

POOL DRIVE UNDER WAY

The main topic of conversation around town these days is whether everyone is going to buy stock in the Merkel Swimming Pool Corporation. It is not going to be an easy task, by any means, but if a town is determined, and apparently there are enough of the people here who want a swimming pool, then the money will be raised one way or another. But we know that there is opposition to such a plan, as there is anything else anyone proposes.

We bet that if some prospector came in and offered to line the curbs of this city with gold, there would be some people who would be opposed to it. Guess that's why preachers often have a hard time getting their job done—maybe everyone don't want to go to the same place.

But we have offered the stock to several people, and most of them have been receptive. Those who have not wanted it probably had a good reason, and we don't blame them for that. But those who have children, grand-children young people are kinfolk, and others, will find some benefit from the swimming pool.

Aside for the good it will do the young folks, there is a matter of economic development which goes along with any major development. For instance, how many more men's and women's bathing suits will be sold in Merkel as a result of the pool? How much more picnicking material will be sold. How much more groceries will be sold for picnics? How much more gasoline will stations sell. How many more tires for people who come here. Recreation is no longer a minor means in income. It has loomed in the last two or three years to a major industry, and a city that promotes recreation nowadays gets more business. We know of one town that opened a park recently, and in the first four days there were 52,000 visitors!

While we are on the subject of recreation, as it might be, we're going to add out two-bits worth concerning the parks of Texas. For the most part, Texas is 20 years behind in park development, and consequently the state is losing millions of dollars each summer which would be spent in Texas. The park board apparently has been lax in the matter of promoting parks, especially the Abilene State park near here, and the Possum Kingdom State Park near Breckenridge, and which is used a good deal by people in this area.

Had the state gone ahead with a self-retiring bonds and built cabins and lodges on these parks, it would attract an untold amount of visitors to Texas and the parks. In states where such lodges have been built, it has drawn untold thousands of visitors, and left money in the state for rooms, food, gasoline taxes and other things which benefit the state. We hope the next governor is a fellow who is desirous of getting the park job done, and bring Texas out of the doodlums in parks.

Dan Kralis is probably the hardest campaigner that has hit these parts recently. Dan, who is running for Congress, visits from six to 15 towns a day, and instead of making a speech at each one, he plays a recording of a speech, and while his voice is coming over the microphones, he goes around a shaking hands with the visitors.

Lions to Meet At Air Base Soon

Date for the Lions club luncheon at the new officers club at the Air Base has been set for one of two dates which will be chosen later.

Isadore Mellinger, chairman of the committee who made the arrangements to meet at the base, said General Westover had requested a change in dates in order that he could be present.

The date will be one of the last two Wednesdays in this month. It will be selected later.

Kralis Brings Campaign For Congress Here

Dan Kralis of Abilene, candidate for Congress, 17th District, composed of Taylor and 11 other counties, visited Merkel and made a brief speech, urging voters "to bring the government back to we, the people."

The Taylor County candidate for the U. S. Representative past told a Merkel Mail reporter that he regretted he was unable to make a longer campaign stop here to personally meet and greet every voter in this community and surrounding area.

"But that's quite impossible," Kralis grinned, explaining: "If I were to spend 30 minutes with every voter in the 17th Congressional District, it would take me four and a half years, day and night without eating or sleeping, to meet all the men and women of these 12 counties!"

The big, friendly 6-foot, 200-pound congressional candidate said he was mighty pleased with the public response to his messages which have been appearing in his advertisements in the columns of the Merkel Mail, and said that he is a staunch defender of the freedom of the press.

Kralis, refusing all contributions and financing all expenses of his dynamic campaign with his own personal life savings, advocates abolition of the personal income tax, a new farm program embodying 100 per cent parity for the farmer and rancher, increased pensions for the aged of Texas and the nation, increased depletion allowance and a slash in foreign oil imports, a complete revision of the nation's billions for foreign aid program, and a halt of federal encroachment into the fields of local government and to maintain, preserve and protect the rights of each individual state of the union.

Kralis, who is a keen student of government and economics, said that he decided to run for Congress last March and that he was seeking the office on a platform which, he declared, "concurs with the wishes of most of the citizens of the 17th Congressional District."

Work Day For Pool Is Friday

A volunteer work day will be held at the site of the proposed swimming pool at 8 a.m. Friday, Dr. Don Warren said today.

All persons who desire to donate labor toward helping clean off the grounds should be present with rakes and hoes, or other tools.

Mrs. Anna Miller, of Lubbock, visited her cousin, Mrs. W. M. Elliott, Monday.



McLEOD GETS AWARD — Dr. Don W. Warren, president of the Lions club, is shown presenting Spud McLeod of Trent the Lions International soil conservation award. It was presented Tuesday noon during the Agriculture day program in connection with the Golden Jubilee.

Politics And Water Feature During July

Politicians are waving their banners. Party leaders seek to rally their cohorts. But right now Texans are far more concerned about water.

Farm and city dwellers alike are hard hit. Years of drought have added up. Sizzling summer temperatures, unabated since the last of May, have finished off crop prospects for 1956 in many areas.

Few expect relief before the end of summer. Most despaired some time ago of rains that would "really break" the drought.

In Austin and elsewhere attention focused on the often-bitter scrambles for dwindling streamflows. Prolonged and frequently heated testimony has been heard by the State Board of Water Engineers on water rights from the proposed Canyon Dam in South Central Texas.

San Antonio sought permission to take 100,000 acre feet of water annually from the dam. It is the only way, said San Antonio officials, that the city can meet its future water needs.

Guadalupe Blanco River Authority strenuously opposed the request. Joined by citizens of some 20 small towns in the area GBRA contended that the city allocation would not leave enough for downstream users, nor enough to operate a hydro-electric plant.

Testimony is expected to continue for several weeks. Ultimate decision probably will set a precedent for future controversies.

Farther South, the Rio Grande reached its lowest point since it stopped flowing completely in 1953. Falcon Dam was shut down, and a water master was appointed to ration the dwindling supply among Valley cities.

Legislators making up the state water resources committee came out with an idea for the future. They proposed a \$100,000,000 Texas Water Development Fund. Controversy over whether to finance water conservation by an ad-valorem or water-use tax defeated the program last session.

This new approach of financing through bonds would by-pass the difficulty, said proponents. But it would take a long time. First, legislative action; then a constitutional amendment by the people.

Meanwhile farmers are leaving their parched fields and looking for work in town to support their families.

LABOR UNIONS ARE ACTIVE — Members of Texas' labor unions are working hard to place Liberals in control of state and party offices. And, a politically-confident tone prevailed among some 1,000 delegates at the State Federation of Labor convention, here.

Union labor leaders, who played See **POLITICS** On Page 8

GRAND RAPIDS CD ON JOB BEFORE TORNADO



TYPICAL of some 1,000 civil defense volunteers tornado are these rescue workers looking for on the scene of the Grand Rapids (Mich.) area survivors in suburban Standale's business district. (FCDA Photo)



SUBURBAN Grand Rapids resident demonstrates where he and his family found shelter in the southwest corner of his basement after finally hearing a tornado warning on his radio only two minutes before the twister struck at 7:13 p.m. (FCDA Photo)

A tornado dipped out of a murky, yellow-green sky at supersonic speed on April 3, smashing the Michigan communities of Hudsonville, Standale and Comstock Park near Grand Rapids.

It did tremendous damage. Eighteen were killed and 94 hospitalized by the twister, which also destroyed 329 homes and damaged 172 along with 396 business and farm buildings.

But it also taught a dramatic lesson on what an alert and well-manned local civil defense can do to save lives in the first critical hours before outside help can arrive.

Within 24 hours, some 1,000 CD volunteers were on the job, headed by Tom Walsh, Kent County CD director.

THE DETROIT NEWS, in its coverage of the tornado said:

"The efficiency of the CD volunteers was immediately apparent. 'Kent County's (Grand Rapids) CD organization was at work before the tornado struck. Its men and equipment were at the scene in Standale and Comstock Park within 30 minutes after the twister left' and those

men were there 'furthest with the mostest.'

"Within 20 minutes, 17 ambulances and 22 station wagons were at the scenes of the devastation. . . In addition, more than 100 blood donors were on their way to Grand Rapids hospitals to await the arrival of the wounded — a plan prearranged by Dr. Winthrop Prothro, Grand Rapids health officer who heads the CD medical committee.

"By 9 p.m., less than two hours after the storm, emergency housing for 500 had been arranged at downtown hotels and school gymnasiums by Rupert Kettle, regional director of the State Welfare Department. He also is CD's housing and relief chief.

"WHEN SURVIVORS returned the next day to begin salvage operations, they were amazed to find more than 200 pieces of heavy equipment had been assembled by Jack Barnes, head of a Grand Rapids construction firm, who is CD's chief of demolition and clearance."

Former Merkel Resident Dies At Stamford

Funeral for Marvin Earl Elliott, 69, former Merkel resident and brother-in-law of Mrs. W. M. Elliott of Merkel, was held at Stamford Tuesday afternoon.

He died Sunday of a heart attack. He had been a tailor shop owner for many years.

Mr. Elliott was raised in Merkel, and attended schools here. He was a brother to the late W. M. Elliott of Merkel.

The services were held at the Central Christian church of Stamford by Rev. James Smith, pastor.

He was born in Kaufman county, Dec. 27, 1886, and married Freda B. Salmon on May 9, 1917 in Abilene.

Mr. Elliott had been in the tailoring business in Stamford since 1921.

Higgins Infant Rites Monday

Funeral for Wantha Kay Higgins, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Higgins Jr., of Abilene, were held at the Starbuck chapel in Merkel Monday with the Rev. Edward Laux, pastor of Pioneer Baptist Church, Abilene, and the Rev. J. B. Bradford, Hawley, officiating.

The child was born June 18 and died in the Hendrick Memorial hospital at Abilene.

Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery in Merkel.

Survivors include the parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Higgins, Rt. 4, Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Rutledge, Merkel.

Bearers were T. F. Hill, H. W. Higgins, Roy Monahan and Frank Antley.

Bank Deposits Over \$3 Millions

Deposits in the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel were \$3,052,242 at the close of business June 30, a statement revealed today.

The Home State Bank at Trent had deposits of \$706,606 at the same time.

The F. and M. had \$3,249,969 on April 10, 1956, and \$3,174,141, a year ago at this time.

The Home State Bank had \$752,940 April 10, 1956, and \$748,782, June 30, 1955.

The F. and M. bank had loans of \$594,745 June 30, compared to \$727,003 last year.

Loans at Home State last year were \$179,341.

Mulberry Canyon Club to Meet

The Mulberry Canyon Community club will meet Saturday July 7 at 8 o'clock at the Butman Community Center.

There will be a box supper. Everyone is urged to attend. Mrs. R. E. Clemer is program chairman.

ANSON PASTOR DELIVERS TALK AT BAPTIST MEET

Bro. Bobby L. Watts, of Abilene, delivered a wonderful message at the First Baptist Church at the officers and teachers banquet Monday night.

His theme was "The Second Coming of Christ."

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Tilley and mother, Mrs. C. B. Caviness, of Fort Worth, were guests of their sister, Mrs. Nanie Glenn, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stockridge. Also other relatives were Mr. and Mrs. Cavetto and mother, Mrs. Lew Heath, and Miss Ona Glenn, of Abilene, were guests in the home.

Pvt. Barley Off For Okinawa Duty

Marine Pvt. Walter L. Barley, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Barley of Route 3, Merkel, Texas, departed May 16 for duty on Okinawa after completing four weeks of training in the Staging Regiment at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

The Regiment handles all last minute details and training for personnel slated for overseas duty.

The training period is filled with clothing inspections, refresher courses on weapons, physical conditioning and cold weather survival training.

YOU CAN BUY STOCK IN SWIMMING POOL

If you have not been contacted concerning the purchase of stock in the proposed swimming pool at the John Shannon place, here is an easy mail-order way to subscribe stock at \$7 a share to help build a swimming pool. You may send this to the Merkel Mail, or to Dr.

Don W. Warren.

Count Me In:

I'm for Merkel, and want to help out all I can, and this is one way I can do it. Enclosed is \$_____

for _____ shares in the Swimming Pool Corporation at \$7 a share. I understand that if the pool project falls down, I will receive a refund.

Issue Stock to:

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Shares Only, \$7 Each And Anyone Can Buy

A drive is under way this week to raise \$7,000 for construction of a swimming pool at the John Shannon ranch, northeast of Merkel, and shares are being offered at \$7 each, Dr. Don W. Warren, president of the Merkel Swimming Pool Association, said today.

A bond proposal for the construction of a new swimming pool was rejected by 24 votes earlier this year, and since then, Merkel citizens have been trying to find ways and means to build a new pool, or utilize the facilities of the existing one at the Shannon place.

A swimming pool corporation was formed to explore possibilities, and it was decided that it would be feasible to sandblast the Shannon pool, fix it up and put it to use this year, providing enough stock can be sold to assure the first \$3,500 expenditure.

Several people have volunteered to sell stock, and they are making the rounds this week. Should you be missed, Dr. Warren said, there is a coupon in the Merkel Mail which can be filled out and returned with your remittance.

At a meeting at the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., last Thursday night, more than 100 enthusiastic boosters met and decided to go ahead with the stock plan, as it proves the more feasible plan to raise the money.

"If enough money is not raised in the drive for the swimming pool," Dr. Warren said, "the money will be returned."

But everyone at the meeting appeared confident that enough funds could be raised through the sale of \$7 shares.

The swimming pool corporation has a lease with the Shannons whereby the first year's receipts will all go to the swimming pool association for upkeep of the pool, and after this year the Shannons will receive a percentage of the take at the gate.

In addition, Waymon Adcock, member of the city park board, said the board would spend about \$1,200 in the park area for park facilities, if the park area is cleaned up beforehand.

The park board will also accept donations from donors for construction of a bath house and facilities, if people desire to earmark their funds for this purpose. But the money now on hand, Adcock said, will be spent for park facilities.

Dr. Warren said the swimming pool corporation had received bids for the work on the pool, and the minimum amount necessary to open the pool would be \$3,500.

"If the stock pays off in full,"

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Hepatitis Has Become Public Health Problem

Hepatitis has recently become a public health problem, declared Dr. Henry A. Holle, Commissioner of Health. It is an infectious disease that attacks the liver and is caused by a virus. The name means inflammation of the liver, and the disease is usually spread by personal contact. Overcrowding, poor personal hygiene may be contributing factors. It can also be spread in water, milk and food.

There are two types of hepatitis caused by a virus and only man is susceptible. Formerly this disease was referred to as yellow jaundice or catarrhal jaundice. Now the most common variety is called infectious hepatitis and the other is serum hepatitis.

Dr. J. E. Peavy, director Division of Communicable Disease Control, says that probably the actual occurrence of the disease is much greater than the number of cases reported because of the many mild cases and the outstanding complaint, yellowing of the skin, does not always occur.

Infectious hepatitis has been known throughout the world for hundreds of years. Large numbers of troops in both world wars were infected. As a communicable disease among the general public, it has not until recently been considered a serious problem.

Infectious hepatitis was made a reportable disease in Texas in 1952 when 265 cases were reported. The number of cases reported have shown a steady increase. Last year 1316 cases were reported and so far this year 620 cases. The number of deaths has been only a small percentage of the reported cases. There have been 126 deaths reported from hepatitis in the past four years.

Children are the most frequently attacked by this virus and usually have mild attacks. However,

the illness can be severe in older persons. Infectious hepatitis is seldom fatal, but when death does occur, it is usually in persons over thirty years of age.

Personal hygiene and the sanitary disposal of sewage cannot be over-emphasized as preventive measures in the control of infectious hepatitis. Milk and water should be obtained from sources that are known to be tested frequently and careful attention should be paid to the storage of food.

Breeding Stock Show Scheduled During Fair

The internationally famous Pan-American Livestock Exposition of the State Fair of Texas has now completed its transition to a full-fledged breeding stock show.

Only the finest breeding livestock from the nation's top show herds will be presented during the State Fair's 1956 Pan-American, Oct. 6-14. No fat market animals will compete for the \$67,763 which is offered by the Pan-American for beef and dairy cattle, swine, sheep, goats and horses of 26 different breeds.

However, the important Junior Livestock Show during the second week of the 16-day fair will of course still feature fat steers, lambs and pigs of Texas youngsters, with an additional \$15,387 in premiums offered in the junior shows.

The Pan-American's transformation from the more usual type of fat stock show to a virtual shopping center for top sires and dams has been carefully charted since the first Pan-American Livestock Exposition in 1953.

And this year the last remaining classes for meat animals—the fat barrows—have been eliminated to provide more space for the exhibition of breeding swine.

"Pan-American's obligation to

serve the livestock industry demands that it feature only breeding stock," State Fair Livestock Manager Ray W. Wilson explained.

"The exposition has now come of age as the foremost market center in the Southwest for breeding livestock. It has become internationally famous as a source for foundation stock, and conservative estimates place sales of such stock during the 1955 show at well over \$5,000,000," Wilson pointed out.

District Agent Will Retire

Richard S. Miller, district agent in Extension District 7 with headquarters in San Angelo, will retire August 31.

Director G. C. Gibson of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service said Miller has made an enviable record of service to the farmers, ranchmen and rural youths of Texas in the nearly 35 years he has been a county and district agricultural extension agent.

Miller has supervised agricultural extension work in the 22 counties in Extension District 7 since December 1, 1951. Made a district agent February 16, 1936, he first served a tier of counties along the Gulf Coast in Southeast Texas. Then from October 1, 1935 until December 1, 1951, he served as district agent across the South-central part of Texas with headquarters at College Station and later at Uvalde.

Beginning his extension career as a county agricultural agent November 1, 1921, Miller served in this capacity for 14 years in Gillespie, Presidio, Brewster, Jeff Davis and McLennan counties.

Miller will return to San Saba county, where he was born and raised, to continue the ranching operations he followed for 8 years after his graduation from Texas A&M College in animal husbandry in 1913.

B. A. Grayson of Rio Grande Valley was week guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Grayson.

NOTICE TO TRENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

The equalization board of the Trent I.S.D. will meet at the school building Monday, July 16, at 9 a.m. for the purpose of hearing complaints filed by the tax payers of Trent I.S.D.

Signed

Equalization Board of Trent I.S.D.

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RESOURCES	
Loans	\$ 594,745.47
Overdrafts	475.80
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	6,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,000.00
AVAILABLE CASH AND QUICK ASSETS	
CCC Cotton Certificates of Interest	\$ 397,306.64
United States Bonds and Securities	1,000,000.00
Other Bonds and Warrants	567,811.22
Cash and Due From Banks	742,737.71
	2,707,853.57
TOTAL	\$ 3,311,076.84
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus	100,000.00
Undivided Profits	53,835.24
Dividend (5% Semi-Annual Payable June 30, 1956)	5,000.00
DEPOSITS	3,052,241.60
TOTAL	\$ 3,311,076.84

The above statement is correct.

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But they were willing to risk their lives that "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness" might be established as a recognized God-given right of man.

Thus, it is proper that we should set aside one day each year to renew our devotion to the principles of human dignity and personal liberty. The rich heritage handed down to us by our forebearers imposes upon each of us the responsibility of passing it along to others . . . untarnished and undiminished.

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(Published in the Merkel Mail June 22, 29, July 6 and 13, 1956)

THE STATE OF TEXAS 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 published 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: C. R. Buster, Defendant, Greetink: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 104th District Court,

in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 23rd day of July A. D. 1956, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 8th day of Feb. A. D. 1956, in this cause, numbered 7864-B on the docket of said court and styled Jane Buster, Plaintiff, vs. C. R. Buster, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married in June 1950 and lived together as husband and wife until April 1955. Defendant and plaintiff were born three children for which the plaintiff sues for custody of and for divorce on

grounds of harsh and cruel treatment. There is no community property to be adjudicated, 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 5th day of June A. D. 1956.

(SEAL) Attest: R. H. ROSS, Clerk, 104th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, By Irene Crawford, Deputy.



Dan Kralis

CANDIDATE FOR UNITED STATES

Congress

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE

17th Congressional District-Democratic Ticket

THE CAMPAIGN IS NOW UNDER WAY

Between now and July 28th, there is going to be a lot of conversation, speech making, and just plain political humbug. Some people are going to be talking to you and when they get through you won't know any more than before they started. There will be a lot of handshaking. It is pretty obvious that at election time handshaking is done for only one purpose — to get your vote. There will be much talk about team play, worthiness of the candidate, smears, etc. Just remember this, friends. There is only one real team and that is the people of the 17th Congressional District. You are going to choose your own captain this year — a real honest-down-to-earth spokesman for the people of the district.

So many representatives first go to Washington with good intentions. After a year or two in office they forget why the people sent them there. The boys in the back room get hold of them and make politicians out of them, instead of statesmen. They listen to intellectual do-gooders, statisticians, "one worlders," and become so indoctrinated that all of the common folk back home are no longer represented. The power of the Federal government and the politicians are making the common folk into a pawn to be used in the collective bargaining of trying to reach a one world goal supported by American blood and American money, all at the expense of Mr. and Mrs. Average American with absolutely no contribution from the rest of the world.

Who are my campaign managers? All of us. You the voters will support me and I will, in turn, support you on the floor of Congress. All of this fancy speech making and political garblydook that you hear between now and July 28th may be just so much conversation. Remember that! And rest assured that I will carry the sentiments of all we the people of the 17th Congressional District to Washington.

We have done a lot of talking and complaining in the barber shop, in the cotton fields, in the peanut patch, on the cattle ranch, in the living room, in the drugstore, in the grocery store, in small groups, and elsewhere. Now I stand before you ready to try to do something. We will have to put up or shut up at the polls on July 28th.

We can be an inspiration — We can set an example for all the common folk throughout our country by voting in such overwhelming majority at the July 28th Primary that other districts throughout the country, in the near future elections will have the courage, the bravery, and spirit of our founding fathers to adopt similar platforms and bring dignity, common sense, and spiritual greatness back into our Federal government. Only when this is achieved will our foreign friends begin to respect us and perhaps make some worthwhile contributions that will be a step in the direction of the brotherhood of man.

Our voice in the wilderness springing from the 17th Congressional District of Texas can and will be heard. Our team can play a winning game, and adopting our platform in such overwhelming majority will bring respect and notice from our fellow Americans. We must start somewhere and we can start right here, now, in our own district.

It is obvious that I cannot shake each of your hands and talk to each of you. If I spent a half hour with each of you, I would spend approximately four years day and night without sleeping or eating. But I will get my message across to all of you somehow during this campaign. My heart and soul are in this and you, my friends, are one big team with me. We are all in this together and we will stick together. This campaign will be the most unusual in the history of the country, because we the people are going to do our own thinking this time and our own voting and our own campaigning. I am gratified for the hundreds of telephone calls and letters and offers of assistance from all of you, from the working man to many of the established democratic leaders in the district. I will see all of you that I can and remember I am always ready to consider your valued advice and recommendations. This is your campaign and your government. This is your opportunity to speak out.

God bless each and everyone of you.

aid Pol. Adv.

SOME FUN!



"YOU SHOULD GET OUT IN THE OPEN MORE!"

WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON HARDER

Indications appear that after 20 years of Acheson-Dulles "statesmanship" and somewhere around \$70 billion in American taxes being poured into foreign giveaways, American people, like man with thumping hangover are wondering "what is it all about?"

NATO nations serve notice, spearheaded by England, they intend to broaden trade with Red Russia and China despite protests of State Secretary John Foster Dulles.

England, receiver of lion's share of U. S. aid, intends to sell them number of commodities including strategic rubber.

Perhaps England can rationalize this action. While U. S. State Dept. is not encouraging trade with communists, it is after all giving millions in aid to Communist Tito's Yugoslavia.

More importantly, entire situation illustrates when showdown comes, 20 years of American "statesmanship" plus billions of dollars mean nothing. Repeatedly nation's independent businessmen through National Federation of Independent Business have voted overwhelmingly against continued bleeding of American taxpayer for foreign giveaways. These expressions have been based on knowledge if you keep giving somebody something for nothing, in time the recipient turns on the giver. But of course, the average independent businessman bases opinion hard won native wisdom, rather than on some esoteric Pollyanna concept of philosophy.

Right now England is engaged

in a brawl in Cyprus. Pros and cons of this strife are quite vague. But fact remains England took into custody and shipped into exile head of Cyprus church, much as Kremlin removes spiritual leaders. They then became quite indignant when couple of fiery young Cypriots took some shots at a couple of Britishers, killing one.

While assassination is not to be condoned, British appeared awful anxious to hang them, which was done forthwith. And all appeals for clemency made by Dulles to Britain, which has taken so many billions in American aid, were brushed aside.

So England created a couple more martyrs, and Cyprus situation worsens. If mere killing, legal or illegal, is solution to problem of peoples seeking their own national existence, then by same twisted logic Hitler and Stalin were fine upstanding chaps doing world a lot of good.

Undoubtedly, if situation worsens in Cyprus to point where British economy is affected, immediate protestations will be made to Washington that unless more American dollars are sent England, she will be forced to turn over Cyprus to communists.

But it appears big lesson to be learned from the neck cracking incident in Cyprus is written in large letters of warning.

It is not only odd, but fantastic, when after U. S. has given billions to England, an appeal from the U. S. State Dept. to No. 10 Downing street could not prevent a British colonial governor from a pre-drawn stretching of a couple of pieces of hemp. If State Dept. cannot save lives of a couple of misguided young nationalists on an insignificant little island in the Mediterranean, how much confidence can be placed in ability of State Dept. to save, if necessary, lives of a 160,000,000 Americans?

Airforce To Enlarge ROTC For Weathermen

The Air Force, facing a critical shortage of trained weathermen, has altered its ROTC program to include more cadets who will study meteorology. Col. D. H. Thomas, University of Texas air science professor, announced. The University is one of the few schools in the nation offering both Air Force ROTC training and an engineering degree in meteorology.

Air Force ROTC programs throughout the country have been authorized to commission on additional 150 cadets who will become forecasters upon completing their college studies in meteorology.

The new program will allow ROTC cadets who obtain degrees in meteorology to go right on the job as basic weather officers in the Air Force.

Until now, men who had a background qualifying them for weather studies had to spend several months after they entered the service gaining additional meteorology training as special schools.

High school students interested in obtaining Air Force commissions along with meteorology training may write the Air Force ROTC Office, University of Texas, Austin 12.

CHURCHES

Merkel First Baptist Church Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Morning Worship 11:00 a. m. Training Union 6:30 p. m. Evening Worship 7:30 p. m. Wednesday Prayer Service 7:30 p. m. W. M. U. Mon. 9:30 a. m.

Merkel Church of Christ Bible Study 9:45 a. m. Morning Service 10:45 a. m. Young People's Bible Class 6:30 p. m. Evening Services 7:30 p. m.

Merkel First Methodist Church Sunday School 9:50 a. m. Morning Worship 10:50 a. m. M. Y. F. 6:30 p. m. Evening Service 7:30 p. m. Hebron Baptist Church Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Training Union 7:00 p. m. Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.

Evening Prayer Services Campere Baptist Church Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Morning Worship, 2nd and 4th Sunday 11 a. m.

Merkel Grace Presbyterian Church Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Worship Service 11 a. m.

Merkel Assembly of God Sunday school 10 a. m. Morning Service 11 a. m. C. A.'s (Young People) 7 p. m. Evening Worship 7:30 p. m. Tuesday W. M. C. 2 p. m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.

Merkel Calvary Baptist Church Sunday School 9:45 a. m.

Morning Service 11:00 a. m. Evening Bible Class 6:30 p. m. Evening Worship 7:00 p. m.

Tye Methodist Church Sunday: Sunday School 10 a. m. M. Y. F. 7:00 p. m. Prayer Meeting 7:30 p. m. Morning Service 11:00 a. m.

Noodle Church of Christ Sunday: Bible Class 10:00 a. m. Morning Worship Service 11:00 Young People's Service 6:30 Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.

Trent Methodist Church Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Evening Worship 7:30 p. m. Morning Services 11:00 a. m. M. Y. F. Services 6:30 p. m.

Wednesday: Prayer Services 7:30 p. m. Trent First Baptist Church Sunday:

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Noodle Baptist Church Sunday: Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Morning Worship 11:00 a. m. Young People's Class 6:30 p. m. Evening Services 7:30 p. m.

Trent Church of Christ Sunday: 11:00 o'clock Bible Class 10:00 a. m. Morning Worship 11:00 a. m. Evening Services 7:30 p. m. Ladies Bible Class 4:00 p. m. Thursday:

Men's Downtown Bible Class Sunday 8:44 a. m.

New Live Oak Baptist Church Sunday: Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Morning Worship 11 a. m. Training Union 6:45 p. m. Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.

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GREEN SALAD: Shred 1/2 cup each of red and white cabbage. Add lettuce greens and chopped onion. Add 1/4 cup crumbled bleu cheese and a dash of Worcestershire sauce to 1/2 cup sour cream. Just before serving, add quartered tomatoes and toss with sour cream dressing. Season with salt and pepper.

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AUSTIN, Tex. — Next month, for the first time in 24 years, Texans will be asked to vote — not only on men — but directly on issues.

State Democratic Executive Committee members have approved the placing of three questions on the primary ballot. Voters can express their desires for or against:

1. Legislation exempting a child from compulsory attendance at integrated schools.
2. Legislation "perfecting" laws against intermarriage of Negroes and whites, and:
3. Use of inter-position to halt federal encroachment on states rights.

Majority approval presumably would constitute a mandate for action by the next legislature.

Historically, such voter referendums seldom have been used. And not too successfully. Present procedures, still substantially unchanged, were set up with the passage of the Terrell Election Laws in 1907.

In the nearly 50 years since then, referendums were held only three times. And failed to pass twice. In 1908 a prohibition proposal was voted down more than two to one. In 1919 the people rejected three to one a proposal to call a constitutional convention.

But, in 1932 Texans voted overwhelmingly in favor of repealing the federal prohibition amendment.

This was the last referendum submitted until this year.

In other action the State Executive Committee certified a list of 31 candidates for statewide of-

ice. It ignored a charge by Reuben Senterfitt that Price Daniel's name was ineligible to appear on the ballot because he has not resigned his U. S. Senate post.

Fort Worth was selected by the committee as the site for the Sept. 11 state convention. Principal business at that time will be naming new party officers and deciding on a general election platform for the Democratic gubernatorial nominee.

GOP CHOOSE CORPUS—Texas Republicans will hold their August 28 state convention in Corpus Christi. GOP nominees for state office, presidential electors, a new state chairman and a general platform will be decided upon at that time.

Selection of the convention site was made at the party's state executive committee meeting in Austin.

Committee members sent Pres. Dwight D. Eisenhower a telegram asserting their confidence that he will carry Texas and be re-elected in November.

REDISTRICTING URGED—Demands that Texas congressional districts be realigned were heard at both political party meetings.

Texas was allotted an additional congressman after the 1950 census. Since the legislature has rejected redistricting bills for the past two sessions, the extra man is elected by the entire state.

Bill Elkins, candidate for congressman-at-large, told the Democratic executive committee the main plank in his platform is to have the office he seeks abolished.

Republican National Committee man Jack Porter said the GOP legal committee might seek federal action to force the legislature to redistrict.

"It's not fair to have the same representation from districts of 100,000 as you do from areas with more than a million," Porter charged.

PEARSON BLAMED AGAIN—In a report made public by the Insurance Commission, TV man Drew Pearson received the brunt of the blame for luring Texans into investing money in the now

defunct US Trust & Guaranty Co. The report was based on answers to questionnaires sent draft purchasers by the state liquidator's office.

Questionnaires were answered by 3,608 purchasers. They represented investments of \$4,711,132. Nearly half of them charged Pearson with influencing them into buying. This because of his personal, oft-repeated statement that "You can put your trust in U. S. Trust."

Because Pearson personally recommended the purchase, the TV broadcaster several months ago pledged to refund all "profits" made on his commercials. As of this writing the Insurance Commission's records do not reveal any such repayments by Pearson.

CIVIL IMMUNITY DENIED OFFICIALS—Public officials are not immune from civil liability for acts in connection with their duties. An Austin district judge so ruled in a case involving two former employees of the Insurance Commission.

Examiners Larry W. Blanchard and Robert R. Butler are among more than 50 defendants in a \$6,890,000 damage suit. It was filed by the state liquidator against those allegedly responsible for the 1954 collapse of the big General American Casualty Co. of San Antonio.

PARR TRIAL DELAY EXPECTED—Another six months delay seems likely before the trial of George B. Parr on income tax evasion charges takes place.

Parr's plea to have the trial in Laredo, rather than Austin, was rejected by the U. S. Supreme Court. U. S. Attorneys promptly asked Judge Ben H. Rice of Austin for an early setting, preferably in July. But Parr's attorneys said they will file for a rehearing before the Supreme Court. Such action could keep the case from coming up until January of 1957.

Parr was first indicted in 1954. He is charged with filing false returns in 1949, 1950 and 1951 and failing to pay the government \$86,000.

BIRTH CERTIFICATE BOTTLENECK—State Health officials are urging parents of children who will enter school for

the first time next fall to avoid the "birth certificate bottleneck." In past years thousands of requests have swamped the department in September. An estimated 260,000 children will be eligible to enter first grade this year.

SHORT SNORTS—Soaring heat and lack of rain is withering Texas crops and pastures in all areas except the high plains, reports the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The high plains still are green after three consecutive weeks of showers. . . . May was one of the best contract award months in Texas construction history. The \$168,102,823 contracted in May brings the 1956 total to \$572,000,000. That is better than the record year of 1953. . . . Eleven South Texas counties have been quarantined against shipments of citrus fruits from Mississippi, Florida, Louisiana and Alabama. Purpose of the State Agriculture Department's ban is to prevent a possible infestation of the Mediterranean fruit fly into Texas groves.

Coach Carol Benson and son, Bob, Chester Collinsworth and son, Chester Jr., Nolan Palmer and son, Butch, and Dr. Don Warren have returned from a fishing expedition at Devil's Lake, where they reported good catches of bass, crappie and perch.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell and sons, Jacky and Jerry returned home from Neosho, Missouri, where they attended the wedding Sunday of their oldest son and brother Jimmy Gordon Russell to Loretta Carter. Others from here who attended the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harris and children, Robert and Sarah.

The S. G. Russells visited last week in Arkansas with the Huff brothers, Leo at Osage, J. D. in Alpena, and Leonard at Harrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Truett Patterson and daughters Mary and Jane, and son, Mark, of Indianapolis, Ind., are visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson this week.

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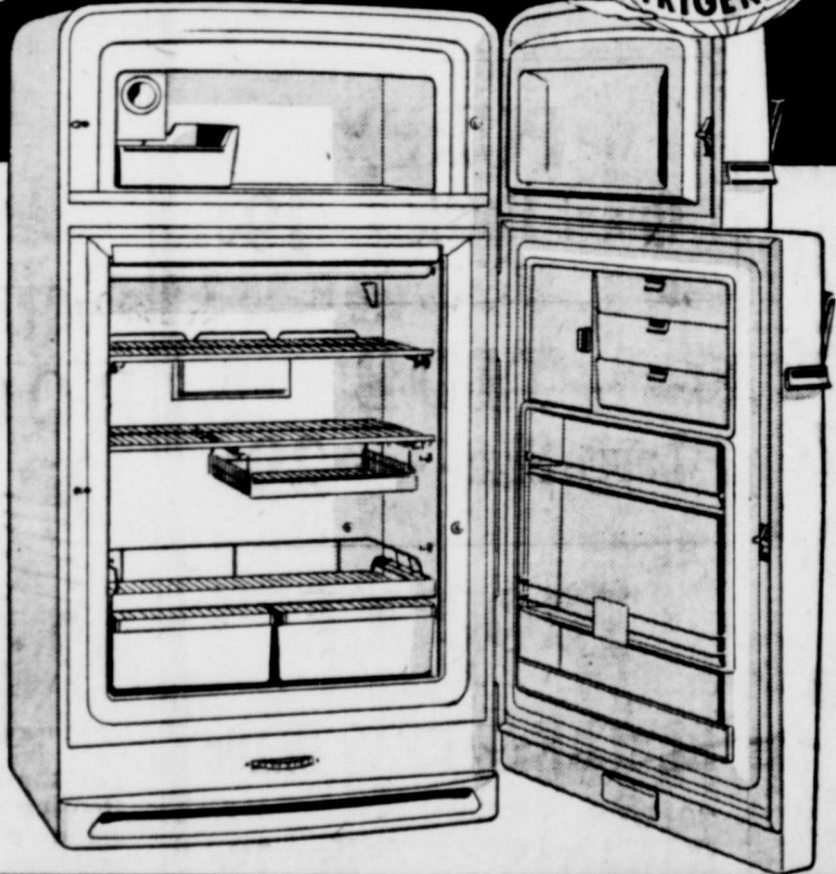
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Texas Girls Serve on Girl Scout Staff

Two Senior Girl Scouts, one from Lubbock and the other from Lamesa, boarded train in Lubbock Sunday afternoon for Pontiac, Michigan, where they will serve on the staff of the first Senior Girl Scout Round-Up from June 28 through July 11.

The girls are Marilyn Warren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Warren, Lubbock, and Stephany Stephens, daughter of Col. and Mrs. W. A. Stephens, Lamesa.

Marilyn was selected as a mail clerk for Round-Up and Stephany will be an information clerk. The girls applied for their positions as early as last summer and all applicants were carefully screened before final selections were made.

With a 42-year record in the Girl Scout program, Marilyn eagerly looks forward to Round-Up, though she had a "once in a lifetime" experience last summer when she was named as one of the 12 United States Exchange Girl Scouts to Sweden, and spent her summer months abroad.

Stephany has been active in Girl Scout work for ten years. A freshman at Texas Tech last year, Stephany has served as president of the first Senior Scout Plan-

ning Board of the West Texas Council, and last summer was employed as a junior counselor at Camp Boothe Oaks, West Texas Council camp near Sweetwater.

Every state in the Union, in addition to Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Alaska, and other foreign countries will be represented at the encampment of 4,000 Senior Girl Scouts and approximately 1,000 adults.

Staff members check into Round-Up headquarters at Tighland Park near Milford, Michigan, two days prior to the opening date of the encampment for training and organization. Three other members of the West Texas Council in addition to Stephany, are on the staff. They are C. P. Oats, building contractor of Abilene, who will work in maintenance; Mrs. Oats, program and Charlotte Oats, in the clerical department. Mrs. H. Leo Tucker of Abilene, was coordinator of the patrol of Senior Girls which will represent the West Texas Council.

At the fourth of July celebration, Miss Jo Anne Warren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Warren of Lubbock who is a Senior Girl Scout, will read her winning essay, "What America Means to Me." Though she is not one of the Round-Up campers, Miss Warren's parents are taking her to Michigan to read her essay on that day. Jo Anne was also featured in the July issue of "Seventeen" magazine as a representative Girl Scout.

Members of the patrol, who for the Round-Up have dubbed themselves the "West Texas Tumble Weeds" are Heley Gray of Big Spring, Gale Moore of Abilene, Kay Nance, Jane McJunkin, Sidney Edwards of Sweetwater, Nancy Cunningham, Big Spring and two girls from the Frontier Council, Brenda Boath-er and Judy Keller of San Angelo. This patrol will entertain June 28th for Fort Worth, where they will transfer to the Region IX Special, which is carrying all the girls from Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma to the Round-Up.

What are the girls taking to exchange with Girl Scouts from other states and nations? You might have guessed — boxes of West Texas tumble weeds.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Burgess, of Austin, former superintendent of Merkel schools for 17 years, were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson.

Robert Frye has left for Camp Chaffee, Ark., where he will begin serving in the U. S. Army. He has just completed the term at the University of Oklahoma.

Change In Law Will Be Sought by White

One huge gasoline price sign plus one small fraction of a cent sign equals one anky automobile drive, says John C. White, agriculture commissioner.

Every auto owner has seen them! A gas war flares in an area and filling stations erect tremendous signs with letters four feet high advertising their cut-rate prices. Then in the upper right in the upper right hand corner of the sign, barely visible to the naked eye, is that awful fraction "9-10th".

This type of advertising — while not actually misquoting prices — violates the intent of the Texas Weights & Measures Law, White says.

Weights and measures standards, administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture, are aimed at guaranteeing buyers a full amount of goods for their money. There is also a clause which regulates certain types of advertising. This clause is much abused in Texas.

The weight and contents of any packaged commodity such as pre-packed meat, tinned goods, bread loaf and similar foodstuffs must be clearly marked. The law also books no trifling with attempts to mislead the customer on prices of these commodities. Yet, on gasoline sales, many attempts are made to hide those "fractions" until the buyer has already been lured into the driveway.

Most of the filling station operators are unaware they are violating a state law with nearly-illegible signs. Their competitors do it — and so do they. As a result of a continuous campaign by the Texas Department of Agriculture, most chain stations and

MODERN BEAUTY SHOP

It's the cut that makes the hair pretty, so why not a Four-Way Cut today? SHOP CARE . . . IS PROFESSIONAL CARE . . . Mrs. Dent Gibson Mrs. Clarence Perry Operators Phone 201 for appointments In Rear of Merkel Drug

many individual owners have corrected their signs. But many of these signs still exist. A clarification of advertising laws and more publicity for them will be requested next January when the Texas Legislature convenes. This is one of the points of a program being prepared by the Department of Agriculture. Three main objects include:

1. A new poultry and egg inspection law to prevent Texas from becoming a dumping ground of inferior or diseased products from other states.
2. Heavier penalties for repeated violations of existing laws.
3. Strengthening of license requirements of agricultural firms operating under present laws in order to protect legitimate operators and consumers.

JOLLY FISHERMEN

Fishermen are getting smarter all the time: They may not be catching any more fish, but at least they're making sure the long hours in the boat will be physically comfortable by adding such items as sun-tan lotion, bandages, eye drops, iodine and salt tablets to their tackle boxes. Also it's wise to take along a comfortable kapok cushion that can double as a life preserver.

LAUNDRY Wet Wash Rough Dry Pick Up And Delivery

We offer you the best service and the highest quality work. We will appreciate your business PHONE 231 Deluxe Laundry GEO. A. WEST, Owner FURNITURE UPHOLSTERING SEE IRA CROSS ON KENT STREET

FUNERAL SERVICE INSURANCE \$100.00 to \$500.00 PAYS CASH ANYWHERE 1 Month to 90 Years STARBUCK LIFE INSURANCE CO.



"I'm glad you telephoned ahead for an appointment"

Appointments made by telephone are made time savers these busy days. And reduced federal excise taxes means long distance service costs less than ever. Rates are especially low after 6 PM and on Sunday. So whenever quick action is called for—call for it best—by long distance telephone.

MERKEL TELEPHONE CO. NOW IN MERKEL C. B. READY-MIX CONCRETE Delivered For Your Home, Business, Drive-Way Flooring or Commercial Jobs C. B. READY-MIX Phone 172 Behind Old Theater on North Second on Cemetery Road

For Butane Gas, Appliances and Tractor Conversions PHONE 169 H. W. LEMENS 1029 NORTH SECOND

Don't wake up too late!

INSURE ADEQUATELY NOW!

Boney Insurance Agency 143 Edwards Street PHONE 21 Old State Bank Bldg., Merkel Consult Your Insurance Agent As You Would Your Doctor or Lawyer



happy vacations begin in a Chevy You'll love to travel in it, because it loves to travel! When you get this Chevrolet out on the road, you'll want to keep going—and so will the whole family. Of course, even in a Chevrolet the happiest vacations may involve one or two minor problems. Like fidgety small fry who want gallons of water and keep asking if you're almost there. The big things, though, are beautifully taken care of by this roomy Chevrolet's smooth and easy way of going. That's for sure. The fact is, few cars at any price hold the road with Chevy's grace, with its solid feeling of stability. And with horsepower up to 225, Chevrolet moves out like a whiplash, for safer passing. It's no wonder that so many people who used to buy higher priced cars are changing to Chevrolet! Stop by soon for a ride.

Only franchised Chevrolet dealers display this famous trademark BADGER CHEVROLET COMPANY

You too can enjoy COOL COMFORT

Residential, Commercial, Industrial Models to fit your needs

— with a PARAMOUNT Air Cooler they give "Twice as Much Cool Air"! Two Speed Motors and "Finger-Tip Controls"

With exclusive "No-Clog" filter screens — screens that actually eliminate clogging by preventing the accumulation of dust, dirt and mineral deposits — Paramount Air Coolers give "twice as much cool air."

Controlled Air, Too! Now another Paramount extra — now you may have complete control of cool air from zero to full capacity. Just think — cool air to suit your personal desire. Come in! Let us show you the many Paramount Air Coolers!

BUDGET TERMS Let Us Make a Free Survey of Your Cooling Needs West Texas Utilities Company

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ed a mighty important part in ousting the conservatives from control of the Democratic party, have openly announced that they will campaign to: 1. Elect Ralph Yarborough governor; 2. Elect Legislators friendly to labor; 3. Defeat Lt. Gov. Ben Ramsey; 4. Gain control of the state Democratic convention in September; and 5. Elect Liberals to the State Democratic Executive Committee.

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ture years," he added "the investors in the growth of Merkel will get a return of their money." It has been pointed out that in most cities, swimming pools are one of the best means of revenue for the city.

Pattersons Came To Merkel in '89

The late Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Patterson came to Merkel in 1889. Many of the family still live here. Some are farming near Merkel, while some are in business. A local dairy is operated by Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hamm. Mrs. Hamm is a great granddaughter. Mrs. J. C. Carson whose husband is with Carson Grocery is a great great granddaughter. Mrs. Irl Walker with her husband operate a grocery store on d station. The rest home of Merkel was started a few years ago by Mrs. Lawson, also a great granddaughter.

The Patterson's first home was on El Paso Street, where the new highway will be. They paid \$4.00 per acre for their farm that is now owned by Balone Bro's. at Blair. They bought their first home in the country while many of their neighbors lived in half dug outs until homes could be built. At one time the trip from Blair to Merkel was through pastures with many gates to open.

Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church. Corner South 5th and Trundy Sts. MASS 10:30 A.M. Sundays CONFESSION before MASS ROSARY & BENEDICTION 7:30 p.m. Fridays

FOURTH OF JULY REUNION IS SET

There will be a Fourth of July reunion at the creek on the McReynolds ranch for the Scott, Boyd and McReynolds. This reunion features barbecue lamb, chicken and home made ice cream. There will be visitors from Sweetwater, Roby, Abilene, Stanton, Big Spring and Snyder.

NOODLE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Maxwell and Marilyn visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Rogers near Anson, Sunday.

The Weckert families had a family reunion recently, they met at the Coleman Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Benningfield had all of their children home on Sunday.

Visitors in the Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Jones home, recently, were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Townley of Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Grimes, Gene and Loyd of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Carr and baby of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Russ Bailey and children of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Joe Rota, New York, Mr. and Mrs. Mock Graham of Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Garrett and David of Anson, Mrs. J. E. Booz, Sr., and Mrs. F. O. Serogins and Jan.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe J. Jones in Hedley, Texas, last week-end. They brought their boys home, after spending two weeks visiting their grandparents.

Mrs. Hubert Sullivan and little daughter, Mrs. Mackey Spurgin and Bobbie Sullivan spent several days last week in Oklahoma visiting relatives. Bobbie stayed for a longer visit.

Clinton Spurgin has returned from Ft. Hood, where he spent two weeks, he is in the National Guard.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Touchstone and children, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Sherrill in Merkel Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Garvis Tarpley and children are guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wheeler and Mr. and Mrs. Dock SCallaway this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Newell Lucas, Billy and Christi were visiting Mrs. Lucas' sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Davis in Abilene Sunday.

Minister and Mrs. Kenneth Reed and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Barbee, Sr., were dinner guests in the home of the D. C. Callaway's, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Walker and their three girls Lynn, Colleen and Elaine from Burbank, Calif. are visiting their mother Mrs. Myrtle Walker for an indefinite time.

Mighty good!

MEATS

SPECIALS - JULY 5 - 6 - 7th - 1956

- DEL MONTE CORN - Cream Style - 2 for 33c
KIMBELL - 303 GREEN BEANS - 2 for 25c
DEL MONTE PEAS - 303 - 2 for 39c
HUNT'S TOMATOES - 2 for 33c
AUSTEX MEAT BALLS & SPAGHETTI - 2 for 39c
DEL MONTE CATSUP - 14-oz. Bottle - 2 for 39c
SALAD DRESSING MIRACLE WHIP pt. 29c
DEL MONTE PINEAPPLE Crushed - 2 for 49c
DEL MONTE JUICE - PINEAPPLE - 46-oz. can 25c
MISSION IN PEACHES - Whole, No. 2 1/2 - 2 for 49c
STOCKTON MIX FRUIT - No. 2 1/2 can - 2 for 49c



Corn King Bacon 2 lbs. 69c

TENNESSEE SAUSAGE - 2 lbs. 1.09
CHOICE BEEF SHORT RIBS - lb. 19c
LONGHORN CHEESE - lb. 49c

SWIFT'S HAMS Lb. 49c
BUTT END or SHANK END

CHOICE BEEF CHUCK ROAST - lb. 39c
FRESH GROUND BEEF - lb. 25c
FRESH FRYERS - lb. 39c

Borden's BISCUITS 2 Cans For 19c

Bama Preserves RED PLUM 20-oz. Glass 29c

Supreme Pecan SANDIES Pound 39c

LIPTON TEA 1/4 Pound Pkg. 33c

LIGHT CRUST FLOUR 10 Pounds - 83c

BAKERITE COFFEE SPAM WRIGLEYS

SHORTENING 3-Lb. Can 79c
FOLGERS Instant 2-oz. 49c
HORMEL 12-oz. Can 35c
GUM 6 Pkgs. 15c

VEL large box - 2 for 53c
FAB large box - 2 for 53c
AJAX - reg. 15c
VEL Beauty Bar - 25c
NABISCO RITZS - lb. 32c

Garden Fresh VEGETABLES

CHOICE PEACHES - lb. 15c
FRESH LETTUCE - lb. 12c
FRESH K. Y. BEANS - lb. 19c
FRESH CELERY - stalk 15c
FRESH CALIF. CANTALOUPE - lb.
FRESH SQUASH - lb. 7c
SANTA ROSE PLUMS - lb. 19c
THOMPSON SEEDLESS GRAPES - lb. 23c

FROZEN FOODS
STILWELL STRAWBERRY - 10-oz. 23c
MORTON - 9-In. FRUIT PIES - each 49c
KEITH - 6-oz. LEMON ADE - 2 for 25c
KEITH CUT CORN - 2 for 39c
KEITH Blackeye PEAS - 2 for 39c
THOMAS FISH STICKS - each 29c

HORMEL VIENNA SAUSAGE 2 cans - 33c

COLGATE

DENTAL CREAM With - - Giant

43c

213 EDWARDS ST. - PHONE 250

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plus JAMES STEWART - GRACE KELLY "REAR WINDOW"

IN CINEMASCOPE and COLOR

SUNDAY & MONDAY - JULY 8 - 9



TUES. - WED. - & THURS. - JULY 10 - 11 - 12

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