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Legal Notices

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NO. 5793

IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP OF DELLA MORGAN, ET AL. MINORS
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS
GUARDIAN'S NOTICE OF APPLICATION
EXECUTE OIL AND GAS LEASE

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF DELLA MORGAN, LINDA LOU MORGAN, PATSY MORGAN, AND JERRY DON MORGAN, EACH A MINOR:

You are hereby notified that I have, on the 24th day of September, 1956, filed with the County Clerk of Taylor County, Texas, an Application, under oath, for authority to execute an Oil and Gas Lease covering the entire undivided 4-50 of 7-8 interest, subject to the life estate of their mother in 1-3 thereof, of Della Morgan, Linda Lou Morgan, Patsy Morgan, and Jerry Don Morgan, each a minor, in that certain real estate described as follows, to-wit: Being 206.7 acres of land of Subdivision 5 of the S. Jones Survey No. 286, as shown by Plat of record in Volume 14, PaPgPe 81, of the Deed Records of Jones County, Texas, and located about 10 miles S., 40 deg. West of the town of Anson more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pipe set for the SE corner of Subdivision No. 5, the SW corner of Sub. No. 4, of the Subdivision Plat of the Jones Survey as recorded in Vol. 14, Page 81, of the Deed Records of Jones County, Texas, for the SE and beginning corner of this tract;

THENCE South 75 deg. West 841.5 vrs. with the NBL of Sub. No. 3 to an iron pipe set for the NW corner of this tract and the NW corner of Sub. No. 3, under a fence along the WBL of the Jones Survey;

THENCE North 15 deg. West 1379 vrs. with a fence about 1100 vrs. and the center line of a public road the remainder of the way to a point in the center line of said road for the NW corner of this tract, in the WBL of the Jones Survey an iron pipe is set under the East right of way fence 10.3 vrs. N. 75 deg. E. of said point in road;

THENCE N. 75 deg. East 844 vrs. across a field 2 vrs. S. 15 deg. E. of and parallel to the NBL of Sub. No. 5, and the SBL of Sub. No. 7 to an iron pipe set for the E corner of this tract, and 2 vrs. S. 15 deg. E. of the common corner of Subdivisions Nos. 4, 5, 6, and 7 as identified in an old original subdivision plat still in place along the NBL of Sub. No. 4, and the SBL of Sub. No. 6;

THENCE South 14 deg. 58 Min. E. 1379 vrs. to the place of beginning.

The Judge of the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, on the 24th day of September, 1956, duly entered his Order designating the 29th day of October, 1956, at 10:00 o'clock A. M. in the County Courtroom in the County Courthouse of Taylor County, Texas, as the time and place where such Application will be heard, and that such Application will be heard at such time and place.

EULA MAE MORGAN
Eula Mae Morgan, Guardian of the Estate of Della Morgan, Linda Lou Morgan, Patsy Morgan, Patsy Morgan and Jerry Don Morgan, minors.

(Published in The Merkel Mail Oct. 12, 19, 26, Nov 2, 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, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Robert Adams, 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. of the first Mon-



Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Hogsett and son, Tim ... moved here from Rolan

Girl Scout Halloween Carnival To Be Planned

All parents of Brownies and Girl Scouts are urged to attend a meeting with Troop Leaders Thursday evening, October 11, at 7:00 at the School Cafeteria for the purpose of planning the annual Girl Scout Halloween Carnival.

It is from the proceeds of this carnival that the Girl Scouts are able to pay their dues to the Parent Organization, which entitles them to the use of the established camp, Booth Oaks, at Sweetwater and the help from the paid field workers and to the training courses for Merkel leaders.

All Brownie and Scout Troops are now meeting on regular schedule each week. Any girl who wishes to be a Brownie or Scout can join at any time.

Junior Badgers To Play Trent

The Merkel Junior Badgers will play the Trent Elementary school football team here, Thursday, October 11. The game will be held at the Badger Stadium beginning at 7:00 p.m. The admission prices are 50c for adults and 25c for students.

Attends Bullfight

Ida Mae and Carolyn Graham, Dovy and Sandra Freemar, Mrs. Ethel Hicks and Judy Claborn attended the bullfights in Ciudad Aquna, Mexico.

Mrs. Ike Turner and Debra of Tulsa are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. Harwell and J. C. Walton.

day next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 19th day of November A.D. 1956, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 25th day of August A.D. 1956, in this cause, numbered 21,293-A on the docket of said court and styled **FRANCES ADAMS, Plaintiff, vs. ROBERT ADAMS, Defendant.**

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married on or about the 16th day of July, 1955 and separated on or about the 19th day of July, 1955. Plaintiff sue for divorce on ground of harsh and cruel treatment. There is no property to be adjudicated and no children were born of this marriage, 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 8th day of November A. D. 1956.
(SEAL)
Attest: R. H. ROSS, Clerk,
42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas.
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.

Badger Chevrolet To Hold Open House

The Badger Chevrolet Company announced this week that they will hold open house Friday, October 19, in conjunction with the showing of the new 1957 models and formal change of ownership, according to Charles G. Hogsett, new owner.

Mr. Hogsett purchased the dealership from Mr. Jack Miller who is devoting more time to his other business interest. The transaction took place several months ago.

During the open house, there will be a door prize given away. The prize is a portable TV set and will be given away Saturday, October 20th at 6:00 p.m. All the participants have to do is go by the Badger Chevrolet Co. and register.

Mr. and Mrs. Hogsett moved here from Roly where he was formerly the Chevrolet dealer there. They have one son, Tim, aged 18 months. They are active members of the Methodist Church and civic clubs.

Mr. Hogsett extends a cordial welcome to everyone to come by.

4-H Clubs at Noodle Meet

The Noodle 4-H Clubs met October 9, for the purpose of electing officers and to see slide films on Farm Safety.

The 4-H Club boys elected the following officers: President, Gerald Richy; Vice president, Tommy Hunter; Secretary, Ray Rhynes; Representative, Carroll Spurgin; and Council delegate, Earl Grissom.

The 4-H Girls leaders are Mrs. V. Newberry, Mrs. Alec Carter, and Mrs. Hunter. Their officers are President, Sandra Good; Vice President, Linda Mize, Secretary, Laura Carter; Council delegate, Nelda Herrin, reporter, Frida Henager, and Song Leader Betty Sargent.

Hospital Notes

These people were admitted to Sadler Clinic during the past week:

Don Wilson, Merkel
Mrs. F. P. Hamm, Merkel
Mrs. Loyd Weeks, delivery, girl
Mr. W. T. Smith
Mrs. S. Y. Reese
Mrs. Pam Riggs
Mrs. Ruby Higgins
Ann Askins
Mrs. M. A. Shedd
Tommy Doan
Mr. Roy White
M. G. Bryan
Henry Martin
H. R. Cox
Kenneth Patton
Mr. M. L. Jones
Mrs. Clyde Pruitt, delivery, girl
Mrs. Mable dDrton
Mrs. Bryan Dunagin
Mrs. Frank Carter
Mr. V. D. Herring
Mr. George Cooper
Mr. Fred Lawrence, surgery
Mrs. Ben R. Hicks
Mrs. J. G. Freeman, delivery, boy

Mr. A. H. Murphree
Mrs. Burr Hendricks
Mrs. Walter Byrum
Gerald Grantham

Near Capacity Crowd Sees Merkel Beat Anson 14-6

The Merkel Badgers defeated the Anson Tigers 14 to 6 before a near capacity crowd of 2,500 people in Badger Stadium Friday night.

It only took the Badgers six plays to score the first time they had the ball.

Anson won the toss and chose to receive. They took the ball on their own 35 yard line but couldn't do anything with it. Merkel takes over on downs and the game went like this:

Rutledge takes the handoff and goes for 1 yd. Rutledge again takes the hand-off and hits left side for 4. McLeod keeps and crosses the 50 for a first down on Anson's 49. Rutledge again takes the ball through left guard for 8 yds. Russell takes the hand-off, breaks in the clear and goes to the 28 for an 18 yard scamper. McLeod pitches back to Rutledge who goes all the way standing up to score. Merkel 6, Anson 0. Rutledge kicks the extra point making it 7, Anson 0.

McKeever kicks for the Badgers to Murry who takes it on the 40 and is downed.

Cavitt gives to Roberts for 7. Cavitt to Roberts again for 3 and 1st down. Cavitt to Roberts for 8. Cavitt to Pitlon for a 1st down on Merkel's 32. Cavitt keeps and sneaks for 1-yd. Cavitt to Roberts around right end for three. Cavitt loses two yards, and Mer-

kel takes over.

Rutledge gets the hand-off and goes through right guard for 16 yds. and first down on the 45. Russell takes it through left guard for 5. McLeod keeps and is stopped for no gain. Rutledge goes through the middle for 3. McLeod kicks out of bounds on the Anson 6 yard line.

Roberts goes through the middle for three yards as the quarter ends.

SECOND QUARTER
Cavitt fumbles and loses a yard. Third down and 8 yards needed. Wright kicks for Anson and ball rolls dead on the Merkel 36.

McLeod pitches back to Rutledge who goes wide to the left for 5 yards. A jump pass to Miller is good for 7 yards. McLeod keeps and is dropped for 2 yard loss. McLeod passes to Russell on the Anson 20. McLeod gives to Rutledge through for a first down on the 12 yard line. Rutledge goes through the middle for 1 yard. McLeod pitches back to Rutledge good for 2 yards. Again McLeod pitches back to Rutledge who goes through for a first down on the Anson 2 yard line. Rutledge gets the call and is stopped for no gain. Again Rutledge gets the call and goes through for a touch down. Rutledge kicks and the score is Merkel 14, Anson 0.

The first kick by McKeever goes out of bounds. Neil takes the

second try on the Anson 31. Anson draws a five-yard penalty for delay of game. 1st and 15 from the 26 yard line, Roberts goes to the left side for 5 yards. Roberts again gets the call and goes for 2 yards. Cavitt gives to Addison through the left side for 5. 4th and needing 5, Cavitt kicks a boomer taken by Russell behind the goal line, he goes to the 16 where he is downed, as the quarter ends. Merkel 14, Anson 0.

SECOND HALF
Anson tries an on-sides kick which fails, as the ball goes out of bounds. Russell takes the kick on his 20 yard line and returns to the 38.

McLeod keeps on the option and loses two yards. Rutledge gets the nod and goes through right end for 3 yards. McLeod passes to Miller for 4 yards. Fourth down and needing 20, McLeod kicks to the Anson 23. Penalty against Anson for personal foul moves ball to the 8 yard line with 25 needed.

Cavitt hand-off to Pelton who goes for 13 yards. Cavitt keeps for two. Merkel draws a 15-yard penalty which gives Anson a first down on the 44. Pelton gets the call and goes for 2. Cavitt shoots a pass which goes incomplete. Cavitt gives to Roberts. Roberts hands-off to Pelton who passes incomplete. Wright kicks to Merkel on the 28.

McLeod to Russell loses a yard.

McLeod keeps and goes wide to the right for 8 yards. McLeod to Russell for one but short of a first down. McLeod kicks the Anson 10 but marker down. Merkel penalized 15 yards for holding. McLeod kicks again to Roberts on the Anson 45.

Cavitt passes to Roberts good for 20 yards on the Merkel 40. Cavitt gives to Pelton through for 6 yards. Cavitt gives to Roberts for first down on the Merkel 29. Cavitt gives to Roberts who goes to the Merkel 1 yard line for a first down and goal to go. Cavitt tries the middle for no gain. Cavitt to Roberts through right guard for a touchdown. Roberts kick is blocked by Miller and Neil. Score, Merkel 14, Anson 6.

Again Anson tries an on sides kick but the Badgers take it on their 34.

The Badgers get three more plays before the quarter ends.

FOURTH QUARTER
Neither team threatens during the final period. Merkel racks up four more first downs and keeps possession of the ball most of the time. The Badgers connect with a long pass to Russell who goes to the Anson 18 yard line as the game ends. Final, Merkel 14, Anson 6.

The Badgers journey to Winters Friday night to take on the chilly Blizzards who defeated Hamlin last week easier than Merkel did.

Tim McConnell Has Birthday Party

Tim McConnell was two years old Tuesday, he celebrated his birthday at his grand parents home, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. McConnell. His guests were: Ann and Larry Riney, Wanda and Bobby Barnes, Carrol and Beverly Shism and Jay Largent. They had a happy time, especially with the cake and ice cream.

F.F.A. Boys Elect Officers

A regular meeting of the Merkel Future Farmers of America Chapter was held on October 3, to elect officers for the year. Boys elected were: President, Chester Collinsworth, Jr.; Vice President, Jimmy Neil; Secretary, Joe Neil; Reporter, Tombs; Treasurer, Jerry Don Reynolds; Sentinel, Riley Seymore; Parliamentarian, Benny Melton; Historian, Wayne Irvin; and Song Leader, J. R. Mashburn.

Junior Class To Sell Corsages

The Junior Class will sell corsages for the Homecoming Game, October 19, 1956. Buy a corsage for your daughter, wife, sweetheart or for someone and help the Juniors pay for their Junior-Senior Banquet.

DINNER SATURDAY NIGHT HONORS DARWIN WARLICK

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harris had a dinner Saturday night for their nephew, Darwin Warlick, who left Monday for the army. Sam T. Redwine played piano selections and Darwin was presented with a leather travel kit.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. John Warlick and Darwin, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pope and Becky, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Redwine and Sammie Doris, Miss Sandy Melton, all of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. James Russell and Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell and Jerry, Jerry Byrd, Ileen Carter, Sue Sylvester, and Zowie Adair and Sarah Harris and Tim Martin, all of Merkel.

BETROTHAL TOLD
Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Murfee are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Ann Patterson to Mr. George Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Davis.

F.F.A. Boys Attend Fair

Twenty-eight Future Farmers of America boys left out at 5:00 a.m. Saturday morning to attend the State Fair of Texas at Dallas. They were attended by Chester Collinsworth and Horace Hargroves. Saturday was rural youth day for F.F.A. boys and F.H.A. girls. Some 25,000 attended. Boys attending were: Kenneth Minaret, Jerry Don Reynolds, Pat Williams, Johnny Roch, Tommy Swinney, Chester Collinsworth, Jr., Billy Gouge, Skippy Hicks, Wayne Irvin, J. R. Mashburn, Dean Martin, Donald Black, Dewel Burden, Jimmy Eakin, Russel Elliot, Gary Gray, Jimmy Hargrove, Robert Harris, Jerry Kelo, William Ledbetter, Fernando Marina, Jerry Phillips, Gary Rust, Larry Seymore, Raymond Shugart, Johnny Thomas, Douglas Tolver, and Juan Yberra.

Girl Scouts Have Meeting

Troop 5 of the Girl Scouts met Tuesday afternoon at their weekly meeting. Scout Laws were studied and a skit was presented by the girls. Six girls and one visitor was present. Our reporter was ill and not able to be with us.

SINGING SUNDAY

Taylor County 5th Sunday Singing drew an estimated five hundred singers Sunday, September 30. Good singers came from all directions and distances to attend. Sweetwater, Colorado City, Big Spring, Lubbock, San Angelo, Coleman, Lawn, Blackwell, Nolan, Abilene, Brownwood, Clyde, Eastland, Fort Worth, Anson, Stamford, Hamlin, and several other cities were represented.

Quartets singing at the Convention were the Gosselaires, of Abilene; Philips Quartet of Fort Worth; Nolan Quartet of Sweetwater; Lawn Quartet of Lawn.

Also singing were the Coleman Trio of Coleman and Mrs. Herndon of Abilene who sang a very beautiful solo.

The Singing was a big success and we are expecting our next singing to also be a good one. It will meet at Pioneer Methodist Church in Mulberry Canyon the 5th Sunday in December. Everyone is invited to attend.

They were married September 24, 1956, in Lawton, Oklahoma, and are residing at 1125 Hickory Street, Abilene.

CLASSIFIED AD SECTION

MISCELLANEOUS
WASHING WANTED — At 108 Orange, Merkel, Texas. 29-3tp

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FOR RENT
FOR RENT—Two or three room apartments, also rooms by day or week. Merkel hotel. 18-1tc

FURNITURE REPAIR, pickup and delivery. Phone 9009R2. Sam Denstine.

APT. FURN. — 3 room apt. with private bath. 1006 Oak. 53-W. 30-3tc

3-ROOM HOUSE to be moved. Ford Smith, Farm Road 1235. 30-3tp

FOR RENT — 3 room house 2 1/2 blocks north of Nook Cafe. See Mrs. Reeder at Nook Cafe. 31-1tp

4 ROOM house and bath close to school at real bargain. 404 Lois Street. 31-3tp

FOR RENT — 2 rooms furnished apartment, 106 Oak Street.

FOR SALE — Seed Wheat, certified; you will plant less acres, so plant the best. Westar makes more pasture and heavy yields. 91 per cent germination; 99 7-00 pure; no Johnson grass; no weed seed. Guy M. Hargrave, Phone 2460, Seymour, Texas. 31-4tc

FOR SALE — Job printing shop. Contact C. A. Farley, 812 Oak St., Phone 192 J, Merkel, Texas. 31-1tc

FOR SALE — A Shetland pony. Contact C. A. Farley, 812 Oak St., Phone 192 J, Merkel, Texas. 31-1tc

WANTED
IRONING WANTED — Khaki pants and shirts preferred at 25c per suit. See Mrs. A. B. Gregory, northeast of Merkel on N. 4th St. 30-3tp

9 GAS HEATERS \$2.50 to \$12.50. WARREN. 30-1tc

BEDROOM SUIT — 4-pc. \$38.50. WARREN. 30-1tc

NOTICE MASONS
Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A.F.A. A. S., Sat. Oct. 13, at 8:00 p.m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.
J. F. Rutman, W. M.
C. B. Rust, Secretary.

NOTICE
Stated meeting of Chapter 212 Order of Eastern Star, Tuesday night, 8 p.m., October 16, 1956.
SALLIE GANT W.M.
ESTELLE HUMPHREYS, Secy.

HELP WANTED
IRONING WANTED — Phone 388-J. 30-3tp

WHEAT SEED FOR SALE — Wichita, good clean. \$2.75 bu. Hollis McCoy, Merkel. 30-3tp

YOUNG MAN WANTED to work at Merkel Mail. Must be conscientious, intelligent, dependable and willing to work. Work after school from 4 to 6 and on Saturdays. Apply Merkel Mail.

BATTERY CHARGE, Only 29c at WHITE AUTO STORE. 49-1tc

FOR SALE
HOUSE FOR SALE — 7 rooms and bath, located close to High School — priced to sell — see by appointment only. Cyrus Pee, Agent. 27-4tc

WE HAVE A CLIENT THAT HAS A 3-bedroom home in Abilene. Wants to trade for a nice home in Merkel. Must be on south side. DOWDY AND TOOMBS. 24-1tc

LOTS FOR SALE—Paved streets All utilities, 75 ft. and 70 ft. fronts. MERKEL DEVELOPMENT CO. H. O. BONEY 20-1tc

EXPERT ELECTRICAL APPLIANCE repairing. All work guaranteed 90 days. Free pickup and delivery after 5 p.m. Call 297w. Nite Owl Appliance

WANTED — Sewing dresses, alterations, belts, and button holes, Mrs. L. P. Liles, 1711 S. 3rd.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to those who were thoughtful enough to make it possible for us to visit my husband and my father in the Veterans Hospital.
Mrs. Johnny Taylor and Mae Delle

WASHINGTON AND
"SMALL BUSINESS"
By C. WILSON HARDER

The nationwide membership of the National Federation of Independent Business has long taken stand manufacturers should not be permitted to operate retail outlets.

A good illustration of the evils of such a dual system is found in hearing testimony on baking industry by a sub committee of the House Small Business Committee. Rep. Wright Patman (Texas) chairmans committee while sub committee C. W. Harder, Rep. James Roosevelt (Calif.), Tom Steed (Ohio) and Timothy Sheehan (Ill.).

Evidence presented traces some of the operations of a few major food chains who also operate their own bakeries, concentrating on the white loaf.

The evidence shows they are using this one loaf of bread as "bait" to bring people into their stores. They set lower price than competition, advertise their bread is five cents cheaper.

Hearings also develop that price of this loaf is the same as in 1948, despite fact price of everything else in the stores has gone up, including other products from their own bake shops.

There seems little question this loaf of bread is being sold below production costs in violation, in spirit at least, of Robinson-Patman act. Federal Trade Commission is aware of situation, so far has taken no effective action. Of course FTC is always moaning about lack of funds, but also announced other day it is going to hire more people to sit around all day and read radio and TV commercials.

But many independent bakers have been forced out of business.

In addition, many independent grocers, unable to sell bread for less than cost, are being seriously hurt.

And while these two effects are serious enough, there also appears other far-reaching effects which have damaged farmers... perhaps explain in part necessity to subsidize wheat growers.

Consumption of wheat, once 269 pounds per capita in nation, has fallen to a low 126 pounds.

Expert witnesses before committee attribute one reason for consumption decline is lack of flavor appeal in white bread, or the "sameness" of it.

Carrying this viewpoint further, in y s. y. white loaf turned out by chains all use same ingredients, same formula and is mass produced by same type of automatic machines, so that product tastes the same.

Independent bakers, who use a lot of hand labor to develop different flavors, and different types of bread, have been closed up.

Thus, in many markets, people are faced with the alternative of buying mass produced bread or nothing, and because of this monotonous sameness in their daily bread are not consuming their share of one of nature's most healthful foods, wheat. And thus nation's wheat farmers are in distress because end products of their crops is being used as a price football to drive out independent competition. Of course, many farm leaders have long held welfare of American farmer depends on welfare of independent business. In all nations permitting monopoly business, the farmer always becomes a serf, or at best, a peasant.

Livestock Exchange

By TED GOULDY
LAST QUARTER STARTS
WITH LIVESTOCK RUSH

FORT WORTH — The livestock industry tore September off the calendar and started the month of October with a rush of all kinds of livestock to market. The 12 major markets reported 178,000 cattle and calves Monday some 33,000 ahead of the previous week and near 15,000 ahead of the same date last year. Hog and sheep runs were also far in excess of the previous week, but hogs dropped slightly behind a year ago.

At Fort Worth cattle and calves were in considerably large numbers than a week earlier or a year ago.

Trade was rather slow on cattle and calves at Fort Worth with most classes selling steady at best, and by the time a clearance was completed most grassers were inclined to drift lower.

Comparative prices included: Good to choice fed steers and yearlings \$17.00-24.00; and common and medium sorts \$10.00-16.50. Fat cows \$9.00-11.50; canners and cutters \$5.00-9.00; bulls \$8.00-12.00; good and choice fat calves, all weights, 14.00-17.00; baby beef heavies \$17.00-19.00. Some 550-pounders at the higher figure; cull, common and medium

calves \$7.00-13.50. Stocker steer calves \$19.00 down; steer yearlings \$17.50 down; a few stocker cows \$7.00-10.00.

SHEEP AND LAMBS OPEN
ACTIVE, STEADY TO STRONG

Somewhat smaller supplies of sheep and lambs at Fort Worth found trade active and strong Monday. The offering around the major market circle put pressure on prices at other markets, however, here the trade was oblivious to goings on elsewhere.

Sales included: Good and choice slaughter lambs \$18.00-20.00, top paid for shorn lambs with No. 1 or No. 1 pelts. Cull to medium sorts \$10.00-17.00; stocker and feeder lambs \$12.00-17.00; slaughter ewes mostly \$4.00-5.50, a few hard shells, fresh clipped, from \$2.00-3.75; old bucks \$3.50-4.50; old wethers \$8.00-13.00; yearlings \$10.00-16.00; some stocker ewes \$6.00-8.00; yearling ewes to \$15.00.

HOGS OPEN STEADY;
RUNS GETTING HEAVIER

Top butcher hogs scored \$16.50-16.75 at Fort Worth Monday, despite the fact that 12 major markets chalked up over 93,000 hogs that day and prices wavered almost everywhere. Less desirable weights and grades sold from \$13 to \$16. Lightweight unfinished hogs were discounted sharply. Sows drew \$13 to \$15.

FOR OCTOBER 19th
NEXT FEEDER SALE SET
Next stocker and feeder special show and sale at the Fort

er 19. It'll feature Herefords, white faces, crossbred Herefords, etc., as usual.

DROUTH BREAKER!

Rudolph Puikrabek lives about two miles west of Bartlett, and he has been hauling water for 16 head of livestock since July. But, according to the story we saw in the Granger News he has partially broken the drouth on his place. Seems that County Commissioner F. E. Martinets has been hauling gravel from the dry creek on Puikrabek's place to repair the roads.

It had to quit, because the digging uncovered the long dry springs and started them running again. Picture in the Granger News showed a lovely patch of stock water as a result.

LIKE TO GAZE IN THE CRYSTAL BALL?

USDA forecasters think livestock prices will continue above the relatively low levels of a year earlier for the rest of 1956. Hog prices, though declining seasonally as marketings increase, will stay above the Fall of 1955 with the greatest difference late in the year. Some decline in prices of fed cattle is probably because of the likelihood of sizeable marketings of shortfed stock. Some decline is also expected for feeder cattle but cattle prices generally will average above a year ago.


Egg product is now increasing seasonally. Output will probably continue above a year earlier for the rest of this year and prices will probably be lower. Broilers

will continue in about 20 per cent larger supply than in the closing months of last year, with prices below those of a year ago.

The above from the "Agricultural Marketing Service, USD

Private sources think long cattle prices may hold well, shortfeds will break sharply late this year.

LISTEN DAILY
(Except Sunday)



Hear THE WRITE-IN CANDIDATE W. LEE O'DANIEL FOR GOVERNOR

(Pol. Adv. Paid for by W. Lee O'Daniel)

GI Loans
Increase In
August - '56

GI home loan application and appraisal activity increased during August in the area served by the Dallas Regional Office of the Veterans Administration, Mr. Scott B. Harrington, Manager, revealed.

VA received 828 home loan ap

plications in August from private lenders in behalf of veterans.

During August VA received appraisal request for 642 and existing homes.

For the nation as a whole, VA reported a slight increase in loan application and appraisal activity. A total of 47,672 home loan applications were received, an increase of nearly 3 percent over July.

During August, VA received appraisal requests for 66,202 proposed and existing homes.

Charter No. 7481 Reserve District No. 11

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE
Farmers and Merchants National Bank
OF MERKEL

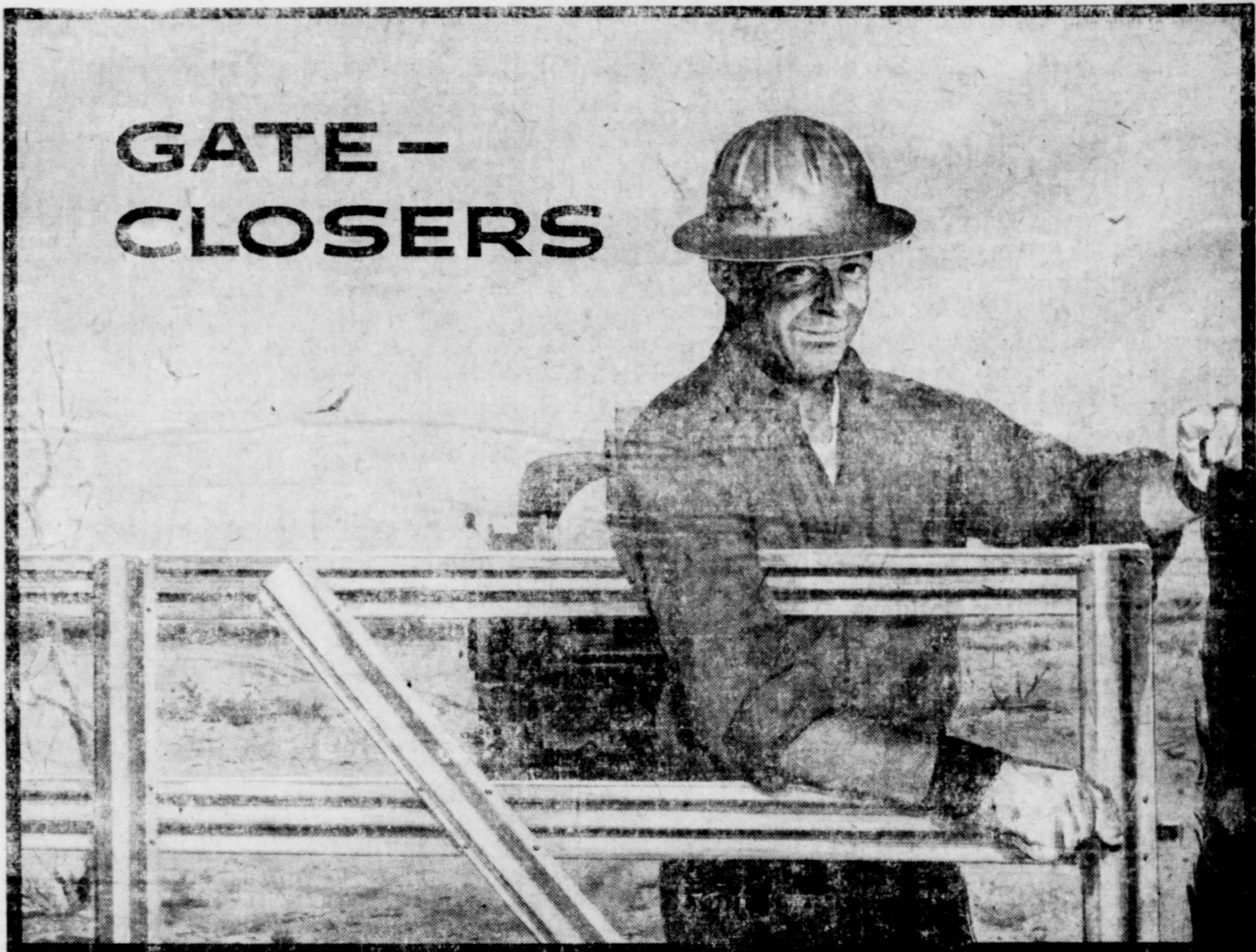
IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON SEPT. 26, 1956, PUBLISHED IN RESPONSE TO CALL MADE BY COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY, UNDER SECTION 5211, U. S. REVISED STATUTES.

ASSETS	
1. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	\$1,159,667.42
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	1,000,000.00
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	568,954.37
5. Corporate stocks (including \$6,000.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	6,000.00
6. Loans and discounts (including \$8,301.61 overdrafts)	609,903.95
7. Bank premises owned (do not own), furniture and fixtures	2,000.00
12. TOTAL ASSETS	\$3,344,535.74
LIABILITIES	
13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$2,932,070.37
15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	31,477.97
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	67,475.43
18. Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	114.52
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$3,081,138.29
24. TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$3,081,138.29
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
25. Capital Stock:	
(c) Common stock, total par	100,000.00
26. Surplus	100,000.00
27. Undivided profits	63,397.45
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$ 263,397.45
30. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$3,344,535.74

MEMORANDA
31. Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes \$ 179,000.00
33.(a)(1) Loans to farmers directly guaranteed and redeemable on demand by the Commodity Credit Corporation, and certificates of interest representing ownership thereof 12,460.24
I, Geo. T. Moore, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief

GEO. T. MOORE, Cashier
CORRECT—Attest
H. C. WEST
W. T. SADLER, M. D.
BOOTH WARREN
Directors

State of Texas, County of Taylor, ss:
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of October 1956, and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank.
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OIL PROGRESS WEEK
October 14-20

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UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

Well this is October 9th and no rain yet. Farmers and ranchers have quit asking anyone for advice, as what to do now, with their stock. Some are still selling and some are holding back, thinking it might rain.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ensminger have just returned home from Idaho where he had been taking care of his sister until her death. W. H. said there is plenty of good hay all the way down to Colorado State, and lots of cattle too, he said no potatoes of speak of. That means higher potato prices next year.

Rev. and Mrs. Hamilton of Abilene have taken the pastorate at the Pioneer Church. He is a retired preacher of the Conference and will serve Pioneer until a new pastor comes.

Nearly all of the farmers are planning to put as much of their land in the soil bank as they can. The promise of \$8 per acre sounds better than taking a chance getting enough of rain to wet this dry ground, which would take a lot of rain to do.

John Oliver had a load of cattle on the Abilene market this week.

We had a good turn out at our regular community gathering. Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith furnished music which is always enjoyed. Hubert Berry and Perry Davis of Merkel were present with their families. They are in charge of Agriculture Extension Service of this area and they presented two films showing soil conservation projects. The next monthly meeting will also be a film showing for entertainment. Every one is urged to attend.

Mrs. Louis Butman is program chairman.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Swinney visited in the Joe Swinney home over the week end. They also attended the home coming at Tuscola on Saturday.

Reports from Little Ann Polk is that she is recovering nicely from her polio attack. There are no ill results from the attack. Ann is the daughter of the former Ruth Butman.

JA ANN POLLARD TO WED KENNETH BACCUS

ALLEN, Sept. 15 — Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Pollard are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jo Ann, to Kenneth E. Baccus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Baccus of Merkel.

The wedding will be solemnized at the First Baptist Church chapel in Abilene on Oct. 12 at 6:30 p.m. The Rev. E. H. Sizemore of Hutchins, Tex., will officiate.

A joint birthday dinner honoring Joe Swinney, Joseph Swinney, Dick Cumbly of Tuscola, Mrs. Harold Swinney and Mr. Joe Bickley of Abilene was enjoyed at the Abilene State Park, Sunday, September 16.

Saturday evening guests of the Marvin Freeman's were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hale and Linda of Roby and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Smith of Sweetwater.

Mrs. Delie Reynolds of Nolan, Texas is the guest of her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cramer Reynolds for an indefinite time.

Mr. A. L. Chancey and his mother, Mrs. H. R. Chancey, visited he, sisters, Mrs. J. E. Hart and Miss Maggie Whitescraber in Dallas recently.

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MARKET

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There's no mistake about it, Texas is having itself a real drouth. Some of the farmers and ranchers in our county are in such bad shape that they may vote for Stevenson.

Old Man Jones, from across the river, said he wasn't going to go to any such extreme. He said he needed rain as bad as anybody else. He claimed water was as scarce in his community that the preacher was baptizing new members with a wet handkerchief. But he was holding out awhile longer, anyway.

"I may be stubborn," said Old Man Jones, "but I just ain't been convinced that President Eisenhower is keeping it from raining."

He said he knew that Stevenson and Kefauver acted like they thought so, and they had a right to their opinion. Lyndon Johnson, he figured, knew better, but he was sticking with Adlai and Estes for the sake of unity. He said he didn't figure Mr. Sam Rayburn had known whether it was raining or not for the last 25 years.

"I hate not to go along with such a widely known crowd of weather observers," Old Man Jones said. "If there's anybody

who keeps up with which way the wind is blowing, generally speaking, it's Stevenson, Kefauver and Johnson."

Then he went on to say that he realized the national farm program hadn't pleased everybody—including him. If he was in the White House, he would do things different, at least in our county. He allowed that the \$61,000,000 spent by the Eisenhower administration for drought relief in Texas could have been doubled and still not made all the farmers happy and prosperous.

"But," said Old Man Jones, "I keep remembering that the main reason for our troubles, besides the drouth, is the fact that we are not at war. Now, if Adlai and Estes really want to jump on President Eisenhower, there is a real issue. They've sure got the goods on Ike in that respect. If he hadn't stopped that Korean War, farm prices would be higher, no doubt. I wonder why they never mention that."

Old Man Jones was kidding a little, of course, in his usual way, but I think he had something there. We have got to adjust to peace-time, which is taking awhile but President Eisenhower is working at it. And meanwhile our boys aren't fighting and dying on foreign soil. It's worth thinking about.

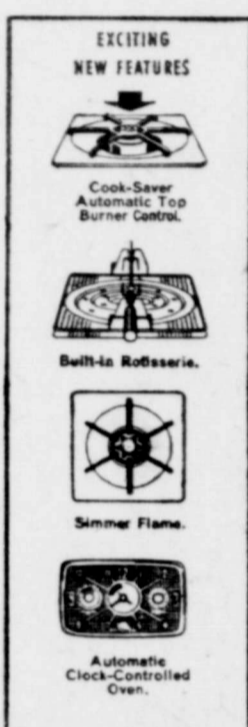
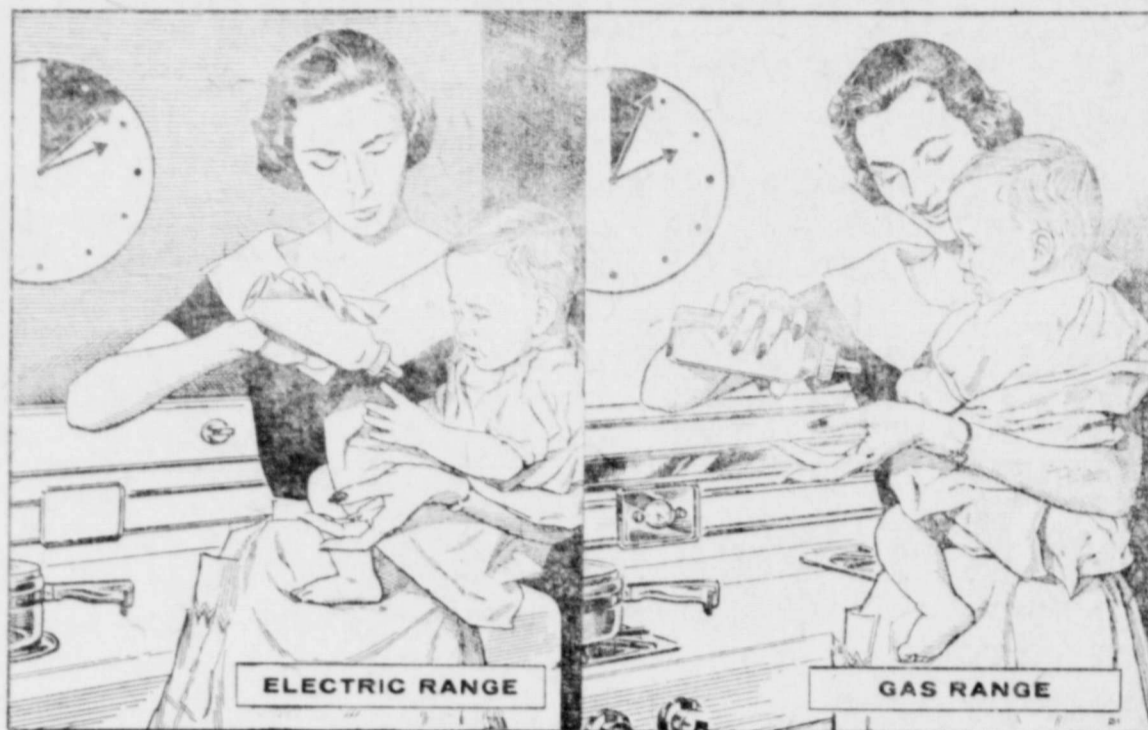
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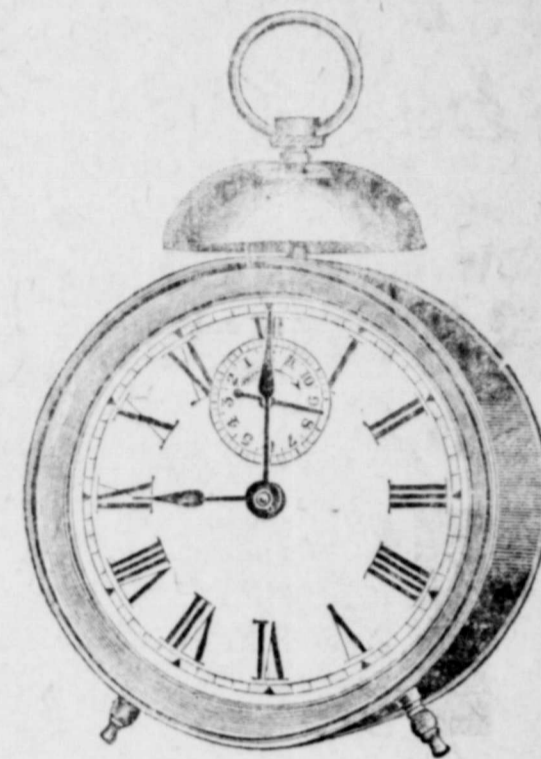
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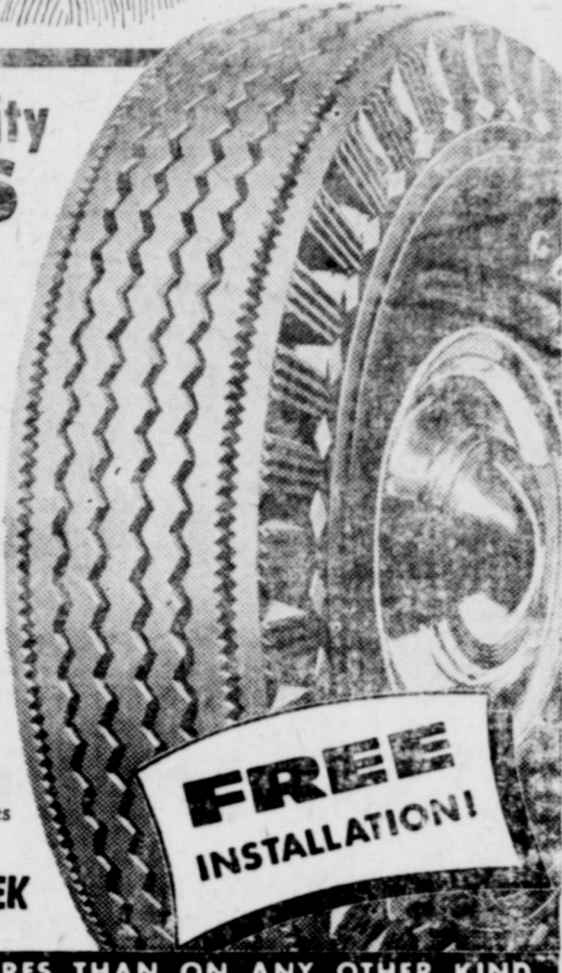
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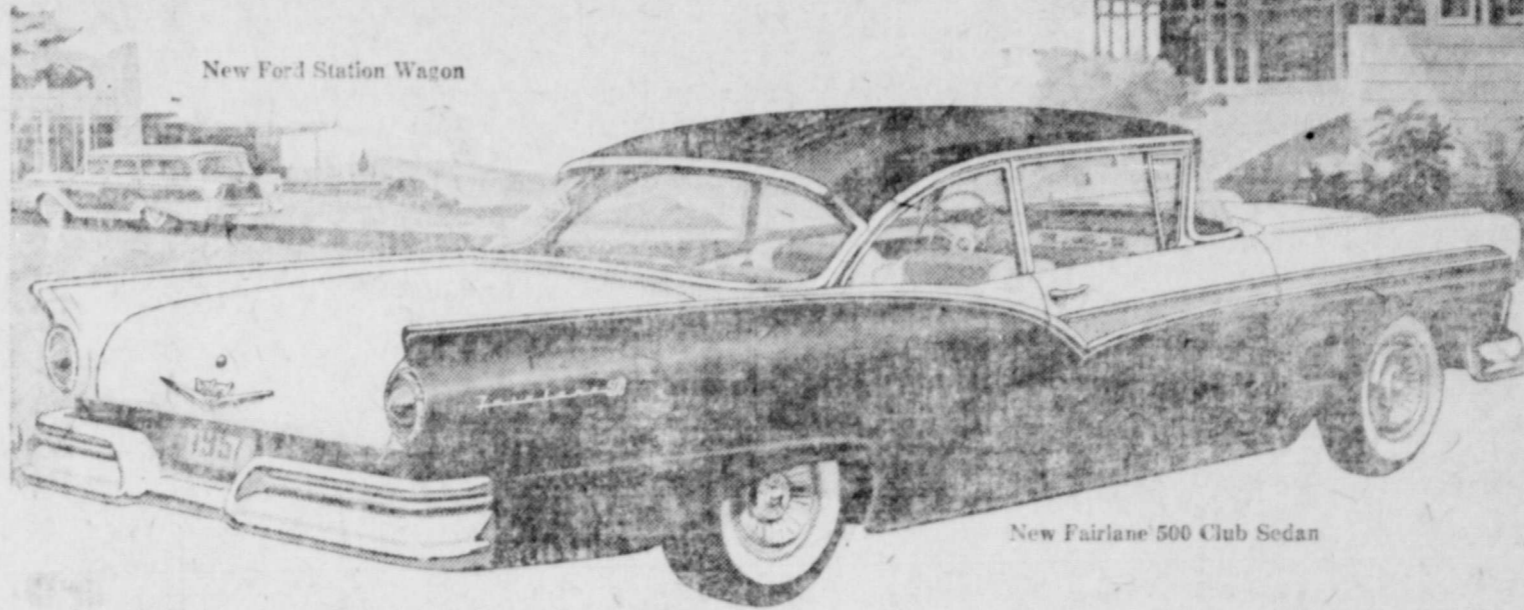


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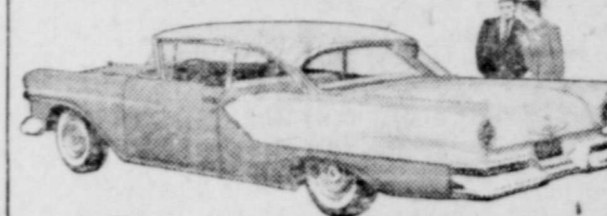
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(Published in the Merkel Mail Sept. 21-27, Oct. 5-12, 1956)
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GREETING:

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, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Larry Joe Prickett, 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. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 29th day of October A.D. 1956, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 7th day of July A.D. 1956, in the same cause, numbered 21-474-A on the docket of said court and styled JANICE PRICKETT, Plaintiff, vs. LARRY JOE PRICKETT, defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about August 10, 1953 and became separated on or about January 10, 1956. Plaintiff shows there is no community property to be adjudicated but that there are three minor children of said marriage. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this court.

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 12th day of September A.D. 1956.

Attest: R. H. ROSS, Clerk.

42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Mrs. Jesse R. Swindell, Deputy.

(Published in the Merkel Mail Sept. 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 1956)

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married on or about the 8th day of April, 1933, and separated on or about 1952. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of desertion and asks for title and interest in to Lot 6, Block 8, College Heights addition as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at

Abilene, Texas, this the 24th day of September A.D. 1956. (SEAL)

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

NOODLE NEWS

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Mr. and Mrs. Bob Auet, from Abilene were Sunday guests in the Chester Lucas home.

Week end guests in the Voss Justice home were their daughters and their husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Mason, and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Poplin.

Mrs. Fay Euckert, has gone to Corpus Christi, to be with her brother, J. B. Campbell who is to undergo surgery Monday, October 1.

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Henenger of Abilene, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dock Eoff.

We want to extend our deepest sympathy to Clayton Dillard on the death of his father, Rex Dillard of Tuscola. Several from this community attended the funeral, which was held Sunday evening.

Mrs. Fronia Sosebee and daughter

ter Mrs. Louise McGinus and her daughter, Marilyn, Mrs. Leta Barbee and daughter, Mrs. J. E. King in Merkel on Monday evening and went out to the cemetery.

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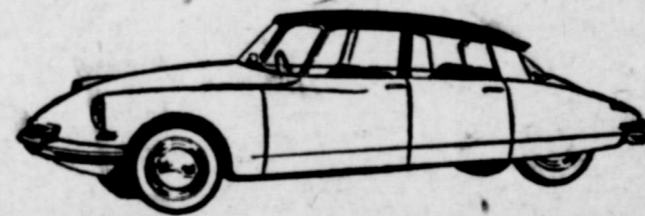
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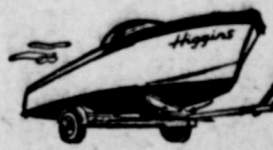
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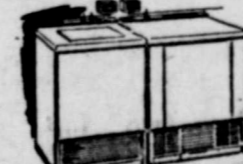
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Mrs. Mary Carey returned from Lubbock where she visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carey and daughter, Lanell, who accompanied her home. She attended her granddaughter's graduation from nursing school. She is superintendent in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. Mrs. Carey's daughter, Rayford Cockerell and son Jerry Don of Ft. Worth visited here Sunday.

YOUR HEALTH

Fear of cancer cannot help its victim, and unreasonable fear should be replaced by intelligent action concerning this disease, is the opinion of Dr. Henry A. Holle, commissioner of Health.

The commissioner said that cancer can usually be cured in its earlier stages, before it spreads to other areas of the body. This has been demonstrated by the fact that many persons have been treated successfully by surgery, x-ray and living tissue. Many people postpone diagnosis when they suspect cancer either because they dread to hear the truth or because they believe that a cure is impossible. In the treatment of cancer, time is the most important factor, according to Dr. Holle. To produce satisfactory results, treatment must begin early in the course of the disease while the cancer is confined to a small area. Persons suspecting cancer should consult their physician as soon as they notice any unexplainable lump, unusual discharge, a persistent sore on any part of the body, or any change in the appearance of a mole or wart. It is disastrous to wait for pain, as this is a late symptom that usually doesn't occur until the malignant growth has made considerable advance.

Two main rules should be followed in combatting cancer. First, have an annual physical examination by a reputable physician. In this way incipient cancerous conditions can be discovered and can be conquered. The second rule is to mistrust high promising statements of "amazing new discoveries."

The value of early diagnosis cannot be stressed too strongly. For that reason all persons, especially those of middle age or older should have regular periodic physical examinations at least once a year.

Mrs. Florence Low has assumed her duties as head of the new coordinated Department of Home Economics for research and extension on the campus of Texas A. and M.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherl Taylor of Abilene were visitors in the home of their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Davis and daughter, Dracina, on Sunday.

Mrs. Mattie Williams, Mrs. Herbert Williams and children, John, Mary and David, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sparks, and Mrs. J. L. Anthony of Abilene were house guests of Mrs. W. M. Hays for the week end.

REPORT OF CONDITION OF HOME STATE BANK OF TRENT, TEXAS

at the close of business Sept. 26, 1956, a State banking institution organized and operating under the banking laws of this State and a member of the Federal Reserve System. Published in accordance with a call made by the State Banking Authorities and by the Federal Reserve Bank of this District.

ASSETS	
1. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	\$165,770.25
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	412,000.00
3. Corporate stocks (including \$2,700.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	2,700.00
4. Loans and discounts (including \$949.48 overdrafts)	170,325.23
5. Bank premises owned	\$9,000.00
6. Furniture and fixtures	15,600.00
12. TOTAL ASSETS	\$766,395.48
LIABILITIES	
13. Demand deposits of individuals, Partnerships, and corporations	\$658,370.75
15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	75.00
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	3,263.04
15. TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$661,708.79
24. TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$661,708.79
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
25. Capital*	\$ 25,000.00
26. Surplus	65,000.00
27. Undivided profits	14,686.89
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$104,686.89
30. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$766,395.48

*This bank's capital consists of:
 Common stock with total par value of \$25,000.00

I, James V. Ross, Cashier of the above-named bank, hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CORRECT-ATTEST:
 DIRECTORS
 DOW WILLIAMSON
 T. H. WILLIAMSON
 J. C. CRAIN

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor, ss:
 Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of October, 1956.

LUCILLE WILKS, Notary Public
 Taylor County, Texas

OCTOBER 16th is an important day for thrifty shoppers. It's DOLLAR DAY at MELLINGER'S. It's time to think about your family's Fall Clothing Needs; so get them now at GREAT SAVINGS. Shop early for best selections in every department.

ALL DOLLAR DAY PURCHASES MUST BE FOR CASH!

PRINTED PERCALES
 See these new patterns in printed percale. 36 inches wide, nice quality, and new Fall prints. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
\$2.99 each
4 yards for \$1.00

Garza Bed Sheets
 For the finest in bed sheets it's always GARZA. These are double-bed size, seamless, and snow white. Cellophane wrapped, too. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
\$3.50 per pair
 Pillow cases to match these bed sheets ONLY
98c per pair

COLORED Bed Sheets
 Perhaps you prefer pastel shades. These are also quality sheets by GARZA. Your choice of all the popular pastel shades, double-bed size, seamless, and cellophane wrapped. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
\$5.00 per pair
 Pillow cases to match these colored bed sheets ONLY
\$1.25 per pair

Bath Towels
 20x40 inch CANNON bath towels in beautiful pastel colors. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
3 for \$1.00
 Nice size wash cloths to match these CANNON towels ONLY
10 for \$1.00

Brown Domestic
 You know the fine quality and smooth texture of this nice quality, 36-inch brown domestic. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
5 yds. for \$1.00

Birdseye Diapers
 27x27-inch packaged Birdseye diapers. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
\$1.79 per dozen

Nylon Hosiery
 (These are fine quality, 51-gauge, ABSOLUTELY FIRST QUALITY, ladies' NYLON hosiery. All the new Fall shades and all sizes. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
\$1.00 per pair

CORDUROY
 Fine quality, narrow wale, wide width, and all the wanted Fall shades. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
88c per yard

Nylon Panties
 100% NYLON construction. A real value and all sizes. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
2 for \$1.00

Nylon Gowns
 ALL NYLON fabric, all wanted styles and sizes. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
\$2.99 each

Comal Gingham
 Here it is!!! 45-inch in width, fully mercerized, sanforized shrunk, and superb quality in all new Fall patterns. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
65c per yard

OUTING
 Take your choice of either solid color (White, Light Blue, Pink, and Green) and fancy stripes. A good heavy weight and 36 inches wide. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
\$2.98 each

Ladies' Millinery
 Your choice of our entire stock of new Fall Hats FOR ONLY
\$2.98 each

LADIES' Crest Sweaters
 Possibly the most important items today. These beautiful Crest Sweaters are 100% wool, attractive knits, all the wanted colors, and all sizes. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
\$5.95 each

CHENILLE Bed Spreads
 Double-bed size, heavy quality, lots of fluffy chenille, and fringed edges. Your choice of many, many colors. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
\$3.50 each

BLANKETS
 Yes, these are all-cotton, double-bed size, 66x80 inches, nice weight, and all color plaids. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
\$2.69 each
 This very same blanket, only size 70x80 inches ONLY
\$2.98 each

PART-WOOL BLANKETS
 This is a real value, too! 50% wool, double-bed size, double blankets. They're plaids, too. ONLY
\$4.49 each

Cotton Batts
 Nice, fluffy, fully bleached, 2-pound rolls cotton. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
\$1.19 per roll

MEN'S NYLON S-T-R-E-T-C-H SOCKS
 Your choice of attractive Fall patterns in all NYLON Helenca knit STRETCH SOCKS for Men. Remember, one size socks fit all size feet. Regular 75c value. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
2 pairs for \$1.00

MEN'S CHAMBRAY Work Shirts
 The ideal work shirt for these long work days. We'll make of a smooth quality chambray — 2 pockets, lined collars, and sizes 14 1/2 to 17. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
\$1.10 each

MEN'S Shorts & Vests
 As for shorts, you have your choice of either knitted cotton briefs with all-around elastic and cellophane wrapped sanforized shrunk fancy pattern broadcloth shorts in either the gripper front or "boxer" style. Sizes: 28 to 46. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
2 for \$1.00
 The vests are of all combed cotton yarn and panel ribbed. Full cut and sizes 34 to 46. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
2 for \$1.00

MEN'S Work Socks
 Your choice of either regular length socks or elastic-top anklets, in white, tan, or gray. Combed cotton and seamless. Sizes: 10 to 12. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
5 pairs for \$1.00

"DICKIE" Work Clothes
 Remember, for outstanding quality, superb fit, and tops in appearance, always insist on DICKIES. They are made of 8.2-ounce Army Cloth in either Suntan or Postman Gray colors. The shirts are perfect matches and are available in sleeve-lengths. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
\$2.98
 PER GARMENT
 Type I is available in Suntan only at
\$3.98
 PER GARMENT

Boys' Blue Jeans
 Experience has proved that LONGHORN jeans for boys fit the way they like 'em. Extra long length, and made of heavy-weight denim that is fully sanforized. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
 Sizes 1 Through 10
\$1.79
 Sizes 11 Through 16
\$1.98

ATTENTION, LADIES!!!

This is the event you probably have been waiting for. Right in the peak of the Season you can purchase a brand new Fall Dress at great saving to you. They are all new Fall arrivals of Nationally Advertised Brands such as Marcy-Lees, Martha Mannings, Toni Todds, Vicky Vaughns, Mize, and others. All the new fabrics and attractive new styles. All sizes from Junior 7 to Ladies' 50. All dresses priced regularly from \$6.95 and up. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

1/4 OFF

LADIES' COATS & SUITS

Need a new coat or suit? If so, get your's at MELLINGER'S this DOLLAR DAY at a big saving. Your choice of the house AT ONLY

1/4 OFF

LOOK, GIRLS

Here's a shoe special you will want to take advantage of. Hundreds of pairs of "loafers" to choose from — Black or Gray Suede or Black or Brown leathers. A fine quality that really fit. Sizes 6 to 10 — AA and B. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

\$3.99 per pair

FOR THE MEN

Hundreds of new all-wool CURLEE suits to choose from. The quality is tops; the fit is the best. Your choice of hard-finish worsted and beautiful, soft Flannels. All sizes. NOW, with each purchase of a CURLEE SUIT we will give you ABSOLUTELY FREE your choice of any ROYAL QUALITY JOHN B. STETSON HAT in stock. They are available in just any color to match your new suit. You will want to take advantage of this special.

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with **Less Hot Water, Less Detergent than ever before!**

New Frigidaire Sheer Look fits T-square snug with standard cabinets. Looks built in, without "re-do" cost.

The new 1957 Automatic Washer with the spectacular Control Tower from Frigidaire—and it's years ahead on every count. You've never seen clothes come so sparkling clean, spun so dry—and its Float-over Wash and Rinse get rid of dirty soap-scum filter traps miss. You save up to 1800 gallons of hot water a year, compared with other well-known washers. From its amazing Control Tower "master-brain" to its sparkling Lifetime Porcelain, inside and out, it's the "washingest," "savingest" automatic ever built. It's here today.

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JACK POT WINNERS and LOSERS THIS WEEK

Table with 2 columns: Day, Winner/Loser and Amount/Name. Wednesday - \$5.00 Loser - R. O. Payne; Thursday - \$10.00 Loser - Mrs. P. W. Miller; Friday - \$15.00 Loser - Mrs. J. C. Comegy; Saturday - \$20.00 Loser - E. E. Read; Monday - \$25.00 Winner - Stella Cutfer; Tuesday - \$5.00 Loser - Chas. Pommel

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Fluffo

3 Lb. Can 85c

Borden's CHARLOTTE Freeze

3 1/2 Gals. \$1.00

FROZEN FOODS

- Jeans 2 Dozen HOT ROLLS --- pkg. 39c; Morton's Large FRUIT PIES ---- ea. 49c; Keith's BROCCOLI --- 2 pkgs. 49c; Keith's Ford Hook Limas 2 pkgs. 49c; Patio Mexican Dinner -- ea. 59c; Frionor CATFISH ----- lb. 43c

MORTON'S SALAD DRESSING Pint - - - - 23c

DIAMOND - 303

Tomatoes 10 for \$1.00

GLADIOLA

Flour 10 lbs. 73c

WHITE SWAN

Coffee Pound 89c

HORMEL

Spam 3 cans \$1.00

ARMOUR'S

Vegetole 3 lb. can 63c

SCOTT

Tissue 10 rolls \$1.00

MILK PET 8 for -- \$1.00

WOLF CHILI 2 No. 2 Cans \$1.00

HANDI SODA POP 6 cans -- 39c

PARD DOG FOOD 8 for -- \$1.00

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DRIVE-IN THEATRE

LAST TIME THURS. FRIDAY & SATURDAY



OCT. 12 - 13 FEE'S PARKER In "Davy Crockett AND THE River Pirates"

SUNDAY & MONDAY - OCT. 14 - 15



TUES. - WED. & THURS. - OCT. 16 - 17 - 18



FINEST QUALITY MEATS

Fresh

Hens lb. 29c

Choice Heavy Beef

Club Steak lb. 55c

Choice Heavy Beef

Pot Roast lb. 45c

Longhorn

CHEESE - - - - - lb. 49c

Gooch Ranch Style

BACON - - - - - 2 lbs. 89c

Center Cut

PORK CHOPS - - - - - lb. 59c

Armour's Columbia

BACON - - - - - lb. 39c

Gooch or Wilson

HAMS shank or but end lb. 45c

Gooch Skinless

WEINERS -- 3 lbs. bag 79c

EL FOOD GRAPE JELLY 24 OZ. 3 for ----- \$1.00

SUNSHINE CRACKERS lb. 23c

SUNSHINE CANDIES cello 19c

LIQUID LUX 12-oz. can -- 33c

GIANT BREEZE Box ----- 63c

GARDEN FRESH VEGETABLES

Red Cooking APPLES ----- lb. 8c

Fresh Crisp LETTUCE - - - - - lb. 12c

Fresh No. 1 TOMATOES - - - - - lb. 12c

Fresh Cabbage - - - - - lb. 4c

Fresh Bell Pepper - - - - - lb. 15c

Dry Yellow ONIONS - - - - - lb.

Idaho No. 1 SPUDS - - - - - lb.

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