Turner in Fort Worth over the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Farmer accompanied them to the State Fair.

Jay Cousseaux of Dallas was visiting his mother, Mrs. J. Etta Cousseaux, in Trent over the weekend.

FINDS URANIUM

Uranium rocks were displayed here Tuesday by E. H. Brown and were found on the Santa Fe section near Magdalena, New Mexico. One rock had a hummingbird yellow color and was worth \$1,200 a ton, the other rock was sandstone and worth \$200 a ton. Mr. Brown had been hunting uranium for a couple of months in that country.

MRS. VIRGIL PATTERSON TALKS AT T. E. L. S. C. S.

The T. E. L. S. C. S. met on Oct. 18 at 2:30 p. m. with Mrs. Virgil Patterson of Merkel as guest speaker.

The meeting was opened by singing "The Church's One Foundation". Mrs. Theo Kincaid brought an inspiring devotional. Then Mrs. Patterson spoke on "National Council of Churches," which was very interesting and helpful. The meeting was dismissed by Mrs. Carl Nunn.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were: Mrs. Jimmie Lowe, Mrs. Lee Rogers, George Rainwater.

OIL NEWS

Strawn lime production has been opened in the Cal-Ham Field two miles north of Trent in northwestern Taylor County.

A discovery from a Canyon sand has been potentialized seven miles north of Trent in northwestern Jones County. It is Stroube Central Oil Co., et al. of Abilene No. 2 Sam Swann, G. Zumalt Survey 279.

Location for a Taylor County wildcat has been staked one-half mile east of Trent. It is Dugger & Herring et al. of Abilene No. 1 Archie Boyd.

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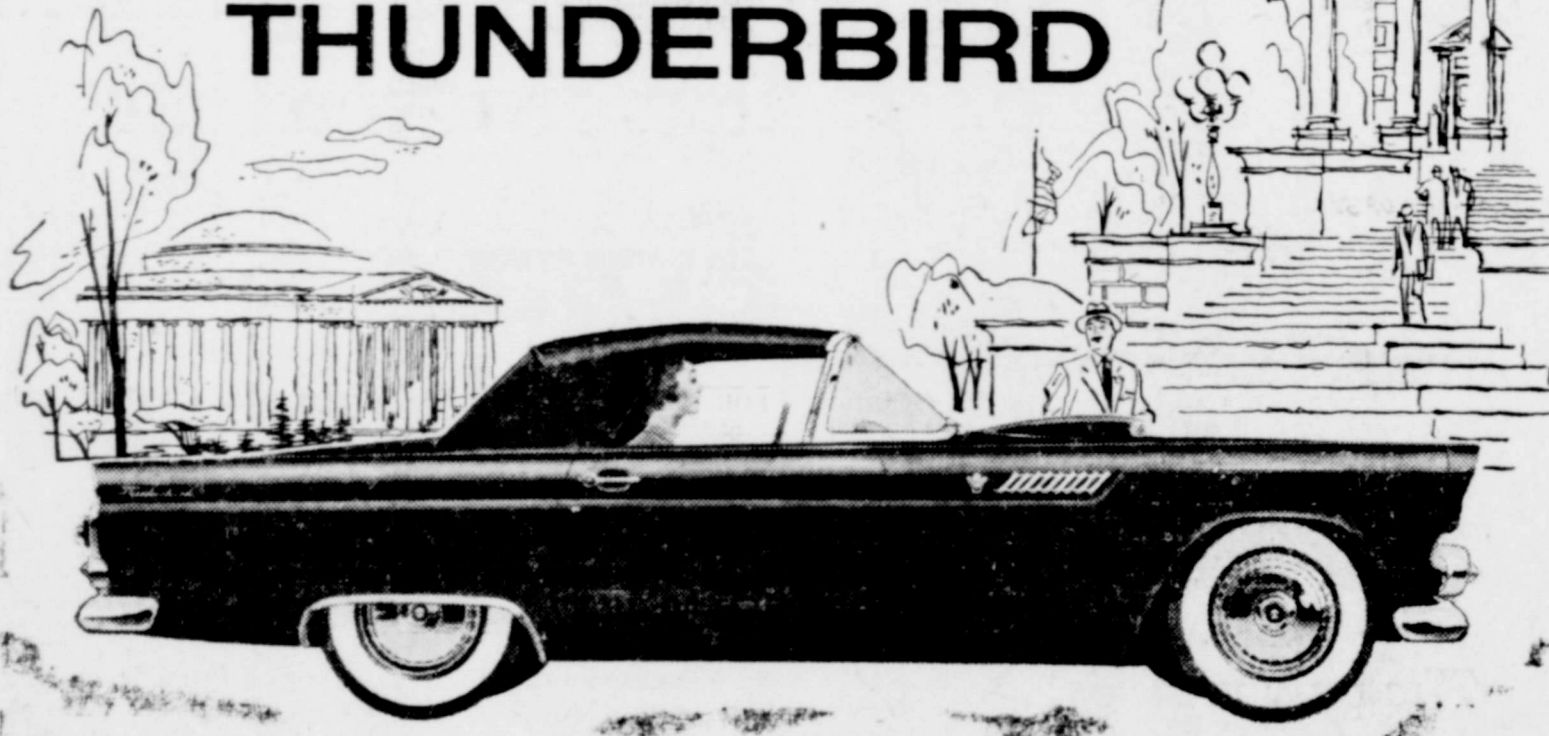
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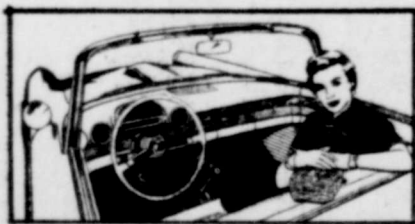
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"Safety in Home" Theme Discussed By Fortnightly

Miss Christine Collins was hostess to members of the Fortnightly Study Club on Tuesday of last week, entertaining at the Community Center. An autumn dried arrangement centered the speaker's table where a symposium on "Semantics Through Safety in The Home" was conducted.

Mrs. Ray Wilson was leader and panel discussions were presented by Mrs. W. R. Cypert, Mrs. S. D. Gamble and Mrs. George T. Moore. Audience participation from 20 members gave stimulating support to this timely program.

WALKER TEAM UNBEATEN

Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker accompanied by T. J. Bird attended a football game Saturday night between Mason and Santa Anna's B teams. Their son Jimmy Walker is coach at Mason. His team is one of 20 unbeaten and untied class A teams. Coach Walker said he had some tough games ahead.

POSTMASTER ASKS BIDS

Sealed bids for carrying the United States Mail between the post office at Merkel and Texas & Pacific Railway each way, as often as required, will be received by the postmaster at Merkel for 10 days.

Mail messengers shall not be under 16 years of age. Bidders must reside at Merkel. Mail messengers shall give personal attention to the performance of the service. Mail messengers must furnish their own vehicle.

When necessary, the mail messenger may employ at his own expense assistant mail messengers. No time limit is specified. A mail messenger may resign at any time by giving a written 45 days notice. A mail messenger shall not assign or sublet the service.

BALLOON RETURNS!

John Kirby Thomas, 13, blew up a rubber balloon and wrote on it, "Finder return to John Thomas, Merkel." Then he turned it loose. H. C. Cox, Rt. 3, N. Cona, found it. He returned it to John, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Thomas.

F. T. Club Helps Rotan High School

The Future Teachers Club of Merkel High School went to Rotan Oct. 12 to help them organize their club.

Mrs. Ellen McReynolds, the Merkel sponsor, had charge of the meeting. Others from Merkel who gave talks were Freddie Boone, Bill Horton, Betty Chancey, Patricia Palmer, Gwen Hagar, Paka Newby, Britta Denton and Johnnie Tipton.

Cakes were served. Gloria Teaff took snapshots.

Others attending from here were Kenneth Moore, Glenda Petty and Gloria Teaff. Adults attending were Miss Joanne Logan and Mr. and Mrs. Judd McReynolds.

BILL WOOD ATTENDS ANNUAL CONVENTION OF FLORISTS THIS WEEK

Bill Wood attended the annual convention of the Westexas-New Mexico Florist Association at Amarillo from Sunday through Tuesday. One of the highlights was a design school.

THANK YOU CARD

I want to thank those who helped me during my illness, to those who gave blood, sent flowers, cards and sat up. Special thanks to the doctors and nurses. I shall always remember your kindness. Mrs. Elmer Patterson.

FROST BITES!

Sam Butman, Jr., had enough frost Thursday of last week to bite a cane patch and gourd vines at his farm on the Divide.

Judy Spurgin Elected President Of Noodle Sr. 4-H

The Noodle Senior 4-H Club met for its first meeting of the year on Oct. 12 with the CHDA, Jimmie Wainscott. Officers were elected:

President, Judy Spurgin; vice president, Mildred Stevens; secretary-treasurer, Johnnie Horton; reporter, Frankie Sullivan; song leader, Sandra Spraberry; council delegate, Myrna Patterson;

Junior leaders: foods — Judy Spurgin, Beth Adkins, Nancy Hunter, Karan Irvin; clothing — Frankie Sullivan, Clara Hill; Mother leaders: Mesdames Hubert Sullivan, Ernest Spurgin, A. J. Hill, B. T. Murfee, Hollis Irvin and John Horton.

Miss Wainscott gave a short program on the "importance of Nutrition." The program for the next meeting will be on "Fruit Salads."

NOODLE CANDIDATES HALLOWEEN QUEENS AND KINGS ARE NAMED

The Noodle candidates for Halloween carnival queens and kings are by grades:

1st, Sharon Grissom, Mike Tarpoley; 2nd, Sandra Baccus, Bobby Campbell; 3rd, Paula Caldwell, Jimmy Grissom; 4th, Margaret Hunter, James Tatum; 5th, Betty Richardson, David Carter; 6th, Sandra Goode, Don Jones; 7th, Marlina Olney, Raymond Pack; 8th, Vancil Light, Don Adair;

Freshman, Karen Irvin, Ray Justice; sophomore, Mildred Stephens, Morris Chancey; junior, Zoie Adair, James Allred; senior, Peggy Pack, Bruce Hatfield.

The king and queen will be selected by votes. The crowning will be Friday, October 29, 7 p. m.

EARLE WATTS ATTENDS COURSE OF ADVANCED METHOD

Earle Watts recently returned from Dallas where he finished an advanced method and technique course in compression massage therapy, given by Ingham and Stopfel of Rochester, N. Y.

LODGE CALLS

NOTICE MASONS

Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., Saturday, Nov. 6, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

D. R. Butler, W. M.
Truett Thompson, Sec'y.

NOTICE

Stated meeting of Merkel Chapter No. 212 O. E. S., Oct. 26, at 8 p. m.

Una Mae Hays, W. M.
Fern Windham, Secretary

C. F. DOANS OF ABERNATHY HAVE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Doan of Abernathy recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary at the home of their daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton of Blair.

The table was laid with a lace over gold. A beautifully decorated wedding cake along with a basket of yellow mums and white daisies formed the centerpiece.

Miss Della Olmstead and Claude Doan were married Sept. 24, 1904 at Tye. They lived there for the following 30 years, moving away in 1934.

They have four children all of whom were present; two sons; P. F. Doan, Abernathy, H. C. Doan, Tucson, Ariz.; and two daughters, Mrs. L. G. Patterson of Kermit and Mrs. Price Melton.

There were 125 friends and relatives who registered.

TRENT JUNIORS WIN

The Junior Trent Gorillas defeated the Junior Merkel Badgers Tuesday night 6-0.

BADGER CHEVROLET REPAIRS INSIDE OF SHOW ROOM

The Badger Chevrolet Company has repaired the inside of its show room.

ALLEN KING, JR. HONORED

Allen D. King, Jr., was home from Texas Tech over the weekend visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. King, Sr. He was elected sophomore representative to the Aggie Club.

SAM SWANN SHOWS 17 HEAD OF CATTLE AT FT. WORTH SALE

Sam Swann attended the polled Hereford sale at Ft. Worth the past week and showed 17 head of cattle.

TO HOLD CENSUS SCHOOL

The Farm Census taken by the Bureau of the Census will hold a training school for enumerators at the Merkel Community Center, October 26 through the 29.

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MRS. FRANK GRIMES
JOINS H.-S.U. FACULTY
AS SPEECH TEACHER

Mrs. Frank Grimes has been added to the Speech Department of Hardin-Simmons University. Mrs. Grimes will teach classes in speech fundamentals. She served as head of the speech department at McMurry College for several years.

Mrs. Grimes has the reputation

of being one of the outstanding readers in West Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Grimes are pioneer residents of Abilene. He is editor of the Abilene Reporter-News.

MRS. VIRGIL PATTERSON
IS TEACHER AT
LABORATORY SCHOOL

Mrs. Virgil Patterson taught nursery work in a laboratory school held for all church school teachers in Amarillo and surrounding towns at the Polk Street Methodist Church Oct. 3-8. While in Amarillo Mrs. Patterson appeared on a TV program.



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ENJOYS PAPER

Mrs. Jenia Graham sent in her renewal to The Merkel Mail and wrote, "I enjoy your paper."

BARBARA HARRIS IS
ELECTED PRESIDENT
OF CALVARY GROUP

The Calvary Baptist Youth Association met Oct. 6 and elected officers:

President, Barbara Harris; vice president, Barbara Alexander; secretary, George Beard; reporter, Sarah Salter.

The association will participate in the Central West Texas Youth Fellowship Meetings.

OUTSTANDING BALLETS
TO PRESENT PROGRAMS
IN 1954-55 SEASON

Two outstanding ballet companies — the London Festival Ballet and the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo — will present programs on the San Antonio Symphony's 1954-55, 15-concert series.

In its first American tour, the British company will be seen here Jan. 7. The Ballet Russe, completely re-organized after two inactive years, will appear March 7.

TO BROADCAST GAMES

The Humble Oil & Refining Co. will broadcast Saturday Rice-Texas game at 1:50 p. m. over KRBC, Abilene; Baylor-Texas A. & M. at 1:50 p. m. over KWKC, Abilene; SMU-Arkansas at 1:50 p. m. over WRR, Dallas; TCU-Penn State at 1:50 p. m. over WFAA-WBAP-570, Dallas-Fort Worth; at 10 p. m. Texas Tech-College of Pacific KXOX, Sweetwater.

PVT. BILLY G. REID
IS TRANSFERRED
TO CAMP GORDON, GA.

Pvt. Billy G. Reid, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Reid recently completed eight weeks of basic training at Fort Bliss, and has been transferred to Camp Gordon, Ga., to attend a school in the Signal Corp. His wife will join him soon.

TO PLAY LEAD ROLES

Two west Texas students have been cast in lead roles for "Our Town," scheduled as Abilene Christian College's first major production of the year Nov. 11-12. Karen Roberts, San Anelo sophomore, and Don Ham, Plains freshman, will play the parts of the young lovers, Emily Webb and George Gibbs, in Thornton Wilder's prize-winning play.

STEER PREMIUMS
TOTAL \$12,232 AT
FORT WORTH SHOW

Cash awards totaling \$12,232 will be offered in the steer competition of the 1955 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show. Of this amount, \$9,245 is allotted to the open show and the remainder to the junior steer show.

The junior steer competition is for Texas Future Farmers and 4-H Club members.

Deadline for steer and other livestock entries is Dec. 15. Show dates are January 28 through Feb. 6.



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FOR VETERANS DAY

A National Committee for the observance of Veterans Day in every community of the nation has been appointed by the Administrator of Veterans Affairs. The last session of Congress passed an act approved June 1, changing Armistice Day, which honored only veterans of World War I, to Veterans Day so that veterans of all America's wars may be honored.

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ASSETS

- Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection . . . \$255,932.92
- United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed 462,736.22
- Obligations of States and political subdivisions 2,880.03
- Corporate stocks (including \$2,700.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank) 2,700.00
- Loans and discounts (including \$1,128.16 overdrafts) 179,064.09
- Bank premises owned \$2,500.00 furniture and fixtures \$2,800.00 5,300.00
- TOTAL ASSETS** \$908,613.26

LIABILITIES

- Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations 796,317.34
- Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings) 75.00
- Deposits of State and political subdivisions 2,896.72
- TOTAL DEPOSITS** \$799,289.06
- TOTAL LIABILITIES** (not including subordinated obligations shown below) \$799,289.06

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

- Capital* 25,000.00
- Surplus 65,000.00
- Undivided Profits 19,324.20
- TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS** 109,324.20
- TOTAL LIABILITIES and CAPITAL ACCOUNTS** 908,613.26

* This bank's capital consists of Common stock with total par value of \$25,000.00.

MEMORANDUM

- (a) (1) Loans to farmers directly guaranteed and redeemable on demand by the Commodity Credit Corporation, and certificates of interest representing ownership thereof \$13,701.24

I, James V. Ross, Cashier, of the above-named bank, hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

James V. Ross

CORRECT—ATTEST:

J. C. CRAIN
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DIRECTORS

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EDITORIALS

BANK DEPOSITS

The deposits at the local bank have jumped way up over June of this year and of September of last year.

The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel showed deposits of \$3,434,749 in its last report of Oct. 7. In June it showed deposits of \$3,194,176 while in September of 1953 there were deposits of \$3,015,225.

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This indicates a very healthy deposit gain. It is \$340,573 over June and \$419,524 over September of last year.

This increase in deposits is general throughout West Texas. In a recent survey it was shown that 47 out of 50 banks had climbed up in deposits.

The local bank also showed that loans were up over last year. This year's last report showed loans of \$602,061 while last year at the same time there were \$591,060.

It is the prevailing opinion that oil production, lease and royalty activity continue to hold up the economy of West Texas in the absence of normal crops.

ROCKS FOR CEMETERY

The Merkel Garden Club has taken on a splendid project. It plans to build a rock fence around Rose Hill Cemetery. Progress has already been made on the work. A rock pile has been started and is located in front of the cemetery on Highway 80. Any kind of rock will be accepted.

Though this undertaking was started by the Garden Club it is a project that should enlist the help of other clubs and of everyone in this area.

This fence will add to the beauty of the cemetery. It will lend an air of peaceful seclusion to the last resting place of those we love.

GOOD MEDICINE

There is medicine for the body and there is medicine for the soul.

On this basis the Northwest Texas Methodist Conference held a lecture-clinic for physicians and ministers at Lubbock recently. According to Rev. Aubrey F. White, who attended the meeting, it was the first meeting of its kind ever held in the history of the church. Rev. John Ferguson also was present at the lecture-clinic.

It has been known for a long time that the mind affects the body and that also the body affects the mind. Diagnosticians have made every modern scientific test on some sick folks and have been unable to locate any cause for the maladies from which they were suffering. They have concluded that their sickness was due to the

effect of the mind on the body.

Then by modern technics ministers have treated the mind, the soul, and the patients have improved or in some cases become well.

Not so many years ago the ministers and the doctors did not know what to do with a sick mind. Not so many years ago harsh treatment was dealt to those suffering from diseases of the brain. The doctors did not know what to do. The ministers did not know what to do.

In Shakespeare's play of "Macbeth" when Lady Macbeth becomes mentally ill Macbeth asks the doctor, "Canst thou not minister to a mind diseased?" And seemingly he cannot.

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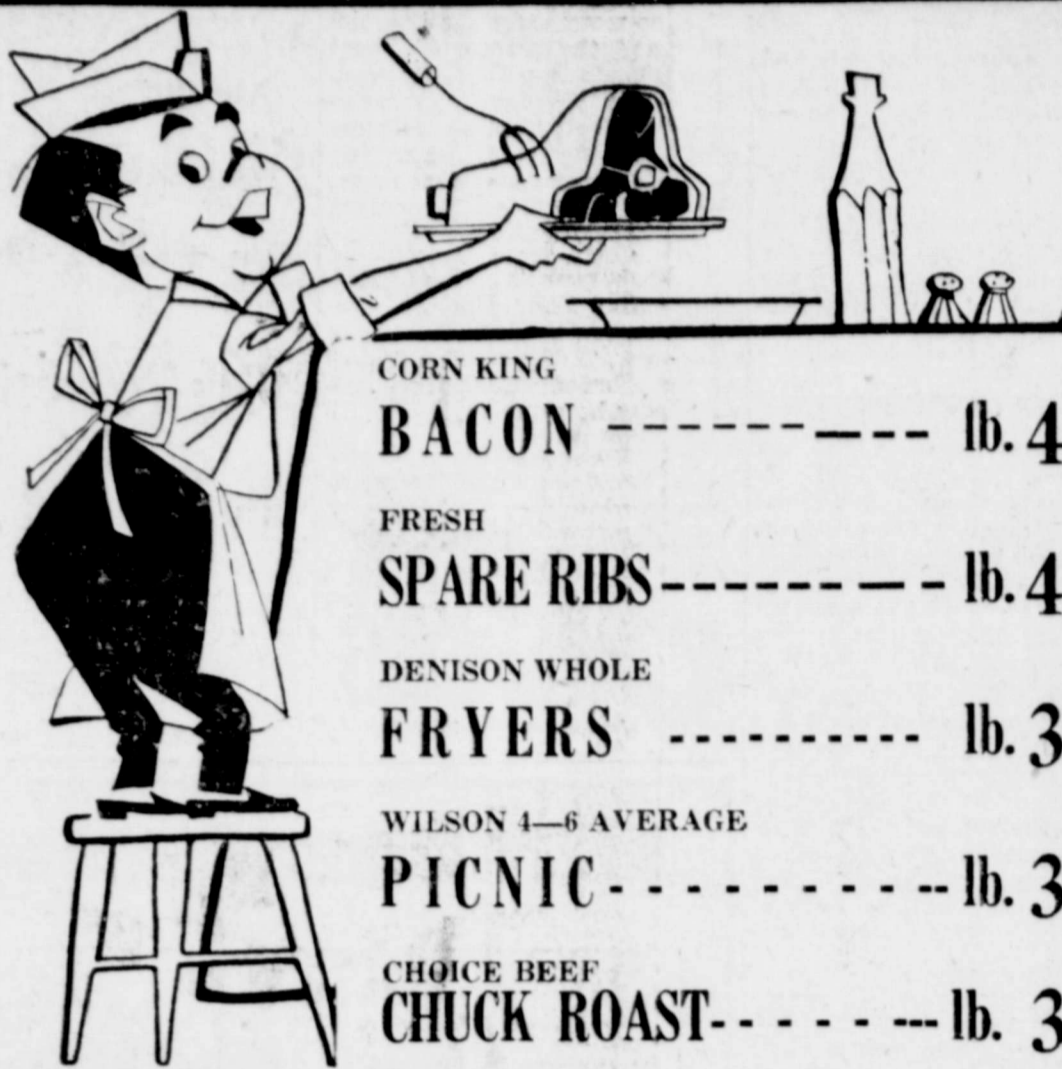
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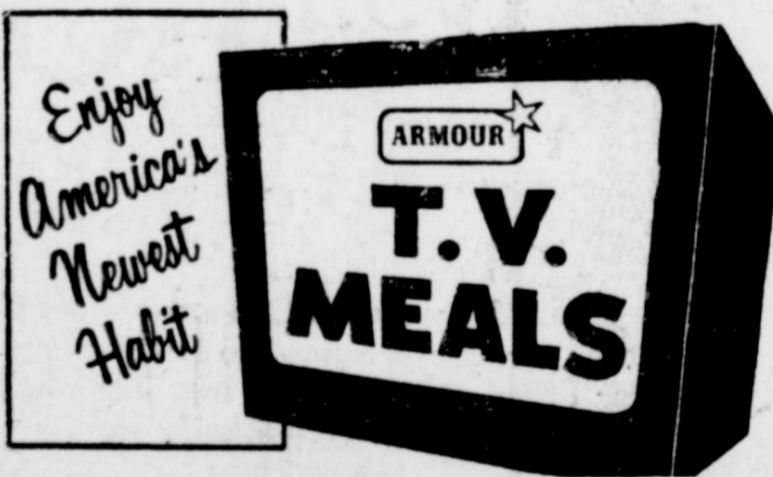


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