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POST SCRIPTS By Uncle Ned

The almost burned to the ground in an early morning fire which completely destroyed two grocery stores Monday morning.

The stores were owned by Wesley Rister and Theo Kincaid. The Kincaid store was the first to burn and the Rister store caught fire and burned to the ground after the other store had fallen.

All efforts to obtain fire equipment from nearby Abilene were in vain. The fire chief there reported that he was skeptical at the call as progress had turned into a series of alarms from Wylie and he not too long ago.

Witnesses reported calling the Abilene fire department about the time the fire broke out. The buildings were too far gone.

The fire was discovered by two highway workmen, Bailey Lawler and Lawrence Knight, at 3:15. One man called the fire department while the other notified the store owners. The Kincaid store was the first fire and Mr. Kincaid said he was aroused around 3:15. His wife called the fire chief in Abilene and told him of the fire while Mr. Kincaid dressed.

Mr. Kincaid rushed to the scene of the fire, thinking that the fire trucks would be there any minute. His store was too far gone by that time to save. They tried to save the Rister store, which had not caught fire at that time.

Mr. Rister said he was notified about 3:20 and he rushed over to the fire. Mrs. Rister called in the alarm and she too rushed to the fire. Mr. Rister's brother, J. C., who lives within a few blocks of the store, was awakened by a telephone call from the Abilene fire department. He was asked if there really was a fire in Tye. He asked his wife to look out the window as he had not heard of the fire. She did and reported that a big fire was raging in the area of the store.

They immediately investigated and Mr. Rister returned to call the Abilene fire department again.

Other Tye residents reported that they too called the fire department.

The weather conditions were right for the other store to be out of danger. The air was still and the buildings had a thick layer of ice. But when the walls of the Kincaid store fell, the added heat generated from the debris caused the Rister store to catch fire.

Some records and books were removed from the Rister store and some of the merchandise had been removed. The fire spread rapidly and within a short time the entire building was in flame.

After some 45 minutes, the Abilene fire chief arrived to confirm the report and called the booster unit from AOC, the farthest station in Abilene from the fire. The truck showed up some 30 minutes later and by that time, the only thing which could be extinguished was a near-by telephone pole.

Mr. Rister said, "I feel sure that the Abilene fire department could have prevented the fire from spreading to my store if it was a pity standing by and not needlessly

Congressman Burleson Notifies Merkel Schools of Federal Grant

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 26, 1957—The U. S. Office of Education advised Congressman Omar Burleson today of the approval of the application of Merkel Independent School District. Mr. Mack Fisher, Superintendent, for federal assistance for current school expenditures. This is pursuant to Public Law 874 providing financial aid for schools in federally affected areas.

The announced tentative entitlement for the fiscal year 1957 is \$8,276.40. Certified for immediate payment is \$6,621.00.

Mr. Fisher stated that this grant is part of the federal aid furnished schools where children of military personnel attend, meeting certain requirements. Merkel qualifies for this aid and there will be more available when Merkel can offer more housing facilities.

The schools had some 30 additional students last year and

more than 100 this year, all children of military personnel of Dyess Air Force Base. Should this increase continue, the school will be subject to building aid in the amount of \$60,000 or more.

Lester Dorton Named On National Co-op Committee



LESTER DORTON on national committee

Mr. Lester F. Dorton, general manager of Taylor Electric Co-operative, Inc. of Merkel, was named to membership on a seven-man committee of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

This committee will serve in an advisory capacity on insurance and welfare programs for electric cooperative employees on a nationwide level.

Mr. Dorton was appointed at a regional meeting held in San Antonio recently. The committee will hold its first session during the annual convention in Chicago March 4-7.

CLAUDE WARREN RECEIVES AWARD AT DYESS AFB

Mr. Claude Warren of Merkel was one of 10 civilian employees at Dyess Air Force Base to receive cash awards at a special ceremony last Friday.

Mr. Warren received an award of \$10 for the design of a wrapping and cutting table. Col. Louis A. Rochez, III, Base Commander, made the presentation.

These awards were given under the SAC Incentive Award Plan to encourage clear thinking and concern for the welfare of the Air Force and their country.

Three REA Officers Attend Lectures At Austin

Mr. Lester Dorton, president of Taylor Electric Coop in Merkel, was one of the lecturers from across the state for a two day session in Austin last week.

Other officers from the Taylor Electric Coop in Merkel, was one of the lecturers from across the state for a two day session last week.

The courses included everything electric from oil field pumps to common household appliances. It also consisted of lectures on public relations and a study of rate structures.

Electrification advisors throughout the state attended the meet.

Heart Attack Fatal To Euel Hurd, 45, Enroute Home.

Euel Hurd, 45, employee of Lone Star Cement Corp., died of a heart attack about 8 o'clock Tuesday morning while enroute home from the plant.

Hurd, a member of a well-known Merkel family, had moved to Sweetwater recently and was employed at the Lone Star plant. He became ill shortly after arriving at the plant and was asked for a ride home. He died shortly after arriving at his home.

Ex-Merkel Man Hurt In Explosion

(Dub) Eussell, former operator of a power line, was killed by the explosion. Eussell was rushed to a hospital where he was suffering severe burns.

Mothers March For Polio Drive Thursday Nite

According to C. A. Farley, local chairman, the Merkel March of Dimes campaign has gotten off to a very slow start due to the fact that no supplies or information were received from Abilene until last Thursday.

Local citizens may send their contribution to the F. & M. Bank or directly to C. A. Farley, 812 Oak Street.

The mothers' March on Polio will be conducted Thursday night, January 31, between 7 and 8 p. m., by the P.T.A. Room Mothers, under the direction of Mrs. David Gamble. It is hoped that at least \$500.00 will be raised by this house-to-house campaign.

About 200 coin envelopes have been sent through the mail to Merkel citizens.

Each child in school has been given a coin envelope.

Eighteen coin collectors have been placed in local stores.

No quota has been set for Merkel. Last year about \$1200.00 was contributed.

Ladies Appeal For Missing Pots - Pans From Com. Center

The organizations that serve the Lions Club luncheons at the Community Center have reported the cooking utensils, bowls, pitchers, etc., have gradually disappeared until there are none left. This makes it very difficult for the ladies to prepare meals at the center.

It is believed that workers have carried food home with the intention of bringing the vessels back, but have failed to do so. If you happen to be one of those people, it is requested that you please make an effort to return them at your earliest convenience.

It was also stated that these ladies appeal to everyone who might donate a dish or something of this kind to the center if you have one that is not needed at home.

This would be greatly appreciated by the ladies who assist with the lunches at the Community Center.

Johnson's House Bill Introduced To Senate

Senator Lyon B. Johnson has introduced in the Senate a bill designed to speed up housing loans to veterans without any increase in the present interest rate of four and one-half per cent.

The Johnson bill has three principal provisions:

- (1) It would make available 25 per cent of the National Service Life Insurance Fund for direct veterans' loans at four and one-half per cent interest.
- (2) It would increase the authorized amount of the mortgage limit from \$10,000 to \$14,000.
- (3) It would eliminate some of the delays in processing applications, which in many cases have actually prevented loans from being made.

Area Communities Get Exchange Nos.

Mr. Tommy Odem, owner of the Merkel Telephone Co., announced today that new exchange numbers for the outlying communities were revealed in plans to convert the present system to dial.

Merkel exchange will be designated as WAverly 8; Trent Townsend 2; Nubia Vinewood 6; and Noodle Terminal 6.

The exchange numbers are in cooperation with the nation wide dial system steadily shaping up.

Cemetery Fund

The following persons contributed to the Rose Hill Cemetery Fund:

- Mrs. J. P. Stevens, Plainview
- Mary Kate Campbell, Amarillo
- Mr. and Mrs. Fred Guitar, Jr.
- J. H. Clark
- W. Fred Vandell, Odessa
- Loraine A. Boyce
- John R. West
- J. Pierce Horton
- Charles A. Massey, Tulia
- Mrs. Mollie Wimberly
- Mrs. Paul W. West

Charles Hogsett Heads C of C; Mellinger, Hughes Get Offices



EARL HUGHES secretary



ISADORE MELLINGER vice president

Mr. Charles Hogsett was elected president of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce at the board of directors meeting here Tuesday morning.

Other officers elected were: Isadore Mellinger, vice president and Earl Hughes, secretary.

Three new members of the board of directors were also elected. They were: Nolan Palmer, Charles Hogsett and Mack Fisher.

The retiring officers were: Horace Boney, president; Lester Dorton, vice president; Isadore Mellinger, secretary.

Mr. Hogsett is the owner of Bodger Chevrolet Co. and came here from Roby in April. He is a member of the Lions Club and the First Methodist Church.

The board of directors also passed on a resolution to hold regular monthly meetings throughout the year. These meetings will be held on the second Monday night of each month and discuss with all members any plans of action to be taken by the board.

Plans were made for the annual banquet which will be held the 11th or 18th of February, the final date to be announced as soon as confirmation is received from a guest speaker.

Committees were appointed to work on the banquet. They are: Ticket Committee, Fred Starbuck; Betty Tittle and Adelle Elkins. Tickets will go on sale immediately and may be purchased from one of the above or The Boney Insurance Co., The Merkel Drug or Carson Grocery.

The Chamber of Commerce membership drive will start immediately and committees will be announced later, according to Mr. Hogsett, president.

It was also decided that the Chamber of Commerce would sponsor the sale of livestock of the Merkel FFA chapter at the Central West Texas Livestock Show in Abilene Monday.

Fire Destroys Borwig Residence Here Saturday

The Merkel Volunteer Fire Department defied the cold weather here Saturday night to battle a blaze at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Borwig at 304 Orange.

The home was completely destroyed. Most of the Borwig's belongings went up in smoke. Fire battled the fire for more than an hour before bringing it under control. They returned to the station about 9:30 and were called out again about 4:00 a.m. Sunday. The roof of the home had again caught fire and finished burning to the ground.

Mr. Waymon Adecock, fire mar-

shall, stated the damage was estimated around \$8,000 and was uninsured.

Two Merkel Youths Enlist In Army

The enlistment of Jerry R. West and Edward M. Denman in the Army Aircraft Command Branch of the Regular Army was announced by Capt. L. Duncan, Commanding Officer of the US Army Recruiting Main Station, Abilene, Tex. last Tuesday.

They enlisted under the Army enlistment program of "Choice Not Chance" in which qualified young men may choose one of twelve branches in which to serve. They were recruited by M-Sgt. L. M. Evans of the US Army Recruiting Station, Abilene, Tex. They have departed for Fort Bliss, Texas, for processing and basic training. Upon completion of basic, they will take advanced training in this branch of service.

Denman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Denman who reside at 700 N. Kent, Merkel.

West is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. West of 301 Marion, Merkel.

McCauley Drops 48-44 Thriller To Highland Hornets

The Highland Hornets led all the way here Tuesday night to defeat the McCauley Eagles, 48-44, in a District 15-B game.

Woodrow Owens paced the winners with 25 points. Davis was high for McCauley with 17.

The Highland girls won a 54-50 thriller over the McCauley girls as Letha Price scored 27 points for Highland. Davis was high with 21 for McCauley.

McLeod Brings Season Total To 608 as Merkel Rips Roscoe

The Merkel Badgers trampled Roscoe here Tuesday night as Robert McLeod bucketed 51 points to lead Merkel 119-38.

McLeod has scored more than 600 points this season for an average of 35.3 per game. He has averaged 48.8 in conference play and is within 99 points of his season's high last year of 707.

Kermit Rutledge was not far behind as he scored 22 points for the Badgers. Roscoe's high man was Weatherhog with 12 points.

This was the 17th straight for Merkel, six games being conference play.

Player	FG	FT	T
Minta McAninch	14	10	38
Marilyn Kelo	5	6	16
Janice Breaux	4	1	9
Janice Black	1	1	3
Janice Windham	1	0	2
Linda Loftin	1	0	2
Box Score	26	28	70

Player	FG	FT	T
Holly	2	0	4
Haney	0	0	0
Zinke	3	0	6
Gray	0	4	4

Merkel Girl Scouts Aid MOD

The Brownie and Girl Scout Troops of the Merkel Neighborhood of Taylor County Girl Scouts took over the project of the Fight Polio Balloon Sale Saturday, January 26.

Stations for the sale of balloons were Wilson's Food Store, Carson Grocery, Max's Grocery, and Max's Grocery.

Robert McLeod paced the Badgers to a 75-33 victory over Roscoe here Friday night as he poured 17 field goals and 6 free throws through the basket in District 6-A play.

Manley Denton was second high with 16 points and Kermit Rutledge next with 15.

Maria Wainwright won their consolation game, 54-52, in a 36-point game.

Fire Destroys Camp Fair Unit

A unit of Camp Fair was destroyed by fire here recently on Highway 80 West of Merkel.

The unit belonged to Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Lee who reported the loss at \$2,000.

It was a storage building for furnishings for other units as well as their own house.

The fire broke out about 8:15 Wednesday and was thought to have started from a water heater.

The Volunteer Fire Department of Merkel fought the blaze about 1 1/2 hours before bringing it under control.

Hospital Notes

The following persons were admitted to Sadler Clinic-Hospital during the past week:

- Mrs. L. W. Gilmore, girl
- Ricky Conley
- Mrs. Dean Fitzpatrick, girl
- Mrs. J. B. Harris
- Lucille Denton
- Mr. Bobby Dudley
- Mrs. Holly
- Mrs. R. ...
- Mrs. J. F. ...
- Mrs. Lily
- Mrs. Rob ...
- Bruce V. ...
- Mr. T. ...
- Bonnie
- Mrs.

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Just what does make a city tick? What causes a city to be a city? And what makes people want to move to a city? These are some of the questions to be answered with one word . . . PEOPLE!

Merkel is a city. Merkel is Merkel because people wanted it to be Merkel. What Merkel does and what Merkel thinks is what those people do and think.

People are the backbone of any community and the kind of people they are reflects the kind of city they build. There would be buildings standing but no life. There would be churches but no one to worship. There would be schools but no students. There would be homes but no families to live in them.

A group of people working together for a common cause is the greatest form of energy man can have. But if they are divided, their efforts go for naught.

This community is bound by those who work for the progress and development of the community. Of those who work unselfishly for a common cause to make Merkel a better place in which to live.

There is no better organization for a community than the Chamber of Commerce. This organization combines everyone's efforts and directs them to do the most good. It's a great saying, "United we stand, divided we fall," which is true in time of war and in time of peace.

A father once told his sons who were constantly causing trouble to gather a bundle of sticks. The boys did and then the father bound them together with a piece of binder twine. Then he asked his sons to try and break them. They tried but the task was too great. Yet, each stick could easily be broken one at a time.

Merkel has held together through some of the worst years in history, the drought. In recent years, the community has grown and prospered while other towns have fallen by the way-side. This growth was made possible by a few citizens directing their energy in one direction and getting the job done.

As a result of their efforts, some 40 families of military personnel from the Dyess Air Force Base have made their home here. Some 120 new students have enrolled in our schools. Think what that means to a community!

As a result of these few people's efforts, they have provided a swimming pool at no cost to tax payers. Industries know of Merkel because these few men have told them about Merkel.

And Now — the Chamber needs more members, more individuals who will work untiringly for a better Merkel. Your Chamber needs you — won't you lend a hand and become an active part in this fast growing organization who is working for your betterment?

FACT AND FANCY

I recently heard my pastor say that if the Lord had intended for man to smoke He would have arranged for a smokestack on top of our heads. Now, if the Lord really feels this way about it, He has some mighty strong support, not the least of which comes from my ever-lovin' wife.

But I contend that the Lord is more concerned with the smoking we mortals shall do after we depart this vale of strife than that which we do here. Of course, it might well turn out that there is a close correlation between the amount of smoking we do up here and that which we will do down there. That, to be sure, would be a revolting development.

I'm partial, however, to the point of view expressed by the poet, Edwin John Pratt, who came up with the following stanza in his History of John Jones:

"When he lost his pipe, he swore,
Just a mild damn, and nothing more.
The government: but then he reckoned
The Lord forgave him for the first,
And justified the second."
And while I'm on the subject of poetry and pipes, I can't help but admire the well-known lines and the outlook of one James Thomson.

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Duval Methods Closely Parallel Repression in Hitler's Germany

By-FRANZO ROSENWALD

SAN DIEGO, TEX.—The Parr family, ruling dynasty in the malodorous Duchy of Duval, was in the boss business long before Adolf Hitler was ever heard of in his native Germany.

Hitler was painting bad picture postcards and living in a Vienna flophouse while Tar Parr was running things high, wide and handsome in this sun-seared section of Texas.

As a German, and reputedly a bit of an expert on dictatorships (I've seen them in the kind and the Brown, or Hitler, kind), I've been asked to look at Duval from that point of view. I came, I saw and I shuddered. Duval was too much like home.

Lest anyone consider a Hitler Germany-Parr Duval comparison as an invidious one, remember that I'm making no such comparison. I don't have to. History beats me to it.

Let's look at a curious, and disquieting, situation in Germany at this moment. Then we'll look at an interesting incident just a few months ago in the Grand Jury room in the Duval County Court-house here in San Diego.

In West Germany "ex-Nazis are being brought to trial on all sorts of charges harking back to the days of Hitler, war crimes, theft of public funds, graft, political murder.

A few years ago these same men were mousy, quiet, biding their time. Today they're arrogant, truculent, threatening.

In court they thunder at the judge and thunder at the jury, daring them to convict. The day is coming, and soon, they shout, when the "right" will triumph, when the hated foreigner will be thrust from the sacred soil of the Fatherland. On that day true Germans will know what to do. They'll punish the enemies within and the enemies without.

This courtroom strategy is working like a charm. The frightened jurors are acquitting the Nazi bully boys one after the other.

Now let's get back to the Grand Jury room in the Duval County Court-house here in San Diego.

Red-headed George Berham Parr, of Duval, has been hailed before the jurors and questioning him is Sidney Chandler, assistant to Attorney General John Ben Sheppard. Chandler doesn't get very far with the Duke. Parr stands on his constitutional rights, invoking the "Fifth Amendment"—that a man may remain silent if his testimony might incriminate him or even tend to incriminate him. Then the jury adjourns and Chandler mops his brow in frustration.

"Sidney," Parr said, "I've got something to say to the jury."

Chandler, curious, told him "Go ahead."

Parr turned quietly to the jury and eyed each man in turn. He knew each man by his first name.

"Give a man a pipe he can smoke,
Give a man a book he can read;
And his home is bright with a calm delight,
Though the room be poor indeed."

Now I'll admit I don't know anything about this James Thomson fellow, but he does strike me as a man of discernment and appreciation of the finer things of life. And from line three of his verse, I will lay odds on one thing:
The guy is a bachelor.

Some of us here at the Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation are toying with the idea of forming some sort of an Association for GWSF Former Patients. It seems that too often our "exes" especially those who need no longer return for out-patient check-ups—fade out of our horizon.

We are interested in them, many of them are interested in one another, and we believe most

of them continue to have an interest in the Foundation. The organization we envision would have a publication devoted to an exchange of ex-patient news, and we might even have a reunion once each year.

We would sincerely like to hear from any of our exes who are interested in such a plan.
Walter H. Richter.

CARD OF THANKS
Our expression of sincere thanks and appreciation go to Mrs. Sam Swann and Mrs. Earl Foster classes of the First Baptist Church for the lovely quilts made for patients at the Starr Rest Home.
Mary Outlaw

CARD OF THANKS
The recent bereavement which has visited our home has brought to us a greater appreciation of our friends. Such kindnesses and neighborly thoughtfulness can never be forgotten.
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must be paid at least \$40 per month from the public purse before he has the right to pack a pistol.

I have talked to these men, sat with them in the Windmill Cafe, favorite haunt of Parr supporters. They eat well, dress well, have their own cars and show no signs of poverty. Yet their official pay is less than \$12.50 per week. Parr reputedly makes up the difference out of his own pocket.

I watched these men in action in Judge Laughlin's court room that hot and sleepy afternoon. It was a job of straight, out and out intimidation of witnesses.

One lone Texas Ranger, Wiley Williamson, sat near the judge's bench, keeping a wary eye on the scene.

Parr's policemen, their 45's loosely holstered, circled about the big room, here whispering into the ear of a witness, there patting another on the back, digging playful knuckles into the ribs of yet another.

The policemen were smiling, jovial, friendly. But the witnesses weren't smiling. They had fright written all over them.

Through a Spanish interpreter the witnesses, dozens of them, were sworn in as a group. Then the questioning began, with the interpreter relaying the questions and answers. It was amazing how much the witnesses couldn't remember. Their voices were hardly audible.

They couldn't remember, for example, whether they'd ever been convicted of a crime and so lost their right to vote. Or whether they'd received pardons from the governor and so regained their civil rights. One after the other they shuffled to the stand, and one after the other they "could not remember."

My partner and I were in the courtroom for but part of one afternoon of the four day hearing. That was enough to see Parrism in action.

At the conclusion of the hearing Judge Laughlin ruled that one Parr man, Leopoldo Sepulveda, had lost his seat to Manuel Trevino. The election of Alberto Garcia was confirmed, but the anti-Parr forces now had a three to two majority on the city council. The case was immediately appealed, the Parr man keeping his seat for the time being.

Thus George Berham Parr keeps his police force.

(Note: since this article was written another election was ordered by a higher court and Parr lost control of the city government. Thus his last means of keeping his pistoleros armed was taken away. Earlier he lost control of the Commissioners Court after a months-long series of court battles with Attorney General Sheppard, and saw his old enemy Donato Serna installed as Duval County auditor after more than a year of resistance which took the case up to the Texas Supreme Court. Putting an impartial man in the county auditor's position, Sheppard explains, was the key to blocking Parr from the misuse of county funds. The San Diego city government was Parr's last ditch, from which he is now evicted.)

Conservation News

"Pasture deferment is paying off for me right now during this drought," says Buster Horton, who farms two places about six miles Northeast of Merkel.

Buster has been a cooperater with the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation district since 1948. When he saw he was having to buy more and more feed for his cattle Buster decided to sell them and see if he couldn't grow some grass. Two years ago he took everything out of a 70 acre pasture on his place along salt branch. When he took the cattle out there were many big bare spots that washed bad when it did rain. Now there are only a few very small bare spots and they will soon be covered with grass.

Although Buster hasn't grazed this pasture at all it would have been alright to graze it lightly during the winter after the dominant grasses had matured and produced their seed crop.

The soil in this pasture is a very tight clay soil that is slow to take up water when it is bare. For example after the 1 1/2" rain we

had about the middle of December the moisture penetrated only three to four inches on the bare ground and ad ining pasture land. However, on the same soil only a few feet away where there was fair covering of grass the moisture went down from 16" to 20". Needless to say this extra-stored moisture will go a long way toward growing more grass come Spring.

CARD OF THANKS:

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department, Joe Cypress and Hollis McCoy for their efforts to save our furnishings during the recent fire which destroyed one of our units.
Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Lee

"Thinking of Irrigation" is the title of a new Texas Agricultural Extension Service publication. Copies are available through the offices of local county agents. It was prepared especially for these contemplating an irrigation system for their farm.

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INTERNATIONAL

Legal Column

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 OF PUBLICATION, THE STATE OF TEXAS

Emma Goodman, 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 4th day of March A.D. 1957, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 7th day of September A.D. 1957, in this cause, numbered 21,637-A on the docket of said court and styled Edward Bragg Goodman, Plaintiff, vs. Emma Goodman, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about June 25, 1956, and separated on or about July 20, 1956. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment. There were no children born of this marriage and no community property accumulated, 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 16th day of January A.D. 1957.

(SEAL)
Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk, 42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.

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filed in said court, on the 15th day of August A.D. 1957, in this cause, numbered 21,565-A on the docket of said court and styled Marguerite Bell, Plaintiff, vs. Horace Bell, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married on Dec. 8, 1945 and separated on August 4, 1956.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment.

Plaintiff sues for custody of the two children born of this marriage, plaintiff alleges that there is no community property to be adjudicated, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 16th day of January A.D. 1957.

(SEAL)
Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk, 42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas,
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.

SYLVESTER NEWS

The most important news around here as well as in other places this week is the weather. People were not moving around very much this past week end, because of the icy roads. It was a good time to stay indoors and look out at the trees covered with ice. Of course the farmers were hoping for more moisture than we received.

The grade school basketball tournament at Highland was called off because of weather. Most families around here would have been there if it had not been called off. Some have children going to Trent to school while their neighbors across the fence on one side of them may have children going to school at McCaulley while over the other side there may be families with children going to Roby.

When there is a tournament you sit beside your neighbors, each will be yelling for different schools but they enjoy the game and fellowship just the same.

Mr. and Mrs. Holten Jones have learned that their grand daughter who is youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Jones of Kansas City, Missouri, has been seriously ill.

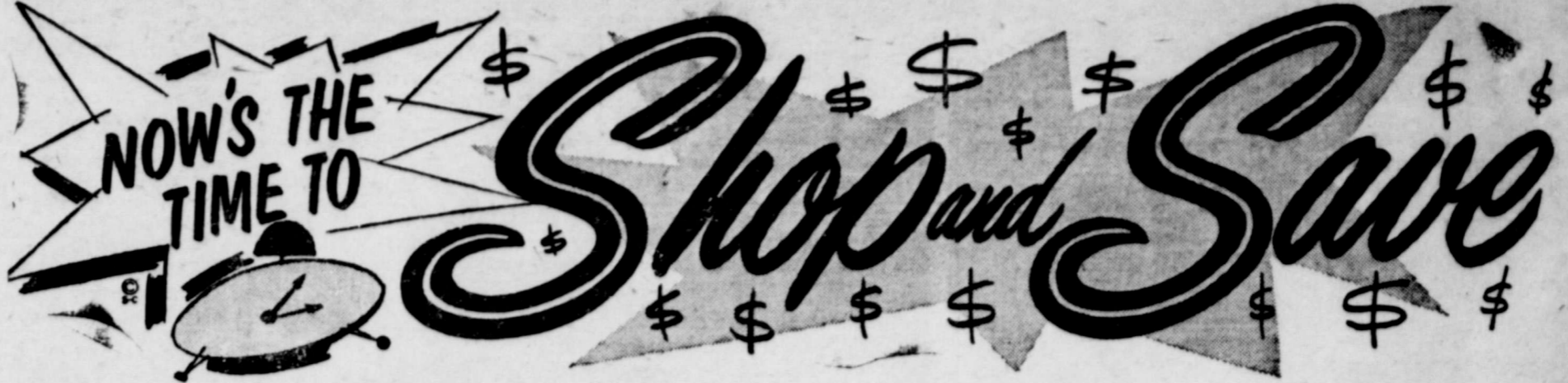
Mr. and Mrs. Billy Brown were visiting his parents this week end from Slaton.

Mrs. A. W. Bursley of this community fell and injured her ribs last week. She is now staying with her son and family The Wayne Bursleys of Roby.

Mrs. Murrel Grayson and children have been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Sipe of Golan this week.

Mrs. Jim Golden of Amarillo and her great granddaughter Janice Gidden has been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brewer for three weeks. Mrs. Gidden is taking treatment from a doctor in Abilene.

Mrs. and Mrs. Jim Turner and their granddaughter Lana Kay Polk and Bobby Pitts from Sweetwater were visiting in Sylvester Monday afternoon.



SPECIALS FOR THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY

January 31 — February 1 - 2

FOLGER'S COFFEE Lb. 98c

CRUSTENE

SHORTENING 3 Lb. Crt. 55c

GLADIOLA

CAKE MIX 3 for 89c

MARBLE POUND
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LIGHT CRUST

FLOUR 5 Lb. Box 49c

ZESTEE
GRAPE or APPLE
JELLY
20 oz. glass
3 for \$1

BORDEN'S (The Heart of Milk)

STARLAC - 12-qt. size - - 69c

HUNT'S

PEACHES - 300 size - 5 for \$1.00

CARNATION

MILK - - - 3 tall cans 39c

WELCH'S

GRAPE JUICE - 24-oz. bottle 29c

HI-C

ORANGE ADE - 46-oz. can - 25c

GOLD CRAFT

Peanut Butter - 9-1/2 oz. glass 25c

WILSON'S

CHOPPED BEEF - - - can 35c

KIMBELL'S

PIE CHERRIES - 303 can - 23c

KRAFT'S MINEATURE

Marshmallows - 10 1/2-oz. pkg. 25c

CHARMIN

FACIAL TISSUE - 400 count - 19c



ARMOURS STAR

BACON Lb. 55c

HAMS BUTT OR SHANK END Lb. 49c

ARMOUR'S OR SWIFT

Dressed Fryers Lb. 37c

LONGHORN

CHEESE - - lb. 49c

TENDER

Chuck Roast - lb. 39c

MOUNTAINEER BLEND

WHOLE HOG

OLD FASHION

SAUSAGE

2 lb. bag - \$1.09

1 Can Biscuits FREE with each Pkg.

Frozen Foods

ESSEX - 10-oz. pkg.

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KEITH'S WHOLE OKRA - pkg. 23c

Donald Duck ORANGE JUICE 6-oz. can 19c



CALIFORNIA **ORANGES - - Lb. 10c**

SUNKIST **LEMONS - - Lb. 17c**

TEXAS - 5 LB. BAG **GRAPEFRUIT - 33c**

ROME BEAUTY **APPLES - - Lb. 15c**

LARGE **BELL PEPPER Lb. 23c**

CRISP **LETTUCE - head 19c**

EAST TEXAS **YAMS - - - Lb. 10c**

RUSSETT **SPUDS 10 lb. bag 43c**

OUR VALUE **TOMATOES - 303 can - 2 for 25c**

OUR VALUE **Green Beans 303 can 2 for 25c**

TIP-TOP **SPINACH 303 can - 2 for 25c**

KIMBELL'S **B. E. PEAS - 300 size - 2 for 25c**

ROSEDALE WHOLE GRAIN **CORN - 303 can - - 2 for 25c**

DEL MONTE **Tomato Juice 300 size 2 for 25c**

KUNER'S **KRAUT - 300 size - - - 2 for 25c**

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Veteran's Land Bids Expire 56 Tracts Wed.

Texas veterans were reminded Friday that they have only until Feb. 5th to submit bids on 56

JAMES H. CHANEY

Chiropractor

PHONE 18

211 OAK STREET MERKEL

tracts of land which the Veterans' Land Board has for sale.

Land Commissioner Earl Rudder, who is chairman of the VLB, explained that—unlike normal procedure in the Veterans' Land Program—veterans are not required to obtain an application number to purchase any of these tracts.

The lands to be sold, which are located in all sections of the state, have been forfeited by original owners who purchased the property through the Veterans' Land Program. Commissioner Rudder urged veterans are not required to obtain an application number to purchase the property through the Veterans' Land Program.

Commissioner Rudder urged veterans who are interested in this sale to inquire immediately of the Veterans' Land Board in Austin for information.

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FOR SALE

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FOR SALE — 4 room house on large lot, paved street, hardwood floors, venetian blinds. Only \$4,200. Dowdy & Tombs 47-3tc

FOR SALE or Rent — Building across from Hospital formerly Barber Shop or Florist Shop. B. T. Sublett, 705 Oak St. Phone 106 45-3tp

PIANO FOR SALE — Upright in good condition. Mrs. Homer Freeman. Rt. 4, Merkel 46-3tp

FOR SALE, Merkel, nice, one owner, two bedroom home. Good location. Might accept trade in. Call Abilene collect OR 4-8127 before 5:30 p.m. 46-2tc

52 — 4 door Power Glide Chev. Exc. Con Guaranteed. Low mileage. 2-pickup trucks. Chev. '52 1/2 ton and '50 3/4 ton. '53 1-ton Ford with metal bins on bed 2 ton winch truck 53 Ford Tractor with Sherman Backhoe and Trailer; 33 ft. float single axle 9.00x20 tires. See Joe Brockett at B & G Constr., Tuscola, Texas.

FOR SALE — Will sell equity in house reasonable two bedroom hardwood floors, colored bath fixtures, big closets, large kitchen, and garage. Payments \$60 per month. 1208 N. 2nd Merkel. I. S. Galthright, Phone OR. 3-4012 in Abilene. 3tc

FOR SALE — Nice Clean 5 rm. house. 1112 So. 10th. Phone 183-M. 45-3tc

HOUSE FOR SALE — 2 large bedroom dwelling with apartment at rear of building. Own water system. Located near high school. Priced to sell. Can be seen by appointment only. Cyrus Pee, Agent. 46-1fc

FOR SALE — House to be moved plus lot to move it on. \$2,000.00 Easy terms. See H. J. Carson 39-1fc

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MAN WANTED FOR 1500 family Rawleigh business in Taylor County. Permanent if you are a hustler. See W. A. Hester Rt. 2 Box 34, Cisco or write Rawleigh's Dept. TXA-1003-123, Memphis, Tenn. Jan 4, 18, Feb. 1, 8

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MISCELLANEOUS

IRONING WANTED—Khakis 25c a suit, shirts 10. Mrs. A. B. Gregory. Phone 292-M 3tp

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CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the many kindnesses shown us during the fire which destroyed our home. Especially to the Merkel Volunteer Fire Dept. and neighbors. Your every effort was appreciated more than words can express. May the good Lord Bless each of you in our prayer.
Bettie and Barney Borwig

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NOTICE MASONS

Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A.F. & A. S. SAT. Jan. 24 at 7:30 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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Hawley Trounces South Taylor, 74-33

The Hawley Bearcats ripped the South Taylor Flying Tigers, 7-33, here Tuesday night for their fourth District 17-B victory in five starts. South Taylor is 0-3.

Jim Womack hit 20 points to lead Hawley to the victory with John Sanson and James Kelly garnering 10 each for the Tigers.

Hawley doubled South Taylor's first quarter production, 14-7, and led 40-15 at the half. At the end of the third period it was 60-23.

Hawley racked up the girls game, 72-12. Virginia Sellers had 21 and Peggy Snell 20 for the winners while Carolyn Johnson netted eight for South Taylor.

The box:
HAWLEY: (Field goals, free throws, total points): C. Cooley 4-2-10; J. Cooley 5-1-11; Womack 9-2-20; Trice 4-0-3; Jackson 3-1-7; Franklin 4-0-3; Gates 2-0-4; Ramirez 2-2-6; Totals 3-3-8-74.

NOODLE LOSES
To Avoca 65-56

Minton Martin hit 37 points here Tuesday night to lead the Avoca Mustangs to their sixth straight District 17-B victory over Noodle, 65-56. Noodle is now 3-3.

Bobby Sullivan scored 16 for the losers, who trained Avoca, 28-9, at the end of the first period, 36-21 at the half and 51-37 at the end of the third period.

Avoca also captured the girls game, 75-56. Madeline Swenson

Quarterly Report Of Taylor County Treasurer

On Jan. 14, 1957, The Commissioners Court met in regular session, Compared and examined The Quarterly report of Mrs. Bob Haile, County Treasurer, For the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1957, And found same to be correct and the respective amounts received and paid out to be correct since the preceding report,

	Bal		Paid Out		Bal.	
	Last Qtr.	This Qtr.	This Qtr.	This Qtr.	This Qtr.	This Qtr.
Funds						
Withholding Tax Fund	2,805.39	9,712.77	7,959.55	4,358.61		
Jury Fund	25,700.44	23,610.76	8,064.25	41,246.95		
R. & B. Fund Precinct No. 1	28,786.12	15,953.55	23,916.76	20,822.91		
R. & B. Fund Precinct No. 2	51,152.36	15,869.57	14,871.86	52,150.07		
R. & B. Fund Precinct No. 3	31,803.33	12,813.63	24,197.00	20,419.96		
R. & B. Precinct No. 4	5,724.95	19,916.95	22,899.99	2,741.91		
Pauper Fund	6,646.94	23,287.32	15,943.59	696.79		
General Fund	11,660.52	118,994.82	92,625.05	38,030.29		
Road Dist. No. 1	1,250.00	.00	170.00	1,080.00		
Road Dist. No. 3	713.81	.00	.00	713.81		
Road Dist. No. 4	829.26	.00	.00	829.26		
Highway 600 M. Skg. Fund	1,390.35	448.50	.00	1,838.85		
Highway 275 M. Skg. Fund	31.85	.00	.00	31.85		
Perm. Imp. Fund	11,673.66	13,498.82	2,235.17	22,937.31		
Spec. R. & B. Fund	1,286.00	.00	.00	1,286.00		
Co. Wide Mach. Fund	2.70	22.71	22.71	2.70		
Officers Salary Fund	11,443.96	60,994.54	70,390.31	2,048.19		
Spec. Rd. Dist. No. 1 Skg. Fd.	11,331.42	29,763.82	.00	41,095.24		
Perm. School Fund	217.58	80.00	80.00	217.58		
Lateral Road Fund	34,727.95	.00	2,237.48	32,490.47		
F.I.C.A. Tax Fund	3,986.45	4,005.29	3,494.07	4,497.67		
Road Dist. No. 1 Bond Series 1953	65,477.63	.00	24,516.13	40,961.50		
Library Fund	317.49	479.00	293.00	503.49		
Perm. Imp. Bond Series 1954	96,083.85	.00	4,818.16	61,265.69		
Perm. Imp. Skg. Fund	31,518.36	43,860.65	.00	75,379.01		
Road Dist. No. 1 Bond Fd. S. 1955	26,517.47	5,850.00	2,916.30	29,451.17		
Rd. Dist. No. 1 Skg., Fd. S. 1955	2,199.19	24,745.96	.00	26,945.15		
Road & Bridge Skg. Fd. S. 1955	3,334.69	13,474.85	.00	16,809.54		
Road & Bridge Skg. Fd. S. 1956	.00	10,080.00	.00	10,080.00		
Taylor Co. Rent Fund	216.85	.00	.00	216.85		
	425,336.69	447,463.51	321,851.38	551,148.82		
Bank Balances			219,437.20			
Citizens National.			226,890.53			
Farmers & Merchants Natl.			33,612.50			
First State Tuscola, Tex			71,208.59			
First State Abilene.			551,148.82			
Securities Owned By Taylor Co.				104,848.20		
Precinct No. 3			5,000.00			
Jury Fund			10,000.00			
General Fund			46,000.00			
Road Dist. No. 1 Skg. Fund			43,848.20			
Taylor Co. Perm. School Fund				10,800.00		
U. S. Government Bonds				8,000.00		
Everman Ind. School Dist.				1,000.00		
San Saba Rr. Bond						
				\$19,800.00		

Highway 600 M. Skg. Fund, Gov. Bonds Series K, \$ 32,500.00
Highway 275 M. Skg. Fund Gov. Bonds Series J, 1,368.00 (Redemption Value \$1,900.00)
33,868.00

Bonds And Warrant Indebtedness

Bond Series	Original Issue	Bonds Redeemed	Bonds Outstanding
Bond Series 1927	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 562,000.00	38,000.00
Bond Series 1929	275,000.00	240,000.00	35,000.00
Bond Series 1947	350,000.00		350,000.00
Bond Series 1953	350,000.00		350,000.00
Bond Series 1954	850,000.00		850,000.00
Bond Series 1956	350,000.00		350,000.00
R.O.W. Warrant Fd. S. 1955			
R.O.W. Warrant Fd. S. 1956			

The requirements of Art. No. 401 filed as required.

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SOCIETY

Blue Bonnet H-D

Twelve members were present Tuesday, January 22, when the Bluebonnet Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Dewel McLean. A home making theme was produced when president, Mrs. Frank Brnovak read an article on the Home Maker, Mrs. Leroy Riney lead in singing "Love and Marriage" and Mrs. Dewel McLean lead in Prayer.

County Agent, Miss Loreta Allen gave a lesson on "Are you a good eater?" First she talked on eggs, their quality and their many uses as food. She brought out that the egg has many food values, rich in vitamin C and B-1 and especially rich in iron. Even the young baby's diet includes egg. It is that essential to good health. The agent also gave a demonstration on making a coffee cake for variety at breakfast.

A sandwich was served on a sandwich tray along with pound cake and coffee. Houston Martin, Mrs. R. McLean, Mrs. Doyal Blair and Miss Loreta Allen were visitors.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. R. E. Slemmer, Jr., on February 5, at 2 p.m. Roll call will be "Something new I have just learned". Visitors are always welcome.

Compere H-D Club

The Compere Home Demonstration Club met January 24 in the home of Mrs. W. S. Allred for a program on etiquette, party suggestions, and parliamentary procedure. Mrs. Vernon Stanley brought the program on etiquette with a summary of suggestions, especially for showers, were given by Mrs. W. E. Pistole, Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Pistole presented the program on parliamentary procedure with a quiz and with members participating on carrying out the eight steps in making a motion.

Mrs. Ab Hunter Jr., president, presided over the business meeting. Mrs. I. B. Ray offered prayer. Roll call was answered with "names for the family". A game was directed by Mrs. Pistole.

The January 16 council meeting was summarized by Mrs. Pistole, council delegate. She stated that the District 3 Home Demonstration Club meeting will be April 5 in Vernon.

Club members voted to buy song books with each member to buy her own song book and to have singing at each club meeting.

Mrs. Pistole and Mrs. Stanley were appointed as a committee

Charter No. 429028 Date of Charter No. 4, 1955

Official Statement of Financial Condition

of the Key-Western Investment Corporation

State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of December 1956.

RESOURCES

Furniture and Fixtures	\$ 2,883.15
Cash on Hand and Due from Banks	1,165.08
Cash Items (Escrow Stock Account)	102,719.50
Accounts Receivable	2,502.50
Other Resources: (Specify)	
Organization and Prepaid Expenses	35,255.00
Key Deposit	1.00
TOTAL	\$144,526.23

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock Paid In	\$ 84,400.00
Surplus (Operating Deficit)	66,878.37
Reserve for Taxes (Payroll and Stock Transfer)	973.33
Notes Payable	20,809.27
Capital Stock Sold Under Escrow Agreement	105,222.23
TOTAL	\$144,526.23

STATE OF TEXAS

NOTICE

...een, as president, and Frances C. Johnston as ...ny, each of us do solemnly swear that the ...e best of our knowledge and belief.

AF Wives Club Elects Officers

The Merkel Air Force Wives Club elected officers at their second meeting in January at the residence of Mrs. Helen Bishop last Tuesday.

The officers elected will serve the next three months. They are Mrs. Stella McClure, president, Mrs. Virginia Phillips, vice president; and Mrs. Pamela Riggs, elected for a second term as secretary.

The next meeting will be postponed that the club might celebrate their first anniversary with a party at the home of Mrs. Jackie Whisenant. Husbands will be invited for this occasion.

Stith H-D Club

The Stith Home Demonstration Club met Wednesday, January 23rd for their regular meeting in the Stith Community Center.

Our New President, Mrs. Buck Leach opened the meeting. The Lord's Prayer was read by our club chaplain, Mrs. Paul Bradley. A song God Bless America, was lead by Mrs. W. M. Loflin. Bingo was played, directed by Mrs. J. C. Brown.

A most interesting talk on etiquette was given by Mrs. Joe Horton. Mrs. Horton also showed some beautiful copper pictures and frames she had made.

The club members will meet Wednesday, February 6th, at the Community Center to learn how to make the pictures and frames. Each member is to bring a covered dish and material to work with, the meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Mrs. Leach was appointed Council Delegate by the club to go to Vernon, April 5th.

Hostess gift was won by Mrs. Billie Ray Browning. Drinks were served to fifteen members, eight children. The next meeting will be February 13th. The hostess will be Mrs. J. C. Brown. Program will be buffet suppers, by the food leaders.

Sixth Graders Elect Officers

Mrs. Mack Fisher's sixth grade room met January 16, 1957, to elect officers for the second semester. The officers are as follows: Charles Lynn Russell, president; Allen Morkan, vice president; Gary Baird, secretary; Phil Winter, treasurer; and Michael Doan, reporter.

Fly-Up Training

Mrs. Wallace Doan and Mrs. Bob Hook attended a training course January 15, at the Y. M. C. A. in Abilene given for leaders of 4th Grade Brownie Troops who will be flying-up from Brownie Scouts to Intermediate Girl Scouts this spring.

There are eleven girls in the 4th Grade Troop.

Seven Merkel Ladies Attend Girl Scout Meet

The Taylor County Annual District Meeting and Brunch for Girl Scout Adults were held at the St. Paul's Methodist Church in Abilene the morning of January 11.

The Girl Scout Adults from Merkel who attended were Mrs. Woodrow Patton, Neighborhood Chairman, and Mmes.: David Gamble, Lewis Luke, Alvin Smith, Waymon Adcock, J. A. Anderson and Bob Hook.

Reports of the neighborhood chairman were given and announcements were given by Mr. H. Leo Tucker and Mr. Morgan Jones, Jr.

Those attending enjoyed the work made by Taylor County Girl Scouts.

Sewing Club Meets Wednesday

Mrs. Clayton Childress was hostess for The Merkel Sewing Club on Wednesday, January 23, Banana Nut cake, cokes and coffee were served to these members: Mesdames: Hubert Berry, Jeff Anderson, Horace Hargroves, Charles Green, Ralph Russell, R. E. Dayton, David Gamble, Woodrow Wilson, Bill Largent and Newt Logan.

Girl Scout Adults Get Lessons In Landcraft Art

Mrs. Lewis Luke, volunteer teacher, taught a group of Girl Scout Adults in the art of a Landcraft similar to that of ceramics. Planters for ivy and other plants were made.

This meeting was held at the Merkel Scout Hut on the night of January 21. All leaders of Scouts attended: Mesdames, W. C. Patton, Wallace Doan, Bob Hook, Quannah Dudley Billy Dunagin, Waymon Adcock, and Alvin Smith.

Mrs. Luke is a co-leader of the Third Grade Brownie Troop.

Mrs. Mary Hines of Brownwood visited her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Warren over the week end.

TUSSY SALE ON CLEANSING CREAMS and SKIN LOTIONS.

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GREETING:
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: H. L. TEDFORD, Defendant. Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Court-house 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 11th day of March A. D. 1957, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 27th day of August A.D. 1956, in this cause, numbered 21,598-A on the docket of said court and styled Bettie Telford, Plaintiff, vs. H. L. Telford, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: "married on or about Dec. 31, 1955, and became separated on or about July 14, 1956. Plaintiff shows that certain community property has been accumulated but that no children have been born of this marriage. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of mental cruelty, and asks that her maiden name of Blakley be restored, 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 the 22nd day of January A.D. 1957.

(SEAL)
Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk,
42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas.
By Mrs. Jesse R. Swindell, Deputy.

Woodman Circle Meets Here

Merkel Grove 563 of the Supreme Forest Woodman Circle met in the Merkel School Cafeteria for their January meeting. There were thirteen members and two visitors present.

Captain Lillian Mathews and her team assisted the officers in the initiation of one new member. Plans were made to honor one of our members with a special program in March.

We are sorry to hear of the accident of one of our members, Mrs. Clara Johnson, who injured her foot during the recent icy weather.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our many heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the many kindnesses extended us during the death of our loved one. The flowers, food, cards and expressions of sympathy were greatly appreciated and we want to thank each of you for your thoughtfulness. May God bless each one of you, is our prayer.
The J. Y. Pierce family.

CARD OF THANKS
Words cannot adequately express our deep appreciation for the many kind and sympathetic acts that came to us at the time of our recent bereavement, at the loss of our mother, Mrs. A. J. Pannell.
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Starr Rest Home

Mrs. Barney Bibbes, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Price of Baird visited their father N. A. Smedley Thursday.

Mrs. Doc Calaway and Mrs. W. B. Tarpley of Noodle visited our home last week and brought the home some nice white rags which we are grateful.

We certainly appreciate the nice flowers sent to the home by Rev. Epperson of the Calvary Baptist Church and Rev. A. T. Suskey of the Tye Baptist Church.

Mr. N. A. Smedley celebrated his 99th birthday Jan. 17th. His daughters brought him a cake with 99 candles. Mr. Smedley is in good health, sits in his chair and enjoys his cigars each day. He has 9 children living. He loves to talk about the days down in Alabama. He sometimes goes to the church service we have in the home and he enjoys the "Ford Smith's fiddling. We are proud we have such a nice patient, he is our oldest and we wish for him many more birthdays.

Grand Ma Cade has been on the sick list. She is lonesome for her old friends and wants them to visit her.

Mrs. Nettie Harris our cook visited relatives in Brownwood Saturday.

Dan Pannell and family of Abilene visited his mother Mrs. Davie Pannell, who has been ill is slowly improving after a heart attack in December.

Mrs. Nettie Cole has been sick and is better at this writing.

She did not fill his appointment Sunday, but Mr. and Mrs. Earthman came and Mrs. Earthman played the piano and Rev. Bob Lawrence came to visit and delivered a short sermon.

Mrs. Stephens and Mrs. Ashby of Abilene came by and brought us another pretty quilt that was quilted by the ladies of the First Baptist Church. We certainly appreciate the quilts.

Thanks to Uncle Bennie Wheeler's nephew, Mr. Church, for the beautiful flowers sent from his wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Fowler of Stanford visited his mother Frankie Fowler Sunday.

Mrs. Ruth Jenkins of Abilene visited her father Bob Reagan Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Aris Bregner of Cross Plains visited their father Mr. Brigner who is a new patient in our home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wheeler of Noodle visited Uncle Benny Wheeler Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cade of Abilene visited Granny Cade Tuesday.

Our home is saddened with the passing of Mrs. Dovie Pannell, who died with a heart attack, Sat. Jan. 26 at 10:10 a.m. We will miss her very much as she was a real nice patient and too the visitors who come in our home will miss her smiling face for she always had some nice compliment for each visitor. She always found something nice in each person she met. We extend our sympathy to her nice children who are left behind and we want them to know that it was a pleasure to have such a nice mother in our home. May God comfort their hearts.

Uncle Bob Reagan wanted to go out in the sleet and rain Sat. when they told him he had another great grand daughter in the Sadler Clinic.

Rev. Watson of the First Baptist Church of Tye delivered the sermon at the Rest Home Sun. Jan. 27th. A group of his members came and sang for him. It was their first time in our home and we certainly enjoyed having them and invite them again soon. We appreciate them coming over the icy roads to be in our home.

The class of Mrs. Sam Swann and the class of Mrs. Earl Foster quitted the home some more quilts we certainly appreciate them being so nice to the home and our old people.

The Pannell children visited in our home Monday afternoon. They gave the home mothers things she had in the home. We certainly appreciate them. We invite them to visit in our home at any time. We wish for Glynn Pannell who was unable to come on account of illness a speedy recovery.

We have a new patient admitted Jan. 26 from Tye. He is B. G. Sanders. We hope that he will be very happy here with us.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Bond of Abilene visited their uncle Mr. Sanders Monday afternoon. We appreciated Mrs. Bond (Billie) to the people of Merkel who played the piano for the patients. She has promised she would come and play again.

Thanks to Mrs. McAden for the clothing she gave the home Monday.

Thanks to Mary Collins for the nice literature that was brought to the home Monday.

You remember Mrs. Milligan, our French Harpist and Uncle Jim Smith's girl friend, who left and went to another rest home. She wants to come back to our home. Her daughter Mrs. Rhodes came by and visited us last week. Sorry we had no vacancy. She was put on our waiting list.

We are glad Mrs. R. L. Newman who had to leave our home and go to the Sadler Clinic is improved. We hope that we will soon find a place back again in our home for her she was such a nice patient. The nurses as well as the patients loves her.

Well we had bad luck, our hog died, but we are in hopes that we can find another one or two more to buy so if any of you who read our paper have one or two

we wish you would drop us a card or give us a ring.

We are indeed sorry that we could not accommodate the public as we have had eight calls for rooms the past week but we have no vacancy. It hurts when patients who have been in our home want to come back and we have no place for them.

Our welcome sign is always out and we are having lots of local as well as out of town visitors. We do not have the space to mention local people but we do appreciate them and we do not get all the names of the out of town visitors as our staff is busy at all times.

The Ford Smith's came and fiddled for the folks again. We enjoy them so much and invite them to visit again soon.

We don't want to forget Frank & Ethel Carr who are so nice to sing for us each Sunday morning. They came Sunday morning despite the cold and icy roads. They brought Keith Tarpley with them. They sang "Gathering Home" in memory of Mrs. Dovie Pannell.

Mrs. Ruth Lollar and family visited her mother last week end.

Uncle Pete Baze celebrated his 89th birthday the 18th of this month. We wish for him many more.

UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

We have never seen the canyon more beautiful than it was during the ice storm, with the way the mist was frozen on the trees and fences.

As to how much moisture we got is yet to be known, anyway it will help quite a lot.

It wasn't so bad on live stock due to the wind not blowing, if the wind had blown hard, it would have been bad on the stock. We are glad to have some winter

like this and when we get some warm weather and some rain this spring, we will be fixed for a good crop. Some might say what is a good crop. Well I can still remember how that good milo and good cotton looked and it will happen again too. Faith? Yes sir.

Mrs. Ray who was visiting her daughter and family. Mrs. Ford Butman, the latter part of last year fell and hurt her hip and she has had a hard time since it happened. She is not doing too good at this time.

The attendance was down at Pioneer Church Sunday due to the cold weather. Our pastor Elmer Ward is used to the cold weather. He came down from the Panhandle country to our church.

The stockmen really had to put the feed to the stock during the ice spell. One near by rancher reported when he even fed his saddle horse the deer came and ate with the horse. The deer are getting gentle now, just watch now boys and not kill any of those deer. Let them get fat. The rancher might say that, but who knows what he has in his ice box, of course, you are not supposed to know what is in anyone's ice box.

We don't think this spell hurt the small grain, the oats and barley is always the grain we watch due to being easy to freeze out. There were a few lambs reported lost during the ice spell however that is always the case in winter lambing.

There is just too much loss in winter lambing. The eues need green stuff to eat and the lambs need warm weather to grow.

A group of McMurry Students spent Friday night and Saturday at the Butman Youth Camp.

The club boys of the canyon that took sto to the Fort Worth show reported a good show, but a very cold spell to be out. The Neill boys had a good assignment

of lambs to show, but only placed a 9th in the show.

Thanks to our boys for the fine interest they have taken in club work and we do want them to know we take our hats off to them in the efforts they are making in their work, and too we think it is so much help to the boys and girls.

Dale Davis who lives on the Edgar Davis ranch placed 3rd with his lamb in the Fort Worth Show. Dale is another one of our fine club boys.

We are in for some more winter time, of course, February is a very short month and then in to spring we go.

The Community Fun Night that is held the first Saturday night of each month, will be held this Saturday night at the Community Center. Games and fun, every one is invited to come. R. G. Toombs, President; Mrs. Louis Butman, Program Chairman; there has been another stove installed in the building which makes four stoves now in the building.

Donnie Boy Russom has been out of school for a while with a hip bone ailment. He will have to wear a brace for a period of time. He will be back in school in a week or so.

Greyhound Agent To Attend Show

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferrier, Commission Agents for Southwestern Greyhound Lines here in Merkel, will travel to Fort Worth as guests of Greyhound at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show on Monday, January 28th. Greyhound commission agents from thirty South and West Texas towns will converge on Fort Worth by special Greyhound buses.

Following a luncheon at the Western Hills Hotel, the group will be met at Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum by an official welcoming committee. Here they will share the spot light at a special observation of Greyhound Day and watch all of the world's champion cowboys compete for a share of \$70,000 prize money at the afternoon rodeo.

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John D. Oliver ----- 15.00

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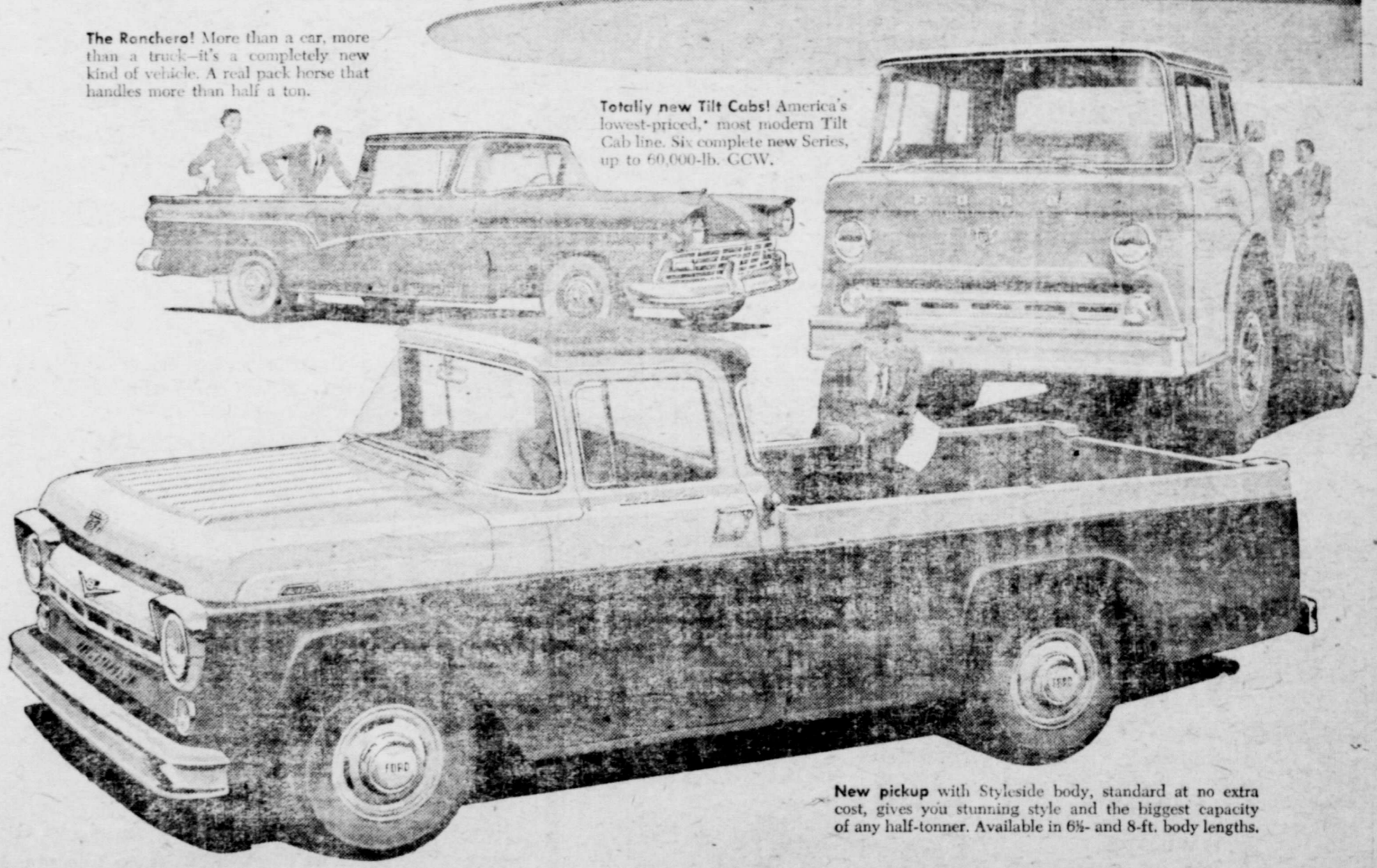
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NEW chassis stronger—high



Tom Carter Warns Workman To Jump Clear Then Dies In Crash

Mrs. Coyd Carter, brother, Alton, of Tuscola, and their sister, Mrs. Bessie Walden of Abilene, were in Roswell, N. M. last week to attend last rites for their brother, Thomas A. Carter, 62, who was killed in a head-on collision of two freight trains near Fortales, N. M. The family was joined here by another sister, Mrs. Turner Newby of Houston and a brother, Buck Carter of Corpus Christi, who also attended the funeral.

Thomas A. Carter was born in Tennessee, Oct. 29, 1894. Came to Taylor County with his parents, late Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Carter in 1901, attended school in

this area and went to work for the Santa Fe Railway Company at Stanton in 1919 and continued in that business until his death. He was engineer on one of the freight trains involved in the collision and was the only one killed. Carter stayed with his engine and warned all other workmen of his train and the other train involved to jump when he saw his brakes had failed and he was unable to stop his train at a point designated on a siding. His engine and three of the many box cars he carried rolled onto the main line from a siding when the brakes failed.

Railway officials reported that 1,500 sheep died in the collision. Out of a seven-car-load lot of sheep only 200 survived the accident, as the wrecked cars piled up and burned.

Funeral services and burial was in Roswell where the Carters had lived since 1946. Other survivors include his wife, the former Hattie Smith of Tennessee, two sons and two daughters, and three grandchildren.

tents were a total loss. The barn was built about two years ago for a show barn and was one of the largest in this area.

LAWN NEWS

Capt. and Mrs. Don Henderson of Yuma, Arizona are here to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and family. Henderson is slated to leave the states Feb. 3 for a tour of duty in the European area.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Papan and son, Randy, of Big Lake, visited here with her parents, the Paul Copelands and with his parents, the G. C. Papan and children Pat and David.

Two lawn citizens are hospital patients, one in Abilene and the other in Big Spring Veterans Hospital. John Sears was taken to Big Spring last week suffering from pneumonia, and Mrs. Maude Birdwell is at Hendrick Memorial in Abilene. They are both improving, it was reported.

John Smallwood, rancher and hereford breeder of the Lawn area, lost several hundred pounds of grain and about a car-load of hay, when his large barn burned Thursday morning at the Smallwood ranch three miles north of Lawn on the Coleman highway. The fire was thought to have started from sparks when Smallwood lighted a fire near the barn to thaw out a water hydrant. The fire occurred early Thursday morning and the barn and con-

trillo Friday morning to attend last rites for her brother-in-law, Mr. Hibbits, who died Thursday or Friday of last week. Mrs. Hibbits is the former Lola Latta, former longtime resident of Taylor county.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bell are announcing the births of a great-grandchild, Lelon Raymond Raley, son of the Bell's grand-daughter, Mrs. Lelon L. Raley of El Paso. Mrs. Raley is the former Valeria Ward Bell of Tuscola and Abilene. Maternal grandparents are the Grady Bells of El Paso, and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Raley of Cloudcroft, N. M.

BUFFALO GAP

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Reagan and children have moved from Regina is engaged in contracting and building business with his brother. Mrs. Reagan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Varnadore here and Reagan was reared here.

Mrs. John Deal and daughter, Mary Rose, are spending several days here with Mrs. Deal's foster mother, Mrs. Banie Kincaid and taking care of Mrs. Kincaid during an illness. Mrs. Kincaid, one of Buffalo's Gap's oldest citizens, was recently a patient at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene. She returns to the hospital daily for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Beamer and son, Bobby, of Fort Worth, visited here last week with Mrs. Ethel McClain. Beamer formerly attended Abilene Christian College, and lived here while he was minister of the Buffalo Gap Church of Christ. They were in Abilene on business and also visited friends there.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Lawrence of Wichita Falls stopped here to visit their cousins, the S. A. Hards, enroute to Corpus Christi to spend two months. They visited in Anson with Seth Lawrence Jr., and his family and in San Antonio with their daughter and her family before going to Corpus Christi.

Mrs. P. H. Tally received treatment at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene last week but is now at her home.

Mrs. C. W. Stockton is also at home after undergoing surgery at Hendrick. She is reported to be recovering satisfactorily.

Mrs. Charley McDonald, wife of the postmaster here, was a patient at Hendrick last week but was brought home Saturday.

OVALO NEWS

Wesley Cochran, farmer south of town, who has been a patient at Carlsbad Sanatorium several months, is spending two weeks with his family. He expects to be dismissed from the hospital in a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Fomy and daughter, Sheila, and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Sayles and children of Tuscola, spent the week end in Big Bend National Park.

The Dale Marshalls of Odessa were here to visit his parents, the J. E. Marshalls over the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Zack Best spent last week end in Arlington visiting their daughter, Mrs. Leroy Eaton and family.

Mrs. H. L. Riddle spent last week in Grand Prairie visiting her daughter, Mrs. James Beard and family and in Dallas with another daughter, Mrs. Roy Shilling and her family.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Peoples and children, Ronny, Sandra and Karen Sue, of Odessa spent the week end here with Mrs. Peoples' parents, the R. J. Marshalls. They were accompanied by Mrs. Mae Peoples, mother of Roy, who makes her home with the son. She visited her sister, Mrs. W. B. Campbell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Petrie of Cruz stopped here to visit Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Patterson and the Jessel Edwards family. The Petries are former neighbors of the Pattersons and their daughter, Mrs. Edwards.

Mrs. Clint Miller, Mrs. W. R. Johnson, Mrs. Dave Poindexter, Mrs. Lucian Pierce, Mrs. Albert Fisher and Mrs. Walter Johnson, Opalin attended an old fashioned party at the home of Mrs. Johnson. A covered wagon was used for the oc-

daughter, Mrs. A. D. Copeland, her husband and children, Richard and Janice of Sweetwater.

Drought Areas Get Freight Reduction On Hay Shipments

Austin, Texas, Jan. 30—Drought-ridden Texas farmers, dairymen and ranchers will reap additional large benefits as a result of the railroads' extending their 50 per cent freight reduction on shipments of hay.

Since Oct. 13, when the rate slash went into effect through mid-January, Texas agriculturists were aided by the railroads to the extent of \$1,669,389. During that time the railroads shipped 134,993 tons of hay into Texas at the 50 per cent rate.

The rate cut tendered by the railroads covered eight states. The total saving to agriculturists in the 8 states has been \$2,371,882, of which \$1,669,389 has benefited Texas.

Action of the railroads, the only carriers which have come to the aid of the farmers, ranchers and dairymen, has been hailed by Texas agriculture leaders as the biggest contribution to the drought-stricken area. The move was also commended by President Eisenhower.

The rate reduction, originally scheduled to expire Jan. 15, has

Contract Let On US Highway 83

A contract for 14.6 miles of construction on US Highway 83 in Taylor County has been awarded to a Amarillo, Texas firm, it was announced in Austin this week by the State Highway Commission.

Cooper and Woodruff, Inc. submitted the low bid of \$479,708.55 on the project. Construction of grading, structures, flexible base and hot mix asphaltic concrete pavement from US 84 southwest to Runnels County line is expected to take 175 working days, according to J. C. Roberts, District Highway Engineer at Abilene. The awarding of the contract to this firm is subject to the concurrence of the Bureau of Public Roads.

E. L. Harris, Resident Engineer at Abilene will be in active charge of the project while under construction.

The right to convert World War I and II GI insurance from term to permanent plans is not affected by the new Survivors Benefits Act. Mr. Scott B. Harrington of the Veterans Administration Regional Office at Dallas, Texas, announced today.

Mr. Harrington said the only been extended through March 31, the Texas Railroad Association announced.

GI policies which may NOT be converted are the 5-year term post-service policies which the law stipulates are non-convertible. "Otherwise," Mr. Harrington said, "all other GI term policies are convertible, even the post-service term policies for which disables veterans are eligible if they apply within one year from the date that VA finds their disabilities to be service-connected." The Survivor Benefits Act merely limits issuance of new GI insurance policies. It does not alter the conversion rights in existing policies, Mr. Harrington said.

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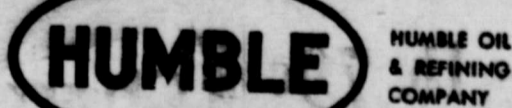
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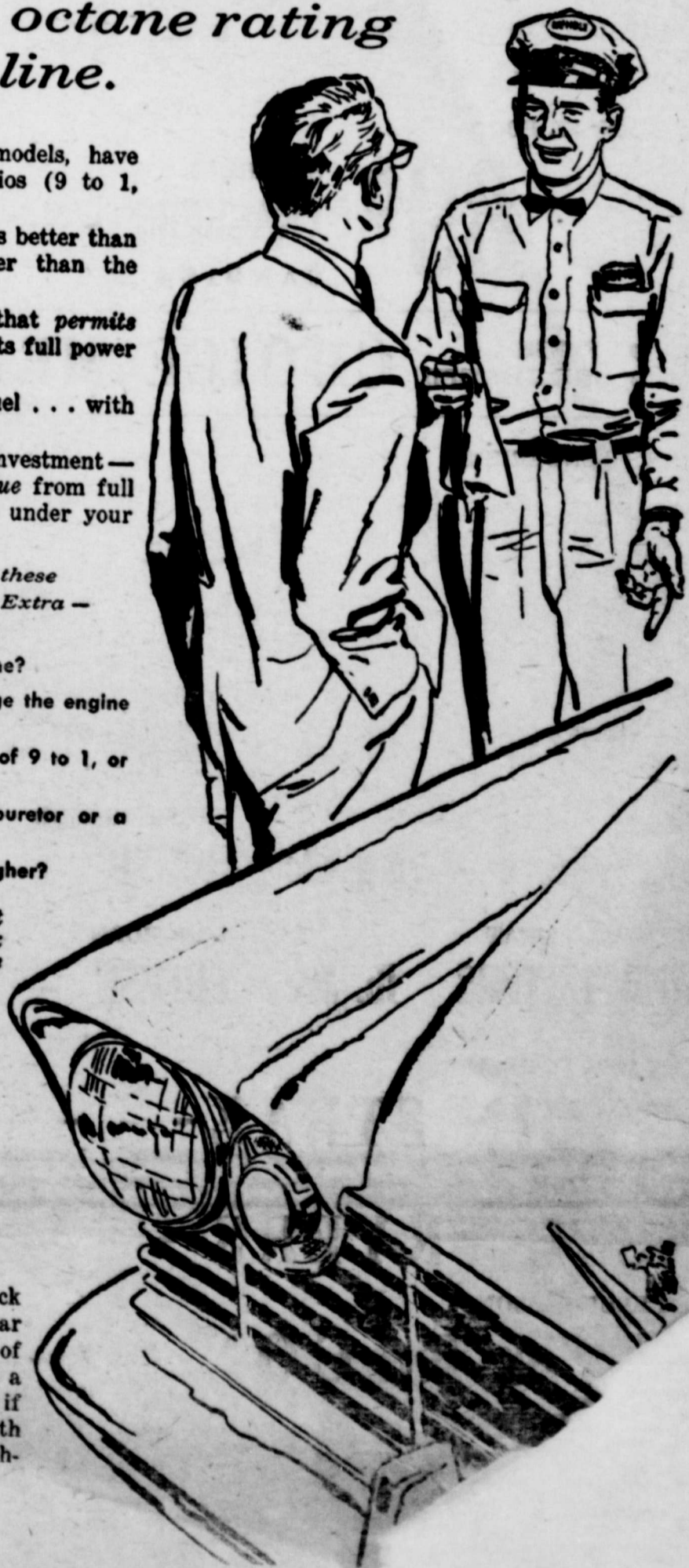
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FREE PRIZES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

MORE THAN 600 ITEMS TO CHOOSE FROM JUST SAVE YOUR CASH REGISTER TAPE FOR THE VALUABLE PRIZES LISTED IN OUR PREMIUM CATALOGUE.

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A CALENDAR

WHAT IS YOUR LUCKY CALENDAR NUMBER —

A NUMBER IS DRAWN EACH WEEK ON MONDAY AND POSTED IN OUR STORE. WHO KNOWS IT MAY BE YOURS. SO PUT YOUR NUMBER DOWN ON YOUR SHOPPING LIST AND CHECK EACH TIME YOU'RE IN THE STORE. YOU HAVE A WEEK TO CLAIM THE PRIZE. IF NOT CLAIMED, A PRIZE WILL BE ADDED EACH WEEK TILL CLAIMED.

SAVE UP TO \$1.45
REDEEM YOUR SWIFT COUPONS HERE

YOU'LL FIND COUPONS IN SWIFT'S 2 PAGE COLOR ADS IN

LIFE January 28
LOOK February 5
Ladies Home JOURNAL February

THIS IS NOT A COUPON - DO NOT CLIP!

- SWIFT - FRANKS with coupon - - - 29c
- SWIFT - Brown'N Serve with coupon - - 39c
- SWIFT FRYERS with coupon - - - 15c off
- SWIFT PARD with coupon - - - 2 for 19c
- SWIFT SHORTENING with coupon - 3 lbs. 64c
- SWIFT PREM with coupon - - - can 33c
- SWIFT OLEO with coupon - - - lb. 25c
- SWIFT Frozen Steaks - - each Pkgs. 15c off

Betty Crocker

LIL ANGEL
 FOOD

With White of Fresh Eggs
 With 6c Coupon
 In Each Box

SPECIAL
 INTRODUCTORY
 OFFER
 ANGEL FOOD

BETTY CROCKER

BISQUICK
 40-oz. 43c

BETTY CROCKER

CAKE MIX
 3 for 89c

SUNSHINE
 CRACKERS - - - - lb. 25c
 CANDIES - - - - Cello 19c

• FRESH GUARANTEED CHOICE MEATS •

WILSON'S TENDERIZED

HAM

Half or Whole Lb. **49¢**

FRESH PORK ROAST - lb. 39c

CHOICE BEEF SHORT RIBS - lb. 19c

SWIFT Brown'N Serve - pkg. 49c

FRESH GROUND ROUND - - - lb. 59c

SWIFT - ALL MEAT FRANKFURTERS lb. 39c

LONGHORN CHEESE - - - lb. 49c

CHOICE HEAVY BEEF SIRLOIN STEAK - - - - Lb. 79c

SWIFT PREMIUM FRESH FRYERS - - - - Lb. 37c

Style BACON - - - 2 Lbs. 98c

SAUSAGE - - cello Lb. 39c

STOKLEYS WEEK BUYS

- STOKLEYS TOMATO JUICE 46-oz can 25c
- STOKLEY'S - 303 Cream Golden CORN - - -2 for 29c
- STOKLEY'S CATSUP - - - - - 2 for 29c
- STOKLEY'S - 2 1/2 Can FRUIT COCKTAIL - can 35c
- STOKLEY'S - 303 PEACHES - - - - - 2 for 39c
- STOKLEY'S - No. 2 PINEAPPLE Crushed - - 2 for 49c
- STOKLEY'S - No. 2 1/2 PEACHES - - - - - 2 for 53c
- VAN CAMPS - 2 1/2 Can PORK & BEANS - - 2 for 49c

• Fresh PRODUCE •



GOLDEN BANANAS
 2 lbs. 25c

- Rome Beauty Red APPLES - - - - - Lb. 15c
- Sunkist ORANGES - - - - - Lb. 9c
- Fresh CAULIFLOWER - - - - - Lb. 9c
- Fresh - Cello CARROTS - - - - - 2 Lbs. 15c
- Ruby Red GRAPEFRUIT - - - - - 6 for 29c

FRESH CRTN. TOMATOES - callo 17c
 IDAHO - Cello SPUDS - - - 10 lbs. 39c

ARMOUR'S - 24-oz. Can
BEEF STEW
 PIG BANK PLUS 40c DEAL can 39c
 - MAKE 1c -

TIDE
 Large 29c

COFFEE GRAPE

White Swan Pound can **89¢**

Kraft Jelly 2 for **33¢**

DASH
 Jumbo \$2.09

CRISCO

3 Lb. Can **79¢**

CHEER
 Large 29c

Dry MILK

PET Instant 3 Gallon **73¢**



400 COUNT COLORED
 2 for

FROZEN FOODS

- Essex - 12-oz STRAWBERRIES - - - - - Pkgs
- Banquet Turkey CHICKEN-BEEF PIES - - - - -
- Jeans HOT ROLLS - - - - -
- Patie M.F. at no

213 EDWARDS