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The tragedy which struck Dumas and Sunray last Sunday took the lives of volunteer firemen as well as employees of the Shamrock plant. We don't have oil tanks around Merkel, but we can be caught in some other disaster, like the crash of a fast jet bomber or an explosion. Our local fireman would be called out in any event. They answer the call of duty for \$2, risk their lives and take time from their work.

Nineteen persons died in the Dumas explosion, and we sincerely hope that the people of Texas will come to the aid of the survivors and show their appreciation to the fighting volunteer fireman by sending in cash or check contributions to the fire departments or mayors of the cities of Dumas and Sunray. We feel that Texans all over should take part in this drive and send whatever they can today to the officials of those two cities, and let them distribute the money to the surviving families.

We know that should disaster strike the Merkel volunteer fire department, people of Texas would come to their rescue, and we know that most of the families would need some financial assistance in time of emergency. We urge every person to consider what would have happened if Merkel was in their shoes. Do not send money to this newspaper, but put it in an envelope and send it to the fire departments or mayors of the two cities.

Those volunteer firemen answered a call above and beyond their normal calls. They are not required to go out of town and fight a fire, much less one of such proportions as the Dumas explosion. But those firemen of the two Panhandle towns got up at 6 o'clock in the morning and rushed to the aid of their fellow west Texans. We wonder how many of us will rush to the aid of their survivors? Send yours today, it will give every citizen in Texas more confidence in our own volunteer firemen.

There were a lot of sad sacs Sunday morning. Our heart goes out for those who "also ran," but that's what makes a good race. At least there's one difference in an election down here, and the place where we used to have to carry a gun to keep those who disagreed with honest government from plugging us. There was no hard feeling from those who lost and even in the governor's race, Yarborough wasn't so vicious, and Daniel was rather mild. But, boy, when they get to fighting and stealing ballots, like they do in our home town, it's just not safe, even for a banker, to talk down the street.

They talk about George Parr down here in Texas, and we know when one candidate gets 4,000 votes and his opponent gets 25, there's something wrong. Because voters are not just that educated. When anybody files for office, he's going to get some votes, just like the fellow who ran for attorney general and told everyone he had withdrawn from the race, yet he balloted 70,000 votes!

Why, right there in Oklahoma the other day a fellow was defeated for sheriff so he attempted to lock up the man who beat him, and as a result both were killed before all the ballots were even counted. Neither one took office. Then the other day, there was that state senator or something, with all his wrangling, who was defeated at the polls, but went out and had 1,000 absentee ballots printed and had his hinchman vote them. He was behind 508 votes for the citizens who voted, but when he came through with the "absentees" two days later he got 700 and his opponent 23, and the election threw out 130 or so, but them smart guys had figured on some of the ballots not standing up, so they had plenty printed. That's the way it goes when you don't get an honest election. Thank good-



BABY CONTEST — The three winners of the Merkel Mail baby contest are shown above (top row). They are Rebecca Gail Meeks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Meeks; Randy Rister, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Rister; Ray Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Young. Second row, Ghronda and David Ernest Tarpley, Mr. and Mrs. Babe Tarpley, parents; Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Wade; Cynthia Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hughes, parents. Third row, Ricky Dale Meeks, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Meeks, parents; Randy Bond, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Bond, parents; Theda Mae Rister, Mr. and Mrs. Halbert Rister, parents.



BABY CONTEST — Ann and Gary Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith, Jr., parents; Danny Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moore, parents; Second row, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McElmurray, Darlene and Sandra Rister, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Rister, parents; Third row, Jackie, Jimmy, Johnnie and Jeanie Whisenhunt, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Whisenhunt, parents.



BABY CONTEST — Top row, Monty Wayne Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bailey, parents; Jeanie Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Anderson, parents; Ronnie Mack Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Holmes, parents. Second row, Tommy Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Anderson, parents; Jo Lynn and Valerie Buntin, Mr. and Mrs. Buford Buntin, parents; Roland Dean Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Hobbs, parents. Third row, Don and Donna Dickerson, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Dickerson, parents; Michael Ray Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Frank Warren, parents; Alan Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Tucker, parents.

Operations Of Merkel Mail Are Expanded

Orville D. Roland, publisher of the Jim Ned Valley Reporter at Tuscola, has joined the Merkel Mail, and will be general manager in an expansion move which will see the Merkel Mail and the Reporter published in the same plant in Merkel. Mr. Roland and W. W. Frye, Merkel Mail owner, announced today.

Mr. Roland will move to Merkel as soon as possible, and will take active charge of the two papers commencing September 1. In the meantime, Mr. Roland will spend much of his time in Merkel becoming acquainted with the fine people of Merkel and the mechanical operations of the paper.

Mr. Frye, who has been suffering from an allergy since December, has been unable to be active in the newspaper field, and the addition of Mr. Roland will better serve the community.

Mr. Roland is an active civic worker, a member of the Lions club, and a member of the Methodist church.

"I feel that the addition of Orville Roland will help the people get a better newspaper, and will bring to our city a man who can be active in all civic affairs," Frye said. "I have enjoyed immensely being publisher of the Merkel Mail, but since I was stricken with this allergy, I have been unable to carry on the newspaper work as it should be."

"I sincerely hope that the people of Merkel will give Orville every opportunity to bring to them the best weekly newspaper in the state of Texas."

Mr. Roland said he was "pleased at the opportunity to move to Merkel and serve the people of this area."

"I have always looked to Merkel as one of the most progressive towns in West Texas," Roland said, "and it is the confidence that I had in the town that prompted me to move here."

Pioneer Entrance To Be Changed

Beginning this weekend, entrance to the Pioneer Drive in theater will be from the west county road to the service road which leads to the drive-in. Bobby Tom Hodge, manager, announced today.

The county road is just east of the drive in, and workmen are now completing the grading of the new road.

Mrs. Rowland Attends Jubilee

Mrs. George T. Rowland attended a Silver Jubilee celebration in Dallas Thursday in honor of Bishop Thomas T. Gorman of Dallas. Mrs. Rowland was the delegate of Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church of Merkel.

Bishop Gorman observed the 25th anniversary of his consecration as a bishop.

Mrs. Rowland attended a Solemn Pontifical Mass, celebrated by Bishop Gorman and presided over by Cardinal McIntyre of Los Angeles, at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Dallas.

She also attended a civic reception at the Statler Hilton Hotel where she was presented to Bishop Gorman as the delegate from Merkel.

The pastor of Our Mother of Mercy Church of Merkel, Father Michael Gormley was also in attendance at the Jubilee celebration.

In attendance at the celebration were James Cardinal McIntyre, 29 archbishops, 72 bishops, one bishop-elect and 3 abbots, the largest gathering of high-ranking Catholic Clergy ever assembled in Texas.

Mrs. Carl Wright and Mrs. Haut Wright of Cedar Hill were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barnett last week.

WOODARD BEATS POWELL IN SHERIFF RACE: DANIEL-YARBOROUGH IN RUNOFF

Taylor county elected a new sheriff Saturday, and returned to office all other office holders, as U. S. Senator Price Daniel and Attorney Ralph Yarborough entered a runoff for governor of Texas in the August 25 election.

J. D. Woodard, constable in Abilene, defeated Sheriff Ed Powell by carrying all but one box in the county. Woodard polled 8,161 votes to Powell's 5,341 for the only upset of the day. Many observers, however, has picked Woodard in a close race.

In the state-wide races, Daniel came out with a 155,000 edge over second-place Yarborough, who had twice before been in the governor's race against Gov. Allan Shivers.

W. Lee O'Daniel was third, and

J. Evetts Haley, Reuben Senterfitt and J. J. Holmes trailed in that order in state-wide returns. Some of the leaders in Taylor county races did not get a clear majority, and three lively runoffs are in prospect for the August 25 primary.

Although Yarborough showed strength in Merkel by carrying the town, 254 to 188, over Daniel, he failed to carry the county as results showed Daniel in front, 4,978 to 2,413 for Yarborough. Senterfitt had 773, Haley 331 and Holmes 102. Yarborough also carried Trent, 46 to 13.

At Blair, Daniel, Yarborough and O'Daniel each polled five votes, and in the Butman box Yarborough had 23, Daniel 9, and O'Daniel 7.

In the lieutenant governor's

race, Taylor county voted like this:

Ramsey	4,605
Smith	3,555
Aikin	2,407
Johnson	865

In the attorney general's race Will Wilson, former supreme court justice, and Tom Moore, Waco, will square off, although it looked for a while Wilson would pull enough votes to avoid a runoff. Wilson had 612,238 Monday morning, while Moore trailed badly with 440,407. Others in the race polled enough votes to cause a runoff.

For lieutenant governor, incumbent Ben Ramsey held a state-wide lead with 662,752, while State Sen. A. M. Aikin was next with 353,006. Two other candidates got enough votes to call for a runoff.

Wilson polled 5,274, and Moore 4,059 in Taylor county, Smith 3,555 and Aikin 2,407.

Other Taylor county state returns showed:

For Justice of supreme court, place 3, Hughes 6,797, Norvell 3,349.

Judge, Criminal Court of Appeals, Jesse Owens 5,909, Judge W. A. Morrison 4,204. Morrison carried the state however.

For state treasurer, Jesse James, 6,044, Warren Harding 4,955. Commissioner land office, Rudder 6,044, Price 6,179.

Commissioner agriculture, John White 7,674, Jones 1,631, Barger 1,309.

Congressman at large, Martin Dies 7,222, Elkins 1,309.

Congressman, 17th district, Omar Burlison 9,072, Dan Kralis 2,877.

State Agriculture Commissioner John C. White, Commissioner-at-large Martin Dies, State Treasurer Jesse James, State Land Commissioner Earl Rudder, and Criminal Appeals Judge W. A. Morrison each won re-election.

Taylor county races proved interesting, with Woodard, who served an interim term as sheriff and later constable, defeated Powell, 8,161 to 5,341.

The runoffs August 25 will be between Burl King and S. M. Plier for county tax assessor-collector, which will be the only county-wide race. The other two races involve J. H. Rucker, incumbent, and Sam Beam, commissioner, precinct 1; and Claude Herring and Jack Davis, constable precinct 1.

Final unofficial returns in other races showed:

County judge of court at law — Allen Glenn, incumbent, 7,779, George Overshiner, 5,595.

County attorney — Lee Sutton, incumbent, 7,640, Jim Jeffrey, 5,552.

Assessor-collector — Burl King 6,064, S. M. Plier 4,551, and A. C. Boone Jr., 2,462.

Sheriff Powell carried only one of the 38 boxes in the county. He was ahead in the ACC box 307 to 300.

In the district races, Wiley Caffey, the incumbent, defeated a hard challenger. County Judge Reed Ingalsbe, Caffey had 7,552 to 5,988 in Taylor county, and Caffey also carried enough votes in the other counties to assure victory.

District Judge Owen Thomas won reelection over Malcomb Schulz of Abilene. Thomas carried Taylor county 8,857 to 4,521.

In Fisher county Thomas had 1,490, Schulz 829, in Jones county he had 2,080 and Schulz 551, making a total of 12,447 to Schulz' 5,892.

In Callahan county Ingalsbe polled 1365 to Caffey's 649 and in Shackelford Ingalsbe got 839 to Caffey's 638, giving Saffey 8,839 to Ingalsbe's 7,854.

For county chairman, Dan Sorels had 6,128 to Fraley's 4,288.

EQUALIZATION BOARD WILL HEAR COMPLAINTS AUGUST 10

A bombshell was dropped on Merkel property owners this week, and the concussion will probably be heard at the meeting of the equalization board of the city of Merkel at 7:30 August 10.

Property owners received notices this week that their city property valuations had been increased from one-third to triple their present values, as the city strives to gain more revenue.

In a few instances the property values were lowered, but generally speaking, the big increases were widespread.

Indications are that the equalization board, composed of a contractor, a lumberman and a druggist, would be set for a long hearing if every man of the hundreds of property owners show up to protest the increase in valuations.

It was explained that the equalization board is composed of a contractor who should know costs to build, a lumberman who should know the value of materials and an impartial third party in this case a druggist.

The property valuation increase are designed to increase the revenue of the city, which has had a hard time operating efficiently on present funds.

Mayor Fred Starbuck announced last week that the valuations would be based on 65 percent of the marketable value of 1955.

But instead of keeping the regular \$15.00 per thousand valuation rate, Starbuck said the rate this year would be lowered to \$10.00 per thousand valuation.

This actually means that a house valued at \$3,000 last year paid \$45 city taxes. If it was increased in valuation to \$6,000, the tax on the property this year would be \$60.

Kin of Merkel Folks Dies At Rotan Saturday

H. S. Bridges, 85, Rotan justice of the peace and insurance man, died Saturday at his home there of a heart attack. Funeral was held Monday afternoon from the First Baptist church.

Mr. Bridges was a brother to Mrs. Lucy Ford and Mrs. Daisy Dwiggins of Merkel.

Dr. Lawrence Hayes, pastor of the Baptist church officiated at the rites.

He was active in the real estate business until his death.

Mr. Bridges for the past 30 years had offices in the Young Insurance Co. at Rotan, as it was the request of the late R. L. Young of Abilene that Mr. Bridges have office space in the building as long as he lived.

Since May 1, 1949, he had been justice of the peace. He was a deacon in the First Baptist church.

He had been a deacon for 50 years and had taught a Baptist Sunday school class for 40 years. He had been a church member for 68 years.

Mr. Bridges also managed a number of gigs in the west Texas area, one near Merkel for four years, late in 1914 a gin at Rotan. He managed the gin in Rotan up until the time he went into the insurance and real estate business in 1926.

The Bridges' family reunion was held each year on his birthday and this year the reunion was held to commemorate the couple's 60th wedding anniversary.

His wife is among the survivors, also four sons, five daughters, five sisters, and one brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson have returned home from San Antonio and Houston. They also visited their son Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Gibson in Morton and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lindsey in Stratford.

Revival Meeting



REV. CLYDE COOK

A revival meeting will be held at the Hebron Missionary Baptist Church, five miles north of Merkel just off the Noodle highway, starting Sunday, August 5 through 12th, according to Rev. Lloyd Scott, pastor.

Rev. Clyde Cook, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hodges will conduct the services twice daily, starting at 10:30 a.m. with prayer services at 7:30 p.m. and preaching at 8:00.

Rev. Scott will conduct the first services Sunday morning and lead the singing through the revival. Everyone is invited.

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Miss Reva Glickstein, of Los Angeles, Calif., is visiting in the home of Sgt. and Mrs. Joseph C. Portages, 1409 S. Fourth St.

Mrs. W. M. Elliott had her son, Roy Elliott, of Dallas as her dinner guest Monday. He flew in from Dallas enroute to El Paso on business.

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NOODLE NEWS

(Held Over From Last Week)
Mrs. Raymond Schwartz and son of Winters visited this week in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Riley Sprayberry.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Smith and baby visited his grandmother, Mrs. J. E. Boaz, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Johnson of Denton and Mrs. Charlie Sherrel of Merkel visited Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Touchstone, recently.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper last Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Whisenhunt of Rotan, Mrs. Ida Lontrip from Anson, Mrs. L. D. Cooper from Stamford, Mrs. Salie Massey from Tucson, Arizona, Mrs. Cloud Lontrip and Omer Bishop and family of Crane.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Doan and children from Stamford visited in the Grady Bishop home, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgie Cunningham from Abilene were dinner

guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Thomas, and Ernest Richie of Sylvester.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Maxwell and Marilyn on vacation. They are enroute to the coast.

Claud Derrick has been in the hospital several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Tex Ellis have moved to Knox City.

R. L. Caldwell of Anson is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lucas visited his sister, Mrs. Ben Adkins, at Anson, Sunday.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Barbee recently were Mr. and Mrs. Buck Cook, and Mr. and Mrs. Dock Calloway.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Kitchens and children of Ira visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Forest Warren, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby McCoy of Turby visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Blue McCoy last week and attended church.

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

COMPERE H. D.

CLUB MET JULY 26

Guest speaker for the Compere Home Demonstration Club was Mrs. Dillard Williams of Route 1, Merkel. The meeting was July 26, in the home of Mrs. Jess Foy.

In reviewing the book, "Voice-

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less Lips," by Nell Warren Outlaw, Mrs. Williams showed pictures of various flowers she described and compared with people. In comparing the gardenia with a person she stated that the gardenia is so well known and loved for its beauty and fragrance, yet is so sensitive that with the touch of the hand, it will wither; it may remind us of someone we know who is very beautiful yet so very sensitive that they lose their beauty.

Presiding in the absence of the president was Mrs. Vernon Stanley. Roll call was answered with a verse from the Bible.

The July council report was given by Mrs. Stanley. Mrs. Waymon Pistole offered prayer. Mrs. Pistole conducted a quiz on advertising slogans for the recreation period. Mrs. Stanley reported on the three-county encampment held at Lueders July 19 and 20th. Club members attending from Compere were Mrs. Pistole, Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. H. R. Chaney.

Those present for the club meeting were Mmes. Pistole, Stanley, Chaney, Williams, Heron, Alexander, and Foy.

UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

The Taylor and Jones Singing Convention was held at Pioneer Church Sunday afternoon. Singers attended from Snyder, Abilene and Sweetwater. The convention will be held in Merkel the 5th Sunday in September.

There has been three more dry holes drilled in the Canyon. Land is still leased around the dry holes for \$12.50.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Perry of Houston are visiting relatives and friends here.

The revival started at Pioneer Church this Sunday morning. Everyone is invited to attend.

W. T. Perry, who is ranching in the mountains is getting ready to sell his cows and calves. Perry says the drought is really bad now.

For a while the farmers and ranchers were looking for a

cloud in the west with hopes for rain, but now they are looking to the Taylor County Feed Program for the drought relief program.

Saturday night at Butman Community Center there will be a watermelon feast.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bickley of Abilene attended the singing convention, Sunday.

Mrs. E. E. Seymour is doing very well at this writing.

Mrs. R. L. McLean of the Canyon is at home after visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Cullen Toombs and Mrs. Garrie Latimer.

Mrs. Etta Tucker of Merkel, a former resident of Merkel, was a mummy the first to come to the Canyon.

The farmers got the cotton planted July 11. One farmer stated that farming has really changed the last year.

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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, 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 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 court 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 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.

Attest: R. H. ROSS, Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas. By Irene Crawford, Deputy.

(Published in The Merkel Mail Aug. 3, 1956)

NO. 5600 ESTATE OF JOE P. PARRIS, JR., DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

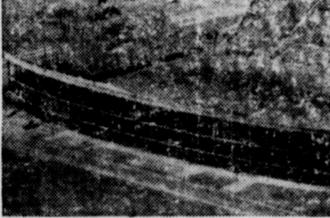
That Corinne Reed Parris has heretofore been issued letters testamentary as Executrix of the estate of Joe P. Parris, Jr., deceased, and that said letters were issued in the County Court sitting in probate, Taylor County Texas, on the 8th day of June, A.D. 1956, and that the address of said Executrix is 897 Grove Street, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate being administered to present same to the County Court sitting in probate, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, within the time prescribed by law.

Corinne Reed Parris, Executrix of the Estate of Joe P. Parris, Jr., deceased.

1956 Texas Tech Schedule

Table with 2 columns: Date and Event. Includes Sept. 22-Texas Western at Lubbock (N), Sept. 23-Baylor at Waco, Oct. 6-Texas A&M at Dallas (N), Oct. 12-West Texas at Lubbock (N), Oct. 27-Arizona at Tucson (N), Nov. 3-Oklahoma A&M at Lubbock (N), Nov. 10-Texas Christian at Lubbock, Nov. 17-Tulsa at Tulsa, Nov. 24-Houston at Lubbock, Dec. 1-Hardin-Simmons at Abilene.



SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP has been attained by Texas Tech. Although the Red Raiders will not compete for the grid title until 1960 or for other championships until 1957-58, the big (8,000 enrollment) West Texas school at Lubbock will meet three Southwest Conference foes on this fall's rugged schedule. Above are Tech's Jones Stadium, capacity 28,000, scheduled for expansion, and the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium-Coliseum, which seats 10,000 for basketball. Pictured also is DeWitt Weaver, athletic director and head football coach, who in five seasons piloted Tech to four Border Conference titles and a Border record of 19 wins, one loss, and two ties.

ments 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)

(Published in The Merkel Mail July 27, Aug. 3, 10, 17, 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 printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, which the 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.

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Owen Attending Summer Training

Corporal Bobby E. Owen, telephone plant manager at Merkel for the Taylor County Co-op is attending annual summer training here with the 490th Military Government Co. of Abilene, an Army Reserve unit.

This is Owen's second year to make summer camp with the Abilene unit. Last year it was designated as the 4065th Army Reserve Service Unit and trained at South Fort Hood.

Forty four members of the 490th are here and will conclude their training August 4. Commanding officer of the unit is Lt. Col. E. B. Nance, Abilene insurance man.

This is the sixth year for Abilene Army reservists to train either at South or North Fort Hood.

A 3-hour field problem and bivouac was part of the first week's training for the 490th. During the second week the reservists were to fire carbines and pistols for two days.

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Former Merkel Youth On Staff Of Magazine

Marvin Estes Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Jones, Abilene, and a former Merkel resident, has joined the staff of McCall's magazine as a writer for the food section of the magazine.

Jones was born in Merkel and is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jones, route 4, Merkel.

Jones, 25, is a 1947 graduate of Abilene high school, and attended Hardin-Simmons University one year, later graduating from the University of Texas with a degree in journalism.

He served in the army two years in the army band at Fort Mason, Calif. Jones previously was a staff writer for the Houston Chronicle and for the past three years has been writing for Food Topics, New York, published by McGraw and Hill Publishing Co.

The August list of plentiful foods is topped by broilers and fryers. Turkey supplies make this old favorite another good buy for August. Large quantities of all grades of beef are also available.

Proposed Constitutional Amendments to be voted on at an election to be held on November 6, 1956.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 21 proposing an amendment to Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto a new Section to be known as Section 51-c, providing that the Legislature may grant aid and compensation to persons who have been fined or sentenced to prison under the laws of this State for offenses of which they are not guilty.

Section 1. That Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto another Section, to be designated as Section 51-c, which shall read: "Section 51-c. The Legislature may grant aid and compensation to any person who has heretofore paid a fine or served a sentence in prison, or who may hereafter pay a fine or serve a sentence in prison under the laws of this State for an offense of which he or she is not guilty, under such regulations and limitations as the Legislature may deem expedient."

Section 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1956, at which election all of the ballots shall have printed thereon the following: "FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT GRANTING POWER TO THE LEGISLATURE TO GRANT AID AND COMPENSATION TO PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN FINED OR SERVED A SENTENCE IN PRISON UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE FOR OFFENSES OF WHICH THEY WERE NOT GUILTY."

Section 3. The Governor shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and the same shall be published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5 proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, amending Section 48, Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Texas, so as to authorize the Legislature to provide for the payment of the cost of the State of Texas, providing that this section shall not amend, alter, or repeal Section 48 of the Constitution of the State of Texas as adopted November, 1954, or any enabling legislation passed pursuant thereto; providing for the necessary election, form of ballot, proclamation, and publication.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: Section 1. That Section 48 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to read as follows: "Section 48. In addition to the powers given the Legislature under Section 48, Article III, it shall have the right to levy taxes to establish a fund to provide retirement, disability and death benefits for persons employed in the public schools, colleges and universities supported wholly or partly by the State; provided that the amount contributed by the State to such fund each year shall be equal to the aggregate amount required by law to be paid into the fund by such employees, and shall not exceed at any time six per centum (6%) of the compensation paid each such person by the State and/or school districts, and shall be no more than the sum of Five Hundred Four Dollars (\$504.00) for any such person; and provided that no person shall be eligible for retirement who has not rendered ten years of creditable service (30 years of creditable service, but shall be entitled to refund of money paid into the fund."

"The Legislature may authorize all moneys coming into such fund to be invested in bonds or other evidences of indebtedness of the United States, or of this State, or any county, city, school district, or other municipal corporation or district of this State; or in such other securities as are now or hereafter may be permitted by law as investments for the Permanent University Fund or for the Permanent School Fund of this State; provided a sufficient sum shall be kept on hand to meet payments as they become due each year under such retirement plan, as may be provided by law; and provided that the recipients of such retirement fund shall not be eligible for any other State pension or retirement fund, or direct aid from the State of Texas, unless such other State pension or retirement fund, contributed by the State, is returned to the State of Texas as a condition to receiving such other pension aid; providing, however, that this section shall not amend, alter, or repeal Section 48 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Texas as adopted November, 1954, or any enabling legislation passed pursuant thereto."

Section 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1956, at which election all of the ballots shall have printed thereon the following words: "FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT GRANTING POWER TO THE LEGISLATURE TO GRANT AID AND COMPENSATION TO PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN FINED OR SERVED A SENTENCE IN PRISON UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE FOR OFFENSES OF WHICH THEY WERE NOT GUILTY."

Section 3. The Governor shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and the same shall be published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

Section 4. The Governor of the State of Texas is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and shall have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

HOSPITAL NOTES

The following persons were admitted to the Sadler Clinic during the past two weeks: Mrs. H. E. Childers, Merkel; Pierce Horton, New Mexico; Mrs. Ossie Rister, Tye; C. L. Mayhall, Abilene; Mrs. Hob Robertson, Merkel; Claude Derrick, Merkel; Eddie Crenshaw, Coleman; Mrs. Phillipa Crenshaw, Coleman.

Mrs. H. L. Rarigall, View; Mrs. R. O. Payne, Merkel; Jerry Gardner, Abilene; Katie Campbell, Haskell; Mrs. S. J. T. Williams, Abilene; E. M. Boothe, Abilene; Archie Watson, Abilene; J. D. Couch, Abilene; Mrs. F. H. Duncan, Trent; Mrs. Choc Hutcheson, Trent; Mrs. D. Griffin, Merkel; Mrs. E. A. Terry, Tye; Paul Turner, View; Mrs. M. M. Stephenson, Hawley; Melvin McCoy, Trent; Roy Clark, Merkel; Claudean Smith, Merkel; Mrs. Roy Isom, Tye; Sandra Freeman, Trent; Danny McCoy, Trent; Mrs. A. B. Barnett, Merkel; Mrs. Lewis Farmer, Merkel, surgery.

Fredie Foy, Baird, surgery; Mrs. Jo Barnett, Merkel, surgery; Mrs. James Davis, Merkel, surgery; Bobby Glen Campbell, Merkel, surgery; Mrs. H. L. Randell, Tye, surgery; Otis Young, Trent, surgery; Thomas Watson, Merkel, surgery; Ruthie Larkin, Abilene, surgery; Eddie Larkin, Abilene, surgery; Raymond Larkin, Abilene, surgery; Mrs. Doc Vaughn, Merkel, surgery.

NEW ARRIVALS: William Ralph Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Russell, Merkel. Weighs 8 pounds and 6 ounces. Born July 23. Thelma Lee Beaver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Beaver, Trent. Weighs 7 pounds and 13 1/2 ounces. Born July 27. Steven Ray and Susan Kay Donaldson, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Donaldson, Tye. Steven weighs 5 pounds and 1 ounce and Susan weighs 5 pounds and 8 ounces. Born July 19.

Mary Kathryn Cypert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cypert, Merkel. Weighs 5 pounds and 7 1/2 ounces. Born July 20. Cheryl Lynn Armstrong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Armstrong, Merkel. Weighs 7 pounds and 9 1/4 ounces. Born July 24. Lorenzo Rodriguez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Rodriguez, Merkel. Weighs 7 pounds and 9 1/4 ounces. Born July 24.

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. The Causeux Family.

CARD OF THANKS: We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for kindnesses shown our father while confined to the hospital and Rest Home. May God bless each of you is our prayer. The Reagan Family.

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NOTICE MASONS Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A.F.& M. S., Sat. July 21 at 8:00 p.m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited. J. F. Butman, W. M. C. B. Rust, Secretary.

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MRS. HUGH CAMPBELL HONORED WITH PARTY

Mrs. Hugh Campbell was honored to a lovely Birthday Dinner, Sunday with cake and ice cream were served to her son, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Horton, friends, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hissal, two friends, Mr. and Mrs. Mae Williams, all of Abilene, Texas. Mrs. Campbell received many lovely gifts.

Miss Ruth Waldrop from Dal-

las, Texas was guest of Rev. and Mrs. S. G. Sewell over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lasater and children of Austin, Texas were week-end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lasater.

Randel McNiece of Abilene accompanied by his mother, Mrs. J. McNiece visited Mrs. Dean Higgins, in the Baylor Hospital at Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Warren, Jr. and family of San Angelo spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Warren.

Mrs. Hugh Campbell attended the Cook Reunion at Lubbock, Texas Saturday. Seventy-two people were present. Guests were from McAllen, Alton, Clarendon, Robert Lee, Amarillo, Frankston, Lubbock, San Antonio, Lela Lake, Merkel, Plainview, Phillips, Gaymon, Okla., Muleshoe, and Here-

ford. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stockbridge spent the past week with their sister, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Collins in Weatherford, Texas.

Mrs. W. A. McCandles returned last Friday after a month's visit in Ft. Worth, her nephews, Gar-

land and Bohnam, returned with her for a weeks visit. They stopped in Abilene with Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Boswell and Billy Mack.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray and Becky had their daughter, Peggy, and wamiy, Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Rudd, Jr., and David from Ft. Worth as guests in their home

last week. Mr. and Mrs. Rudd were on a two weeks vacation.

Proposed Constitutional Amendments to be voted on at an election to be held on November 6, 1956

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23 proposing an amendment to Section 9 of Article VIII of the Constitution of Texas so as to provide that the Commissioners Court in each county may levy whatever sums may be necessary for general fund purposes, permanent improvement fund purposes, road and bridge purposes and jury purposes so long as the total of these tax rates does not exceed Eighty Cents (80c) on the One Hundred Dollars (\$100) valuation in any one (1) year, and providing further that the Commissioners Court shall not impair any outstanding bonds or other obligations; providing for the necessary election and form of ballot; and providing for the necessary proclamations and publications.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Section 9, Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

"Section 9. The State tax on property, exclusive of the tax necessary to pay the public debt, and of the taxes provided for the benefit of the public free schools, shall never exceed Thirty-five Cents (35c) on the One Hundred Dollars (\$100) valuation, and no county, city or town shall levy a tax rate in excess of Eighty Cents (80c) on the One Hundred Dollars (\$100) valuation in any one (1) year for general fund, permanent improvement fund, road and bridge fund and jury fund purposes; provided further that at the time the Commissioners Court meets to levy the annual tax rate for each county it shall levy whatever tax rate may be needed for the four (4) constitutional purposes; namely, general fund, permanent improvement fund, road and bridge fund and jury fund so long as the Court does not impair any outstanding bonds or other obligations and so long as the total of the foregoing tax levies does not exceed Eighty Cents (80c) on the One Hundred Dollars (\$100) valuation in any one (1) year. Once the Court has levied the annual tax rate, the same shall remain in force and effect during that taxable year; and the Legislature may also authorize additional annual ad valorem tax to be levied and collected

for the further maintenance of the public roads; provided, that a majority of the qualified property tax paying voters of the county voting at an election to be held for that purpose shall vote such tax, not to exceed Fifteen Cents (15c) on the One Hundred Dollars (\$100) valuation of the property subject to taxation in such county. And the Legislature may pass local laws for the maintenance of the public roads and highways, without the local notice required for special or local laws. This Section shall not be construed as a limitation of powers delegated to counties, cities or towns by any other Section or Sections of this Constitution."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1956, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon the following:

"FOR the Constitutional Amendment authorizing the Commissioners Court in each county to levy whatever sums may be necessary for general fund, permanent improvement fund, road and bridge fund and jury fund purposes so long as the total of these funds does not exceed a maximum tax rate of Eighty Cents (80c) on the One Hundred Dollars (\$100) valuation in any one (1) year and so long as the Court does not impair any outstanding bonds or other obligations."

"AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment authorizing the Commissioners Court in each county to levy whatever sums may be necessary for general fund, permanent improvement fund, road and bridge fund and jury fund purposes so long as the total of these funds does not exceed a maximum tax rate of Eighty Cents (80c) on the One Hundred Dollars (\$100) valuation in any one (1) year and so long as the Court does not impair any outstanding bonds or other obligations."

Sec. 3. The Governor of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for the election and this Amendment shall be published in the manner and for the length of time as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

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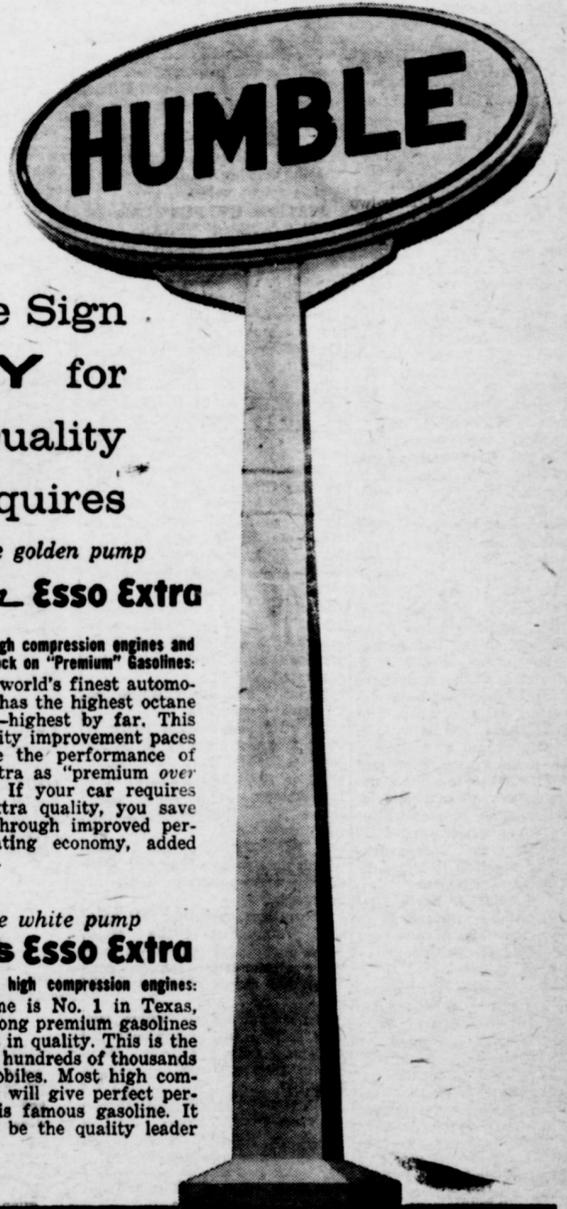
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 WHITE SWAN TEA 1/4 Lb. Pkg. 29c

Snowdrift 3 Pound Can **79¢**

HUNT'S Peaches 303 Can **15¢**

Havana Club Crushed PINEAPPLE Flat 7-oz. Can 10c
 Hunt's Purple PRUNE PLUMS No. 2 1/2 Can -- 25c

Sun Spun Whole GREEN BEANS 303 Can - 2 for 35c
 Kimbell's PEANUT BUTTER 18-oz. Jar --- 39c

Pine Grove CORN - - - - No. 1 can 5c
 -Diamond TOMATOES - 303 can - 2 for 25c
 Real Lemon ORANGE ADE - 46-oz. can 25c

● PRODUCE ●
 SPUDS - - - - - lb. 9c
 Fresh TOMATOES - - - - - lb. 19c
 Pecos CANTALOUPEs - - - - - each 19c

KRAFT'S MIRACLE WHIP SALAD DRESSING - - - - Pint 33c
 SUN SPUN PEACH OR APRICOT PRESERVES - - - - 12-oz. glass 19c

CELERY HEARTS - - - cello pkg. 25c
 Fresh PEACHES - - - - - lb. 15c

BORDEN'S STARLAC - the heart of milk - 5 qt. pkg. 39c
 DOMINO - POWDERED OR BROWN SUGAR - - - - - 2 pkgs. 25c

● FROZEN FOODS ●
 FRESH PACK STRAWBERRIES... 10-oz. pkg. 23c

KOUNTY KIST CORN - whole grain - - - - - 12-oz. can 15c
 KIMBELL'S BUTTER BEANS - 303 can - - - 2 for 25c

Donald Duck - 6-oz. can 2 for 35c
 Orange Juice - - - 35c
 Sunkist - 6-oz. can 2 for 35c
 Lemonade - - - - - 35c
 Thomas 8-oz. pkg. Fish Stix - - - - - 35c
 Jean's pkg. of 2 doz. Frozen Rolls - - - 39c

Gladiola Yellow CAKE MIX 2 pkgs. -- 49c
 Aunt Jemima FLOUR 10 lb. bag --- 79c

Charmin TISSUE 4 Roll Pkg. - 29c
 BREEZE Giant Box 69c

● MEATS ●
 HAMS - Shank or Butt End - - lb. 47c
 Dressed FRYERS - - - - - lb. 38c
 Lean PORK CHOPS - - - - - lb. 53c
 Sliced BACON - - - - - lb. 37c
 ROAST - Chuck lb. 37c - - Pot - - lb. 43c
 Sunshine CRACKERS - - - - - 1 lb. box 25c



GRAPE NUTS 10 1/2-oz. Pkg. 19c
 POST BRAN 8-oz. Pkg. 2 for - 35c

Ocean Spray CRANBERRY SAUCE 2 - 303 Cans 29c

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Hambrick has recently served four years with the U. S. Navy and is now employed at Swaps Trucking Co. Twilight services will be held at the Hope Church of Christ, August 20. The couple will make their home in Abilene.

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ness, ole Ed Powell didn't go around shooting up the place just because J. D. Woodard beat him. If you can take it, politics should be left alone.

The swimming pool project is moving along nicely, and the swimming pool association has let the contract for sandblasting the pool, which already has been drained. Now, it will be about a week or 10 days before the pool will be ready to swim in. It'll take about three days to fill it with water after the blasting job is completed.

H. D. CLUB NEWS

Taylor County Home Demonstration Council met in Abilene. Ten of the eleven clubs in the county were represented. Council will sponsor a county-wide picnic for club members, their families, and guests August

7 at 7:30 p.m. at Abilene State Park. Everyone will bring a picnic supper. There will be recreation and fun for all.

Soil Day was discussed and the clubs will decide if they will serve food on Soil Day, September 5.

Mrs. L. A. Groene discussed the exhibits the clubs will have at the West Texas Fair. There will be a meeting of all club exhibits committees in the Agriculture Building on July 26 at 9:00 a.m.

After council, Mrs. Edgar Holly called a meeting to elect delegates to the State Texas Home Demonstration meeting to be in San Antonio, September 27-29th. It was decided to send the delegates to the National Home Demonstration Council which also will meet in San Antonio just before the state meeting.

The following delegates were elected: Mrs. Edgar Holly, Potosi; Mrs. Freeman Morgan, Wylie; Mrs. Henry Drummond, Pleasant Hill; Mrs. Herman Hammon, Lawn; Mrs. Kenneth Pee, Union Ridge; and Mrs. Marcus Foster, Hamby.



BABY CONTEST — Top row, Stephen Craig Shugart, Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Shugart, parents; Delia Kathleen Chancey, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Chancey, parents; Steven Buntin, Mr. and Mrs. Buford Buntin, parents. Second row, Michael Ray and Jerry Eugene Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Billie Holmes, parents; Melvin Parker, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Parker, parents; Lee Ann Butman, Mr. and Mrs. Jerrell Butman, parents. Third row, Sherry Martin, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Martin, Parents.

LUTHER THANKS VOTERS

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French
Jar - - 12c
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FROZEN FOODS

- PATIO MEXICAN DINNER -- pkg. 59c
- MORTON'S LARGE FRUIT PIES ---- each 49c
- STILWELL STRAWBERRIES --- pkg. 23c
- KEITH BROCCOLI - - - pkg. 23c
- KEITH GREEN PEAS - - pkg. 19c
- KEITH 6-oz. LEMONADE --- 2 cans 25c
- FRIONOR CATFISH - - lb. 43c

Garden-Fresh VEGETABLES

- FRESH LETTUCE - - lb. 9c
- FRESH K.Y. BEANS - lb. 19c
- SUNKIST LEMONS - - - lb. 15c
- FRESH TOMATOES - - - lb. 19c
- PECOS CANTALOUPE - - lb. 8c
- FRESH CARROTS - - - cello 10c
- DUARTE PLUMS - - - lb. 15c
- WHITE ROSE SPUDS - - - lb. 9c

- COCK OF WALK PEACHES - - - gal. 98c
- HUNT'S APRICOTS - - - can 10c
- STOCKTON 2 1/2 Can MIX FRUIT - - - 2 for 49c
- KIMBELLS 303 BLACKBERRIES - - 2 for 39c
- MISSION 303 GREEN LIMAS ---- 2 for 29c
- KOUNTY KIST CORN V.P. - - - 2 for 25c
- KIMBELLS GREEN BEANS - - 2 for 25c
- DEL MONTE 14-oz. CATSUP - - - 2 for 39c

- MILK PET - 2 for 25c
- FLOUR --- \$1.79
- KING SIZE FAB - box 89c
- CLEANSER 4 CANS AJAX -- 39c

KIMBELL'S APRICOT Preserves
20-oz. glass - 29c

ARMOUR'S VIENNA SAUSAGE
3 Cans ---- 49c

ARMOUR'S TREET
Can ----- 35c

AUSTEX BEEF STEW
300 Can
2 for ----- 39c

STARKIST TUNA
Can ----- 25c

CHOICE BEEF
Chuck Roast lb. 37c

CHOICE BEEF
Club Steak Lb. 49c

GRADE A
Fryers Lb. 37c

CHOICE BEEF
SHORT RIBS - - - - lb. 15c

WILSON CERTIFIED
HAM --- Shank End - - - lb. 45c

LONGHORN
CHEESE - - - - lb. 49c

LEAN
SALT PORK - - - - lb. 25c

WILSON FAMILY STYLE
Bacon 2 lbs. 89c

Canned Ham 3 lbs. \$2.59

MEADOLAKE
OLEO Lb. ----- 25c

NABISCO
DONUT COOKIES Lb. Pkg. -- 49c

VELVEETA CHEESE POUND 39c

COFFEE MARYLAND CLUB POUND 95c

ORANGE ADE KRAFT'S 46-oz. Can 23c

BAKERITE SHORTENING 3 Lb. Can 69c

KLEENEX 400 Count Box 19c



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



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

BUTTER CRACKERS
TOWN HOUSE - - lb. 29c

SALAD DRESSING
MIRACLE WHIP - pint 29c

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TISSUE - - - 3 rolls 19c

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