

The long weekends are hard on us all . . . and more particularly on those of us who have to work for a living. It's nice to get off in the country for a day, but it's also nice to get back. We feel for those who were unfortunate not to get back because of traffic accidents, guns or other mishaps.

For us, however, it was sorta like old home week where we used to run a paper for several years. It was a little village where the hill-billies roam in Oklahoma, but a big lake near there attracts tourists and picknickers by the thousands.

No one was more surprised to see us come to town than Banker Grimes when he woke up and found us in one of his beds. We told him that's what he got for sleeping so soundly, for if he'd known we were coming he'd probably locked the door. Anyway, he wants to come down here now, for a visit.

Chiggers are thicker than flies most places around the lake, so we didn't go out because our "fishometer" told us that there was no use. So I just sat around under the shade trees and moans for those unfortunate fishermen who were burning up out on the lake in the blistering sun. Clark Moss, the village fisherman, says come back in the fall, and he ought to know for he was the barometer we judged by.

We ran into one good reader up there. Our former formman's wife, Mrs. Chief Bruner. She's from down this way somewheres—probably over at Nocona, and she says she reads the paper "cover to cover." Chief, a cattleman, too, also fisherman, showed us an 8-pound channel, and said there were plenty more, but he just hadn't had time to go after them. So that's the way our fishing went.

Crops are looking pretty good everywhere. Around Dallas and Fort Worth north cotton is about knee high, alfalfa is green. Back this way cotton is a little slower. Then up around Wichita and southern Oklahoma cotton is only an inch or two high. Some of it around here was planted late, but it looks pretty good so far. Right now we need a little rain to take the wilt out of some of the row crops.

W. W. Tombs and his families went out to Phantom the other day to do a little fishing. Stanley over at Angelo came into town with a new-looking fibre-glass speed and fishing boat. They spent several days running trot lines and rod and reel fishing, but he's an honest fisherman, to say the least, because he put it this way "we caught all we could eat and we ate all we caught." How many that is, we don't know.

Read the story of the growth of the telephone Co. if you think Merkel is not on the move. There are a lot of folks here remember when there were only 250 telephones, and the old crank-type at that. Tommy Odum and the phone company have helped Merkel keep abreast of the times, and it's Tommy's prediction that Merkel will show a substantial increase in population within the next few years.

C. A. Farley, principal of the elementary school here, is making a trip through Europe and the Holy Land this summer, and many people are anxious to hear about his experiences.

Below we are printing excerpts of a letter to his wife, which tells about some of his experiences. Here it is:

"Had a very busy and rushed day today. This morning we went to Mt. of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Church of St. Peter. Also four of us walked through the 17000 foot tunnel from the pool of Siloam to the Virgins Fountain. It took us 30 minutes. We took off our shoes and trousers and waded the cold water in the tunnel with only one flashlight.

"The tunnel was built by Hezekiah in 700 B.C. It's about two feet wide and about head high. It was quite an experience for a country boy!

"At Bethany we visited the old home of Martha and Mary and went down into the tomb of Lazarus.

"This afternoon we visited Nob  
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**QUEEN AND RUNNERS UP** — Joy Walker, seated, became the queen of the Water Festival last Thursday night when she won over a field of 20 girls. Shown with her are Imogene Thomas (left) and Betty Foster, who were runners up in the queen contest.



**JOY WALKER**



**HAVING A GOOD TIME** — Jon Ann Kiefer Smith, of Merkel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond T. Smith, was caught by the cameraman at the Water Festival. She was stricken with polio when she was five months old. She is shown sipping tea.

## Honor Roll

People who have subscribed to the Merkel Mail during the past week include:

- Mrs. O. W. Reed, Star Route, Sweetwater
- Eldon Hicks, 829 Oak
- T. L. Douglas, Box 344
- Mrs. H. A. Hartlage, Rosenberg, Texas
- C. W. Best, Rt. 2
- W. B. Beene, Avoca, Texas
- S. A. Benningfield, Abilene
- Mrs. Ernest Wilson, Lampasas, Texas
- Andy Baker, Box 603
- T. L. Grimes, 302 Locust.

The Pioneer Memorial regular second Sunday singing will be at the Pioneer Memorial Church Sunday, July 10 at two o'clock. Every one is welcome.

## Crank Type Phones Are Gone

# PHONE CO. OBSERVES BIRTHDAY

When your phone rings and you talk with your neighbor, or call the service man downtown to come out and fix a broken trinket, it's no accident that it's just a matter of seconds before you are talking as if you were face to face.

It is the result of about five years of planning and improvement in your telephone service by the Merkel Telephone Co. which has just completed five years of service to this area.

Back in June 1950, when Harold M. Odum and Tommy Odum, his son and manager, came to Merkel, there were only about 250 operative telephones on the system of the Home Telephone and Electric Co.

The Odums took over the management, started to work and began a 5-year plan and expansion program which was completed last May 15 with the installation of dial telephones at the Trent exchange. This part of the firm was acquired in July, 1951, from Southwestern States Telephone Co.

"We believe we are giving the people of Merkel the best possible telephone service," Tommy Odum said. "We have strived to give every bit of satisfaction we can, and our operators know people can help out in many ways."

From the 250 phones back in 1950, the Merkel Telephone Co. has grown to such an extent that 682 phones are now in use in the Merkel office. The Merkel office employs 14 ladies and three men and has a payroll of \$2,500 a month.

"We started with the old magneto system," Odum recalled "and now we have the modern electrical system."

In December, 1951, the telephone corporation was able to secure the Clyde exchange.

Through an expansion loan from the Chase National Bank in New York City, the Merkel Telephone Co. started an immediate expansion program, changing the Merkel sets from the old "crank type" to the present sets now in use. Then Trent was able to change over to the dial system.

"We have great confidence in Merkel," Odum said. "We believe that instead of a 10 percent increase in phones in Merkel during the next year, we will show a 20 to 25 percent increase."

Last year at the end of June there were 613 telephones, and at the end of June this year there were 680 phones in Merkel. Two have been added this week.

The Merkel Telephone Co. delivered its new phone book this week, and it is three times as large as the one issued five years ago.

"Our confidence in Merkel is shown by the expansion program we have in progress," Odum observed. "We believe in this area and this town."

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Castle and daughter Sue of Ft. Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Williams and son Johnny Don of Corpus Christi, spent the 4th of July weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Castle.

## Water Festival Brings 1,500 To Barbecue

By WILLIAM E. STANFILL

A pretty University of Texas sophomore stole the show here as the city "shot the works" in its giant water festival held to celebrate the death of water worries in Merkel.

Joy Walker, 18, Merkel High School graduate, was crowned queen of the festival at Badger Field here shortly after 9 p.m. before a crowd of approximately 1,500 persons.

Minutes later she was named winner of the Amateur Talent Contest over 15 other contestants with her "jivvy" interpretation of a popular jump tune, "Dance With Me, Henry."

Imogene Thomas and Betty Foster, both of Merkel, were named runners-up in the balloting for queen of the festival. Over 1,000 of the 1,500 persons attending the festivities at Badger Field cast votes in the queen contest.

The celebration was held to commemorate the completion of a new water line connecting Merkel with Abilene's bountiful water supply. Water was turned into the large 14-inch pipe Wednesday evening.

Merkel Mayor Fred Starbuck said that the water hasn't been turned on for local consumption yet, "but we know it's there in the pipe. That's all we need."

Starbuck said that it would probably be one week before water from the pipe is turned on for city use. He explained that the water will remain in the pipe for a six-day test of the line and another two days will be needed for chlorination purposes.

Starbuck's face was wreathed in smiles as he contemplated the effect the huge new water source will have on the growth of this city of slightly over 2,000 population.

The mayor predicted that the city's population will take a jump of nearly 4,000 population within the next several years due to the impetus provided from the newly guaranteed water source.

He estimated that the city will consume approximately 300,000 gallons of water monthly after residents get used to the idea of having a plentiful supply of water.

"From now on we can indulge in the luxury of watering our lawns, such indulgences we couldn't afford with our old water supply method," Starbuck said.

In the past, main reliance for water had been placed on water from wells which dot nearly every residence in town, the mayor explained.

The water shortage became acute here shortly before recent rains. The drought had sucked the major portion of the moisture from the ground as the weak water table in the Merkel area sank rapidly.

Soon, even the best of the water wells lost most of their productivity and it became necessary to start hauling water into the

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## It's Your Life, So . . .

# SLOW DOWN AND LIVE - - - LONGER

## Trooper Tells Lions

If Texans would pay as much attention to stopping the mounting toll of traffic deaths, injuries and property losses as they do polio, a lot of Texans would be alive today.

This, in substance, was the theme of a talk to the Lions club Tuesday by J. Ross Kemp, of the Abilene office of the Department of Public Safety.

In fact, Trooper Kemp says the program "Slow Down and Live" has met with public apathy and indifference, yet five times as many people are killed by cars than by polio which receives nationwide support.

The Slow Down and Live program has done some good, however, as there are 600 less traffic accidents than in 1953 when the program started.

Over the Fourth of July weekend, the trooper said there were two deaths, 14 injured and 20 accidents "which is too many."

He pointed out that people take little pains in learning to drive a car "But 2,538 people died last year as a result of automobile wrecks." Comparative speaking, that would take in all the people in Merkel.

"And then look at the pains the air force takes in training one to fly," he compared.

He said the driver education bill did not pass the past legislature, and only about 1-3 of the students in high school get driver training. But the ones who already are driving cannot get the educational program.

He said Texas needs more patrolmen, and the recent legislature added a quota of 200 to the force, but that amount still cannot patrol all the state roads. There are 470 men on the patrol now.

He pointed out that there has been a 60 percent increase in traffic accidents on farm-to-market and rural areas.

And, he points out, besides the death and accident toll, auto accidents also take in property losses of \$54,000,000 a year, and last year it showed a gain of \$1,000,000.

Newspapers, radio and TV all are carrying messages of safety in an effort to get people to "Slow Down, and Live . . ."

## MERKEL CITIZENS WILL VOTE SATURDAY ON SHIFT OF FUNDS

Merkel residents will join other Taylor county citizens Saturday in voting on a proposal to reallocate Taylor County Tax Revenue.

The election will not be one of whether the taxes will be raised or lowered, but the Commissioner's Court has called it for the purpose of shifting taxes from two funds which have piled up a surplus to two others which are hard put

## Hospital Notes

Those admitted to the Sadler Hospital-Clinic during the past week are:

- Mrs. E. L. Patterson, Medical
- Linda Smith, Medical
- Mrs. J. P. Sharp, Medical
- Scott Morris, Medical
- Mrs. Pearl Crocker, Medical
- Mrs. B. L. Falkner, Medical
- Mrs. E. A. Rutledge, Medical
- Mrs. Nellie Sandusky, Medical
- Mrs. Troy Dickerson, Medical
- Benny Anderson, Medical
- Mable Dorton, Medical
- Mrs. H. D. Whately, Medical
- Virginia Mae Campbell, Surgery
- Steve Lehrman, Surger
- Mrs. H. H. McLeod, Baby Boy

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Derrick have returned from a two weeks vacation in Arizona, Nevada and California.

## WATER IS PLENTIFUL, RATES LOWERED FOR MERKEL FOLKS

Turn on the water, boys, and let's let the grass grow!

That's just about the sentiments of the folks around Merkel this week, as they lap up the first good water they have had in many a moon.

Mayor Fred Starbuck announced that all restrictions on water consumption in Merkel have been lifted effective immediately, and rates will be automatically lowered with the next billing.

The next meter readings will be July 20, and bills rendered in August will contain the lowered rate, which is the same as it was prior to the water shortage. Here are the new rates.

- First 3,000 gallons (minimum) . . . . . \$2.50
- From 3,000 gallons to 10,000 gallons, per M . . . . . 75c
- From 10,000 gallons to 20,000 gallons, per M . . . . . 60c
- From 20,000 gallons up, per M . . . . . 50c

The old rates were \$2.50 minimum for the first 3,000 gallons, which is not changed, but it was \$2.50 per 1,000 after that regardless of the amount consumed.

Water was turned into the mains Friday, and the big storage tank was full by Saturday.

## George Rowland Is Lions Secretary

George Rowland was elected secretary of the Lions Club Tuesday noon to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Leon Walker who had served during the past year.

Waymon Adcock, third vice president of the new administration, was acting chairman at the meeting, because the president and other two vps were out of town.

A guest of the club was John Hardesty.

The club voted to put \$75 of the Christmas program fund into the Chamber of Commerce because the money originally was set up to help the merchants, and the chamber now has taken over the promotion.

Ike Goes Fishing



PRESIDENT Eisenhower takes time out to do some trout fishing in Furnace Brook near Rutland, Vt., after attending the Dairy Festival. He caught two fingerlings in the first 15 minutes, but threw them back. At the festival, he told a crowd of 25,000 that the United States will always hold out the "olive branch" of peace to any nation that will accept it with "honesty and integrity."

PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Spurgin visited their son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Ray Spurgin of Dallas. They also visited their brother, Walter Spurgin of Venis, Texas.

Mrs. W. M. Elliott had as her guests over the weekend, her niece, and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Elliott of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Davenport of Norman, Okla., visited her sister Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Boden, and also Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baze over the Fourth of July.

Mrs. Mernie Dowdy, of Fort Worth, spent several days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Bowen, returning after the Fourth.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bartlett and son, Ralph Bartlett spent the Fourth of July weekend up at Possum Kingdom where they did a little fishing and enjoyed the cool lake breezes. They were joined by their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Jones, of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Barnett and three children of Casey, visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barnett over the Fourth of July. Mrs. Barnett returned home with them for a few days visit.

Mrs. J. W. Dowdy and daughter, Gertrude, visited Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dowdy over the Fourth of July.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Toombs and their sons, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Toombs, of San Angelo, and Mr. and Mrs. Willie B. Toombs and sons, Billy, Bob and Freddie, spent several days at Phantom lake fishing.

Several Merkel families spent the past week down at Corpus Christi on their vacation which they spent together each year. Families who enjoyed the vacation were the Clyde Eagers, Harold Bensons, Dean Higgins' and Harold Reynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Berryman, of Midland, visited her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rutledge, over the weekend. Dona and Linda Rutledge returned home with them for a few days' visit.

Mrs. E. A. Rutledge of Merkel suffered a fractured hip when she slipped and fell at her home during the Holidays. She is recuperating at the Sadler Clinic.

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Kirby of South Gate, Calif., are visiting her brother, F. C. McCue this week. They came here from Poyote, Texas, where they visited Mrs. McCue who is running Mac's other store.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Clum and Isadore Mellinger attended the installation of officers for the Lions club at Clyde last week.

Mrs. Ella Neeb returned home Friday from Albuquerque, N. M. where she visited her step son Captain Milton T. Neeb and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hobbs of Dallas spent Friday night in the home of his sisters, Mrs. Ella Neeb and Mrs. Lena King.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hobbs and Mrs. Ella Neeb spent Sunday and Monday visiting their brother W. A. Hobbs and family, they also visited a brother T. H. Hobbs and family of Noodle.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Patton of Comanche, Texas visited his brother John Patton the first of the week.

Mrs. King and Francis Reeder visited Mr. and Mrs. Patton of Comanche this week, also visited Mrs. Payne of Comanche.

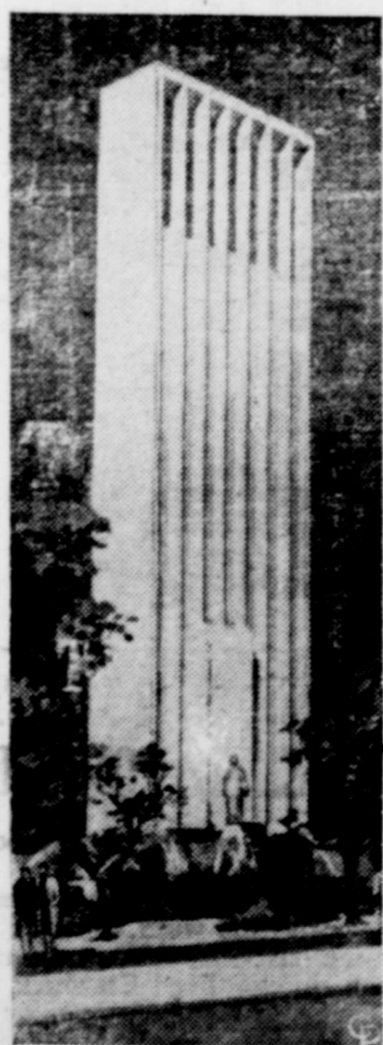
Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Kinsey and sons, Ronnie and Kenneth of Amarillo, visited over the week end with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dyer and Mr. and Mrs. Kinsey.

The Far Horizons Fabulous Saga Of Lewis and Clark

In the bitter winter of 1804, a strange band of buckskinned travelers trilled up the Missouri River to the Mandan Indian village in North Dakota. There they were joined by an unusually lovely Indian girl, and there began one of the most thrilling and touching sagas in American history.

The men were the hardy and heroic members of the U. S. Army expedition led by Captain Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, and the girl was Sacajawea, destined to become the expedition's

Taft Memorial



THIS IS AN artist's conception of the marble bell tower that would be built at the foot of Capitol Hill, Washington, in memory of the late Sen. Robert A. Taft, of Ohio. President Eisenhower and former President Herbert Hoover have asked Congress to accept the memorial, a carillon expected to cost about \$1,000,000, to be raised from public donations. The tower, containing 25 bells, is a "simple marble shaft rising 100 feet." (International)

guide, Captain Clark's great love, and one of America's six most famous women.

And now Paramount Pictures has brought this extraordinary story to the screen in a mighty VistaVision spectacle that will rank with the greatest adventure tales ever filmed.

Entitled "The Far Horizons," the Technicolor drama, opening July 12 at the Pioneer Drive In Theatre, stars Fred MacMurray as Captain Lewis, Charlton Heston as Captain Clark, Donna Reed as Sacajawea, and Barbara Hale as the woman both men loved and

with whom the Indian, Sacajawea, vied for the heart of Captain Clark.

The Seven Little Foyes Provides Top Entertainment

A new, warmly sympathetic Bob Hope stars in the year's all-round entertainment highspot, "The Seven Little Foyes," which opens July 10th at the Queen Theatre.

Hope's performance in the delightful blend of laughter, tears, music and drama will surely stand as a milestone for the great comedian, a giant step forward into the realm of straight drama and a fine example of how tremendous his talents are.

For the first time in his fabulous career, Hope plays a biographical role, that of vaudevilian and Eddie Foye, and he plays it to the hilt, recreating every facet of a great performer's life and personality with a dramatic depth that is a tour de force. It's a wonderful portrayal in a motion pic-

ture that is chock-full of wonderful things.

Among the wonders' is co-star Milly Vitale, a lovely and refreshing Italian import who plays Foy's wife. Miss Vitale is one of the most beautiful and talented leading ladies among the many top names Hope has played opposite.

Then there are George Tobias as a bluff, likeable actor's agent; Angela Clarke as Miss Vitale's sister; and of course, the seven little Foyes, as lively and enchanting a group of holligans as you'll ever meet.

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| Overdrafts                         | 622.59       |
| Stock in Federal Reserve Bank      | 6,000.00     |
| Furniture and Fixtures             | 2,500.00     |
| AVAILABLE CASH AND QUICK ASSETS:   |              |
| Certificates of Interest           | \$ 47,172.44 |
| United States Bonds and Securities | 1,000,000.00 |
| Other Bonds and Warrants           | 561,432.76   |
| Cash and Due From Banks            | 1,068,028.31 |

\$2,676,633.51

Total \$3,412,759.07

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| LIABILITIES                   |                |
| Capital Stock                 | \$ 100,000.00  |
| Surplus                       | 100,000.00     |
| Undivided Profits             | 33,618.19      |
| Dividend Payable June 30 1955 | 5,000.00       |
| DEPOSITS                      | \$3,174,140.88 |

Total \$3,412,759.07

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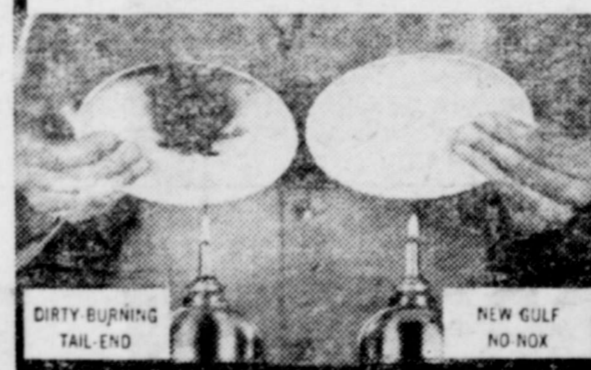
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**State Capitol NEWS**

AUSTIN, Tex. — Selection of a successor to Wright Morrow, Democratic National Committeeman from Texas, is imminent because he voted for Eisenhower for President in 1952. Morrow was barred from serving on the Democratic National Committee.

But, Gov. Allan Shivers doubts that anyone can be found to fill the prescription laid down by Democratic National Chairman Paul Butler.

It must be someone, Butler told Shivers in his now famous Washington "Kitchen conference," who never bolted the party. It must be someone who worked for Aldal Stevenson's election. And it must be someone who can be approved by Shivers, House Speaker Sam Rayburn, and Senator Lyndon Johnson.

Possibility of replacing Morrow became a by-product of activity by top-level Democratic and Republican figures in the preliminary skir-

ish toward Texas' role as a battlefield in the 1956 presidential contest.

Chairman Butler spent six days in Texas, mostly under the guiding hand of the "Democratic Advisory Council," a group of liberal-loyalists appointed to take over Morrow's duties.

Butler declined an invitation by Governor Shivers to visit the executive mansion; Shivers did not accept Butler's invitation to come to some of his meetings.

Republican National Committeeman Jack Porter followed Butler promptly with a state workers' rally in Austin. He announced he was extending "not only an invitation, but a challenge" to the conservative Democrats who carried Texas for Eisenhower, to join up formally with the Republicans.

Porter predicted that President Eisenhower will be renominated, will carry Texas, Florida, Virginia and Tennessee again — and win in 1956.

"The Conservative Democrats," he said, "were invited by Butler to quit their party. They know they will have no more say in selecting a nominee next year than in 1952 or 1948."

Porter believes the Democratic party split is permanent.

**Anderson Talked for Governor**  
Resignation of Deputy Secretary of Defense Robert L. Ander-

son of Vernon started speculation whether he might figure in next year's governor's race as the conservative's choice. Or possibly be in line for a place on the national Democratic ticket. This despite his service in a Republican administration.

Another name that crops up up when conservatives are mentioned as likely candidates in the governor's race is that of Sen. Otis Lock, of Lufkin. He already has been referred to as the "jet age candidate" since his talk to the Jacksonville Rotary Club last week.

Senator Lock pointed out the need for streamlining state administrative agencies; urged improvement in spending methods; and "a sound, fair code protecting each person from excessive taxation."

With its population increasing and its economy expanding Texas can not meet its jet age governmental needs with a Model-T vehicle, he stated.

**Johnson For President**

There has been a remarkable array of national comment, in such publications as the Wall Street Journal, Newsweek, and the Washington Star, about Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson's success and his "availability" as the Democratic standardbearer for President.

Governor Shivers himself came back from Washington recently praising Johnson, a loyalist.

A speech early in the week by Governor Shivers, before the New York Sales Executives Club, is another in the national network of his appearances in which he re-states the basic doctrine of the dissident Dixie and conservative Democrats.

Governor Shivers had pointed suggestions for Texas schools, faced with the US Supreme Court desegregation decision.

"I do not think it necessary at this time for any district to take any step its board does not want to take, beyond studying the problems and its solution," he said.

He will name a statewide committee, to study problems of the desegregation ruling, and recommend that school districts appoint their own committees.

According to the Governor, the decision leaves a large measure of control to local districts, "where the problems should be worked out."

**Cult of the Cobra Proves Triumph of Terror-Fiction**

Universal-International's "Cult of the Cobra," which opens Friday, July 8 at the Queen Theatre, is a real triumph venture into the realm of terror-fiction. Top performances by stars Faith Domergue, Richard Long, Marshall Thompson and Kathleen Hughes contribute to finely etched story of a group of American G.I.'s cursed by the high priest of an ancient Asiatic cult of snake worshippers.

Beautiful Faith Domergue as Lisa, the Snake Goddess sent to America to carry out the curse, is just exotic enough to make her subsequent transformation into a deadly cobra almost believable.

Richard Long, as one of the cursed American soldiers, again proves by his realistic performance that he is one of Hollywood's most talented young actors, and Marshall Thompson and Kathleen Hughes stand right along with him.

Girls are like violinists in that they like to get the beau on a string.

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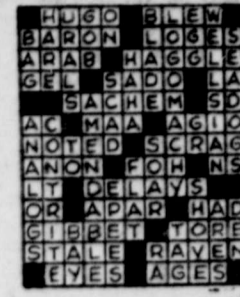
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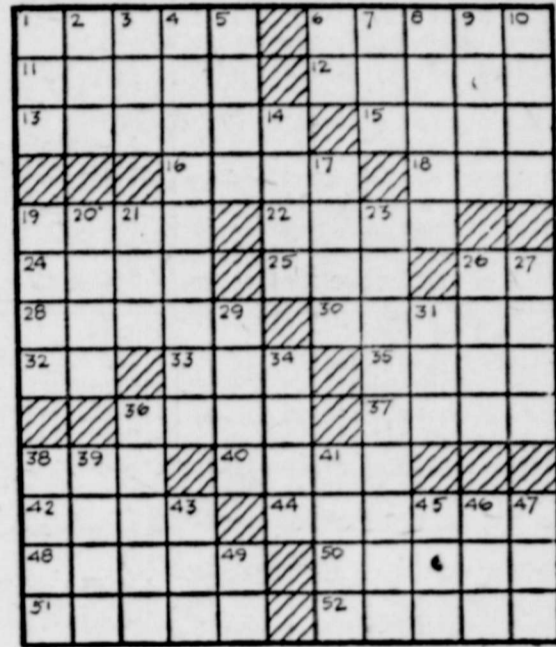
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- ACROSS**  
1. Lost color  
6. Crusts on sores  
11. Fruit (it.)  
12. Path of heavenly body  
13. Mash again  
15. To couple  
16. Move lightly over  
18. Moisture  
19. Hillside dugout  
22. Italian capital  
24. City (Ukraine)  
25. Girl's name  
26. Like  
28. Bury  
30. Expel  
32. Northeast (abbr.)  
33. Escape (slang)  
35. Beige color  
36. Novice  
37. Prosecuted judicially  
38. Fuss (slang)  
40. Orient  
42. Similar  
44. An evening party  
48. A city magistrate  
50. Pass a rope through (naut.)  
51. Wallow through water  
52. Trembling DOWN  
1. On account of  
2. Malt beverage  
3. Indistinct  
4. Not straight-forwardly  
5. Writing table  
6. Therefore  
7. Weep  
8. Dwelling (shortened)  
9. Bicycle  
10. Roll slowly  
11. Employ  
12. Italian  
13. Related  
19. Climbing stem  
21. Soak flax  
23. Kings, queens or emperors  
26. Land measure  
27. Boss  
29. Infrequent  
31. Shield  
34. Extinct birds  
36. City (Jap.)  
38. Gifts for the poor  
39. Part of a telephone  
41. Rail  
43. Goddess of dawn  
45. Twilled fabric  
46. Evening (poet.)  
47. Even (poet.)  
49. Rhodium (sym.)



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# HODGES

**Mrs. NORMAN SLOAN**  
Correspondent  
The Wilkersons, Maurice Cox family, Mrs. Wayne Forrest and son, Jimmy Vick, Larry Sloan, June Terrell and Jimmy Wilkerson enjoyed an outing on Phantom Lake Friday evening.

Larry Austin of Snyder visited last week in the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cook of Hodges.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Halpayne of Denton, Arkansas are visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Finch.

Jackie and Billy Rogers visited relatives at Ralls last week.

John Northam of Paris, Texas is visiting relatives and friends at Hodges.

M. E. Bogens daughter, Mrs. Sarah Humphries of Richmond, Calif., was his guest last week.

Those on the sick list are Mrs. Finch and Gary Moore.

Mrs. Barnet Moore and a brother and sister visited relatives in Venice, Calif., last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Reece and Barbara went with F.F.A. girls of Merkel, to Buffalo Gap on last Monday and Tuesday.

Elmo Owens of Graham visited last week with the McCables and Watts families.

The Community Club met last Tuesday afternoon for the last time until September. Secret Pals were revealed. Mrs. Della Cook gave a nice report on her recent trip to New York. She had quite a few pictures to show. Among the most interesting was the home and library of Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Vanderbilt mansion.

Hostesses were Mrs. Evlene McCoy and Mrs. Ethel Lee Horton. Those attending were: May Warren, Nettie Jones, Tula Kelso, Della Cook, Mabel Cook, Catherine Davielli, Frances and Patsy McCoy, Cricket Sloan, Mrs. T. B. Ray, Ruby McCoy, Larry Austin, Lu Ann McCoy and the hosts.

Mr. Ernest Clayburn passed away on Sunday at 11:00. He had a host of relatives and friends in the Hodges Community. The family has our deepest sympathy.

Mr. McCaleb who has been ill recently is better at this time.

He is able to be up and around. The Hodges Community presented the R. W. Reynolds family several nice gifts after church services Wednesday evening. They will move to Putman on Thursday.

The Hollis McCoys visited the Hope Church of Christ Sunday evening and then visited in the Leonard McCoy home.

Visiting Betsy McCoy over the weekend were Sandy Smith and Genil Bearden of Hawley.

## Water Development Support Is Needed

Further State development of Texas' water resources will require stronger public support and sacrifices by special-interest groups, most attendants of a University of Texas conference on water law agreed.

Perhaps State legislators should do some lobbying among their constituents to muster support for State action. Attorney John D. McCall of Dallas declared at the meeting sponsored by the University's Law School.

Attorney Alex Pope, Jr., of Ft. Worth said the 54th Legislature's stalemate on tax revenue for water resources development brought out the differences which must be resolved before large-scale moves toward water conservation can be workable.

McCall reminded that lack of State action had resulted in the Federal government's assuming most of Texas' flood control burden, although the State has many rights to control its streams.

Judge J. E. Sturrock of Austin said persons interested in Texas water developments had to go to the Federal government for action because of the State's inability to get anything done about their problems.

Pope said, however, that the 54th Legislature deserves more public credit than it has received for its work on Texas water problems. It gave the State Board of Water Engineers "funds to get something done" and more authority to clear up records on partially used permits and other permits not used at all, he said.

It also passed 59 bills pertaining to local water problems. Texas must be on guard against laudable, but sometimes vaulting, ambitions of its cities and other agencies which have authority to store water, McCall warned.

## IMOGENE DYE AND DONALD KING MARRIED

Imogene Dye, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dye, route 2, Merkel, and Donald James King, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess King, Anson, were married Saturday night, July 2 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Garrett, 673 Shelton.

The double-ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. S. Earp.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Bobby Dye. The best man was Billy Wayne Dye, and the maid of honor was Mrs. Bobby Deen, Vernell Garrett acted as the ring bearer.

The home was beautifully decorated with basket of gladiolas with candles outlining it.

The bride wore a blue street length linen dress. Her flowers were carnations atop a White Bible.

Mrs. Deen wore a pink linen dress and she wore white carnations.

A reception was held at the Garrett home following the wedding. The couple was assisted in receiving by Joyce Watson, Patsy Melton and Mrs. Roy Mackey.

There were guests from Anson, Merkel, Abilene, Amarillo and Odessa.

After a wedding trip to Austin, the couple is at home at 1232 Avenue P., Anson, Texas.

Both the bride and groom are graduates of Merkel high school.

## Merkel Students Attend McMurry Youth Conference

Minta McAninch and Marvin Swinney of Merkel are among the 400 young people attending the 39th annual Methodist Youth Fellowship assembly of the Northwest Texas Conference this week at McMurry College.

Miss McAninch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. McAninch of Rt. 4, Merkel, is a sophomore at Merkel High School. She is a member of the MHS Band, FHA, and library staff. A member of the First Methodist Church of Merkel, she is president of the local MYF group.

Swinney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney of Rt. 4, is a senior at Merkel High School and a member of the baseball team. He is secretary-treasurer of the MYF group at the Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church, and vice-president of the sub-district MYF group.

Main speaker for the youth conference is the Rev. Howard W. Ellis director of youth evangelism for the Methodist Church. He is preaching each day on the assembly theme, "To Do What Thou Wouldst Do."

Students at the assembly are housed in McMurry College dormitories and are taking their meals at the college dining hall.

The Rev. Dewitt Seago of Lubbock is dean of the assembly activities. The Rev. James T. Carter of Amarillo is dean of studies.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox accompanied their daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Walker and children, Dale and Betsy of Lubbock to San Antonio the past weekend. They visited the Alamo and Breckenridge Park. On the return trip they went to Austin and visited the state Capitol. They also spent a few hours at Buchanan Lake.

Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler returned home after a visit to their new ranch in Las Vegas, New Mexico. They visited their daughter Mr. and Mrs. Billy Clyde Haynes of Albuquerque, N. M., and was accompanied home by their little grandson Bill Jr.

Mrs. C. O. Eden of Loraine is visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes.

## McLEOD REUNION HELD IN ABILENE

Eight of eleven children of Mrs. N. L. McLeod met at the Abilene State Park on July 4, for their annual reunion.

Honored guest of the day was their mother, who is 75 years old. Children attending with their families were H. L. McLeod, of Roscoe; D. W. McLeod, Lubbock; Sam T. and E. L. McLeod, Merkel, Mrs. Ethel Winter, Paris; Mrs. Pot English, Sweetwater, Mrs. Molly Springer, and Mrs. Jo Gilstrap, Abilene.

Those unable to attend were C. L. McLeod, Trent, and Dr. N. L. (Tim) McLeod and Mrs. Asha Mayfield, of Austin. In addition to the children present, there were 20 grand children and seven great-grandchildren as well as other relatives and friends which all together numbered seventy-four.

Guests were present from three states, New Mexico, Texas, and North Carolina.

Cities represented were Beaumont, Clovis, Lubbock, Odessa, Roscoe, Sweetwater, Merkel, Abilene, Big Spring, Paris, and Lamesa.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Davis and daughter Judy of Orlando Florida are guests of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hendrix.

Mr. R. B. Horton of Abilene visited his mother Mrs. Hugh Campbell Tuesday. Mrs. J. S. Grant of Abilene also visited with Mrs. Campbell Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Shaver and sons of Ft. Worth visited over the 4th with Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon. Mr. Shaver returned home and Mrs. Shaver and sons remained for a 10 days visit.

Mrs. John B. Davidson of Austin, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller. She returned home Monday accompanied by her daughters Donna and Suzy who had been with Mr. and Mrs. Miller two weeks.

Captain and Mrs. Bowman and daughters of Provo, Utah, were guests of her mother Mrs. Adah Heeter, and aunt and uncles over the week end. The Bownmans are going to Baltimore, Maryland, where he will be stationed. Other weekend guests were Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Neal and Margaret of McKinney and Mrs. John Woodrum of Abilene.

## Palmer Joins In GE Program To Protect Children

Due to the alarming increase of deaths of children by suffocation in discarded refrigerators and freezers, Palmer Motor Company is cooperating in a program suggested by the General Electric Major Appliance Division and the National Safety Council.

Palmer Motor Company will send an employee to dismantle any refrigerator or freezer so that it will be impossible for a child to be trapped inside it. This service is offered absolutely without charge for any refrigerator or freezer regardless of brand or make which you are going to discard.

Also Palmer Motor Company offers to prepare any refrigerator for temporary storage. This also has proven to be a death hazard for small children. The machine thus prepared for temporary storage may be put back into service within only a few minutes. This service is also offered without charge.

Fifty-nine boys and twenty girls, ranging from two to twelve years, died in abandoned refrigerators, ice boxes or freezers in the six years, 1948 to 1953. There were twice as many deaths in 1953 as in 1952; and more children per incident died in 1953 than in earlier years. In one case five children from a single family were victims.

"It is true that no child has died of such cause in our town, and it is our sincere hope that through the services offered by Palmer Motor Company that we shall never have such a death in this area," Nolan Palmer said.

Mrs. Dave Johnson and children, Bruce, Wayne and Ray of Vivion, La., returned home Friday after a ten day visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller. She was met in Fort Worth by Rev. Dave Johnson who is attending the Baptist Seminary during the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Doyle Garrett, Mrs. G. H. Bullock and Mrs. Garrett's sister, Mrs. Annabelle Martin, were visitors of Mrs. R. J. Miller and Mrs. H. B. Robertson Tuesday. They were enroute to Mr. Garrett's Holiday Ranch in Colorado.

## \$54,000 Prizes For Texas Fair Livestock Show

A total of \$54,137 in cash premiums for beef and dairy cattle has been posted in the Pan-American Livestock Exposition and the Junior Livestock Show at the 1955 State Fair of Texas in Dallas, Oct. 7-23. Ray W. Wilson, the fair's livestock manager, has announced.

Premiums in the Pan-American Exposition, Oct. 8-16, total \$44,350, with \$23,000 set aside for beef exhibitors, \$20,750 for dairy cattle and \$600 for special herdsmen awards," Mr. Wilson said.

Junior Show cash premiums amount to \$9,787, of which \$6,067 will go to fat and market steer exhibitors, \$3,720 to dairy cattle and the remaining \$350 to first-place herdsmen.

Beef cattle shows in the Pan-American Exposition will include five breeds, with premiums and judging dates as follows: Aberdeen-Angus, \$4,500, Oct. 10; Brahmah, \$6,000, Oct. 13; Hereford, \$7,500, Oct. 11; Santa Gertrudis, \$2,000, Oct. 12, and Shorthorn, \$3,000, Oct. 12.

Pan-American dairy cattle shows will feature five breeds: Ayrshire, \$2,700, Oct. 12; Guernsey, \$4,000, Oct. 13; Holstein-Friesian, \$5,300, Oct. 11; Jersey, \$5,000, Oct. 10, and Milking Shorthorn, \$3,750, Oct. 13.

"Champions of all beef and dairy breeds in the fair's open shows will have places of honor in the Pan-American Livestock Exposition's Parade of Champions at 8 p.m., Oct. 13, in the Livestock Pavilion," Mr. Wilson continued.

Junior beef cattle shows will include judging of the fat steers on Oct. 19 for \$2,867 in cash premiums and the market steers on Oct. 20 for \$3,200.

Junior dairy show judging for all breeds has been set for Oct. 19. There are \$3,370 in premiums for the five breeds — Ayrshire, Guernsey, Holstein-Friesian, Jersey and Milking Shorthorn.

The horned frog's only defense is to shoot a stream of "blood" a reddish fluid, from his eyes to blind an enemy long enough to make his escape.

Mrs. Ada Wilson of Abilene was weekend guest of her brother Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Coaker.

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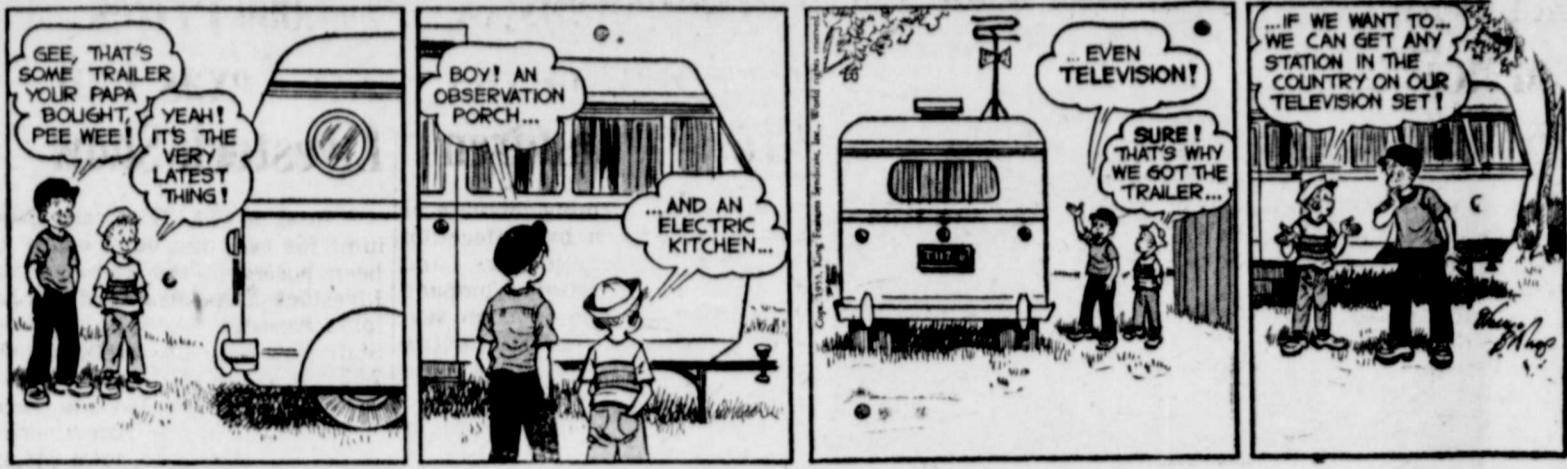
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# NEWS

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By LORETA ALLEN

## MANAGE ENERGY WELL ON HOT SUMMER DAYS

Fatigue comes easier during hot weather. A tired feeling often brings an irritable disposition and cuts down efficiency on the job. It can also increase susceptibility to disease or accidents.

If you are feeling more tired than usual, stop and analyze your self and your working methods. Frustration as well as such physical factors as overwork and strain, will cause that tired feeling.

Short rest periods from 10 to 20 minutes will work wonders if you are tired from heavy work. A change of environment or activities will often relieve fatigue caused by boredom or monotony.

Efficient, happy homemakers have found that these simple rules will help to fight fatigue and make work more interesting.

First — check your kitchen and household storage — is everything within easy reach? Keep cleaning tools in good repair and located close to the job.

Wear comfortable work clothes and sit as much as possible while you work.

Study your jobs and organize the work in assembly line fashion. . . . Use both hands whenever possible.

Don't try to stay with a heavy or difficult job too long — Intersperse big jobs with easier ones and rest at intervals.

On these hot summer days homemakers want to plan their meals so that they will not have to stay in the kitchen all the time. This meal in a skillet saves time and dish washing. Just plan a salad and dessert to go with it and the whole meal is ready in no time at all.

**A Meal in A Skillet**  
 1 pound hamburger  
 1 cup soft bread crumbs  
 1 teaspoon salt  
 1-8 teaspoon pepper  
 1 cup whole kernel corn, drained  
 1 cup sliced onions  
 3-4 teaspoon salt  
 2 cups cooked or canned tomatoes

Combine hamburger, bread crumbs, and seasonings. Fry in heavy skillet, stirring frequently until well browned. Cover hamburger with corn and onions. Sprinkle 3-4 teaspoon salt over onions. Next add tomatoes. Do not stir mixture but leave vegetables in layers over meat. Cover and simmer 20 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Serve from skillet. Six servings.

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## NOTICE MASONS

Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A.F. & A.M. Thursday, July 14, at 8:00 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

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## MISCELLANEOUS

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## New Treatment for Alcoholism Found

Glutamine — a substance found in liver and certain other foods — may be a new treatment for alcoholism, University of Texas biochemists report.

Preliminary tests on human beings support University laboratory studies including glutamine reduces appetites for alcohol. The glutamine treatment, if successful in extensive clinical tests, will supplement vitamin therapy for alcoholism announced in 1951 by Dr. Robert J. Williams, University Biochemical Institute director.

Drs. Lorene L. Rogers and William Shive of the Institute directed laboratory work in the glutamine project.

"The body functions of individuals vary so widely that no single method has proved 100 per cent effective in treating alcoholism," Dr. Rogers emphasized. "We hope glutamine will increase the percentage to successful treatments."

Long-range alcoholism therapy can be effective only when a patient really wants to quit drinking or cut down on his drinking, the scientists reminded.

Dr. Shive directed laboratory work which identified glutamine as a factor in liver causing the appetite reduction. That finding allowed scientists directed by Dr. Rogers to make laboratory tests with concentrated amounts of glutamine and established procedures for possible treatment of human beings.

## Wilshire New Manager For Greyhound Lines

H. V. Wilshire is Southwestern Greyhound Lines' new district manager over territory ranging from Dallas to Merkel to El Paso.

Oval Massey, Fort Worth, vice president of Southwestern Greyhound, today announced the appointment.

Wilshire's territory, recently enlarged, covers Dallas to San Antonio, Dallas to Oklahoma City, Dallas to Memphis and Dallas to El Paso.

He goes to Dallas, his new headquarters, from Houston, where he was also a district manager.

Wilshire has been with Southwestern Greyhound 19 years. His first supervisory job was as operating supervisor at Waco in 1943, with the subsequent promotion to Houston district manager in 1946.

With Wilshire's appointment and the broadening of his territory, Lynn Smith was made assistant to the Dallas district manager. He formerly had charge of Tyler divisional operations.

## ICE CREAM AND SPUDS . . . PLENTIFUL IN JULY

Potatoes and ice cream are headlines on the USDA's plentiful foods list for July.

"In checking food stocks in this area to determine what should be on the plentiful list, we found supplies of fresh fruits and vegetables larger than any time since last fall," says John J. Slaughter, field supervisory, Agricultural Marketing Service.

They include limes, lemons, watermelons, cantaloupes, tomatoes, green beans, cabbage, lettuce, beets and sweet corn.

Also, canned and frozen lemon and lime juice, small size dried prunes and pinto beans are in good supply.

Beef, frozen haubut, broilers and fryers are the only meats on the July plentiful foods list.

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FOR SALE — We have several new electric ranges to sell below cost. Make us an offer. Badger Chevrolet Co. 17-1tc.

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## STEVENS GREETES HIS SUCCESSOR



WILBER M. BRUCKER (right), 61, former counsel of the Defense Department who was nominated to become Secretary of the Army, is shown in Washington in a three-way handshake with outgoing Secretary Robert T. Stevens (left) and Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson. Stevens quit for what he called "personal considerations."

## Atomic Blast See Brunt of Three Towns

Seldom in American history have three neighboring villages seen such violent changes as Hanford, White Bluffs and Richland in southeastern Washington during the infancy of the Atomic Age.

One of the tiny communities billowed almost overnight into a brawling boom town and quickly faded away and was lost to the desert wind and sand.

The second village was swallowed up, its value as a potential orchard center overshadowed by the need for an atomic energy plant site.

The third outlived the roaring boom period and since has grown into an unincorporated city of 27,000 persons, its future secure as a business and residential area for atomic plant personnel.

Deep inside the barricaded boundaries of the Hanford atomic energy project today lies the remnants of the town which once was given great promise of becoming a leading producer of orchard crops. The town was White Bluffs.

Once a small orchard community on the banks of the majestic Columbia, it since has been absorbed by the sprawling, bustling Hanford project. Now it is a crossroad in the center of a 600-square-mile government reservation where General Electric company operates the Hanford plutonium plant for the Atomic Energy Commission.

The town which gave its name to the Hanford project also was a quiet community of 300 persons before its selection as a site for the huge atomic energy plant

turned it into one of the biggest boom towns the West has ever known.

More than 50,000 persons, comprising workers and their families, moved into the area early in 1943 to help construct giant plant facilities. They were people from all over the country, recruited from wartime labor markets to build the original Hanford works. When their job was completed, most of them moved on. Those who stayed behind to operate the atomic energy plant moved to little Richland Village, some 25 miles away from the nearest plant area.

Today, the town of Hanford is a ghost town, its blacktopped streets and windswept wooden frame skeletons offering only slight evidence of its brawling past.

Richland, a village of 250 persons which stood 30 miles downriver from Hanford and White Bluffs, survived its sister communities and the fickle prosperity of the era. It expanded and absorbed its new people until today it is one of the largest cities in Eastern Washington.

Because of the almost complete absence of facilities for caring for its increased population in the early days of the Hanford project, the responsibility of providing the necessities of a big town was placed with the plant contractor, in those days, E. I. duPont de Nemours, prime contractor to the Army Engineers.

The essential activities of a municipality—police and fire protection, supplying the necessary utilities and recreational facilities—are now provided by the Community Services Section of GE. This group covers all normal departments of most cities in the nation; everything from public works and safety, to parks and library board. In addition, it manages most of the town real estate rentals and operates the plant administrative area.

## CEMETERY FUND

Below are those who recently donated to the Cemetery Maintenance Fund. Anyone wishing to contribute to this fund may leave contributions at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank. The donors are:

Mrs. Bonnie Jaynes Hanson, Waco . . . \$5.00

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lay, and family, of Fort Worth, visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Campbell, over the Fourth of July.

## Texas Dairymen Given Green Light

Texas dairymen have the go ahead for putting into operation Plan B for the eradication of brucellosis. The signing of recently passed legislation by Governor Shivers removes all obstacles to the use of the plan.

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twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**  
THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Abel

Cavozas, Defendant, Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer on or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 8th day of August A.D. 1955, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 2nd day of June A.D. 1955, in this cause, numbered 20,585-A on the docket of said court and styled Katie Cavozas, Plaintiff, vs. Abel Cavozas, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married April 7, 1952, and separated September 12, 1952. One child was born to this union, no property rights have accumulated as result of said marriage.

Plaintiff sues for permanent care and custody of the child, and for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unexecuted.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 18th day of June A.D. 1955.

Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk,  
42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas By  
Irene Crawford, Deputy.

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

District 7 Girls' 4-H Camp is past history now, but Mary Alice Strother, Janice Evans, Nita Harvey, and Martha Chapman will remember the good times they had for a long time. We will see what they learned when we have county camp and they help with crafts, recreation, etc.

**CAN SNAP BEANS BY NEW ONE-STEP METHOD**

The latest method for canning vegetables is a one-step cold-pack method, according to Extension food and nutrition specialists.

Directions are simple . . . As an example, take snap beans. Begin by washing all pint or quart jars in hot soapy water and rinse well. It is not necessary to sterilize jars since the pressure canner must be used in canning all non-acid vegetables.

Use only fresh young, tender beans. The bean should just be beginning to form in the pod. Wash thoroughly, trim ends and cut into 1-inch pieces.

Thus far there is nothing different from the old method of canning snap beans. Now you will note that the fill is different.

Pack raw beans tightly into clean jars to one half inch of top. Cover with boiling water, again leaving one half inch space at the top of the jar. Add half teaspoon salt to pints and 1 teaspoon to quarts.

Close jar with two-piece lid and place it in the pressure canner. Exhaust canner for 10 minutes, close petcock and process at 10 pounds pressure—pint jars 20 minutes, quart jars 25 minutes. Remove canner from heat, let pressure return to zero and remove the jars.

This new one-step method can also be used for canning fresh lima beans, carrots, cream style corn, whole kernel corn, black-eye peas and summer squash.

For further information check with me. You may also wish to ask for a copy of B-194, "Home Canning of Fruits and Vegetables."

**TAX PROBLEMS PEEVE PARAKEET**



JO-JO, A PARAKEET which paid \$20.50 in income taxes and \$12.30 in Social Security last year, looks T. Coleman Andrews, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, square in the eye during an "interview" in Washington. Jo-Jo wants a refund on the grounds that of \$615 earned in promotional advertising, he had \$25 in deductible traveling expenses and a \$1 charitable contribution, dropping his taxable income to \$589, or less than the \$600 personal exemption allowed.

**Barbara Wilson**  
**To Teach Baton**  
**Twirling in July**

Barbara Jean Wilson daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson of Merkel, will serve as a baton-twirling instructor for McMurry College's seventh annual summer vacation band school, to be held here July 17-30.

Miss Wilson, a sophomore at McMurry, is one of the three McMurry Maidettes, featured twirlers with the college band. She is also a member of Gamma Sigma girls' social club.

A 1954 graduate of Merkel High School, Miss Wilson played cornet four years in the MHS band, and served as a majorette and drum major. She was editor of the Merkel High annual, band sweetheart, and a member of FTA, FHA, and Shorthanders.

More than 153 school and college bandmen and twirlers have already signed up to attend the band school, according to Raymond T. Bynum, McMurry director who is in charge. Total enrollment is expected to equal last year's registration of 343 students, Bynum said.

Students will receive instruction in music theory, solo instrument work, actual practice in concert bands, and techniques of baton twirling and drum majoring. They will have room and board in the McMurry College dormitories and dining hall.

Bynum's instructional staff will be composed of 18 outstanding Texas public school band and twirling instructors.

**Airy Cottons**



SUCH airs as cotton puts on these days as we put on our fine cottons to go places! Polished cotton in yellow with a tiny blue flower print does nicely for a two-piece outfit that can be worn in town or country and which makes it a good traveler's choice. The blouse has a self piped loop trim on the collar and novelty blue buttons. The skirt is pleated and softly gathered.

**Social Security**



**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

QUESTION: How are farmers affected by the 1954 Amendments to the Social Security Law?

ANSWER: The amendments extend social security protection to most farm families. Beginning January 1, 1955, people farming for themselves are under social security provided they make as much as \$400 profit in a year from their farm operations. These self-employed farmers will contribute toward social security while they are working and when their earnings stop because of retirement or death, payments are made to the farmer and his dependents or his survivors. More than three million selfemployed farmers will earn social security credits in 1955 and 1956. This means that within a period of two years farmers who are now age 65 or will attain 65 by the end of next year and who have net income from their operations that amount to as much as \$400 in 1955 and \$400 in 1956 will have built up an insured status under social security.

For further information contact: Social Security Admin. 766 Cedar Street, Abilene, Texas.

**Sandusky Assigned**  
**To Missile Battalion**

PFC Elmer L. Sandusky, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Sandusky, Route 4, Merkel, Tex., is assigned to Battery A of the 75th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Missile Battalion in Washington, D. C. A clerk, he entered the Army in January 1954 and completed basic training at Fort Bliss, Tex. Sandusky attended McMurry College and North Texas State Colleges as a civilian.

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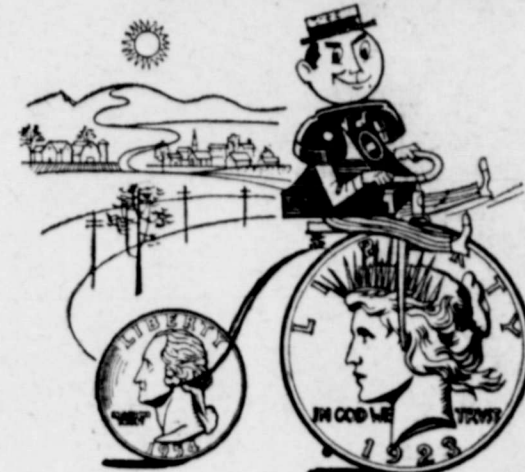
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### Crime Syndicate Blasted in Film Drama

Cornel Wilde stars as a metropolitan detective doggedly determined to break up a powerful crime ring and ferret out its mysterious leader in "The Big Combo," exciting melodrama of the underworld, which is coming to the Pioneer Drive In Theatre.

The picture co-stars Richard Conte, Brian Donlevy and Jean

Wallace, she as a girl trying to break away from the syndicate leader. Conte as that man, and Donlevy as Conte's lieutenant.

The case is broken when Wilde discovers that for years Conte's wife has been incarcerated in a mental institution to keep her from implicating him in a murder.

Prominent in the large supporting cast are Jay Adler, Earl Holliman, Lee Van Cleef, Helen Walker, Robert Middleton and John Hoyt.

The Security-Theodora production was produced by Sidney Harmon and was directed by Joseph Lewis. It is an Allied Artists release.

Success is just a good idea coupled with hard work.

### Texas U. Offers Athletic Workshop

The University of Texas will offer four one-week workshops in athletics during the summer session, Dr. C. J. Alderson of the physical and health education department, workshop coordinator, announced.

A student may earn two semester hours of graduate credit by successfully completing any two workshops. No credit will be given for one week's attendance. However, any of the workshops may be attended on a non-credit basis.

The schedules follow:  
July 5-9 — Problems in Coaching Football, Edwin B. Price, head

football coach, special consultant.  
July 11-15 — Problems in Coaching Basketball, Thurman B. (Slue) Hull, head basketball coach, special consultant.  
July 25-29 — Problems in Athletic Officiating, Dr. Alderson.  
July 25-29 — Problems in Athletic Training and Conditioning, Frank Medina, head trainer, special consultant.

### Cheese Appetite Grows Each Year

The American appetite for cheese has more than tripled during the past 30 years. Consumers have a choice of about 18 cheese types including many with foreign origins. Cheese provides a concentrated source of many needed nutrients.

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### T. U. Professor Offers Proposal

A University of Texas economics professor has advanced a group of proposals designed to integrate agricultural production with the total output of the American economy.

Dr. C. A. Wiley, addressing an economic education workshop for teachers, urged more adequate programs of crop insurance, farm credit and the replacement of production restrictions with programs of assistance to those farmers seeking non-farm employment or shifts to more modern techniques of production.

Dr. Wiley drew a sharp distinction between farm policy (a statement of long-run objectives) and farm programs (the means of achieving those objectives). He urged a policy based upon the functional role of agriculture in

a dynamic economy.

In another talk before the workshop, Dr. Stephen McDonald, assistant professor of economics, listed three major problems confronting agriculture: instability of income, underemployed labor resources and consequent low income, and the need to adopt commodity and regional output to changing price-cost relations.

Since productivity in agriculture is rising faster than demand for farm commodities, Dr. McDonald said, a large volume of outmigration from agricultural regions is necessary to maintain a parity of farm family incomes and non-farm family incomes.

People who don't realize the value of money seldom have any.

### Ice Cream And Spuds Plentiful

Potatoes and ice cream top the USDA's plentiful foods list for July. Fresh fruits and vegetables, beef, frozen halibut, broilers and fryers and milk and related dairy products as well as rice and cooking fats continue plentiful.

A Texas committee to plan the state's part in the White House Conference on Education, Nov. 29-Dec. 1, was named by Governor Shivers. Dr. Erwin L. Ripply, president of the Dallas School Board, is chairman. Its first session will be in Austin.

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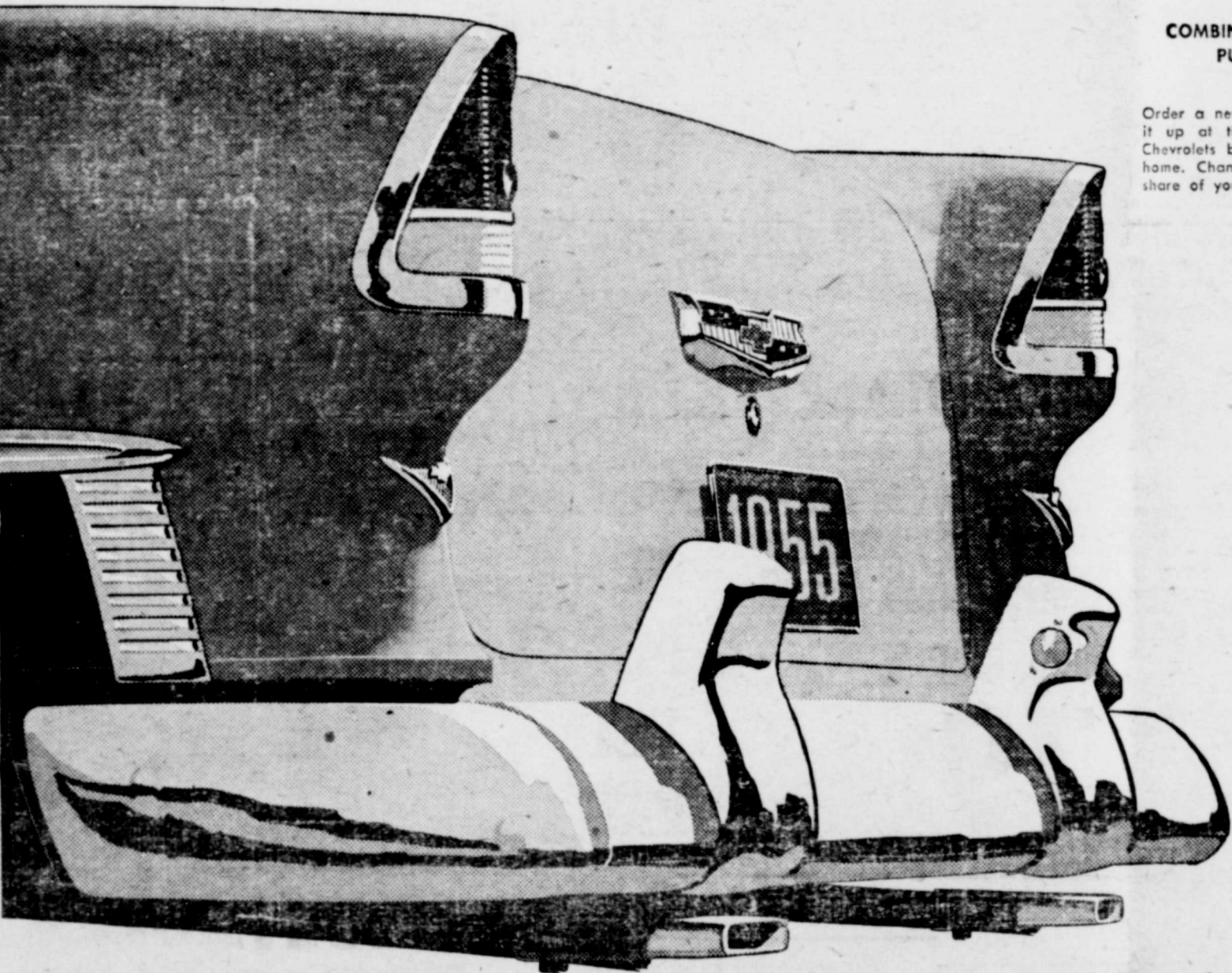
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### FLECK WINS NATIONAL OPEN TITLE



JACK FLECK, 32, a hitherto obscure professional golfer from Davenport, Iowa, is shown after defeating Ben Hogan (right) in an 18-hole playoff to win the U. S. Open golf championship in San Francisco. Fleck posted a one-under-par 69 against Hogan's 72 to crush the veteran's bid for a fifth Open title. Bantam Ben then announced he was quitting serious competitive golf. (International)

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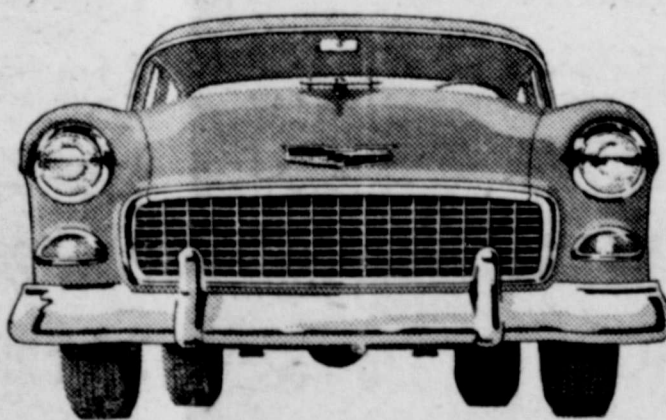
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### SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

By R. J. SCOTT

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"Tonight my friend Ghariba took me to the Lions club meeting. It was all in Arabic language and I could not understand a word. Had a good meal of Arabic foods. I made a short talk to the 35 members present. I met the mayor of Jerusalem and four city councilmen.

"Am having tea at 5:30 tomorrow with Mr. Gharbiya and his wife.

"We go to Bethlehem and Hebron tomorrow until 1:30. After this I am to visit some schools here. We stay on the go constantly in order to see everything in the allotted time.

"Several of our group have been in bed sick today — stomach trouble. The doctor said it was probably caused by eating fruit. The days are really hot here, and I am getting a good suntan, too.

"The trip has been more than I expected, but I am getting ready to return to the U.S.A. now.

"My three Horned Frogs are still doing fine. Our guides are having lots of fun with them."

Which reminds us that Frank Breatux says he received a note from Claude after he had felt sorta bad that others had. Well, Frank, you can read this one at no extra charge.

Mrs. Ernest Wilson, one of our subscribers down at Lampasas, writes us a nice letter about the paper, and we appreciate it. Not long ago the Allen D. King family of Merkel stopped by for a short visit on their way to the Gulf Coast vacationing Mrs. Wilson's son, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Pressly, also former Merkel residents, with their daughter, Carol, were down for a visit from Whitefish, Montana. "Our best wishes to the good people of Merkel," she writes.

Band Rehearsals To Start Friday

W. G. Reed, high school band instructor announced today that Summer Band Rehearsals will begin Friday, at 7 p.m.

Any high school student who is interested in beginning the band is urged to attend or contact the band director for additional information.

Airman 2c Billy Greenfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joy Greenfield, is home on leave from International Air Base at Portland, Oregon.

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The water festival officially got underway at 2 p.m. with the queen's show, a preview of the beauty contest staged at Badger Field Thursday evening.

People started pouring into Badger Field around 5 p.m. for a community-wide barbecue supper which preceded the water dedication ceremonies at 7 p.m.

The dedication ceremonies got underway at 7 pm. with the Rev. Sam Tullock, pastor of the First Baptist Church here, making the welcoming address.

A short talk was given by Mayor Starbuck.

Abilene Mayor C. E. Gatlin lauded the courage and wisdom shown by Merkel city leaders in the fight to solve the city's near-disastrous water problem.

He praised the city for its foresight in not damming up Mulberry Creek, which it has water rights to and diverting the stream's flow so as to alleviate Merkel's water shortage.

It is much better that the water was left to flow into the Brazos for its return to Abilene and its eventual pumping into Lake Fort Phantom Hill, Gatlin said.

As it now stands, Merkel gets the treated water now anyway and both cities are much better off with the existing situation, Gatlin said.

He concluded his talk with the observation that "the growth and development of a city is limited only by the courage and foresight of its citizens."

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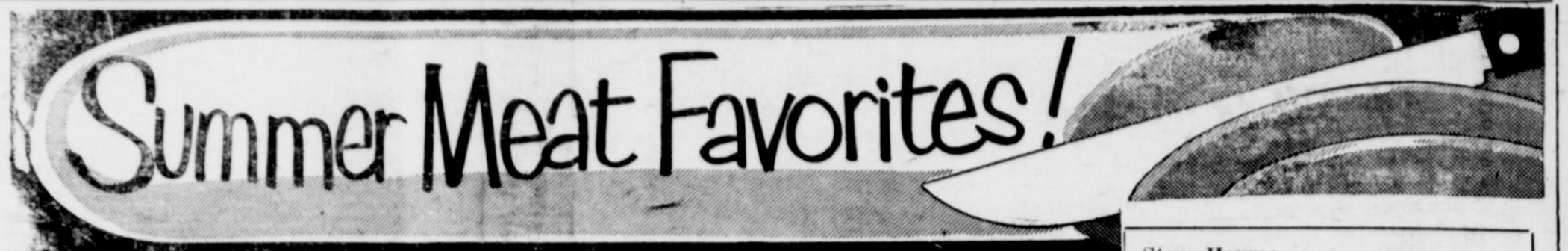
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