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If you went anywhere, did anything, had visitors, got married, got sick, got well or failed to recover, that's news and your friends would like to know about it. Phone your news to the Merkel Mail, Phone 61, Merkel, Texas.

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POST SCRIPTS By Uncle Ned

There's moisture in the air and farmers, ranchers, bankers and merchants are almost grinning.

It rained, fogged, dewed and a little bit of everything this past week and everyone feels better. We've had our share of the cold without moisture. When we do get a little rain we hardly know how to act. It's good and greatly appreciated.

More dogs have been reported poisoned the past week. I guess the culprit feels mighty proud of himself. I don't see how he could have a conscience. My dog in Wilshire probably disappeared the same way and I fully sympathize with the owners.

Next week is National Electrical Week and Science Youth Day kicks off on Thomas A. Edison's birthday, Feb. 11th. We salute the electrical industry for their part in our American way of life.

Rural electrification is helping and FFA youth programs offers a broad approach to youth through all fields of science and math. The National Electrical Week is designed to focus public attention on the work that is being done to encourage you to get in greater numbers to the advantage of growing opportunities in these fields and point out the critical shortage of scientists and engineers.

The rural electric coops throughout the nation are growing leaps and bounds, opening a new world to rural areas and are out of reach of city utilities. The Taylor Electric Co-op of Merkel was formed here in 1939 and has grown from 549 customers to over 4,000 in 1957. In 1941 they energized their first lines which extended only some 397 miles. Today they reach out nearly 1000 miles and serve eight counties.

Employ some 34 people in representing \$14,375,000 of their own home here and most of them are from this area.

Their story has never reached hearts of most people. Since their founding the United States Government has earned a net of 48 million in interest money that has been loaned to rural electric co-ops across the nation.

All this means that these conveniences are made possible to families away from the cities and has made their life a little easier.

It means that with each story of progress new fields are opened to industries. It means that the sharp and each employee must be sound and each employee must be efficient in his field, that they cannot settle for anything less than the very best.

Our American way of life is sometimes taken for granted. It is as if it is only because others have foreseen in planning and delivered to us their product of better service.

If we desire those things, we must pay for them. They cannot be had at others expense. We, too, must share the price. If we want the conveniences of modern facilities, we have to pay for it.

The telephone company announced recently plans for converting to the dial system. I'm sure everyone wants a dial telephone. But everyone doesn't want the difference in phone pay. We can't have our cake and eat it. Phones are a part of our way of life. We want to have the convenience of having a dial telephone.

Dr. Warren Asks Lions To Support Traffic Legislation

Dr. Don Warren, president of the Merkel Lions Club, told members the importance of two pieces of legislation now before the state at the regular luncheon meeting in the community center here Tuesday.

The legislation referred to pertains to teen-age drivers. One asks that teen-agers obtain their license from the Department of Public Safety instead of the County Judge after meeting certain state requirements and the second is to require teen-agers under

16 years of age to take the drivers education course offered in high school before obtaining a license.

Dr. Warren pointed out that the Federation of Women's Clubs throughout the state is behind these bills for passage and urges everyone to support them.

This move is in line with President Eisenhower's appeal to each state to take measures in reducing traffic deaths across the nation.

Dr. Warren told of six major factors in rural fatal accidents the past year. They were: Too fast for conditions, 62 per cent; Driving while drinking, 37 per cent; driving on wrong side of the road, 12 per cent; improper passing, 5 per cent; disregarding warning or stop sign, 7 per cent; and did not have right-of-way, 5 per cent.

He said, "Laws are intended as guides for human conduct. Traffic laws are sensible rules designed to promote efficient use of our highways by preventing accidents and congestion. It is essential that drivers and pedestrians understand and comply with a set of rules while driving or walking in order that they may cooperate one with another in the safe use of our roads."

"The first step toward doing your part to prevent traffic accidents and congestion is to learn the rules. The second step is to make yourself comply with the rules habitually. "A driver who can read and does not obey the traffic laws is no better off as a driver than a person who cannot read."

The Lions were entertained by the Merkel High School orchestra under the direction of Mr. Reed. They played several musical arrangements of popular music and gave a modern twist to the old time favorite "Swing Low."

Merkel MOD Nets \$633.50

Early this week it was reported by C. A. Farley, local chairman, that the contributions to the March of Dimes had reached \$633.50.

Last Thursday night the Mothers' March on Polio, under the direction of Mrs. David Gamble, netted \$447.60, about the same amount as last year. The Room Mothers of the Merkel P.T.A. conducted this house-to-house campaign.

The campaign at Stith, under the direction of Mrs. Torilf Hanson, brought in \$21.70.

The local Girl Scouts will sell Polio Fighter balloons this coming Saturday, February 9.

Two girls have been named Betty Crocker Homemakers of Tomorrow in Merkel.

They received the highest scores in their schools on a written examination of homemaking knowledge and attitudes taken by graduating high school girls.

The local school winners are: Twyla Moore of Merkel High School and Jewel Spurgin of Noodle Horn High School.

Merkel Classroom Teachers Assn. Elects Leon Walker President

The Merkel Classroom Teachers held an open meeting in the School Cafeteria January 29, 7:30 p. m. Visitors were Mrs. Culberson, an Elementary teacher from Vernon, Mrs. Thornton a classroom teacher from Haskell, and Mr. Durwood Grubb, a Junior High teacher of Lincoln Junior High School in Abilene.

Supt. Mack Fisher addressed the group in a very inspirational and educational manner, talking on teacher cooperation, being professional, keeping informed and striving for "togetherness."

Principal, C. A. Farley next made a short talk as to the work and influence of all classroom teachers. Reminding the teachers of their interest in pupils, problems, duties, and privileges as classroom instructors as well as their place in the community. Mr. Grubb and Mrs. Culberson gave a few works of admiration, and facts about the professional groups, as N.E.A., T.S.T.A. and C.T.A. Aim and goals and objectives were briefly expressed for all the Classroom Teachers in America, Texas, and Taylor County.

Mr. Don Estes acted as temporary chairman and host for the session. Mrs. Culberson installed the following officers for the Merkel Unit of the Classroom Teachers: Mr. Leon Walker, President; Mrs. Ellen McReynolds, 1st vice president; Mrs. Lena Dunagin, 2nd vice president (program chairman); Mrs. Annabelle Shouse, Secretary and reporter; and Mrs. Viola Shields, Treasurer.

The President then appointed a board of Directors to be advisory to the officers, and to study the local needs, projects and social activities: Mrs. Ouida Reid, Mr. Don Estes and Mrs. Ruth Perkins will be in that group. Mrs. Linnie Fisher will be Parliamentarian for the executive meetings.

The teachers plan to have meetings once each six weeks and probably two social functions each school term. The only thing more expensive than education is ignorance. The teachers of Texas should believe: "It's faith in something and enthusiasm for teaching that make life worth living."

The Oilbelt District 7 annual meeting this year will be at

Vernon, several of Merkel's faculty plan to attend the March Convention. Mr. Grubb announced the National Education Association Convention this year would be in June in the City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Taylor County, Abilene, and Merkel are getting a Greyhound bus to make the trip north. We need more teachers, more well informed teachers, and a Unity in professional work, said Mrs. Culberson in this present meeting.

Clesby Patterson Now At Bragg

CLESBY PATTERSON, kdd.Cl. Clesby Patterson is now in charge of the Men's Clothing department of Bragg's Department Store in Merkel, according to Mrs. Dee Grimes.

Patterson has lived in Merkel most of his life and was formerly in business here. He has just completed ministerial training at McMurtry College and is entering the ministry of the Methodist Church.

Ex-Mail Clerk Dies; Funeral In Ovalo Wed.

Funeral for Bert P. Clifton, 83, of 834 Peach St. in Abilene, who died of pneumonia Sunday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. H. Ferriss of Harlingen, were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Tucker Memorial Methodist Church at Ovalo.

Officiating was Dr. C. A. Long, associate pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Church in Abilene. He was assisted by Rev. James Brunner, pastor of the Ovalo Methodist Church, and the Rev. Albert Lundy, pastor of the Ovalo Baptist Church. Burial was in Mc-Bee Cemetery three miles east Ovalo under direction of Fry Funeral Home of Tuscola.

The body lay in state from 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Ovalo Methodist Church.

Mr. Clifton was a retired mail clerk for the T&P Railroad. He and Mrs. Clifton had made their

Merkel Youth Graduates From Repair School

FORT LEE, VA. (AHTNC)—Army Pvt. Donald E. West, son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. West, 210 Kent St., Merkel, Tex., recently was graduated from the office machine repair course at the Quartermaster School, Ft. Lee, Va.

In the 26-week course, he was trained to repair and adjust standard makes of typewriters, duplicating machines, adding machines, adding machines and calculating machines.

He entered the Army in June 1956 and completed basic training at Fort Hood.

The 19-year-old soldier is a 1956 graduate of Merkel High School.

Noodle VA Teacher Hurt In Wreck

Ernest Tate, Vocational Agricultural teacher at Noodle, was seriously injured when his car smashed into a parked trainer-type truck near Tye early Wednesday morning.

The truck had developed trouble and the driver was gone for help when the accident occurred. Another car smashed into the back of Tate's car with only slight damages. Tate's car was reported to be a total loss.

Tate was rushed to an Abilene hospital by a passing motorist and is expected to remain for several days. His home is in Abilene.

Trent Mayor Resigns Post

Mayor C. L. McLeod Tuesday resigned his post in Trent, which he said he never felt he really was anyway.

McLeod said he has served in a sort of unofficial capacity since last April. Shortly before time for the annual municipal election, A. C. Terry, who had been mayor, moved from town.

"The night of election day some friends phoned me and said I'd been named mayor," McLeod said. "I do not feel I actually was mayor, as I would like to announce now that I do not rare to serve in any official capacity."

Canyon Pioneer Dies Sunday After Long Illness

Mrs. R. L. McClean, 80, died at 7 a.m. Sunday at her home in the Canyon community south of Merkel following an illness of several years. She had been in critical condition for the past several days.

Mrs. McClean was born July 2, 1876, in Missouri. She was married to R. L. McClean in Missouri in 1899. The couple moved to the Canyon community in 1900. McClean farmed until his death in 1944.

She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church. Funeral will be held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Merkel Methodist Church with the Rev. Cloy Lyles officiating, assisted by Rev. Elmer Ward of the Pioneer Church, and the Rev. Elra Phillips of the Wofford Church.

Funeral will be under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors include three sons, Dewel of Merkel, Vance of Madera, Calif., and Blanton to Kerrville; two daughters, Mrs. Garrie Lattimer of Abilene, Mrs. C. H. Toombs of Snyder; one sister, Mrs. Alice Patton of Pyatt, Ark.; 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Dr. Gardner received a death message this week. His nephew Earl Gardner, died last Friday in Washington, D. C. Funeral will be held in Puyallup, Washington.

Mr. Jerry Johnson of San Angelo, visited Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Overa, Friday.

Mrs. Ruth Tangles' guests were her daughter Mrs. Ed Harrey of Hamlin and son Bobby of H-S-U.

Former Oklahoma Governor To Speak At C of C Banquet

Word was received this week that Johnston Murray, former governor of Oklahoma and son of the late "Alphafa Bill" Murray, has accepted an invitation to

be guest speaker at the Merkel Chamber of Commerce annual banquet Monday, Feb. 18, according to Onis Crowford, manager. Mr. Murray is now with the

Welex Jet Services, Inc., in Ft. Worth.

It was approved by the board of directors to send invitations to Mr. Murray at their regular meeting Tuesday. Other business brought up was the appointment of the president's advisory committee, to better acquaint the new president with his duties and with problems of the community.

The banquet will be held in the high school cafeteria and the public is cordially invited. Tickets go on sale Friday and can be purchased at Merkel Drug, Boney Insurance or Carson Grocery at \$2.00 per plate.

David Ratliff Opposed To Forced Consolidation Of Small Schools

AUSTIN—Senator David Ratliff of Stamford revealed today that a large volume of the mail being received daily by his office has to do with protest against the many proposals to either force or encourage consolidation of various school districts.

Ratliff representing thirteen West Texas Counties stated that his constituents were alarmed and concerned over the proposal to eliminate school districts having no high school, and school districts having less than 500 students in daily average attendance.

As far as possible, Ratliff has answered each letter, telegram, post card and petition relative to the subject but today stated that the volume of mail has increased to a point that his secretarial staff finds it physically impossible to keep up with individual replies. For this reason, Ratliff requested the Press to make his position public.

The Senator stated that he is unalterably opposed to either a

forced consolidation program or a program he referred to as political bribery by which state assistance is made available to encourage districts to either consolidate or be without state assistance.

"My district," Ratliff said, "Has many small communities enjoying wholesome civic, church and school life and activities. Removing a school district or a school house from a community is just as wrong as removing a church from that community."

"Consolidation programs which have resulted in the elimination of the school house from a community have caused the drying up of such a community. This is not wholesome and is unfair to the rural society not only in my district but in the entire state."

The Stamford Senator revealed his intentions to vigorously oppose any and all such proposals to force consolidation and eliminations of small school districts.

Cooperation Need To Get Most Out Of Soil

High acre yields are more important than ever. Grain and forage supplies on most Texas farms and ranches are at a very low level because of the prolonged drought. Top yields are needed from next year's crops and pasture supplies not only to replenish the depleted pastures, but also to help with the cost-price squeeze, says H. E. Thornton, extension agricultural chemist.

To get the best possible production from crops and pastures, Thornton points out that a lot of cooperation will be needed from "another nature" in the form of favorable weather conditions which includes a lot of rain. But, he says, producers can aid the cause by supplying fertilizer to make the land produce as it should.

Soil testing is the one sure way to find the answer to the question, how much and what kind of fertilizer is needed to get top production? Thornton suggests that soil samples be taken and submitted now to the Soils Testing Laboratory. He can promise much faster service now and the soil analysis and recommendations which he will send back to the farmer will enable him to make his fertilizer purchases early. When the spring rush hits, returns will be slower and little time may be left for getting the recommendations into use.

Pastures, to be as good as they should, will also need plant food. Soil samples taken from run-down pastures, when analyzed, will show how much fertilizer will be required to get the grazing areas back into top production.

Thornton says local county agents can supply detailed information on how soil samples should be taken and mailed.

John Wolf local county supervisor announced today that farmers Home Administration is accepting applications under the roughage program.

Applications may be filed through Feb. 15, 1957 for a supply of roughage feed to carry basic livestock through March 15, 1957.

Noodle Wins 67-62 Over Munday Mon.

Noodle won a close 67-62 non-conference victory over the Munday Moguls at Munday Tuesday as Bobby Sullivan paced the winners with 26 points.

Don Elliott was high for Munday with 20 points. The Munday girls nipped the Noodle set 59-47 behind the 34-point scoring of Margaret Yandell. Shirleen Lucas was high with 20 for Noodle.

Hospital Notes

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

- Mr. T. J. Bird, Sr.
- Mr. Bob Riney
- Bruce W. Mauldin
- Ted Lehrman
- Mrs. S. Y. Reese
- Mrs. Eda H. Reese
- Mrs. Estler
- Mrs. John
- Mrs. Gene
- Mrs. Rose
- Jennie H.
- Mr. Ray
- M. L. J.
- Gerald

Badgers Win Over Stanton, Colo. City

Manley Denton ran a healthy race in the scoring column with Robert McLeod as they downed Stanton here Tuesday night 93-32. Denton and McLeod raced through the first half with only one point difference most of the way. Denton went out front for a short time with 21 points to McLeod's 20.

McLeod came back strong in the final periods and added 18 more to the scoreboard for a total of 38. Denton reached 22 points and was pulled due to fouls.

The Badgers took an early lead had no trouble maintaining it. It was Merkel 18, Stanton 9 at the end of the first quarter, 50-18 at the half and 68-26 at the end of the third quarter.

Everyone had a hand in scoring. McLeod topped with 38, Denton next with 22, McKeever (who couldn't miss) with 12, Rutledge

with 11, and Russell with 8. Seymour who came in for a short while in the final quarter scored field goal for the other 2 points.

Merkel Girls Win Over Stanton 48-38

The girls had their share of the laurels as they downed Stanton 48-38 here Tuesday night. They took an early lead and held on. They were never in serious trouble with the closest margin of 6 points reached by Stanton.

Minta McAninch scored 30 points for Merkel to 18 for Stanton's Linda Glaze. Madie Kelsos hit for 10 and Janie Breaux made 8 for Merkel while Johnnie Roads made 6 and Anita Overby hit for 8 for the other Stanton scores.



Champion Better Government Bills

Rep. John Lee of Kermit and Sen. Preston Smith of Lubbock, left to right above, were among the first of many Texas legislators to introduce one of the "Better Government" Bills sponsored by the Texas Press Association. TPA has prepared 15 Bills for legislative action. Each bill is designed to correct evils that exist in present Texas laws. "Had the TPA bills been in effect there would have been no voters land or Duval County scandals," said Senator Smith. "Loopholes in present laws have made possible the scandalous events of the past few years, wherein public monies have been mis-appropriated," stated Representative Lee. The two Legislators are urging the public to back them in their determination to effect passage of the TPA Legislation. Lee's bill is HB-38. Smith's bill is SB-55. Both bills are known as The Mandatory Publication Act. They do not create any new publication requirements. But they do call for removal from office of any public official who refuses to publish financial reports called for under existing laws.

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SOCIETY

Gift Tea Honors Mrs. Harroll Hobbs

Pink and silver was the color theme for a gift tea honoring Mrs. Harroll Hobbs nee DeLois Reese in the home of Mrs. Robert Malone Thursday, January 31st. Hostess's assisting Mrs. Malone were Mesdames: Frank Breaux, H. P. Crimm, Jeff Chancey, Twyman Collins, C. H. Collinsworth, Gladie Hendricks, T. G. Hull, H. W. Lemens, Edna McLeod, Mildred Winters, Billy Largent, Don Riney, W. G. Reed, and G. D. McConnell.

Guests were greeted at the door by Mrs. Malone and introduced to Mrs. Nola Hobbs, Mrs. Reese and the honoree. A ceramic Madonna surrounded with a pink and silver dried arrangement, flanked by pink tapers decorated the mantle piece in the living room, pink carnations were placed on the piano. The refreshment table was laid with a hand linen cloth, that Mrs. Twyman Collins brought back from the Holy Land; a miniature bride and groom on heart-shaped styfoam edged in pink lace and silver ribbon, with pink tapers in silver holders repeated the chosen colors. Janey Breaux and Janice Rutledge presided at the table. Gifts were displayed by Kay Chancey and Jo Ann Malone. Guests were registered by Annette Boney. Twenty-nine guests were registered.

Union Ridge HD Club

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club met February 1st, in the home of Mrs. J. H. Clark. Mrs. Clark, president, presided for the business meeting. Miss Mabel McRee gave the Council Report. Mrs. Deniz Cox was made T.H.S.A. nominee for the February Council meeting.

The program, "Are you a good eater", was given by the agene, Miss Loretta Allen. Eggs were studied by the group.

Two visitors, Mrs. J. H. Clark, Jr. and Miss Allen and members, Mrs. Clark, Mabel McRee, Mrs. Winnie Walton, Beauford Buntin, M. L. Douglas, O. E. Harwell and five children enjoyed a dainty plate served by the hostess and the coffee cake squares made in the program.

Very good financial condition of the County of Du...
Miss Mabel McRee was the hostess on February 15th at 2 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Edg. A. Head and sons, Stephen and David of Abilene were dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Head, Friday.

Merkel Girl Weds In Double Ring Ceremony

Miss Opal Jeradine Pippin and Jackie Ray Floyd, pledged their marriage vows Friday, Feb. 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Smith, 608 E. Okla St. Sweetwater, Texas. Rev. A. D. Smith officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pippin of Merkel, and the bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Homer Beard and Mr. Moffit Floyd of Gainsville, Texas.

The bride wore a white net formal over white satin and fingertip veil was attached to a pearl and sequin studded helmet of satin ribbon. The brides jewelry consisted of a single strand of pearls and a pearl bracelet, a gift from her husband.

Ray Doggett of Sweetwater sang "I Love Thee Truly" and Dean Beard, "The Rock Me Boy" sang a solo. Among those present at the wedding were Mrs. A. D. Smith, Miss Anna Smith, Miss Mary Batty, Ray Doggett and Dean Beard. The couple will make their home in Merkel.

Baptist Youth To Have Valentine Program Thurs.

Young people of the Intermediate and Young People groups will be feted at a very beautiful and inspiring festive occasion on Thursday evening, February 2, at 7 p.m. in the church dining room.

A beautiful program will be presented following the Valentine theme. Table and other decorations will support the program theme to offer a beautiful and inspiring evening for all who attended.

The highlight of the evening will be a message by Mrs. Garcia wife of the Mexican Baptist Pastor of Abilene. The Garcias are natives of Cuba and are students at Hardin-Simmons University. Mrs. Garcia is the daughter of Cuban missionaries and her husband is the son of a Cuban planter.

The Garcias are a splendid couple and a benediction to all who know them. We shall be honored to have them in our midst and to have Mrs. Garcia who is very popular to speak to our young people.

Trent-Merkel Baptists Hold Fraining Week

In cooperation with the Sweetwater Baptist Association the Churches of Merkel and Trent will combine their efforts in a leadership training week beginning on Monday evening, February 11 at The First Baptist Church in Merkel at 7:00 p.m. Mr. La-moin Champ, Director of Education of the First Baptist Church, Tyler, Texas will direct the school speaking each evening. Mr. Champ will speak at the 11:00 o'clock service next Sunday at First Baptist.

The First Baptist Church of Trent and the New Live Oak Church of Merkel with The First Church compose the Central Zone of the Sweetwater Association. Churches of other zones of the association will offer the same program a week later.

The book to be studied by all is entitled "The Pull of The People" by Dr. J. N. Barnette. A book with the same title was taught here a few years ago but the book has been revised and the subject matter is almost wholly new according to Mr. Champ. The present book should not be confused with the former one and all Sunday school workers of the three churches are urged to attend each evening service.

Sixth Grade Class Presents Play

Mrs. Orsborn's sixth grade class presented three one-act plays at assembly, January 31, 1957.

Fourteen Boys portrayed life in the West in "Jimmy Cinders". "A Bit of Gossip", a modern comedy, was enacted by four girls and two boys. A lively comedy, "Call Actor", featured three boys and four girls. Music between plays was furnished by Mrs. McLeod and the audience.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Callaway and Mrs. O. L. Justice attended a birthday party Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. McGinnis in Anson, honoring her mother Mrs. Fronia Sosbee and they also visited Mr. Proctor in the Anson hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Price, 2305 McGowan St., Fort Worth, Texas, announce the arrival of a son, Michael Gene Price, January 19, 1957 in the Pennsylvania Ave. Hospital of Ft. Worth, weighing 9 lbs. 14-oz.

Grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Jones of Haskell, and Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Price of Merkel.

Bluebonnet HD Club Meets

On February 5, the Bluebonnet Club met in the home of Mrs. R. E. Clemmer, Jr. President Mrs. Frank Brnovak called the meeting to order, after which Mrs. Clemmer lead in prayer. Roll call was answered by "something new I've just learned". Council report was given by Mrs. Dewel McLean.

Miss Lottie Butman was elected T.H.D. chairman for the club and was also elected candidate for delegate to the T.H.D.A. District meeting in Abilene in April.

Two visitors, Mrs. E. S. Healy of Bloomfield, New Jersey, and Mrs. Elmer Ward and eight members were present.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Tom Russom on February 19.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Dee Grimes and Mrs. Cyrus Pee attended the Summer Fashion Market in Dallas last week end. They attended the Ike Clark Style Show and the Merchandise Style Show and Clinic. Mrs. Grimes is store manager for the Braggs Department Store in Merkel.

Airman ICI and Mrs. Roy W. Thomas of Whitman AFB in Missouri visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Thomas over the week end. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Thomas, another son, of Spur.

Weekend visitors in the home of Mrs. J. T. Warren were her son-in-law, Henry C. Ciot, of Dallas, granddaughters, Mary Ann Ciot of Houston, and Mrs. David Andrews and Angela Andrews of Dallas. Mrs. Warren continues to be very ill in the hospital here.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our friends who assisted in any way in the loss of our dear mother, for deeds done, words spoken, songs sung and the beautiful floral offerings.

May God's richest blessings be on each of you is our prayer.

The McLean Family

YOUR HEALTH

AUSTIN, February 7 — February is National Heart Month. During this period most Americans will be made aware, through one way or another, of the tremendous strides made during the last few years in the battle against heart disease.

Recently, a nationally televised program dramatized an operation that replaced a damaged heart valve with a plastic counterpart—a modern medical miracle.

And yet diseases of the heart and the cardiovascular-renal system are still the number one killer of Texans and Americans today.

During 1955, over 32,000 Texans died from these causes alone. This accounts for almost 50 percent of the total deaths from ALL causes in Texas.

Figures for 1956, not yet complete, appear to indicate a rise in this figure.

The exact causes of the conditions which produce the high death rate from heart disease are still unknown to medical and scientific researchers.

However, on one fact they all agree, early warning of heart trouble or physical conditions that could lead to heart breakdown, makes cure much simpler for the physician.

On those conditions where cure is impossible, early diagnosis usually makes it possible, with proper medical attention, for the patient to lead a long and nearly normal life.

The heart is the toughest, strongest muscle in the entire body and is more efficient than any man-made machine. It even has its own complete maintenance and repair system.

About the size of a fist, the human heart produces enough energy in its lifetime to lift a battleship 14 feet out of water.

The marvel of the heart is that specifically intended for strenuous exertion because it must pump every drop of blood to body tissues and back, once every minute.

The marvel of the heart is that it doesn't break down easier and more often.

However, it does break down and often without warning.

Dr. Henry A. Holle, commission of health, urges Texans to check regularly with a physician and follow his advice, especially

if they are past 40 years of age. Take advantage of the free mobile chest x-ray unit provided by the Texas State Department of Health when it visits your community or neighborhood.

Chest X-rays, as well as uncovering chest cancer and tuberculosis, can also show up certain heart conditions in their early stages.

JACK POT WINNERS and LOSERS THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY—LOSER	Mrs. Claude Holmes ——— 25.00
THURSDAY—LOSER	Mrs. Ada O'Donnel ——— 30.00
FRIDAY—LOSER	Ted Pargament ——— 35.00
SATURDAY—LOSER	Sally Orr ——— 40.00
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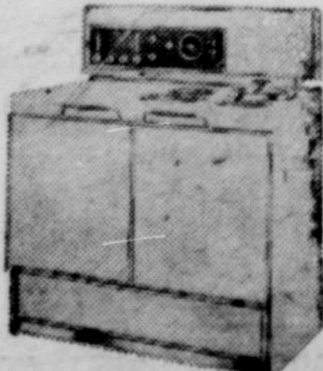
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UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

This has been a very long damp spell, not to rain any more than it has.

The Canyon up until now has gotten 2 1/4 of an inch of rain. Which is very good.

This is fine growing weather for the weeds and wild rye and small grain.

Everything is very quiet up the Canyon these days, quiet a wef working away from home and carrying on their farming too. Makes Jack a dull boy.

Mrs. R. L. McLean, a Pioneer mother of the Canyon, passed away Sunday morning at the home of son Dewell McLean.

When she was unable to attend her church services, we missed her so much and we all loved

her so much for the fine service she gave to our community.

Patricia attended the Fort Worth Stock Show this week, she visited friends over the week end in Fort Worth. They reported a fine show and fine time. It was her first trip to the show.

This writer has a sister who lives in East Texas and she reports they have had 5 1/2 inches of rain the past two weeks.

Some stockmen of our area said they had already fed the worth of their calf crop up to the cows and don't doubt that at all one stockman said he had spent \$3,200 for feed and still had February to go.

It takes a lot of calves to bring \$3,200 and then getting the feed to them cost something, gas and labor.

Allen King, Jr., has finished his college work at Texas Tech

and has accepted a job at Rankin. We hope you the best of luck, Allen.

As I am finishing this column I would just like to report the Canyon will be on a boom with wet tanks full and it being too stock to play and small grain ready for grazing over night.

Some of the boys are already saying since the rain, no soil bankin on their cotton land this year.

Patsy Papasan Wins South Taylor Grand Champion

A 15-year-old Lawn 4-H Club girl showed 'em how it's done here Wednesday at the first annual South Taylor-Lawn FFA and 4-H Club Livestock Show at the old tabernacle.

Patsy Papasan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Papasan of Lawn, grabbed the spotlight of the show when her classy milkfed Hereford was named grand champion.

The selection of the grand champion calf climaxed a day during which 700 persons braved frigid temperatures to witness the judging of about 188 entries. It was the largest crowd ever to attend a livestock show here.

Patsy, a second year feeder, walked away with the calf championship with a nine-month-old, 800-pound steer showing a lot of type and finish. The calf was bred by Parker Ballard of Lawn, Patsy's uncle.

William Betcher, Lawn FFA'er, copped the reserve championship with a 10-month-old, 1,000 pound milkfed Hereford bred by Rosebud Smallwood of Lawn. William, 15, exhibitor of the grand champion calf at Lawn last year, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Betcher.

Taylor County Agent H. C. Stanley and his assistant, Frank Newsom, supervised Patsy's feeding program. William fed his calf under the supervision of Oran Egger, Lawn vocational agriculture teacher.

James Walsh, 18-year-old South Taylor FFA'er, was the only exhibitor able to collect more than one championship rosette. He exhibited the grand champion fat barrow, a Poland China bred by his father, and showed the grand champion capon, a Cornish. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Walsh.

Taking the reserve championship in the field of about 70 fat

barrows was Clark McDonald, also South Taylor FFA, Clark, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed McDonald, won the honor with a Duroc bred by W. L. (Mann) Marshall Jr., of Tuscola.

Both James and Clark fet their champions under the supervision of Jack Hancock, who resigned this week as South Taylor VA teacher.

L. G. Smith, another of Hancock's South Taylor FFA boys, won the championship of the fat lamb show with a Southdown bred by Ben Edwards of O'Donnell. The 15-year-old youngster is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Smith.

Jackie Sue Shows Reserve Champion Lamb for STHS

Little Jackie Sue Hancock, 9-year-old South Taylor 4-H Clubber, copped the reserve championship of the sheep show in her first attempt at showing a lamb. She did it with a straight-bred Rambouillet from the flock of her father, Jack Hancock.

The champion and reserve champion lambs were selected from the first place winners in the Southdown, finewool and crossbred divisions. Walsh had the other first place lamb.

Don Wilder, South Taylor 4-H'er, exhibited the grand champion breeding female of the swine department. He won the title with a Berkshire gilt bred by the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Wilder.

The reserve champion breeding female of the swine show was owned by John J. Ainsworth, Lawn FFA. John, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ainsworth, took the honor with a Duroc sow from the herd of Abilene Christian College.

G. W. Aswander, 16, Lawn FFA'er, showed the reserve champion capon, a White Rock. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Burford.

Jerry McDonald, South Taylor FFA, took first in the class of breeding medium wool ewes. Barbara Hudson, Lawn 4-H, placed second, then came back to show the top two breeding finewool ewes. James Burleson, Lawn 4-H had the only breeding ram in the Robert Cleveland and Don Landers, both South Taylor FFA, had the first and second place doe rabbits, respectively. Brice Reams, Lawn 4-H, owned the top two buck rabbits.

Albert Maberry, Trent VA

teacher, judged the calves and E. L. Reese, Baird VA teacher placed the capons and rabbits. They alternated in judging the lamb swine classes, then worked together to select the champions of those departments.

OVALO PIONEER

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home in Abilene since moving here from Fort Worth in 1937. For the past two years, the couple had been living with their children.

He was born in Alabama, moving to Fort Worth as a young man. He was graduated from Fort Worth University, now Texas Wesleyan College. In 1916, he was married to Patsy Naylor in Fort Worth. They had one child, Martha, now Mrs. A. W. Stockton of Fort Worth. Mrs. Clifton died in 1918.

In 1919, he was married to Mrs. May Tucker Riddle of Ovalo. They later moved to Fort Worth. After Mr. Clifton's retirement in 1937, the couple moved to Abilene where they operated a grocery store at 2542 S. 3rd St. for several years.

Mr. Clifton was a member of St. Paul Methodist Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Stockton of Fort Worth; Mrs. Ferris of Harlingen and Mrs. Joe Collins of Ranger, a son, Burton Clifton of Fort Worth, and three grandsons.

Prior to the funeral, members of the family were at the home of H. Leo Tucker on Buffalo Gap Rr. He is a brother of Mrs. Clifton.

Mr. Elbert Dean, Jr., of Sterling, Ill., visited with relatives in Merkel Sunday while on his way to visit his sister, Mrs. E. R. Brown of Big Lake who is seriously ill. Mr. Dean's sisters living in Merkel are: Mrs. LaRay Hester, Mrs. Quannah Dudley and Mrs. Leroy Riney. He also visited with his father in Abilene, Mr. E. M. Dean.

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Jack Hancock Leaves School But Will Remain In Community

When a person resigns a position and accepts another in the same area, we are certain it must be a better position. For this we are happy.

We are always glad to hear of the success of anyone, especially a well deserving person. The people of South Taylor are glad to have the Hancock family remain in this area, altho Jack will be missed in his work at school, we feel we can count on both he and his wife in the upbuilding of the community. They have two daughters in the Elementary school at Ovalo who are doing splendid work, Joy Kay in the Seventh grade and Jackie Sue in the fourth grade. They each have

made the honor roll each six weeks so far since school started in the fall.

To make the honor roll each student must make 90 or above on each subject and perfect attendance. Both were Halloween Queens.

Jack Hancock is Sunday School Superintendent of The First Baptist Church of Tuscola and chairman of the Board of Deacons. Mrs. Hancock is also active in all school and church work.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger and Sylvian attended the Ladies Summer Fashion Show in Dallas over the week end.

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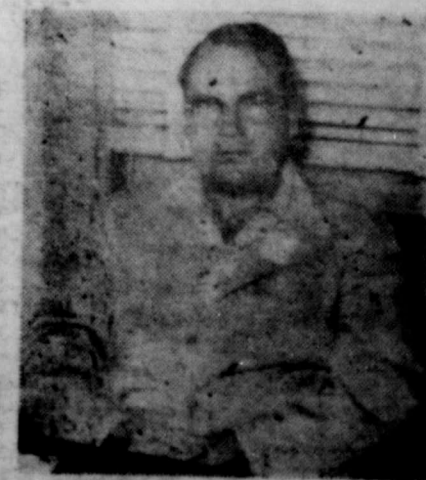
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There will be added cost for telephone service. This increase in rates will amount to about three cents per day. The rates will be in line with other dial telephone rates in communities the size of Merkel throughout Texas.

We have mailed a notice to each telephone subscriber in the city of Merkel and ask that

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Gift Tea Honors Mrs. Haroll Hobbs

Pink and silver was the color theme for a gift tea honoring Mrs. Haroll Hobbs nee DeLois Reese in the home of Mrs. Robert Malone Thursday, January 31st. Hostess's assisting Mrs. Malone were Mesdames: Frank Breau, H. P. Crimm, Jeff Chancey, Twyman Collins, C. H. Collinsworth, Gladie Hendricks, T. G. Hull, H. W. Lemens, Edna McLeod, Mildred Winters, Billy Largent, Don Riney, W. G. Reed, and G. D. McConnell.

Guests were greeted at the door by Mrs. Malone and introduced to Mrs. Nola Hobbs, Mrs. Reese and the honoree. A ceramic Madonna surrounded with a pink and silver draped arrangement, flanked by pink tapers decorated the mantle piece in the living room. Pink carnations were placed on the piano. The refreshment table was laid with a hand linen cloth, that Mrs. Twyman Collins brought back from the Holy Land; a miniature bride and groom on heart-shaped styfoam edged in pink lace and silver ribbon, with pink tapers in silver holders repeated the chosen colors. Janey Breau and Janice Rutledge presided at the table. Gifts were displayed by Kay Chancey and Jo Ann Malone. Guests were registered by Annette Boney. Twenty-nine guests were registered.

Union Ridge HD Club

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club met February 1st, in the home of Mrs. J. H. Clark. Mrs. Clark, president, presided for the business meeting. Miss Mabel McRee gave the Council Report. Mrs. Denzil Cox was made T.H.S.A. nominee for the February Council meeting.

The program, "Are you a good eater", was given by the agene, Miss Loretta Allen. Eggs were studied by the group.

Two visitors, Mrs. J. H. Clark, Jr. and Miss Allen and members, Mrs. Clark, Mabel McRee, Mrs. Winnie Walton, Beauford Buntin, M. L. Douglas, O. E. Harwell and five children enjoyed a dainty plate served by the hostess and the coffee cake squares made in the program.

Minutes of the Benavides Independent School District. The two documents complement each other perfectly, providing a good picture of the district.

Merkel Girl Weds In Double Ring Ceremony

Miss Opal Jeradine Pippin and Jackie Ray Floyd, pledged their marriage vows Friday, Feb. 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Smith, 608 E. Okla St. Sweetwater, Texas. Rev. A. D. Smith officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pippin of Merkel, and the bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Homer Beard and Mr. Moffitt Floyd of Gainsville, Texas.

The bride wore a white net formal over white satin and fingertip veil was attached to a pearl and sequin studded helmet of satin ribbon. The brides jewelry consisted of a single strand of pearls and a pearl bracelet, a gift from her husband.

Ray Doggett of Sweetwater sang "I Love Thee Truly" and Dean Beard, "The Rock Me Boy" sang a solo. Among those present at the wedding were Mrs. A. D. Smith, Miss Anna Smith, Miss Mary Batty, Ray Doggett and Dean Beard. The couple will make their home in Merkel.

Baptist Youth To Have Valentine Program Thurs.

Young people of the Intermediate and Young People groups will be feted at a very beautiful and inspiring festive occasion on Thursday evening, February 2, at 7 p.m. in the church dining room.

A beautiful program will be presented following the Valentine theme. Table and other decorations will support the program theme to offer a beautiful and inspiring evening for all who attended.

The highlight of the evening will be a message by Mrs. Garcia wife of the Mexican Baptist Pastor of Abilene. The Garcias are natives of Cuba and are students at Hardin-Simmons University. Mrs. Garcia is the daughter of Cuban missionaries and her husband is the son of a Cuban planter.

Trent-Merkel Baptists Hold Training Week

In cooperation with the Sweetwater Baptist Association the Churches of Merkel and Trent will combine their efforts in a leadership training week beginning on Monday evening, February 11 at The First Baptist Church in Merkel at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Lamoine Champ, Director of Education of the First Baptist Church, Tyler, Texas will direct the school speaking each evening. Mr. Champ will speak at the 11:00 o'clock service next Sunday at First Baptist.

The First Baptist Church of Trent and the New Live Oak Church of Merkel with The First Church compose the Central Zone of the Sweetwater Association. Churches of other zones of the association will offer the same program a week later.

The book to be studied by all is entitled "The Pull of The People" by Dr. J. N. Barnette. A book with the same title was taught here a few years ago but the book has been revised and the subject matter is almost wholly new according to Mr. Champ. The present book should not be confused with the former one and all Sunday school workers of the three churches are urged to attend each evening service.

Sixth Grade Class Presents Play

Mrs. Orsborn's sixth grade class presented three one-act plays at assembly, January 31, 1957.

Fourteen Boys portrayed life in the West in "Jimmy Cinders". "A Bit of Gossip", a modern comedy, was enacted by four girls and two boys. A lively comedy, "Call Actor", featured three boys and four girls. Music between plays was furnished by Mrs. McLeod and the audience.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Callaway and Mrs. O. L. Justice attended a birthday party Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. McGinnis in Anson, honoring her mother Mrs. Fronia Sosbee and they also visited Mr. Proctor in the Anson hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Price, 2305 McGowan St., Fort Worth, Texas, visited their daughter, Mrs. George B. Parr's two banks, one in San Diego and the other, the Texas State Bank in Alice, Jim well appreciate the bank men within the State of Texas.

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(SEAL)
Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk, 42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas.
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Bluebonnet HD Club Meets

On February 5, the Bluebonnet Club met in the home of Mrs. R. E. Clemmer, Jr. President Mrs. Frank Brnovak called the meeting to order, after which Mrs. Clemmer lead in prayer. Roll call was answered by "something new I've just learned". Council report was given by Mrs. Dewel McLean.

Miss Lottie Butman was elected T.H.D. chairman for the club and was also elected candidate for delegate to the T.H.D.A. District meeting in Abilene in April.

Two visitors, Mrs. E. S. Healy of Bloomfield, New Jersey, and Mrs. Elmer Ward and eight members were present.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Tom Russom on February 19.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Dee Grimes and Mrs. Cyrus Pee attended the Summer Fashion Market in Dallas last week end. They attended the Ike Clark Style Show and the Merchandise Style Show and Clinic. Mrs. Grimes is store manager for the Bragg Department Store in Merkel.

Airman ICI and Mrs. Roy W. Thomas of Whitman AFB in Missouri visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Thomas over the week end. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Thomas, another son, of Spur.

Weekend visitors in the home of Mrs. J. T. Warren were her son-in-law, Henry C. Ciot, of Dallas, granddaughters, Mary Ann Coit of Houston, and Mrs. David Andrews and Angela Andrews of Dallas. Mrs. Warren continues to be very ill in the hospital here.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our sincere thanks to our friends who assisted in any way in the loss of our dear mother, for deeds done, words spoken, songs sung and the beautiful floral offerings.
May God's richest blessings be on each of you is our prayer.
The McLean Family

YOUR HEALTH

AUSTIN, February 7 — February is National Heart Month. During this period most Americans will be made aware, through one way or another, of the tremendous strides made during the last few years in the battle against heart disease.

Recently, a nationally televised program dramatized an operation that replaced a damaged heart valve with a plastic counterpart—a modern medical miracle.

And yet diseases of the heart and the cardiovascular-renal system are still the number one killer of Texans and Americans today.

During 1955, over 32,000 Texans died from these causes alone. This accounts for almost 50 percent of the total deaths from ALL causes in Texas.

Figures for 1956, not yet complete, appear to indicate a rise in this figure.

The exact causes of the conditions which produce the high death rate from heart disease are still unknown to medical and scientific researchers.

However, on one fact they all agree, early warning of heart trouble or physical conditions that could lead to heart breakdown, makes cure much simpler for the physician.

On those conditions where cure is impossible, early diagnosis usually makes it possible, with proper medical attention, for the patient to lead a long and nearly normal life.

The heart is the toughest, strongest muscle in the entire body and is more efficient than any man-made machine. It even has its own complete maintenance and repair system.

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The marvel of the heart is that it doesn't break down easier and more often.

However, it does break down and often without warning.
Dr. Henry A. Holle, commission of health, urges Texans to check regularly with a physician and follow his advice, especially

If they are past 40 years of age. Take advantage of the free mobile chest x-ray unit provided by the Texas State Department of Health when it visits your community or neighborhood.
Chest X-rays, as well as uncovering chest cancer and tuberculosis, can also show up certain heart conditions in their early stages.

JACK POT WINNERS and LOSERS THIS WEEK

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Mrs. Claude Holmes ----- 25.00

THURSDAY—LOSER
Mrs. Ada O'Donnel ----- 30.00

FRIDAY—LOSER
Ted Pargament ----- 35.00

SATURDAY—LOSER
Sally Orr ----- 40.00

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A 15-year-old Lawn 4-H Club girl showed 'em how it's done here Wednesday at the first annual South Taylor-Lawn FFA and 4-H Club Livestock Show at the old tabernacle.

Patsy Papasan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Papasan of Lawn, grabbed the spotlight of the show when her classy milked Hereford was named grand champion.

The selection of the grand champion calf climaxed a day during which 700 persons braved frigid temperatures to witness the judging of about 188 entries. It was the largest crowd ever to attend a livestock show here.

Patsy, a second year feeder, walked away with the calf championship with a nine-month-old, 800-pound steer showing a lot of type and finish. The calf was bred by Parker Ballard of Lawn, Patsy's uncle.

William Betcher, Lawn FFA'er, copped the reserve championship with a 10-month-old, 1,000 pound milked Hereford bred by Rosebud Smallwood of Lawn. William, 15, exhibitor of the grand champion calf at Lawn last year, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Betcher.

Taylor County Agent H. C. Stanley and his assistant, Frank Newsum, supervised Patsy's feeding program. William fed his calf under the supervision of Oran Egger, Lawn vocational agriculture teacher.

James Walsh, 18-year-old South Taylor FFA'er, was the only exhibitor able to collect more than one championship rosette. He exhibited the grand champion fat barrow, a Poland China bred by his father, and showed the grand champion capon, a Cornish. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Walsh.

Taking the reserve championship in the field of about 70 fat

barrows was Clark McDonald, also South Taylor FFA, Clark, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed McDonald, won the honor with a Duroc bred by W. L. (Mann) Marshall Jr., of Tuscola.

Both James and Clark fet their champions under the supervision of Jack Hancock, who resigned this week as South Taylor VA teacher.

L. G. Smith, another of Hancock's South Taylor FFA boys, won the championship of the fat lamb show with a Southdown bred by Ben Edwards of O'Donnell. The 15-year-old youngster is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Smith.

Jackie Sue Shows Reserve Champion Lamb for STHS

Little Jackie Sue Hancock, 9-year-old South Taylor 4-H Clubber, copped the reserve championship of the sheep show in her first attempt at showing a lamb. She did it with a straight-bred Rambouillet from the flock of her father, Jack Hancock.

The champion and reserve champion lambs were selected from the first place winners in the Southdown, finewool and crossbred divisions. Walsh had the other first place lamb.

Don Wilder, South Taylor 4-H'er, exhibited the grand champion breeding female of the swine department. He won the title with a Berkshire gilt bred by the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Wilder.

The reserve champion breeding female of the swine show was owned by John J. Ainsworth, Lawn FFA. John, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ainsworth, took the honor with a Duroc sow from the herd of Abilene Christian College.

G. W. Aswander, 16, Lawn FFA'er, showed the reserve champion capon, a White Rock. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Burford.

Jerry McDonald, South Taylor FFA, took first in the class of breeding medium wool ewes. Barbara Hudson, Lawn 4-H, placed second, then came back to show the top two breeding finewool ewes. James Burleson, Lawn 4-H had the only breeding ram in the

Robert Cleveland and Don Landers, both South Taylor FFA, had the first and second place doe rabbits, respectively. Brice Reams, Lawn 4-H, owned the top two buck rabbits.

Albert Maberry, Trent VA

teacher, judged the calves and E. L. Reese, Baird VA teacher placed the capons and rabbits. They alternated in judging the lamb swine classes, then worked together to select the champions of those departments.

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home in Abilene since moving here from Fort Worth in 1937. For the past two years, the couple had been living with their children.

He was born in Alabama, moving to Fort Worth as a young man. He was graduated from Fort Worth University, now Texas Wesleyan College. In 1916, he was married to Patsy Naylor in Fort Worth. They had one child, Martha, now Mrs. A. W. Stockton of Fort Worth. Mrs. Clifton died in 1918.

In 1919, he was married to Mrs. May Tucker Riddle of Ovalo. They later moved to Fort Worth. After Mr. Clifton's retirement in 1937, the couple moved to Abilene where they operated a grocery store at 2542 S. 3rd St. for several years.

Mr. Clifton was a member of St. Paul Methodist Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Stockton of Fort Worth; Mrs. Ferris of Harlingen and Mrs. Joe Collins of Ranger, a son, Burton Clifton of Fort Worth, and three grandsons.

Prior to the funeral, members of the family were at the home of H. Leo Tucker on Buffalo Gap Rr. He is a brother of Mrs. Clifton.

Mr. Elbert Dean, Jr., of Sterling, Ill., visited with relatives in Merkel Sunday while on his way to visit his sister, Mrs. E. R. Brown of Big Lake who is seriously ill. Mr. Dean's sisters living in Merkel are: Mrs. LaRay Hester, Mrs. Quannah Dudley and Mrs. Leroy Riney. He also visited with his father in Abilene, Mr. E. M. Dean.

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We are always glad to hear of the success of anyone, especially a well deserving person. The people of South Taylor are glad to have the Hancock family remain in this area, altho Jack will be missed in his work at school, we feel we can count on both he and his wife in the upbuilding of the community. They have two daughters in the Elementary school at Ovalo who are doing splendid work, Joy Kay in the Seventh grade and Jackie Sue in the fourth grade. They each have

made the honor roll each six weeks so far since school started in the fall.

To make the honor roll each student must make 90 or above on each subject and perfect attendance. Both were Halloween Queens.

Jack Hancock is Sunday School Superintendent of The First Baptist Church of Tuscola and chairman of the Board of Deacons. Mrs. Hancock is also active in all school and church work.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger and Sylvian attended the Ladies Summer Fashion Show in Dallas over the week end.

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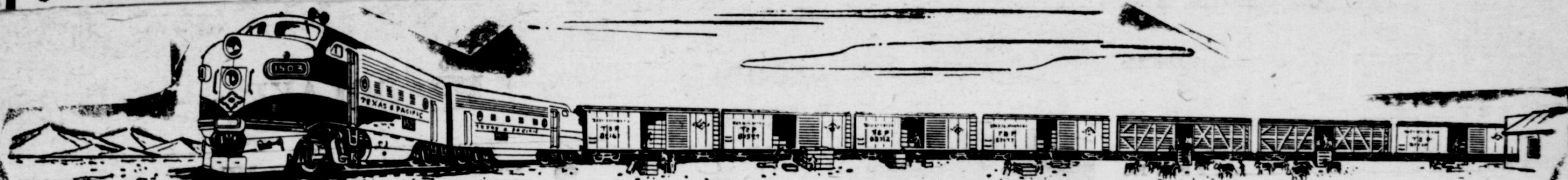
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If all of the banks in the sun-scorched areas of the West and Southwest were asked by President Eisenhower to make a fifty percent reduction in interest rates on their loans to farmers and ranchers, it would be considered most unusual.

Or, if all of the merchants of the area were asked to make a fifty percent reduction in the prices of one or more of their basic items, as an aid to the farmers and ranchers, that, also, would be considered most unusual.

Either of these requests by the President of the United States would make front page news, stimulate editorial comment, and create extensive public discussion.

But when the railroads are asked by the President to make a fifty percent reduction in their rates on hay, or other feedstuffs, it is not regarded as something unusual.

Thus when President Eisenhower on three different occasions in the past four years asked the railroads of the West and Southwest to make a fifty percent reduction in their carload rates on hay, or other feedstuffs, it hardly created a ripple on the sea of public opinion.

Somehow, the railroads are expected to do the unusual. So, when they do, it is not considered unusual at all.

Within the past four years the railroads have contributed to the farmers and ranchers, through these various rate reductions, TWENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS.

The railroads have moved into the drought-stricken areas of the West and Southwest, on these reduced rates, approximately 150,000 carloads of hay and other feedstuffs.

If all of these cars were consolidated into one train, it would reach from El Paso, Texas, almost to Chicago, Illinois, a distance of nearly 1,600 miles.

Cattle have been shipped from the drought areas to grazing lands in other sections, on the basis of existing freight rates . . . but the railroads have moved the cattle back to the home ranches FREE OF CHARGE.

Of the several forms of transportation, ONLY the railroads have extended the distressed farmers and ranchers a financial helping hand, in the form of reduced rates on hay or other feedstuffs and on the free movement of cattle back home.

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2 Tablespoons butter or margarine
1 Tablespoon lemon juice
few grains salt
1 cup powdered sugar

Have ready a baked 9-in. pastry shell. Chill milk in ice tray until almost frozen around the edges. Mix in a 1-qt. saucepan the cornstarch and sugar. Drain cherries, saving syrup. If necessary, add water to syrup to make 1 cup. Stir syrup into cornstarch mixture. Cook and stir until very thick and clear, about 7 min. Cool thoroughly and then add drained cherries. Put into pastry shell. Meanwhile, melt butter in small saucepan. Take from heat and mix to until smooth the lemon juice, salt and powdered sugar. Cool thoroughly. Put ice-cold milk into a 1-qt. bowl. Whip with cold cream whipper or with electric beater at high speed, until stiff. Whip in cooled powdered sugar mixture just until mixed, about 1/2 at a time. Do not overbeat. Arrange around edge of pie. Chill an hour before serving.



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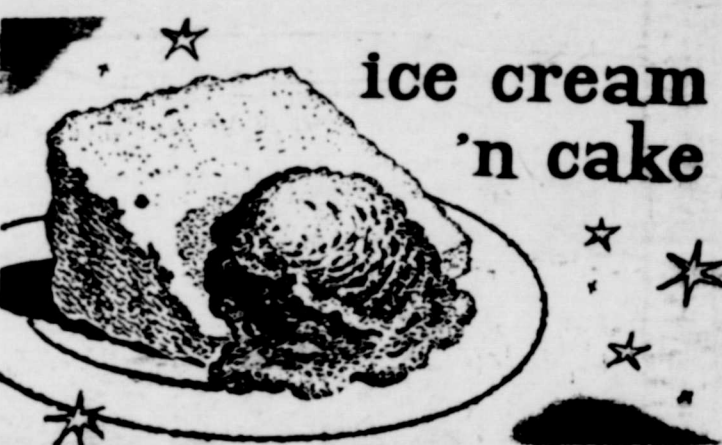
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