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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

It rained in Merkel. In fact, it rained more than three inches. Mulberry Creek rose higher than it's been in several years. The bridge was underwater early Thursday morning. The highway department worked through the night and up in the morning clearing debris so the water could flow through.

It was a grand sight to see. Water running everywhere! I know farmers and ranchers are especially happy. They've waited so long for such a good rain.

During the week since the freeze, the Merkel area had more than four inches. Some reported that the moisture was already 10 to 12 inches in the ground before the 2 inches received Wednesday night.

This week is Dollar Day in Merkel. Let me tell you a little about that means. It means that rikel merchants are offering specials at a great savings. You benefit from this big sale a month, they reduce prices of their regular quality merchandise and put them on to you.

It gives you an opportunity to save money by shopping in Merkel. Merkel has everything to offer and this is their way of saying, "It pays To Shop in Merkel."

Come to Merkel and see for yourself. See the many specials offered and see how much you can save by shopping in Merkel, not only on Dollar Day, but every day of the week.

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce invites you to their annual banquet to be held in the school cafeteria Monday night at 7:30. Mr. Johnston Murray, former governor of Oklahoma will be guest speaker. He is a very brilliant man and will have many interesting things to say to you. This will be your opportunity to see first hand some of the things being done by the Merkel Chamber of Commerce. It will be an opportunity to find out just what the Chamber of Commerce really is and how they can help you make Merkel a better place in which to live.

This is National Beauty Salon Week and we salute the profession who contributed so much to the beauty of our fair sex. The National Beauty Association undertakes many worthwhile projects in the interest of promoting the welfare of mankind. Their members are known for their contribution of time and money for these many activities which seldom reach the public eye. We are proud of their organization and their contribution to a better and a well groomed society.

This week is also National Boy Scout Week who are celebrating their 47th birthday. The Boy Scouts have greatly contributed more than any other organization or association toward shaping the destiny of our great nation through their youth program. Our youth, the most neglected field in our society, who shape our destiny tomorrow. Our greatest tribute to them could hardly be enough.

A series of articles will appear in this newspaper in the near future. They will feature our neighbors — "The Family of the Week" in or around Merkel. We need your help in carrying out this assignment. It would be impossible for us to contact each family in person for an interview. Therefore, we can only depend on you, their neighbor, to do this for us.

If you know a family with a little unusual twist in their life's story, we would appreciate knowing about it. If your story is published, you will receive a gift from the Merkel Mail of \$5.00 plus a year's subscription to the paper. All manuscript will become property of the Merkel Mail and will not be returned, unless requested and necessary postage is enclosed.

These stories must be neat, typewritten and double spaced or if written in longhand, must be legible and written in ink. The stories used will be based on the nature of the story and not necessarily how it is written.



RONNIE TOOMBS—is pictured with the purebred Hampshire bred by Booth Warren which was placed second in the Taylor County FFA and 4-H Livestock Show last week. Ronnie is a Junior in high school and son of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Toombs. — (Photo by Lynn Knight)



JIMMY HARGROVES—is pictured with a purebred Hampshire which he exhibited at the Taylor County FFA and 4-H Livestock Show recently. Jimmy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hargroves of Merkel. — (Photo by Lynn Knight)

## C of C Collects \$399 For FFA Livestock Sale

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce collected a total of \$399 for the FFA boys livestock sale in Abilene last week, according to Waymon Adcock, chairman.

This money was used to assure the Merkel FFA boys that their stock would at least sell above cost.

Show committee were: Mack Fisher, Andy Shouse, Otis Griffin, Cyrus Pee, Horace Boney, W. D. Gamble, Isadore Mellinger and Orville D. Roland.

## Pictures Of Dollar Day Crowd Taken Tuesday

Every third Tuesday is dollar day in Merkel and the Merkel Mail wants to find out how well folks in this area respond to the special offer by local merchants. A photographer will be on hand Tuesday morning to record their reaction for the paper.

This family must be willing to pose for a picture which will be published along with the story. The family can either be long-time residents or just moved into the community, just as long as they reside in the Trade Area of Merkel or South Taylor County.

This feature could be quite interesting. Everyone can work at it. It'll be fun and you'll get to meet a lot of people. Don't wait! If you have someone in mind, send it in now. The sooner stories are submitted, the sooner we can start on them. Let's go and make this the greatest feature ever published by a newspaper!

## Mrs. J. T. Warren, Merkel Pioneer Dies In Sadler Clinic Thursday

Mrs. J. T. Warren, pioneer resident of Merkel some 65 years, died in Sadler Clinic-Hospital Thursday morning after an illness of about a month.

Mrs. Warren was the mother of Mr. Booth Warren, president of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank in Merkel, sister of Mr. A. R. Booth, and grandmother

of Dr. Don Warren also of Merkel.

Mrs. Warren was born Sept. 28, 1867 in White County, Arkansas. She married the late J. T. Warren, Dec. 29, 1891 in El Paso, Arkansas. They returned to Merkel where Mr. Warren had already established a general mercantile store and has lived here since that time. Mr. Warren died Sept. 6, 1940.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church and very active until her health failed several years ago.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church with Rev. C. G. Sewell officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery with Starbuck Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include two daughters Mrs. Winnie Coit and Mrs. Louise Beckett, both of Dallas; one son, Booth Warren of Merkel, one sister, Mrs. Herbert Russell of Conway, Arkansas, one brother, A. R. Booth of Merkel, 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

## Adult Leader Training Course Starts Saturday

A training course for adult Cub Scout leaders is scheduled to be held in the elementary school building Saturday at 1:00 p.m., according to Henry Norris, Scout Representative for the Chisholm Trail Council in Abilene.

The course will be open to all parents interested in this type of work. Leaders from Noodle and Trent will also participate in this course.

The local source for more information is Rev. George Epperson in Merkel, Robert Wycke at Noodle and Mr. Charles Hojan at Trent.

Mr. Norris stated that another attempt will be made to reactivate Troop 20 Monday night at 7 p. m. in the scout Hut. He said there are 14 boys interested in Scout work and all they need to reactivate the Troop is adult leaders.

## Seniors Hold Class Meeting

The Senior Class of Merkel High School had a class meeting on Thursday, February 7, with class president, Kermit Rutledge presiding. The meeting was called by class sponsors, Mrs. Ruth Perkins, Mrs. Bobbie Cooksey, and W. G. Reed, in order that the Seniors could discuss their Senior Trip which they will take in April. The class also made three nominations from the Senior Girls, one of which will be chosen as Merkel High School's Daughter of the American Revolution Nominee for a state award. The three nominees are: Elsie Ward, Jocille Thompson, and Twyla Moore.

## KC Garden Club Meets in Merkel

Mrs. A. E. Suggs and Mrs. T. O. Massey presented the program when the Key City Garden Club met in the home of Mrs. Dale Litton in Merkel Thursday morning.

After a short business session Mrs. Suggs gave botanical names and pronunciations of plants. Mrs. Massey's talk was on culture and soil for Memerocallis, which is the botanical name for day lily. She pointed out that the day lily is very well suited to the soil in this locale.

Mrs. Litton discussed the many uses of bulbs and for early Spring Planting.

A covered dish luncheon was served at noon.

Ten members and one guest, Mrs. O. W. White, of Vernon, Mrs. Litton's mother; Mmes. A. B. Jones, of Merkel, T. O. Massey, A. E. Suggs, A. B. Morris, Otha Hillyard, Claud Osburn, Mrs. Hally and L. W. Hollis and from Abilene.

## Jim Hart Visits Merkel Tuesday

James P. Hart, candidate for United States Senator, paid Merkel a visit Tuesday morning while making a tour of West Texas campaigning for the office left vacant by Gov. Price Daniel.

Hart is former chancellor of the University of Texas and justice of the Supreme Court. He is now practicing law in Austin.

He said he was impressed with benefits from the soil conservation program in this area and the need for dam and reservoir development.

He said he was sorry that time would not permit him to talk with everyone personally but asked everyone's support in the coming election.

Mr. Hart is scheduled to be in Big Spring, Snyder, Colorado City, and Midland Thursday and in El Paso by Saturday. He is one of nine candidates seeking the office.

## Election Filing Notice Given

The Merkel City Council gave notice Wednesday of the coming city election to fill the following vacancies of Mayor and Alderman two (2) places two (2) years each.

Filing deadline for candidates will be 5 p.m., March 2nd, 1957. The Election will be held April 2, 1957, at the Welfare Office and shall conform as nearly as possible to the General Election Laws of Texas governing such Elections. The polls shall open at 8:00 A.M. and close at 6:00 P.M. Andy Shouse has been appointed Election Judge.

## Merkel AF Wives Hold Farewell Party Friday

Call business meeting of the Merkel AFB Wives Club was held in the home of Mrs. Stella McClure in place of the anniversary party last Friday night.

The affair was a farewell party for Mrs. Dorothy Chambers and Mrs. Beverly Vidrine.

Next meeting will be February 19, at the home of Mrs. Peggy Schultz assisted by Mrs. Helen Bishop. All Merkel Airmen's Wives are invited.

## Badgers Win District Down Coahoma 121-26

## C of C Banquet Monday Night With Johnston Murray as Guest Speaker

Mr. Johnston Murray, former governor of Oklahoma and son of the late Alfalfa Bill Murray, will be the guest speaker at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet at the school cafeteria Monday night at 7:30.

Mr. Murray is now vice president of the Welx Jet Services, Inc. of Fort Worth. He is a graduate of Oklahoma University and holds LL.B and LL.D degrees. He was in newspaper work

from 1918 to 1924. From there he went into the oil business in South America where he remained until 1930. Mr. Murray was later employed as manager by Consolidated Gas Company, personnel director of Douglas Aircraft Company.

Before his election to a term as governor of Oklahoma, Mr. Murray served as Oklahoma State School Land Commissioner from 1948 to 1950. He was elected governor in 1951 and served until 1954.

While Governor of Oklahoma, he served as chairman, Southern Governor's Conference, Chairman, Interstate Oil Compact Commission, Chairman, Educational T. V. Authority of Southern Regional Educational Conference, Member of Executive committee, National Governor's Conference and Member Board of Managers, Council of State Governments.

At present, he is vice-chairman Oil Industry Information Committee of API for South Texas, Past Lt. Governor of Kiwanis International, Past President of International Exchange Club, Member of Houston Nomads, member of Fort Worth Petroleum Club, Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association, American Petroleum Institute, and is Honorary Life Member of Professional Engineers of Oklahoma.



JOHNSTON MURRAY  
C of C speaker

## Style Show Plans Complete

Members of Lambda Beta Chapter met in the home of Mrs. Homer Patterson, Tuesday Night, February 5. The most important event of the evening was the planning of a style show which will be early in April at the new High School Auditorium. New Spring clothes for Easter and early Summer will be furnished by Mellingers and Brags. The sorority sponsored a style show in September, 1951 in which Brags furnished the clothes, but we hope that this one will be much larger.

A nominating committee was elected and the sorority decided to rush this spring. We have seven pledges who will become regular members in April and we would like to have some more pledges.

Mary Priscilla Hogsett gave a very delightful and informative talk on pictures. She explained the types and main features about pictures and then illustrated with large colored pictures.

A refreshment plate carrying out the Valentine theme was served to the following members: Mary Hargrove, Lucille Litton, Gloria Dorton, Bonnie Dayton, Viola Shields, Ruth McKinzie, Jean Goldstein, Ann Tipton, Mary Priscilla Hogsett, Billye Sarty and Val Patterson.

## Britta Denton Honored at Tea

Thursday evening, Feb. 7th, the charming home of Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner was the setting for a bridal gift tea with

Miss Britta Denton, bride-elect of Mr. Wayne Bradford of Abilene, as honoree. Assistants with Mrs. Gardner were Mrs. Waymond Adcock, Mrs. Carroll Benson, Frank Breaux, Mrs. C. A. Farley, Miss Nora Foster, Mrs. Edna Horton, Mrs. Bob McDonald, Mrs. Judd McReynolds, Mrs. Joe Nalley, Mrs. J. T. Neill, Mrs. O. W. Paine, Mrs. Nolan Palmer, Mrs. Bob Riney, Mrs. Bud Toombs, Mrs. Norman Winter, Mrs. Nathan Woods and Mrs. George Woodrum.

Miss Janie Breaux was at the door. In the receiving line was Miss Denton, her grandmother, Mrs. N. C. Bush, her mother, Mrs. Eva Faye Denton, the prospective bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Byron Frazier of Haskell and Mrs. John Storey of Lake Charles, Louisiana.

The bride's chosen colors, red and pink, were used effectively in the decorations. The table was covered with a red organza cloth, the buffant skirt falling to the floor. The table appointments were silver and crystal. Pink coronations and red candles in an unusual silver epergne completed the striking table arrangement.

Mrs. Carroll Benson poured tea and coffee, assisted in the serving by Ann Benson, Clydene Eager, Linda Winter and Jackie Hogan were in the gift room and Mrs. Pat Leverich was at the Bride's Book.

At intervals throughout the evening soft music was given by Mrs. Gardner and Mrs. Norman Winter.

## Auto Tags Go On Sale Here Mar. 6-7

Mr. Burl King, Taylor County Tax Assessor-Collector, announced this week that offices will be set up in the Merkel Chamber of Commerce building March 6 and 7 to sell auto tags for car owners in this area. He urged everyone to get theirs early and avoid the last minute rush. Bring your tax receipts of last year's registration, he added.

## Volunteer Firemen Douse Fire At Gin

The Merkel Volunteer Fire Department saved an untold damage when they extinguished a smoldering fire of scraps of cotton at the gin Monday around 6:30. The damage was only slight.

The Merkel Badgers sailed on to District 6-A championship as they dunned Coahoma in their season's highest score 121-26 with McLeod scoring 59 points, more than twice the amount of the other team's score.

Robert used his one hand scoop shot in a tricky play which proved very effective. Kermit Rutledge was close behind Robert with 29 points and Manley Denton, Sophmore, scored 12 points.

The Badgers went out front in the first quarter 32-4 and skunked Coahoma in the second when they failed to score. Merkel scored 32 more points in that quarter for 64-4 at the half.

Coahoma scored their best quarter in the third for 16 points against the Badgers 26, but only scored 6 points in the final period to 31 for the Badgers. Final score: Merkel 121; Coahoma 26.

The Coahoma Girls made a better showing against the Merkel girls as they won a close one 58-50. The Merkel girls are tied for first place with Roby in District standings.

## Grade School Hits Heavy on Rotan

The Merkel grade school boys and girls made a sweeping victory over Rotan Tuesday night with the following scores:

Eighth grade boys, 37-13. Seventh grade boys 24-16 and girls seventh and eighth grades 21-16.

High scorers were: James Bible, 8, Phil Seymore, 8, 8th grade; Kent Denton, 8, Eugent Hester, 10 7th grade; and the girls had Bennie Perry with 9 points and Ruth Corder with 8.

## Rotan Beats Roscoe 49-47 In Overtime

Rotan defeated Roscoe 49-47 in a close battle there Tuesday night as they went the limit tied 47-47. Bob Barker made the winning shot after tying it up in the closing seconds of the fourth quarter.

## Trent Loses To Loraine

The Trent Gorillas lost a close one to Loraine 55-53 in a Class B practice game there Tuesday night. In the girls game, Rose Mary Jones made 41 points to lead the girls to a 58-35 victory for Trent.

## Methodist Men Receive Charter

The Methodist Men's Club will be chartered at a meeting February 18. The charter will be presented by A. B. Crowder of Sweetwater who is District Lay Leader of the Abilene District. All men present on the 18th will become Charter Members.

The speaker for this meeting will be Eldon Mahon, District Attorney for Mitchell and Howard counties.

Regular meetings of the club will be on the third Monday night of each month.

Wives are invited to the February 18th meeting.

## Hospital Notes

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

- Mrs. J. W. Roper
- Mrs. K. B. Kimbler
- Mrs. C. L. Smith
- Mr. George Epperson
- Donna Scott
- D. H. Vaughn
- T. L. Grimes
- Jim Smith
- Ralph Lockhart
- Elena Hernandez
- Mrs. J. P. Davis



WILLIE WIREHANDS—is the name of Merkel's basketball team who are tied for first place in the games between Abilene and the Abilene Air Force Base. They are left to right; Dink Whisenhunt, Corky Cox, Sammy Scoggins, Conr... Jack Seymore and Don Dudley. — (Photo by Lynn Knight)

## Duval "Refugees" Cut Population By 43 Per Cent in Fifteen Years

By-FREDERICK HODGSON

SAN DIEGO, TEX.—In Duval County there has existed "an almost indestructible machine of theft, secrecy and terror." So states John Ben Shepperd, Attorney General of Texas.

If Shepperd be right is it any wonder that Duvalans flee to freedom through the Mesquite Curtain?

Between 1940 and 1955, inclusive, Duval County lost 43 per cent of her population.

In 1940 there were 20,565 people living in the County according to the U. S. Census.

By 1950 the population had dropped officially to 15,563.

By 1955 the population had dropped to an estimated 12,000, give or take a hundred or so either way.

This figure is based on a usually accurate barometer, on the school population which varies directly as the total population.

In 1950 there were 5,077 children attending public schools in Duval. By 1955 the number of children in school had dropped to 4,150, a loss of 927 in five years. The 1940 figure was 6,213.

All of the above figures are taken from the authoritative Texas Almanac—except the per centages.

Seven other Texas counties touch on the borders of Duval. These are Brooks, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, La Salle, Live Oak, Webb and McMullen.

All but two of these counties show population increases for the same period; the exceptions are Live Oak and tiny McMullen—and their losses are small.

In sharp contrast Brooks gained 44.5 per cent; Jim Wells, 38.3 per cent and Webb gained 22.3 per cent. These figures are for 1940-50. School population jumped in these three counties between 1950 and 1955, indicating a proportionate population gain.

Ask a Parr proponent to explain the exodus from Duval and he has a ready answer: the long drought and the trend to the big cities.

It isn't explained how the drought affects Duval more than her seven neighbors.

Nor what big cities exist in those seven counties. The only "big city" is Webb's Laredo with an estimated 59,000 people.

There can be but one answer for the Duval exodus. Too many people found life there unpleasant, unbearable, unsafe or unprofitable. So they packed up their families and vanished.

I was sitting in a restaurant in Jourdanton, the Atascosa county town, when a man came over and wanted to know what was going on at the courthouse. He thought I was a lawyer, and visiting lawyers are celebrities in Jourdanton.

I told him that Judge Barrow was hearing a case having to do with Parr's 55,711-acre Dobie Ranch.

"Use'ta live in San Diego one't," the man said.

I asked him why he left the place.

"Couldn't raise my kids there proper," he said. "I got beatened up one't and we didn't want our kids to see their daddy get beatened up."

When I pulled out my note book to jot down his name the man added this: "Nope, Nope. I got a married sister still livin' there."

The list of people forced to leave Duval County for one reason or another, frightened out or ordered out, is as long as your

arm, people whose names are on the record.

Let's consider a speech by Ricardo Barton, wealthy Duval and Jim Wells rancher, former Parr stalwart and now a foe of the Machine.

It takes courage to face up to one's past and obey the dictates of conscience, Barton, over the protests of his fearful family, showed up at an anti-Parr election rally and made a speech.

This, in part, is what he said: "I've been with the Duke in stealing from the school kids... Sixteen years ago Parr ran my own brother out of the county... I could tell you a few things about an unsolved murder or two... I want you all to know the truth about the Possum (the Latins' nickname for Parr, El Tlacuache—the Possum) even if I have to go to prison for it."

The exodus is not only from Duval. People are deserting the Parr camp in droves.

Most important of the defections, of course, is the present District Judge C. Woodrow Laughlin, a former Parr man who was once unceremoniously tossed out of office by the Texas Supreme Court. Duval County Judge Dan Tobin is another. Yet another is Manuel Marroquin, now editor of the anti-Parr bi-lingual tabloid newspaper "New Duval."

Marroquin, the man described by Assistant Attorney General Sidney Chandler as having "more intestinal fortitude than any other man in the county" gives an interesting sidelight on the Duke of Duval—and it's by the sidelights, the little things, that we understand people. Here's Marroquin's story, taken directly from a tape recording:

"I started to sell milk in my store and George Parr came in. I said 'George, will you do me a favor, take a bottle of milk and go outside with it, let people see you with it?'"

"George said to me, he said 'Meme'—he always called me Meme, that's short for Manuel you know—'I don't drink milk' and he started to go out."

"I said, 'George, I know you don't drink milk, but if people see you with my milk they'll buy it from me.'"

"He said, 'Sure, Meme, give me a bottle of milk.'"

"And I said, 'I won't charge you anything.' He put the money down anyway and I said 'If you want to throw the bottle away after the people see you with it, then throw it away. Just let the people see you with my milk and they'll buy my milk.'"

"He went out of my store and held up the bottle of milk and he waved it and before he got in his car he told everybody what fine milk I had. And he waved the bottle of milk out of the window of his car after he got in his car and drove off."

"For three days everybody in San Diego buys my milk. Everybody in San Diego's drinking milk, then... Wham! Nobody at all buys my milk. I had all my milk and it went bad. I lost plenty of money. You know what that blankety blank so and so did? His pistoleros found out they could make money with milk so George gave the milk business to a deputy sheriff."

"If that isn't a whimsical switch on old-style Bossism I'd like to know what it is. If the men who bossed Chicago in the days of Al Capone ever hear of it they'll be doing a dervish act in their graves. Milk!"

Later Marroquin opened a tor-

tilla bakery. Parr put him out of business.

Marroquin today is one of the Duval emigres. The five members of the Marroquin family have helped swell the census of neighboring Jim Wells County.

"Meme," with his Winchester always at the ready, lives just across the county line on Highway 44.

Take the case of another refugee, Jose Serna, brother of Donato Serna, now the Duval County auditor. Jose owned a cafe in San Diego and incurred the displeasure of the Boss. Here's how Donato tells the story:

"George Parr drove my brother out of the County, out of San Diego. Deputy sheriffs blocked the entrance to his place of business. They'd arrest customers who had one beer and charge them with drunken driving whether they owned automobiles or not. They didn't press any charges, just scared them so they wouldn't go in my brother's place any more."

"I went across the street with a loaded camera to take a picture for evidence and George Parr grabbed his pistol and ran across the street to me, cursing in Spanish. Tried to grab my camera. Amaya (Manuel Amaya, then deputy sheriff and now chief of police in San Diego) hit my camera with the barrel of his gun."

"Amaya said 'You're both (Donato and Jose) under arrest. Get in that car.' We got in and I said 'All right, arrest me but don't hit me.' They took us to the courthouse. George put his gun in his holster and hit me hard on the head with a five-cell flashlight. I sat down on the jailer's bunk. He was beating me up when Amaya took the flashlight away from him. Amaya put the camera on the table and they tore it to pieces. Then George told us 'Get the hell out of here.' We went."

Donato Serna stayed in Duval to fight.

In Duval these days a man either fights Parr or fights against him. The days of "inactive subversion" are over. In Duval it's physically impossible to sit on your hands and straddle the fence at one and the same time.

I first heard that term "inactive subversion" a few weeks ago in Austin as I sat and talked about Duval with John Ben Shepperd, who knows more about the county, probably, than any other person outside the immediate vicinity.

Shepperd's knowledge has grown out of his early undercover visits to Duval back in 1953, when he waited in a dark ranch house to talk with anti-Parr citizens who he said came stealing out of the bushes in the dark after parking their cars a mile away. Sometimes, he tells, they changed cars two or three times on the way to the rendezvous to keep from being followed by Parr men.

Months of this undercover investigation gave Shepperd enough information to sustain a frontal attack on "the stronghold of Parr. When the Parr dictatorship was first battered down on Duval, consolidating itself into "an almost indestructible machine of theft, secrecy and terror," the people were ignorant, miserable, exploited and politically inexperienced. Perhaps they cannot be blamed for letting themselves get caught in the coils. Today they're still miserable, still exploited and the illiteracy rate is among the very highest in the State of Texas.

But they've had political experience thrust upon them.

Quien sabe? Who knows, perhaps with upsurge of real democracy in the county that catastrophic population drop will be halted, even reversed.

Thanks to men like Serna, and Marroquin, and Shepperd and many, many others, Duval may not come into its own.

company are in general bound by the written word.

As a home owner, you have many risks, like fire, against which you can insure yourself.

Other insurable risks are theft, windstorm, hail, glass breakage, cloudbursts, explosion, and the like.

Other household hazards also cause damage. But people don't expect them and may not insure against them. For example, a tree may fall on your house; or

## 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 BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO: BONNIE OPAL BALDWIN, 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 25th day of March A. D. 1957, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 15th day of January A. D. in this cause, numbered 21,869-A on the docket of said court and styled A. A. BALDWIN, Plaintiff, vs. BONNIE OPAL BALDWIN, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: plaintiff and defendant were legally married on June 1, 1935 and separated 25th day of December 1950. Plaintiff alleges that there were no children born as a result of this marriage and no community-property accumulated.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment, 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 5th day of February A.D. 1957.

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

By Irene Crawford, Deputy.  
49-11-18-25-1

near some crossroad, a car may crash into your home.

Sometimes you can make the person who caused the damage pay. But if he has no money, and neither of you has insurance, you often must pay yourself.

Suppose a guest slips and falls on your floor and breaks his arm, or your dog bites the postman. You could be liable. You can insure yourself against many of these risks under the contracts we call insurance policies.

This column, prepared by the State Bar of Texas, is written to inform—not to advise. No person should ever apply or interpret any law without the aid of an attorney who is fully advised concerning the facts involved, because a slight variance in facts may change the application of the law.)

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## Warm Springs Pilot Unit To Open Mar. 1st in Laredo

GONZALES, January 31—Plans are tentatively underway by Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation to open a Pilot unit on March 1st, in Laredo.

This unit will be a physical therapy outpatient treatment center for the crippled children in the Laredo area, according to Paul M. Putnam, acting administrator.

"We are going down there to establish this clinic at the request of some 12 or 13 organizations who have wired urging us to do so," said Putnam. "There is a definite need for such a unit in that area."

The city of Laredo plans to turn over a former Girl Scout hut in the Laredo city park for the treatment center. According to Putnam, various civic organizations will pay the utilities.

"We hope to be able to serve an average of 24 patients daily, five days each week," said Putnam. "We plan to keep two physical therapists there full time."

The clinic will be under the direct supervision of Dr. Odon F. von Werssowetz, Foundation medical director.

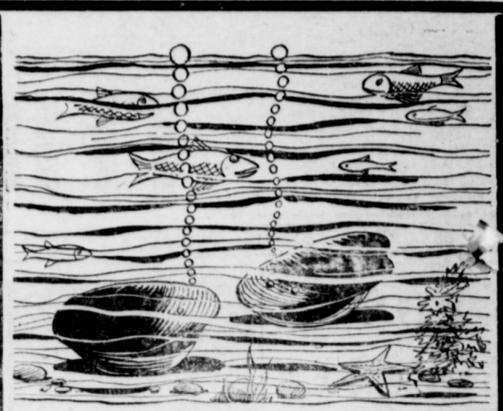
Dr. von Werssowetz and Putnam have been instrumental in the forming of the clinic. They recently made a trip to Laredo to meet with city officials and representatives of the Laredo county medical society, along with many other interested Laredo citizens who have crippled children.

Mrs. Ann Craig Foundation technical director, and Miss Editha Barton, physical therapy department chief, also met with these representatives.

"This is strictly an experiment for 90 days to see how such a unit functions," said Putnam. "As is the case Warm Springs Foundation, no crippled child will be denied treatment due to lack of funds, but we do plan to operate the unit on a self-sustaining basis to prevent adding additional expense to the Foundations budget."

Wires came from W. R. Compton, county chapter of the N.F.I.P. Judge Carlos I. Palacios, county judge of Webb county; James Reitmair, M.D., president of the Webb, Zapata, and Jim Aog County Medical society; Amelio Chito Diabla, Laredo Chamber of Commerce; Mrs. Joe Brand, president of the Mercy hospital auxiliary; Jose Lueria, commander of American Legion post 59; James A. Wanless, president of AFGE; Robert M. McVey, Laredo Chamber of Commerce; Lambda Delta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority; J. C. Martin Jr., Mayor of Laredo; Robert V. Dublin, chairman of the Crippled Children's committee, Laredo Rotary Club.

Mrs. J. S. Grant of Abilene was house guest of Mrs. Hugh Campbell Friday night and also visited another friend for the week end.



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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.

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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, 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 22nd day of January A.D. 1957.

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

## Veterans' Land Has Most Success On Tuesday's Sale

AUSTIN—Tuesday's Veterans' Land Board forfeited land sale was the most successful of the three that have been held, Land Commissioner Earl Rudder reported Friday.

The State received \$34,686.92 more than veterans owed on property when their contracts were forfeited. Previous sales had produced excesses of \$23,319.56 and \$5,951.84.

"The State didn't forfeit these lands with the hope of making a profit," Commissioner Rudder said. "Some veterans just didn't realize what a good thing they had and didn't keep up their payments."

In other record-breaking aspects of Tuesday's sale, the Veterans' Land Board accepted \$252,621.30 in bids. This is over \$14,000 more than in the second sale held in September, 1956. The first sale, in January, 1956, drew \$90,335.51 in acceptable bids.

A total of 741 bids were submitted in Tuesday's sale. This shattered the previous high of 355 bids, which were received for the September sale. The first sale drew 265 bids.

Property offered in these sales was originally purchased by qualified veterans through the Veterans' Land Program, but was later forfeited.

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**BACON** - - - - - lb. **59c**

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By TOM RUSSOM

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It is remarkable how fast small grain is growing after the rains. The attendance was up at Pioneer Church Sunday. Our Pastor's mother and his sister and her family of Abilene visited in his home and attended church Sunday.

Well they missed the oil again in the Canyon, and added another dry hole to its list, making a round a hundred dry holes in the Canyon, but leases are still selling good.

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It was surprising to know, to the south of us it didn't rain any to speak of. A farmer from Lawn told this writer he didn't have enough rain to gauge. We thought it was raining everywhere.

Ray Osburn and Horace Miles stockman on the north side of the Canyon reported over 4 in. of rain which was very good. They also reported with seed oats being too high to buy, that they did not expect to sow much oats. The land will go in Sudan grass and bundle feed.

Gerald Derrick Merkel stockman who owns a stock farm in the Canyon just across North of Tom Russom's place, has moved in some cattle on it this week. Gerald plans to sow quit a lot of the place in oats for grazing.

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**FOR SALE** — Equity in 80 acre farm. Modern 5-room frame house. Sacrifice for \$3,000. Call Trent, 2-9296. 49-2tp

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**FOR SALE** — 2 Story Apartment house. All rooms furnished, on 2 lots, will Finance. Write or see J. M. Chaney, Merkel, Tex. 49-4tp

**FOR SALE** — 1 room servants house to be moved. 1 pump and tank to water well with pipe. 406 Yucca, phone 97-J 47-3tc

**FOR SALE** — Nice 2 bedroom house in best part of town, already financed. Small down payments will handle. Dowdy & Toombs. 47-3sc

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

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

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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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**Legal Column**

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To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas — GREETING:

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**CITATION OF PUBLICATION**

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: 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 the 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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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 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 na-

ture 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.

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**Baptist T.E.L. Class Meets in Fred Baker Home**

The T.E.L. Class of The First Baptist Church met February 6th in the home of Mrs. Fred Baker with Mrs. A. R. Booth as Co-hostess. Vice President, Mrs. Fred Baker, presided. Opening prayer was led by Mrs. Hugh Campbell. Mrs. Max Allen gave the devotional. The closing prayer was rendered by Mrs. A. R. Booth. A delicious refreshment plate of cherry pie topped with cream Cherry Candy with miniature

James Smith and Mrs. Howard Mayes of Abilene.

Mrs. Lonnie Smith was called to Lubbock Saturday, February 2, when Edd Smith died of a heart attack. He is the brother of the late Lonnie Smith. Nieces and nephews attending the funeral Monday were Morris Lee Smith and children, Linnie and Ann, Harold Loyd Smith, Doris Shaw, and Jackie Lee all of Merkel.

James Smith and Mrs. Howard Mayes of Abilene.

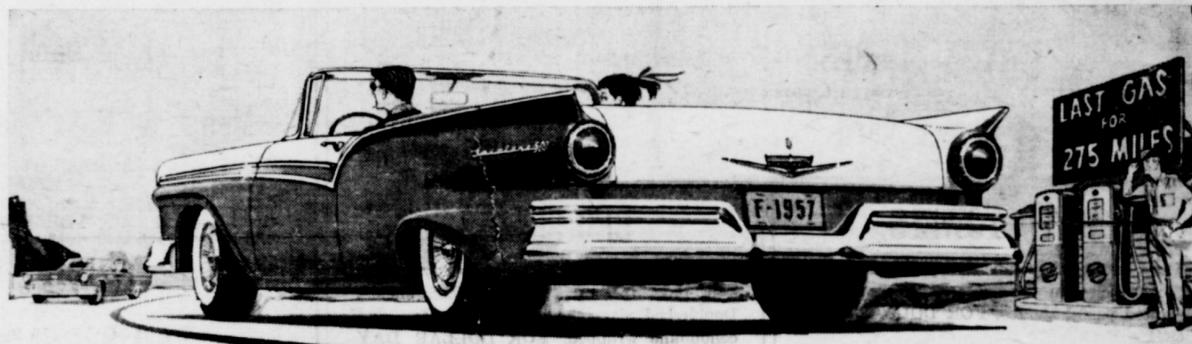
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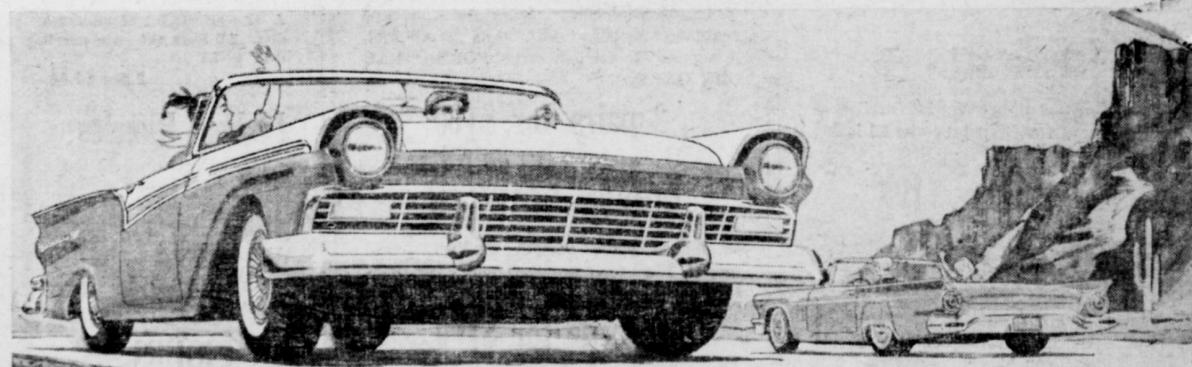
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## Lon McDonald Begins So. Taylor VA Position

Lon McDonald, 26, teacher of vocational agriculture at Lamesa the past two years, started Monday as the new VA teacher at South Taylor.

He succeeds Jack Hancock, who resigned last month to accept a position as field man with the Coleman Production Credit Assn. at Abilene.

Lon, a native of Merkel, graduated from Texas Tech in 1953 with a BS degree in agriculture. He majored in agricultural education.

McDonald went to Abilene Christian College for one semester and attended Arlington State College for two years before transferring to Tech.

After his graduation from Tech, Lon went into the Army for two years and served 13 months in Korea.

rea. He was discharged in 1955 as a first lieutenant.

Lon is married to the former Vada Campbell of Merkel. The

### LAWN NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Newberry and Ronny James, have moved from Abilene to Santa Fe, N.M., where Newberry will be a foreman in a Foremost Dairies plant. Mrs. Newberry is the former Melba Dean, daughter of the Algie Deans here.

Mrs. Kathryn Agee and children, Gene and Kathlene, accompanied by Mrs. Agee's mother, Mrs. M. C. Wolfe, drove to Blanket to visit the Maurice Wolf family.

Kyle Ellington of Melvin visited friends in Lawn Saturday. He and his wife formerly lived here and taught in the Lawn public school. His wife is the former Mary Bush.

Mrs. M. A. Patterson and Mrs. E. C. (Cub) Tucker, spent the weekend in Austin where they visited Mrs. Tucker's daughter, Mrs. Roger Dieckman, who is a patient in an Austin hospital. Mrs. Patterson visited her daughter, Mrs. Joe Nelson and family and other relatives, including another daughter, Mrs. Oleta Brabazon and her family.

Tommy Smith, son of the Lance Smiths, student at A&M College, spent the week end with his parents.

Mrs. Jimmie Rogers of Brownfield visited here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tucker. Tucker's sister, Mrs. Dennis Lilly and her husband, also of Brownfield, were other guests.

G. W. Stewart of Wichita Falls and his son, Bill Stewart of Dallas spent the week end with the Ernest Stewarts.

Mr. and Mrs. Rubert Stewart and children, Ann and Brenda, have moved from Abilene to Houston, where Stewart is employed as a welder in the Todd Shipyards. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stewart south-west of Lawn.

couple has a 13-month-old daughter, Cindy Lou.

McDonald's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob McDonald, still live at Merkel. His father has been a barber here for many years.

During his high school days, Lon compiled a highly creditable record with his livestock feeding projects as a Merkel FFA boy. His milkfed calves won the reserve championship of the State Fair of Texas at Dallas in 1947, the grand championship of the Taylor County show in 1947 and the county reserve title in 1948.

"Getting back to this area is like coming home," Lon said this week. "We're really glad to be getting back here."

Lon's Lamesa FFA boys gave a good account of themselves in the swine division of the Abilene Fat Stock Show this week. One of his students, Boll Bartlett, had the show's grand champion pen of barrows, Berkshires, fed out by one exhibitor.

### Highway Contract Let For So. Taylor County Project

A contract for 14.6 miles of construction on US Highway 89 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 Rannels 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 of the project while under construction.



### Sponsor Better Government Legislation

Rep. Louis H. Anderson and Sen. Charles F. Herring are shown above, left to right, as they confer on a Veterans Land Bill sponsored by the Texas Press Association. It is one of 15 bills to be introduced by TPA during the 55th Legislative Session. This bill would require publication of a classified ad in the hometown newspaper of any veteran applying for a loan to purchase land under the benefits of the Veterans Land Act. It would name the veteran who has made such application, specifically designate the land, and quote the purchase price. "By this method," said Herring, "the public would know what is being done with our Veterans Land Funds, and who is taking advantage of the State's generous offer." Said Anderson, "This simple notice will stop once and for all the false applications for veterans lands. Had it been in effect years ago it would have saved the state millions of dollars." Both legislators are veterans. Anderson is from Midland; Herring is from Austin.

### BUFFALO GAP

Mrs. James Evans of Abilene was honored with a pink and blue gift tea at the home of Mrs. L. W. Stewart in Buffalo Gap. Mrs. Evans is the former Doris Jean

Seabolt, daughter of the Doc Seabolt of Lake Abilene. Guests attended from Abilene Buffalo Gap and Tuscola. Mrs. C. R. Youngblood of Abilene, grandmother of Mrs. Evans, was among the guests.

### TUSCOLA NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Moore and daughters, Annielee and Nancy, of Fort Worth, visited here with friends, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Browns, and his wife are parents of a son, Richard Dale, born last week in an Abilene hospital.

Mrs. J. D. Ernest spent a few days in El Paso visiting her son, Airman Donald Ernest, his wife and daughter, Iona Gale. Mrs. Ernest saw the grandson for the first time. The baby was born Jan. 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Herrington and daughter of Odessa were among the visitors in the Bob Herrington home last week. Mr. Bob Herrington is recovering from a heart attack in a Winters' hospital. It was reported that he would be brought home in a few days.

Mrs. W. A. McCandless returned home after a week's visit with her daughter, Mrs. and Mrs. Gilbert Boswell and son Bill Mack of Abilene, Saturday.

### Lawn 4-H Club Met Feb. 5 In School

Twenty three members of the Lawn 4-H Club met at the school cafeteria here Feb. 5. The lesson presented by Carolyn Ford and Kay McAdams, was arranging bedroom furniture for convenience and livability. A flannel board was used to demonstrate the best way to arrange furniture to avoid drafts on the bed, and make passageways to closets and beds.

Mother leaders present were, Mrs. Harold Ford, Mrs. Roland McAdams, and Mrs. Herman Hamon. Reta Fuller directed games.

Dr. and Mrs. William P. Phillips of Tyler, were guests in the home of Rev. C. G. Sewell the past weekend. Dr. Phillips was Secretary of the young people and adult departments of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board of Nashville, Tennessee, for twenty-eight years.

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### OVALO NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie Dean of Altus, Okla., visited here with his mother, Mrs. E. N. Smith and her husband.

Visitors in the home of Mrs. W. Z. Williams were her two sons, L. R. and Joe Williams and their families of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carroll stopped here to visit her parents, the John Lewalls. They were en route to California from Palo Alto, an oilfield work-

Several members of the crew working on the state highway widening project here are making their homes in Ovalo and have their machinery stationed here. Some of the men have their families with them. Work on the highway started at the Rannels county line south of Bradshaw and will continue to the Y north of Tuscola, adding several feet in width to the present road.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bush of Lubbock spent the week end here with his father, Jasper Bush and his sister, Mrs. Carl Hothan and family.

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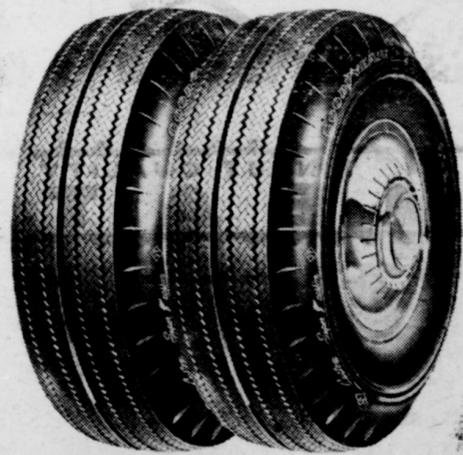
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**CHUCK ROAST** - - - lb. 39c

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