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Next Saturday is election day in Texas. It is the day all Texans who have paid their poll tax to go to the polls and cast their ballots for governor, lieutenant governor and other important state offices, as well as county offices. This is a democracy, and unless you go and vote, you should have no complaints how the government is run for the next few years. Often those who holler the loudest about bad government are the very ones who didn't go to the polls and vote. Many, many times a third of the voters elect the officers who will serve you for the next term. Are you going to let one-third of the voters pick your office holders? This can easily be done, if you do not exercise your right to ballot.

Many people do not agree on one candidate or the other, so your opinion is just as good as the next man's. Who knows, you may want to vote for Daniel for governor, your neighbor O'Daniel, another Senterfitt, another Yarborough or another Heley. It's their right, but if you do not go to the polls and vote, you are helping the other fellow win.

This is a small world after all. We found out that the new chief of police, Billy Madding, formerly a desk sergeant at Plainview and formerly of McKinney, is a nephew of Arch Lancaster, an abstractor in Wagoner, Okla., where we used to live. Billy has even fished in our favorite spot on the Ft. Gibson lake, but he won't say if he caught his limit, like most fishermen do.

The Little League all-stars ran up against a team they couldn't handle the other night, but they showed up well, considering most of the boys they were playing against looked like giants in comparison to ours. The boys probably could have done better if they hadn't had a case of stage fright, which often happens. Probably they'll show their true form in the next game.

## Rites Held Here For J. J. Gardner

Funeral for Jerry James Gardner, 27, Abilene, were conducted at the First Baptist Church in Merkel Wednesday afternoon by the Rev. John Hamilton, pastor of the Noodle Baptist church, assisted by Rev. Joel Grimes, retired minister.

Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery under the direction of Starbuck funeral home.

Mr. Gardner died Monday at his home following a long illness caused by cancer.

He was an employe of Southern Garden Produce in Abilene for eight years.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks to everyone who was so kind and helpful during the illness and passing of our dear loved one.

Mrs. Edd Massey and family.



**FIDDLIN'S SMITH ARE WINNERS** — Merkel folks again took top honors at the Buffalo Gap Old Settlers reunion last weekend when Ford Smith Sr., center, and Mrs. Ford Smith, won the fiddlin contest. Luther Marr, left, holds the public address system for them. Jess Anderson, also of Merkel was second. Smith is widely known throughout West Texas as the "Fiddlin Farmer."



**MERKEL OLD-TIMER** — Horace Vanlandingham, of Merkel, right, is shown talking to Tal Burford of Ovalo and Dan O'Connell of Tuscola, during the Buffalo Gap Old Settlers reunion last weekend. These three represented more than 200 years in Taylor county.

## CANDIDATES TAKE FINAL STAND ON ISSUES AS SATURDAY VOTE NEARS

Merkel voters will go to the polls Saturday to cast ballots for governor and other state races, several hotly contested local battles and a congressional race that has attracted some interest.

By late Saturday night it will all be over, and there will be several "also rans." But up to that time, the candidates are pushing forward last-minute campaigns in an attempt to alleviate voter apathy which has cropped up in this campaign.

In Taylor county, there are several interesting battles, one of the spotlights being on the hot race between incumbent Wiley Caffey and County Judge Reed Ingalsbe for the office of District Attorney. Caffey, who is seeking his fourth term, was challenged by Ingalsbe, veteran county judge. Both candi-

dates have been campaigning hard, and observers predict this will be a hard race to pick the winner in advance.

There will be one new office voters will cast ballots. Last year, the County Commission established a County Court At Law and appointed Allen Glenn, formerly of Merkel and former assistant county attorney, to fill the post, but at filing time he was contested by George W. Overshiner, Abilene attorney, and both attorneys have been conducting extensive campaigns.

County Attorney Lee Sutton, seeking another term, is challenged by Jim Jeffrey, Abilene attorney.

Another race of interest is for County Tax Assessor-Collector. A. C. Boone, Jr., Abilene certified public accountant, has drawn

wide support there and has made an extensive campaign. His opponents are eBurl King and S. M. Plier, both of Abilene.

The Merkel voters do not vote on county commissioner this year, but in precinct 1 Sam Bean, J. H. Rooker and Claude Newberry are running. In precinct 3 the race is between E. B. Kidd, Floyd Tate and Rex Reddell.

The sheriff's race has created interest as J. D. Woodard, former sheriff and constable, is challenging Ed Powell, incumbent. Both have been campaigning hard.

A race of local interest involved Luther Land, incumbent, seeking reelection as Constable in precinct 5. He is opposed by L. P. "Slick" Liles.

Candidates for county Democratic chairman are W. E. Fraley and Dan T. Sorrells.

Holland Teaff is unopposed for chairman of precinct 24.

Dan Kralis, Abilene, has made a hard campaign for congress in an attempt to unseat Rep. Omar Burleson, Anson. Kralis has conducted the most extensive campaign of any candidate in this area, and only time will tell whether he has made enough headway to get the next ticket to Washington.

District Judge Owen Thomas is being opposed by Malcomb Schulz, of Abilene.

Candidates for state office are:

- GOVERNOR:** Reuben Senterfitt, of San Saba county; Price Daniel, of Liverty county; J. Everett Haley of Randall county; W. Lee O'Daniel, of Dallas county; J. J. Holmes, of Travis county; Ralph Yarborough, of Travis county.
- LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR:** C. T. Johnson, of Travis county; John Lee Smith of Lubbock county; A. M. Aikin Jr. of Lamar county; Ben Ramsey of San Augustine county.
- ATTORNEY GENERAL:** Ross Carlton of Dallas county; Will Wilson of Dallas county; Curtis E. Hill of Dallas county; Tom Moore of McLennan county.
- JUDGE CRIMINAL COURT OF APPEALS:** W. A. Morrison of Milam county; Jesse Owens of Wilbarger county.
- STATE TREASURER:** Warren G. Harding of Dallas county; Jesse James of Travis county.
- COMMISSIONER LAND OFFICE:** Earl Rudder of McCulloch county; Ned Price of Smith county.
- COMMISSIONER AGRICULTURE:** John C. White of Wichita county; Bill Jones of kinwler county; Jim Barber of Collin county.
- CONGRESS AT LARGE:** Bill Elkins of Dallas county; Martin Dies of Lufkin county.
- CONGRESS 17th DIST:** Omar Burleson of Anson; Dan Kralis of Abilene.
- DISTRICT ATTORNEY:** Wiley Caffey of Abilene; Reed Ingalsbe of Abilene.
- DISTRICT JUDGE:** Malcomb Schulz of Abilene; Owen Thomas of Abilene.
- ASSO. JUSTICE SUPREME COURT:** James R. Norvell of Bexar county; Robert G. Hughes of Tom Green county.

## LARGER KEY CITY LADS RAP ALL-STARS

It was Merkel All-Stars day. The larger Key City leaguers rapped out a 12-2 victory in the 1956 Key City All-Stars game before 1,000 fans.

The Merkel All-Stars just weren't in a hitting mood, at least not like the 416 batting average they went into the game showed. The slippery pitching of Skipper Good and Don Button of the Key City leaguers held the Merkel All-Stars to a single hit.

The Key City hitters rapped out 12 hits in securing their 12 runs, but it was just two bad innings for Johnny Swinney, the Merkel hurler, that did the trick. The Key City club got only 2 runs in the first, but added six in the third and four in the sixth. Jimmy Mallon had a perfect night against Swinney, collecting two doubles and a two run home run in the sixth. Rollie Holt had a four bagger and a single; Bruce Teagarden a single and a triple; and Billy Hagar two singles and a double.

John Heatley doubled in the fourth for the lone Merkel safety and that was the inning Merkel scored its two runs.

The Merkel club will meet Hamlin Thursday night in the consolation round, and championship and consolation rounds will wind up Friday night. Hamlin lost to the Dixie team 1-0.

### WEDDING PLANS ARE ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Wray B. Williams of Trent are announcing the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Sandra Jane, to Jerry Estep, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Estep, also of Trent.

The fall wedding will take place September 8th at the Trent. See WEDDING On Page 8

## Reduction In Tax Rate Likely

The tax rate in the city of Merkel may be reduced from \$1.50 per \$100 valuation of last year to \$1.00 for the current year. Mayor Fred Starbuck announced today after the equalization board completed studies of Merkel valuations.

The reduction in the rate comes about by the equalizing of valuations in Merkel on property. Some of it has been increased in valuation, others have been reduced. The valuations were placed at 65 percent of the 1955 valuation.

The change in rate and increase in valuation will bring additional revenue to the city to repair roads and give additional service which has not been available before due the shortage of funds.

## Trent Rites For Mrs. Causseaux

Funeral for Mrs. Etta Causseaux, 86, of Trent was held Wednesday at the First Methodist Church in Trent.

Mrs. Causseaux died at her home west of Trent at 3:30 a.m. Tuesday.

The Rev. Bill Riley, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Trent Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home of Merkel.

Born Etta Roberson in March, 1870, in Martin County, N. C., she was orphaned at the age of 2 and lived with an aunt and uncle, who moved to Bell County in 1880. She was married to J. P. Causseaux at Temple in 1891, and the couple moved to Randall County. In 1899 they moved to Nolan County. Mr. Causseaux died in 1909.

She had been a member of the Presbyterian Church since 1888. Survivors are three sons, Ray. See RITES On Page 8



**MERKEL ALL-STARS** — Here are Johnny Swinney, pitcher, and Jerry Barnes, infielder, two of the Merkel All-Stars who are playing in the tournament at Abilene. The Merkel Club lost its first game to the Key City Leaguers, 12-2.

## OLD-TIMERS HOLD BUFFALO GAP REUNION; MERKELITES ATTEND

More than 4,500 people, including many Merkel old-timers, attended the Taylor County Old Settlers reunion last weekend at Buffalo Gap, enjoying a full program and visiting with old settlers from this area.

The attendance was the highest in 12 years.

A parade through town and around the reunion grounds opened the reunion, followed by a talk by Bryan Bradbury, prominent Abilene attorney.

A memorial service followed and then lines formed for the 1,800 pounds of barbecue.

In the fiddlers contest Ford Smith Sr., of Merkel, won first; Jesse Anderson, Merkel, was second and Bernice Johnson, Tuscola, third.

The oldest man and woman were Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hancock, Lawn, who are 86 and 83. Mrs. John Snodgrass won the prize for having the most children — 20 — six of whom were present.

Bradbury urged his listeners not to forget the contributions made by pioneer men and women in their solid support of the principles of liberties and freedom.

Mrs. T. E. Reynolds of Merkel and Nolan, had five of her married daughters with her at the reunion. They were Mrs. Willie Perry of Nolan, Mrs. E. B. (Cora) Pruitt, and Mrs. E. E. (Effie) Pruitt of Abilene, Mrs. Bertha Cotton of Albany, Mrs. Earl Wallace Nolan, Mrs. Reynolds has lived in Taylor County 50 years. Lately she has lived in Nolan County with her daughter part of the time.

Among the Merkel residents present were Miss Mable McRee, Mrs. M. E. Bacus, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bacus, Mrs. M. E. Bacus came to the Merkel area in 1897. Mrs. M. L. Douglas of Merkel accompanied the Bacus family.

C. J. Whisenhunt, formerly of Merkel, attended the reunion with his daughters, Mrs. R. S. Darden of Clyde and Mrs. Earl Carter of Ballinger. Mr. Whisenhunt came to Merkel in 1890 and now lives with Mrs. Carter in Ballinger and were enroute to Kansas City, Mo.

### VISITING IN MERKEL

Tom Frye, interior decorator, and Dr. Charles Shofstall, M.D., both of Kansas City, Mo., visited Mr. Frye's brother, W. W. Frye and Mrs. Frye Wednesday and Thursday. They had been in Mexico City for the past month, and were enroute to Kansas City, Mo.



**CHARLEY SHERRILL** ... Night Patrolman



**BILLY MADDING** ... New Chief

**A NEW OFFICE** — Merkel added a new police force this week with the arrival of Billy Madding, formerly of Plainview, as chief of police, and addition to Charley Sherrill, long-time resident here, as night patrolman.

## Hewitts Prepare Trip to Germany

Tech Sgt. Gerald Hewitt, one of the first men from the air force base to make his home in Merkel 14 months ago, has been transferred to duty in Germany and will leave within a few weeks.

Mrs. Hewitt and daughter will accompany him on the trip. They have already applied for their passports.



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Mrs. Dallie Campbell of Abilene was guest of Mrs. Blanche Campbell, Monday. Mrs. Campbell has been on a tour to Carlsbad Cavern, New Mexico and was accompanied by her son, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Campbell and two children, Barbara Ann and Bobby Paul of Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Warren spent the weekend with their son, Joe Frank and family of Plainview.

Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Davidson and daughters, Donna and Suzy of Austin, Texas were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller, last week.

Coach Carroll Benson has returned from attending a coaching clinic at Kansas State Teachers College in Pittsburgh, Kansas.



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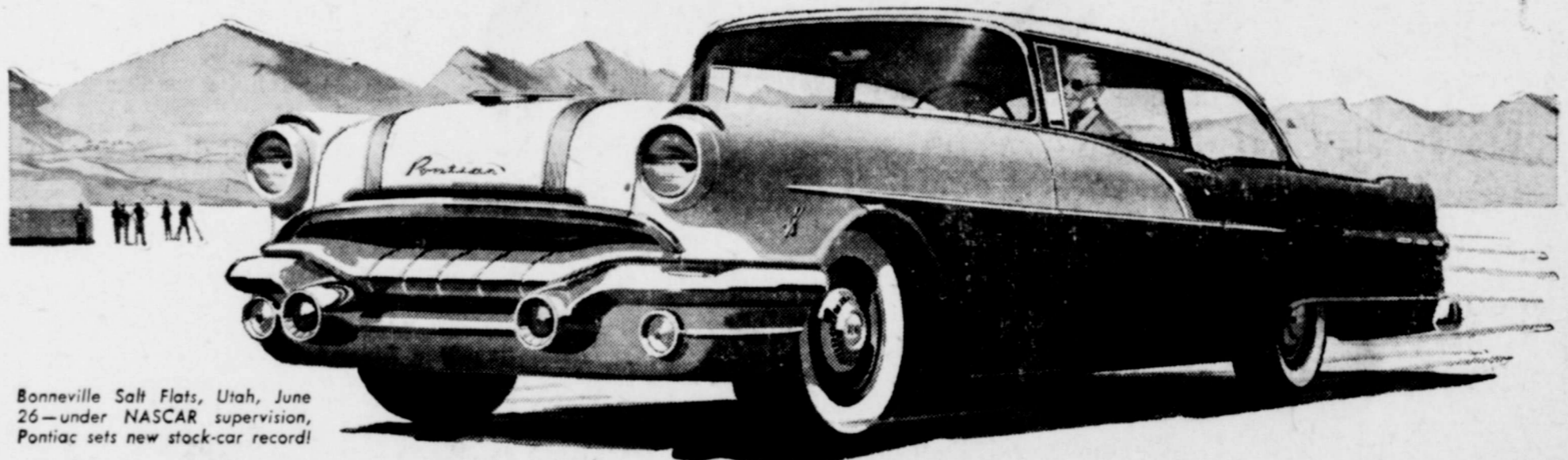
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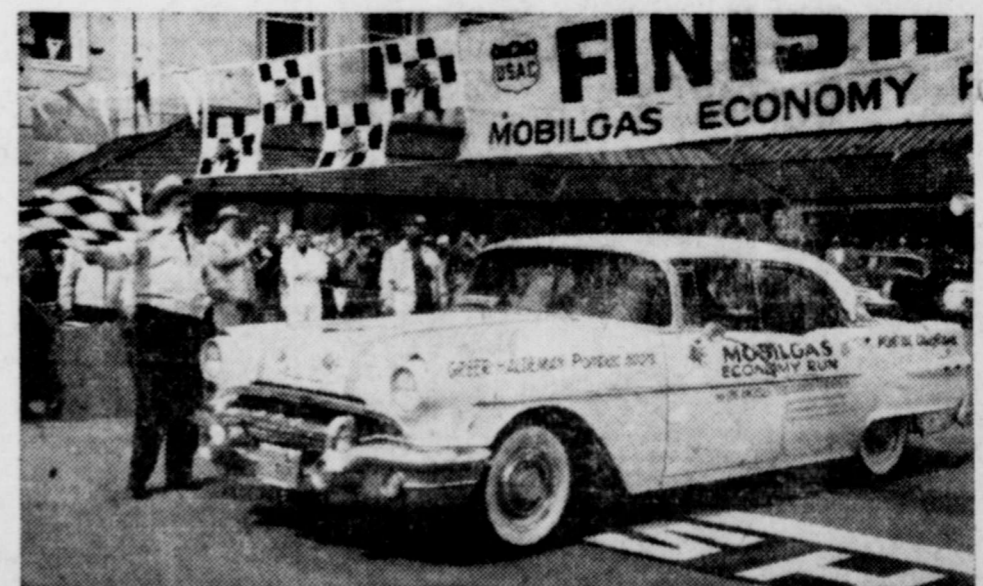


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 The wedding will be September 2 at 4:30 p.m. in the First Methodist Church in Merkel.  
 Miss Patterson is a graduate of Merkel High School and will graduate from McMurry College in August. Sharp is a graduate of Amarillo High School and McMurry College. He is a senior student at Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colo., and pastor of James Memorial Methodist Church in Hudson, Colorado.

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Cream Peas Pkg. 25c

Ocean  
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Welch's 6-Oz. Can  
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Banquet EACH  
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Tip Top  
**SPINACH** - 303 can - - 2 for 19c

Diamond  
**VANILLA** - - - - 8-oz. bottle 15c

Pillsbury  
**FLOUR** - - - - 5 lb. bag 49c

Heart's Delight  
**TOMATO JUICE** - No. 2 can - - - 2 for 25c

Del-Monte Crushed  
**PINEAPPLE** - - - - flat can 15c

SUN SPUN STRAWBERRY  
**PRESERVES** - - - 12-oz. glass 19c

Church's **GRAPE JUICE** - 24-oz. bottle 29c

Sun Spun **CATSUP** - - - bottle 15c

Ritz **CRACKERS** - - - 8-oz. box 19c

Ajax **CLEANSER** - - - 2 cans 25c

**TIDE** - - - - large box 29c

**PUREX** - - - - 1/2 gal. 29c

Kim **DOG FOOD** - - - 3 cans 25c

● MEATS ●

Armour's Dressed **FRYERS** - - lb. 38c

**WEINERS** - - - - lb. 29c

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**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**  
THE STATE OF TEXAS

To T. H. Johnson, and the unknown heirs of said T. H. Johnson, and the unknown devisees of said T. H. Johnson, and the unknown legal representatives of said T. H. Johnson, and Mrs. T. H. Johnson (wife of said T. H. Johnson), and the unknown heirs of said Mrs. T. H. Johnson, and the unknown devisees of said Mrs. T. H. Johnson, and the unknown legal representatives of said Mrs. T. H. Johnson, and J. T. Baker, and the unknown heirs of said J. T. Baker, and the unknown devisees of said J. T. Baker, and the unknown legal representatives of said J. T. Baker, and Mrs. J. T. Baker (wife of said J. T. Baker), and the unknown heirs of said Mrs. J. T. Baker, and the unknown devisees of said Mrs. J. T. Baker, and the unknown legal representatives of said Mrs. J. T. Baker, and the unknown owners of the land involved in this suit, and all adverse claimants owning or claiming or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land involved in this suit, Defendants, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, and answer 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 10th day of Sept., A.D. 1956, to Plaintiff's petition filed in said court on the 13th day of April A.D. 1956, in this cause, numbered 21,275-A on the civil docket of said court and styled Jack Moore, Plaintiff, vs. Sam Donnell et al, the said Jack Moore being the plaintiff in said suit, and Sam Donnell (who is same person as Sam W. Donnell) and T. H. Johnson, and the unknown heirs of said T. H. Johnson, and the unknown devisees of said T. H. Johnson, and the unknown legal representatives of said T. H. Johnson, and Mrs. T. H. Johnson (wife of said T. H. Johnson), and the unknown heirs of said Mrs. T. H. Johnson, and the unknown devisees of said Mrs. T. H. Johnson, and the unknown legal representatives of said Mrs. T. H. Johnson, and J. T. Baker, and the unknown heirs of said J. T. Baker, and the unknown devisees of said J. T. Baker, and the unknown legal representatives of said J. T. Baker, and Mrs. J. T. Baker (wife of said J. T. Baker), and the unknown heirs of said Mrs. J. T. Baker, and the unknown devisees of said Mrs. J. T. Baker, and the unknown legal representatives of said Mrs. J. T. Baker, and the unknown owners of the land involved in this suit, and all adverse claimants owning or claiming or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land involved in this suit being the defendants in said suit.

A brief statement of the nature of said suit is as follows, to-wit: said suit is a suit of Trespass to Try Title brought by plaintiff to recover of defendants jointly and severally the title and possession of that certain parcel of land and premises situated in Taylor County, Texas, and being all of Lot No. Seven (7) in Block No. Two (2) in Sayles' Subdivision of Lots Nos. 1 and 2 of Block No. Five (5) in the B. Austin Survey No. 91 (lying West of Meander

Street) in Taylor County, Texas, according to map of record at Page 291 of Vol. 1 of Plat Records of said County; plaintiff alleges he was lawfully seized and possessed of said premises and that defendants unlawfully entered thereon and ejected him therefrom, and for second count plaintiff alleges he has good title to said land against defendants under the twenty-five years statute of limitation of Texas and he alleges in the alternative that he has good title to said land against defendants under the ten years statute of limitation of said State; plaintiff prays for judgment for title and possession, for writ of restitution and general and special relief, as is more fully shown by plaintiff's petition on file in said 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 mandate hereof, and make due return as the law directs. Defendants claim

fee simple title to said land. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 25th day of July A. D. 1956.

Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk of the District Courts of Taylor County, Texas. (SEAL)

**A. C. BOONE, JR.**



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**CRISTOPHER REUNION HELD JULY 22**  
The Christopher Reunion was held July 22 in the home of one

of the daughter's, Mrs. Edd Farmer of Merkel, Texas. There were more than 50 children, grandchildren, and

great-grandchildren present at the reunion. After a buffet style lunch everyone gathered in the living room for the greatest surprise of the day which was a surprise birthday party for Grandmother, Great Grandmother and Mother Christopher who will be 85 years young on August 2. She was presented with beautiful cake and many pretty presents and the group sang "Happy Birthday Mother" to her. She was completely surprised and very happy about it.

We are all thankful that her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren could attend this annual reunion. Those attending other than Mother Christopher were:

Mr. and Mrs. Lilburn Harvey, Arlene, Lenora, and Paula Sue, of McAdo, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Olen Christopher, Buddy, Sharon and Ronnie of Sun Ray, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hale, Diana and Deborah of Ft. Worth, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Christopher, Cleo, Betty, Freda, and Vicki of Silver City, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Edd Farmer of Merkel, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Blakney of Dora, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hale, Eddie and Sonya of Mtador, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Valton Dye, Rodger, Jody and Darlene of Denver City, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Christopher, Linda Max, and Chris of Spur, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Christopher, LaJuan, Mike and Rhenia, of Lubbock, Texas; Mrs. Dorothy Clark of Portales, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Sampson, Timmie and Tony of Colorado City, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Daniel of Rogers, New Mexico, and Gerald Raye Dye.

\$21.00 per acre are not as good as some of the farmers that drew \$11.50 per acre. The question is how they are classed. Was it production? No.

Was it the farms? No. Maybe it was the farmers and how they stood with the committees.

The showers have cooled the Canyon some, however, there has been no rain to speak of. Some of the farmers are trying to plow their stubble land, but it is too dry to plow.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wallace and family of Ft. Worth visited Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Patterson of Merkel over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McLean and family of Abilene attended church at Pioneer, Sunday.

A. L. Moore is working in Rt. Worth. He was home over the weekend with his family.

Some of the Canyon boys are planning to ship their lambs next week if it doesn't rain.

The Taylor County and Jones County Singing Convention will meet at Pioneer Church this Sunday.

**NOTICE**

The fifth Sunday Singing Convention will meet at Pioneer Memorial Church, Sunday, at 2:00 o'clock p.m.

**Political Announcements**

Political advertising rates in this column on request.

The following have authorized the Merkel Mail to announce their candidacy for office, subject to the primary election.

**FOR SHERIFF — J. D. WOODARD**  
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**ALLEN D. GLENN**  
GEORGE OVERSHINER  
Congress, 17th District  
**OMAR BURLESON**  
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**HOUSE FOR RENT** — The Mrs. W. U. Beene house, 5 miles north-east of Merkel. Has good well of water, house piped for butane. Contact Mrs. E. O. Ely, Avoca, Texas. 18-2tc.

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The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. J. C. Walton. Tuesday night, July 10, for a family night and to honor the members who have had birthdays in July.

Games of 42 were enjoyed and refreshments of ice cream and cake were served to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Turner and family from Ft. Worth; Mr. and Mrs. F. Y. Gaither; Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas; Mabel McRee; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark; Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Harwell; Mrs. Francis Carey and children; Mr. and Mrs. Danel Cox; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pee; Mrs. Clark and Walton.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Shields of Miami, Texas, visited Mrs. Shields aunt, Mrs. Helen Boney, Tuesday.



**RE - ELECT OWEN THOMAS**  
104th District Judge

OWEN THOMAS  
Pol. Adv. Pd. for Dan Ray and other friends.



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**UP THE CANYON**

By TOM RUSSOM  
Farmers are very unhappy of the way the soil bank money will be distributed. It perhaps would have been good for the farmers if it had been handled the right way.  
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The terms of office for District Attorney and County Judge in Texas overlap by two years. Each is now a four year office, but they do not begin and end at the same time. Therefore, anyone holding office and seeking promotion is compelled to seek the office at the time the legislature has set for the term to end. My opponent has held the office of District Attorney since 1949, being appointed to the office while in the middle of a term of County Judge of Taylor County, and he now asks A FOURTH TERM. I feel that it is time to offer the people a choice of candidates for the office, and I do most sincerely solicit your help and support in my campaign to be elected your 42nd Judicial District Attorney. I will work earnestly and faithfully to make you the best District Attorney you have ever had!



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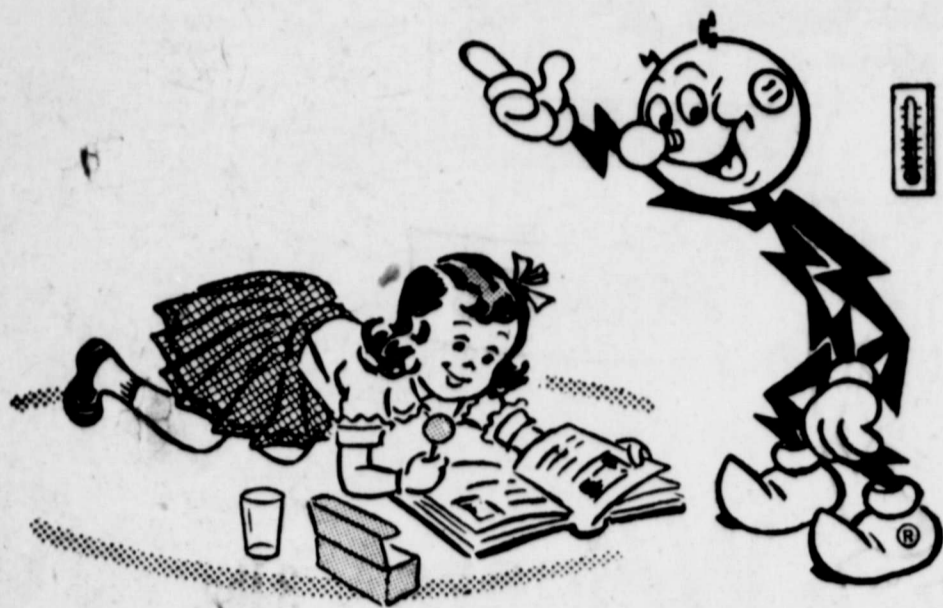
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The Merkel Church of Christ will be the scene of the wedding on August 31.  
Miss Chancey is a graduate of Merkel High School. Hammond has attended McMurry College and is now a student at the University of Texas.

Mrs. Blanche Jones and daughter, Stephann of Ft. Worth, Texas were week-end guests of Roy J. Clark.

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**GREETING**  
You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, which is herein below following is a true copy.

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**  
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Oather Thomas, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 3rd day of September A. D. 1956, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 18th day of July A.D. 1956, in this cause, numbered 21,491-A on

the docket of said court and styled Annie Mae Thomas, Plaintiff, vs. Oather Thomas, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married Nov. 5, 1935 and lived together until 1947 when they separated.

Plaintiff sue for divorce on grounds of desertion.

Plaintiff alleges that there is no community property to be adjudicated but there are three children for which Plaintiff sues for custody 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 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 the 19th day of July A.D. 1956.

(SEAL)  
Attest: R. H. ROSS, Clerk, 42nd District Court

Taylor County, Texas.  
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.

Mrs. Onis Crawford and children, Jimmy, Robert, and Miriam spent last week in Weatherford visiting her sister, Mrs. Charles Pesigenia and family. Mr. Crawford was attending Chamber of Commerce School in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Largent also Mrs. Largent sister, Mrs. Byrd Muhpm of Stephenville, Texas and Mrs. Bob Howell of Plainview visited the Folsom, New Mexico Ranch this week.

Mrs. C. P. Stevens was Sunday guest of Mrs. D. W. Ashby in Abilene.

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17th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

You women are accused of thinking with your emotions. There is nothing wrong in this because God gave you emotions before He trusted men with intelligence.

You women have been asking why should your sons and husbands, cousins, nephews, and friends go off to war and then when one war is finished others start, and why should all this tax money be given to foreigners who once hated and killed and disabled your men folk and to the foreign friends who have been doing a lot of talking but no acting. Your sons, husbands, relatives, and friends died in Korea while the rest of the world sat back and took your tax dollars, and our politicians fed hundreds of thousands of Chinese Nationalist soldiers taking it easy in Formosa. These Chinese were eager to assist and fight the Red Chinese but no, our politicians would not have it. Your sons, husbands, relatives, and friends died in Korea because our politicians blundered.

Who can explain the pointless sacrifice of any mother's son? How are the politicians explaining all this to a Gold Star Mother or a soldier's wife?

What can the politicians say to women whose loved ones were blown to bits on a foreign battle field fighting for something the whole world should have prevented?

How can the politicians explain to you women that we had atomic weapons, aircraft, and the means to deliver, but none of this was used while your son, husband, and friend might have been saved, but died in vain?

And now the Administration wants to give billions more to our foreign friends and scatter our military men to the four corners of the earth with no assurance that our modern atomic weapons will be used in our boys defense.

Keep our boys at home, and develop such a mighty air power, with atomic and hydrogen bombs and the means of delivery that no nation on earth will dare to humiliate us again as they did in the Korean mess and at the conference tables in the past and present.

We are in a push button war era. Th days of the foot soldier are gone. If a Godless nation threatens our peace, wipe it off the face of the earth with out atomic weapons and air power. We need not sacrifice our boys' lives on foreign soil.

If our politicians and military personnel tell us this man't be done, it is high time each and every one of us find out what has been going on all these years since we have given billions of our hard earned money for the defense of our country to make it the most powerful nation on earth.

If there is to be another war and the foot soldier is necessary, I suggest we put all the politicians in the front lines and they can go in with the first wave.

Paid Pol. Adv.

**TWO CHAMPIONS OF THE ROAD...**

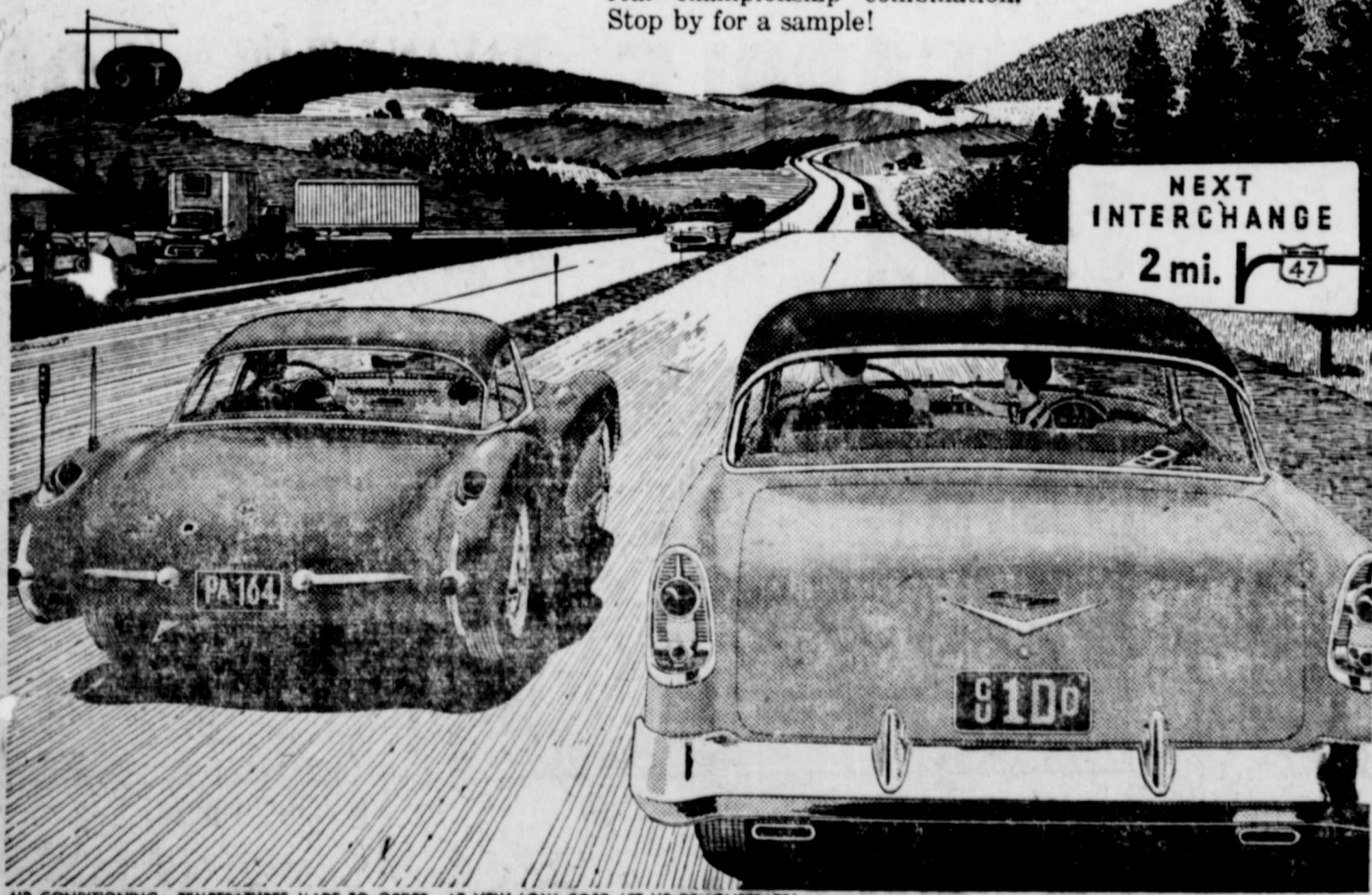
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**WEDDING From Page 1**  
 of Abilene, Jay of Dallas, and Clay of Fort Worth; three daughters, Mrs. Knox Statser of Trent, Mrs. Edna Lowery of Crane and Mrs. Jimmie Johnson of Amarillo, 30 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.  
 Pallbearers were Garnet Wilks, Sherman Driggers, L. W. Ross, Jr., Carl Edwards, M. Thaffer, and Marvin Freeman, all of Baptist Church.

Both Miss Williams and Mr. Estep are 1955 graduates of Trent High School. Last year Miss Williams attended Hardin-Simmons University while Mr. Estep attended San Angelo College. After a short wedding trip, the couple will make their home in Lubbock, Texas where they plan to attend Texas Technological College.

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**TOY TIGER**  
 STARRING  
**JEFF CHANDLER**  
**LARAINÉ DAY**  
 and **TIM HOVEY**  
 TECHNICOLOR

THEY MET IN KONGOTANGA... SAVAGE AFRICA'S  
 CITY OF OUTCASTS!  
 VIRGINIA MAYO  
 GEORGE NADER  
**CONGO CROSSING**



**PICNIC SPECIALS**

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 JULY

26 - 27 - 28  
 Thurs. - Fri. - Sat.

**MEATS**

SKINLESS

**Weiners** 3 lbs. **79¢**

ASSORTED

**Lunch Meat** Lb. **49¢**

GOOCH BLUE RIBBON

**Ham** Shank or Butt End Lb. **47¢**

FRESH

**PORK ROAST** - - lb. **39¢**

CORN KING

**BACON** - - - lb. **37¢**

CHOICE BEEF

**SHORT RIBS** - - - lb. **15¢**

CHOICE BEEF

**CHUCK ROAST** - - - lb. **39¢**

CHOICE BEEF

**Club Steak** lb. **49¢**

FRESH

**Fryers** lb. **39¢**

Del Monte

**TUNA**

2 Cans - - - **49¢**

Kraft

**MARSHMELLOWS**

7-oz. Bag - - **10¢**

**BEVERAGES**

HANDI

**SODAPOP**

6 12-oz. Cans **39¢**

SAVE **10¢**  
 on giant economy size



SPECIAL PRICE INCLUDES 10¢ OFF

**53¢**

SANTAROSE

**Plums** Lb. **15¢**

FRESH

**Wax Beans** Lb. **19¢**

Fresh

**Limes** - - doz. **10¢**

Recos

**Cantaloupes** - lb. **9¢**

California

**Peaches** - - lb. **15¢**

Fresh

**Tomatoes** - - lb. **19¢**

Long White

**Spuds** - - 5 lbs. **49¢**

Fresh

**Okra** - - - - lb. **19¢**

KIMBELL'S 18-oz.

**PEANUT BUTTER** - - jar **39¢**

Kimbell's - 20-oz.

**GRAPE JELLY** glass **25¢**

BORDENS

**STARLAC**

3 gal. box **69¢**

KRAFT

**FRENCH DRESSING**

8-oz. - - - **19¢**

GLADIOLA

**CAKE MIX**

Asst. 2 for - - - **49¢**

GLADIOLA

**FLOUR**

BAG 10 lbs. - - **79¢**

Kimbell's - 303

**R.S.P. CHERRIES** - - - 2 for **39¢**

Tip Top - 303

**SPINACH** - - - - 2 for **19¢**

Red Dart - 303 Whole

**GREEN BEANS** - - - - 2 for **29¢**

Austex - 300 - Cheese and

**SPAGHETTI** - - - - 2 for **25¢**

Austex - 300

**CHILI BEANS** - - - - 3 for **25¢**

Libby's - 46-oz.

**TOMATO JUICE** - - - can **25¢**

Trellis - 303

**SUGAR PEAS** - - - - 2 for **25¢**

Stockton - 2 1/2

**MIX FRUIT** - - - can **25¢**

Crystal City

**APPLE JUICE** - - - - 24-oz. **19¢**

Face Towel

**BREEZE** - - - - Giant **59¢**

Sunshine

**HI-HO - Butter Crackers** - - lb. **32¢**

Sunshine

**CANDIES** - - - - cello **19¢**

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