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## Area Stock Entered In Houston Show

Jimmy Neill and Joe Farris, F. F. A. Members of Route 4, have entered nine Fat Lambs in the Junior division of the Great '58 Houston Fat Stock Show, February 19, through March 2.

Other area entries are 1 Duroc and 3 Hampshire swine, and 10 barrows entered by the Trent F. F. A. Chapter.

The show, held in the south's largest City, is offering approximately \$5,216,500 in cash premiums and special awards to exhibitors and contestants. Air conditioned cattle barns will house the estimated 10,000 head of swine sheep quarter and cutting horses, poultry, rabbits and twelve breeds of cattle that have been entered.

Official activities will begin with the three day Salt Grass Trail Ride which starts from Brenham, Texas, February 16. More than 1,500 horseback riders and 80 chuck-wagons have been signed up for the 90 mile ride.

The greatest representation of international visitors of any year is expected. Everyone in the Houston trade area is urged to "Go-Texan" in western dress during stock show days.

Hugh O'Brian, TV Wyatt Earp, will headline the 19 performances of the Champion of Championship Rodeo. Featured with him will be the teen-ager Libby Horne, singing sensation and star of Ozark Jubilee and RCA recording artist.

Rodeo tickets can be obtained by writing Ticket Director, Houston Fat Stock Show, 2035 Commerce Building, Houston, Texas. All seats are reserved and prices are \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.75 and \$4.25. Performances will be held evenings and matinees on Saturdays and Sundays.

## Roy Largent Honored At Luncheon

Roy R. Largent of Merkel, who is attending his 50th consecutive Fort Worth stock show, was honored Monday, January 27 at the annual luncheon of The Cattleman magazine, given in connection with the 62nd annual Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show.

Largent was presented a scroll, which is being signed by his friends and associates in the livestock industry.

The inscription on the scroll describes Largent in part, as "recognized the nation over as a master breeder of Hereford cattle and a tireless leader in the Hereford fraternity."

Largent was presented the scroll by Walter Lewis of Larned, Kan., president of the American Hereford Association.

John Biggs of Vernon, president of the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, which publishes The Cattleman, welcomed the 850 persons who attended the annual luncheon in the Cow Palace on the stock show grounds.

Henry Biederman, editor of The Cattleman, presided at the luncheon. Amcn Carter, Jr., chairman of the stock show board, welcomed the luncheon guests to the stock show.

W. R. Watt, president and manager of the stock show, described outstanding features of the annual livestock exposition.

## Hospital Patients

ADMITTED  
A. B. Allen, Billy Watts, C. E. Brown, Mrs. C. D. Miller, Mrs. W. C. Lee, Mrs. Theo Newton, Andy Anderson, Otis Foster, W. A. Gardner, Mrs. Leroy Benningfield, Earl D. McHaney, Mrs. Marvin Freeman, Aubrey Petree, Mrs. Henry Fennell, Paul Thames, Bob Deen, Mrs. Lucy Robbins, Cathy Robbins, Mrs. Walter Keys, Evelyn Dunaway, Mrs. W. C. Kelley, Mrs. J. H. Bishop.

DISMISSED  
Holland Teaff, A. B. Allen, Mrs. J. D. Bowles and baby boy, Mrs. Gene Lockhart and baby girl, Maurice Davis, Mrs. G. A. Kegans, Jr., Mrs. Mason Shurley, Billy Watts, C. E. Brown, Mrs. E. P. Collier, Mrs. G. D. Miller, Mrs. W. C. Lee, Mr. E. A. Patterson, Mrs. T. R. Smith, Mrs. Theo Newton, W. A. Gardner, Mrs. Leroy Benningfield and baby girl, Earl D. McHaney, Aubrey Petree, Paul Thames, Bob Deen, Mrs. Lucy Robbins, Cathy Robbins, Evelyn Dunaway.



## Mrs. W. R. Cypert Club President

Mrs. W. R. Cypert was named the new president of the Fort-nightly Study Club at the meeting held in the First Methodist Church, Tuesday, February 4. She will succeed Mrs. Judd McReynolds.

Other officers for the coming year are Mrs. Ben R. Hicks, vice-president; Mrs. Don Warren, treasurer; Mrs. Charles Hogsett, recording secretary; Mrs. Brandon Wade, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Wren Durham, critic-parliamentarian.

World Influence on American Culture, program theme for the meeting, was presented by Mrs. Charles Hogsett and Mrs. Brandon Wade.

American Art, and the life of Grandma Moses was given by Mrs. Hogsett.

Organ selections were played by Mrs. Wade and included "Andante" from Tschackowsky's Sixth Symphony and "Liebestraum" by Liszt.

Mrs. Cypert, vice president, presided at a short business meeting. It was announced that Mrs. Evan Reiff of Abilene will present a review of "Edge of Darkness" for the Friendship Tea to be held Feb. 11. Students from H-SU will be in charge of special music for the occasion.

A visitor, Mrs. Stanley King, and 19 members were present. Mrs. Ben Hicks was hostess.

## E. P. Collier

### Home Burns

The E. P. Collier home at 507 Thornton and all the furnishings were a total loss after fire gutted the home Tuesday night.

The Fire Department received the alarm about 7:30 p. m. and had extinguished the blaze in 45 minutes.

The fire started in the kitchen while the family was in the living room watching television. The cause is unknown.

Total damage has been estimated at \$3,000.

## Sixth Grade Elects Officers

Mrs. Fisher's sixth grade met Jan. 20, for the purpose of electing officers.

Following is a list of those elected: Roland Pack, president; Billie Tyler, 1st vice-president; Richard Myrick, 2nd vice-president; Jim Harris, 3rd vice-president; Maggie Mareno, secretary; treasurer, Manuel Luna; reporter, Sue Smith.

## Ordinance Providing For the Collection, Removal & Disposal of Garbage, Trash And Rubbish within The City of Merkel.

Garbage and trash, as the terms are used interchangeably herein, shall refer to all wet garbage and waste material from kitchens, residences, grocery stores, butcher shops, restaurants, cafes, or any other animal or vegetable matter and shall include also such rubbish as cannot be burned.

Each owner or occupant using or occupying any building, house or structure within the corporate limits of the City of Merkel shall provide and maintain garbage receptacles of sufficient number to contain the trash and garbage that will accumulate on the premises.

All garbage and trash receptacles shall be placed in a place accessible to the person collecting and removing the garbage and trash.

Please note: Any garbage receptacles that are defective should be replaced.

## Mrs. Proctor Dies In Hawley; Rites Held Here

Funeral was held Sunday at 3 p. m. in the Merkel Church of Christ for Mrs. Docia Proctor, 76, who died Friday. Officiating was the minister, Bob Cannon.

Mrs. Proctor died in the home of a son-in-law, Elmer Holland of Hawley, in a sudden illness. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

She was born in Bell County, Dec. 13, 1881, and was married to R. L. Proctor there in 1900, moving to the Nolan community. After living at Winters and Blackwell the family moved to Merkel in 1916. Her husband died there in 1957.

Surviving are a son, Dolbert of San Angelo; three daughters, Mrs. Elmer Holland of Hawley, Mrs. Martin Jensen of San Antonio and Mrs. Ed Lancaster of Durant, Okla.; and a sister, Mrs. Mary Rose of Merkel.

## City Election

Three aldermen to serve two years each will be chosen in the Merkel City Election to be held at the Welfare Office on April 1st.

Alderman whose terms expire are Ben Hicks, Clyde Eager and Odis Griffin.

Candidates have until 5 p. m. March 1st to file for place on ballots.

## Badgers Win District 6-A Cage Title

The Merkel Badgers won the District 6-A Championship Tuesday night with a 77-51 victory over second place Stanton.

All five Merkel starters hit in the double figures as the Badgers won their eighth straight district game. Stanton stands 4-3 in the race and is tied with Rotan for second.

Manley Denton was top scorer with 21, followed by teammates Ronnie English, with 14, Riley Seymour and Bud Patterson with 13 each, and Jerry McLeod with 10. Loie Badgett scored 13 for Stanton.

The game was tied at 16-16 at the end of the first quarter, and Stanton led during the second period before Merkel took a 30-26 lead at the half. The Badgers pulled away in the third quarter.

The Badgers defeated Roby 69-53 here Friday night with Denton scoring 24 points.

## PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bacus and son Jerry of Abilene visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bacus and Troy the past weekend.

Misses Barbara Morgan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Morgan, and Johnnie Tipton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bunk Tipton, students in John Tarleton, Stephenville, were home for a visit between semesters.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fitzgerald and Mrs. J. C. Horton and son of Wichita Falls were guests in the home of Mrs. Mattie Addison and son, Arthur, last weekend.



TOP SUPERVISOR—Tom H. Russom, Merkel farmer and rancher, was named winner of the Texas Bank and Trust Co.'s certificate of merit given annually to the outstanding supervisor in the Middle Clear Fork SCD. Presenting the award to Russom, at right, is Nelson Estes, former winner of the same award.

## UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

We are still enjoying the fine warm weather. Farmers are getting lots of spring oats sown.

Spring weeds and grass are beginning to grow off well.

The livestock trade is as quiet as we have ever seen it. Plenty of people are wanting stock but are unable to buy them due to the high prices. Some stockmen have leased land but are having difficulty in obtaining the stock for it.

We have some new neighbors in the Canyon. Mr. and Mrs. Myers of Sylvester have leased the Willard Brown place on the north side of the Canyon. Mr. Myers is employed at the Gyp Mill in Sweetwater. He plans to stock farm the Brown place.

W. F. Perry, who works on the Davis ranch says, "Pastures will be fine in a few weeks, and with a little more rain, things will really get off to a good start."

Our community meeting was well attended Saturday night. Games of 42 were played and Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith and grandchildren furnished entertainment with music by their string band. Thanks to the Smiths.

Money was raised for the Polio Fund, after which pie and coffee were served. The Neill and Scott boys will leave this week with their lambs for the San Antonio Stock show.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Latimer of California are visiting Clyde's parents and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer and Mrs. Sam Butman.

Tom Russom received a letter from his sister, Mrs. Bradshaw of Winnsboro, in which she stated that she really enjoys reading the Merkel Mail.

Odus Moore of Levelland was a Merkel visitor the past weekend. He stated that he reads the Merkel Mail which his father, Z. B. Moore, receives, and really enjoys the Canyon news.

Odus is handling grass seed in Levelland along with a group of other farmers. He said they were handling any kind of grasses the farmers would want to buy.

A. L. Moore of Blair said he had too much farming land for himself, and would like to let Uncle Sam have some of it. He felt as if Uncle Sam could stand a crop failure better than he could. That is the way a lot of us feel about it after having been hit so hard the past few years in the farming business.

Leonard Lewis of Knox City was in Merkel Saturday shaking hands with friends. He was reared in the Canyon and was with the 36th division and when overseas and took part in the battle during which Carl Riggan, a Canyon boy, and a Bunch boy from Merkel were killed. He told this writer about that battle upon his return home and the description he gave was a horrible thing to think about.

Lewis is now employed by an oil company as a driller.

Ernest Hinkson of Wichita Falls, traveling freight agent for the Rock Island railroad, was guest of his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Sparkman and Robbie, Friday. He was accompanied home by his little granddaughter for a weekend visit and upon her return to her home here Sunday she was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Hinkerson and Mrs. Bobby Kinkerson.

## Latimer Announces Plans To Seek Re-Election To Texas Legislature

State Representative Truett Latimer Thursday announced that he would seek re-election to the Texas Legislature from Taylor County.

A veteran member of the Texas House of Representatives, Latimer has served in the 53rd, 54th and 55th sessions of the Legislature. During his six years service, he has missed only one day on the job, and that was a very unusual 15-minute session held during the recent special session.

Latimer first was elected on his 24th birthday in 1952, one year after he was graduated from Hardin-Simmons University. He won the race over three opponents. He since has been re-elected twice without opposition.

During the last session in Austin, Latimer was chairman of the Interstate Cooperation Committee and a member of these other important committees: Appropriation, Agriculture, Liquor Regulation and Insurance.

Latimer has been a legislative leader of insurance reform in Texas. As a member of the Insurance Committee for three sessions, he has helped re-write the Texas Insurance Code and has successfully sponsored numerous corrective measures.

His efforts in behalf of the insurance buying public were recognized by the West Central Texas Association of Life Underwriters at the close of the last legislative session, when Latimer was presented a resolution of appreciation at a special dinner.

Latimer was co-author in 1955 of the bill setting up the multi-city water district comprising Abilene, Albany, Anson and Breckenridge. Also during that session, he sponsored legislation setting up a County-Court-at-Law for Taylor.

He also was author of a resolution setting up a four-year study of the Texas Constitution, pointing toward constitutional revision. A report on the study will be made to the Legislature in 1961.

Latimer has been an active sponsor and successfully sponsoring a resolution expressing the Legislature's opposition to such aid and calling on the Texas Congressional delegation to oppose such bills. A Texas congressman submitted Latimer's resolution to the Congressional Committee on Education as evidence that Texas does not desire federal aid to education.

Latimer was co-author of the new water planning bill passed in the first called session of 1957. He also sponsored a resolution directing the State Board of Control to cancel all state contracts for oil, gas and lubricants needs with

## Mothers Collect \$386 For Polio

The Mother's March on Polio here last Friday night netted \$386.00.

The drive was conducted by the Room Mothers of the local schools, under the direction of Mrs. Horace Boney.

The Blair community contributed \$11.00, according to Mrs. Price Melton and residents of Mulberry Canyon donated \$7.68 to Mrs. A. D. Scott.

## Tom Russom Named Top SCD Supervisor

At a meeting Thursday of the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District board of supervisors, and work unit conservationists, Tom H. Russom was named the outstanding supervisor of the district and received a certificate of merit from the Texas Bank and Trust Company of Dallas.

Russom, who lives seven miles southwest of Merkel in Mulberry Canyon, operates 2,258 acres of farm and ranch land.

Of this 2,258 acres, 790 are in cultivation, 1,460 in grazing land, and 9 acres in farmsteads.

In a letter from P. B. Garrett, vice-president of the Texas Bank and Trust Co., Russom was described "as a person who has done and is still doing wonderful work to rebuild our resources in the field of soil and water conservation."

Russom has been an active board member and is presently serving as chairman of the board.

He has had a big hand in arranging for and holding the range field days that have been carried out the past three years by the Middle Clear Fork SCD, Runnels SCD, Coke SCD, and Upper Clear Fork SCD.

The lead for the district in co-sponsoring with the Central Colorado SCD the range field day meeting with Congressman Omar Burleson in April, 1957 was also taken by Russom.

He has also been active in working with other agricultural agencies as well as with community and church projects.

## Retired Trent Merchant Dies

S. H. Estep, 78, retired Trent merchant, died at 6:40 p. m. Wednesday, January 29th, in Sadler Clinic-Hospital here. He had been ill 12 days.

Mr. Estep retired five years ago after several years in the grocery business there. He was born April 12, 1879, in San Saba County and was married to Ida Pearl McGowan at Goldthwaite September 9, 1897.

The couple observed their 60th wedding anniversary last September. Mr. Estep was a member of the Trent Baptist Church.

Funeral was held at 4 p. m. Thursday in Trent Baptist Church with the Rev. A. H. Williams, pastor, and the Rev. Carl Nunn, pastor of the Methodist Church there, officiating. Burial was in Trent Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home of Merkel.

Survivors include his wife, two daughters, Mrs. C. F. Rogge of Abilene and Mrs. R. H. Cooley of Hobbs, N. M.; two sons, Willard of Paint Rock and Clifford of Trent; one brother, Cleve of Seminole; one sister, Zadie Stewart of Uvalde; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

## 4 Persons Injured In Crash At Noodle

Four occupants of an automobile in a two-car crash Sunday evening were injured, not believed seriously.

Admitted to Sadler Clinic here was Linda Fay Warren, 1, of Rt. 4, Abilene. She had a severely cut nose.

Released after treatment were Donnie Schmitz Warren 25 of Rt. 4, one driver; Johnnie Marie Schultz, 23, and Loretta Ann Schultz, 2 1/2, both of Rural Route, Noodle.

Highway Patrolman E. J. Terrell said the accident happened three miles west of Noodle on F.M. 1812 about 6:57 p. m. Sunday.

Not reported injured was the other driver, Henry George Mikac, Rt. 1, Trent.

Both vehicles were total losses, the Highway Patrol said.

## URGENT NEED FOR BLOOD TYPES

You never know when you might need a pint or more of blood to keep the old heart pumping. If this should happen to you or your loved ones, wouldn't you like to know who to turn to for that type of blood?

You are urged to have your blood typed and have your name on a list at the Fire Department or your local hospital.

You may be called to give a pint of blood as well as need some yourself.

## Don Timberlake To Be Speaker At Baptist Banquet

Mr. Don Timberlake is to be the featured speaker for the First Baptist Church Brotherhood banquet on Monday night February 10.

Mr. Timberlake, a student at Hardin-Simmons U. in Abilene, is well known in this area for his humorous after-dinner speeches. A Valentine theme will prevail throughout the banquet. A ladies sextet will provide the music for the occasion.

This banquet has proven in the past to be one of the highlights of the activity of the Baptist Brotherhood, according to the Rev. C. G. Sewell, pastor.

## P-TA Council To Meet Here

The Taylor County P-TA Council will meet with the Merkel P-TA in the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall from 10 a. m. to 2:30 p. m., Thursday, Feb. 6.

A covered dish luncheon will be held at noon and a baby sitter will be provided, according to Mrs. Eldon Hicks, local P-TA president.

All past presidents of the Taylor County Council will be guests. Mrs. Hicks urges all members of the P-TA to be present.

Mrs. Walter Frazier was a weekend visitor in the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Frazier of Albany. Gene is salesman for the Oldsmobile company and is in Dallas this week to attend a convention for Oldsmobile salesman. Mrs. Frazier and her son and family went to Breckenridge and visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. Stoker.



## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

A former Merkel boy, Marshall R. Driggs, more recently of Dallas, took the oath of office the past week for an important post in the treasury department at Washington, D. C., that of chief supervising receiver and first deputy comptroller of the currency. Marshall lived in Merkel when a boy and attended school here.

J. W. Bland, one of Merkel's esteemed pioneers, was surprised with a birthday dinner on Saturday, Jan. 16, his eightieth birthday. When he returned from church, he was greeted with the strains of "Happy Birthday to you" from a large group on the porch.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the graveside in Rose Hill cemetery for Miss Pamela Ann Riggan, who had lived in Mulberry Canyon nearly 30 years. She was laid to rest by the side of her husband, who died 25 years ago.

Mrs. R. B. McRee Sr., Trent, was given a surprise birthday luncheon Tuesday, Jan. 11, in honor of her seventieth birthday. Her children took part in the plans and the scene was the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. McRee Jr.

Miss Anna Lou Church, student in McMurry college, was one of the thirty-seven Chanters of McMurry college who went to Lubbock last Sunday to present

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## Quick Winter Desserts



Winter days are dessert days. Here are some quick and unusual dessert treats that will give you a score of ideas for company or family meals. None are difficult to prepare, and all look pert and picture pretty. Split devil's food sandwiches from your grocer's ready-to-eat cake department in half through the middle of the filling. Place cut side up and top with one of the following:  
 Drained canned peach half, hollow side down and fudge sauce;  
 Banana slices and molded fruit gelatine;  
 Chopped peppermint stick candy and chocolate ice cream;  
 Vanilla ice cream ball rolled in toasted coconut and served with chocolate or strawberry sauce.

a musical program at the First Methodist church there. They also filled two other engagements the same day, Stator at 3 o'clock and Post at 7:30.

Miss Loucille Justice will broadcast regularly over KRBC, Abilene on Friday at 3:15 p.m. She will be accompanied by Kent McGowan of Abilene.

## MERKEL 40 YEARS AGO

In announcing for nomination for the office of sheriff, John Bond states: "I have always been a democrat, have never been accused of lacking in courage, have never asked for public office before, am 42 years of age, am confident of your good judgment in placing my ambition in your hands."

James Patterson Jr., in announcing for public weigher says: "I am 32 years old and not subject to draft, am a democrat of the Jeff Davis type. I solicit your vote."

It is doubtless if another man in the country can run like Austin Fitts. He has entered the race for re-election of treasurer of Taylor county. Everybody knows Fitts.

J. L. Banner has announced as candidate for commissioner of precinct No. 2 Mr. Banner served in this capacity some years and made the county a faithful servant.

At the behest of a long standing ambition, Henry R. Hicks has announced as a candidate for the county clerk. Mr. Hicks has been a resident of this section of the country for a good many years, has a clean record and is deserving of consideration of the voters.

Sam Butam Jr., has announced for commissioner of this precinct. Sam is a competent, practical, ambitious young fellow. He is known far and near for his strict adherence to what he believes is right.

As an aspirant for the position of public weigher, H. M. Mayfield has cast his hat in the ring. Mr. Mayfield is one of our honored citizens, one worthy of the consideration of every voter in the precinct. His experience fits him well for the position to which he aspires.

## Stith HD Club News

Mrs. Paul Bradley was hostess for the Stith HD Club meeting in the Community Center on Wednesday, January 22.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Mrs. Fletcher Jones. Roll call was answered by 11 members, two new members, Mrs. Chester Fikes and Mrs. Sue Goode were introduced.

The program on Stain Removal was given by Mrs. Joe Horton. Hostess gift was won by Mrs. Fletcher Jones.

The next meeting will be on February 12 when Mrs. Mary Newberry, county agent, will be a guest.

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## FACT and FANCY

Dear Editor:

This is my way of a weak explanation why the envelope bearing what would normally be my Fact and Fancy Column is postmarked January 27 instead of the usual Thursday-of-the-week before. The simple truth is that I've just been through a siege of some variety of flu, virus, or what-is-it.

I've been pained, drained, skinned, thinned, ripped, dipped, heated, depleted, wrung-out, and hung out. Truly a man with persisting nausea is justified in crying, "Death, where is thy sting?" I realize, of course, that a professional columnist always has a couple or more columns prepared in advance to take care of little emergencies, so let's face it, I'm not a professional. So I'm not even a columnist.

Most of all, I'm not the old iron-sides I thought I was. While the troops are dropping by the wayside, old Richter, I always said, will keep right on plugging. Now I know.

Of course, a lot of you folks have had the same thing these days—and probably worse. This

makes me realize, too, how thankful we should all be for the large measure of good health that most of us enjoy. Here at the Gonzalez-Warm Springs Rehabilitation Foundation a lot of the patients have so much more cause to complain—and actually do surprisingly

little of it.

It is good that so many Texas citizens see fit to share the fruits of their strength with those who are handicapped.

Next week Fact and Fancy will be on time again. I hope.

Sincerely,  
 Walter H. Richter

T. M. Sugart of Kerrville visited his son, Lester Sugart, his granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Doan and grandson, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Sugart last week.

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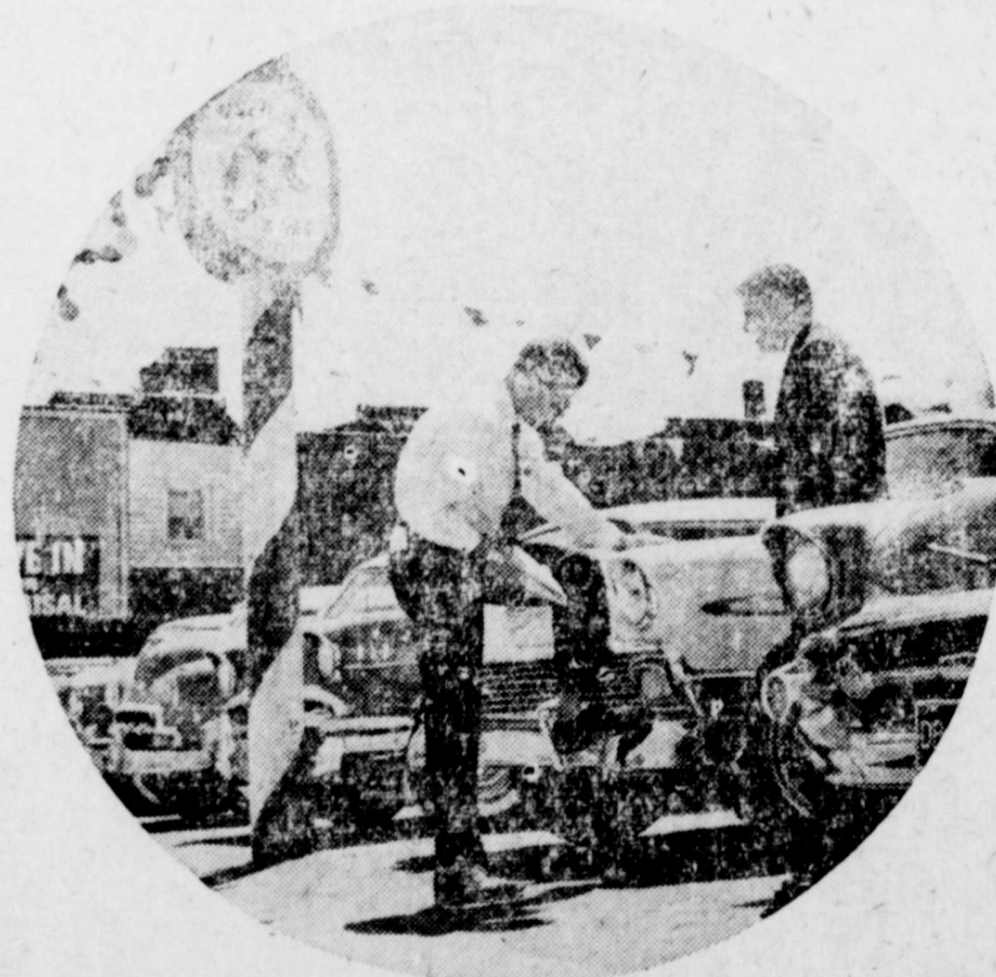
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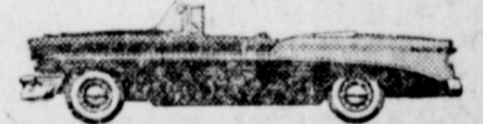
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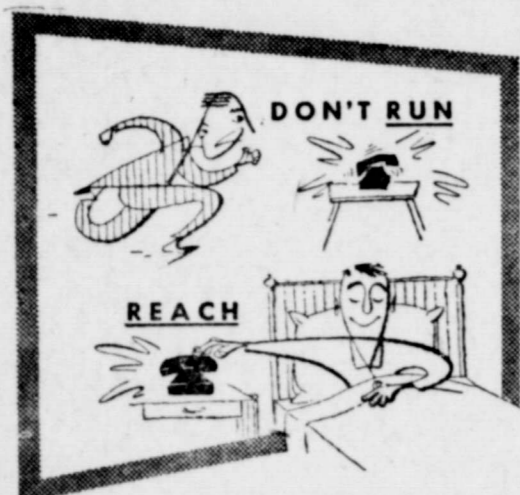
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**Home Demonstration Notes**

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent



Several people have been calling the office for information about selecting shrubs. The landscape leaders from all the home demonstration clubs will meet

**NOODLE NEWS**

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Les Cox Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jocky Cox and son of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cox and children of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Wood and children of Big Spring, and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Clement and children of Snyder visited last week end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell. Visitors Sunday were Mrs. Ted McAninch and girls of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Tex Ellis of Water Valley and Mrs. Geo. Cooper.

Sunday visitors in the Mr. and Mrs. Dick Herron home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. L. Weeks and baby, and Mrs. Dolores Kelly all of Abilene.

Mrs. Minnie Ola Turner, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Turner and two sons of Abilene visited in the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Anderson Sunday.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. Fellers Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Yondell and Mr. and Mrs. John Moore all of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Toliver spent the week end with their parents the Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Spurgins, and Mr. and Mrs. Owen Toliver.

Visitors in the Mr. and Mrs. Blue McCoy home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Baker of Grandbury, Texas, Mr. Gene McCoy of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Brawley of Anson.

Dinner guests in the Mrs. Jim Boaz home Sun. were Mrs. Lulu Smith of Abilene, Rev. and Mrs. John Hamilton and son Charles.

Mr. and Mrs. Benny Anderson were guests awhile last Tuesday night in the Dock Callaway home. Jack Chancy of Merkel spent Saturday night and Sunday with Billy Lucas.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Callaway and Patsy Deen attended the birthday party for Marsha Tarpley in the home of her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wheeler, on last Wednesday afternoon. Marsha is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garvis Tarpley, of Snyder, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Newell Lucas were confined to their home a few days last week with the "flu".

Several from Noodle attended the funeral in Merkel Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Docia Procter. Mrs. Procter was loved and appreciated by everyone who knew

next Tuesday morning at 10:00 A.M. in the Agriculture Building to study shrubs suitable for Taylor County. Visitors are welcomed to attend this meeting. A bulletin that might help you is MP 139 "Woody Plants for Texas." If you would like a copy, come by the office or write for a copy. This past week I visited Mrs. H. L. Riddle of Ovalo and helped her plan some shrubs for her home. She is going to be landscape demonstrator for her club next year. She has a new home and wants it to be attractive outside as well as inside.

We are still working in the clothing workshops and everyone seems to be enjoying it very much. Several women today were remarking about the little things they had learned that made sewing easier, such as marking the darts, center fronts and etc. so they would be accurate. Another thing they all seemed to enjoy was learning how to ease in the sleeves so there would not be puckers and gathers. Of course pressing as you sew is very important to give that garment that "homemade look."

Sybie went to San Angelo to a clothing school last week. She studied about sewing with the 4-H girls. This week she is meeting 4-H clubs and giving a demonstration on snacks featuring the valentine theme.

The home demonstrator club women are getting ready to take a foods survey in Taylor County. They will get information from non club members as well as club members. The Foods Committee of the Program Building Committee for Extension Service feels this survey will be very beneficial. This committee is composed of Mrs. Henry Drummond, Mrs. P. L. Kendall, Mrs. Clarence Hollingshead. I'll tell you more about the survey next week.

**A TRIBUTE TO HUGH ELBERT CAMPBELL**

Dear Hugh, why did you leave me so suddenly. In this world of sorrow and pain, knowing that you would never return to me again. You provided well for our household.

For my lovely son, R. B. and me. And always noddled our every care. We have missed you, Hugh. But we shall meet you over there. I thank God for my brothers and sisters. Their families and other loved ones. Who stand by my side. With their sacrificial love. That fill my heart with comfort. That God has given me from above.

The four years that have passed since you have gone. Your dear relatives have been a source of happiness to me. And lifted the burden of sorrow from my life God has given to me. You knew God blessed us with lovely neighbors and with parsonage families. And the churches spiritual Foundations have laid. And since you have left us all alone. They sincerely looked after me. As all the citizens of Merkel can see. Now that you have gone from me. Never more to return; You have gone to that Beautiful City whose Builder and Maker is God. By his wife, Mrs. Blanche Campbell

**RAINBOW PARTY CAKE**



This is a Washington's Birthday cake to bring a gleeful gleam to the eye... it stands so high, and rainbow-beautiful. It's an angel food, sliced into layers, each with a different color filling... lemon yellow, berry red, mint green... giving rainbow-bright bands against the white of the cake. And adding, too, their own tang and lively flavor to the cloud light angel food. Now, see how easy all this is: The angel food can be a mix. The fillings—raspberry jam for the sweet red filling and for the yellow and green fillings, canned apple sauce fixed with tart lemon rind and cool mint flavoring.

For Washington's Birthday, decorate the frosting with red sugar hatchets and red cherries. For any guest occasion or simply as a family treat, you can always swirl the cake with whipped cream instead of frosting.

**RAINBOW PARTY CAKE**

- Baked angel food cake
- 2 cups canned apple sauce
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
- Few drops mint extract
- Few drops green food coloring
- 1/2 cup raspberry jam
- \*Boiled frosting
- Red sugar
- Stemmed maraschino cherries

Make up package of angel food cake mix, or use your favorite recipe. Cool cake. Take 1 cup of apple sauce, add lemon rind. To the other cup of apple sauce, add mint extract and green coloring. Cut cake into 4 layers. Spread bottom layer with lemon apple sauce, second layer with raspberry jam and third layer with mint apple sauce. Chill one hour. Just before serving, cover top and sides of cake with boiled frosting. To garnish: place hatchet shaped cookie cutter on top of cake; sprinkle red sugar in center; remove cutter. Place clusters of cherries on sides of cake stems up. Makes 10-12 servings.

\* Whipped cream may be substituted for the boiled frosting.

**Nancy Hunter Is Betty Crocker Winner In Noodle**

The Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow in Noodle High School is Nancy Hunter.

She received the highest score in a written examination on homemaking knowledge and attitudes, administered Dec. 3, to senior girls in the graduating class. Her examination paper will be entered in competition to name this state's candidate for the title of All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow and will also be considered for the runnerup award in the state. For her achievement, she will receive an award pin designed by Trifari of New York.

The national winner in the fourth annual Betty Crocker Search conducted among 327,000 young women in 11,800 of the nation's public, private and parochial high schools will be named April 17 at a banquet in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City.

General Mills is sponsor of the program designed to assist schools in education for home and family living. This year's huge entry brings the four-year participation over the million mark. A total of 1,071,000 girls has enrolled in this national homemaking project since it was launched in 1955. A total of \$106,000 in scholarships will be awarded this year.

Each State Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow will receive a \$1,500 scholarship and an educational trip with her school advisor to Washington, D. C., Colonial Williamsburg, Va., and New York City. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded the second ranking girl in each state. The school of the state winner will receive a set of the Britannica.

The scholarship of the young woman named All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow will be increased to \$5,000. Girls who rank second, third and fourth in the nation will receive \$4,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000 scholarships, respectively.

**Starr Rest Home**

By MARY OUTLAW

Mrs. E. Anderson from Lawn visited her mother, Granny Cade last week.

Mr. Paul Wheeler of Abilene visited the Rest Home Sunday of last week.

Mrs. Pernevia Cearly and Newt Sparks, Cisco; and Mrs. John Churchwell and son, Gary of Lincoln Park, Michigan, visited Mrs. Pearl Wiggins last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pickins Colorado City visited her sister, Cora Reeder Sunday.

Rev. A. D. Smith, Baptist minister from Sweetwater conducted the services Sunday, January 26. We want to thank Frances Collier for playing for us, Marlyn Smith and Jo Ann Woods helped to sing. Rev. Wayne Davis of Calvary Baptist Church was present. We had a real good service and invite him back again.

We want to thank Charles Curb for playing for the Rest Home Saturday, Jan 25. It was certainly enjoyed by all.

We want to thank Mrs. Crain from Trent for the glasses. They were appreciated. We had begun to get short of glasses again.

We want to thank Mrs. Hester for the nice box of fruit jars she brought the home.

We will have a few more rooms painted. We lack 13 to be exact. Would have had them nearly completed but clumsy me fell and cracked a bone in my foot which kept me off it a few days, but I'm back at it again, however not quite so fast as I was before the accident.

Mrs. Warren Price of Rowden and Mrs. Ina Gibbs of Baird visited with their father, N. A. Smedley Saturday.

We are sorry to hear the report from Dr. Sadler that Mrs. Sipe is no better.

We have a new patient in our home. Grandpa Smith. He came from the hospital here where he had a leg amputated. He says he likes us fine. All of his friends who wish to visit him, he would certainly be glad to see them.

Mrs. Tom Green, Sweetwater, and W. R. Grayson of Hobbs, N. M., visited Granny Cade last week.

We are sorry to report to Granny Cade's friends that she is not doing so well.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen of Abilene visited her father, Mr. Orand, last week.

We want to welcome Mrs. Emie Heron to our staff. She is replacing Mrs. John Mansfield who had to quit on account of her health. We hope she will soon be well again and we hope Mrs. Heron

will like to work with us as we like her very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Beard visited their children, Shirley and family and Jackie Ray and family, at Albany last week.

Mrs. Hartley is really enjoying her friends who are coming to the Rest Home to see her.

Rev. Pemberton of the Live Oak Church came Sunday and had services. He brought a group to help sing. It was enjoyed by all and we invite them again.

We are glad to have Sue Meyers to help Frank and Ethel sing each Sunday now. Her husband is overseas.

We have a new patient, my mother's sister, Mrs. Jennie Joplin from Spur. She is past ninety years old. We went to Lubbock Monday and brought her home with us.

Mrs. Edna Horton accompanied by Mrs. Bobby Toliver and children were in Plainview last week-end as guests of their daughter and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nutt and children.

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**Goodman HD Club News**

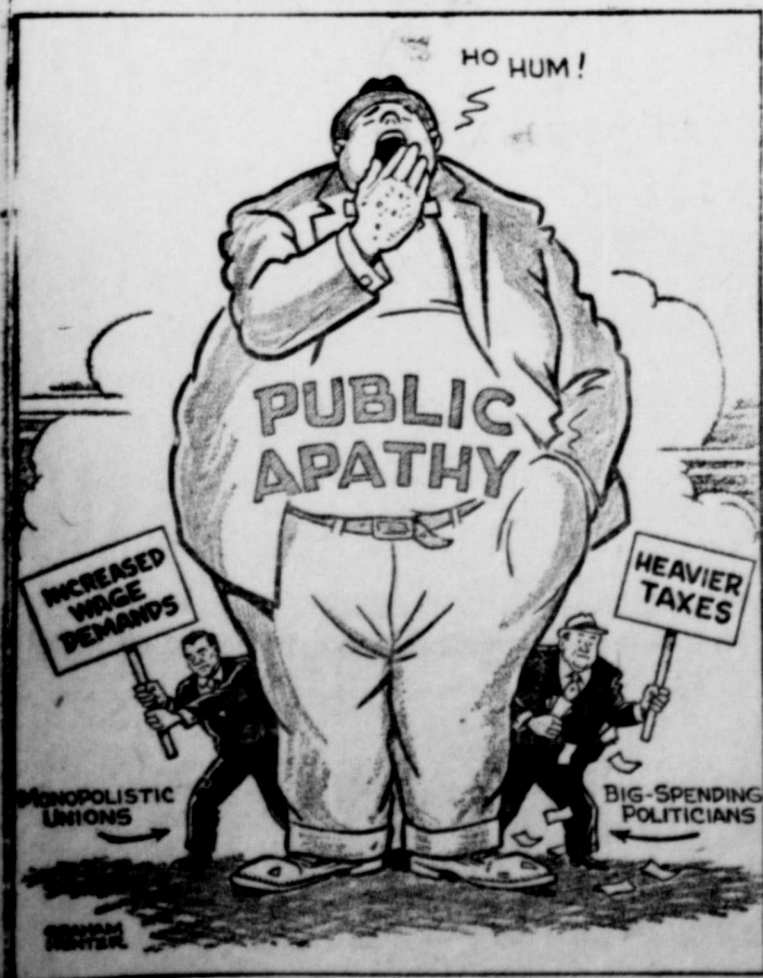
The Goodman Home Demonstration Club met in the Community Center on January 24 for a program on stain removal and detergents.

Roll call was answered with "A job I have simplified." Mrs. H. H. Windham gave a council report. Mrs. Frank Carter was nominated the T.H.D.A. chairman to attend the district meeting.

Plans were made for a March of Dimes party that was held at 7 p.m., January 31.

Mrs. H. H. Windham was hostess and served refreshments to five members and two children.

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### Dorcas Class Meets With Mrs. Carson

The Dorcas class of the First Baptist church met in the home of Mrs. E. O. Carson, Jan. 23, with Mrs. P. F. Harris as co-hostess. Mrs. Josie Shanks, president, presided. Mrs. Harris gave the devotionals from Psalms 92 and Mrs. Shanks led the prayer. Mrs. J. J. McNeice was appointed class minister by the president. The class decided not to have a meeting in February. Mrs. Ada Higgins closed the meeting with prayer. Refreshments of cake and coffee were served to Mes: Helen Boney, Lige Harris, Sam Swann, C. P. Stevens, Charlie West, Emma Wheately, Daisy Dwiggin, M. E. Ervin, Phillips, W. M. Hays, Harris, Higgins, Shanks, McNeice, and the hostesses.

### Foster, Smith Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Foster of Clyde, formerly of Merkel, are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Dorothy, to David Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith of Big Spring. The wedding will be solemnized February 15 in Abilene. Dorothy is employed at Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene in the office as a secretary. The prospective bridegroom is connected with the Texas and Pacific railroad with headquarters at Big Spring where the couple plan to make their home.

### Lonelle Beasely Honored At Tea

Lonelle Beasely was honored with a gift tea in the home of Mrs. Brandon Wade from 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 1. Receiving guests were Mrs. Wade, the honoree, her mother, Mrs. A. H. McElmurray, and Lonita Teaff, sister of the bridegroom-to-be. An arrangement of iris in a milk glass banana bowl was featured on the tea table. Mrs. Bob Hay of Abilene, sister of the bridegroom-to-be, and Mrs. Jeff Anderson, sister of the bride-elect, presided at the tea table. Displaying gifts were Mrs. Leon Walker, Mrs. R. T. Hodge, Mrs. Eldon Hicks and Betty Jane Title. Mrs. Edgar Tipton registered guests. Guests were entertained by Mrs. Andy Shouse and Mrs. Milton Patton, pianists; and Mrs. Homer Patterson, vocalist. Mrs. Beasely and Glenn Teaff will be married Friday, Feb. 7 in the home of the bride-elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McElmurray.

Mrs. A. R. Booth has returned from Abilene where she visited with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Mashburn, who are the parents of a baby girl, named Christene Lee Ann.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Campbell of Lamesa were in Merkel Sunday to visit Mrs. Bertha Ensminger, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cypert.

Visiting with Mrs. Etta Tucker recently was her grandson, Milton Tucker of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Bowen and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Scott spent the weekend in Laredo visiting their children, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bowen.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Lyles and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Patton of Floydada visited in the home of their brother, Mr. and Mrs. Huston Robertson last week.

### Bluebonnet HD Club News

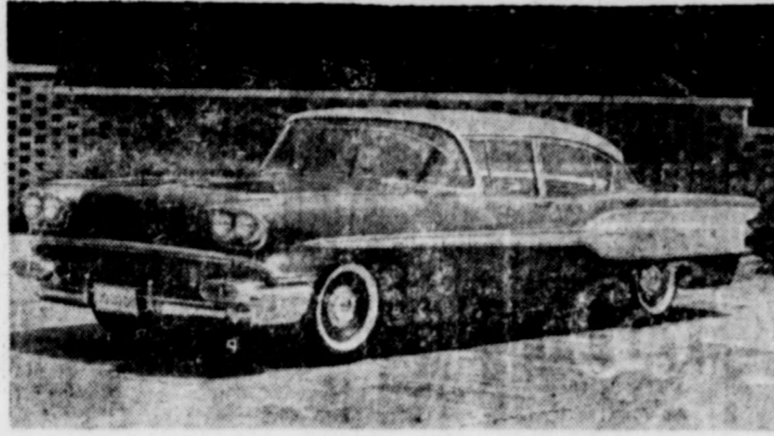
The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. Frank Brnocek, Tuesday, February 4. Mrs. Brnocek opened the meeting with prayer. The program was on clothing construction, which was demonstrated by the ladies who are attending a school on sewing under the direction of Miss Loreta Allen, County Agent. Topics discussed were: "Best Lines" Mrs. Allen D. King, Sr.; "Fitting a Pattern" Mrs. Brnocek; "Collar Making," Mrs. Tom Russum; "Making Beautiful Button Holes," Mrs. R. E. Clemmer, Jr. Refreshments were served to two visitors, Miss Allen, and Mrs. Muriel Riggan, and eleven members.

### Scouts Adopt Safety For '58 Service Project

The 4,700,000 boys and leaders of the Boy Scouts of America will launch a yearlong National Safety Good Turn during Boy Scout Week, February 7 to 13. The Scouts' national service project was suggested by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Honorary President of the Boy Scouts. In a White House message, President Eisenhower told the Scouts: "In our land each individual is of inestimable worth, yet in no other land do accidents cause a more terrible loss of human life and limb. This fact cannot be passively accepted. We must seek new ways to save the basic resources of our Nation: its people. Encouraged by the splendid results of your Conservation Good Turn four years ago, I now urge you to adopt Safety as your service project for 1958. Through the concerted action of your members, and in cooperation with other organizations, you can alert the public to the urgent need for reducing the tragic toll of accidents. This is an opportunity for service to your country in the highest tradition of the Boy Scouts of America." The Scouts' National Safety Good Turn is being coordinated nationally and locally with other safety programs and campaigns. National safety organizations have advised and assisted Scout leaders in developing plans and projects. During March, April, and May, the projects will involve traffic safety. Outdoor safety projects will keep the Scouts busy in June, July and August. Home safety will be featured in September, October, and November. Next October, the Boy Scouts will distribute to approximately 35,000,000 homes a civil defense booklet on family preparedness for emergencies.

### About Your Health

AUSTIN—If the people of the United States were informed that a vaccine had been found that was effective against traffic accidents that clinical tests and records had demonstrated this accident prevention vaccine was successful, only a fool would fail to protect himself with a vaccination. Further, if you were told that last year, all traffic accidents had been reduced almost 80 percent over two years ago, because of this vaccine with its resultant reduction in deaths and crippling effects, you would undoubtedly hail it as the greatest boon to life since milk pasteurization. Why then is there so much apathy among adults in obtaining the protective benefits of the Salk anti-polio vaccine? The success of the vaccine is proven beyond any shadow of a



VOLUME SELLER for 1958 will be the Pontiac Chieftain series, shown here in the slim pillar, four-door sedan model, which gives the appearance of hardtop styling. New in 1958, and heading the list in this series, is the distinctive Chieftain convertible. Other Chieftains are the two and four-door Catalinas, a two-door slim pillar sedan and two, four-door Safaris; a two-seater and a three-seater. With a 122-inch wheelbase, the Chieftain remains the "big car" with the "little price."

doubt. The incidence of paralytic polio is reduced in the whole of the United States. There were 816 cases of paralytic polio in Texas in 1955; last year there were only 365, a large proportion of which were adults and children below age 5. Many parents have taken for granted the fact that their school children will probably receive their polio shots at school, but fail to protect themselves or their pre-school-age children. This attitude could cost the life of your small children, or even your own.

### Deadline For Safety Stickers Is April 15

Anti-polio vaccine is available for everyone now, and the Texas State Department of Health strongly recommends, that everyone be vaccinated, especially pre-school-age children and young adults. The continued marked reduction in the incidence of paralytic polio is dependent on the immunization of the entire population. Remember, it takes eight months to complete your series of three polio shots, but if you start now, you will have at least partial protection by the onset of the polio season in Texas this Spring. We don't have a vaccine against automobile accidents yet, but you can guard against the crippling effects of paralytic polio, if you act soon.

### Austin Woman Presented For T.F.W.C. Office

Mrs. Harry Griffiths, prominent club and civic leader of Austin, was presented for the First Vice-Presidency of the Texas Federation of Austin Women's Clubs, of which she is a past president. She was also endorsed by Fifth District, T. F. W. C. Mrs. Griffiths has been Regional Vice President of Fifth District and at the present time both State and District Program Chairman. She has served for eleven years on the State Board and thirteen years on the District Board. Was Legislative Chairman under two administrations. She has served as President of numerous organizations including Tuesday Book Review Club, Dalhart Chapter of Delphians, University Unit of American Legion Auxiliary, Chairman of Y. W. C. A. Board. Currently she is Vice President of the Texas Fine Arts Association. Mrs. Griffiths is a Life Member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church and a Life member of the Y.W.C.A. She has served ten years on the Board of the Symphony Orchestra. She is a Regional Director for the Austin's Woman's Club, San Antonio's Woman's Club, San Antonio Breakfast Club, Symphony League, Tri-L, Wednesday Morning Music Club, Austin Woman's Study Club, Violet Crown Garden Club, Daughters of the Nile and Woman's Parliament.

Mrs. Griffiths is General Agent for the American National Insurance Co. in Austin. They have one daughter, Bettye, the wife of Dr. Silas Grant of Hillsboro, and two grandchildren, Evelyn and Steven. After attending schools in Memphis, Tennessee, she graduated from Ward Belmont in Nashville.

Major Wilson E. Speir, Commander of Region No. 4 of the Department of Public Safety, announced today that Texas motorists may be lined up for blocks before Motor Vehicle Inspection Stations as the April 15 deadline nears for obtaining safety inspection stickers for cars and trucks. "Only 125,000 vehicles have received their safety inspection stickers, out of the one-half million registered vehicles in Department of Public Safety's Region No. 4," said Capt. Hammett, Commander of Motor Vehicle Inspection Service of Region No. 4. "About ten weeks remain in which to obtain 1958 inspections and there are 375,000 vehicles still to be inspected in the 49 counties of Region No. 4." "Our Texas law requires that motorists have the safety inspection stickers on all registered motor vehicles by midnight, April 15. In addition, all trainers registered in Texas which exceed 4000 pounds gross weight must have safety inspection stickers," Hammett said. Captain Hammett pointed out that almost every town has a number of motor vehicle inspection stations and he added motorists will be able to get quick service and avoid the last minute rush by having vehicles inspected early.

Captain Hammett pointed out that motorists are subject to a fine of one dollar to two hundred dollars, plus court costs, if they are apprehended without a valid safety inspection sticker. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Veteto and mother, Mrs. Lou Heath of Abilene were guests in the home of cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Stockbridge Sunday.

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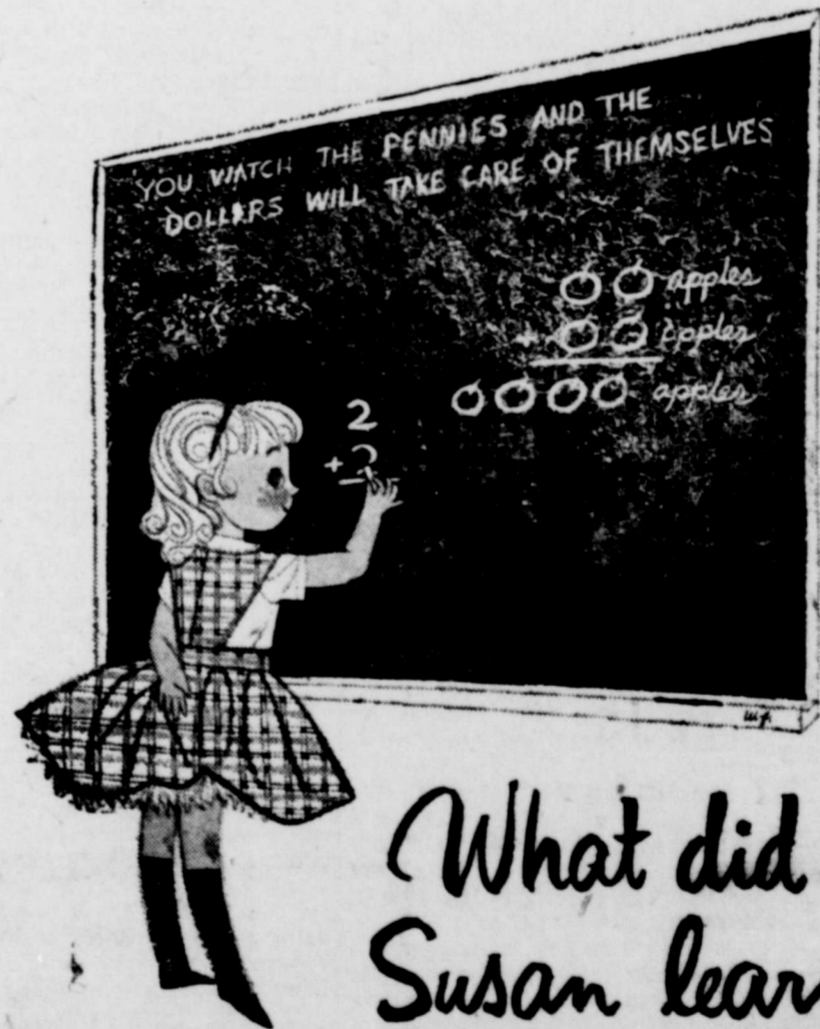
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With deepest gratitude we extend this word of thanks for the many kind acts of sympathy, expressed by thoughtful friends. Your kindnesses have meant much to us.  
The family of Mrs. R. L. Proctor

## Legal Column

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**  
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas—  
**GREETINGS:**  
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: James Walter Miller, Defendant. Greetings:  
**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 18th day of March A. D. 1958, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 31st day of December A. D. 1957, in this cause, numbered 22,697-A on the docket of said court and styled **LELA BELL MILLER, Plaintiff, vs. JAMES WALTER MILLER, Defendant.**

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married on August 12, 1946 and separated on December 8, 1956. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment. Plaintiff alleges that there are no children of this marriage and no community property to be adjudicated, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 28th day of January A. D. 1958  
(SEAL)  
Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas.  
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.

Johnny Hammond and two sons went to Galveston last week and were accompanied home Sunday by Mrs. Hammond, who has been a patient in John Sealy Hospital there following major surgery. She is reported to be recovering rapidly.

Mr. and Mrs. David Gamble and daughter, Lynn, who has been undergoing treatment at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn., have returned to their home here. Lynn's condition is reported to be improved.



"Does that watchdog we got in the Want Ads have blue eyes?"

## Is There A Single Biggest Cause For Juvenile Delinquency Today?

By Judge Sarah T. Hughes

Plain to see is the fact that our increasing juvenile delinquency has many different and complex causes. There is no single factor which brings it about, and therefore no single cure. But is there, perhaps, any one factor which is bigger than any of its many causes? I think there is.

**WE ALL NEED IT**  
Every person, adult or child, needs—most of all—a sense of his own significance, his own individuality. A grown person wants to be recognized in his home, his church, or his club, or he loses interest. A husband who comes home and tells his wife about a good business deal he has made wants her to listen and be interested. A good wife who cooks a special treat is disappointed if she isn't complimented.

It is even more important for boys and girls to have a sense of their own significance. Failing to get it starts many upon the road to delinquency, running with gangs, committing acts of vandalism so as to be considered "smart" to be recognized by someone. A few of us may even get that sense of importance through robbery, rape, murder.

**NO RECOGNITION**  
I have had many cases in the Juvenile Court where I thought the principal reason for the boy or girl being there was that he or she had been given no recognition as an individual, no feeling of significance.

One of my vandalism cases involved a stepfather who gave all his attention to his own children, while the mother loved her husband more than her son by her previous marriage. This made him feel left out, and he satisfied his need for recognition by joining a gang of boys in destruction of property.

**FELT HUMILIATED**  
Another boy, living with his father and stepmother, was required to clean house, wash dishes, and dress his younger sisters. If his mother had been tired from working all day he would not have minded being called on to help, but for a boy of 14 to be constantly required to do what he considered girl's work made him feel very insignificant in the eyes of his friends. So he began to stay out late at night, breaking into empty box cars and vacant buildings and taking what didn't belong to him.

A third little fellow of 11, with superior intelligence, had the home instinct and frequently ran away from home. He landed in jail in various Texas towns, but being confined didn't bother him, because he could brag to his friends about having been in jail.

**SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF**  
Then his mother tied him to the bed for nine days, but that didn't faze him either—he could brag about that.

Finally, his mother prayed over him, and that would have been all right if she hadn't prayed out loud that "the devil be taken out of Charles." That pleased him very much because he didn't know of any other boy who had the devil in him.

I'll always remember how Charles fairly beamed in court when the officer said that he had stolen 25 bicycles. He was quite sure that this was a feat no other little boy of 11 had accomplished. "BELONGING"

The principal factor bringing all three of these boys to court was a failure in the home to make them feel that they, as individuals, had any significance. There is always something to compliment a child for—to make him feel important and wanted. There is always the chance to LISTEN with interest and affection to what he has to say, always the chance to make him feel that he "belongs" to make him feel appreciated for himself.

The story is told of the prisoner who escaped and was found by police standing in front of a poster with his picture on it. When he was asked by the officer why he was standing where he could be so readily identified, he said, "Oh, it's so wonderful to be wanted by somebody!"

**"TO KNOW THAT I MATTER"**  
That is what these youngsters need—to be wanted by somebody, to be recognized as individuals, to be important to their friends and parents.

A young boy, recently asked what he thought could be done to stop juvenile delinquency, said, "People give many answers to that—larger playgrounds, stricter law enforcement, more scout troops, but I say what we need MOST is someone to really believe in us."

The recognition children need, their sense of belonging, comes chiefly from parents who love them; and that love which is necessary for children to grow into worthwhile citizens will be discussed in my next article.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Perry and daughter, Kay Lynn spent the week end in the home of their daughter and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Booth Russom of Denver City.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger A. Burgess of Austin were Merkel visitors last week. Mr. Burgess is former superintendent of the schools in Merkel.

## CHURCHES

**Noodle Church of Christ**  
Paul Forshey, Minister  
Sunday —  
Bible Study ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday —  
Prayer Service ..... 7:00 p.m.

**Noodle Baptist Church**  
John Hamilton, Pastor  
Sunday —  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Training Union ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 7:15 p.m.  
Monday —  
W.M.U. .... 2:30 p.m.  
Wednesday —  
Prayer Service ..... 7:00 p.m.

**Merkel Grace Presbyterian**  
Ben Neill, Pastor  
Sunday —  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.

**Merkel Assembly of God**  
William S. Agnew, Pastor  
Sunday —  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Church Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Fellowship ..... 7:00 p.m.  
M.Y.F. .... 7:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 7:30 p.m.

**Tye Baptist Church**  
Rev. Armstrong, Pastor  
Sunday —  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Church ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Training Union ..... 6:45 p.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 8:00 p.m.  
Tuesday —  
W.M.U. .... 2:30 p.m.  
Wednesday —  
Prayer Meeting ..... 7:30 p.m.

**Merkel Methodist Church**  
Cloy Lyle, Pastor  
Sunday —  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Service ..... 10:55 a.m.  
M.Y.F. .... 6:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday —  
Choir Rehearsal ..... 7:30 p.m.

**Pioneer Memorial Chapel**  
Elmer Ward, Pastor  
Sunday —  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Jr., Sr. Young People ..... 7:00 p.m.  
W.S.C.S. .... 7:00 p.m.  
Evening Service ..... 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday —  
Prayer Service ..... 7:00 p.m.

**Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church**  
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Pallatine Fathers  
Thomas Leahy, SCA, Pastor  
Patrick Wheelan, SCA  
Sunday —  
Confessions ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Mass ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Tuesday —  
Legion of Mary ..... 8:00 p.m.

**Merkel Church of Christ**  
Bob Cannon, Minister  
Sunday —  
Bible Study ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Classes ..... 6:00 p.m.  
(Classes for all ages)  
Evening Service ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday —  
Ladies' Bible Class ..... 3:30 p.m.  
Wednesday —  
Evening Service ..... 7:00 p.m.

**Trent Church of Christ**  
Lowell Williams, Minister  
Sunday —  
Bible Study ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Regular Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Night Service ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday —  
Midweek Service ..... 7:00 p.m.

**Trent Methodist Church**  
Carl Nunn, Pastor  
Sunday —  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Booster Band ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Evening Service ..... 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Service ..... 7:30 p.m.  
W.M.C. Thursday ..... 2:00 p.m.

**Tye Methodist Church**  
Jarrell Tharp, Pastor  
Sunday —  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Church Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Fellowship ..... 7:00 p.m.  
M.Y.F. .... 7:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 7:30 p.m.

**Comper Baptist Church**  
Ross Merritt, Pastor  
Sunday —  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
(2nd and 4th Sundays)

**Merkel First Baptist Church**  
C. G. Sewell, Pastor  
Sunday —  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.

**Training Union** ..... 6:30 p.m.  
**Evening Worship** ..... 7:30 p.m.  
**Tuesday** —  
**W.M.U.** ..... 9:30 a.m.  
**Wednesday** —  
**Prayer Service** ..... 7:30 p.m.

**Merkel Calvary Baptist Church**  
Wayne Davis, Pastor  
Sunday —  
Radio Program, KXOX 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Prayer Service ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 7:30 p.m.

**Hebron Baptist Church**  
Glenn Ferguson, Pastor  
Sunday —  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Training Union ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 7:30 p.m.

**New Live Oak Baptist Church**  
Wayne Pemberton, Pastor  
Sunday —  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Training Union ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday —  
Prayer Service ..... 7:00 p.m.

**Trent First Baptist Church**  
A. H. Williams, Pastor  
Sunday —  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Preaching Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Training Union ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Evening Service ..... 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday —  
W.M.U. .... 2:30 p.m.  
Wednesday —  
Prayer Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.  
W.A. .... 6:00 p.m.  
G.A. .... 6:00 p.m.  
Primary Sunbeams ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.

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**OUTDOORS IN TEXAS**

By Vern Sanford

Very few lakes and rivers ever freeze over.

If you don't believe that boating really has become big business, just ask your local boat dealer. He can give you plenty of facts and figures. Also the names of many persons whom you know who right now are enjoying the great outdoors.

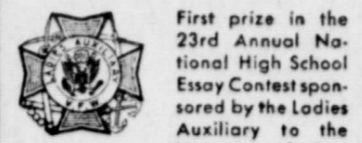
He can tell you, too, that in 1957 Americans pumped 397,000,000 gallons of gasoline and 19,000,000 gallons of lubricating oils into their outboards.

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And, there'll be more of it in 1958. So, if you don't have a boat, you'd better get in the swim. It's the popular thing to do.

**Buying a New Rod?**

In buying a new rod this year you'll be impressed with the number of popular brands now being made in two pieces. They also have medium size guides. Generally they are known as "spincasters" because you can use either a conventional reel or one of the new enclosed models.

Plueger has just announced a new enclosed reel, the 88, with immediate line control. The company has solved one of the troubles with the enclosed reels. By limiting the free flow of line from the cone, smoother operation is had. Plueger is one of the old line tackle manufacturers, being famous for its Supreme reel for many years.

I don't know why tackle manufacturers were slow to get around to the two piece rod with large guides. For a number of years I've been fishing with a homemade one. Really there is nothing new in the idea. Nearly all of our original steel rods were two or more pieces. I still have the old Bristol rod I learned to cast with. It is a 4 1/2' three piece rod. While it isn't much for casting, it was easy to take along and it has caught plenty of fine bass.

Nowadays these new two piece rods can be cased easily and transported without danger of breakage. With a light action rod, a smooth operating reel, monofilament line, and light lures, you have just about the ultimate in tackle.

In buying one of these spincast rods I'd suggest you look for one where the two sections are about the same length. Then you are less likely to break a tip, either in the case or in transporting the equipment.

**It's Crow Killing Time**

This is the time of the year when you can do a lot about protecting next season's quail, young turkeys, pecans and roasting ears.

If every hunter in Texas would kill a half dozen crows it would mean a great deal to the protection of game birds and crops.

I don't think I ever have seen more crows in Texas than there are right now. In driving across the state I have seen hundreds following the plows in the field or squawking about their looting. In the late evenings great hordes of them can be seen flying from fresh plowed fields back to their roosts in the river bottom tree tops.

have assisted in dynamiting crow roosts. In others, crow shots have been arranged.

Crow shooting offers a very good practice for shotguns. Two or more gunners can stack a big pile of crows in a short time of good shooting, in a very simple way.

For shotgun shooting it is desirable that the shooters find a good clump of trees near a freshly plowed field, or where corn or peanuts have been left in the field. With a crow call, which sells for a dollar or two, you can call them in quickly. Crow calling is much simpler than calling ducks or geese. Almost anyone can attract crows with just a few minutes practice.

If you have a stuffed owl and will mount it on a fence post, then use your crow call like a crying call for help, crows will flock to you. That's the time to get in some real shooting.

You don't have to have any particular size shot or load for crows. You can shoot them with duck loads or bird loads. Either is very effective.

One of the nicest shooting guns I've seen lately for this work is that over-under double-barrel Marlin. This fine gun is equipped with anti-doubling single trigger mechanism. For a shooter who is partial to a double gun, but still likes to sight down a single tube, this is the answer.

Somehow I have a tender spot in my heart for Marlin guns. They

are the oldtimers. The company has been making rifles and shotguns for many years. Currently it is the only American company making the ou shotgun, which I think is a real beauty.

Of course you don't have to use a shotgun on crows. They afford wonderful targets for rifle shooting. There is more danger, however, in rifle shooting. Bullets from rifles, even the modest 22, will travel a long way. For that reason utmost care should be used. In fact, if anything larger than a 22 rim fire is used, the caliber should be limited to one of the high speed varmint loads. They break up on contact and are less likely to kill someone in the next county.

**Dale Moore Circle Meets**

The Dale Moore Circle of the First Baptist church met in the home of Mrs. Blanche Campbell, Tuesday morning, Jan. 28.

Mrs. J. J. McNiece opened the meeting with prayer.

The program was presented by the following: Mrs. Josie Shanks, program chairman; Mrs. G. D. McConnell, Mission study; Mrs. John Young, program chairman; Mrs. George T. Moore, community missions; Mrs. Ada Higgins, stewardship; Mrs. Leroy Armstrong, Y. P. Director; Mrs. George Sparkman, secretary; Mrs. Hugh Campbell, publicity.

One visitor, Ray Young was present.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan were weekend guests of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Criswell Doan and children of Waureka, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Mae Horton of Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Doan and children spent the weekend with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sugart in San Antonio, where Mr. Sugart is a patient in Fort Sam Houston Hospital there.

**Demand For Cotton Reaches All-Time High**

The world demand for cotton is now, at an all-time high and is growing stronger. The increased demand is a direct result of an ever expanding population, greater world buying power, and the desire of the peoples of other lands to improve their living standards.

There has been a continuous expansion of cotton consumption during the last six seasons. World consumption has increased by over 5 million bales or 15 per cent. World consumption last season rose to a record 39 million bales.

Because of the short 1957 crop, and the rapidly vanishing CCC holdings of desirable cottons, American cotton growers must increase production in 1958 if they are to hold and supply our foreign markets.

The cotton farmer who can grow high quality cotton in 1958,

can look to a pleasant future. That's the rosy prospect facing growers as they make their 1958 crop plans, according to cotton economists attending a recent American Farm Bureau cotton meeting in Dallas.

These are the elements that high quality lint, lower carryover than in several years, big decrease in CCC stocks, and a standoff in foreign cotton production. This means that in 1958, cotton prices are likely to be higher than in 1957.

What should cotton growers do in 1958? Best thinking of the experts is to plant your full allotment, use fertilizer according to soil tests, carefully control insects and cut out all hand labor possible in growing the crop. Then harvest so as to get the best grade possible.

Mrs. Mary Grimes and daughter, Bettye Dean, and Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus were in Dallas the first of the week where the ladies attended spring market and Mr. Pee transacted other business.

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SEE YOUR FAVORITE ELECTRIC APPLIANCE DEALER

West Texas Utilities Company

Carries 6 passengers plus a full pickup load!

You pay for one, get the use of two!

**NEW INTERNATIONAL TRAVELETTE!**

Try the new Travellette soon at

**PALMER MOTOR CO.** Phone 159 Merkel

Two full width seats—style and comfort minded interior rides six passengers in station wagon luxury. Second curb-side door allows easy access to full width rear seat.

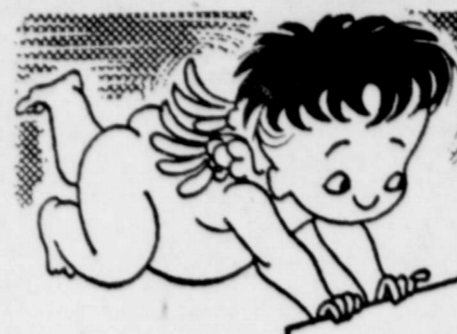
Six-foot grain-tight body—hauls up to one ton. Measures 90 inches from front of body to rear of tailgate to carry standard pickup load. Available in four-wheel drive.

For

- PRIVATE BUSINESSES: Economical transportation of both men and materials.
- FARM FAMILIES: Handles pickup chores, serves six passengers, too!
- UTILITY COMPANIES: Special 7-ft. utility body makes it a 6-man repair shop.
- RESORT USE: For guests, baggage, supplies.



LAMAR  
HOMO MILK  
1/2 Gal. **43¢**



HUNT'S **Tomato-Rama**



HUNT'S PEACHES - - - 2 1/2 can 25c

HUNT'S FRUIT COCKTAIL - - 2 1/2 can 33c

HUNT'S No. 2 1/2 Can PURPLE PLUMS - - - 2 for 49c



HUNT'S JUICE 300 TOMATO - - - 3 for 29c

HUNT'S CATSUP - - - - - 2 for 33c



HUNT'S 300 TOMATOES - - - 2 for 33c

VILVITA 2 1/2 CAN APRICOTS - - - - - 2 for 49c

STOKLEY'S CRUSHED PINEAPPLE - - - - - 2 for 49c

STURGEON BAY R.S.P. CHERRIES - - - - - 2 for 39c

*Food finds for Valentines*

CLEANSER NEW - BABO - - giant 15c

**COFFEE SWIFT GLO-COAT FLOUR**

Maxwell House One Pound - -

**79¢**

SHORTENING JEWEL 3 lb. can

**59¢**

Johnson Quart - - -

**69¢**

Light Crust 25 lb. bag - - -

**\$1.79**

BIRD'S EYE CHICKEN BEEF or

**TURKEY PIES** - each

**25¢**

**Frozen Foods**

BIRDSEYE 10 OZ Strawberries - pkg. 25c

BIRDSEYE 6 OZ. Orange Juice - can 21c

BIRDSEYE Fish Sticks - - pkg. 29c

**TIDE** Giant 63c

**CHEER** Giant 69c

**DASH** Jumbo \$2.29

**JOY** King 87c

**ZEST** Reg. 15c

**COMET** Reg. 17c

MORTON'S Pot. CHIPS pkg. 15c

BISCUITS Can 10c

WILSON'S OLEO Lb. 19c

NORTHMOOR CHOCOLATE CHERRIES Box 49c

**Garden Fresh VEGETABLES**



TEXAS ORANGES Lb. **8¢**

GOLDEN BANANAS - - - - - lb. 12c

RUBY RED 5 LB. BAG GRAPEFRUIT - - - each 29c

Fresh CAULIFLOWER - - - - - lb. 12c

Fresh CELERY HEARTS - cello 23c

Dry YELLOW ONIONS - - lb. 5c

IDAHO SPUDS - - - - - 10 lbs. 39c

LAST WEEK FOR F.F.A. **BEEF** NO FINER ANYWHERE

CENTER CUT PORK CHOPS - - - lb. 59c

GOOCH'S COUNTRY STYLE SAUSAGE - - - 2 lbs. 89c

GOOCH'S HAMS whole or half - - - lb. 53c

GOOCH'S RANCH STYLE BACON thick sliced - - 2 lbs. \$1.09

FRESH FOR SEASONING SALT JOWLS - - - - - lb. 25c

FRESH BEEF LIVER - - - - - lb. 47c

FRESH GROUND BEEF - - - - 3 lbs. \$1.00

LAST WEEK ON F.F.A. BEEF **ALL CUTS** at regular PRICES

SWIFT PREMIUM FRYERS - - - - - lb. 39c

CARSONS' SUPERMARKET

**ONE-STOP-SHOP**  
- TRADE WITH US AND BANK THE DIFFERENCE

FOR VALUABLE **PREMIUMS**  
SAVE CASH REGISTER TAPES  
**AT CARSON'S**  
SEE PREMIUMS AT STORE  
REMEMBER EACH WEEK WE  
HAVE A NEW NUMBER FOR  
OUR CALENDERS  
PRICES GOOD  
THURS. - FRI. - SAT.  
FEB. 6 - 7 - 8th

GEBHARDT'S **TAMALES**  
2 cans - - - 39c

KIMBELL'S **CHILI**  
No. 2 can - - - 45c

HARVEST INN **GREEN BEANS**  
2 303 cans - 25c

KOUNTY KIST **GOLDEN CORN**  
2 12-oz. cans 25c

TRELLIS **GREEN PEAS**  
2 303 cans - 25c

SUN SHINE **CRACKERS** - lb. 25c  
SUN SHINE **CANDY** cello 29c