

The Cavalcade is over... and in another 25 years Merkel will celebrate its 75th anniversary, and possibly another 25 years its 100th anniversary. Quite a few of the residents now probably will be around to talk about the "old-times" of 1956 when the city celebrated its 50th anniversary, but it will take some future generation to produce the 100th anniversary.

Old timers who came to town Saturday were delighted with the chance of getting to talk with many of the former residents who came back here for the "homecoming."

Unless something happens within the next few days, this area's cows will be producing powdered milk instead of the bottled kind. Rain is badly needed for the cotton and feed crops which have been suffering from the long dry spell, as May did not bring the usual abundance of rain that is necessary for successful farming. These clouds that have been hanging around need to have the stopper pulled out.

The firemen have been getting quite a workout during the past 10 days. For nearly a year there hasn't been a major fire in Merkel, except for some cotton bales burning, but all of a sudden the fire department gets two calls for houses burning and another for a minor fire. Burning of the Toombs house probably was the worst fire here in several years. It took an old landmark away from the town.

Rev. D. S. Neal who preached at the Presbyterian church during the war while he was a Camp Barkley is back in town this week conducting a series of sermons at the Presbyterian church.

Bob Hicks brought in a little piece the other day, and we are passing it along to you:

- TEN POINTS
1. They cost so little. They are worth so much.
 2. You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.
 3. You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.
 4. You cannot help small men by tearing down big men.
 5. You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.
 6. You cannot lift the wage-earner by pulling down the wage-payer.
 7. You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than your income.
 8. You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred.
 9. You cannot establish sound security on borrowed money.
 10. You cannot build character and courage by taking away man's initiative and independence.
 11. You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves.

Instructions For Trash Are Given by Mayor

Mayor Fred Starbuck today issued a set of instructions for placing trash in alleys so that it can be picked up.

They include:

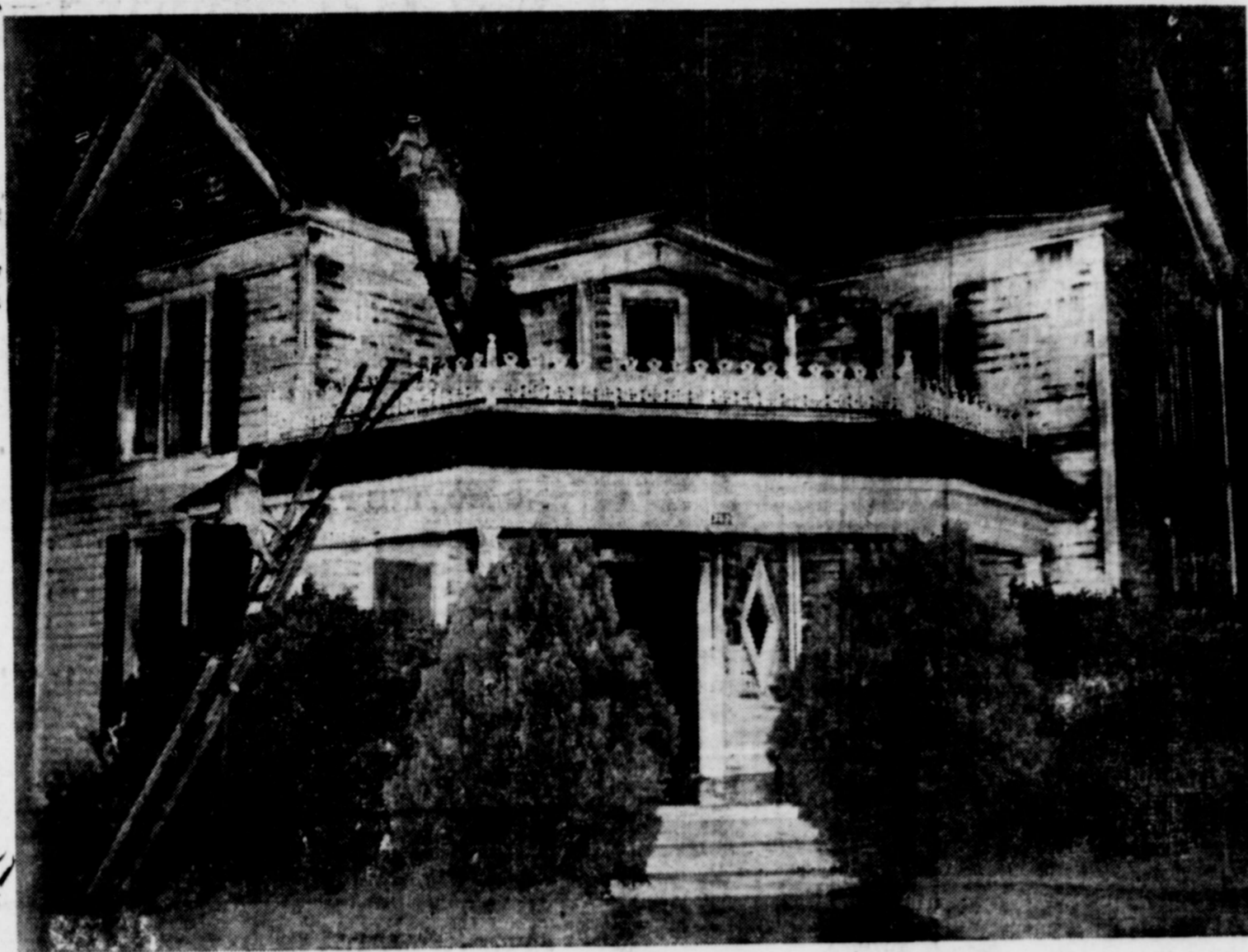
1. Have separate container for trash which is to be burned. Be sure that it will keep burning trash from blowing. If the bottom of this container has burned out replace old one with a new container.
2. Have a container for the trash to be hauled off small enough that one person can lift it easily. If necessary have more than one container.
3. A little cooperation on the part of all will make it easier for the one responsible for picking up trash and will make for a better kept community.

Braggs Store Is Burglarized

Braggs Dry Goods Store was burglarized late Saturday night. \$155 worth of men's clothing, including shirts, socks, and underwear, was taken from a window display. The window was broken by a beer bottle. A rock was also thrown through another window.

No arrests have been made but an investigation is under way by Deputy Sheriff Pete Petty.

Most of the stolen goods has been found. A suit, 5 shirts, 5 ties and 2 pairs of slacks were found in a creek bed between Braggs and Abilene.



MERKEL LANDMARK BURNS — One of the older homes in Merkel, and a landmark, the home of Joe Bailey Toombs, 702 Locust St., was burned early last

Wednesday morning when firemen were called out at 2:55 a.m. Flames were coming out of every room when firemen arrived.

Phone Coop Gives Phones To Mission

Old hand-crank telephones which not too long ago were in use in some Taylor County rural homes, are now marvels of modern communication in the jungles of British West Africa.

Three of the phones are already installed at the Southern Baptist Mission Hospital at Joinkrama, Nigeria, and six more are packed in the luggage which an Abilene missionary, Aletha Fuller, will take with her when she sails from New York about June 15 for her African post.

The telephones are gifts to Miss Fuller from the Taylor Telephone Cooperative, Inc., headquartered at Merkel and headed by Charlie T. Myatt of Nugent, president.

The phones were made obsolete with installation of new dial equipment.

The co-op donated the first three sets to the mission in 1953. A British government officer, mechanically inclined, became interested and drove to the mission which is 70 miles inland from the Nigerian seacoast, to help install the gadgets. Since tropical electric storms are common there, extra lightning arresters were added.

The telephones caused quite a sensation, Miss Fuller reported. They were the first ones many of the hospital employees had ever seen.

One was placed in the home of the supervisor of nurses, one in the doctor's home and the third in the 32-bed ward of the mission hospital.

They saved many a step. Before them, hospital workers in different buildings had to walk or send a messenger to communicate with each other. The hospital compound is composed of six buildings set on a 40-acre plot.

Travel by foot in the area is complicated, the missionary reported, by two things—first, it is usually raining, since annual rainfall is around 17 feet; second, it's a great place for snakes.

The "new" phones which have been given will be placed in key spots around the compound. They can be used only in the hospital area since there are no "outside lines."

Closest modern communication system to the hospital is a telegraph line 18 miles away. The missionaries are dreaming of telephone or telegraph communication with outside civilization, Miss Fuller said.

The missionary, a nurse, is the daughter of the Roy Fullers of Abilene. She is now concluding a year's furlough in the United States.

A graduate of Hardin-Simmons, Baylor University School of Nursing and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, she was a member of the Abilene.

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TIME FOR A SWIM — This float in the grand parade at Merkel Saturday Afternoon shows the new and old in swimming attire. That's Joy Walker at right, Merkel's water fiesta queen last, modeling a new swim suit.



OUT GOES THE LIQUOR — One of the scenes in the pageant at the Golden Cavalcade celebrating Merkel's 50th anniversary was the pouring out of the liquor at a local saloon. Mayor Fred Starbuck is shown in front with Earl Hughes nearby.

5,000 WITNESS PARADE; MANY SEE CAVALCADE

Merkel celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in a big fashion last week — a week that was climaxed with a gigantic parade which attracted more than 5,000 people to the city.

It was by far the biggest parade ever staged here, according to the hundreds of old-timers who returned for "homecoming" and the final show of the Merkel Story, pageant at the football stadium.

Attendance at the pageant was good during the three nights, but Saturday night was the largest crowd of all, with the stadium almost filled. Threatening weather kept down the attendance some Friday night, and the opening night was good.

One of the highlights of the pageant was the crowning of the queen Thursday night.

Miss Peggy Bond was the winner of the queen's contest. She was escorted to the pageant by Lt. John Sisk, of the Abilene Air Force Base.

Imogene Thomas, Rebecca Ray, Mrs. Rajean Hicks, Lynn Perry, Anna Marie Hewitt, Wanda Bradley, DeLois Reese and Marilyn Liles acted as attendants for the queen, and all were attended by

Willies Still Undefeated In Little League

The Willies defeated Hodge-Palmer, 4-3, last Friday to take over undisputed possession of first place in the Little League, with a 5-0 record. Hodge-Palmer has a 4-1 record.

Here are the standings:

Willies	5	1
Hodge-Palmer	4	1
Bankers	3	1
Starpats	1	3
Kilowats	1	3
Cardinals	0	5

Don Wilks has taken over the league batting championship with a hefty .667 average. He is one of the Starpats outstanding stars.

Other averages are:

Don Wilks, Starpats	.667
Tom McAninch, Willies	.615
David Scott, Starpats	.593
Johnny Swinney	
Hodge-Palmer	.571
Ronny Scott, Kilowats	.556
Del Cruz, Willies	.556
Billy Higgins, Willies	.533
Danny Doan, Hodge-Palmer	.529
Robert Higgins	
Hodge-Palmer	.500
Johnny Heatly, Bankers	.500

Last Thursday, the Willies defeated the Kilowats, 12-7, as Tommy McAninch led the Willies with a home run and a triple. Ronnie Scott and Kent Denton collected two hits each for the Kilowats.

Willies . . . 340 050-12 8 4
Kilowats . . . 003 310-7 7 3
Del Cruz and Mike Lucas, Larry Lucas and Kent Denton.

The Bankers defeated the Starpats, 11-7, as Jack Mansfield, Jim Sledge and Johnny Heatly each garnered two hits. Don Wilks collected three hits for the Starpats.

Bankers . . . 007 4-11 9 0
Starpats . . . 203 2-7
Mike Mansfield and John Heatly; Ken Hays, David Scott, Ken Hogan and Scott and Don Wilks. Hays loser.

The Kilowats scored two runs in the last of the sixth to defeat the Cardinals, 8-7, for their first victory of the season.

Ronnie Scott collected two hits to lead the Kilowats, but was a single by Billy Lucas that brought in the winning run.

Gard Beard collected two hits including a home run for the Cardinals.

Cardinals . . . 103 111-7 3 4
Kilowats . . . 112 202-8 7 3
Larry Windham and Al Mayberry; Wayne Hester and Kent Denton.

The game of the week saw the Willies take the league lead by defeating Hodge-Palmer, 4-3, in a pitching duel.

Pitcher Billy Higgins and Tommy McAninch collected home runs to break up a pitching duel between Higgins and Jerry Barnes. Danny Doan collected two hits for Hodge-Palmer.

Higgins struck out eight and Barnes struck out 10.
Willies . . . 200 020-4 8 2
Hodge-Palmer 101 100-3 4 3
Billy Higgins and Larry Lucas, Jerry Barnes and Robert Higgins.

men from the air base. The pageant improved each night, and it showed the history of Merkel from the time a lone cowboy rode into what later turned out to be Merkel until the present time. Mrs. Tom Largent was author of the first scene.

Later scenes took the viewers from the early days through each historic event until the town had reached its present size of 2,800.

One scene was in 1886 when the rains ceased — as they have now. The people were hungry and their livelihood was cut off. The weaker ones moved on, but the pioneers who remained played an important part in the development of Merkel.

One of the scenes was the oft-told story of the old saloons, and the time when citizens bought the stock of liquors up and burned it.

One of the features of the week was the style show held at the Community Center, which was headed by Mrs. F. C. McFarland.

It attracted nearly 500 people, and showed the costumes of the olden days.

Mrs. Roy Largent won first place for the most authentic costume of the area up to 1950. Mrs. Dee Grimes won the prize for the prettiest dress up to that time. Mrs. Jack Hogan had the prettiest copy of a costume of the early days.

Brenda Barnett won the prize for the most authentic child's costume.

Others on the committee with Mrs. McFarland were Mrs. Ellen McReynolds, Mrs. John Hughes and Mrs. S. D. Gamble. The Merkel Garden Club decorated the center.

The Fortnightly club served nearly 300 people coffee during the morning. This gave visitors a chance to see the many antiques of the day on display.

Other models in the show were Mmes. Pet Touchstone, Bill Brown, Horace Boney, Vera Compton, Bill Hays, Nathan Woods, M. Parham, W. S. J. Brown, Chester Collinsworth, Hoyle Lemons, Robert Higgins, Harry Barnett, Harry Bullock, Herman Carson, Eldon Hicks, A. B. Allen, Helen Mayfield, Tom Morrison, Carroll Benson, L. J. Renfro, Jackie Doan, Bobby Tom Hodge, Onis Crawford, Oris Reynolds, Harrison Malone, Mark L. Malone, Nolan Palmer, David Gamble, Lloyd Robertson, Dolly Jones, and Misses Christine Collins, Dana Durham, Betsy West.

Children in the show included Julia Largent, Terry Sue Wagencraft, Vici Robertson, Robert Wilson, Lee Morrison and Mignon Crawford.

Judges were Mrs. Hester Groene, Mrs. John Hughes and Mrs. L. C. Murry. Mrs. W. T. Sadler was commentator.

Miss Collins sang songs typical of the era, such as "Wait Til the Sun Shines, Nellie" and "Put On Your Old Grey Bonnet," as background music for the show. She was accompanied by Mrs. Norman Winter at the piano. DeLois Reese sang verses of "When Pa Was Courtin' Ma" at intervals during the show.

Between the first and second halves of the show a teen-age square dance group performed. Dancing in the group were Jo Ann Malone, James Simpson, H. O. Boney, Sue Scott, Bobby Malone, Annette Boney, Sue Mewborn and Edwin Mewborn, C. E. Mewborn was caller.

Melvin McCoy, Merkel farmer, won the prize for having the longest beard. Don Dudley, Gulf dealer, won the most unique beard, and Bob McDonald, local barber, had the ugliest beard. Roger Higgins, Merkel driller and farmer, had the reddest, and Roy Mashburn, Merkel farmer, had the blackest.

The beard judging was Friday night. It was chairmaned by Earle Watts, of the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc.

There was plenty of excitement during the parade Saturday afternoon. It was enlivened by a "fire fight" by the Marines of the 87th Special Infantry Co. of the U.S. Marine Corps of Abilene. The company was marching downstreet when it was "attacked" by the snipers hidden in buildings along the route.

When the snipers fired, the marching marines deployed, and broke up the attack, and then See 5,000 WITNESS On Page 8

NOODLE NEWS

Mrs. Bill Caldwell, Ruby and Paula, spent Friday in Anson visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Caldwell and girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Spurgin of New Mexico visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Spurgin.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Brewer of Houston spent the weekend visiting his grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper, other visitors in the Cooper home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Brewer of Merkel and Jim Cooper of Anson.

Mrs. Doss McCain has returned from Pecos, Texas after visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mitchell and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lollis of Sylvester visited in the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Cox, Sunday.

Mrs. Carl Benneaux and three girls are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Benneaux.

Mr. and Mrs. Omer Bishop and children visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Bishop, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Naith Maxwell and Joan visited their son and brother

Paul Maxwell and family, Sunday.

Mrs. Teenie Sloan spent the weekend with her son, Troy and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McLean and daughter spent the weekend with her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carol Best.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Mason from Lubbock are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vess Justice.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis visited his parents as Rockwood Sunday.

Visitors for a short while last week in the Dock Callaway home were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Eoff from California and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Meeks from Slaton, Mrs. Arch Rose from Merkel.

Several gathered in the Cester Lucas home Saturday evening, The Lucas' celebrated open house in their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Angie Gleen of Big Spring, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Glenn and children from Breckenridge were guests of their mother, Mrs. Nannie Glenn, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lane of Abilene visited her mother, Mrs. L. A. Watts, Sunday.

UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

The going is getting a little rough now from the standpoint of the drought.

Some of the cotton farmers just felt so sure of a rain June 1, they cleared the land to make it ready to plant the cotton. Many of the stock boys are caring for more stock now than they should.

J. R. Russom and family has been visiting in the Canyon and Merkel, J. R. as a son of Raymond Russom.

The Vacation Bible School is being held at Pioneer Church this week. It will close with a program on Sunday night.

W. T. Perry, who works part time on the Davis Ranch, said he was leaving this week with the other ranch hands for Stone-wall County to work cattle there.

Some of the boys in the Canyon are thrashing their little wheat and oats. They report a very light yield.

Bob McDaniels, former owner of the Abilene Livestock Auction and Cramer Reynolds were looking over some cattle at the Russom's place this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Walker and son, Mike have returned from a vacation trip to Kansas City, while there they attended the Southern Baptist Convention. Also games played by the American League baseball teams. They fished in the Ozarks, in Missouri on their return trip.

Jimmy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker, and his family, went to Pecos to get their daughter, Lynn who had visited her grand-parents there. He attended T. U. at Austin where he is studying for his Ph.D. he is head football coach at Mason, Texas.

Mrs. Wilkens, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Renner of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Wilkens of Tulsa were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hartley and other friends and attended the Jubilee.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Jones and daughter of New Orleans visited in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Jones and family of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Angus Garvin and family of Midland. They also visited friends and relatives of Abilene, Lamesa, Brownfield.

Dr. and Mrs. Billy G. Gant and two daughters of San Antonio were guests of his mother, Mrs. Sallie Gant, the past week.

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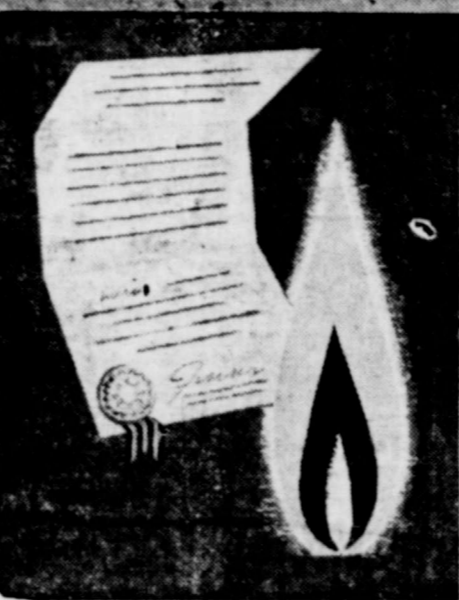
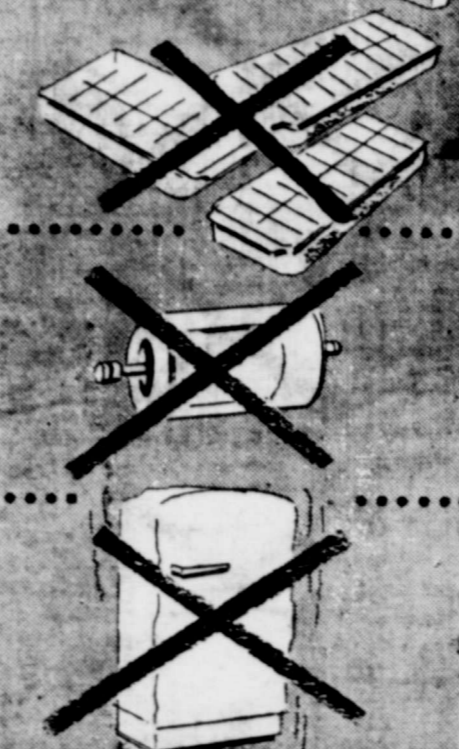
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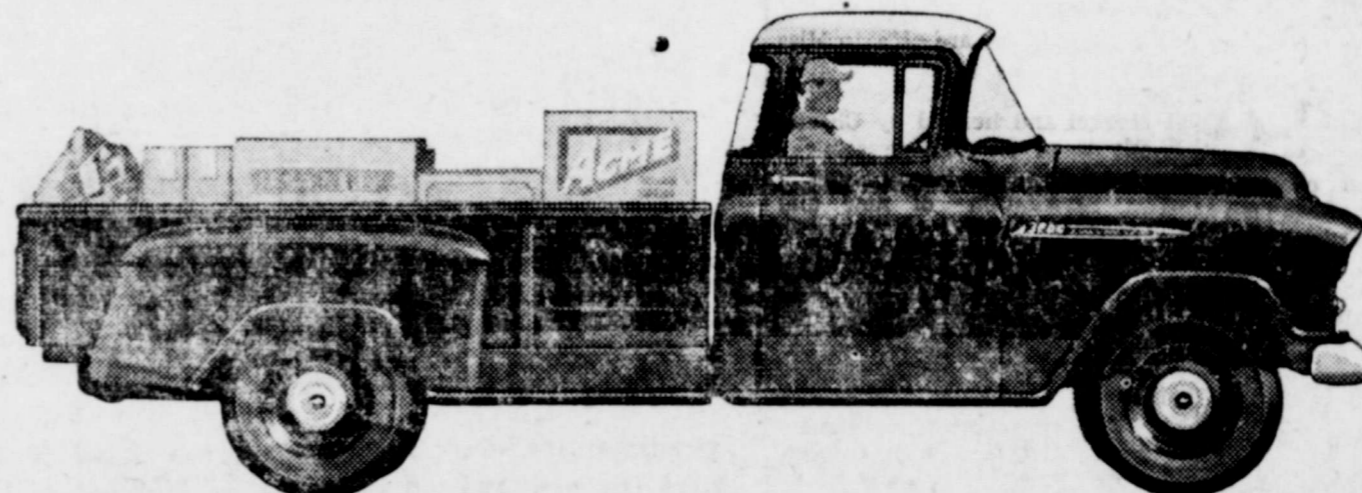
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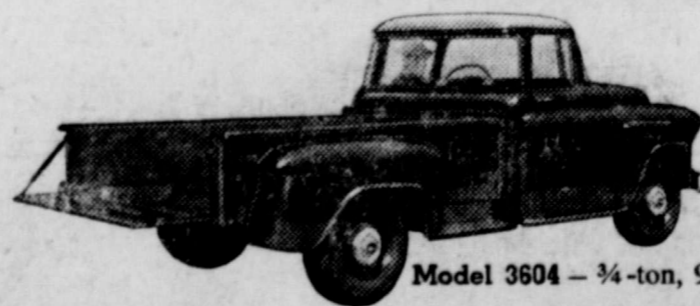
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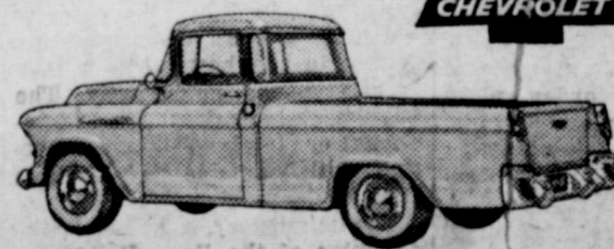
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SOCIETY NEWS

Mrs. Hugh Campbell Correspondent
Mrs. Ica Griggs of Snyder, Texas was the guest of Mrs. Hugh Campbell Friday. Mrs. Campbell also visited her son, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Horton and family in Abilene Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Mrs. Bonnie Gray of Lubbock visited her sisters, Mrs. T. J. Melton and Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock last weekend. She also attended Merkel's Golden Cavalcade.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Burleson returned home from Sherman, Texas where they attended the funeral services of Mr. Burleson's sister, Mrs. Fred Horton.

Rev. W. F. Smith of Spade, Texas delivered his first message as pastor of the Live Oak Baptist Church Sunday June 10. Mrs.

Smith and their two children Patsy and Jerrel attended the services.

Mrs. Lon McDonald and Cindy Lou are visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Bob McDonald while her husband is away in summer camp at Ft. Hood for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Campbell and children of Corpus Christi were here the past week to attend the funeral of their grandmother, Mrs. Ada Campbell.

Mrs. Royce Eiland and children Cherry Lynn, Connie and Lonnie of Falsom, N. M. are the house guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Joe Largent.

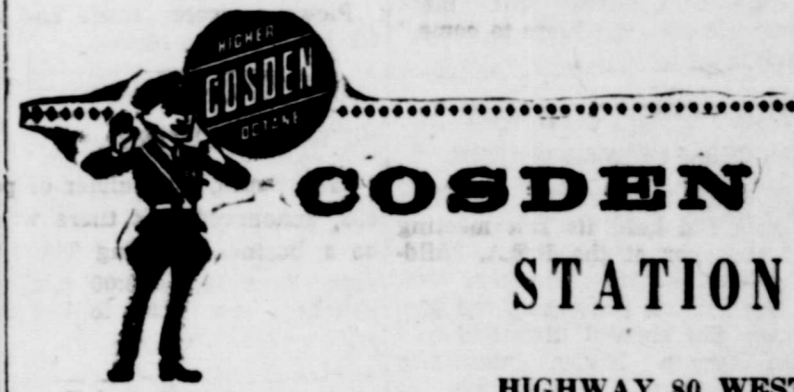
Mrs. J. T. Warren has returned home after a months visit with her daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Caith and Mr. and Mrs. Kidby Beckett of Dallas. She was accompanied home by Mrs. Beckett for the weekend. Mrs. Warren and two daughters also went to visit her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Russell of Conwal, Ark.

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Baptists To Hold Service For Farmers

First Baptist Church, Merkel, will honor the farmers of the Merkel area in a special service Sunday morning when with their wives "The Men of the Soil" will occupy a reserved section in the church auditorium at the worship hour.

The purpose of this service is to bring to the attention of all our people the fact that the good earth is the very basis and source of man's daily sustenance and back of the soil is the wonderful creative hand of God our heavenly father and Christ his Son, Rev. C. G. Sewell said.

"Those who till the soil provide the basic national economy. Foodstuffs and their relative values set the pace for everything else we do. These things and their kindred relationships are too frequently lost sight of in our daily quest of the "almighty dollar." Next Sunday in the First Baptist Church it is our purpose to rethink these basic elements as set forth in God's word and the experiences of man. It is our sincere hope that we may have the farmers of the Merkel area present in large numbers without regard to denominational lines. It is a service planned for everyone," Sewell added.

The soil conservation office will be represented on the program by Perry Davis, Holland Teaff, district supervisor and a representative of the farmers of the area will inform us on the benefits to the farmers derived from their united strength in the district organization, Jas. Dominy of the Abilene office will tell us something of what the soil conservation agency has to offer for the good of all of us.

"Just as Abraham asked the people to go back to Bethel for a fresh start let us return to the God of our creation and rethink our state as it is today in the light of His divine wisdom. Your presence in the eleven o'clock service, First Baptist Church, Merkel next Sunday will bless your life thru the years to come," Sewell said.

BETA SIGMA PHI CLOSES SUCCESSFUL YEAR HERE

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its last meeting of the year at the R.E.A. building with a guest speaker, Mrs. Alma Collins, presenting the program. She showed films and told the group many interesting things about her travels in Europe.

This is the 25th Anniversary of Beta Sigma Phi. It is an international organization with chapters all over the world. It is a non-academic organization for young ladies in search of social and cultural activities. There is a planned cultural program sent out from the international organization at Kansas. Many worth while topics are studied through out the year — such as gardening, interior decorating, and manners. Also there are many worthwhile service projects — such as Cancer Research, Girltown and the Gonzales Foundation. Members all over Texas contribute to these projects.

The local chapter, Lambda Beta, has been in existence six years. It was organized in April, 1950. This year the sorority has been under the leadership of President Janice Russell, Vice President Viola Shields, Secretary Ruth Vaughn, and Treasurer Lucille Litton. It has not only contributed to the State wide projects, but in Merkel it has provided lunches for needy children as well as helped a little boy to get some glasses that he needed badly. The way the sorority raised this money was by purchasing a doll from Mrs. Belle Kibbrough that she had dressed. Chances were sold on "Princess Jan" and the money was used to buy lunch-

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es for needy children. The sorority has also taken part in the Red Cross Drives for several years now.

Next year the officers of Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will be President, Mary Hargrove, vice president, Lucille Litton, secretary, Eddis Lee Hardy, and reporter, Viola Shields. The sorority plans to elect another sponsor, Mrs. Elma McFarland who had been our sponsor since it was organized resigned this past year leaving the chapter without a sponsor.

Grads of 1916 Hold Reunion

One of the most interesting and unusual events of Merkel's Jubilee was the reunion of the 1916 graduating class. Of the 13 members (all of whom are still living) 8 were present at the home of Mrs. H. B. Robertson on the night of June 9th. They were Dr. W. Frank Armstrong, Ft. Worth; Noel Moore, Ft. Worth; Roy R. Coats of Fallon, Nev.; Miss Ruth Howard, Abilene, Miss Minnie Coats; Joe Hartley; Mrs. Osee (Teaff) Neff, and Mrs. Wilma (Garrett) Robertson, (all of Merkel).

Some of the class members had not met since the year of graduation and many were the "Do you remember," as the talked over the happenings of so long ago.

Mrs. Della Patterson, Vancouver, Wash.; Milam Pike of Bogola; Mrs. Mamie (McNeese) Crawford, Alpine; Mrs. Josie (Smith) of Plainview and Miss Irene Hairston (whereabouts unknown) are the other 5 members. Mrs. Della Patterson sent a box of delicious cookies for the reunion and they were enjoyed by everyone present.

Others present were: Mrs. Mattie Coats of Nevada, Mrs. Sewanee Armstrong, Mrs. Joe Hartley, Mrs. Noel Moore, Ernest Neff and sons, Dale and Pepper; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Buryman and daughters of Frank Armstrong of Ft. Worth and Hob Robertson and his three grandsons, Bobby, Del and Ryan Stevens of Wink.

Pictures were made and refreshments were served.

MERKEL V.F.W. POST 683 TO HOLD MEETING

Jack Smith, commander of post 683, announced that there would be a business meeting Thursday night June 14, at 8:00 p.m. All members are urged to be present.

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FRIDAY
6:30 p.m. — Kilowats vs. Bankers; Starpats vs. Hodge-Palmer.
8:00—Rev. D. S. Neal at Presbyterian Church.

SATURDAY
8:00—Rev. D. S. Neal at Presbyterian Church.

SUNDAY
9 a.m.—Downtown Sunday School Class at Texas Theater.
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School at Merkel churches.
11 a.m.—Church services at Merkel churches.
8 p.m.—Night church services.

MONDAY
7:30—Baseball
TUESDAY
6:30 p.m.—Hodge-Palmer vs. Kilowats; REA vs. Starpats.
WEDNESDAY
7:45—Prayer meetings.
THURSDAY
6:30 p.m.—Bankers vs. Cardinals; REA vs. Kilowats.
(Editor's Note: This column is published as a public service and any clubs, organization or others who desire listings should call 61 after 1 p.m. daily.)

GIFT TEA GIVEN FOR MRS. NORMAN CURRENT

Mrs. Norman Current, the former Jeanne Irvin, was honored with a gift tea in the Home-making Department of the Noodle High School, Thursday afternoon.

Hostesses were Mes: Ernest Spurgin, Henry Ueckert, Leslie Cos, Hubert Sullivan, Carl Jackson, Bennie Anderson, Dick Heron, Jim Boaz, and Will Spurgin.

Mrs. Macky Spurgin registered guests, Judy Spurgin and Kaeren Irvin laddled punch and served cake squares. The tea table laid with Scru linen cutwork design over blue featured and arrangement of white gladioli and blue wedding bells. The cake also was topped with blue and white bells and the names Norman and Jeanne. Roses and crepe myrtle were used throughout the room.

Guests were registered from Noodle, Merkel, Abilene, Hamlin and McCaulley.
The couple was married in the First Methodist Church of Abilene, May 27. They are now living in Abilene. Mrs. Current, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Irvin of Noodle, is employed by the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. Current, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Current of McCaulley, is employed by the Furr's Super Market.

TUESDAY, JUNE 18 that's the day everyone is looking forward to - it's **DOLLAR DAY AT MELLINGER'S** again. Save on quality seasonable merchandise just in the heart of the summer months. May we suggest that you shop early for best selections!

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A real value in Ladies' all-NYLON half slips in a choice of colors and sizes. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

\$1.99 each

DRAPERY FABRICS

Your choice of our entire stock of drapery materials. Many colors and designs to choose from. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

\$1.99 each

BIRDSEYE DIAPERS

27"x27" packaged Birdseye diapers. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

\$1.79 per dozen

IRISH LINEN

Outstanding! Genuine imported Irish Linen. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

\$1.50 per yard

SUMMER PURSES

Your choice of our entire stock of Ladies' Summer Purses. A nice selection. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

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Men's all-cotton seamless work socks in either ankle or regular lengths. Colors: White, Tan, Brown, or Grey. Sizes: 10 to 12. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

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Your choice of either fast color and sanforized shrunken shorts in either gripper front or boxer style, or combed cotton, knitted briefs with elastic tops and cellophane wrapped. All sizes available. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

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John Rodgers, 83, Dies Thursday

Funeral for John C. Rodgers, 83, Merkel resident who died at 6:05 a.m. Thursday, was held at 4:30 p.m. Friday. Services in the First Methodist Church were conducted by the Rev. Cloyd Lyles. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery was under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, four daughters, Mrs. Ralph Ivy of Haysville, Okla., Mrs. Elmer Brown of Edcouch, Tex., Mrs. Lonnie Baird of Merkel, Mrs. J. R. Johnson of Merkel; five sons, Henry of McCamey, Willis of Etta, Miss, Dewey of Eagle Pass, Addie of Calif. and Hayward of Wichita Falls; a sister, Mrs. Maggie Carthrop of Myrtle, Miss.; 27 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

THOMPSON REUNION HELD JUNE 12

A family reunion was held Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Thompson. The following are the children that were present: Mr. and Mrs. Mason Barker, their daughter, Ellose and husband, of Hodges, Melvin Barker and Carlton Lee from Calton, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Willie Barker from Anson, Mr. and Mrs. Truett Thompson and Wynne from Stamford, Mr. and Mrs. Omer Bishop, Ann and Gary of Crane, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Claburn and Donnie from Vernon. One daughter did not get to attend reunion, but will be here for Father's Day. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sanders and children of Redlands, California.

Hospital Notes

The following persons were admitted to the Sadler Hospital during the past week: Charles Lynn Russell, Merkel; Mrs. S. Y. Reese, Ovalo; Mrs. Torli Hanson, Merkel; Joe Boone, Merkel; Ann Miller, Merkel; Keith Glaze, Abilene; J. C. Brewer, Sweetwater; Mrs. Royce Eiland, Folsom, N. Mex. Herman McLemore, Abilene; Ricky McMurray, Trent; Mrs. W. M. Torrence, Tuscola; Mrs. A. J. Bertram, Abilene; Carl Hughes, Merkel; Mrs. Sam McLeod, Merkel; Mrs. W. J. Largent, Merkel; C. E. Westenhover, Merkel; Clyde Irvin, Merkel; Simmie Allred, Abilene; Mrs. Ida Hamner, Trent; Mrs. V. P. Byron, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Thorn, Anson; Lee Cox, Merkel; Mrs. Stanley King, Merkel; T. D. Scott, Trent, surgery; G. W. Hobbs, Jr., Merkel, surgery; Seferina Luna, Merkel, surgery; Robert Campbell, Merkel, surgery; Maydell Barbee, Abilene, surgery.

NEW ARRIVALS

Peggy Lunn Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Watson, Trent. Weighs 6 pounds and 11 ounces. Born June 3. Willie Bert Hatch, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Hatch, View. Weighs 8 pounds and 3 ounces. Born June 5. Cecil Aubrey Fellers, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Fellers, Trent. Weighs 7 pounds and 4 1/2 ounces. Born June 5. Tonja Renee Woodard, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Hawley. Weighs 7 pounds 3 3/4 ounces. Born June 8. Jack Smith, Commander of the local V.F.W. Post, was elected to the office of trustee of District 8 of the V.F.W. The election took place at the district convention held in Anson last weekend. There were 19 people from Merkel at the convention.

WANTED - SUBSTITUTE CITY CARRIER
The Post Office at Merkel is in need of a substitute city carrier to carry the mail during the absence of the regular carrier on annual or sick leave. Any one who is interested should make application at the Post Office at Merkel, stated Postmaster Wrenn Durham.

PIONEER BAPTIST CHURCH TO HAVE ALL DAY SERVICES
There will be all day services held on Elm Creek, Sunday, June 24. There will be dinner on the ground and preaching two services. It will begin at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

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Mrs. Jenia Graham, Merkel	5.00
A. V. Teaff, Merkel	5.00
J. S. Pickley, Merkel	5.00
John Collins, Merkel	10.00
R. D. Hylar, Midland	5.00

PERSONALS
Mrs. George J. Burris, 3612 Cedar Lake Dr., and daughters of Dallas, are visiting with her mother, Mrs. Etta Tucker. Mr. Burris is with the Dallas Morning News.

Mrs. Coleman Smith, of DeKaleh, Bo., is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Teaff this week.
Mrs. Bobby Campbell and daughter Lue Ann of Abilene have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Campbell.
Carolyn Sue Campbell has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lay in Ft. Worth for the past two weeks. She returned home Sunday afternoon.
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swann left Tuesday to spend several days at their cabin at Ruidoso, N. Mex.

Society Observes 100 Birthday

The oldest continuously operating agricultural society west of the Mississippi River, Cat Spring Agricultural Society, paused last week to observe 100 years of service to agriculture. The Cat Spring Society was organized on June 7, 1856 with 40 members signing the original charter for the organization. The community of Cat Spring is even older. It was the site of a settlement made in 1832 by a hardy group of Germans who came as a part of Austin's original colony. The Society was organized by the early settlers as a mutual aid for studying agricultural problems of the day. They studied available printed material and conducted experiments to find better ways of doing things on the farm. The leaders worked closely with the U. S. Patent Office which handled agricultural matters prior to the establishment of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Among the early experiments conducted were those dealing with the use of green manure crops and the conservation of water. The first tank for conserving crop, ramie, and started the registration of cattle brands in the 1860's and conducted programs to control grass fires. Early experiments involving cotton had to do with the amount of seed to plant per acre and the spacing of the plants in the row. Through the years, this Society has played a leading role in developing agriculture in the area. Its members are always among the first to demonstrate new crops or practices and their sons and daughters have been outstanding in 4-H and other youth activities. The former 4-H members will be honored during the three day celebration. The observance got underway with a mammoth parade on June 8 at 10 a.m. and from that time until the curtain drops on the final dance on the night of June 10.

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CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our sincere thanks to all who helped during the illness and death of our mother. The thoughtfulness of our many friends and neighbors will always be remembered and appreciated.

The Ada A. Campbell Family

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our thanks and appreciation for the help of the firemen and also the men first at the scene of the fire for their words of kindness. We also want to thank all of our friends for their expressions of kindness. May God bless each and every one of you.

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith and son Ulysses.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to thank our many friends for the kindness and sympathy during the illness and death of our loved one, J. C. Rodgers. We especially want to thank Dr. Sadler for his kindness and patience, and for all sending food and floral offerings. May God bless each of you.

Mrs. J. C. Rodgers and Children

Visitors in the John Oliver home over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eschrich of Sunnymead, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. John D. Oliver and girls and Buck Nelson of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. James Newson and daughter and Mrs. Grace Cranfill of Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Whisenhunt and children.

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NOTICE MASONS
Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A.F. & A.M. Thurs. June 23 at 8:00 p.m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

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C. B. Rust, Secretary.

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FOR SALE - A ware house. Size 28'x75'. Contact Clyde Eager or phone 155. 11-tfn

FOR SALE - Two city lots, between Yuca St. and FM road, near Primitive Baptist church. Call 410 Manchester. 13-3tp.

FOR SALE OR TRADE - All-State Motor Scooter. Good condition. Call Johnny Henslee at 305-J. 13-3tp.

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MRS. E. W. KING HOLDS T. E. L. CLASS MEETING
 The T. E. L. class of the First Baptist Church met with Mrs. E. W. King Wednesday June 6. A covered dish luncheon was served. After the luncheon a business meeting was held. President Mrs. T. J. Bird presided over the meeting. Opening prayer was given by Mrs. S. G. Sowell and devotional was given by Mrs. Earl Tostis. Closing prayer by Mrs. W. J. Largent. There were 14 members and three visitors present.

GOODMAN CLUB MET JUNE 8
 The Goodman Club met at the Community Center June the 8th, with Mrs. Winter as hostess. President, Mrs. Windham, called the meeting to order. Prayer was given by Mrs. Grover Blair. There were no minutes read as the secretary was absent. Mrs. Blair took notes of the meeting. Mrs. Frank Carter gave the council report of May 16; council was called early. Mrs. Carter was elected as dele-

gate to the State Meeting at San Antonio. Family night will be June 16 at the club house and ice cream and cake will be served. Council fees are to be turned in before next meeting. There were eleven members present and six children. Refreshments were served. The next meeting will be June 22 at the Club House with Mrs. Windham as hostess. The county agent will be present at that time.

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How I Stand on The Farm Problem

OPEN LETTER TO FARMERS AND RANCHERS

As I stated in my announcement, the farmer and rancher are getting a raw deal. All we have had is conversation. All this fancy talk about parity means nothing to us. Anything less than 100% parity means the money you get for your crops and cattle is not as good as the money the rest of the people are getting for their services and products. It amounts to this: If you had to trade your \$100 that you received for your crops and cattle on a barter basis, your \$100 would get only \$50 worth of other materials or perhaps as much as \$84 depending on the type of crops. It is still less than you deserve. Why should you be discriminated against? We hear all this conservation about surpluses and soil banks. What else can we expect when big money interests move in and take over the little farms and initiate big commercial ventures producing big surpluses and squeezing you, the little man, out?

How do you think the soil bank is going to effect you folks with a thousand acres or less? You know what. You will be getting poorer and poorer. There are statements being made that if you cannot make a living, it means you are not intelligent enough to farm and ranch and you better get out of the business. What would they have you do? Give up the soil that it yours? Shoot yourself? Collectivization is taking place right now. You are being given the one-two treatment.

Your income has dropped 35% in the past eight years while the national income has raised 40%. No one has done anything but give you conversation.

Overproduction is not the only reason for your price troubles. Overproduction is caused by big commercial farming ventures owned by Eastern absentee owners who would have the man on the farm get out of the business because he is a nuisance and leave all the gravy for them.

You are faced with rising costs of what you buy and lowering prices for what you sell. This squeeze is pinching you bottom and top — it has a hand in all of your pockets.

No one cares what happens to the farmer and rancher in the 17th Congressional District. They won't care about the hazards you face, the drought, the disease, and insects. The whole nation should share the risk of your gamble.

Your crops and cattle go to market seasonally. There is always a glut at this time — so why shouldn't the price be shared by all who eat the food. Besides, don't you tear your hair out when you see the price spread between what you sell and what the consumer pays?

After the war, industry was helped tax-wise by the government to convert from cannon, guns, and tanks to peace time production. What could you, the farmer, do? Convert to monkey wrenches?

No one thought of giving you a real fair deal. Instead, big commercial promoters moved in and took over the situation producing surpluses and depressing prices squeezing you all out one at a time. Everybody is getting fat but you the farmers and ranchers.

You are tired of politicians giving you conversation. You are tired of government agricultural experts and economists telling you about small farm inefficiency and it is alright for the big farm to gobble up the little farm. They will tell you to go to the city and get a job and let the big boys run the big company farms. They will tell you if you are a little farmer, you have no business farming. We are all little farmers in the 17th Congressional District.

Your tax dollars went to our foreign friends, and these foreign friends are now competing against you. You can't even sell your surpluses abroad. You have to give it away — and then they won't take it because your tax dollars have made the rich foreigners richer and they don't want their own markets depressed.

God gave you the earth to farm. Regardless of how small of a farmer you are or how big, if you are doing your own farming, you deserve a break.

You should be allowed tax free income and the big corporation and commercial absentee ownership farms should engage in a soil bank program without compensation for the idle acreage, while the smaller farmer should be allowed unlimited production. The definition of a small farmer to be calculated by the number of acres, geographical location, and products produced. All of the above conditions to match 100% parity. No fancy talk is necessary. Round up the experts and tell them to come up with a solution. At the same time, keep the government from getting its hooks into you. Keep the bureaucrats from running your lives. Don't sell yourself down the river to this group. Don't let them give you the same old story dressed up in a different suit.

The farmer and rancher in our 17th Congressional District cannot benefit by producing fewer crops and cattle to make up for the reduced cash position. This unfair situation must be solved and the economist and politician cannot tell you it's tough luck and you better get out of business if you cannot make the grade.

It is about time the farmer and rancher get rid of those politicians who give you nothing but conversation. We people in the 17th Congressional District must speak out for ourselves. We must safeguard our rights, liberties, and freedom. The ball must start rolling from somewhere. God willing, we can start right here in our own district.

Paid Pol. Adv.

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 nurse at Hendrick Memorial Hospital before going to the African post in January, 1951.
 The hospital where she worked is the newest of four operated by Southern Baptists in Nigeria. It is located in a primitive area, a plot cleared from the jungle alongside the Orashi River. Colorful African birds, white orchids, lilies and other flowers make it a beautiful spot.
 Twenty-five of the 300 tribes of Nigeria are served by the hospital.

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 This was to show how marines are taught to be prepared for surprise attack.
 There were more than 50 units in the parade. Riding clubs from Buffalo Gap and Clyde were in the parade, as well as military units, the Merkel high school band and floats from Merkel merchants.
 Ralph Yarborough, candidate for governor, spoke Saturday night, and prior to the speaking he was entertained with a dinner at the high school gymnasium.

Alfalfa Is Posing Serious Farm Problem

The spotted alfalfa aphid is posing a serious threat to alfalfa in all areas of Texas.
 Freeman F. Fuller, Extension entomologist, Texas A&M College, says the spotted alfalfa aphid is whitish-yellow. It is 1-1.6 to 1.8 inch long, or about 1-2 the size of the pea aphid. They have four to six conspicuous rows of dark spots on their back and winged adults have smoky areas along the wing veins.
 These insects, says Fuller, can be found, to some extent, in Alfalfa fields throughout the year. At first, aphids can be found on lower portions of plants or in debris on the ground. As populations increase, they may be found on all parts of plants. Aphids feed in groups, usually on the underside of lower leaves, sucking juices often causing leaves to turn yellow and shed.
 Heavy infestations of aphids cause a reduction in stand and in yield of hay, adds Fuller. Honey dew produced by aphids supports

sooty mold on hay causing poor quality while making it difficult to dehydrate, cut or to bale the crop.
 Control measures should be started as soon as signs of aphids are found in the crop by using malathion or parathion, the only recommended insecticides. In some cases an application of one of these insecticides may be effective for a period of only 7 to 14 days.
 A large initial kill may be obtained with the insecticides but the insects have a tremendous capacity to build-up after poisoning, states Fuller. It may require two or more insecticide applications to protect plants between cuttings or to produce a seed crop.
 Forage crops treated with parathion should not be grazed or cut for hay for 15 days after treatment while those treated with malathion may be grazed or cut for 7 days later, says Fuller. This time lapse is necessary to assure the absence of any poison residue when the crop is cut.

Little Done To Tell About Value of Eggs

Merchandising methods for most food products have undergone radical changes within the past few years, but in the case of eggs, F. Z. Beanblossom, extension poultry marketing specialist, says not many new approaches have been used to inform consumers about egg value at the retail level.
 Price on a dozen basis has been the big sales appeal in selling eggs for many years. Beanblossom poses these questions. Why not tell the consumer about the food value in a dozen of eggs which weigh one and a half pounds? Are consumers entirely familiar with the fact that eggs are one of the basic seven foods needed for maintaining good health? Are consumers familiar with grades and quality factors.
 The specialist believes that advertising could supplement educational work by pointing out such facts that quality and size of eggs are not related. Small or medium eggs can be A or AA quality. Quality is based on factors such as condition of yolk and albumen along with the cleanliness, soundness and color of shell. The air cell in the egg may also be described as an indicator in determining egg quality.

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