

**Scoop**

# THE MERKEL MAIL

Golden Cavalcade  
June 3 to 9

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Just a year ago this week we trapped into Merkel with a boat load of clothing, odds and ends, and here it is 52 weeks later and 52 Merkel Mails have been published as we tailed away during the past 12 months. We thought Merkel was a pretty good west Texas town when we came here, and nothing has happened to change our mind since then. We remember that a day after we arrived here it rained . . . and rained. We recall that about 15 inches of moisture was recorded in the area during a six weeks period. Now we are ready for so . . . more, so come on rain, let's have an anniversary special.

When you look back over just a year, you can see that many things have happened, and many improvements have been made. Although we can't name them all, we know that many new homes have been built, new buildings and improvements on the high school have been added, Merkel has been blessed with an adequate water supply, highway construction on the super road to Abilene has started, about 40 airbase families have moved to Merkel to make their homes, the White Auto Store has changed hands, Bill Woods started a flower shop, Ira Cross moved into larger quarters, Onis Crawford came to town to manage the Chamber of Commerce, Mina Winter moved into larger building, Toombs and Moore got a larger building, John McKenzie came to town to sell Fords, and many improvements have been made in various businesses.

So you can see that the past year hasn't been a stand-still, although some people might think so. Time marches on, and so does Merkel.

Om, yes, we were forced to wear shorts . . . and still rae . . . but let's hope by next year the shorts will be longer, for it gets right chilly some days.

Mrs. Carroll Benson, chairman of Cavalcade, reports that there is a great interest in the contest, and many of the clubs are planning on sponsoring an entry. An entry blank is printed elsewhere in the paper. A wonderful trip, plus valuable gifts will be given to some lucky lady. Get your entry in now, and let's get this contest started.

And another thing, we received a warning notice to print that all ladies of the Merkel area must, by May 3, wear pioneer dresses, badges, cosmetic permits and bonnets. Any lady seen in public after that time must have her cosmetic pin on. Each Thursday the ladies will wear long dresses.

You see more and more beads on the street every day. Some of the brothers of the brush are really getting abig crop, but if it don't rain before long, I don't know how long they'll continue to grow without irrigation.

We're getting ready to produce the largest paper in Merkel's history which will be ready for distribution before the Cavalcade. Already we have a group working on it, and we can use some stories and pictures, but because we must work in advance, we'll have to have the bulk of the information this week or next.

## Scouts Kill Rattler on Trip

Dr. J. H. Chaney's Boy Scout Troop No. 19 had an exciting outing Sunday south of town in the hills when one of the lad's thought he had been bitten by a snake.

Walter Harris, one of the Scouts, was near the end of the line of Scouts marching down the hills when he thought he had been struck by a rattlesnake. Calling for help, he was examined by Dr. Chaney and found that he had not been bitten, but the Scouts and John Wheeler, assistant scoutmaster killed the snake.

"We need cars for transportation when we take the scouts out on trips," Chaney said. "Anyone desiring to volunteer transportation should call me." Last week Carson's Grocery lent their pickup truck.

Mary Collins and Mrs. Levia Fugat of Abilene spent bank holiday visiting L. G. Shafers in Dallas and Henry Braswell's in Grand Prairie.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Vantrees and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sloan or Noodle, Sunday afternoon.



**LOOKING OVER TEST PLOT** — Shown here are a group of men interested in the Texas Research Foundation's West Station which will be south of Merkel. Pictured are Dr. Earl Collister, to be direct supervisor of the station; Walter Johnson, president of the F. and M. Bank of Abilene; Hollis McCoy, Merkel farmer on whose farm the station will be located; Dr. C. L. Lundell, director of TRF who will have overall supervision; and Ray Grisham, president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

## Phone Coop Annual Meet Attended by 100

The first annual meeting of the Taylor Telephone Cooperative, Inc., held in Merkel last Thursday, was attended by about 100 members who elected Charley Myatt, Hambly, as president for the coming year.

Myatt has been serving as first vice president. He succeeds Pat Patterson, of Lawn.

Other officers elected were Boles Fry, Tuscola, vice president and R. R. Petty, Nolan, secretary-treasurer, succeeding Mondel Rogers of Sweetwater.

Gaylen Force, of Fort Worth, field representative of the REA telephone system, lauded the cooperative for "meeting the high standards established by the Rural Electrification Administration to assure the people of quality telephone service."

He presented an award to John Hardesty, manager, for the outstanding accomplishments for the year.

Hardesty said the cooperative is now servicing 1,075 members, which represents a 48 per cent gain in the last 13 months. The cooperative, he said, now has 875 miles of line in operation.

Members voted for a \$10,000 payment on their next quarterly installment to the REA. They also assented to paying directors \$7.50 per meeting, in addition to 7 cents a mile traveling expenses to and from the meetings.

An amendment to the bylaws was passed to alternate the terms of directors by electing five new members to the board for one or two terms and naming four for the same length of time. The terms of four new directors named Thursday and five re-elected board members will be determined by drawing lots at a future meeting.

New directors named Thursday include J. J. Farmer of Pototsi, J. C. Raper of Lawn, Frank K. Antille of Wingate, and Troy Sloan of Noodle.

Re-elected to the board, besides the officers, were L. O. Huddleston of Hawley and W. C. Perkins of Nubia.

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce furnished refreshments for Thursday's meeting.

## FIELD STATION TO START IMMEDIATELY

Operation of the new Merkel Field Station by the Texas Research Bureau will commence within the next week or so, it was revealed today, the plot on the Hollis McCoy farm, south of Merkel, already has been staked off.

The plot will include 14 acres leased to the TRB by McCoy.

Two other stations are in operation, one at Henderson and other at Taft. Another will be set up in the high plains area.

Dr. C. L. Lundell, director of the Texas Research Foundation Penner, will be director of all four stations.

Dr. Earl Collister will be chairman of the Field Corps Department.

McCoy has leased his land for five years.

Booth Warren, president of the F. and M. National Bank of Merkel, laid the ground-work several weeks ago for leasing of the land when he accompanied Collister and Huey Whitehurst, TRF agronomist, on a tour of the Merkel area to locate a suitable site.

A team from the Renner station came to Merkel and survey the site and keyed it after four acres were added to the original 10.

Dr. Lundell, director of TRF, was approached several months ago by a representative of the Dodge Jones Foundation of Abilene about establishing a field station in the Abilene area. The Abilene foundation agreed to underwrite \$5,000 of the annual expense of such a project for the next five years. Collister and Whitehurst came to Abilene two weeks ago. At a meeting with Dodge Jones Foundation officials and a number of representative Abilene businessmen the two were assured that citizens would provide the additional funds, around \$50,000 necessary to carry on the project for the five-year period.

The West Texas Field Station will be used to evaluate forage field crops developed in the breeding program at Renner which might be adapted to the soil and climate of this part of Texas.

Dr. Lundell pointed out that for the last five to seven years work at the Renner station has been conducted under drought conditions comparable to that experienced in this area. The station's normal rainfall is around 35 inches. For the last few years it has been around 25 inches. Rainfall at the station for the last six months has been less than five inches.

"We have developed new crops and new strains at Renner that are largely benefitting the North and East Texas areas. Many of these we believe can be of considerable benefit if extended to other areas throughout the state. Some we have developed may be more beneficial in this area than in the North Texas area. We have many that show far too much promise to discard without further evaluation in other parts of the state," he said.

## Mrs. Tipton Dies; Sister Killed Enroute

Services were held Monday afternoon for Mrs. Mattie Elizabeth Tipton, 63, who had lived in Merkel since 1915.

She died early Sunday at Sadler Clinic following an illness of about three months.

Mrs. Sally Reba Newman Moore, 50, Pampa, a sister, was killed and another sister, Mrs. S. B. Crissey, of Pampa, was critically injured in a traffic accident as they were enroute to Merkel to see Mrs. Tipton. They did not know that Mrs. Tipton had died about two hours earlier when they were involved in a wreck near Anson.

Mrs. Tipton was born Dec. 7, 1893 in Robinson County, and married C. W. Tipton of Robinson county October 15, 1908.

E. W. Watson, pastor of the Church of Christ officiated at the rites Monday afternoon. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral home.

Mrs. Tipton is survived by her husband, two sons, Jarvis, of Abilene; and Edgar of Merkel; two daughters, Mrs. Joe Cyfert, of Merkel, and Mrs. T. O. Owens, of Bossier City, La.; two sisters, Mrs. J. B. Shrader, of Dallas, and Mrs. S. B. Crissey, of Pampa, who was involved in a wreck enroute there. She also had four grandchildren.

The condition of Mrs. Crissey was described as critical at the Anson hospital where she was taken following a head-on collision at the intersection of farm-market road from Hamlin to Merkel and U. S. 180.

Two Roby high school girls were killed in the crash. They were Jola Belle Goolsby, 16, who was killed instantly, and Helen Louise Goolsby, 18, who died Monday morning. Their mother, driver of the car, Mrs. Iva Childress Goolsby, is in a critical condition.

The Goolsby car was going west on U. S. 180 when it rammed into the left side of the car driven by Mrs. Moore. The Moore car was headed south of FM road 126 and was crossing the highway toward Merkel at the time of the crash.

## MERKEL'S WATER CUT OFF

Merkel had its water cut off Monday night when a 2-car automobile wreck uprooted a fire plug in the south part of town.

Workers were able to restore water service by about 9:30 p.m. after it was shut off for repairs around 3 p.m.

The water had to be cut off at the main intake because valves in other parts of town had corroded so much that they couldn't be used.

The water was cut off following a wreck involving Bill Woods' flower station wagon and a car driven by Mrs. C. W. Sego of Ann's Beauty Shop at the corner of Fifth and Yucca. The cars were damaged, and Mrs. Ernie Rutledge, a passenger with Mrs. Sego, was taken to the hospital with a knee injury.

When the water went off, many residents turned to their wells for a water supply, and others went to their neighbors who had wells.



A. C. BOONE, JR.

## Boone Seeks Office Of Tax Collector

Formal announcement of his candidacy for the office of county tax assessor-collector was authorized Saturday by A. C. Boone Jr.

His candidacy is subject to action of the Democratic Party primary July 28.

Mr. Boone's statement follows: "I was born in Many, Louisiana, Jan. 18, 1913, and came to Abilene during 1922, with my father who has resided here continuously since that time. In 1928, I left Abilene, to return in 1952. In March of that year, I enlisted in the Army, and was subsequently assigned to Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 359 Infantry, of the 90th Infantry Division, then stationed at Camp Barkeley. While training with that unit, I met my wife, the former Eva Mae Smith, daughter of the late Tom Smith, of the Rogers community.

"After serving continuously with the above named unit until the end of World War II, I returned to Abilene in October 1945, reenlisted in the Army, and served with the Abilene Recruiting Main Station, until December of 1948, when I entered the employ of Battery A, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, one of the Abilene Texas National Guard Units, as administrative assistant, where I remained until December of 1950. Then I resigned that position to accept employment with the public accounting firm of Leslie and Williamson, the firm where I am still employed, and which is now known as Leslie and Thompson.

"My wife and I are members of the Temple Baptist Church, and live at 1133 Burger St.; we have one daughter, Joan Linda Boone, who is a student at Fannin Elementary School, here in Abilene. I am a member of the Abilene Lodge No. 274, of the I.O.O.F., and of Clayton M. Leach Post No. 2012, of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. I still participate in the active reserve program, and am currently assigned as personnel officer of the 490th Military Government Company, USAR, of Abilene.

If elected to this office, I pledge the voters of our county, that I shall do everything in my power to render the most effective and efficient services possible.

Mr. and Mrs. Dob Dulaney and Mike and Pat, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rhodes and Debra of Haskell, Texas were house guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Tolver, Sunday.

Mildred Hamm and Floy Ryan spent the weekend in Grand Prairie, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hill and family.

Miss Ruth Ann Christ of Trent was dinner guest of Miss Linda Tolver, Sunday.

## GOLDEN CAVALCADE EDITION TO BE PUBLISHED JUNE 1

The Merkel Mail will issue a Golden Cavalcade edition of 30 or more pages June 1 commemorating the 50th anniversary of the incorporation of the city of Merkel.

This will help advertise and promote the Golden Cavalcade celebration which will be held in Merkel June 3 to 9, 1956.

Persons having writeups or other information and pictures which are suitable for publication should send them in to the Merkel Mail within the next two weeks, as it will be necessary to work well in advance of the celebration in order to publish the largest newspaper ever printed in Merkel.

## Flower Show Will Be Held This Weekend

The Merkel Garden Club will instigate the first of the Golden Cavalcade celebrations in Merkel with a "Happy Birthday" theme for their spring flower show Saturday and Sunday, April 28 and 29, at the Community Center.

The show will be held Saturday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Miss Christine Collins, president, said the public is invited to enter any or all divisions. There is no charge for entries, but entries must be in place before 2 p.m. Saturday.

The divisions include, Division I, Horticulture — All Horticulture specimens must be grown by exhibitor. Named varieties increases the value of horticultural exhibits. Entry should name plant, if possible. The standard system of judging will be used.

Division II, Arrangements — Class 1, Damon and Pythias (Old Fire Horses). Twin arrangements using like containers.

Class 2 — Brooks Salone — Arrangement in a bottle where the stems are seen as a part of the arrangement.

Class 3 — Tom Story Wagon Yard — An arrangement using an old wagon or cart.

Class 4 — West General Store — An Arrangement using any old treasured container.

Class 5 — Woodard's Livery Stable — Composition using figuring of horse or horses.

Class 6 — King's Blacksmith Shop — Composition using suitable accessory (Horseshoe, spur or any other).

Class 7 — Camp meeting — Religious composition or arrangement.

Class 8 — Aunt Diana's Quilting Party — Arrangement or composition in a basket.

Class 9 — Rock-a-by-baby — Miniature, not over three inches.

Division III — Juniors, School Day theme.

Class 1 — Boys — Animals made from fruits, vegetables or nuts.

Class 2 — Animals made from fruits, vegetables or nuts.

The committees for the Garden Club's show include: Mrs. Dale Litton, general chairman; Mrs. Carroll Benson and Mrs. Litton, schedule; Mrs. Benson, Mrs. Beauford Allen and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, staging; Mrs. Alma Collins, properties; Mrs. R. T. Hodge, Mrs. A. H. McElmurry, Miss Nora Foster and Mrs. Mack Fisher, entries.



**James H. Chaney**

**Chiropractor**

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**UP THE  
CANYON**

By TOM RUSSOM  
(TOO LATE FOR LAST WEEK)

Well this is April 15 and not much planting going on. Some few farmers have planted a little sudan grass and Blue Panic grass. The sandy land has had a little moisture and has helped. It is remarkable how well the ground plows. Some are plowing the land for the first time and report it in good shape.

Up the Canyon everyone is still feeding their livestock. A good rain would stop that expense.

Sheep and cattle are doing good. They are getting a little green stuff to eat now.

There has been a State Inspector for sheep in the Canyon the past week looking over flocks of sheep. He reports sheep in a healthy condition and doing well.

This Thursday night, April 19, there will be a Layman's meeting at the Butman Youth Camp. There will be about 400 Laymen and preachers expected. Underwoods will serve Bar-b-que. There will some good come from this meeting.

The oil leasing is still going good. Some leasing going is from \$12.50 per acre to \$15.00 per acre.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sloan and daughter, Mr and Mrs. Harold Gray, of Big Spring spent last Sunday with Mrs. Sloan's father, Sam Butman Sr.

Johnny Oliver Jr. and family from Midland visited the John Olivers of the Canyon Sunday.

Merkel is shaping up for the Golden Jubilee. Everyone is taking part to make it a better town for the trade territory, as well as

the business interest of Merkel.

In the weeks to follow some of the things printed will be about past things. There is a painted picture of Merkel, dated 1884, hanging in Sam Butman Sr.'s home.

John Swinney, Leroy Riney, Kenneth Ray, and Arther Moore were elected leaders of the young boys of Pioneer Church. There will be outings planned for the boys, ages 7 to 12.

Even after this dry spell there are still some springs running in the Canyon.

**HODGES**

(TOO LATE FOR LAST WEEK)

Going to Gatesville to spend the weekend were Mrs. Clyde Cook and two daughters, Patsy McCoy,

Linda and Brenda Stokes and Barbara Moore.

Mr. Johnny McGroom and family left for San Francisco, Calif., on Sunday night. He will preach for a Baptist Church there.

Spending the day with Jimmy Vick and Lara Cox on Sunday were Larry and Derrell Sloan, Leon Kelso, Joanne and Dianne Reece.

On the sick list are James, Francis and Tim Fullbright and Lu Ann McCoy.

The Hawley Seniors and their guest were given a hay ride and

weiner roast on Friday night by several of the mothers. Everyone had a good time and especially the brave boys who went for a swim in the tank. While on the outing two rattlesnakes were killed by Larry Sloan.

Mr. and Mrs. Blue McCoy will move to Noodle next fall where he has accepted janitor job and bus driving job and Mrs. McCoy will help cook in the lunch room.

Lee Stanley is home after spending a few days in the hospital. Mrs. Laura Carter has also spent a few days in the hospital.

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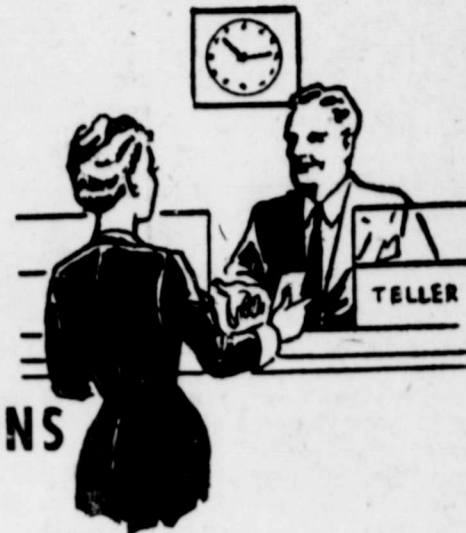
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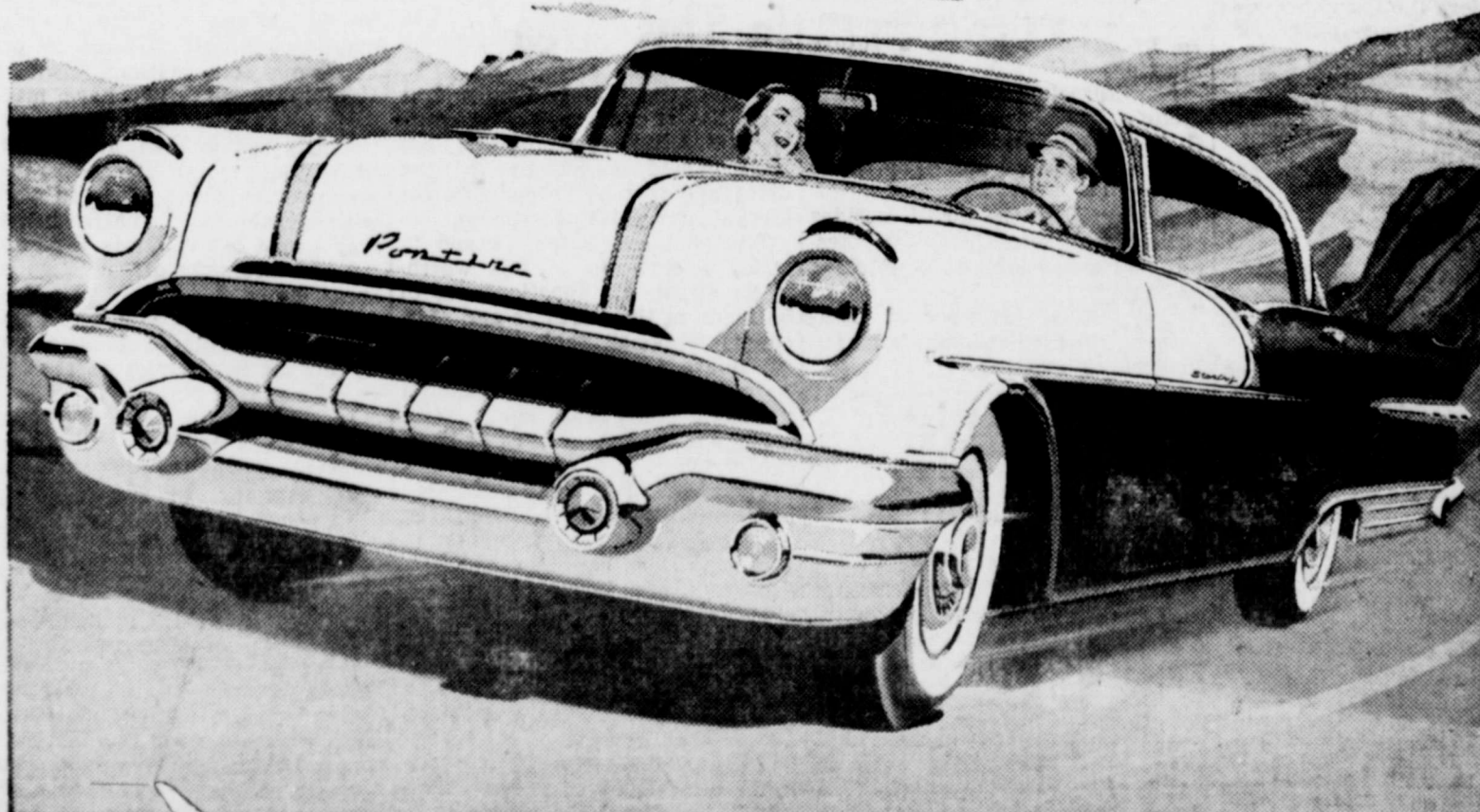
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1 cup cottage cheese  
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Beat eggs with sugar until fluffy. Mix with well-drained cottage cheese, which has been lightly mashed with a fork. Stir in Carnation and water until thoroughly blended. Pour into medium custard cups. Sprinkle with nutmeg or cinnamon, if desired. Place cups in pan 2" deep; surround with water. Bake in moderate oven (325° F) about 40 minutes. Cool before serving.

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Gerber's CEREAL QUADS - - - - - pkg. 17c  
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Red Label KARO - - - - - bottle 25c

White Swan  
**TEA**  
1/4 lb. Pkg.  
29c

Bonita  
**TUNA**  
2 Cans  
49c

Big Top  
**PEANUT BUTTER**  
16-oz. Jar  
49c

Hunt's  
**FRUIT COCKTAIL**  
303 Can  
25c

Hunt's  
**CATSUP**  
Bottle  
19c

• **VEGETABLES** •

FRESH TOMATOES - - - - - lb. 23c  
FRESH BELL PEPPER - - - - - lb. 19c  
FIRM CRISP LETTUCE - - - - - large head 12c  
SUNKIST LEMONS - - - - - lb. 13c  
WINESAP APPLES - - - - - lb. 17c

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STRAWBERRIES - - - - 2 for 55c  
WHIP TOPPING - - - - can 43c  
FLORIDA GOLD ORANGE JUICE - - - 2 for 35c  
WELCH'S GRAPE JUICE - - - - can 23c  
OCEAN CATFISH - - - - - lb. 49c

• **MEATS** •

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HAMS - Shank or Butt End - - - lb. 49c  
BOLOGNA - - - - - lb. 39c  
CHUCK ROAST - - - - - lb. 37c  
SLICED BACON - - - - - lb. 33c  
BEEF RIBS - - - - - lb. 19c

Welch's  
**FRUIT OF THE VINE**  
20-oz. Glass  
43c

Hunt's  
**STEWED TOMATOES**  
303 Can  
2 for 35c

Sun Spun  
**OLEO**  
2 lb. for 45c

Toilet Tissue  
**ZEE**  
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**FORTNIGHTLY HEARS TRAFFIC PROGRAM**

The Fortnightly Study Club enjoyed a Texas Day and Traffic Safety program Tuesday, April 10 in the Community Center with Mrs. John Hardesty as hostess.

Mr. Otha Lusk, Highway Patrolman from Baird, spoke on "Driver Education in Schools." Among the ways to decrease accidents he stressed traffic law enforcement, driver improvement through examinations, and knowledge of skills, laws, and self-discipline acquired through a formal driver education course in public schools.

Mrs. Katie Thrane of Abilene captivated her audience with tall tales of Texas and the early history of her family in Snyder.

Early entertainment in Texas was shown by Misses Bitsy West, Mary McKeever, Janice Windham, Marie Foster, Mary Beth Mewborn, Sharon Cypert, Ruth Corder, and Carolyn Windham as they danced the Virginia Reel.

Miss Christine Collins will be hostess at the April 24th meeting, which will be an exchange program with the Garden Club.

Those attending the meeting were: Mesdames C. B. Gardner, Katie Thrane, Ray Wilson, Andy Shouse, W. R. Cypert, Ben R. Hicks, George T. Moore, Henry West, S. D. Gamble, Johnny Cox, Mack Fisher, John Hardesty, Earl Hughes, David Gamble, Carroll Benson, Comer Haynes, Misses Christine Collins, Bitsy West, Mary McKeever, Janice Windham, Marie Foster, Mary Beth Mewborn, Sharon Cypert, Ruth Corder and Carolyn Windham.

**UNION RIDGE CLUB MET WITH MRS. A. E. HARWELL**

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. O. E. Harwell, April 6.

The President, Mrs. Pee, was in charge. Mrs. Denzel Cox led in singing revival songs, with Mrs. Tom Coats at the piano.

Roll call was answered with "Did you know?". Prayer was led by Mrs. Cox. Mrs. F. Y. Gaither gave "The Right of Trial by Jury." Mrs. Harwell told about the meeting in Abilene with the County Court.

Refreshments were served to ten members, three children, and one visitor, Mrs. Tom Coats.

The club will meet in the home of Mrs. Denzel Cox, Friday, April 20. Miss Allen will attend the meeting then.

**METHODIS WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD MEETS**

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church met for their regular study course Monday night.

The program chairman, Mrs. Don Dudley, gave a very interesting discussion on "Christian Revolution."

Mrs. Touchstone called attention to the time of the next meetings, which will be the first and third Monday nights.

Those present were Mrs. Cox, Burden, Touchstone, Dudley, Pee, Ferguson, Starbuck, Hewitt, Hughes, Mary Collins and Betty Jane Tittle.

**COMPERE H. D. CLUB MEETS**

The Compere Home Demonstration Club met April 11 in the home of Mrs. Vernon Stanley.

Mrs. H. R. Chancey, club president, had charge of the business session. Mrs. I. B. Ray, secretary, read the minutes. Roll call was answered with care of "Kitchen Equipment."

Noodle 4-H girls, Nancy Hunter and Karen Irvn, Dairy Food Leaders, gave a program on the use of dairy products in the daily food diet. They also gave a demonstration on chocolate mmit towers, made by spooning alternating layers of chocolate and whipped cream into a sherbet glass, then topping with whipped cream.

A demonstration was given by Mrs. W. E. Pistole and Mrs. Vernon Stanley on "Meals from the Freezer." They served frozen baked corn, frozen whole wheat rolls, frozen delight and ice cream pie to two visitors, Nancy Hunter and Karen Irvn.

Club members present were Mrs. Ray, Mrs. Jess Foy, Mrs. Pistole, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Chancey, Mrs. Vernon Stanley.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. J. E. Touchstone, April 26. Miss Wainscott will give a demonstration on "Low Calorie Refreshments."

**MERKEL WOMAN FETED IN HOME**

Mrs. Tillie Click, a resident of Merkel for 40 years, was honored with a surprise birthday last Sunday in her home at Mt. Pleasant community, near Merkel.

Mrs. Click celebrated her 78th birthday. Among those attending were her children: Mrs. Jay Greenfield of Merkel, J. A. Click of San Angelo, J. P. Click of Merkel and L. R. Click of Fort Worth.

Grandchildren and great-grandchildren were also present.

**NOODLE**

**(TOO LATE FOR LAST WEEK)**

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Woens and children, and his father and mother of Fort Worth visited in their sister and daughter's home. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Pack, last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Caldwell, Sunday at Anson.

Mrs. Ted McAninch and girls visited their grandparents last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Jones have moved to Mrs. J. E. Boaz's rent house, vacated by Mrs. John Dooley.

Mrs. Don Codes spent last week with Dons parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Code.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Hardwick and baby of Anson attended church at the Baptist Church, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Touchstone and Christi attended a Commissioners and County Judges meeting at Mineral Wells this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lock Patterson of Odessa spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lucas.

Mrs. Rogers of Abilene is visiting her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ike Vancil.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Caloway, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Touchstone and children were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Barbee, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Dixon went to Snyder Sunday to see Keith Tarpley, who has a broken foot.

Paul Jones was in a pick-up wreck Monday and was taken to the Sadler Clinic. Jones a mechanic on the new farm road.

**UP THE CANYON**

**By TOM RUSSOM**

The weather is warming up some, after a few days of cool, cloudy weather, with some warm weather, spring will seem more real to us. Nearly all the farmers up the Canyon are going to take a chance on getting some efed and sudan grass.

The preachers and laymen's meeting at Butman Youth Camp Grounds last Thursday night was a fine meeting.

There were about 175 persons to attend the meeting. Dr. Ray Johnson, the Conference Evangelist, was the speaker for the evening.

A report of what has been done at the camp and a list of things

that are needed was given by Irvin of Canyon, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Cline Whisenhunt and baby daughter of Denver City attended church at Pioneer Sunday. Cline is a former resident of the Canyon.

Some livestock has been turned loose from feeding, but most of the stockmen are still feeding and will be for a while.

Allen King, stockman of the Canyon, is planting 80 acres of Panic Grass at his place. He thinks it is the grass.

W. T. Perry returned to his home last Thursday night, after working cattle in Stonewall County, on the Edgar Davis lease. W. T. said the cattle wintered bad and they were wild and hard to handle. There seventeen hands on the up.

Sheep shearing will start at the Tom Russom place this week. Shearing will end around the first of June. There is quite a demand for good sheep now.

The oil leasing is good up the Canyon at this time. Some of the land has been leased from \$12.50 per acre to \$15.00 per acre. The leasing has been a great help to the farmers and ranchers.

Payton Scott and some of his college friends from San Angelo College spent the weekend in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Scott.

**JONES COUNTY H. D. COUNCIL MEETS**

The regular meeting of the Jones County Home Demonstration Council was held on April 18.

Club programs last month were on Low Calorie Refreshments, Meals from the Freezer, and Summer Salads.

The Jones County Clubs will observe National Home Demonstration Week with a tea and book review to be held May 2 in the Anson Woman's Club House. Mrs. John Hawkins will review "My Heart Lies South."

Mrs. Vernon Stanley gave a summary of the District 3 meeting held at Childress, April 5. Sixteen women from Jones County attended this meeting. Mrs. Bill Hardy of Roby was elected vice president of District 3. Mrs. Maxey Harvey of Lueders was endorsed by District 3 for Secretary of the Texas Home Demonstration Association.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to express our thanks to all who helped during the illness and death of our husband and father. The thoughtfulness of our many friends and neighbors will always be remembered and appreciated.

The L. E. Adrain Family

Miss Helen Boney had as her guest her niece Mrs. Hallie Martin, of White Deer, Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lucas and son, Leon, of Abilene were Sunday guests of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Lucas, Sunday.

**BLUE BONNET H. D. CLUB MET TUESDAY**

Mrs. E. C. Ray was hostess to the Blue Bonnet Home Demonstration Club, Tuesday, April 17.

Mrs. Dewel McLean gave a report on the Food and Drink sale the club sponsored on R.E.A. Day. The club was pleased with the proceeds.

A panel of women consisting of Mrs. Tom Russom, Mrs. Dewel McLean, Mrs. Ford Butman, Mrs. G. R. Toombs, Mrs. E. C. Ray and Mrs. John Oliver gave an interesting demonstration on jury service, as women are permitted to serve as jurors now.

The Club will have a tea, Monday, April 30, at the Fellowship Hall at Pioneer Church, all the

women of this area are cordially invited.

Miss Wanda Tittle, head of the are department at ACC, will show some colored film "on art and flowers of Old Mexico. Mrs. Allen King extends an invitation to the women to attend the 4-H Club Achievement Day at Trent, May 3. The Blue Bonnet Club is sponsoring this tea.

Refreshments were served to 13 members and 6 children. The next meeting will be on Monday, April 30. The program is on "Texas Wild Flowers."

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan spent the weekend with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Moore and family, of Whiteface.

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IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON APRIL 10, 1956. PUBLISHED IN RESPONSE TO CALL MADE BY COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY, UNDER SECTION 5211, U. S. REVISED STATUTES.

<b>ASSETS</b>	
1. Cash balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	\$728,867.61
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	1,000,000.00
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	584,950.34
4. Corporate stocks (including \$6,000.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	6,000.00
5. Loans and discounts (including \$173.18 overdrafts)	1,175,296.53
6. Bank premises owned (do not own), furniture and fixtures	2,500.00
<b>12. TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$3,495,014.48</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$2,982,364.49
15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	81,110.21
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	185,289.86
18. Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, eac.)	1,215.52
<b>19. TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b>\$3,249,970.07</b>
<b>24. TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$3,249,970.07</b>
<b>CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</b>	
25. Capital Stock:	
(c) Common stock, total par	100,000.00
26. Surplus	100,000.00
27. Undivided profits	45,044.41
<b>29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>\$ 245,044.41</b>
<b>39. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>\$3,495,014.48</b>

**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 representing ownership thereof 590,814.94

Credit Corporation, and certificates of interest representing ownership thereof 590,814.94

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  
H. C. WEST  
BOOTH WARREN  
W. S. J. BROWN  
Directors

State of Texas, County of Taylor, ss:  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of April, 1956, and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank.  
(SEAL) BETTY JANE TITTLE, Notary Public.  
My commission expires June 1, 1957.

**"Who Is The Meanest Man In Merkel?"**

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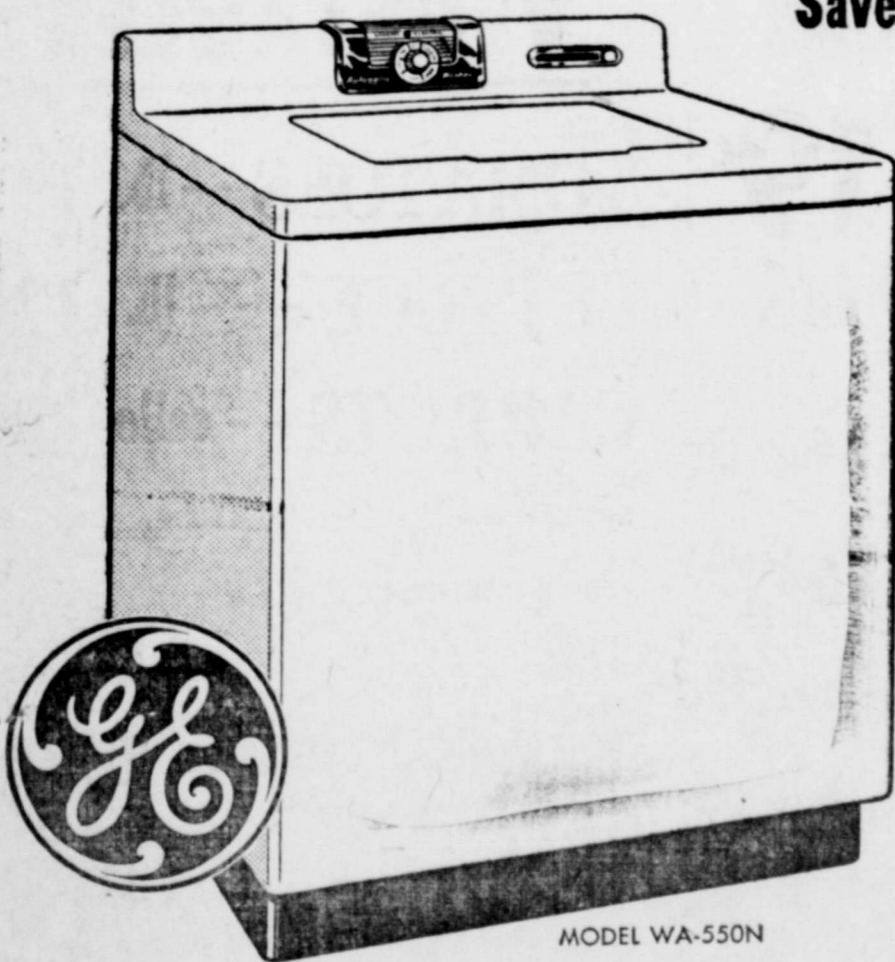
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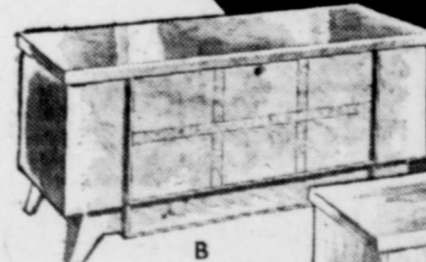
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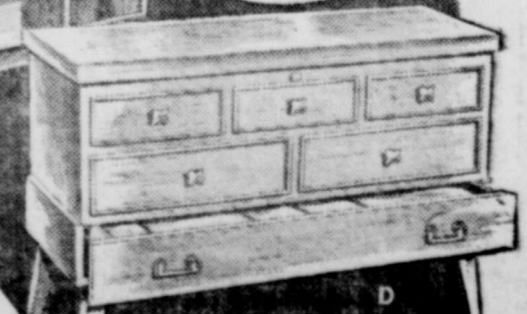
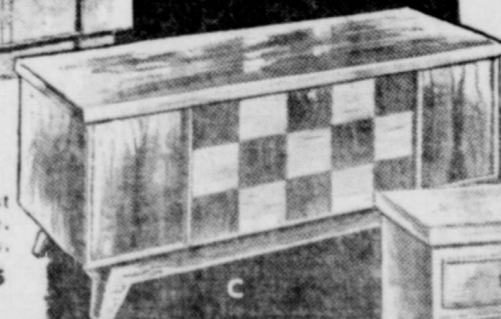
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### Wreck Near Tye Kills Two Friday

A vacation trip for a California family ended in death for one near Merkel Thursday night, and an Abilene woman was killed in the same crash.

Dead are: Mrs. Leonard David Young, 34, of Abilene, who was killed instantly, and

V. R. Woods, 29, of National City, Calif., who died in Sadler Hospital of a skull injury Friday.

A car driven by Leonard David Young, a 1954 Ford, collided head-on with the car carrying two California families who had been vacationing in California.

Mrs. Charles N. Woods, about 25, National City, Calif., who suffered broken ribs and other injuries, was reported to be in fair condition. She is an expectant mother.

Two other adults in the California car were injured and treated at Sadler's Clinic.

Two children escaped injury. Hospitalized were Mrs. V. R. Woods and daughter, Debra, 3-months-old; Charles N. Woods, driver of the 1951 Oldsmobile; and the Charles Woods' daughter, Joyce Ann Woods, 10 months old.

V. R. and Charles Woods are originally from Alabama and had been there to take their families.

Woods body was shipped to his

home earlier in the week. A group of citizens of Merkel greatly aided the distressed families, raising more than \$200 in funds, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars aided the families by having its members and the auxiliary set up with the families at all times, and paying for some of their incidental expenses.

### Farmers Coop Gin Meeting Set April 28

The annual meeting of the Farmers Cooperative Society will be held in Merkel Saturday, April 28, Morris B. Smith, manager, announced today.

The meeting will start at 2 p.m. Dee Teaff is president and L. S. Tipton, secretary-treasurer.

### BAPTIST T. E. L. CLASS MEETS

The T. E. L. Class of the First Baptist Church met at the Church Wednesday, April 11, with the president presiding.

Opening prayer was given by Mrs. Dollie Jones. Devotional was given by Mrs. E. O. Carson.

During the business hour Bible selections were discussed.

A lovely refreshment plate of cake and coffee were served to the following members, Mrs. T. J. Bird, Mrs. Doddie Jones, Mrs. Lige Harris, Mrs. Bessie McLung, Mrs. Hugh Campbell, Mrs. E. O. Carson, Mrs. E. W. King, and Miss Sena Teaff.

### JUBILEE QUEEN CONTEST ENTRY BLANK

Any young lady between the ages of 16 and 30 in the Merkel area who desires to enter the Merkel Golden Jubilee Queen Contest should fill out the following blanks and return to Mrs. Carroll Benson not later than April 25.

Name .....

Address .....

Note: Entries are not to be sponsored by any club or business firm. The contest is not a beauty contest nor a bathing beauty revue.

### NOTICE OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING

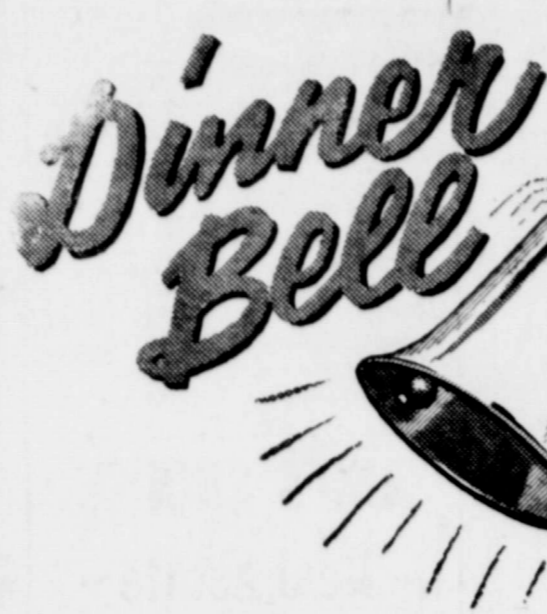
The Farmers Cooperative Society No. 1, of Merkel, Texas, will hold its annual meeting at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 28, 1956.

The annual report will be discussed and three directors will be elected. Dividend checks will be handed out.

### BE SURE TO ATTEND

DEE TEAFF, President

L. S. TIPTON, Secretary-Treasurer



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- Diamond — 303  
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- Kounty Kist  
**CORN - - - - 2 for 25c**
- Kimbell's CHEESE — 300  
**SPAGHETTI - - 2 for 25c**
- Dixie  
**TUNA - - - 2 cans 35c**
- Mountain Dill  
**PICKLES - - qt. 19c**
- Premium  
**CRACKERS ---- 2 lbs. 39c**
- Supreme  
**TOWN HOUSE - - - lb. 29c**
- French  
**BLACK PEPPER -- lb. 89c**
- Wilson  
**OLEO - - - - - lb. 19c**
-  **PET 12 qt — box 69c**

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**APPLE BUTTER - - jar 23c**

Kimbell's Midget — Pint  
**SWEET PICKLES -- 2 for 69c**

French — 18-oz.  
**BAR-B-Q SAUCE - - jar 39c**

Kraft — 8-oz.  
**FRENCH DRESSING - jar 19c**

SHORTENING  
**SNOWDRIFT 3 lb. can 69c**

Cooking Oil  
**WESSON - - qt. 55c**

Gold Medal — Pillow Case  
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**VEL Beauty Bar, ea. 25c**
- Large  
**FAB - - - - 2 for 49c**
- Large  
**VEL - - - box 27c**
- Soap — Hand — Reg.  
**PALMOLIVE - - 4 for 25c**
- Liquid — Reg.  
**VEL - - - can 29c**
- Cleanser  
**AJAX - - 2 cans 23c**
- Jumbo — 82-oz.  
**WATER PITCHER - ea. 49c**
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**Chuck Roast lb. 37c**

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**BAR-B-Q BEEF RIBS ---- lb. 49c**

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**CHEESE - - - - - lb. 49c**

Leg of Lamb or  
**LAMB CHOPS - - - lb. 69c**

Armour's Star  
**PORK SAUSAGE - - - lb. 29c**

Gooch Blue Ribbon  
**HAM Half or Whole lb. 49c**

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2 cans **19c**

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**Orange Juice - 2 for 33c**

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**Green Beans -- box. 19c**

Keith's  
**Whole Okra -- box 19c**

Patio  
**Mexican Dinner, ea. 59c**

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**Fish Sticks -- each 29c**

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**TOMATOES -- lb. 19c**

Fresh Crisp  
**LETTUCE --- lb. 12c**

Fresh  
**CARROTS -- cello 8c**

Winesap  
**APPLES ..... lb. 15c**

Fresh  
**STRAWBERRIES ..... pt. 29c**

Fresh  
**CELERY ..... St. 12c**

Florida Juicy  
**ORANGES - - - - - lb. 8c**


Idaho Big  
**SPUDS - - - - - lb 7c**

Fresh  
**BLACKEYE PEAS -- lb. 17c**

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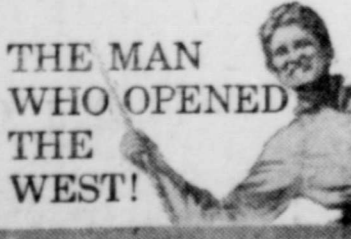


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