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75,000 Seedlings Available For 1959, T. F. S. Reports

Only 75,000 tree seedlings are still available to West Texas landowners for windbreak plantings in early 1959, Dr. A. D. Folweiler, director of the Texas Forest Service reported today.

"The supply is short, so interested planters are urged to get their applications in early to assure their getting trees," Folweiler said.

Application blanks for ordering seedlings are available from the Texas Forest Service at College Station. These forms can also be secured from county agents, soil conservation districts, and ASC offices in the West Texas area.

About 43,000 red cedar, 22,000 ponderosa pine, and 10,000 Austrian pine are all that remain of trees which will be secured and distributed by the Service. Seedlings will be sold at cost of \$1.50 for each hundred, postpaid.

"The continued favorable rain-planting conditions as a result, landowners should get good survival from windbreak plantings," Folweiler added.

The deadline for ordering trees will be no later than March 1, 1959. Seedlings will be shipped about the first week of March, 1959 from the Indian Mound Nursery in Cherokee County to locations specified on the application blanks. Information on how to store and plant the seedlings is available upon request from the Texas Forest Service at College Station.

"The orders will be filled on a 'first come - first served' basis," Folweiler said.

Memo To Tossers Of Office Parties

CHICAGO—Memo to tossers of Christmas office parties:

"Keep the cork in the bottle—the family happiness you save may be your own."

That reminder went out from the National Safety Council today in its campaign urging business and industry to keep offices dry during the holidays.

"Office togetherness is okay," Council said, "but not if it jeopardizes family togetherness."

"There can't be peace on the highway and good will in the home when Dad gets woozy at the office," the Council reminded its 8,000 business and industrial members.

And the secretary goes for career girls. "The secretary struck down in the rush home may have been the one standing under the office mistletoe a few minutes earlier," the Council said.

Churches of all faiths and creeds were asked to join hands and help bring down the drinking hazard through the long four-day Christmas weekend.

"The religious message of Christmas is the promise of life," the Council said. "Churchmen and employers should do all in their power to help those in their care keep that promise."

Surveys reveal the deadliest traffic hour of Christmas is between 6 and 7 Christmas eve when workers are rushing home.

And don't depend on the coffee urn to sober up, the council warned. "Time—not coffee—is the only cure. It takes three hours to recover from just two cocktails."

For all drinkers, office or otherwise, the Council had this to say: "55 per cent of Christmas deaths in traffic in 1957 involved drinking drivers—ample evidence that the cocktail hour should not precede the driving home hour, whether from office or neighborhood party."

There are 12 deepwater ports along the Gulf Coast of Texas. All are man-made in varying degrees.



Mrs. Laura Elizabeth Cade

Mrs. L. E. Cade, 100, Area Pioneer, Dies; Rites Held Here

Mrs. Laura Elizabeth Cade, 100, a resident of Abilene in 1838, died at the Star Rest Home here where she had been a patient for the past three years.

Born July 3, 1858, in Indiana, she married D. M. Cade in 1881, a Decatur, Ill. They moved to Abilene seven years later. Mr. Cade, a farmer, died in 1892.

Mrs. Cade moved to the Shiloh community, about 10 miles northwest of Merkel, in 1904 and had lived there and at Merkel since that time.

Funeral was held at 4 p.m. Saturday at Starbuck Funeral Chapel of Merkel, with the Rev. C. G. Sewell, pastor of the Merkel First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

She was a member of the Shiloh Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sons, L. R. of Merkel, and A. L. and E. C., both of Rt. 4, Abilene; two daughters, Mrs. J. H. Anderson of Lawn and Mrs. W. E. Alford of Houston; nine grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

CEMETERY FUND

The following persons have made contributions to the Merkel Cemetery Association:

Pauline Johnson
M. H. Ely

T-Sgt. and Mrs. Norbin Palmer and sons, Larry and Terry, of Austin, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norbin Palmer.

Baptist Choir Members Meet In Pastor's Home

Members of the choir of the First Baptist church met in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Sewell following Sunday evening services.

Music was furnished by the playing of Christmas carols on a record player.

Dale Coody, music director, spoke on behalf of the choir expressing their appreciation for the Rev. and Mrs. Sewell's three years of service to the church here.

Refreshments were served after which the group joined in singing of Carols.

100 Scholarships Offered Teachers

Abilene Christian College has announced 100 scholarships for public school teachers who wish to attend the third annual American Studies Program during the summer of 1959.

The scholarships are made possible by a grant of \$15,000 from the Coe Foundation of New York City and a grant of \$12,500 from the Texas Educational Association of Fort Worth, according to Dr. John C. Stevens, Director of the American Studies Program and Assistant President of ACC.

The scholarships will cover room, board, tuition and fees for six weeks of study during the Abilene Christian College 1959 Summer School. Fifty scholarships are available for each six-week session. The first session is scheduled June 2 - July 10, and the second session is set July 14 - Aug. 21.

Any teacher may apply, or a graduating college senior who will qualify for certification. Application forms may be obtained by writing Dr. Rex P. Kyker, Director of Summer School, Abilene Christian College, Abilene, Texas.

Completed application blanks must be returned to the American Studies Committee by April 1, 1959. Successful applicants will be notified by April 20, 1959.

American Study Program scholars may take two of the following courses: The American Heritage (History 399), American Educational Heritage (Education 399), The American Economic System (Business Administration 399), and The American Forum (Speech 399).

gabby doodle from noodle says:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

If you'd keep count of it you'd find that about half the space used by newspapers from day to day is quoting what the boys say is wrong with the country. But them deep thinkers has missed one thing that is mighty important, something that has done more to set our country back than anything else. The big thing wrong with America is that the folks has quit eating breakfast.

It sounds like a mighty small thing, but it's fundamental and I think you could trace a heap of our mistakes to the time when folks quit eating breakfast and took to a piece of toast, a sip of orange juice, and a gulp of coffee. If our ancestors could take a look at the kind of table that was spread fer breakfast these days they wouldn't wonder how come the nation is always on the brink of disaster.

Our grandfathers wouldn't never been able to build this nation if they had sloshed down their coffee, grabbed a piece of dry toast, kissed Grandma goodbye on the run and finished dressing after they got the mules hitched up to the plow.

Back in the days when this nation was getting its solid foundation, folks set down and had a meal fer breakfast. The table was heaped high with good vittles, the big steaming pot of coffee boiled on the back of the stove. There was a platter heaped high with eggs, another with meat and there was plenty of potatoes, hot bread, butter, honey, molasses and jam. And on Monday there might be a big piece of apple pie left over from Sunday. With a breakfast like that under his belt a man could go out and handle a team of mules, the political situation, the foreign policy, or most anything that came along. But now we get orange juice and a piece of toast. I think the nation will have to git back to eating breakfast if it wants to handle the problems facing us today.

I see by the papers where some college professor says the cave man was never bow-legged or stoop-shouldered. Fer his benefit, man started gitting bowlegged and all bent over the year taxes was discovered. By the time the next three generations git through paying off the national debt, it'll be very unusual to see a taxpayer that can straighten up enough to saddle a Shetland pony.

Yours truly,
Gabby

After receiving his law degree in 1927, Suggs practiced law in Dallas and Denison until the fall of 1938. From December of that year until May, 1944, he served as District Judge for the 59th District of Texas, Grayson and Collin counties.

Suggs has authored various articles on court procedure and legal subjects which have appeared in a number of bar publications. He has been connected actively with Dallas civic organizations. He was recently re-elected chairman of the advisory board of the Salvation Army and was appointed one of the two national vice-chairmen for Texas of the American Red Cross.

The new T&P president-elect, when time permits, enjoys two hobbies: flower gardening and oil painting. Some of his canvases have been exhibited, the latest being in the recent "Business Men in Art" Dallas art exhibition.

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J. T. SUGGS

... new T&P President

J. T. Suggs Named New T&P Pres.

The Texas and Pacific Railway Company will have a new president January 1, 1959. J. T. (Tom) Suggs, currently T&P vice president and general counsel, was elected by the railroad's Board of Directors to succeed W. G. Vollmer, who announced his retirement effective with the close of business this year.

Judge Suggs, as he is known throughout the industry, is a native of Denison, Texas, and a graduate of the University of Texas. He joined the Texas and Pacific as general counsel in 1944 and was elevated to the post of vice president and general counsel in 1953.

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Aliens To Report Address In Jan.

District Director Harlon B. Carter of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service stated that the period within which aliens must report their address is almost at hand.

The month of January has been set for the address reporting period. All aliens in the United States, with few exceptions, must report their address to the Government during that period.

Mr. Carter said that forms with which to make the report will be available to all post offices and offices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service during the month of January.

Mr. Carter urges all aliens to comply with the reporting requirement, as willful failure to do so may lead to serious consequences.

Holiday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Irven Thompson and Jocille and Mrs. Daisy Toombs were Mr. and Mrs. Warren Higgins and daughter, Betty Lu of Corpus Christi, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Risinger and son, Jimmie Raymond, who leaves soon for Alaska where he will be stationed for 14 months. Mr. and Mrs. Murray Toombs and son, Tommy, of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winter and children of Abilene.

Mrs. Latimer, 84, Canyon Pioneer, Dies Wednesday

Funeral for "Aunt Delle" Latimer, 84, area pioneer resident who died Wednesday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Sam Butman Jr. of Mulberry Canyon, was held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church in Mulberry Canyon.

The Rev. W. E. Martin, pastor, and the Rev. J. E. Meeks, a student at Hardin-Simmons University, officiated. Burial was in White Church Cemetery in Mulberry Canyon under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mrs. Latimer was born Feb. 3, 1874, in Hope, Ark., and moved to Mulberry Canyon in 1891. There she married Monroe P. Latimer, on Oct. 16, 1892. The couple had observed their 66th anniversary last October.

They had lived in Merkel since 1943.

Survivors include her husband; three sons, J. W. of Douglas, Ariz., and Clyde and Odie L., both of Chowchilla, Calif.; her daughter, Mrs. Butman; two brothers, Bailey Whisenhunt of Merkel and Charlie Whisenhunt of Ballinger; two half-brothers, J. B. Whisenhunt of Abilene and Bill Whisenhunt of View; three sisters, Mrs. J. T. Thomas and Mrs. E. W. Turner, both of Merkel, and Mrs. Joe Davis of El Paso; one half-sister, Mrs. Flossie Whisenhunt of Abilene; 10 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

100 Patrolmen Needed; Exams To Start Jan. 20

"The Texas Department of Public Safety will conduct preliminary field examinations for the position of patrolman on January 20, 21 and 22," announced Major Wilson E. Speir, Commanding Officer of the Midland Regional Office. Young men between the ages of 21 and 35 who can qualify and desire a career as a State Law Enforcement Officer may secure application forms at any Highway Patrol District Office, the DPS Regional Office (or by writing Dept. of Public Safety, Box 4087, Austin, Texas. Any local patrolman will be glad to discuss the qualifications and benefits of the position with prospective applicants.

The Legislature authorized an additional 100 patrolmen to increase the strength of the Department of Public Safety and anyone interested is encouraged to submit their application before January 12, 1959.

Qualifications

Age: 21 to 35 years, inclusive; Height: Not less than 68 inches or more than 78 inches; Sex: Males only; Weight: Not less than two pounds per inch of height or more than three pounds per inch of height; Physical: Sound physical condition, including not less than 20/30 in each eye without corrective lenses and not less than 20/30 acuity binocularly without correction. Vision must be correctable to 20/20 acuity binocularly. Must not be colorblind; Citizenship: Must be a resident of Texas one year immediately prior to application. Must be US citizen; Education: Must have a high school education; Examinations: Each applicant must complete a written examination and oral interview; Character: Applicants must be of good moral character and habits. A conviction for any felony automatically disqualifies. Applicants will be investigated. Assignment: Must be eligible for assignment anywhere in Texas; Miscellaneous: Must possess intelligence, initiative and good judgment. Must have capacity to develop good address and neat appearance.

Texas' first telegraph line was built into Marshall Feb. 14, 1866 from Shreveport, La. Later in the year the line was extended to Rusk, Henderson, Palestine, Montgomery and Houston.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Hodge of Levelland spent Thursday night with their mother, Mrs. Minnie Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Barbee of Carlsbad, N. M., were visiting here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Perry and son of Wilcox, Arizona, were holiday visitors with his father, John Perry.

Miss Mary Derstine of Austin spent the holidays with relatives here.

Visiting Lisa Gardner this week



From my front porch
By CARL HELM

A reader in an Eastern town who noted my recent recommendation for reading the 103rd Psalm, writes that he hasn't a Bible handy, and asks for ancient David's inspired words.

There may be other readers who, for reasons which I won't even speculate on, do not have access to the Book. The psalm is 22 paragraphs long, and this space is limited. But here is what I hold to be the essence of this wondrous "exhortation to bless God for His mercy":

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits; Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; Who healeth all thy diseases;

"Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; Who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies;

"Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

"The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed. . . the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. . ."

There is reference to "those that fear" our Heavenly Father. But, my heart and soul tell me to substitute the word "love" for "fear."

Tax-Man Sam Sez:

The new card Form 1040A is a mighty tempting way to file an easy tax return for folks with less than \$10,000 gross income. A lot of taxpayers do not like to read tax instructions. However, reading the tax information booklet you get in the mail just after Santa Claus has visited you can prove mighty, mighty profitable. It will probably pay you to read the tax instruction booklet carefully before you decide on whether to file a simple Form 1040 if you are eligible, or to use a regular Form 1040 and take the deductions that are allowed on the Form 1040 that cannot be taken on the Form 1040-A.

"Peter's" Own Christmas Tree



This sleek-looking four-footed friend of Guide Jack Wilkinson — "Peter" by name — poses proudly beside his specially decorated Christmas tree, which Wilkinson provides each Yule season for his animal friends at Government Park Station on the Canadian National Railways in Northern Algonquin Park, Ontario. The park, a game preserve where animals are safe from hunters' guns and consequently are quite tame, is a noted speckled and lake trout fishing area.

WANT ADS

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING RATES
Classified ads are 4 cents per word for the first insertion and 3 cents per word for additional insertions. Minimum charge is \$1. Cards of thanks are \$1 for the first 50 words; 4 cents for each word over 50.

MISCELLANEOUS
WANTED — Barley. See Jack South at Patterson Grain. 35-tfc

WANTED—House painting, Repairing, Remodeling, Building, Big or little jobs. Hour or contracts. Lee Ward, Phone 195-J, 511 Ash. 23-tfc

NOTICE MASONS
State meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A.F. & A. M. Thursday, Jan. 1, 7:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.
Othell O'Kelly, W. M.
C. B. Rust, Secretary.

LOST—Tail gate out of pickup. Aluminum painted. Louis Butman. Tel. Nubia 4185. 42-1tc

FOR RENT

FOR RENT: 4-room and bath unfurnished duplex. Call Ray Wilson at 173. 13-tfc

FOR RENT — 3-room furnished apartment with garage. Also 4-room unfurnished house with good garage. See A. B. Patterson. 607 Oak. Ph. 355-J 39-tfc

FOR RENT — 3-room furnished house. Call 51-W. 39-tfc

FOR RENT — One and two-bedroom apartments. Also bedrooms. Call 405-W or inquire at the Merkel Hotel. 40-tfc

2 FURNISHED Apartments for rent. 1 bedroom and 3 bedroom. Bills paid. See Macks Cleaners. 39-tfc

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Extra nice used GE Electric Range. Palmer Motor Company. Phone 159. 40-tfc

FOR SALE — 2 bedroom home, fenced back yard. 1226 La Salle, Abilene. Ph. 340-J, Merkel. 38-tfc

FOR SALE—Tru-Cold 16 ft. upright deep freeze. New at a bargain. Merkel Salvage. 928 N. 1st. 7-tfc

FOR MONUMENTS CALL TOM COATS 131 MERKEL, TEXAS 16-tfc

FOR SALE—Good used refrigerators at Palmer Motor Co. 17-tfc

FOR SALE—11-ft. Firestone refrigerator with meat chest and 36 lb. freezer across top. Twin crispers. In good condition. A good bargain at \$50. Inquire at White's Auto Store. 42-tfc

FOR SALE — Duroc and Chester white pigs weaned and on feed \$10. Kenneth Ray at Butman Ranch House

FOR SALE — Moline one-way 8.25 inch disks. 10 inch spacing. All bearings new. Disk sharpened. 4 miles north of No. 1. C. N. Hatfield. 40-tfc

BATTERIES CHARGED 29c

WHITE AUTO STORE Merkel, Texas

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF EXECUTION SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TAYLOR

By virtue of an Execution issued out of the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas, on a judgement rendered in said court on the 25th day of November, 1958, in favor of T. A. Russell, Trustee, and against Virgil Morley and wife, Margie Morley for a debt in the amount of \$3,651.42, together with Attorney's Fees in the sum of \$450.00 and to foreclose a Vendor's Lien described in a Warranty Deed recorded in Volume 555, page 608 of the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, in the case of T. A. Russell, Trustee, against Virgil Morley and wife, Margie Morley, Cause No. 23426-A in such Court, I did, on the 18 day of December, 1958, at 10:00 o'clock P. M., levy upon the following described property situated in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, under an Order of Sale issued by the District Clerk on December 18th, 1958, under the terms of said judgement, to-wit:
All of Lot No. 3 and the North 12 feet of Lot No. 2, Block 2, R. Q. West Subdivision of the East 187 feet of Lot No. 1, Block No.

For **COLDS** take 666

1. of Fair Park Acres, a subdivision of a part of the H. Ward Survey No. 90, and the West part of Block No. 4, Fair Park Acres to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas;

On the 3rd day of February, 1958, being the First Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock A. M., and 4:00 o'clock P. M., on said day at the Court House door of said County, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all right, title and interest of the said Virgil Morley and wife, Margie Morley in and to said property.

Dated this 13th day of December, A. D. 1958.
J. D. Woodard
Sheriff, Taylor County, Tex.
Fred Ownby,
Deputy 42-43-44

LEGAL NOTICE

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 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: Floyd Medearis, 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 26th day of January A. D. 1959, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 26th day of September A. D. 1958, in this cause, numbered 23-357-A on the docket of said court and styled Jewell Medearis, Plaintiff vs. Floyd Medearis Defendant.
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: plaintiff and defendant were married on or about February 1, 1953, and became permanently separated on or about July 26, 1957.
Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment.

Plaintiff alleges that no children were born to this union and that there is no community property to be adjudicated, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 10th day of December A. D. 1958.

Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas. By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
(SEAL) 40-41-42-43

LEGAL NOTICE

No. 23,371-A
Joseph William Glezman vs. Belle Rose Glezman in the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT FOR CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TAYLOR

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Joseph William Glezman, plaintiff in the above entitled and numbered cause, who being by me first duly sworn, states on oath that the place of residence of defendant, Belle Rose Glezman, is unknown to affiant, and that, after due diligence, affiant-plaintiff has been unable to locate the whereabouts of such defendant.

WHEREFORE, he prays that Citation for Service by Publication be issued herein.

Joseph William Glezman
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TAYLOR

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Joseph William Glezman, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 2nd day of December, A. D. 1958.
Betty Wilkerson, Notary Public
Taylor County, Texas.
(SEAL) 40-41-42-43

Fiesta de San Jacinto, held annually in San Antonio, commemorates the Texas victory at the battle of San Jacinto, fought April 21, 1836. The Fiesta is a week-long affair.

Bragg's Pre-INVENTORY SALE

MEN'S WEAR

Men's Style Mart Suits
Every Suit in Stock

Reduced to \$4995

Men's Sport Coats
1-4 off

Men's Jackets
ONE GROUP
1-3 off

ONE GROUP
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ONE GROUP
1-4 off

ONE GROUP
1-3 off

Men's Sport Shirts
1-4 off

Men's Western Shirts
1-4 off

BOYS' WEAR
1-4 off

Boys' Sport Coats
1-4 off

Boys' Sport Shirts
One Group 1-4 off

One Group 1-3 off

CAR COATS
BOYS' & GIRLS'
1-3 off

COATS-SUITS

Ladies' Fall and Winter Coats

1-4 off
Blouses
ONE GROUP
1-3 off

Skirts
ONE GROUP
1-3 off

READY-TO-WEAR
ONE RACK
DRESSES
1-2 off

ONE RACK
DRESSES
1-3 off

PIECE GOODS
Logantex
Quilted Cotton
Reg. \$1.98 NOW \$1.39

Corduroy
Machine Washable
Reg. \$1.10 NOW 79c

Washable Velveteen
Woven Back
Reg. \$2.69 NOW \$1.98

ONE LOT
Drip Dry Cottons
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Quadrige Prints
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MERKEL

EVERYTHING FINE IN '59

We welcome a new year — 1959. And we think 1959, like 1958, will be a good one for the Merkel territory.

Why?

Because we believe in Merkel's greatest asset — its people. We know that our people have the basic qualities needed to make the most of the natural advantages of this area.

Our people are hard-working. Their fine farms, prosperous businesses and neat homes give proof of their ability to get things done.

Our people are thrifty. As you can see by the statement for December 31, 1958 bank deposits are at a high and healthy rate. Our people know that there is no substitute for ready cash in their bank account — cash immediately available to help them do the things they want to do and get the things they want to get.

Our people are interested in their community and are planning for its continued growth. Their foresight and willingness to work together are making Merkel an even better place to live.

We are proud to be a part of this community of hardworking, thrifty and forward-looking people. We are proud of the growing number of those we serve. During the coming year you will find F&M ready at all times to meet all your banking requirements. Come in often.

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS
Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Corner on Cotton

BY BOB COLLINS

A lot of things must be decided by the CCC before the new cotton crop of Choice "A" and "B" starts to move. "A" cotton must be supported at 80% of parity, cataloged and offered for sale at 110% of "B" support and the law says the CCC must "own" it before it's resold. What'll this mean to the cotton buyer???

especially the country buyers and ginners who traditionally buy much of the cotton passing through their gins. Taxpayers would have a sizeable saving, we're sure, if the present marketing system were utilized by the CCC. Officials of the CCC seem to agree... but it does present problems. However, since the current marketing system was developed by stiff competition over many years and moves cotton to manufacturer at an unbelievably low cost, it's an excellent bet that the government won't be able to devise a system that's any better or half as good as both farmer and taxpayer you better hope the present marketing system will be retained.

New Grader
A leading cotton merchant is trying out an electronic cotton grader. Anyone can operate it with five minutes instruction. You just offer it a sample of cotton. The machine looks at it and prints the result within 10 seconds. It tells you everything you need to know except staple. However, don't look for one in your neighborhood any time soon. It's still experimental... but it is the shadow of things to come. Mass use could be another step in reducing cost of cotton to the manufacturer.

Better Gift?
The Agriculture Department says the farmer will have the highest income in history by the time the new year rolls in. If the figures are right (and we'll get some argument here) the annual per capita income of farmers will top \$1000.

How Much "A" and "B"?
A couple of editors we know have completed polls among farmers as to how much Choice "A" and "B" cotton will be planted next year. Results of one showed, roughly, 35% favored "A" and 65% favored "B". Another poll indicated, roughly, 55% favored "A" and 35% favored "B". This information helped us make up our mind on the question: You just can't tell.

JACK POT WINNERS and LOSERS THIS WEEK

MONDAY—LOSER

Walter Baucum ----- 55.00

—LOSER

Grace Shue ----- 60.00

WEDNESDAY—LOSER

Lois Givens ----- 65.00

Nothing To Buy.

All You Have To Do Is Sign Register To Win.

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Abilene Livestock Auction Comm.

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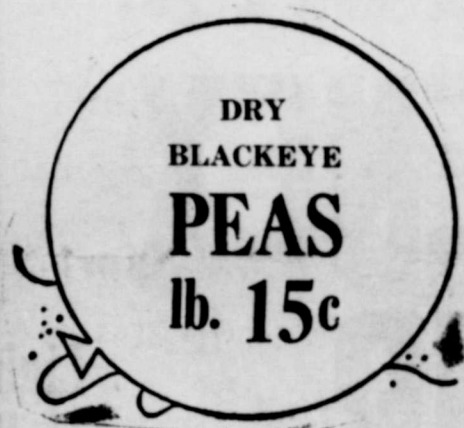
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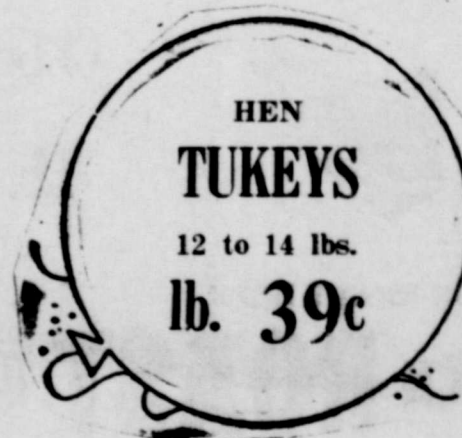
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You are hereby commanded to
cause to be published once each
week for four consecutive weeks,
the first publication to be at
least twenty-eight days before the
return day thereof, in a news-
paper printed in Taylor County,
Texas, the accompanying citation,
of which the herein below follow-
ing is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: James Martin McCarty, De-
fendant, Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to
appear before the Honorable 42nd
District Court of Taylor County
at the Courthouse thereof, in Abi-
lene, 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 issua-
nce of this citation, same being
the 19th day of January A. D.
1959, to Plaintiff's Petition filed
in said court, on the 7th day of
March A. D. 1958, in this cause,
numbered 22,846-A on the docket
of said court and styled Vergie
McCarty, Plaintiff, vs. James
Martin McCarty, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature
of this suit is as follows, to-wit:
plaintiff and defendant were mar-
ried on or about May 20, 1954,
and became permanently separated
on or about December 1, 1957.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on
grounds of harsh and cruel treat-
ment.

Plaintiff further alleges that
there are no children of this un-
ion 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
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Issued and given under my
hand and the seal of said court
at Abilene, Texas, this 2nd
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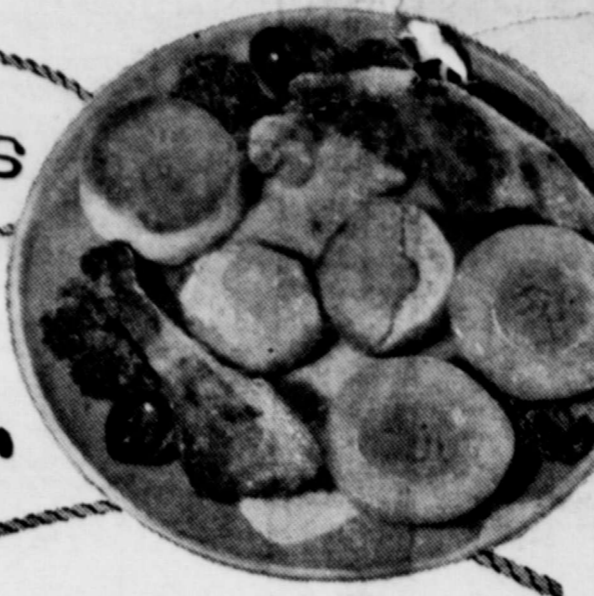
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MINCE MEAT jar 63c MINCE MEAT 29c

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- CHOICE HEAVY BEEF**
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- Wilson**
BACON SQUARES - - - lb. 35c
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BISCUITS**

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**BORDEN
EGG NOG**

Quart **39¢**

WESTERN RANCH DINNER

1 cut-up frying chicken (about 3 lbs.)
1 1/2 cups Pot Evaporated Milk
1 1/4 cups flour
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper

2 teaspoons paprika
1/2 cup shortening
No. 2 1/2 can cling peach halves, drained
1 can oven-ready biscuits
1 cup water

Turn on oven and set at 425 (very hot). Dip chicken in 1/2 cup milk, then roll in mixture of 1 cup flour, the salt, pepper and paprika. Melt shortening in 13 x 9 x 2-in. pan in oven. Put chicken into pan, skin side down. Bake 50 min. Turn chicken and move to one end of pan. Arrange peaches on chicken. Separate biscuits and put into other end of pan. Bake 15 min. longer, or until biscuits are light brown. Remove food to hot plates.

For gravy: Mix 1/4 cup flour into drippings left in pan. Stir in water gradually. Boil and stir 2 min. Stir in 1 cup milk. Heat but do not boil. Add salt and pepper to taste. Serve over biscuits. Makes 4 servings.

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