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Highline Installation Man Falls 35 Feet, Breaks Back

Ernest Boyd, 19, was reported in satisfactory condition at Baylor University Hospital in Dallas Wednesday after an electric shock threw him off a highline pole here last Thursday afternoon.

Boyd, an employee of the Joe Batis Construction Co. of Abilene, fell 35 feet to the ground. His back was broken and he received slight burns on the face and hands.

Witnesses said Boyd was helping replace some West Texas Utilities Co. lines beside U. S. Highway 80 at the west edge of town. Some connecting rods protruded from his belt while he

was on the pole and the rods touched the electrical wires. Employees of Taylor Electric Cooperative, who heard Boyd's screams and went to his aid, were commended for not moving him. He was taken to Sadler-Clinic Hospital by Starbuck Ambulance and later flown to Dallas.

Mr. Boyd and his wife live in Abilene.

Buddy Poppy Sale Held Saturday

Cub Scouts will help the newly reorganized Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars with the Buddy Poppy Sale to be held here Saturday, May 25.

Proceeds from the sale will go to help maintain the National Home, a place where youngsters of departed veterans are given a chance to be reared and educated in a Christian home, and into a fund for veterans in hospitals.

There are many veterans passing their days in hospitals and some will never live anywhere else. The fund for them is to brighten their lives in any way they can.

"By honoring the living, the children and widows in National Home and the disabled in our hospitals, we honor also the memory of those who paid the supreme price for the freedom we now enjoy," says Mrs. Dorothy Davis, president of the local auxiliary.

The auxiliary urges everyone to "Honor the dead by helping the living" and buy a Buddy Poppy Saturday.

Any cub scout interested in helping with the sale may call Mrs. Davis at 315 M.

Clergymen On "Texas In Review"

As part of the observation of Soil Stewardship Week in Texas, clergymen from Abilene and surrounding areas will be shown on the television program "Texas In Review" next week.

The purpose of Stewardship Week is to encourage better farming and conservation methods.

The clergymen will be shown as they were escorted through the fields of the area to view conservation projects.

The program can be seen Tuesday, May 28, at 9:30 p.m. on KRBC-TV, Abilene.

Former Canyon Farmer Visits

Mr. D. D. Coats of Cache, Okla. is visiting friends and relatives in and around Merkel.

Mr. Coats, a former Mullberry Canyon farmer, moved to Oklahoma ten years ago.

Born in Dallas County, he was married in Merkel in 1898.

Mr. Coats remembers back when the T & P Depot was in a boxcar here in Merkel. He has been receiving the Merkel Mail for 58 years.

The regular meeting of the board of directors of Taylor Telephone Cooperative was held at the Merkel office Tuesday, May 21.

At the meeting were: C. T. Myatt, president; Boles Fry, vice-president; Frank Antille, secretary; J. C. Raper; Troy Sloan; Clark Perkins; L. O. Huddleston; J. J. Farmer; R. R. Petty; John Hardesty, manager; and Jack South, office manager.

Local Students, McM Graduates

Four Merkel students will graduate from McMurry College May 27 in the school's 34th annual commencement exercises.

They are Carolyn and Marolyn Teaff, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Teaff, Jr., Rt. 3, Merkel; Clesby Patterson; and Robert Thomas Hodges, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Hodge.



CAROLYN TEAFF

Miss Carolyn Teaff is the valedictorian of the 1957 graduating class at McMurry. She will graduate Summa Cum Laude. She is a member of Alpha Chi and Future Teachers of America. She will receive a bachelor of science degree with a major in business administration and a minor in history.



MAROLYN TEAFF

Miss Marolyn Teaff is the eighth-ranking senior in her class. She will graduate Cum Laude, with a bachelor of science degree with a major in business administration and a minor in history. She is a member of Alpha Chi and Future Teachers of America.

Patterson will receive a bachelor of arts degree in religion.



ROBERT THOMAS HODGES

Hodges will receive a bachelor of business administration degree with a major in accounting and a minor in math. He is a member of the Science Club, Business Club, Business Club, and golf team. Hodges is a 1948 graduate of Merkel High School.

The Rev. Durwood Fleming, pastor of St. Luke's Methodist Church in Houston, will deliver McMurry's baccalaureate sermon at 8 p.m. Sunday, May 26 in Radford Memorial Auditorium.

Dr. Dan Dodson, director of the Center for Human Relations and Community Studies of New York University, will give the commencement address at 10 a.m. Monday May 27.

Scheduled to receive the honorary doctor's degree from McMurry in the commencement exercises are the Rev. Fleming, Dr. Dodson, the Rev. Bryan Hall of El Paso, Stanley W. Crosby of

Commencement Exercises Friday Evening at 8 P. M.

Cemetery Work Needed

Due to the unusual rains, the weed problem at the cemetery is getting out of hand. We are asking for volunteers from lot owners to clean your lot at this time in order to help our sexton to catch up. If each of us that live in this vicinity will help in this instance we believe that it will prove to make the difference between an ill kept and a well kept cemetery.

Merkel Cemetery Association.

Youth Center, Meeting Topic

A meeting will be held for the purpose of organizing a youth center at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 23, in the REA Auditorium. Teenagers as well as parents or any interested person are invited to attend.

Local social and civic organizations that have been contacted are asked to send their representatives.

There is a great need for a youth center in Merkel and suggestions are needed and will be welcomed. Everyone interested in the welfare of our children is urged to attend.

Mrs. Hugh Campbell accompanied by her granddaughter, Mrs. Bobby Toliver and Mrs. Reuben Horton, visited her son, R. B. Horton, who is in the hospital in Abilene.

State Garden Club Reports Given in Twyman Collins Home

Members of the Merkel Garden Club were entertained in the home of Mrs. Twyman Collins last Thursday afternoon for the final meeting of the year.

House guests here for the party were Mrs. E. H. Talley and Mrs. Floy Massey, both of Denton.

Reports from the State Garden Club convention at San Antonio were given by Mrs. Collins, club president, and Mrs. Dale Litton, club delegate. Installation of officers for the ensuing year was conducted by Mrs. Talley, using the word design for her basic remarks.

The following were installed: Mrs. Robert T. Hodge, president; Mrs. Dee Grimes, 1st. vice-president; Mrs. Charlie Sherrill, 2nd. vice-president; Mrs. A. B. Allen, 3rd. vice-president; Mrs. Dale Litton, 4th. vice-president; Mrs. Alma Collins, secretary; Mrs. Clyde Bartlett, corresponding secretary; Mrs. A. H. McMurray, treasurer; Mrs. W. T. Sadler, parliamentary; Mrs. Jack Wallace, reporter.

An ice course was served to

Sara Wheeler Gets Scholarship

Sara Wheeler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wheeler, was awarded a scholarship for next year by the Kappa Delta Pi at Sul Roll College.

Sara, a graduate of Noodle High School, was elected secretary-treasurer of the Sul Ross Student Council and vice-president of the Kappa Delta Pi.

Miss Wheeler, who will be a senior next year arrived home Wednesday.

Merkel FHA News

The Merkel FHA Chapter has recognized the work of the following girls and recommended that they receive their Junior degrees of Achievement:

Martha Cason, Freshman, Dana Durham, Sophomore, Wanda McLean, Sophomore, Shirley Carey, Sophomore, Becky Ray, Junior.

In addition to her Junior degree, Becky Ray also received her Chapter degree which is only one step from State, the highest one can receive.

Keep up the good work girls! We're for you!

35 Members In Senior Class

Dr. Elwin Skiles, minister of the First Baptist Church, Abilene, will be the commencement speaker for the 1957 graduating class of Merkel High School.

Commencement exercises will be held at 8 p.m., Friday, May 24, in the Merkel High School Auditorium.

There are 35 members of the senior class this year. Jocille Thompson is valedictorian of the class, Margaret Chancy, salutatorian, and Jimmy Neill, highest ranking boy.

Mr. Mack Fisher, superintendent of schools, will present the diplomas and Principal Edwin Read will present the special awards and scholarships.

Mrs. Edwin Read, violinist, and Mrs. Comer Haynes, pianist, will furnish the music for the processional and the recessional.

Complete program for the exercises follows:

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Salutatory Address, "To Walk in the Light" — — — — —
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Class President's Address, "What Makes America" — — — — —
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Audience will stand for the Processional but will remain seated for the Recessional.

Curb Service Drive-In Opens

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Webber have recently opened a drive-in snack bar in conjunction with their grocery store across the street from the High School Gym.

They offer curb service after 6 p.m. each week day and after 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Window service may be used from 11 a. m.

They feature fried shrimp and real pit barbecue as well as a complete line of sandwiches and short orders. They also serve dairy products.

Mr. and Mrs. Webber formerly operated the Nook Cafe and have been in their present location for two years.

Freak Explosion Hurts 2 Men

A freak butane explosion burned Albert Holt, 60, and his son Mark, 30, Tuesday morning at their home five miles northwest of Trent. The explosion occurred about 10:30 a.m.

The elder Holt sustained first and second degree burns of the face and hands, and Mark sustained "considerably more extensive second degree burns," an attendant said Tuesday night. He was burned on the face, neck, hands and ankles, and suffered a certain amount of shock. Both were said to be in satisfactory condition Tuesday night at Sadler Clinic Hospital.

Mrs. Holt, who was also in the house at the time of the explosion, was not badly burned. She had lighted the kitchen stove and sat down in a middle room of the house when the explosion occurred.

Her stockings were burned off her legs below the knees. The explosion occurred as a result of using a pressurizing tank to blow out coils of a deep freezer, according to a friend of the family, Mrs. Eldon Hicks.

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C of C Calls Meet For Membership

A call membership meeting of the Chamber of Commerce has been set for 7:30 p.m., Monday, May 27, in the REA Auditorium.

Members will hear a report on the low income housing project by Mack Fisher, chairman of special housing committee. He will report on the committee findings of several housing projects in outlying areas.

This committee has made investigations into the low income housing project that they might give an accurate report to Chamber of Commerce members.

All members are urged to be present.

Mrs. T. I. Hicks and Thresa were week-end guests in the Glenn Robertson home

HOSPITAL NEWS

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

Terry Sue Wozencraft
Mrs. Bill Haynes
A. V. Dick
Mrs. Bobby Jo Hollis and baby girl
B. C. Davis
E. D. Carson
Mrs. Alenjandro Moreno and baby boy
Mrs. Z. M. Sumpter
Charles Washburn
Mrs. Andy. Fontopolis
Mrs. Mary J. Carey
Mrs. Leroy Armstrong
M. G. Holloway
Mary A. Holt
A. A. Holt
Mrs. T. J. Amason



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explosion, and hair was singed off a dog lying under the kitchen table.

Mrs. Hicks said two wool coats hanging in the doorway to Mark's room dropped to the floor in ashes as Mrs. Holt brushed past them. Plastic upholstery on furniture was also burned.

Mark is a student at McMurry College in Abilene.

Mr. Holt does a large amount of public work with farm machinery and all the farm machinery is equipped for butane use

Swimming Pool Open Saturday

The Merkel swimming pool will open at 10:00 o'clock Saturday morning, May 25.

Work has been completed on the new fence, cleaning and painting the pool and work is progressing on the picnic area.

Season tickets are on sale at Merkel Drug with substantial savings offered to swimmers.

Life guards will be on duty at all times and the purification of the water is under constant control and test. Pool closing time is 10:00 p.m.

Armed Forces Day At Dyess AFB

People from Merkel and the surrounding area had an opportunity to look over Air Force installations and see a formal parade and review Saturday on Armed Forces Day at Dyess Air Force Base.

Some of America's most up-to-date aircraft was available for inspection by the visiting public and exhibits along the flight line were kept open well past the 1 p.m. closing time.

The weather cancelled all but one of the flyovers and the arrival of outside planes for the static displays. The only plane to reach the base was the F100 Super-Sabre which buzzed the field about midmorning.

Included in the parade along with units from Dyess Air Force Base were members of the Navy and Marine Reserve organizations from Abilene as well as members of the Abilene Civil Air Patrol Squadron. In addition to the marching units the parade was made up of a number of ground support mobile units ranging from crash fire trucks to aircraft towing vehicles. The Hardin-Simmons ROTC marching band was on hand to provide music for the event.

Awards were given during the review by Brig. Gen. Charles B. Westover, division commander. Periodic squadron, aircrew and outstanding performance awards were presented Dyess airmen and officers at the breakfast Saturday morning for civic leaders in Abilene and surrounding towns.

MERKEL 40 YEARS AGO

The following are the 28 members of the class of 1916-17, of Merkel High School, their motto being, "Our Glory consists not in falling, but in rising every time we fall."

Personel of Class: Lee Baker, Leslie Brady, Joel Counts, Homer Laney, Judson McRee, Paul McMurray, Hobson Robertson, Arl Sharp, Will Tucker, Laura Beard, Ruth Cowan, Dorothy Duckett, Gladys Haynes, Vida McNeese, Eunice Russell, Wilna Smith, Oralie Sandusky, Mary Teaff, Lucy Tracy, Jewell Toombs, Charlie Bell Thomas, Mary Tucker,

Lillian Watts, Stella Pearl Watts, Agnes Lassiter, Edith Brown, Merle Clark and Elsie Sharp.

I have prepared a dressing room for both ladies and men at the Warren Lake and hereafter all bathers must wear suits. Bathing 10 cents.

On Sunday afternoon the Lake will open to the public with a special program. The ballon man will mak a highdive and will give expert swimming demonstration. J. B. Walton.

Legal Column

PUBLIC NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

Notice is hereby given that the partnership lately consisting of B. F. Gilchrist and Robert E. Miller of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, under the firm name of Gilchrist Drilling Company, was dissolved and the entire interest in the business was purchased by B. F. Gilchrist on the 27th day of April, 1957. All debts owing to the partnership will be received by the said B. F. Gilchrist and all demands on said partnership are to be presented to him for payment.

That the said B. F. Gilchrist will continue to operate said business known as Gilchrist Drilling Company under the name of Gilchrist Drilling Company, and that his temporary place of business is 901 Pine Street, Abilene, Texas, but after June 1, 1957, his said address will be 3309 South 1st Street, Abilene, Texas.

This, the 27th day of April, 1957.

B. F. Gilchrist
Robert E. Miller

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: Oscar W. Lewis, 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 24th day of June A. D. 1957, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 11th day of April A. D. 1957, in this cause, numbered 22,076-A on the docket of said court and styled Estella M. Lewis, Plaintiff, vs. Oscar W. Lewis, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows.
This is a suit for divorce, as more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

The farmers are beginning to get back in to the fields to give the weeds a battle. Most of the country has a cover on it now weeds and everything else. But a few days of sunshine will give us a chance to get the weeds down.

Mac Seymore has been enjoying himself while at home on leave from service. He was at church Sunday shaking hands with friends.

The club women gathered at Pioneer Church Tuesday to do some cleaning on the grounds.

Herbert Swinney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney who has been with a road construction company, near Abilene, has been transferred to Colorado City to work.

Our church has granted our pastor a weeks leave which he will spend part of that time at the Annual Conference in Northwest Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seymore had their two daughters and their families home over the week end, one from Muleshoe and the other from Snyder.

Tom Russom and Elmer Ward of Pioneer church attended the Men's meeting at the Methodist Church in Merkel Monday night. They reported a real good time and a fine supper and program.

Cramer Reynolds who has a stock farm on the North side of the Canyon is planning to mow his oates and leave them on the ground for a cover crop. He has the land in the soil bank.

Mrs. Luther Dunn has been in Abilene looking after a new born baby girl. She reports mother and baby doing fine.

W. C. Perkins, stockman on the Divide, reports wheat and oates in that area are fine, but they need sunshine bad to check the rust which is shoying up in the grain.

Mrs. Newman Buried Here

Mrs. Rebecca Viola Patterson Newman, 78, long time resident of Taylor County, died at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Sadler Clinic Hospital.

Mrs. Newman was born Viola Patterson on May 22, 1878, in Mississippi and moved to Abilene in 1895. In 1896 she married Job McCoy. In 1903 she was married to R. L. Newman who died in 1947. She had been a member of the Primitive Baptist Church in Abilene since early girlhood.

Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Merkel Church of Christ with Jesse Bass, elder of the Primitive Baptist Church, and Bob Cannon, minister of the Merkel Church of Christ, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

She is survived by two sons; Hollis of Merkel and Arthur of Dallas; three daughters, Mrs. E. L. Owens of Snyder, Mrs. J. G. Gilmore of Big Spring and Mrs. Oddie Jones of Merkel; six brothers; James, Brooks, Willie, Homer and Herbert, all of Merkel, and Emmett of Hodges; a sister, Mrs. B. E. McCoy of Abilene; 18 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. Grandsons were pallbearers.

Mrs. Etta Tucker went to Albany to attend the funeral of P. S. Fincher. She was accompanied home by her son, Rev. Charles Tucker and his daughter, Dorothy, of Houston. They spent the night and left for home the following day.

SYLVESTER NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Sipe were hosts for a dinner in their home Sunday.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Sexton of Slaton, Mr. and Mrs. Marlee Halloman Slaton, Mr. and Mrs. Yates Sipe and Cresta Jean, Tvent, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Caffey, Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Roy Lawbs and Lynn of Coleman, Mrs. John Lawbs and Gloria Sylvester and Mr. and Mrs. Claud Ward and son Stevie, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Ward and Stevie are sailing for France June third for three years in the army.

Mickie Douglass and Beverly Hallford were honored with a birthday party Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Douglass. Refreshments were served to: Mickie Douglass, Beverly Hallford, Johnnie Heutly, J. E. Tittie, Ruth Ann Crist, Bob and Ronnie Dawlis, Al Maberry, Kay Lawlis, Kenneth and Gary Douglass. Pictures were taken of the group.

Mrs. W. B. Brown and Lee Dickerson are in the hospital this week.

Mrs. H. C. Cabaness is visiting in Shamrock, Texas with her granddaughter.

Mrs. Holt Gives Program

Mrs. Harry Holt, Abilene, was guest speaker when the Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Mary Priscilla Hogsett Tuesday night. Co-hostess was Lucille Litton.

Mrs. Holt gave demonstrations in clay modeling and ceramics. Jean Goldstein and Rojean Hicks were in charge of the program.

Installation of officers for the coming year was held with the following new officers being installed: Lucille Litton, president; to succeed Mary Hargrove, outgoing president; Gloria Dorton, vice president; Billy South, recording secretary; Bonnie Dayton, treasurer; Rojean Hicks, reporter; and Mrs. Earl Hughes, sponsor.

The sorority voted to donate ten dollars to the Red Cross Swimming Instruction Program.

Refreshments were served to the following members: Rojean Hicks, Bonnie Dayton, Bonnie Douglas, Edis Lee Hardesty, Mary Hargrove, Lucille Litton, Mary Priscilla Hogsett, Viola Shields, Mrs. Earl Hughes, Jean Goldstein, Ruth McKinzie, Val Patterson.

Billie South, Mildred Cypert, Mildred Reeger, Opal Derstine, Merle Anderson, Bobby Mansfield, Nancy Green and Margarie Knight.

In 1794 patrons of New York's only hostelry, the City Hotel, had to bring their own vegetables and their own bread — and pay extra for having the vegetables cooked.



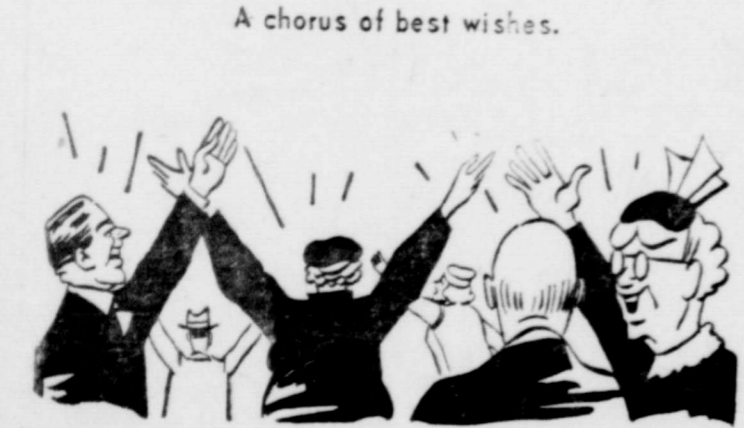
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Gray, Fowler Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Gray of Monahans announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Doris, to Bobby Fowler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fowler, Lubbock.

Wedding vows will be exchanged Thursday, May 30, at 2:00 p.m. in the home of the bride's parents. The Rev. Levi Price will officiate.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Monahans High School and Draughon's Business College. She is employed at Clowe and Cowan, Inc. in Lubbock. Mr. Fowler is a graduate of Merkel High School and is a Junior Architectural Major at Texas Tech.

Jones County HD Meeting Held

Eleven clubs were represented when the Jones County Home Demonstration Council met Wednesday, May 15, in Mrs. Newberry's office.

Club and committee reports were given and Mrs. Frank Carter, F.H.D.A. chairman, asked each club to have their candidate at the June Council to be voted on for delegates to the State Meeting.

"Conservation" will be the theme for camp to be held July 11 and 12, at Leuders Camp Ground. Each club is to bring a short skit on conservation.

Mrs. O. B. Leach of Stith was elected camp song leader to be assisted by Mrs. Joe Carlton. Mrs. Newberry urged all club members to make a special effort to attend and help make this the

Church Party Honors Largents

Members of the First Baptist Church had a dinner party Friday evening, May 17, in the church parlor honoring Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Largent, Rev. W. J. Saffle, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Largent and children, Janie, Julia and Jay.

The western theme was carried out in the decorations and program. Following a bountiful dinner, the group engaged in contest games and singing. At the conclusion gifts were presented to each of the honorees.

Ray R. Elliott of Dallas, visited his mother, Mrs. W. M. Elliott, on his way to San Angelo on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Delton Grayson of Lubbock were guests of their uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Grayson, Sunday.

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SPECIALS FOR THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, - MAY 23-24-25

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BAR-B-Q SAUCE - - - - - 49c

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COFFEE - - - - - \$1.29

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2 FOR 49c

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SWEET - BUTTER
CHOCOLATE - SKIM

QUART - HALF-GALLON
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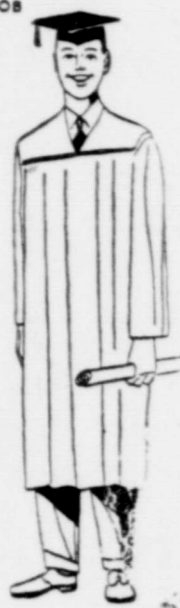
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T. G. Hull and daughter Macy
helped sing. We do appreciate
them coming in to our home.

Mrs. Bill Ward of Ft. Worth
and daughter Mrs. E. Wisener
visited Uncle Ben Wheeler Sun-
day.

Mr. Bob Hasting of Abilene
visited John Mansfield Sunday
morning. He and John use to
work together thirty years ago.

We are very sad for we lost
Mrs. R. L. Newman by death. Al-
though in her pain she never
complained. She was loved by not
only the patients but every one
here in the home. We are going
to miss her very much. We ex-
tend our sympathy to the family
who are left behind. Your loss
and our loss is Heavens gain.

We want to thank the Ford
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us. We enjoyed them very much.
We hope that they don't wait
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Mr. and Mrs. Warren Price and
Mrs. Barney Gibbs of Baird visit-
ed Mr. Smedley last week.

Mrs. Margaret Sparks and
daughter, and her husband and
son of Abilene visited Mrs. Pearl
Wiggins Sunday.

Rev. Agnew, pastor of the As-
sembly of God Church came Sun-
day and filled his appointment.
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and Mrs. Pat Cepert with him to help
Agnew came with him to help
Agnew. Everyone enjoyed the quar-
tet. Dr. and Mrs. Chaney, Mr. and
Mrs. Pat Cepert. We enjoyed the
sermon and song service and we
will be looking forward to their
next appointment.

Mrs. Densel Cox brought a
large bouquet of white Gladioli
from her son Corky's wedding
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Mr. Elbert West of Stith visited
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Paul Wheeler of Abilene visit-
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since he has been up and boy
was he glad to see his bed when
he got home. We are very happy
that he is improving so nicely.
He invites his old friends to
come to visit him.

Mr. J. L. Cade of Abilene visit-
ed his mother Granny Cade last
week.

We want to thank Mrs. Jessie
Keagan who comes up to see her
father-in-law and plays the piano
for the old people.

We want to thank Judd & Ellen
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not only enjoyed the fruit brought
but they enjoyed her personal
visit with each patient. We en-
joyed having her and invite her
back to see us.

We want to thank Nettie Harris
for the nice fresh onions and
Radishes that she brought the
home.

Mrs. Calvin Haygood and chil-

dren, Gary and Sherry, of Arling-
ton, are visiting her parents, Mr.
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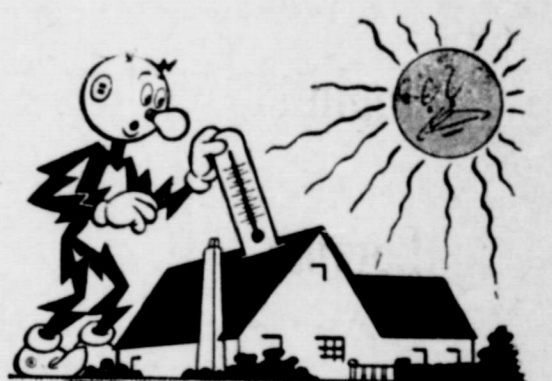
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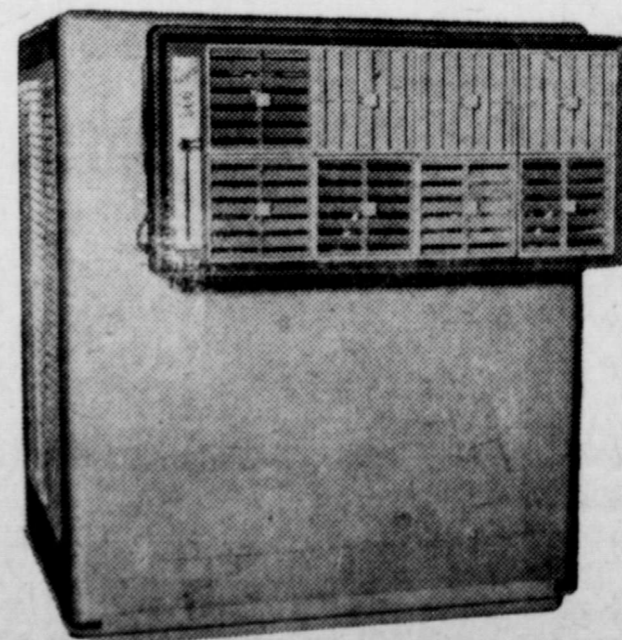
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Mr. and Mrs. Storey W. Bonner of Sweetwater are parents of the bride and Mr. and Mrs. Denzel Cox of Merkel are parents of the bridegroom.

John Ferguson, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, read the double ring service before an altar decorated with bouquets of white gladioli, stock and gypsophyllia. Swedish steel candelabra burning blue tapers flanked the altar.

Organist Florabel Patton accompanied soloist, Betty Laymon, who sang "Because" and "The Lord's Prayer."

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a gown of lace and tulle over white satin. Her bridal bouquet was a cascade of white roses roped with pearls.

Mrs. D. L. Willis, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. She wore a dress of blue lace over pink tulle and carried a bouquet of pink sweetheart roses on a pink lace fan.

Bridesmaids were Lavaughn Cole and Mrs. James Grant. D. C. Hendricks of Merkel was best man. Ned Watts and Bobby Owens of Merkel were ushers.

Melinda O'Kelly, niece of the bridegroom, was flower girl. Sammy Renfro, nephew of the bride, was ring bearer.

Reception was held at the home of the bride's cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Jack D. Spiwill, 2117 Meander St. Betty Laymon, Jean Anthony and Wilma Bush were in the houseparty.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox will be at home at 2404 S. 3rd St. after May 19.

The mysterious "X" ray was first discovered in 1895 by Wilhelm Konrad Roentgen, German physicist, while he was experimenting with high vacuum tubes. It was he who named the ray "X" for unknown quantity, though medically it is called the roentgen ray.

Just to prove there's nothing new in the world, hi-fi fans may be surprised to learn that Thomas A. Edison, inventor of the phonograph, spent a great deal of time trying to find a permanent needle of stylus and eventually found that a diamond point was most satisfactory.



May 26 - June 2 Is Slated For Soil Stewardship Week

National Soil Stewardship week May 26 - June 2, will be observed by local churches next week.

It is very fitting that churches should devote one church program each year to Soil Stewardship. In the Garden of Eden, God made man a steward of the land. Although we have a title to land, we are merely caretakers or custodians for a short while and then it is passed on to others. According to the 24th chapter of Psalms "The Earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." God created the earth by His divine process for the benefit of man, not one man, nor one generation, but mankind for all time.

In 1939 Dr. Walter C. Lowder-

milk made an extensive trip to the Near East studying why the vast population and flourishing cities of Biblical times, had ceased to exist. He inspected many thousands of square miles seeing ruined cities, many of which he found buried deep under the products of soil erosion, ancient abandoned irrigation systems, dried up stream beds, barren deserts and remnants of one-time forested areas. From his observations, Dr. Lowdermilk concluded that man's failure to be a good steward of God's gift to mankind was the direct cause of the waste and desolation of those lands.

In a radio broadcast from Jerusalem, Dr. Lowdermilk proposed what has become known as an "Eleventh Commandment" which follows:

Thou shalt inherit the Holy Earth as a faithful steward, conserving its resources and productivity from generation to generation. Thou shalt safeguard thy fiddles from soil erosion, they link waters from drying up, they forests from desolation, and protect thy hills from overgrazing

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Merkel Student H-SU Class Officer

Hardin-Simmons University students elected their class officers for the coming year at their monthly class meetings.

Charles Perry, a junior from Sudan, was elected to head next year's senior class. He will succeed David McPherson of Rio Dell Calif. Jerry (Slim) Cunningham of Merkel was elected vice president.

Perry, who was treasurer of his class this year, is a business major. He has also been active in intramural sports on the campus.

Jerry, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cunningham, is a physical education major and a basketball player. He has also been elected treasurer of the Lettermen's Club for next year.

Other officers for next year's senior class are Lynn Meeks of Sudan, secretary; Phyllis Lockhart, Seminole, reporter; James Welch from Seymour, treasurer; and Shirley Sizemore of Hutchins and Gerald Norman of Abilene will serve as social chairmen.

Since 1954 the number of farm residents in Texas has increased by 30,000. Since 1933 the trend has been downward. The farm population now makes up only 13.2 percent of the state's total population but this figure is dropping because of the rapid increase in the urban population, says R. L. Skrabonek, Department of Agricultural Economics and Sociology, Texas A&M College.

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Wildlife Service Restocks Tanks

The long-dry tanks and ponds of Texas farms and ranches — most of which are now filled with water from recent rains — can be restocked with game fish — Senators Ralph Yarborough and Lyndon Johnson have announced.

The two Texas senators said they had been informed by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service that "fish for restocking are available and orders can be filled without delay."

This is the procedure for securing fish, as outlined to the Texas senators by the Fish and Wildlife Service:

1. The land owner makes application for the fish from the federal fish hatchery nearest him. There are five federal hatcheries in Texas, at Austin, Fort Worth, San Marcos, Burnet and Uvalde.

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Holston Funeral Held In Trent

Noel DeBose Holston, 80, of 926 Pecan St., Abilene, died at 10 p.m. Wednesday in the Sadler Hospital here.

Funeral was held in the Trent Methodist Church Friday morning, with the Rev. Jack Riley, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Trent Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mr. Holston was born Dec. 25, 1878, in Alabama. He married Mary Elizabeth Giles of Choctaw, Okla., June 5, 1878. They moved to Abilene in 1919 and had lived in the Abilene-Trent-Sweetwater area since that time.

He was a member of the Trent Methodist Church. Mrs. Holston died March 16, 1955.

Survivors are three sons, Lester and Morris, both of Abilene and Bill of Los Angeles, Calif.; three daughters, Mrs. LaVern Gass of El Paso, Mrs. Lonnie Halbrook of Trent, and Mrs. George Hike of Bellvue, Neb.; 19 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three children.

presided, and Pat Harris, program chairman, introduced several girls who entertained with a variety of numbers. Miss Martha Gilliland, assistant Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent, gave special recognition to fourteen members who have completed enough work to earn achievement pins. These girls are Sharon Buntin, Sherry Hull, Judy Ann Mattingley, Malinee Seymore, Judy Beth Anderson, Pat Harris, Lynne Gamble, Andria Adcock, Frances Collier, Lynne Wyatt, Nancy Jack Teaff, Carolyn Campbell, Joy Woods, and Ann Smith.

The club has thirty members and twenty had exhibits. These consisted of articles made or acquired to improve the girls' bedrooms, canned foods, frozen foods, camping equipment, and dishes of food the girls had learned to prepare this year.

Mrs. Ellis Harris and Mrs. David Gamble are the mother leaders, and Mrs. Paul Orsborn is the teacher sponsor.

Mr. and Mrs. Angery Glenn of Big Springs were Sunday guests of their sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stockbridge and their mother Mrs. Nannie Glenn who is a house guest in their home also.

To Dallas Market

The largest market crowd in Dallas history took over the city today as the Fall and back-to-

school mart of the Southwestern Men's Apparel Club held sway in three major hotels.

Thousands of retailers from six states were here to view nearly 1,000 leading lines of men's and boys' wearing apparel offered by

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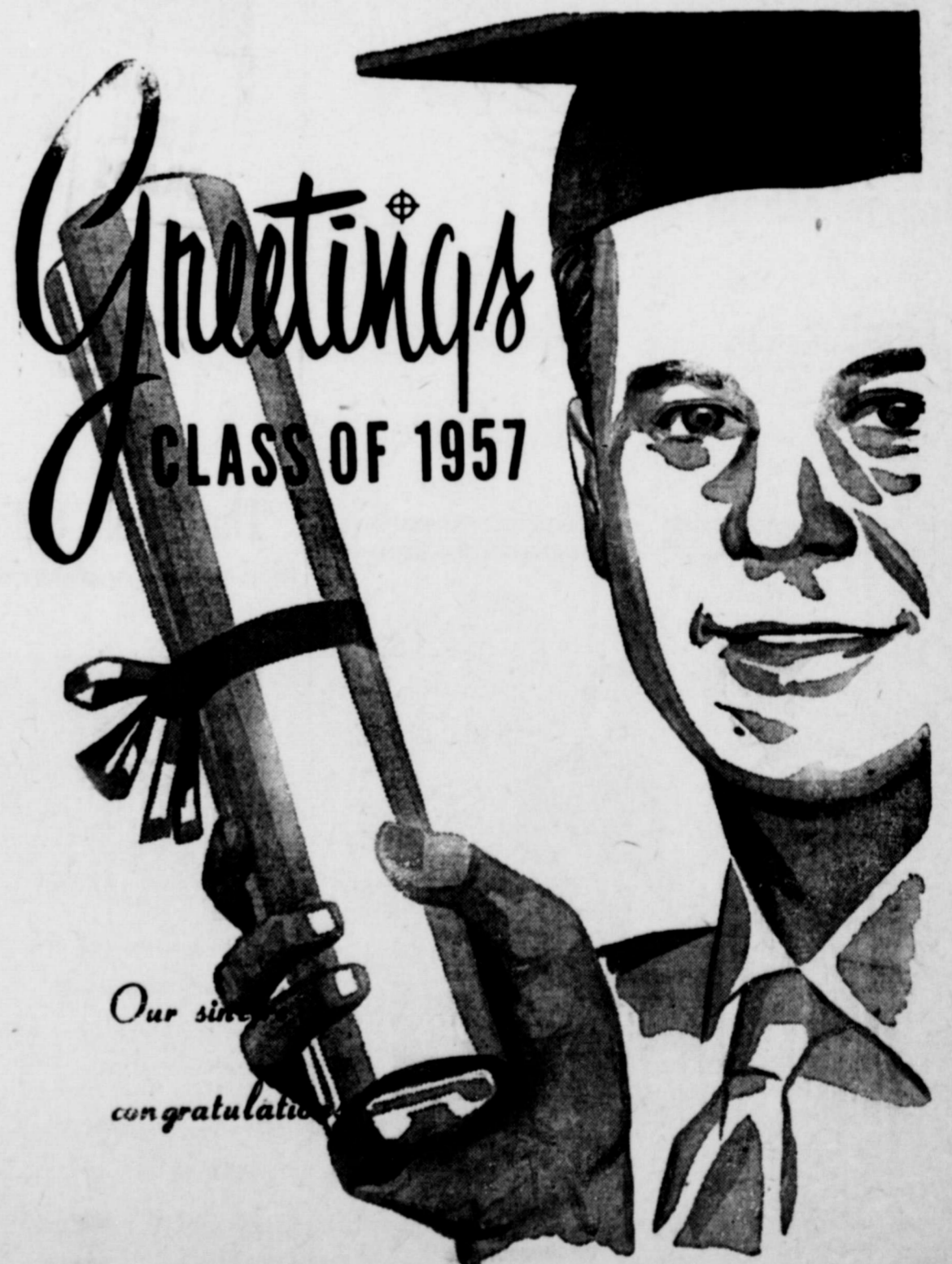
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Senator Johnson Arrives for REA Meeting



U. S. Senator Lyndon B. Johnson, accompanied by Y. A. Yarbrough of Childress, member of the board of the National Rural Electric Co-operative Association, land in a helicopter on the roof of the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago, where the Senator addressed the national meeting of the REA organization. The whirlybird brought the two Texans from the Chicago airport.

Mrs. Gamble Is P-TA Speaker

The Merkel PTA met May 15 in the School Cafeteria for the last meeting of the year. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Ellen McReynolds, program chairman, presided for a short business meeting and introduced the speaker, Mrs. David Gamble. Her topic was "We the People Have Achieved" and she very ably summed up the things the organization has accomplished this year. Mrs. Mack Fisher installed the following new officers for the next year. President, Mrs. Eldon Hicks; First Vice-president, Mrs. Carroll Benson; Second Vice-president, Mrs. Clark Perkins; Secretary, Mrs. Newt Logan; Treasurer, Mrs. Loyd Robertson; His-

torian, Mrs. Alf Walla; and Parliamentarian, Mrs. Sammy Doan. Mrs. McReynolds closed the meeting with a prayer. The social committee consisted of Mrs. W. R. Cypret, Mrs. Nolan Palmer, and Mrs. Jeff Anderson.

Lightning Strikes Oil Storage Tank

A 210 barrel oil storage tank was struck by lightning Friday night during a thunderstorm in a field separator station in the White Field about three miles southwest of here. The tank was the center one of three. About 14 barrels of oil stored in the unit were burned up in the three hour blaze and a nearby doghouse used for storing tools and equipment was destroyed. The fire burned itself out. When lightning hit, it stopped the electric pump which brings oil into the tanks and cut off the flow of oil into the tanks. Howard Roundtree of Lawn, pumper in charge of the lease, said the damage was estimated

at about \$1,600. The tanks on either side of the one destroyed were not damaged other than being scorched and blistered. Catwalks connecting the three tanks were warped from the heat. One of the remaining tanks held 75 barrels of oil and the other was empty.

The fire was reported by Mina Walker who lives about a half-mile east of the unit. She reported that the bolt hit about 7:30 p.m. and the blaze had burned itself out by 10:30 or 11 p.m. Friday.

The tanks are located on the Bland lease in the E. F. White Field three miles southwest of Merkel. They are owned by the Duncan Drilling Co. of Big Spring. Dave Duncan, a co-owner of the oil firm, said the firm did not plan on replacing the ruined tank.

Loudest Texan is Sought

FORT WORTH — Just who is the loudest Texan of them all? People in other parts of the nation, and the world for that matter, have for long accused Texans of being unduly loud. Especially when they are on the subject of Texas.

So, the North Fort Worth Business Association, wants to locate the loudest man in Texas.

The idea originated with the association's presentation of a Pioneer Days celebration on Fort Worth's North Side, the stockyards area, and where the old home of the Stock Show is located.

The Old North Side Coliseum was the birthplace of indoor rodeo in the days before microphones, public address systems and other electronic aids that now permit a whisper to carry a mile.

In the old days of the rodeo the mighty voice of the late Foghorn Clancy rattled the windows as he announced the program.

The celebration will feature the return of rodeo for the first time in 15 years in the old building adjacent to the livestock market, and as old timers recalled the early days the prodigious voice of Foghorn Clancy was among the memories.

Mr. Clancy passed away last week at his Waverly, New York, home and thus plans to fly him to Fort Worth as a special guest were defeated, but with the aid of a special "sound measurement recorder" the business men are going to continue their search for the most stentorian Texas they can find.

The honor will not be all they are willing to pay \$100 for a record of the loudest Texan of them all. The contest will be held on the old Stock Show grounds May 30, 31 and June 1.

Texans wishing to flex their vocal chords in the contest are invited to contact Ted Gouldy,

Stockyards Station, Fort Worth 6, Texas, by card or letter.

Careful Drivers Needed Today

The driver who professes his religion in church, but doesn't practice it in traffic is a high-way hypocrite.

This indictment of careless drivers was made today by J. O. Musick, General Manager of the Texas Safety Association, as he

discussed the moral responsibility of motorists. Highway morality is emphasized in the spring phase of the Back the Attack on Traffic Accidents campaign.

"Morality cannot be put on or taken off at will like an optional accessory on a late model car," Musick said. "It's basic character equipment. The moral person is just as moral on the highway as he is in his office, his home, or his church."

Musick pointed out that the driver who cheats on traffic law observance or fails to safeguard his own or the other person's

life in traffic is revealing poor character.

"If there is need for a moral code anywhere today, that need is in traffic," he said. "The spectacle of 2,611 traffic deaths in Texas during the past year is dramatic proof of this."

"The responsibility for his own safety and the safety of all he meets in traffic rests on the driver. This responsibility includes the obligation to do all in his power to prevent an accident even when danger is occasioned by the wanton carelessness of another," Musick said.

He urged all drivers to be a positive force in the Attack on Traffic Accidents by driving defensively — that is, driving in such a manner as to avoid accidents by anticipating and allowing for hazards created by the unsafe acts of others and by adverse traffic and weather conditions. "In doing so," he said, they will be discharging their responsibility to God and their fellow man.

Mrs. T. I. Hicks and Threes were week-end guests in the Glenn Robertson home.

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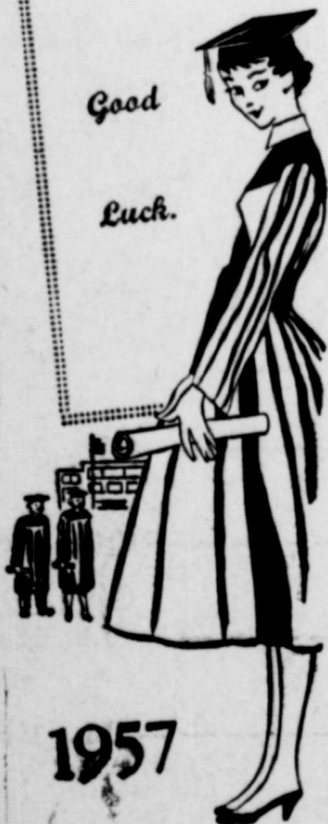
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Texas Vacation For Rowlands

Mr. and Mrs. George Rowland vacationed in Texas the past 2 weeks. They visited Miss Mary Biera at St. Andrews Convent at San Antonio with Jess Ann and Ruby Acuna of Trent, upon their return from San Antonio they journeyed to Ft. Worth visiting with Mrs. Roland's Aunt Cora Richerson, then to Dallas to visit Mrs. Rowland's parents; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Schwartz; while there they attended the Cinerama production of "The Seven Wonders of The World."

They also visited several days in Amarillo with Mr. and Mrs. Gary Grant and son James and Mrs. Grant's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Brown. While in Amarillo they were granted audience with The Most Reverend Bishop Motorsy, Auxillary Bishop of Amarillo, concerning Legion of Mary extension work in the Merkel-Sweetwater area.

From Amarillo they went to El Paso the former home of Mr. Rowland and visited with Mrs. May Mulanax. While in El Paso they visited Margaret McCarthy, a longtime friend of the Rowlands and had an audience with The Most Reverend Sidney M. Metzger, D. D. Bishop of El Paso, Msgr. George W. Caffey, Vicar-General of the El Paso Diocese and Pastor of St. Patrick's Cathedral, and with the Reverend Fathers McGovern, Burke and Rahm. It was quite a reunion for Mr. Rowland who was formerly of the El Paso Diocese as a Seminarian before his moving to Merkel.

They returned Wednesday after the 10 day trip.

The revival at the First Baptist Church originally scheduled for October has been changed to August 12 through 18.

The evangelist for the revival will be Harlan Harris, Plainview. Singer will be Carlos Gruber, native of Latvia.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
The First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School will be held on June 3 through June 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. each day. Preparation day is on Saturday, June 1, at 2 p.m. Children from age 3 to 16 are invited to attend the Bible School classes.

In the Bible there are references to offering bread to strangers as a sign of respect and friendship. Contemporary Arabs still carry on this custom.

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