

This is the time of year in which you should start wrapping up your vacation plans.

Decision is necessary. Its futile — and expensive — for each member of the family to ride off in all directions.

The father normally is a pleasant, almost placid, man. He is serene in his business and personal relationships.

Home from his vacation, and still in a semi-apoplectic state, this friend gave me some good advice, all firsthand, regarding vacations. They are:

Don't drive five thousand unnecessary miles to find a lake where the fishing is always "good."

When your wife begins to snore gently, and your children start to howl, then it's time to pull up on the side of the road and take a rest.

Once in a while stop at a roadside picnic table and have a sandwich and a cup of coffee.

While you are there, use a few eye drops to refresh your eyes and to make you feel more alert.

Drive safely and cautiously wherever you go. If it's to your destination, you will be glad to get there.

In short, you're an automobile operator. So take care of yourself as you do of your automobile.

Here is a letter we received from Rep. Truett Latimer concerning the 50th anniversary of Merkel.

The people of Merkel are to be congratulated upon the constant growth and development of their city during a colorful fifty year history.

The main thing that has always impressed me about Merkel is the friendliness of the people and their fair and loose the "Good Neighbor Spirit" which is so much a part of the true west.

It is my desire that the next fifty years will see many accomplishments achieved by your city that will make the future point to you with even more pride than the present is pointing to those who have gone before you.

Sincerely yours, Truett Latimer, State Representative, Taylor County



STRUTTIN' ON DOWN — The Merkel Elementary School band struts its stuff while leading the youth parade Monday down Merkel streets.

Burleson To Seek Congress Post Again

Congressman Omar Burleson, of Anson, has authorized the Merkel Mail to announce his candidacy for reelection as Congressman from this District.

His campaign statement follows: "It is customary for a candidate for public office to make a formal announcement of his intentions.

"I have filed my application for place on the July 28th Primary Ballot with each County Democratic Chairman for reelection to Congress. Due to pressing business of the Congress, this is about the first opportunity I have had to issue a newspaper statement.

"In a previous campaign announcement, I quoted Champ Clark, one of America's greatest statesmen and a former Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States. He made the following statement, not in a political campaign but as political doctrine: "The truth is being more and more realized that, other things being equal or anywhere nearly equal, the value of the Representative (in Congress) increases in proportion to his length of service.

"It is my hope that I thusly qualify, and on this principle I base my candidacy for reelection to Congress.

"My record should be known to all who have given attention to it. During my service in the Congress, a constant effort has been made to do two things particularly: (1) to know the views and feelings of my constituents and reflect their sentiments to the greatest possible degree in and advise, as clearly as I can, on the Congress; and (2) to inform those issues which affect my constituency and our Nation.

"Space will not permit a discussion of specific issues, simply because there are too many. Generally, however, I have consistently voted to reduce expenditures of government at every opportunity, only voting for those things applicable to our national defense and those things which I believed to be beneficial to the people as a whole.

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AN INFORMAL CHAT — Three-year-old Judy Hester gives instructions to her donkey prior to the youth parade in Merkel Monday, a part of the town's Golden Jubilee celebration. Judy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. (Buster) Hester of Merkel.

Speaker Says No Miracles On Experiments

Don't expect miracles on crop success resulting from the Texas Research Federation's project on the McCoy farm south of Merkel, Dr. T. C. Longnecker, assistant director of the Texas Research Foundation at Renner, told the Lions club at noon Tuesday as part of "Agriculture Day" of the Merkel Golden Jubilee.

The largest crowd in many months was on hand to hear the agricultural expert tell the farmers that results from the grains and sorghums on the McCoy farm may be several years in coming, but he felt there might be a possibility of some telling results in a year or two.

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BOB McDONALD ... Where's There a Barber? He's got the Jubilee spirit

Rev. Neal Will Open Revival

The Rev. D. S. Neal, former Merkel Presbyterian pastor, will open a revival at the Grace Presbyterian Church Monday through Sunday.

PAGEANT WILL OPEN FOR THREE DAYS THURSDAY

After a week-long celebration of the 50th anniversary of Merkel, the Golden Cavalcade moves into its final stages with the crowning of the queen and a pageant which will depict the history of Merkel.

ed at the football field, and a cast of more than 200 is ready to participate in the biggest mass production ever held here.

Bill Woods, local florist, is director, assisted by his brother, Don Woods, and Ted Harris, Mer-

Latimer Seeks Reelection As Representative

State Rep. Truett Latimer has authorized the Merkel Mail to announce his candidacy for reelection at State Representative from Taylor County.

His Statement follows: "First, May I express my deep appreciation to the folks of the Merkel community for the fine support they have always given me for public office.

"During the 54th Session my committee assignments consisted of vice-chairman of the Conservation & Reclamation Committee, Member of the committees on Common Carriers, Insurance, Liquor Regulation and School Districts.

"Personally I think there are two ways for us to solve our water problem. The first is by the people of each watershed, who have a common interest, joining together to develop that watershed to the maximum benefit of all people affected.

"As a Member of the Insurance Committee I helped re-write the Texas Insurance Code, enabling the Insurance Commission to crack down on unethical operators and restore confidence in one of Texas' largest industries.

"I also co-authored the first piece of corrective insurance legislation that was passed last session. As a member of the Legislature, I asked our investigating committee to make a full inquiry into lobbying and influence peddling in connection with the insurance situation in Texas.

"I voted for a lobby control bill and you may be sure I will do so

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Best dressed bicycle and rider — first, Robert Harris; second, Mike McCloud; third, Paul Carson.

Best dressed doll buggy—first, Terry Sue Wozencraft; second, Suzy Wilson.

Best dressed wagon, first, Carson wagon driven by Jack Omich; second, Wayne Hester.

Best dressed tricycle — Jerry Smith.

Murry college student, is stage director, and has been working with the pageant committee in order to produce the pageant. Tickets are \$1.50 at the gate, but may be purchased in advance for \$1.00.

Don Estes, basketball coach, directed a successful "Youth Day" with a huge parade Monday afternoon.

First place winners in the bicycle races were Danny Bagby in the 10-11-year-old class and Allan Tittle in the 12-14 age group.

Top honors in the baton twirling contest went to Judy Scott, 13, of Anson in the 12-13-year-old class; Vicki Watkins, 14, of Anson, in the 14-year-old class, Lynn Gamble of Merkel in the 10-year-old class and Brynwyn Gamble of Merkel in the 7-year-old class.

Other winners in the bicycle races were:

10 to 11 year-old bracket, Larry Hargrove, second; Douglas Gladen, third.

12 to 14-year-old bracket, Walter Harris, second, Pat Lucas, third.

Baton twirling: 12 to 13-year-old class, Brenda Galbreath, second; and Linda Bennett, third.

14-year-old class, Gloria Savage, third.

Tuesday will be Agriculture Day. The Golden Jubilee will end Saturday.

Tuesday's activities got under way at 9 a.m. with tours of the FFA and 4-H projects in the area. At 12:15 p.m. Dr. T. C. Longnecker, assistant director of the Texas Research Foundation farm, will speak at an agricultural program at the Lions Club luncheon.

On the final day of the Jubilee a dinner will be held in honor of Ralph Yarborough, candidate for governor.

Tickets for the dinner, sponsored by the Golden Jubilee Association, will be \$1 and are being sold at Jubilee headquarters in Merkel, and by Mrs. Eldon Hicks, Earl Lassiter and Lynn Lee.

The dinner will be at 6 p.m. in the high school cafeteria and Yarborough will speak at 7:30 p.m.

Award winners in the Monday parade were: Best horse and rider—first, Deanna Bird; second, Patsy Oliver; third, Becky Ray.

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Miss Merkel Is Honored at Tea

Miss Merkel of the Golden Cavalcade was formerly introduced at a tea given in her honor Monday evening in the home of Mrs. Carroll Benson, Chairman of the Queen's Contest Committee.

Miss Ann Benson greeted guests and presented Miss Peggy Bond as Miss Merkel. Mrs. Weldon McAninch presided at the tea table. The table was laid with dark green linen and milk glass appointments, with a centerpiece of white glads and daisies.

Guests included the contestants of the queen's contest and members of the committee. Mrs. Benson was assisted by Mesdames Mack Fisher, Weldon McAninch, Andy Shouse, Charlie Sherrill, and Harry Bullock.



OMAR BURLESON



TRUETT LATIMER

COMPERE H. D. CLUB MET MAY 24

The Compere Home Demonstration Club met May 25th in Mrs. Ray's home for their regular meeting.

Mrs. Ab Hunter Jr. presided in the absence of the chairman.

Mrs. W. S. Allred led in prayer and Mrs. Vernon Stanley directed a game in the absence of recreation leader, Mrs. Pistole.

Roll call was answered with "Rules for Etiquette." Minutes were read and treasurers report given by Mrs. Ray.

Council report was given by Mrs. Vernon Stanley, council delegate. She reported the new Home Demonstration Agent, Mrs. B. V. Newberry from Hamlin, will begin her work June 1.

Three club members attended the "Safety" program at Stith the 21st.

Each member checked a list for a new two year program, which will be worked out from lists checked.

Mrs. Ray and Hunter gave the program on "Furniture Arrangement" for rest, reading, sewing, conversation, entertaining, and recreation.

The meeting adjourned and refreshments were served to 8 members and 6 visitors.

The hostess gift went to Mrs. Clyde Chaney.

The next meeting will be June 14 in Mrs. C. S. Childers home. The program will be on "Drivers Education" led by Mrs. Ernest Dixon.

Former Merkel Man Manager of Hotel Fremont

Morris L. Glass, who was born near Merkel, has risen in the hotel management field to manager of the Hotel Fremont, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Glass attended the University of Texas in Austin, and from the university, he went immediately into hotel work as a career. He has worked in hotels management for many years.

Included among the hotels managed by Glass, are the El Tejo in Bakersfield, Calif., the Santa Catalina Island Co., Atlantic hotel, and in Las Vegas the Desert Inn, Royal Nevada, El Rancho and on loan-out from the Fremont to the Dunes awaiting the completion of the Hotel Fremont while under contract to the Hotel Fremont, whose president is Edward Levinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. King, Allen Jr., Ida May, Buddy and Sue went to Lubbock last Sunday afternoon to be co-host and hostesses along with Professor and Mrs. I. L. Williams and family and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Ponce and family at a bar-b-que given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Ricardo Sampedo and son, Ricardo, of Guatemala City., C.A.

Miss Barbara Sandusky from Roswell, New Mexico is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sandusky, for an indefinite time.

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DUDLEY ELECTRIC

Oldest Smithy On BT Ranch Near Merkel

The oldest blacksmith shop in Taylor county was located near Merkel on the old Butman BT ranch, south of here.

The blacksmith shop was established on the Butman ranch sometime in the 1880's. (Sam Butman bought the ranch in 1884 from the Vickers family. Mr. Butman died recently).

One picture of the shop which was available is slightly faded, but it shows Labtrobe Vaughan, now living in California, and the late Mr. Butman in front of the open door of the shop.

Vaughn was author of a poem "The Old BT Blacksmith Shop" in which he told how "young Sam hammered and whistled and sang, while he fitted a shoe to some old mustang, like the kind we used to know."

Vaughn, who still writes about the olden days around Merkel, was one of the first citizens of Merkel, and is believed to be the first boy to come to town. His father, the late H. L. Vaughan, was the first permanent agent moved in by the T. and P. after the railroad came through in 1881. When he came he brought his family with him.

The late Mr. Sam Butman was married to one of Mr. Vaughan's daughters.

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To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas — GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least 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: Iva Cassie Jones, 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 at or before 10 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of issuance of this citation, same being the 2nd day of July A.D. 1956, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 18th day of May A. D. 1956, in this cause, numbered 21,363-A on the docket of said court and styled E. B. Jones, Plaintiff, vs. Iva Cassie Jones, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married in San Saba County, Texas, on or about January 6, 1944, and separated on or about December 20, 1947. There were no children born of this union and no property accumulated. Plaintiff sues for divorce on

ground of abandonment, 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 unserved.

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 May A. D. 1956.

(SEAL) Attest: R. H. ROSS, Clerk 42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By IRENE CRAWFORD, Deputy.

LEGAL COLUMN

PARTNERSHIPS

Have you ever toyed with the idea of going into a little business with your brother-in-law or a friend? With all the opportunities these days, maybe you've thought about tying up with someone in an enterprise of your own.

Any time you go into business with somebody else, there is a question of what kind of a relationship to work out; for example, whether to form a partnership or a corporation.

The partnership is one of the most popular because it can be

formed without much trouble and in a hurry. It is an easy way to combine talent, effort and finances with someone you know and trust.

Generally speaking, whenever one or more persons get together and (1) share profits, (2) share losses, and (3) both participate in the control or management of a business, the law will regard them as partners, whether or not they have formally agreed to call themselves partners.

One of the most important legal consequences to keep in mind in forming a general partnership is that each partner is responsible for the debts incurred by the other on behalf of the business. What is more, under certain circumstances one might be held responsible in damages for acts of the other partner committed in the course of the joint business.

A partnership may be dissolved at any time by any one of the partners, but a withdrawal in violation of the terms of the partnership agreement may cause liability for damages. Death or bankruptcy of a partner are other causes of dissolution.

The important thing is to understand what you are getting into and what your responsibilities and liabilities are if things don't go so well.

The best way to start a partnership is to enter into a written partnership agreement prepared by your attorney, setting out in

clear detail the rights and responsibilities of each partner.

(This column, based on Texas law, is written to inform — not to advise. No person should ever apply or interpret any law without the aid of an attorney who knows the facts because the facts may change the application of the law).

PICNIC ITEMS

A new addition is gaining popularity as an item for the family picnic basket this summer. It isn't something to eat or drink, but still an item that can help make these outings more pleasant for all concerned. Families are discovering that tossing a well-planned first aid kit in next to the catsup and mustard bottles will do the job. Salt tablets (for heat fatigue), iodine and bandages (for cut fingers), eye drops (for sun-strained eyes) and sun-tan lotion (for sun-burned backs) will prove a real aid in bringing the family back in the evening as happy as it was when it left in the morning.

COTTAGE COMFORT

When you make that final check of supplies before leaving for the cottage this summer, be sure you have provided for your family's physical safety as well as its comfort. And take these items with you — you might need them on the way. You should have iodine and bandages;

sun-tan lotion if you are planning much beach activity; eye drops; aspirin and salt tablets.

"PARTYING" UP

Two extra minutes before leaving for a party will give you the confidence of good grooming that's so necessary to guarantee a really good time. How do you spend them? By giving a last touch-up with a comb, a couple of drops of eye lotion, to rest the eyes, and a last quick check on the condition of your lipstick and mascara.

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HANDLING YOUR MONEY SAFELY takes more than an expert eye and a good memory. You need positive records of income and outgo. A personal checking account provides this record — you know what has been paid, you have information for tax purposes, you know how you stand financially at all times, you give your funds insured protection, you save time and avoid inconvenience. Make it a rule to pay all important obligations BY CHECK.

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BACKGROUND



From an average American family just like you

Age 37

Married, three children — 2 boys, 1 girl

Health good

Member Second Christian Church

HOBBIES:

Extensive reading, philosophy, history, social science, government, law, etc. I tried playing basketball, running, and jumping, having not done so since school days. I discovered that a man in his thirties just doesn't do those things too much too often. So, I stick to hiking and mountain climbing whenever I find the time.

RELIGIOUS BELIEFS:

Have always believed in God and Jesus Christ. Also have always believed in the freedom of worship as one of our Great American Heritages as held forth in our Constitution, and given to us by our founding fathers. We are all children of God. Although many of us including myself have at various periods of our lives become less than frequent church goers, it would be a much better world if all of us attended the Church of our choice regularly and participated in God's work bringing love and understanding into our lives and providing for our spiritual needs. I came from a Christian family and attended church every Sunday until as an adult my occupation as a geologist kept me on the job often on Sundays at various and increasing periods of time with less than frequent attendance. Recently, I reaffirmed my belief in God and Christ again with baptism and church attendance. This is my confession before God and you. It has absolutely nothing to do with my running for public office but since I am, you, the voters, are entitled to know about my religious beliefs.

PROFESSION:

Petroleum Consultant and Management Consultant. During the war years served as a geological supervisor on a strategic minerals project and later as a geologist in the Arctic Circle Region on a joint project between the United States and Canada (U. S. Army Engineers and Imperial Oil, Ltd.) My professional career has been as a geologist, over half of that time as an independent consultant.

EDUCATION:

Degree Indiana University. Attended Baylor University Law School. Attended Denver University Law School.

MEMBERSHIP:

Optimist Club; Country Club; Petroleum Club; The American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical, and Petroleum Engineers; Abilene Geological Society; National Federation of Independent Business Men; Texas-Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association; member of Rotary Club while in Eastland, Elks Club of Lamar, Colorado; American Assn. of Petroleum Geologists, charter member Junior Chamber of Commerce, Lamar, Colo., etc.

RESIDENCE:

Have resided in the 17th Congressional District since 1947. Lived nearly 100% of adult life in the South & West — Alabama, Colorado, Texas.

FAMILY:

(IMMEDIATE BACKGROUND) — Just a plain ordinary family. Politics — Democrats. Mother and Father are Methodists. Sister and brother-in-law are Methodists. I believe in the freedom of worship. We are all children of God. Brother killed in action in World War II with the 36th Texas Division.

FINANCIAL STATUS:

No too much. I owe bills and pay taxes the same as you.

NOTE:

The above summary has been published at the request and insistence of my many, many friends throughout the district who want you the voters to know a little something about me. I, personally, will conduct this campaign WITHOUT reference to religion, personalities, and individuals.

You know exactly what I stand for and what I want to accomplish for we, the people in this district.

God willing, we shall bring the government back to we, the people.

Do not forget to go to the polls and vote for the candidate of your choice in the July 28th primary.

Paid Pol. Adv.



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PICK-L BARREL	PICKLES - - - - - qt.	33c	THOMAS FISH STIX - - - - - pkg.	35c
SALAD	OLIVES - - - - - 10-oz. Jar	35c	MORTON'S — Cherry or Apple PIES - - - - - larg 24-oz.	49c
JELLO - - - - - 2 pkgs.	15c	LIBBY'S — 10-oz. pkg. STRAWBERRIES - - - - -	25c	
SUN SPUN	OLEO - - - - - lb.	23c	LIBBY'S 2 — 6-oz. Cans ORANGE JUICE - - - 2 for	35c
● MEATS ●		● VEGETABLES ●		
FRYERS - - - - - lb.	42c	FRESH TOMATOES - - - - - carton	12c	
SLICED BACON -- 2 lbs.	69c	NEW RED POTATOES - - - - - lb.	9c	
CHUCK ROAST - lb.	39c	YELLOW ONIONS - - - - - lb.	7c	
BEEF RIBS - - - - - lb.	19c	FRESH CRISP LETTUCE - - - - - large head	15c	
ALL MEAT FRANKS 1 lb.	39c	WINESAP APPLES - - - - - lb.	17c	
LONGHORN CHEESE - lb.	49c	SUNKIST LEMONS - - - - - lb.	15c	

RECIPE OF THE WEEK
By Mary Lee Taylor
Egg and Cheese Scallop
6 eggs 1 cup brand. process American cheese
1/2 cup Fat Evaporated Milk
1/2 teaspoon salt 1 Tablespoon butter
1/4 teaspoon pepper

Beat eggs in a 2-quart bowl until fluffy. Stir in milk, salt and pepper. Stir in about half of the cheese. Melt butter in a 10-inch skillet. Pour in egg mixture. Cover tightly. Cook over very low heat without stirring, until top is dry, about 15 minutes. Sprinkle rest of cheese over the top. Cover and cook until cheese just melts, about 2 minutes. Sprinkle with paprika, if desired. Cut into pie-shaped wedges and serve hot. Makes 4 servings.

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FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB MET MAY 29

The Fortnightly Study Club completed a year's study of "Looks at Books" with a luncheon in the Community Center on Tuesday, May 29, with the social committee as hostesses.

The menu consisted of fried chicken, beans, potatoes, salad, tea, relishes, home made bread, cake, and ice cream.

Lovely flower arrangements adorned the buffet table and serving tables. Mrs. Henry West gave the invocation.

Mrs. David Gamble installed the officers for 1956-57. Mrs. Earl Hughes, president; Mrs. Mack Fisher, vice president; Mrs. Dale Litton, recording secretary; Mrs. Andy Shouse, corresponding secretary; Miss Christine Collins, treasurer; and Mrs. Clyde Bartlett, critic and parliamentarian.

Appointive officers are Mrs. Johnny Cox, reporter; Mrs. Ray Wilson, historian; and Mrs. W. T. Sadler, Federation Councilor.

Mrs. Earl Hughes appointed the following committees: year-book — Mesdames Mack Fisher, W. R. Cypert, Chester Collinsworth, S. D. Gamble, Clyde Bartlett, George T. Moore; social — Mesdames Don Warren, Ben R. Hicks, John Hardesty, Homer Patterson, Carroll Benson and Comer Haynes; nominating — Mesdames Carroll Benson, Judd McReynolds, and Comer Haynes; special projects and finances — Mesdames Andy Shouse, Elma McFarland, and David Gamble; card, telephone, and flowers — Mesdames George T. Moore and W. R. Sypert; Bible — Mrs. Henry West.

Miss Christine Collins paid a beautiful tribute to Mrs. David Gamble, retiring president, and presented her with a gift from the Fortnightly Study Club.

Mrs. Elma McFarland directed a historical cross word puzzle contest which was won by Mrs. Carroll Benson.

Recognition was paid to Mrs. Carroll Benson and Mrs. Andy Shouse for receiving their Masters Degrees from McMurry College on Monday, May 28. Attention was also called to the fact that another faculty member, Mrs. Vincent Barnett had received her Masters Degree at the same time.

Members of the Fortnightly Study Club will be working in almost all departments of the Golden Cavalcade, June 3-9. Members will assist with the antique show in the Community Center, the open house at the Community Center from 9:00-11:00 Wednesday Morning, and the style show at the Community Center on Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.

Plans were made to assist in getting 2,000 in Sunday school in the Merkel Churches on Golden Jubilee Sunday, June 3.

Charter members of the club will take part in the parade.

Members attending the luncheon were Mesdames Earl Hughes, Chester Collinsworth, Wren Durham, Henry West, Comer Haynes, Andy Shouse, W. T. Sadler, S. D. Gamble, Ray Wilson, Johnny Cox, Elma McFarland, Judd McReynolds, Mack Fisher, Dale Litton, Ben R. Hicks, Homer Patterson, David Gamble, W. R. Cypert, and Miss Christine Collins.

Mrs. P. H. Harris has returned home after a week's visit with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Miller Harris and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. White and family of Big Spring, Texas.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MERKEL on the Golden Anniversary

We have deep respect in our hearts for the older people of this community, and offer our congratulations.

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again. "For a good while now, I have contended that the Texas Legislature should meet once each year instead of 120 days every two years. It is liking hiring a night-watchman here in Merkel to work one night a week. While he is not on duty for the other six nights, the people of Merkel could be robbed of all their possessions. The business of Texas is Big Business because we spend approximately 1 1/2 billion dollars each year. To properly administer this business, the legislature should be in session each year. In the coming session of the Legislature I plan to do everything I can to see that this situation is corrected.

"In the 54th Session I also voted for needed legislation that would keep the people connected with the Veteran's Land Board from using their job as a means to make millions for themselves.

"With Federal Aid comes Federal Control. Opposing Federal Aid for our public schools, I believe we Texans should do more to help our local school districts to provide necessary classroom facilities and qualified teachers instead of letting the Federal Government come in and take over. As a member of the Legislature I plan to introduce legislation which would help alleviate this matter.

"In the spring of 1955 I went before the Texas Highway Commission with a group of Merkel people and asked them to leave the route of Highway 80 as it is now. Although we did not get exactly what we wanted, the Commission did consider our request and compromised to some extent from their original plan.

"You know that I will appreciate your vote. From time to time I want to visit with as many of you folks as possible and talk about the affairs of Texas. Your ideas and criticisms are always welcomed.

"Sincerely,
"Truett Latimer"

Merkel Man Killed on Rig Near Odessa

John Stanford Malone, 37, former Merkel resident, was killed about 4:30 p.m. Thursday while working on an oil rig on the Sanolind oil lease just north of Goldsmith, near Odessa.

Malone, who apparently slipped into the sand line during swabbing operation at the well was jerked into the rig's cat head, (a large cable drum), was killed instantly.

He was a unit operator for the Williamson Well Service. He and his family had lived in Odessa since 1954, moving there from Merkel.

An air force veteran, he was born May 28, 1919 in Merkel and lived here most of his life.

Services were held for Mr. Malone at the Hubbard Funeral home in Odessa Saturday with Rev. Curtis Thorpe, of the Temple Baptist church, officiating.

His body was brought to Merkel for burial, and final rites were held in Merkel at 4 p. m. Saturday. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife; four daughters, DeLories, Lanajohn, Patry and Doris, all of the home, three sons, Donnie and Jimmy both of the home, and Loyd, who was home on leave from the U. S. Marines at the time of the accident; his father, Mark of Merkel; three brothers, Robert, Mark L. and Harrison, all of Merkel; and two sisters, Nevt of Merkel and Sarah of Wichita Falls.

J. M. Byrd Is Buried at Stith

Funeral for James Macklin Byrd, 83, resident of the Stith community who died Monday at his home was held Tuesday in the Stith Baptist Church, of which he was a member.

Conducting the funeral was the Rev. W. T. Hamor of Abilene and the Rev. Jesse Swindell, pastor of the Stith church.

Mr. Byrd was born in Hopkins County and married Docia Burton of Johnson County in 1898. They moved to Stith in 1900. Mrs. Byrd died in 1931.

Survivors include two sons, A. J. Byrd of Stith and Jack Byrd of Abilene; four daughters, Mrs. Paul Bradley of Stith, Mrs. Inez Conley of Kilgore, Mrs. Alonzo Peterson of Merkel and Mrs. Jessie Davis of Abilene; two brothers, Oscar Byrd of Electra and John of Mount Pleasant; one sister, Mrs. Richard Alexander of Como, 22 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were A. J. Byrd, Jack Byrd, Paul Bradley, Alonzo Peterson, Jessie Davis and Hershel Conley.



REMINISCING — Merkel Golden Jubilee this week will bring back a flood of memories for Henry C. West who arrived in 1889 with his father, G. F. West. The elder West founded the West Co., Merkel's oldest business. "Mr. Henry" as much as any one has helped shape the destiny of the farming and ranching community. He served as mayor during the 1920s, 1930, and again in the 1950s. Here he is looking at a reproduction of an original photograph of the first site of the West Co. Among his recollections was that the first editor of the Merkel Mail was a man named Mary Jane Cox. Merkel had about 400 residents when he arrived at the age of 6. He is retired now.

Harold Reynolds Resigns Soil Job

After 12 years as a government employee with the Soil Conservation Service, Harold Reynolds has resigned to operate his farm near Morton.

Reynolds started work in 1944 after being discharged from the army and has worked out of the Merkel office since that time. His knowledge of soil, water and plant conservation made him a valuable worker in the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation Districts. He and his family will move soon to their farm.

Two additional employees have been assigned to the Merkel work unit of the Soil Conservation Service. Travis White started work here a few weeks ago and travels back and forth on weekends from his home near Brownwood. Travis is 34 years old and a native of Hereford, Texas. He has four children; Shirley age 8, Peggy age 6, David age 4, and Patricia age 2. He will be moving his family here within the next few weeks.

Perry Davis moved in one of the E. B. Barnes' apartments last week. He came here from Denton where he has worked with the Soil Conservation Service for the past year. His home is Sterling City. Davis is married and has no children.

Davis is a graduate of Texas A&M and White attended Texas Tech and Southwestern University at Georgetown.

Guests in the Allen D. King home on Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. Ricardo Samperio and son, Richard of Guatemala City, C. A. and Almor Altafin of Piracicaba, Brazil.

Allen D. King Jr. has enrolled at Texas Tech for the 1st six weeks of summer school.

Mrs. Dudley, Dies, Funeral Held Sunday

Mrs. Amanda Dudley, 73, of Trent, died Saturday morning at her residence.

She had been confined to bed for about three months. Funeral was held Sunday at the Trent Methodist Church, with the Rev. Jack Riley, pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Gene Jorgenson, Baptist minister of Trent, and James Burns, Church of Christ minister of Trent.

Burial was in Trent Cemetery under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

She was born at Fayetteville, Ark., in 1883 and moved to Comanche as a small child, and then later to Colorado City, where she was living at the time of her marriage to L. W. Dudley in 1910. They moved to Trent in 1919 and had lived there ever since.

She is a member of the Merkel chapter of the Eastern Star and a member of the Trent Methodist Church. Survivors include her husband; one son, R. L. of Trent; three grandchildren, Paula, Linda and Ann; three sisters, Mrs. Alice Achers of Buffalo Gap, Mrs. Myrtle Jone of May and Miss Emma Adcock of May.

Pallbearers were Othell O'Kelly, Mark Williamson, Clark Hamnor, Tommy O'Rear, F. H. Duncan, L. W. Ross Jr.

Mrs. Jake Martin and children, Jim and Debbie left Monday for Los Angeles, where they will visit her sister, and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Thez, world's champion wrestler.

Wild Games Feature Week For Baseball

There were several wild games during the week as the Little League entered its second week.

Last Friday, the Willies defeated the Starpats, 9-2, with Higgins and Lucas getting two hits each for the Willies. Don Wilks collected two hits for the Starpats.

Starpats 000 02-2 6 4
Willies 090 0x-9 7 4

Kenneth Hays, David Scott and Scott and Don Wilks; Billy Higgins and Lucas.

Also on Friday, the Bankers ran up 31 runs in defeating the Cardinals, 31-3. Eight errors hurt the Cardinals. Johnny Heatley collected four hits and Brown Higgins and Gene Kegans collected three hits each to lead the Bankers. Mike Doane got two hits for the Cardinals.

Cardinals 000 21-3 6 8
Bankers (16)3(11)-31 18 1

Gary Beard, Larry Windham and Al Maberry, Jimmy Sledge, Frank Luna and John Heatley, Sledge Winner, Luna loser.

In the Golden Jubilee games Monday, the Willies won 22-5 over the Cardinals. Del Cruz garnered three hits to lead the Willies, while Mike Doane and Carol Spurgin collected two hits each to help the Cardinal cause.

Cardinals 010 4-5 6 9
Willies (10)56 1-22 13 5

Skip Winters, Guy Beard and Al Maberry; McAninch, Shugart and Mike Lucas.

In the second game, the Hodge-Palmer club won over the Kilowats, 9-2. Jerry Barnes got a double to bat in two runs for H-P. Coy Minatra got two hits for the Kilowats.

Kilowats 001 100-2 4 5
Hodge Palmer 212 40x-9 7 3

Wayne Mester, Coy Minatra and Kent Denton, Danny Doan and Lewis Pack.

Observers Hold Practice Alert

The Merkel Ground Observer Corps held its first practice session Saturday, May 26, when an alert was called from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. On this alert, only the jets and the planes with 3 or more motors were turned in to the Air Defense Center in Dallas. Fifteen of these planes were spotted passing within a 4 mile radius of Merkel during this 12 hour period.

The Ground Observer Corp has been organized to help in the

detection of enemy aircraft should an attack be made on the United States.

Those taking part in the alert were: John Thomas, Vernon Mansfield, Claude Warren, Leona McWilliams, Waymon Adcock, Johnnie Adcock, Bobby Martin, Edith Fox, Clyde Wurst, Rex Martin, Chester McWilliams, Pat Cypert and Bettie Cypert.

The Ground Observer Corp in Merkel is sponsored by the Volunteer Fire Department; but you do not have to be a fireman to belong to the observer corp. Anyone wishing to join in this defense organization should call Waymon Adcock, Post supervisor, at 368W, or Mrs. Pat Cypert, Chief observer, at 352W.

The meetings are held on the first Tuesday night of each month. The observers are drilled on identifying various types of aircraft and a surprise alert is called approximately once a month.

Three Merkel Teachers Are McMurry Grads

Three Merkel students graduated from McMurry College May 28 in the school's 32nd annual commencement exercises.

They are Jo Finley Barnett, Mrs. Helen Benson, and Mrs. Anna Belle Shouse. All three were candidates for the master of education degree in elementary education.

Bishop H. Bascom Watts, resident bishop of the Nebraska area of the Methodist Church, gave McMurry's commencement address at 10 a.m. in Radford Auditorium on the college campus.

His son, the Rev. Ewart Watts, will preach the baccalaureate sermon for McMurry seniors at 8 p.m. Sunday, May 27.

The Rev. Watts, pastor of Asbury Methodist Church, El Paso, is one of six men who are to be awarded the honorary doctor's degree by McMurry College in the graduation ceremonies.

Others received honorary degrees are the Rev. Dallas D. Denison, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Abilene; Don H. Morris, president of Abilene Christian College; the Rev. C. Raymond Gray of El Paso, retired Methodist minister; the Rev. E. E. White, district superintendent of the Childress Methodist district; and J. M. Willson of Floydada, chairman of the McMurry board of trustees.

ATTEND GRADUATION

Those attending the graduation exercises at McMurry College last

week here: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bullock, Weldon McAninch, Pinky Cypert and Sharon, Cy Pee, Carroll Benson, Ann and Bob, Andy Shouse and Robert, Harry Barnett and Finley, and Mesdames John Shannob, Mack Fisher, Deke Compton, H. C. Reid, Irvin Shields, Don Dudley, A. B. Bailey and Miss Nora Foster.

Pony League Schedule Set

The 1956 Pony League will get under way June 14 when the team of John Hamner meet that of Connie Mack Seymore. This will be the first of 21 games to be played in the league this summer.

The league is made up of three teams. John Hamner, Don Estes, and Connie Mack Seymore are the managers of the teams.

The following boys have been assigned to the teams. John Hamner, Manager, Jimmie Hargrove, Robert Harris, Jerry Goode, Jerry McLeod, Walter Grimmett, Jacky Riney, Lonnie Ueckert, Larry Seymore, Lupe Duran, Glyndol Payne, Alan Tittle, and Lester Dorton.

Connie Mack Seymore, Manager, Kenneth Minatra, Joe Neill,

Buddy Patterson, Douglas Shurgart, Billy Sloan, E. F. Clark, Tommy Hogan, Butch Palmer, Walter Harris, Firmin Hernandez, Phil Seymore and Jerry Don Doan.

Don Estes, Manager, Harry Odum, Danny Hamner, Jim Horton, Mike Farley, Urban Bright, Fernando Moreno, Eugene Hester, Pat Lucas, James Minatra, Jack Petty, Vernon Wade and Robert Gilmer.

The Pony league will play on Mondays and Thursdays with game time at 6:30 p.m. Admission is 10 and 25 cents.

Schedule

June
14—Hamner vs. Seymore
18—Seymore vs. Estes
21—Hamner vs. Estes
25—Seymore vs. Hamner
28—Estes vs. Seymore

July
2—Estes vs. Hamner
5—Hamner vs. Seymore
9—Seymore vs. Estes
12—Hamner vs. Estes
16—Seymore vs. Hamner
19—Estes vs. Seymore
23—Estes vs. Hamner
26—Hamner vs. Seymore
30—Seymore vs. Estes

August
2—Hamner vs. Estes
6—Seymore vs. Hamner
9—Estes vs. Seymore
13—Estes vs. Hamner
16—Hamner vs. Seymore
19—Seymore vs. Estes
23—Hamner vs. Estes

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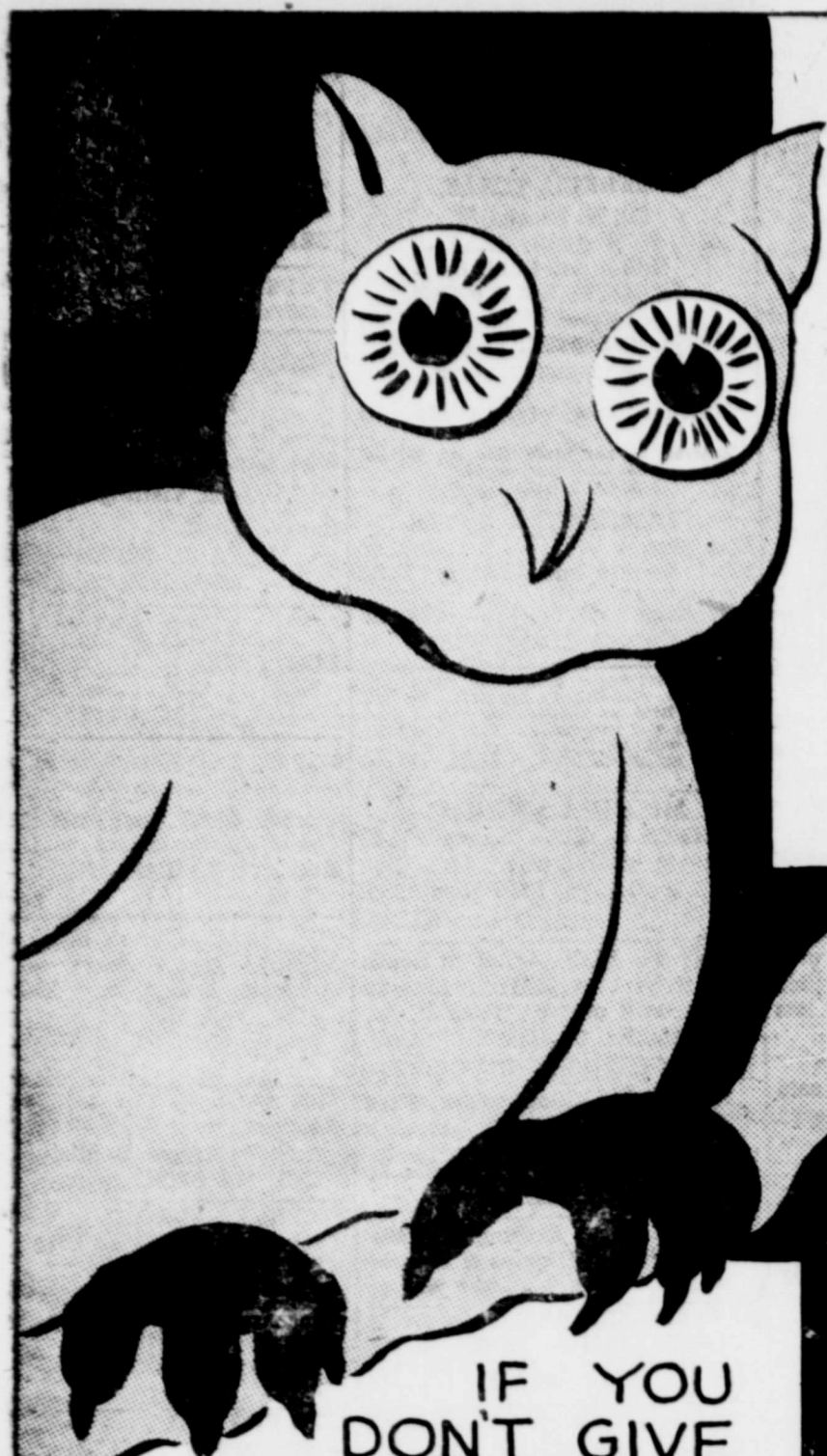
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UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

Well this is June, we planted our cotton from 1st of June to the 28th of June last year, but we had a little rain to plant on. Parts of the Canyon got up to 6-10 inch of rain last week, but most of the Canyon reported no rain.

Mrs. E. E. Seymore was taken back to the hospital last week for treatment.

The G. L. Anderson Place in the Canyon has been sold to L. L. Shell of Abilene. Mr. Shell is a veteran. He and his family are planning to spend part time out at the place this summer.

Far as we know, John Hunter

of Merkel has the only wheat that will be harvested in the Canyon. Some think the wheat will make 10 bu. per acre, which is good most any year.

We regret the death of John Malone last week. He was killed in an oil field accident. John is a brother of Mrs. Ray Osburn of our community.

The Community Club program was called off last Saturday night, because of the death of John Malone.

The livestock market is off some more this week. Due to dry weather cattle are going to market more each week.

Tom Russom reported seeing a coyote in the Canyon this week. It was the first one he had seen in several years.

Clemmer Brothers are bailing oats on their mother's place at Hamby this week.

Will Orr has been buying some stocker cattle to put on oat fields on his place in the Canyon.

MISS SYLVESTER TO WED JUNE 22

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Sylvester of Merkel announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Barbara Jean, to A2C Joe Daniel Lowery of South Carolina now stationed at Abilene Air Force Base. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grady Lowery.

The couple will be married June 22nd by Rev. C. G. Sewell in the First Baptist Church, Merkel. The couple will live in Abilene.

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ENGAGEMENT OF MERKEL MAN TOLD

Mr. and Mrs. Davie Carter, route 2, Neosho, Mo., have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Loretta Carter to Mr. Jimmy Gordon Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell, of Merkel.

Miss Carter finished high school this year at Tulsa, Okla., and Mr. Russell is a sophomore at Texas Tech in Lubbock. The wedding will take place June 24 in the Neosho Methodist church with Rev. Kenneth Johnson, officiating.

NOODLE

Mr. and Mrs. Blue McCoy and son moved in the janitor house last week. He will do the janitor work and drive a bus. Mrs. McCoy will work in the lunch room. We welcome this fine family to our community.

Mr. Gus Maxwell visited his brother Naith and family last week.

Mrs. Kemp was in the hospital last week with an infected foot.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell and girls visited their daughters at Snyder Sunday. Mrs. W. D. Clement and boys returned home with them for a few days visit. Mr. and Mrs. Tex Ellis had supper with the Cawdells Monday night, helping Jackie celebrate his 4th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Anderson have returned from their vacation at Corpus Christi where they visited their daughter and family.

Rev. and Mrs. John Hamilton, Charles and Ray Austin were dinner guests in the H. Sullivan home Sunday.

Visitors in the Dock Callaway home Sunday were Omer Wheeler and daughter; and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Red Riley all from Tulsa; Mr. and Mrs. Garvis Tarpoley and children from Big Spring and Mrs. Andrew Wheeler and daughter, Sara.

The Rileys and Omar Wheeler were down for the Wheeler Reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Marshall spent last Thursday night with their daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. Newel Lucas.

Mrs. Modell Eoff accompanied her daughter and son-in-law to Tulsa, Okla., last week where they visited another daughter and sister, Mrs. O. C. Shouse and children.

WHEELER REUNION HELD AT COMMUNITY CENTER

The Wheeler Reunion was held at the Community Center June 2nd and 3rd. Over 200 registered for the festivities. Relatives attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Julian J. Sizemore, Waverly Hall, Ga.; Julian J. Sizemore Jr. M. D., Birmingham, Ala.; Mrs. Richard Hamilton, Alexandria, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Eoff, Tulare, Calif.

Other relatives attending were from New Mexico, Meadows, Tulsa; Bovina, Midland, Stanton, Abilene, Anson, Ft. Worth, Austin, Lamesa, Avoca, Trent.

It was voted to hold the reunion in Merkel again the first Saturday and Sunday in June of next year.

HONOR STUDENTS — Three top students in the senior class are shown above. They are Betty Chancey, valedictorian, who had a grade average of 94.10, Clydene Eager, salutatorian, with an average of 93.80, and James Simpson, who had an average of 90.50. Betty is a member of the band, F.H.A. officer, F.T.A. officer, member of the choral club, speech club, Junior Red Cross, Badge; Annual editor, Junior Favorite, and Band favorite. Clydene was cheer leader, F.H.A. officer, F.T.A. officer, member of Choral Club, Speech Club, assistant editor of Badger annual and most popular high school girl. James is member of band, F.T.A. officer, band favorite and member of the speech club.

Sherry Coats was top student of the 288 Junior High School students who graduated from the Big Spring junior high. Her scholastic average was 98. Sherry is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Diltz.

Mr. and Mrs. Coleman O'Brien and Colene of Lubbock, Texas attended services at the First Baptist Church, Sunday.

Joe H. Ruckn, Educational Director of the First Baptist Church of Abilene, delivered the message at the Officers and Teachers meeting of the Merkel Baptist church, Monday night. His theme was "Using the Sunday School in the Total Church Program."

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of any other consideration. In this session of the Congress alone, I have voted to reduce spending by more than 6 billion dollars, which I did not believe was necessary, although some of it may have been desirable. It is a simple fact that the only way our taxes can ever be reduced is cutting expenditures.

"At all times, I have tried to represent the very best interest of every segment of the economy in our 17th Congressional District. All matters affecting the farmer, the oil business, the business and professional man have received my unstinted attention. Many times we do not accomplish all we think should be accomplished in these things, but I know in my heart, and believe those who have had occasion to learn first-hand know, that I have done the best possible under all circumstances which must be met.

"Farmers know of my work in their behalf. The independent oil operator is generally aware of my activities in behalf of the industry. Two or three items especially are of constant and continuing importance to the oil economy: namely, the depletion allowance, foreign oil imports and the necessity of preventing the Federal government from controlling gas prices at the well-head.

"Most veterans are aware of my work connected with their problems. As a veteran, it has given me great personal satisfaction in rendering every possible deserving service.

"In all things I have favored States' rights. This proposition covers many issues and, in all of them, my record will show my opposition to the Federal government's encroachment in any field rightfully belonging to the States.

"At all times I have tried to conduct myself in a manner to deserve to the greatest possible degree the great trust and confidence, which have been placed in me by my friends for the past several years. To violate that trust in any respect would be unthinkable, and it shall never knowingly be done.

"Both my wife and I have tried at all times to do those things to bring the greatest possible credit to our area, and shall continue to do so.

"As Chairman of the Committee on House Administration, and because of other important Committee assignments, it is necessary that I be in Washington at the time when the Congress has about completed three-fourths of its Session.

"Just as soon as possible without neglecting highly important business, I expect to return home to campaign. In the meantime, I hope you, my friends, will believe in me and trust me with your affairs in the United States Capital. I shall continue to be devoted and faithful to every responsibility.

"Sincerely yours,
"Omar Burleson."

SPEAKER From Page 1

the income of the farmer must be kept up.

Dr. Warren presented Spud McLeod, Trent farmer, with the Lions club national award for soil conservation and farming.

"If it hadn't been for the Soil Conservation Service," McLeod said, "I probably couldn't have won the award."

Dr. Longnecker showed film of the Renner project, and said "every day there is something different."

"About the time you find out something," he said, "the weather plays a dirty trick on you."

The Research Foundation is not supported by tax money, but by private donations. It is not attempting to take over the work of the federal and state agencies.

"Texas is at the bottom of the list as far as amount spent per acre in improving farms," he warned.

The Research Foundation started out with a \$15,000 investment, and now operated 850 acres with an investment of \$380,000.

Dr. Longnecker stressed the need for soil conservation practices and said three crops would be tested in this area to determine their economic feasibility. They are Sunflowers, Sesame and soybeans.

He said that until a few years ago all of the sesame used in the United States was imported.

"It takes very little water to raise," he said. "It is a row crop designed to replace the acreage lost in shortening of the cotton acreage."

One of the project of the Renner farm is a tenant farm, and it has proved successful in its two years of operation. It grossed \$17,000 last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Carson and sons returned home after a week visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Norton of Haskell, Texas.



Vegetables

Calif. Fresh PLUMS - GRAPES PEACHES - CHERRIES

FRESH CELERY --- stalk 15c

FRESH CARROTS - - - cello 8c

DELICIOUS APPLES - - - lb. 15c

JUMBO CRISP LETTUCE - - - lb. 12c

FRESH BLACK EYE PEAS -- lb. 10c

FRESH CORN - - - 4 for 29c

ARIZONA RED SPUDS - - - - lb. 6c

STOCKTON 2 1/2 MIX FRUIT - - - 2 for 49c

HUNTS 2 1/2 PEARS - - - can 33c

CHURCH'S 24-oz. GRAPE JUICE - - - bottle 29c

LIBBY'S 46-oz. TOMATO JUICE - - - can 29c

WHITE SWAN 24-oz. PORK & BEANS - - - 2 for 33c

AUSTEX with CHEESE SPAGHETTI - - - - 2 for 25c

WEST PAC PRUNE PLUMS - - - gallon 49c

SUPREME CRACKERS TOWN HOUSE - - - lb. 29c

NABISCO CRACKERS WAVERLY - - - - box 29c

Finest Quality MEATS

HORMEL - Bag Sausage 2 lbs. 89c

NEUHOF CURED HAM Half or Whole lb. 49c

FRESH Fryers lb. 42c

WILSON PICNIC HAMS - - - lb. 32c

LONGHORN CHEESE - - - - lb. 49c

CHOICE BEEF SHOULDER FOR BAR-B-Q ROUND STEAK - 1 inch thick - lb. 45c

CHOICE BEEF FOR BAR-B-Q RIBS SHORT RIBS - - - - lb. 19c

CHOICE BEEF CHUCK ROAST - lb. 39c

FRESH GROUND BEEF - lb. 25c

PET Dry Milk 3 Gal. 63c

BANNER OLEO lb. 19c

SWIFT P R E M Can 35c

MILK P E T 2 cans 25c

PEACHES KLEENEX SNOWDRIFT STRAWBERRY

Kounty Kist 12-oz. CORN - - - 2 for 29c

Del Monte 303 PEAS - - - 2 for 39c

Our Value GREEN BEANS - 2 for 25c

Steam Boat Tall SARDINES - - 2 for 25c

FAB - large - 2 for 49c

VEL - large - 2 for 53c

AJAX - can - 2 for 25c

Vel Beauty Bar Soap 25c

LIPTON TEA THE BRISK TEA 1/4 lb. 33c

LIPTON TEA BAGS THE BRISK TEA Pkg. of 16 - 25c

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Libby's No. 2 1/2 Can 29c

400 Count Box 19c

3-Lb. Can each 79c

Bama 20-oz. Glass 39c

FROZEN FOODS SLICED STRAWBERRIES 2 for 49c

Donald Duck 6-oz. Orange Juice - 2 for 33c

Morton's Big Fruit Pies - - each 49c

Donald Duck Cut Corn - - pkg. 15c

Keith Broccoli - - pkg. 23c

Mrs. Chesser's - Cut Up Fryers - - -each 98c

Thomas Fish Sticks - - pkg. 29c

Betty Crocker Angle Food Mix - box 49c

Betty Crocker CAKE MIX - Asst. kinds - 3 for 89c

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