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## Tell-Tale Fe-Mail

By M. L. G.

Remember the time I told you about digging little holes in the yard to put little pansies in that the little rabbits ate? Well, it seems they do a little digging in Vermont too, according to the following letter:

Dear TELL-TALE FE-MAIL:

It's very interesting to read a Texas housewife's rambles about the trials and tribulations of her life out in the "wild and woolly" but . . . just for variety and possibly to bring back some memories (fond?) to former Easterners, how about a few rambles from a Vermont housewife?

These days are really beautiful and invigorating, but don't make me feel like digging in the yard as you do, not living in these parts, though digging in the yard during a Vermont winter is a major pastime, or necessity, I should say. It's of a different nature than your digging though, it doesn't accomplish much in the way of yard beautification but it's necessary for survival! It's digging yourself out of the snow that is. Before breakfast it's the usual routine around here to get out the snow shovel and make some sort of a path out in the yard so our pooch can get out for that morning romp without getting buried. She's long and low, you know, half a dog high and a dog and a half long, so believe me she needs a place prepared for her or we'd never find her till next spring! We bundle her up in her winter coat . . . no kiddin' . . . and push, and I do mean push her out into the 20 degree below zero mornings. She's never too happy about it.

Oh, yes, while she's out airing is a good time to take in the milk and cream and dig (that word again) it out of the bottle. Oh for the good ole summertime when you'll pour right out!

Whoops, the shovel again so the breadwinner can make his way to the garage and start his morning exercise digging out the driveway with fingers crossed hoping the car will kick over. It certainly should with all of the pre-winter preparations we've made, anti-freeze, snow tires, general tune-up etc., but you never know.

But you know . . . our Christmas was truly beautiful! Sparkling snow and freezing temperature, a bright full moon . . . it was a real "Christmas in Vermont". We were cozy by the fire while the old wind outside really blew up a storm. Such a good snugg as a bug in a rug feeling . . . Yup . . . as we say in Vermont. Home is a pretty good place after all.

Happy New Year to all you Texans!

Audrey Lockwood  
Essex Junction, Vt.

Now, wasn't that interesting? It would be nice to hear from more of you—especially you out-of-staters. How about it? And thanks, Audrey—we'd like to hear from you again, anytime.

How many New Year's resolutions have you broken? I've broken the usual one about eating, but there is one I don't intend to break—the one where I said I wouldn't mention a certain project underway at our house again until it is finished, and until that time use only the back road to our house, and not even open the front door.

Speaking of projects—we finally got our Christmas tree down and out. I'll tell you, when the 'Old Boy puts up a Christmas tree he means for it to stay up. We had to wait for him to take it down because the rest of the family couldn't reach the top decorations even on a ladder. It took two days to decorate it and a day to take it down—three days that could have been spent on the you know what.

I'm afraid there is going to be a drop in the overall soap sales again this year. Twice, since Christmas, we have been without water in the bathtub. I certainly am glad that most of my family got cologne of some sort for Christmas. It wouldn't occur to them to heat water and carry it to the tub.

In fact, when I asked my teenage daughter if she had taken her medicine the other day she

## Merkelite's Father Dies; Rites Held In Sylvester

Funeral for J. J. Watson, 77, father of T. F. Watson of Merkel, was held at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2 at the First Baptist Church in Sylvester. Burial was in Newman Cemetery.

Mr. Watson died at 11:05 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31.

Officiating at the services were the Revs. Ellis Tyson of Corsicana, Lee Hollis, Baptist minister from Sweetwater, and Virgil Potter, Sylvester pastor.

Mr. Watson was born Oct. 7, 1881, in Robertson County. A retired farmer, he moved to Sweetwater five years ago after living in Sylvester since 1920.

He was married to Malinda P. Jett in Franklin in 1900. After her death in 1949 he was married to Florence E. Watson in Marlin.

Survivors include his wife; five sons, T. F. of Merkel, W. H. of Sylvester, O. D. of McCauley, and O. H. and J. L., both of Sweetwater; five daughters, Mrs. J. A. Talbot, Mrs. T. O. Dickerson and Mrs. Verne White, all of Sweetwater; Mrs. D. A. Self of McCauley and Mrs. R. L. Hail of Odessa; two brothers, Jeppie and Nathan, both of Bremond; 30 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

## Merkel '58 News In a Nutshell

Here is a brief look at some of the happenings in Merkel during the year 1958:

Roy Largent was honored at the Fort Worth Stock Show.

Joe Cybert won the Precinct 2 Commissioner's race.

The Rev. Alvis Cooley assumed pastorate of the First Methodist Church.

"Miracle Massage", a book written by Earle Watts, was published.

Tom Russom was named outstanding supervisor of the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District.

Lester Denton, manager of Taylor Electric Co-Op, was named a state director of Texas Electric Cooperatives, Inc.

The local Lions Club celebrated its 30th anniversary.

Low-rent public housing was approved for Merkel.

An education committee, composed of members of Taylor Electric Co-Op, was organized.

Bragg's Dry Goods moved to a new location.

Merkel Chamber of Commerce sponsored a booth at the West Texas Fair.

A new electric scoreboard was installed at Badger Stadium, a gift from the Merkel Quarter-back club.

The Merkel Country Club, complete with golf course, was opened by Nathan and Don Wood.

A coin-operated laundry was installed on North Second Street.

Coin-operated machines were added at the De Luxe Laundry.

Merkel High School won first place in the Texas Interscholastic League Dist. 125 Literary Meet.

The Merkel High Band won two firsts—in marching and in inspection—at the regional contest.

Parent-teacher conferences were held at Merkel High School for the first time.

The Merkel Badgers won the District 10-A title.

The new Interstate 20 Highway, which runs through the north part of Merkel, was opened.

Missie's Floral Shop was added to Bill Wood.

A record grain and cotton crop was enjoyed in this area.

Construction of the new Farmers & Merchants National Bank was started.

**MERKEL GOOFS FOR '59**

Having the missile base within our grasp and losing it. Lack of advance planning to entice Interstate 20 traffic into Merkel.

A shortage of available suitable housing for Air Base personnel.

**METERY FUND**

The following persons have contributed to the Cemetery Association fund:

T. L. Proctor  
The J. M. Meek family



ALL-STATE — Manley Denton, Merkel quarterback, was selected for the second team in the Class A Texas schoolboy football all-state teams named by the Texas Sports Writers Assn. Denton also received the honor of being called the most valuable back on the Class A all-area team.

## Former Merkel Youth Killed In Holdup At Big Spring; Rites Here Friday

Gerald Dee Limer, 18, son of V. A. Limer of Rt. 1, Merkel, was shot to death by bandits in a service station holdup in Big Spring early Wednesday morning.

Limer's body was found about 3:15 a.m. with three bullet wounds in his head. Capt. Walter Eubanks said he had apparently been shot without warning while sitting in a chair. A truck driver found the body huddled on the floor of the station with both hands in his pockets.

Six empty .22 caliber hulls were on the floor of the station around Limer's body. Police also took two .22 caliber slugs from the woodwork.

Businessmen in Big Spring are offering a reward of \$1,000 for the slayers. They previously had offered \$250 for the men who shot Donald Bippus, another service station attendant, early Saturday morning.

Limer had already resigned his job and was working his last work shift when he was killed. R. E. McClure, owner of the Texaco station on U.S. 80, said:

Born Feb. 20, 1940 at Anson, Limer had attended school at Merkel, Big Spring and Anson.

He graduated from the eighth grade at Merkel in 1954 and lived with a sister for the next two years while attending high school here. In September of 1956, he moved to Big Spring to live with a brother and attended one year of high school there. His brother, Alfred, moved to Anson and Limer graduated from Anson High School in 1958.

His mother died in July of 1950.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Maxwell Lewis Hodge of Abilene; one daughter, Mrs. James T. Johnston of Lubbock; six sisters, Mrs. J. H. Fry of Midland, Mrs. W. T. Beasley of Lubbock, Mrs. L. O. Lynch of Big Spring, Mrs. W. G. Pettit of Crane, and Mrs. B. L. Hartwell and Mrs. Ray Bowers of Victoria.

Pallbearers were Onis Graham, Fineless Bartlett, J. E. Humphrey, Roy Buchanan, Mack Hodo and Alec Carter.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church in Merkel. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Survivors include his father and step-mother; two brothers, James of Ira and Alfred of Anson; two sisters, Mrs. Charles Redding of Merkel and Mrs. Charles Maserang of Lubbock; a step-sister, Mrs. E. W. Keesee of Abilene; and his step-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Young of Rt. 1, Hawley.

## McLeod Disproves ACC Brochure By Making Hot Start In Basketball

Abilene Christian College's 1958-59 basketball publicity brochure couldn't have been more wrong about ace sophomore center Robert McLeod.

"He will get off to a slow start because of football," said the brochure. McLeod's "slow start" has amounted to an average of 17.4 points and 14.7 rebounds per game in ACC's first seven games.

Finishing up the football season on Thanksgiving Day McLeod worked one day with the basketball team before departing on a four-game tour of Tennessee.

In the opener he did not start but bucketed seven points and snared nine rebounds. He has been in double figures since. Against Southwest Texas he hit 26 points and pulled down 18 rebounds for his best night.

His versatility is amazing. That, coupled with his tremendous competitive spirit made hash of this "slow start" prediction.

Big Robert (6-5, 220) started every football game for ACC at left end this fall and hauled in 26 passes for 355 yards and three TD's.

"He is an outstanding college offensive and defensive player. He's tough, will mix it up and is not afraid to hit," says Wildcat football Coach N. L. (Nick) Nicholson.

The Associated Press named him in its Little All-American honorable mention selections: Williamson's Rating put him in the Mid-Bracket All-America honorable mention; and The Dallas Morning News placed him on its

## Annual School Census Taking Underway Here

The annual school census for the Merkel Independent School District is now being taken by Prin. C. A. Farley.

All children who will be at least six years of age and not over 17 on Sept. 1, 1959 should be enumerated.

Especially desired are enumerations of boys and girls who will be starting to school here in the first grade next September.

The enumeration will be conducted throughout the month of January. If you are not sure that your child has been listed, please contact Mr. Farley at the local elementary school.

## Gran Hodge, 58, Dies Here Dec. 27

Funeral for Lewis Gran Hodge, 58, was held Monday, Dec. 29, at 2:30 p.m. in the First Methodist Church with the Rev. J. Alvis Cooley, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mr. Hodge died at 6:25 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 27 at his home. He had been ill for several months.

From 1951 to 1958 he worked for Hodge Theaters in Merkel. He bought a grocery store in Noodle this year, and operated it for several months before selling it because of ill health.

He was born July 4, 1900 in Lexington, but moved to Merkel as a small boy. He married Leona Maxwell on March 3, 1923 at Anson, and farmed in Jones County for several years.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Maxwell Lewis Hodge of Abilene; one daughter, Mrs. James T. Johnston of Lubbock; six sisters, Mrs. J. H. Fry of Midland, Mrs. W. T. Beasley of Lubbock, Mrs. L. O. Lynch of Big Spring, Mrs. W. G. Pettit of Crane, and Mrs. B. L. Hartwell and Mrs. Ray Bowers of Victoria.

Pallbearers were Onis Graham, Fineless Bartlett, J. E. Humphrey, Roy Buchanan, Mack Hodo and Alec Carter.

## Local 4-H, FFA To Stage Show

The Merkel 4-H and FFA boys and girls are going to stage the first local show for several years, according to Merkel VA teacher, Chester Collinsworth.

The show will be held on Jan. 10. The Taylor County and Abilene Fat Stock Show will be on Jan. 17-23.

Collinsworth says he expects about 15 to 20 steers, most of them Herefords, and 50 to 60 lambs. About 30 of these will be Hampshires and the remainder will be Southdown, Crossbred and Finewool.

There will be some sows exhibited but no barrows since the show deals with lambs and steers usually.

R. P. Penny, a Southdown breeder from Winters, will judge the lamb show and Roy Largent of Merkel, a Hereford breeder and past president of the Texas Hereford Association as well as the ex-national president, will judge the steer show.

The show will be held at the Merkel FFA barn west of the school. Judging will begin at 2 p.m. with the lamb show and the steer section to follow.

## Free Show With Milk Carton Tops

Children under 12 years of age will be able to attend the Queen Theater on Saturday afternoons free with a carton top from a half gallon of Gandy's milk, according to Jack Denton, Gandy sales representative.

Another "trade at home" campaign, the project is being sponsored jointly by Gandy's Creamery and the Merkel Theaters.

## Tentative Approval Given Proposed Site For Merkel Low-Rent Housing

The proposed site for the development of 24 dwelling units of low-rent housing in Merkel was given tentative approval by the Public Housing Administration, according to a letter received here by the housing authority committee.

The site, approved only for formal presentation in a Development Program and does not bind the PHA in any way to give final approval to the site, is described in the letter as follows: "An area approximately 140 feet facing on Seventh Street by 291 feet facing on Lamar, and the area bounded on the north by Seventh Street, the east by Taylor Street, the South by Sixth Street and the west by Lamar."

Plans for the low-rent housing for Merkel have been underway for some time and when completed will provide decent, safe, sanitary and pleasant quarters for families of low-income at rents they can afford. Regardless of the size of the apartment, rents will be based on the family income.

All units will be masonry or brick veneer construction, with two, three and four bedrooms. Disabled veterans have priority with second priority going to other veterans, servicemen, old-age pensioners and families displaced by any government action.

Eligibility then goes to families whose income is under \$3,000 per annum and who live in substandard houses, or to those without housing or to be without housing.

Preparation of the Development Program is now in process by the local committee, and will be presented to the Regional Office of the Public Housing Administration for approval as soon as possible.

## Goodwin Infant Rites Held Here

Graveside rites were held here Saturday afternoon for Lacy Denise Goodwin, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Goodwin of Gail.

The infant died at birth in the Sadler-Clinic Hospital Saturday at 12:30 a.m.

The Rev. J. A. Cooley, Methodist minister, conducted the rites.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Goodwin of Kampoops, E. C., and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Newby of Merkel.

## Noodle Wins Trent Tourney

Noodle nipped Trent 42-40 Saturday night for the championship of the Trent Basketball tournament.

Trent took the girls crown with a 76-41 trouncing of McCauley. Rose Mary Jones crammed in 45 points for Trent and Murle Davis hit 22 for the losers. In the boys game L. Eckert of Noodle and Jerry Williams of Trent each scored 18.

Westbrook won the boys consolation title with a 50-29 licking of Divide. J. Watson led the winners with 11 and Ray Owens hit 11 for Divide.

Marilyn Olney scored 32 points to lead Noodle to the consolation championship in the girls bracket with a 66-44 win over Hobbs. Denina Etheridge hit 24 for Hobbs.

## Further Expansion Planned For 1959 Spring Farrowings

Breeding intentions for 1959 spring farrowings in Texas point to a 40 percent increase above the 1958 spring season. An unusually favorable ratio between grain costs and finished hog prices stimulated renewed interest in hog production. Bulk of this sharply increased spring farrowed pig crop will reach market weights during the fall of 1959.

Postmaster N. W. Durham pointed out this information on prospective pork supplies was made possible by voluntary reports from farmers and ranchmen along mail routes served by Homer Tye Route 1, Joe Nalley Route 2, Frank Simpson Route 3, Stanley King Route 4, combined with other reports from all parts of Texas and the Nation.

The Nation's 1958 pig crop totaled 94.8 million head—8 percent larger than the 1957 crop of 88.0 million. Reports of breeding intentions indicate 8.3 million sows to farrow in the spring of 1959. This will be 12 percent more than the number farrowed last spring, but only slightly larger than the 1947-56 average.



HIGH COURT JUDGE SWORN IN—Supreme Court Chief Justice John E. Hickman, right, is shown administering the oath of office to Associate Justice Joe Greenhill of Austin at January 1 ceremonies at the State Capitol. Judge Greenhill was elected by the voters of Texas to complete the term ending Dec. 31, 1960 of the late Judge Few Brewster. Judge Greenhill has been serving on the court by appointment since October 1, 1957.

## Social Security Office Hours Told

The Abilene Social Security office, located in the Chamber Building at North 2nd and the Lamar Building, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

A regular office hour is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays to answer questions that cannot be answered by mail.

The mailing address is P. O. Box 5168, Abilene.

## N-O-T-I-C-E

Members of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce are urged to check and send in their ballot for the three new directors to be chosen.

## N-O-T-I-C-E

**MERKEL**

Burl King, County Tax Assessor-Collector has announced that he will be at the City Hall Bldg. in Merkel, January 14 and 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. when state and county tax payments may be made.

All persons are requested to bring their tax statements with them to facilitate processing.

Pull tax receipts will also be on sale.

**TRENT**

Tax representatives will be in the Home State Bank at Trent, Jan. 13. State and county taxes will be collected at that time.

Pull tax receipts will also be available at that time.

All persons who have received statements are requested to bring them.

## Starr Rest Home

By MARY OUTLAW

Christmas has come and gone and we had a real good Christmas. All the patients received gifts. We had turkey and all the trimmings. Thanks to the Church of Christ people for the nice 20 lb. turkey and the big box of fruit and candy and gum they brought the home. These people have certainly been nice to our home and our patients and for this we want to express our appreciation.

Mrs. A. J. Hartley had her son Dennis and wife from Plainview for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Price, Rowden, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gibb of Abilene, visited N. A. Smedley during Christmas.

Mrs. Billie June Perry of Wilcox, Ariz. visited her grandfather G. C. Smith during Christmas.

Mrs. Sam McLeod, Sixth Grade

representing the Junior Red Cross came and sang carols for the old people. They brought a large box of fruit and candies. We thank them very much for their kindness.

I am sorry I have had no news but I have had the Jaundices again and was unable to meet the public so if I don't write all the news I should and don't thank everyone who brought gifts, will you please forgive me and I will try and not let you down in the future.

Mrs. W. R. Carr, Van Court, Texas, Mrs. W. J. Carr and Linda San Angelo, Texas, Thelma and Lillian Carr Kermit, Texas visited their mother and grandmother Mrs. Sarah Carr during the holidays.

Sunday before Christmas Rev. A. D. Smith of Sweetwater filled his appointment at the Rest Home. He brought a large number of his members who helped him sing. We had a good service and we invite them into our home again.

Dec. 28, Rev. M. E. Randolph,

Live Oak Baptist minister filled his appointment at the Rest Home. Mrs. Rister, Sandra Randolph, Sue Howe, Charlotte Randolph George Ann Rister and Eddie Jenkins helped with the services. The patients enjoyed the services very much and will be looking forward for their next visit.

Rev. Dorn, Methodist minister of Trent is a frequent visitor in our home. We appreciate his visits.

We want to thank Mrs. W. V. Cross, Noodle for coming into the home during Christmas and playing and singing for the patients.

We want to thank Frank and Ethel Carr for being so faithful each Sunday to come to the Rest Home and play and sing for the patients. We hope they can continue to come each Sunday for they bring so much sunshine to our patients.

Mrs. Dunagin and her Girl Scout Troop 125 came one night during Christmas and sang carols and brought a candy tree which the patients have been enjoying the good peppermint candy. We sure did appreciate their act of kindness. Those present were Beth Patton, Mary Dunagin, Carol McAnninch, Audrey Reagon, Barbara Gregory, Patsy Farley and Donna McKenzie.

Margaret Eason wants to thank the Church of Christ for bringing day. You people have really helped her so much and we ask you to visit her when you can. We, the owners, express our thanks too for your kindness.

Martha Whisenhunt of Tpeka, Kansas visited her grandfather G. C. Smith.

Mrs. Mae Fields spent Christmas with her sister in Abilene. We were glad she could go.

Hettie West ate Christmas dinner with her people at Stith. She reported a good time.

Isom (Papa) Burks spent several days at his home at Trent with his mother and father Mr. and Mrs. Edd Burks during the Christmas holidays.

We were sorry to lose our Granny Cade. She was such a darling person. She passed away last Friday. She has gone to her reward, which she has begged to do for these past two years we have had her. We express our sympathy to her children. She was past a hundred years and served her Lord and Master nearly all of those years. I am afraid not many of us will have that record. We will miss her but we are glad she doesn't have to suffer any more.

Mrs. Clyde Newton, Mrs. J. H. Clark and Mrs. M. L. Douglas of the Union Ridge Home Dem. Club came and visited the old folks during Christmas and brought Fruit and Candy to every patient. We do appreciate your kindness.

We want to thank Rev. Wayne Davis, Mrs. Davis and son Ray for the nice box of oranges, apples and bananas they brought the home for Christmas.

The patients had their Christmas tree Christmas eve. Everyone received gifts and chocolate candy was passed around, to each patient. Mrs. Roy Hunter brought each patient a Dr. Pepper for

which we want to thank her. They always enjoy Dr. Peppers.

The employees had their party at our home on Friday night before Christmas. Everyone came dressed Tacky. Tommy Smith won the door prize for being the first to arrive. Annie Mae Brenem won a blanket for being the tuckest.

Mrs. Morris won a ham for guessing the amount of beans in a jar. She said she had cooked a lot of beans for her family of 12. There were several games played and then each one opened their gifts off of the Christmas Tree and punch, cake and candies were served to the guests. Colored pictures were made of the costumes and everyone reported "the best party we have had yet."

Mr. and Mrs. Tyne Perkins of Abilene visited Mrs. Mae Perkins during Christmas.

We want to thank Johnny Meyers and Tyne Perkins of Abilene for the box of apples they gave the Rest Home. Sure are making a lot of good fruit salad.

Mr. Johnny Meyers and son, Abilene, visited his mother Minnie Meyers Sunday night.

We spent Sat. eve and Sunday in the home of our mother and father Mr. and Mrs. Bill Outlaw and had our Christmas. Due to

the illness of Granny Cade we postponed our Christmas until on Sunday after Christmas after she was gone.

Mr. Joe Allphin had his two sons of Baird visit him during Christmas. We want to thank one of their wives for the nice plain cake they brought the home.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown came to visit her mother Mrs. Hicks but due to Mr. Brown's illness Mrs. Hicks did not visit there during Christmas.

Mrs. Frankie Fowler spent Christmas day with her son Earnest at Anson.

We were sorry to lose Mrs. J. M. Meeks. She had just begun to get adjusted and the patients miss her very much. We hope she will enjoy going home.

Mrs. Vaughn, Abilene, visited Margaret Eason during Christmas and brought her candy.

Mrs. Minnie Meyers daughters visited her during Christmas. She always enjoys them as they play the piano for the patients.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith of Sweetwater visited his father G. C. Smith during Christmas.

R. D. Hunter had his daughter home for Christmas. He enjoyed her visit very much.

We don't want to forget the

nice truck load of people who came with Mr. Cecil Cochran and sang Christmas carols for the patients.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Outlaw of Dublin visited in our home during Christmas.

Ross Ownes of Odessa visited his aunt, Mrs. Loma Mashburn and in our home. Ross used to be a Merkelite long ago.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Wallace Rotan and Timm Wallace Fort Worth visited Aunt Aquila Duross during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Fowler of Stanford visited his mother Frankie Fowler during Christmas.

We want to thank Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cade for the box of sheets and pillow cases and the box of chocolates they gave the employees for Christmas.

Mrs. Hicks went over to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hicks for Christmas dinner. We were glad she was able to go.

We want to thank each and every one for the kind deeds they have done for the home and for our patients in the past and we wish for you all a prosperous New Year. Come and visit the home when you can. You are always welcome.

We have two new patients, Mrs.

Lutie Steen of Trent and Mrs. Dora Agnew of Anson. We welcome into our home. We hope they will like us as we like them.

Thanks to the Garden Club for the beautiful Christmas spray that they brought for the front door.

We want to thank Van Gauthier for the Christmas spray he made for the door to our house

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Sally Lewis says...

With more time being spent indoors during the winter months, we are closer to the cookie jar, refrigerator, and other sources for all-too-frequent weight-producing nibbling. A lady in Georgia has a tip: Write notes to yourself and tape them on "places of temptation" such as candy jars, cookie bins, and even the sugar bowl. You can have a lot of fun composing short verses reminding you that it's the between meal eating that puts on weight.

Do you have difficulty telling the 81-inch sheets from the 72-inch ones on your linen shelves? How about writing a small 81 or 72 on the top side of the wide hem at each corner with indelible pencil?

If you've had corrosion trouble on your large kitchen salt shakers, paint the inside of the tops with nail polish. After it dries, open the holes from the inside with a large needle.

Dad can make a handy sander for sprinkling icy walks and drives by drilling holes (about 1/4-inch) in the bottom of a gallon or two-gallon oil can and filling with dry sand. Simply stand the can upside down when not in use.

Cold weather seems to intensify the problem of keeping toilet bowls clean and sanitary. But high priced "bowl cleaners" aren't necessary. You can remove the sources of odors and stains easily and economically with household lye. Just shake a tablespoonful into the toilet bowl and swab the interior with a long-handled brush.

There's nothing like the aroma of sizzling bacon on these chilly mornings. To turn out beautifully cooked bacon, soak it in cold water for a few minutes before putting it into the skillet or broiler. Cold water lessens the tendency for the bacon to shrink and curl. Also, turn the bacon several times for complete, even cooking.

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Statement of Condition

### FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK MERKEL, TEXAS

Close of business December 31, 1958

#### RESOURCES

Loans .....	\$ 637,232.46
Overdrafts .....	736.15
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank .....	6,000.00
Banking House and Future Bank Site .....	25,872.35

#### AVAILABLE CASH AND QUICK ASSETS:

CCC C. of I's & Cotton Producers Notes .....	\$ 407,073.00
U. S. Government Bonds .....	1,011,871.88
Municipal Bonds & Securities .....	616,284.98
Cash and Due from Banks .....	1,001,101.69

3,036,131.55

TOTAL RESOURCES .....

\$3,705,972.51

#### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock .....	100,000.00
Surplus .....	100,000.00
Undivided Profits .....	71,874.99
Dividend (payable Dec. 31, 1958) .....	10,000.00
DEPOSITS .....	\$3,424,297.52

TOTAL LIABILITIES .....

\$3,705,972.51

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## why the smart switch is to the '59 Chevrolet

**ROOMIER BODY BY FISHER:** features wider seats and more luggage space. **MAGIC-MIRROR FINISH:** keeps its shine without waxing for up to three years. **NEW BIGGER BRAKES:** better cooled with deeper drums, up to 66% longer life. **OVERHEAD CURVED WINDSHIELD** and better windows—all of Safety Plate Glass. **SLIMLINE DESIGN:** fresh, fine and fashionable with a

practical slant. **HI-THRIFT 6:** up to 10% more miles per gallon. **VIM-PACKED V8's:** eight to choose from, with compression ratios ranging up to 11.25 to 1. **FULL COIL SUSPENSION:** further refined for a smoother, steadier ride on any kind of road. One short drive and you'll know the smart switch is to Chevy. Come in and be our guest for a pleasure test first chance you get.

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BY BOB COLLINS

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**Foreign Cotton**  
Record growth of cotton in foreign countries has hit a hard blow

to cotton grown here at home . . . U. S. exports of cotton are low, far down from last year and it looks like there is more cotton being grown in the world than there is being used . . . about a half-million bales more . . . and we can expect the foreign production to keep on as long as the price of U. S. cotton is held so high that farmers in other lands can sell their cotton at a price just under ours and still make a profit.

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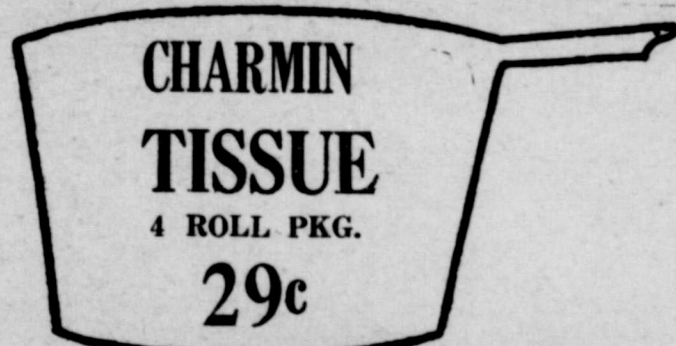
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2 cups grated American cheese

Blend all ingredients except cheese until thoroughly mixed. Line loaf pan with heavy waxed paper. Place 1 cup cheese in bottom of pan; spread evenly. Cover with 1/2 meat loaf mixture. Repeat with remaining cheese and meat layers. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) about 1 hour. Allow loaf to stand about 10 minutes before turning out on platter. Remove paper; slice for serving.

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**Home Demonstration Notes**

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent



The home demonstration clubs are getting into the work of 1959. I am meeting with all the clubs this month to give a demonstration on pruning and showing how to make a cutting out of wood pruned off. We welcome visitors at our meetings.

The council committees are meeting Friday to make recommendations to present to council next week. New council officers are Mrs. Roy Manahan, Chairman, Mrs. W. C. Taylor, Vice-chairman, Mrs. Riley Miller, Secretary, and Mrs. V. B. Reeves, Treasurer. Generally, clothing prices in 1959 are not expected to vary much from this past year's, according to current outlook information.

Most Americans are spending a smaller share of family income for clothing. Nowadays, automobiles, home furnishings and equipment seem to take much of the prestige role from clothing.

Demands for informal, easy-to-care for garments have increased. This is in line with such other modern trends as suburban liv-

ing, early marriage, larger families, do-it-yourself housework, and wage earning homemakers.

Shoppers will have a wide selection of fabrics and styles to choose from. Making wise choices will take time and planning, on the consumers' part. The Extension Service offers some practical suggestions for stretching clothing dollars in a popular bulletin entitled, "Clothing Dollars and Sense." You can get a copy from my office.

**McLEOD**

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The state's leading schoolboy scorer in 1956-57, McLeod dunked 960 points for a 35.6 game average at Class A Merkel. He was the only unanimous selection for Class A all-state honors and was named on the high school All-American five.

**'59 Pork Supplies To Be Up Sharply**

The Texas 1958 pig crop totaled 1,777,000 head the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service advised Postmaster N. W. Durham. This is based on livestock surveys cooperatively made by the Post Office and Agriculture Departments.

A pig crop of this size will boost potential pork production on Texas farms and ranches 24 percent above last year, but is still below the 10-year annual average of 1,867,000 pigs. Fall farrowing, estimated at 127,000 sows, were 27 percent above farrowing a year earlier. Fall litters averaged 7.0 pigs, which is a new record. Bulk of these fall pigs will reach slaughter weight during the spring of 1959.

**Tell-Tale**

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said, "No, there wasn't any water." There wasn't in the faucet she usually uses to draw a glass of water from, but there was in every other faucet in the house as well as the refrigerator. This younger generation has very little initiative, I'm afraid.

One of the sad things that will come to pass in '59 will be raising subscription rates for the Merkel Mail due to the postal rate increase. Although, it is now

costing us twice as much to mail the Mail, we haven't gone up yet because we can't afford to — I mean we can't bear to lose even one of you. We are delaying it for a while to give everyone, who hasn't already done so, time to renew at the regular rates. So, you'd better hurry!

I guess we could call this one the Bald Truth. One of his students asked Band Director Reed, "Have any of your childhood dreams been realized?" "One of them," said Mr. Reed, "When my mother combed my hair, I used to wish that I didn't have any."

See you in the Merkel Mail subscription department!

**Pensioned Vets Must File Income Within 30 Days**

Approximately 50,000 disabled veterans and widows of veterans in Texas who receive monthly pension payments are being reminded by the Veterans Administration to report their annual income promptly and thus avoid the risk of having their payments stopped.

VA is now mailing to all pension recipients a tabulating card upon which the income report may be made. Pensions cease if the income (if a single individual exceeds \$1400, or \$2700 if the recipient has dependents. Regula-

tions require payment to be stopped if the income report is not received within 30 days.

VA warned that the tabulating card will be processed mechanically when it is returned and that cutting, folding or otherwise mutilating it will delay the recording of the information and risk a cut-off in payments.

No income questionnaires is sent to veterans or dependents receiving service-connected compensation.

**Contract Let For Area Highway**

A contract for 6.8 miles of construction on Intst. Highway 20 in Taylor County has been awarded to a Dallas firm, it was announced in Austin this week by the State Highway Commission.

Austin Bridge Co. submitted the low bid of \$3,761,512.31 on the project. Construction of Grading, structures, flexible base and hot mix asphaltic concrete pavement, located from Tye to Cat Claw Creek in Abilene is expected to take 425 working days, according to J. C. Roberts, District Highway Engineer at Abilene. The awarding of the contract to this firm is subject to the concurrence of the Bureau of Public Roads.

C. W. Wesbrooks, Resident Engineer at Abilene will be in active charge of the project while under construction.

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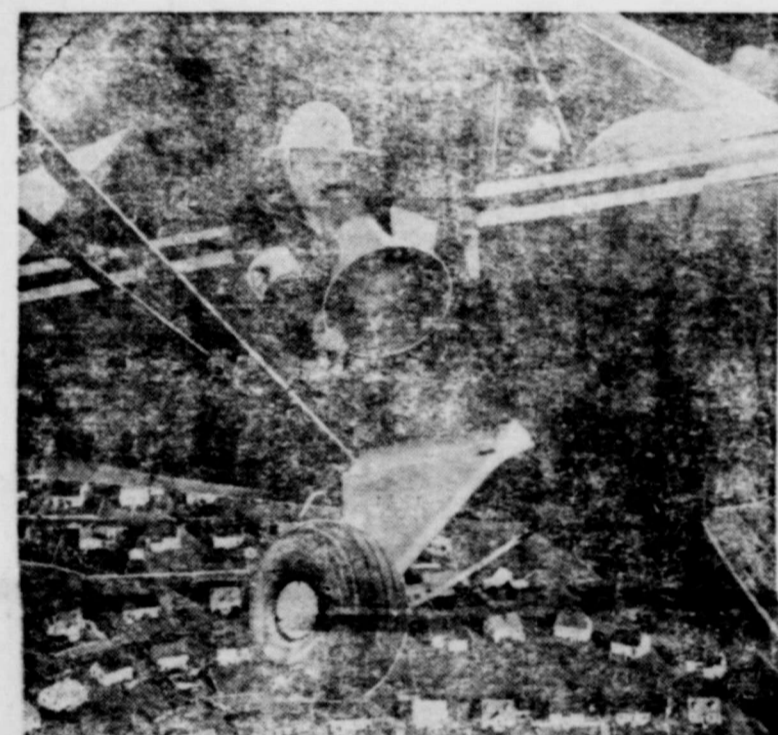
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**How Civil Defense Serves You**



**WARNING VOICE** from the sky would supplement CONELRAD emergency radio, sirens and other devices to spread civil defense warning of impending attack or post-attack fallout to threatened communities. This exercise was conducted over Cape Elizabeth, Me. (Photo by Clarence McKay Augusta, Me.)

**Preparedness for Peace Stressed In First Annual CD Observance**

Remember Pearl Harbor? Most adult Americans do. And they still remember the cold chill that ran down their spines as radios blared forth the news of the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor. America was plunged into war.

Seventeen years after that infamous December 7, Americans have just been reminded by the first annual Civil Defense Day how the chances for peace can be improved through the preparedness of every family and the enemy's knowledge that we are prepared.

**IN HAWAII**, now well aware of the need for vigilance and preparedness, the Territorial Civil Defense Agency today is ready to help minimize the effects of any future attack with trained manpower. In a tunnel under famed Diamond Head, tons of emergency supplies and a smoothly-functioning control center would provide a nucleus for all civil defense operations in an attack.

But civil defense, in these Pacific isles as elsewhere, is only as good as its public support. Preparations for a nuclear attack, or even natural disaster, must be made in advance; afterwards, it is too late.

The people of Cameron, La., whose failure to heed warnings cost 17 lives to Hurricane Audrey, know this only too well. And in the 18 productive months since "Audrey," they have learned the value of an organized effort, such as civil defense, in rebuilding. The Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization has authorized \$2,204,965 toward the rebuilding of Cameron Parish (county).

**MOST AMERICANS** have never been touched directly by major disaster. But they can learn from others' experience, participate in civil defense training, prepare their homes and families for any eventuality, and help provide the money for necessary equipment, supplies and operations.

It is not enough to remember Pearl Harbor unless you do something about it!



**AIR ATTACK**, tidal waves or other disasters will not catch Hawaii without warning again. Honolulu policeman presses air raid siren switch in monthly test, a part of the islands' civil defense preparedness program. The switch to the right triggers Honolulu's tidal wave warning signal. (Hawaii Civil Defense Photo)



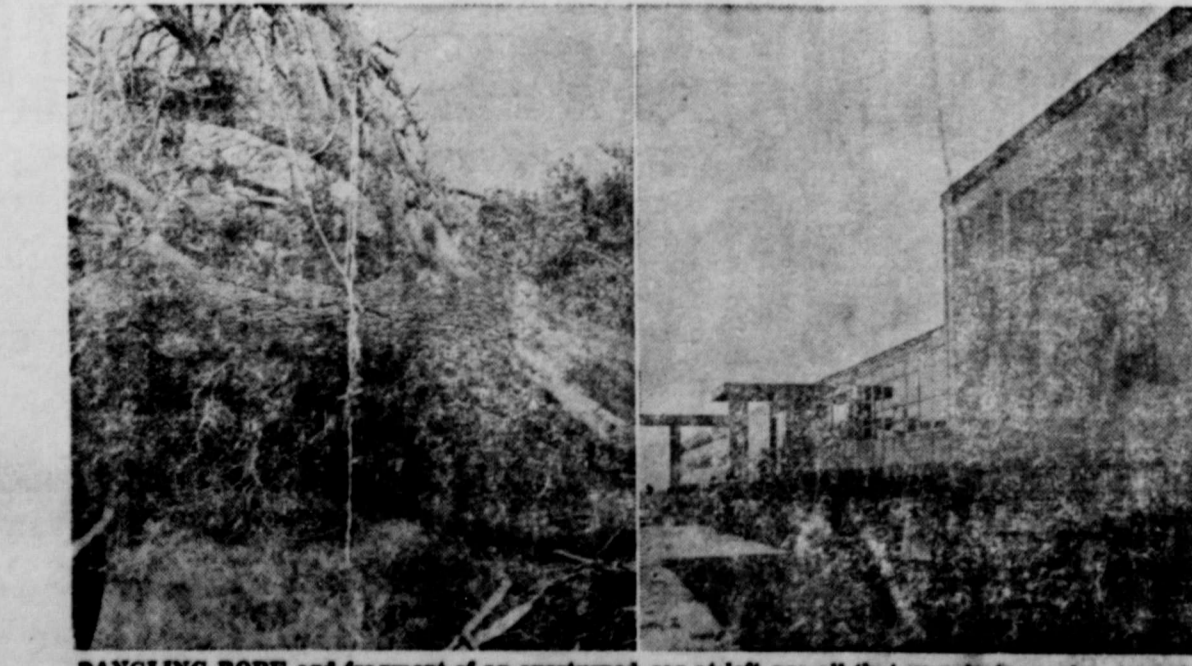
**REALISTIC MEDICAL** exercises by local civil defense units such as this one at Los Angeles build up a preparedness to meet nuclear attack or natural disaster. Only through such training as this can the nation be ready to care for the millions of casualties that might result from nuclear attack. (Photo by Jack F. Fuller, Los Angeles)



**CONTROL CENTER** for civil defense in northeastern Illinois near Wheaton, Ill., is an outstanding example of new facilities being constructed to provide city and State governments with headquarters for emergency operations in case of nuclear attack. This underground control center is built to withstand a nuclear blast equivalent to 20 million tons of TNT only three miles away. Heart of the center is the radio communications room, partly shown here. (OCDM Photo)



**CIVIL DEFENSE** volunteers pitch in to help fight an apartment house fire in Minneapolis while regular professional firemen were tied up with a massive downtown blaze. Civil defense reserves are often called on to help out during natural disasters—a vital service which also helps them to prepare for action in case of nuclear attack or other national emergency. (Minneapolis Star and Tribune Photo)



**BANGLING ROPE** and fragment of an overturned car at left are all that remains to mark a tragedy in which a family of three drowned when this giant oak tree to which they were clinging east of Cameron, La., fell into the flood churned up by Hurricane Audrey. Like some other families, they failed to heed Weather Bureau warnings to see the low-lying coastal swampslands ahead of gigantic storm-driven waves. The ultra-modern Cameron Elementary School, built on pilings against any future floods, was aided by a \$171,500 disaster grant authorized by the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization. It is typical of civil defense's role of reconstructing public facilities after disaster. (OCDM Photo)

### Mid-Term Report Given By Local Senior 4-H Club

The following is a mid-term report of the Merkel Senior 4-H Club:  
The Merkel Senior 4-H Club had its first meeting on Oct. 2, 1958. Officers elected at that time were: Sherry Hull, president; Malinee Seymore, vice president; Andria Adcock, secretary-treasurer; Pat Harris, reporter.  
Demonstrators and committee members were appointed as follows: Pat Harris, committee delegate; Joy Woods, vegetable demonstrator; Jan McLeod, bedroom improvement; Pat Harris, vegetable leader; Sherry Hull, bedroom improvement leader; Mrs. T. G. Hull, mother leader.  
At the second meeting on Nov. 6, a program on "Civil Defense" was held with a film and discussion on the subject.  
The third meeting was held Nov. 20 when roll call was answered with "do you have a study lamp?" The program was "Proper Lighting For The Study Center." Preparations were made at this time for attending the county-wide Christmas party.  
On Dec. 4 a program on "gift wrapping" was presented by Sybil McDaniel, assistant county home demonstration agent. Roll call was answered with "my favorite Christmas Carol." Sherry Hull demonstrated how to make a waste basket.  
The second monthly meeting was on Dec. 16 when members attended the annual 4-H Club Christmas Party for the entire county.  
Important dates in the future include the National 4-H Club Week and county-wide elimination contest in March; the 4-H Achievement Tea when members display things they have made and learned throughout the year; the County Dress Review; County Camp; and the State 4-H Round-Up.  
Miss McDaniel meets with the local group once each month.  
Sherry Hull, President  
Pat Harris, Reporter

### Harrison Family Meets For Reunion

Members of Mrs. W. A. Harrison's family met in her home New Year's Day for their annual reunion.  
Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Harrison, Pam and Shelia, of Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Rodgers, Vicky and Christy, Anson; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Swinney, Syra and Johnny, Trent; Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Newton, Cindy and Kurt, Abilene; Mrs. Elmer Harrison, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Don Harrison, Kay, Terry, Chris, Sharon and Bill, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Rodgers, Lynda and Kathi, Anson; Mrs. Donald Rutledge, Rusty and Donna, Abilene; Levi Harrison, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Rodgers and Royce, Eagle Pass; Rev. and Mrs. Lynward Harrison, Colorado City; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Swinney, Sweetwater.

### Mr. & Mrs. Ray Dinner Hosts

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray hosted a family dinner in their home Christmas evening with nineteen present.  
The Rev. Lucian Rudd brought a devotional on the Christ Child and led the group in prayer.  
Gifts were exchanged from a decorated tree.  
Guests attending were Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Ray and Kenneth Don, Karen and Michael, all of Merkel. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Ray and son, Mark, and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Steele and sons, Randall and Mike, all of Houston, the Rev. and Mrs. Lucian Rudd and sons, David and Danny, of Newtonia, Mo., and Becky Ray, student in McMurtry College, Abilene.

### Hospital Patients

Dec. 31 through Jan. 6, 1959  
Admitted  
Mrs. Hattie Pearl Popham  
David Tarpley  
Mrs. Lela Petree  
Larry McCright  
Mr. S. H. Wallace  
L. M. Riggan  
Earnest McCright  
Connie Witt  
Mrs. Robert Goodwin  
Mrs. Morris Smith  
Truman Holloway  
Mrs. Leonard McCoy  
Mrs. A. G. Stout  
Lem Dudley  
Mrs. Willie Perry  
Willie Robertson  
Howard Kilgore  
Julia Wood  
Mrs. Lloyd Reeves, Jr.  
Mrs. W. O. Richardson  
Nath Maxwell  
Roy L. Blair  
Dismissed  
Mrs. Eddie Shannon and baby boy  
Mrs. C. L. Meeks  
Mrs. Johnny Teaff and baby girl  
David Tarpley  
Mrs. W. C. Wilson  
Mrs. R. C. Witt  
Mrs. S. Y. Reese  
Ross Sires  
Larry McCright  
Mrs. Lela Petree  
Mr. S. H. Wallace  
L. M. Riggan  
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## PERSONALS

Recent visitors in the home of Mrs. Gertrude Pee were J. M. Pike, Bagwell, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest King and daughter, Jannete, Gahana, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Guthrie and children, Kim and Will, and Mrs. C. W. Guthrie and daughter, Mary Lynne, all of Big Spring, Dave Cox, Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hunt, Sara and Randy and Anita Cotten, Denver City, Mr. and Mrs. Corky Cox and son, Darel, of Abilene, the Rev. and Mrs. John Ferguson and children, Debbie, Jack, and Rena, of Denton Valley and Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Ferguson of Caps.  
Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris had as guests for the holidays their children, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harris of Ballinger and Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harris, Robert and Sarah and Mr. and Mrs. Don Riney and children, all of Merkel.  
Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris attended an open house honoring Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Henington in their 50th wedding anniversary at their home in Cisco on Dec. 28. Mr. and Mrs. Henington are the parents of Mrs. W. C. Harris, daughter-in-law of the Harris of Merkel.  
Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner returned from Bradenton, Fla. New Year's Eve after spending the holidays there with their daughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Rieamore and daughters, Rita and Jan. The Gardners were accompanied by another daughter, Mrs. L. M. Davis and her son, Chester.  
Mr. and Mrs. Truett Patterson and daughters, Mary and Jane and son, Mark, of Indianapolis, Ind., were holiday visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson.  
Allen King Jr., who is with the marketing service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, of Denver, Colorado, spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen King Sr.  
Visitors in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Cooley and daughters during the holidays were their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Ryan of Paducah, and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cooley of Hamlin.  
Other guests were Mrs. Madra Eason and Kenneth of Paducah, sister and nephew of Mrs. Cooley; her brother, the Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Ryan and three children of Clarndon, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Bagley and Ronnie, sister of the Rev. Cooley, Carolyn Bagley, a niece and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pickens of Abilene, friends of the family.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lemens of Deport were holiday visitors in the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle Lemens.  
Visiting with Mrs. Winnie Cypert for the holidays were her children, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Swanke, San Angelo, Mrs. W. C. Monyingo and daughter, Cleburne, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Fritts, San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Cypert, Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Pinky Cypert and daughter, Sharon, and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cypert and children, all of Merkel, a granddaughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Staubsbury and son of San Angelo, a sister, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Smith, Austin and a cousin, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Cypert of Hamlin.  
Holiday visitors in the home of Mrs. John Hughes were Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Miller, John and Bill of Overgaard, Arizona, Major and Mrs. William Hughes, Robert and David, Del Rio, Texas, Miss Michael Miller, student in the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Bird, Fort Worth, James Spencer Bird, student in A & M Bryan, Mrs. G. F. Elliott, Steve and Susan Jane, Grand Prairie, Mrs. D. R. Snow, Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Don Snow and Billy Don, Hamby, Mr. and Mrs. Seldon Snow, Marvin, Lynda, Jerry and Bettie, Almagorda, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Hughes and Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Wade and Cindy, all of Merkel.  
The Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Coggin of Abernathy and the Rev. and Mrs. Morris Coggin of Montana visited Mrs. Zola Teague during the holidays.  
Mrs. Tessie Walling and Mrs. Zola Teague visited their son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Walling and children of Big Spring during Christmas holidays.  
Guests in the John Oliver home during the holidays were Mrs. O. A. Page, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bollier and son, Larry, and C. A. Bollier of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Harrison of Globe, Ariz.; Mrs. Fern Beck of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. John D. Oliver and daughters of Midland; Mrs. D. A. Kelly of Abilene; and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wisenhunt and children.

### Texas State C-C To Be Organized

Operation of a Texas State Chamber of Commerce will be initiated in January. Headquarters will be in Austin.  
Organization of the State Chamber by the four regional chambers of commerce in Texas was announced jointly this week by officials of the regional chambers.  
The four regional chambers are the East Texas Chamber with headquarters at Longview; the Lower Valley Chamber at Westlake, the South Texas Chamber at San Antonio and the West Texas Chamber at Abilene.  
"The growth and complexity of tax problems confronting the citizens of Texas and of legislation regarded as restrictive on the growth of industrial development have created the need for urgent action at the state level on those matters where a common viewpoint may exist," the announcement said.  
The regional chambers will continue work in the fields of economic promotion of their own areas of the state, but will "exert unified influence" through the newly created organization.  
1. For economy in government.  
2. For a more effective and broader citizenship participation in public affairs.  
3. For the preservation of a proper climate for the creation of new jobs in business and industry, and  
4. To encourage appropriate restraint on increases in the government-imposed costs of doing business in Texas.

### March of Dimes Objectives Told By Local Chairman

During 1959 the March of Dimes will be fighting three of the greatest crippling ailments—arthritis, birth defects and polio, according to C. A. Farley, local campaign chairman.  
At least 11,000,000 Americans suffer the pains of arthritis and rheumatism, and an estimated 250,000 infants are born each year with some sort of defect. Beyond these goals are the continuing need of polio care, the expanding requirements of virus research and the training of professional disease fighters.  
March of Dimes researches have probed deep into the nature of human cells and the organisms which damage and destroy them. Now they will seek

to find the cause of birth defect and discover how they can be prevented. Aid will be given, too, patients through the age of 18 who were born with certain defects of the central nervous system.  
Arthritis has plagued mankind since the beginning of time. Almost nothing is known about its cause. There is no cure, no preventative. Millions of people suffer silently with its pain and crippling. It strikes women three times as often as men. It hits hard at children. March of Dimes aid will be given to arthritis patients through the age of 18, but patients of all ages eventually profit from an intensive new program of March of Dimes arthritis research launched by the National Foundation.  
Tentative plans for the Merkel campaign include balloon sales, potato chip sales, Mother's March on Polio, mail contributions, miniature lungs in local stores.

**Abilene LAUNDRY SERVICE**  
is now under the management of Adcock Cleaners  
Call us for pick-up of Laundry and Dry Cleaning  
**ADCOCK CLEANERS**  
Abilene Laundry Service  
PHONE 68

Statement of Condition of  
**HOME STATE BANK, TRENT, TEXAS**  
At the Close of Business, December 31, 1958.

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	\$233,682.84	Capital Stock	25,000.00
Overdrafts	.14	Surplus Fund	75,000.00
Building and Fixtures	10,230.00	Undivided Profits	15,888.03
Stock, Fed. Reserve Bank	2,700.00	Customer's Bonds Held	8,000.00
U S Securities	312,000.00	Deposits	839,197.31
C C C Loans	22,966.95		
Customer's Bonds Held	8,000.00		
Cash on Hand and Due From Banks	373,505.41		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$963,085.34</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$963,085.34</b>

Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and Federal Reserve System  
J. G. Wilks, Pres. T. H. Williamson, Vice Pres. James V. Ross, Cashier

**HEY KIDS**  
Announcing ---  
**GANDY'S Theater Party**  
YOU MAY ATTEND THE QUEEN THEATER EACH SATURDAY AFTERNOON  
**FREE**  
FOR ADMISSION EVERY CHILD UNDER 12 YEARS MAY USE THE TOP FROM A 1/2 GAL. CARTON OF GANDY'S HOMOGENIZED MILK. PRESENT THE CARTON TOP AT THE BOX OFFICE OF THE QUEEN THEATER.  
**SAVE YOUR GANDY'S CARTON TOPS**




# 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

**I WOULD APPRECIATE** if the one who borrowed my steel meter box would please return it. Jack Cannon. 43-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

Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710. A.F. & A. M. Saturday, Jan. 24, 7:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.  
Othell O'Kelly, W. M.  
C. B. Rust, Secretary.

## FOR RENT

**FOR RENT**—4-room house with garage. A. B. Patterson. 607 Oak. Tel. 355-J. 43-tfc

**FOR RENT**—House with four large rooms and bath. On school bus route and Farm to Market road. C. K. Russell. 43-tfc

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

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

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

**FOR RENT**—Nice 2-bedroom house. Cyrus Pee Agency. 43-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-tf

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

**FOR SALE**—11-ft. Firestone refrigerator with meat chest and 26 lb. freezer across top. Twin crispers. In good condition. A good bargain at \$50. Inquire at White's Auto Store. 42-2tc

**FOR SALE** — Duroc and Chester white pigs weaned and on feed 310. Kenneth Ray at Butman Ranch House

**FOR SALE** — Moline one-way 8-26 inch disks. 10 inch spacing. All bearings new. Disk sharpened. 4 miles north of Noodle. C. N. Hatfield. 40-tfc

**BATTERIES CHARGED**  
29c

**WHITE AUTO STORE**  
Merkel, Texas

**FOR SALE**—Equity in new 2-bedroom home. Plumbed for washer. Phone 160-W. 43-3tp

**FOR SALE**—Two boy's bicycles—one used English style Swinn and one new Sky rider. Reasonable. Horace Hargrove, 361-J. 43-tfc

Your Authorized Dealer For **SPARTAN—"M" SYSTEM SPARCRAFT**  
"We Trade for Anything"  
5 per cent up to 7 years Financing On Air Base Rd., just off Hwy. 80 West, Abilene, San Angelo, Big Spring. OR. 38451.

## CARD OF THANKS

Our heartfelt thanks to all who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the beautiful service, floral offerings, and other kindnesses, we are deeply grateful.

M. P. (Jack) Latimer and Family

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for the kindness and sympathy. It has made easier our loss in the death of our mother and grandmother. Especially do we thank the doctors at the hospital, Mrs. Outlaw and her nursing staff at the Rest Home for their untiring efforts to make her comfortable. May God bless each of you.

The Cade children and Grandchildren

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends for the help given us during the illness and death of our husband and father. Your presence, flowers and kindness will be a cherished memory.

The Oran Hodge Family

## 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. 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, 1959, 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 18th 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

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 28th day of January A. D. 1959, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 25th 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 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

## My Neighbors



"Why try escape alltime—Don't you know you kent escape from paradise?"



"I was always short too—until I saw a loan company's Want Ad!"



## LAFF OF THE WEEK



"Thompson operates on the theory that a good salesman must sell himself first."

## gabby doodle from noodle says:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

Up at the country store Saturday night Ed Doolittle was giving us a piece of his mind on what he thought about them Congressmen messing in the dental profession.

Back during the war Ed got himself a set of store teeth from a mail order house. Ed says the uppers has got broke up over the years on account of him eating so much store bought meat, so he orders himself some new uppers.

He got a note from the mail order house saying it was now again the law to send store teeth through the mail. It seems a Congressman from Georgia ordered a complete set from some company and they sent him two uppers and no lowers. When he tried to get it straightened out, the mail order house had done gone out of business. So this Congressman gets a law passed that you can't send store teeth through the mail no more. Ed was mighty upset about it, allow as how if he had them two upper teeth back he wouldn't even mess with store bought teeth in the first place.

Under our system of Government ever jackass has got a right to express his opinion on things that's going on in the country. I'd like to express mine about this English feller that's making this lecture tour over here. He says the time ain't far off when nobody but the good farmers will be allowed to use the land. He says they've had that system in England since 1939. If England is going to swap us them kind of ideas for the money we're sending over there, she can keep her ideas and we'll keep our money.

According to his plan, only the farmer and rancher that worked the hardest, got up the earliest and stayed up the latest would be allowed to use the land. That could have terrible implications, Mister Editor. What if it applied to other lines? What would happen if only the lawyer

that worked all the time was allowed to practice? Or think what would happen to the politicians if only them public servants that stayed on the job all the time was allowed to hold office. We'd have to hold elections ever ten days to get new ones and we'd be in a constant replacement program on everything from politicians to newspaper editors.

The next time you write your Congressman, Mister Editor, you tell him they ought to be a little more careful who they let in this country from England. A plan like this feller advocates would ruin fellers like me whose rheumatism gets worse about planting time ever spring and lasts till harvest time is over. In America a feller has got to put up with his wife's kinfolks, but he ain't got to put up with visiting Englishmen.

Yours truly,  
Gabby

## NOODLE NEWS

Dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Clement and sons of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. D. Wood and children of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Smith, Mrs. George Cooper and Mrs. Lil Caldwell of Anson.

The community was saddened by the death of Cran Hodge last Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Hodge lived in our community for some time. We extend our sympathy to the family.

The following were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Carr Christmas Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Carr, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Grimes and children of Sweetwater.

J. M. Carr visited Rev. and Mrs. O. B. Tatum of Merkel the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Jones spent Saturday with his parents in Anson.

Mrs. Gladys Doaly of Abilene was a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Carr last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dealy and children of Abilene were weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dixon and sons, Edwin and Roy Lyn, spent Christmas with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tarpley and children of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hale visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Griffin Tuesday. The Hales left Saturday for Virginia where he will be stationed.

Mr. and Mrs. Tucker formerly of Fort Worth have moved into the Lee Stanley farm home. Mrs. Tucker is the former Joyce Stanley.

Mrs. C. B. Lucas and Mrs. Forrest Warren visited Thursday evening with Mrs. Bill Caldwell.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Spurgin had as guests their son, Mr. and



Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." — (The Acts 20, 35.)

Often, when spontaneously bestowing a friendly smile upon a lonely person or a word or deed of help and encouragement to one in distress, we have been wondrously rewarded by such an inner satisfaction as a fortune in dollars could not equal. Indeed we are blessed when we give, unselfishly, and in love.

**WASH IN COOL COMFORT**  
**AIR CONDITIONED**  
**COIN OPERATED**  
**WASHERS & DRYERS**  
**OPEN 24 HOURS**  
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**210 KENT ST. PHONE 231**  
George & Veda West

Mrs. Willie Spurgin and children and their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Santeblen during the holidays.  
Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Callaway and Keith spent Christmas Day at Snyder with Mr. and Mrs. Dois Melton and Mr. and Mrs. Garvis Tarpley.  
Lowell Barbee of LaJunta, Colo., spent the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Barbee Sr.

## SORE THROAT

TO RELIEVE  
Due to a cold, try **DURNAM'S ANAESTHESIA-MOP** and see how pleasant and effective a mop can be. Generous bottle with applicators only 75c at your Druggist.

**Merkel Drug**

## Abilene Livestock Auction Comm.

SALES EACH TUESDAY & THURSDAY

Hog Sale — 9:30 a.m. — Cattle Sale 10:00 a.m.  
East End North 7th — Abilene — Phone OR. 3-7865

References: **Citizens National Bank**  
**First National Bank**  
**F&M National Bank, Merkel, Texas**  
**OWNERS**  
Cramer Reynolds — Billy Haynes — Oris Reynolds

Does Your Family, Inc. have an annual report?



In some ways it certainly makes a lot of sense to look at your family as a business.

For instance, businesses set aside money each year to meet their future needs. Your family should, too, because you'll have a lot of future needs . . . college educations for the children . . . a new house . . . a retirement fund.

You might call the money you'll need for these things a reserve for future operating expenses. And you should start building that reserve right now.

One of the best ways to do this is by regular purchase of U. S. Savings Bonds. They're a safe, sure investment that's backed by the strength of the greatest nation on earth.

**And now they're better than ever.** Every U. S. Series E Savings Bond purchased since February 1, 1957 pays 3 1/4% interest when held to maturity. It matures earlier, too—in only 8 years and 11 months—and pays higher interest in the earlier years.

So this year look at your family's finances with a businessman's eye. And make it your New Year's Resolution to start building a fund for the future by buying Savings Bonds through the Payroll Savings Plan at work—or regularly where you bank.

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## 20 YEARS AGO

IN MERKEL

Mrs. Seth Hamilton received a telegram from her son-in-law, Rev. Paul Collins of Colego, Okla., announcing the arrival of a seven pound son in his home. Mrs. Collins, who was Miss Eleanor Mae Hamilton before her marriage, has a host of friends in this city who will learn with pleasure of the new arrival.

Effective Jan. 1, Terrell Mashburn, who has been handling the agency for Felix Stalls, student at A. & M. College, took full charge of the delivery and collection as agent of the Abilene Reporter-News. He is also agent for the Dallas News.

The former Dun-Rite Laundry on Kent Street has been purchased by C. V. Shelton, who with his partner, Bill Sheppard, sold their ice and produce business to Wilbur Thomas on the first of the year.

It will be of interest to friends of Mrs. E. C. Tarvin Jr., now of Barnhart, Texas, to learn that one of her poems, "Pioneers," has been accepted for publication in the "Crown Anthology of Verse," standard compilation of contemporary verse. Mrs. Tarvin has had several poems printed in the Merkel Mail, also in other weekly and daily papers.

Mrs. Clyde Sears was advised Thursday morning of the death of her brother-in-law, Dr. W. A. Nesbit, of Abilene.

## 40 YEARS AGO

IN MERKEL

The friends and acquaintances of Mrs. Annie Jewel Deavenport were saddened to learn of her death, which took place December 12. Mrs. Deavenport was the

## ANDY SHOUSE

- Real Estate -

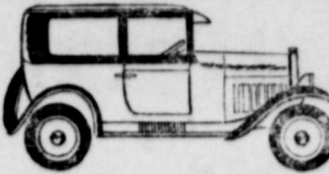
115 KENT ST.  
Phone 322

## BANK NOTES

by Malcolm

### DID YOU KNOW

FIVE YOUNG GIRLS WORKING IN A SEATTLE BANK ARE TOTALLY DEAF BUT PERFORM OUTSTANDING WORK.



THE AUTO ON THE BACK OF ALL U.S. TEN DOLLAR BILLS IS A COMPOSITE OF 1927 MODELS



7,000 PEOPLE RECENTLY PITCHED 5 PENNIES EACH INTO THE MOUTH OF A STUFFED FISH IN AN ATLANTA BANK DISPLAY. THE FUNDS COLLECTED WERE DONATED TO A LOCAL CHARITY.

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dowdy of Trent. Her husband, Brown Deavenport, is very low and could not attend the funeral at Merkel last Saturday afternoon, which was held at the Christian Church by Elder Jessie P. Sewell of Abilene. Mrs. Deavenport is the mother of three children who are very low at this time.

Miss Ida Meeks and little brother, Truett, visited their sister, Mrs. John Bullock, in Abilene Saturday and Sunday.

Will Merritt left Sunday night for the naval training station in California after a ten days' furlough at home.

Mrs. J. E. Kelley of Muskogee is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lamar.

Walter Jackson and daughter, Ava Dee, will spend the holidays with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Jackson, and other relatives in Dallas and Arlington.

Miss Sallie Toombs is attending Institute at Baird. Booth Warren, Ed Teaff, Ralph Bigham and Ross Ferrier left Tuesday for Dryden on the Rio

Grande where they will join Sam Swann and George Ferrier, who are already there, on a hunting trip. The latter went on ahead to get the big game rounded up. We are betting on them bringing back a rabbit foot apiece, and maybe a Mexican thrown in.

Misses Louise Warren, Nell and Lucy Tracy and Julia Martin returned from college for the holidays.

Miss Minnie Ferguson returned home from Ricardo, N. M., on Monday night to spend the holidays. She says she was recently snowbound with a 15-inch snow, which is going some.

Sergeant Alfred Costephens returned home from Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., where he was discharged from the Army. He is suffering with the "flu" but is said to be improving.

Word reached Merkel Tuesday announcing the death of Mrs. L. Brown of Fort Worth. She was formerly Miss Belle Hudson. Her husband was formerly with Rust Drug Store. Pneumonia was the cause of death.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Barnes of Castle Peak have returned from Oklahoma City, where Mr. Barnes

has been employed for several months.

The C. M. Largent cattle took first prize on the young herd and second on calf herd in the American Royal Live Stock Show in Kansas City a few days ago. This was about the strongest competition this herd has gone up against. Other winnings were also made by this herd.

Abilene is short of gas. Wonder why they don't attach a pipe to their Commercial Club.

B. M. Williams of Paris, Tenn., was in Merkel on business the past week. While here he renewed his subscription to the Merkel Mail and he felt the good news that he would probably return to Merkel in the near future to make his home.

Geo. Dewey Higgins, the 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Higgins, who has been in very poor health, killed himself in the pasture near his home, Christmas Day. A brother tried to prevent the act but failed to reach him in time.

Before many moons there will be unloaded at the Texas & Pacific a bran-new chemical engine, village hook and ladder trucks and all of the apparatus which goes with an outfit. This is the result of special committee B. C. Gaither, Dr. J. H. Warnick and J. O. Hamilton. Dr. Warnick wired the manufacturers an offer which they accepted and "Chief" Gaither has dispensed with his crutches and walking stick, even

and New Year's greetings to his Merkel friends

forgotten all about his rheumatism, and is meeting every west-bound train at the water tank. He puts in the rest of the time recruiting for his volunteer department which is beyond the half hundred mark.

Ralph Bradley of the U. S. S. Receiving Ship, Brooklyn, N. Y., and a former Merkel boy, was visiting his aunt, Mrs. W. A. Bradley, and other relatives this week. Ralph has lately been transferred from the Cruiser Denver, having made sixteen trips across to France, England and Ireland, besides a number of trips when he met the British fleet.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Weir, a fine baby girl on the morning of December 25. The mother and baby are doing nicely. The father is in France and has not received the news yet.

S. A. Freeman of Colton, Calif., sends his renewal to The Mail

and New Year's greetings to his Merkel friends

For **COLDS** take **666**

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USE AS MANY MACHINES AS YOU NEED

**20¢** PER LOAD CHEAPER THAN OWNING YOUR OWN MACHINE

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COIN OPERATED — WASH DAY OR NIGHT

**920 No. 2nd** AIR CONDITIONED NEXT DOOR TO MERKEL MAIL  
MERKEL

# WATT'S AHEAD IN '59?

BETTER LIVING — ELECTRICALLY

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The average family served by WTU can cook a complete meal for less than 3¢ with a modern electric range. Take a look ahead — and change to an electric range and enjoy clean, fast, economical electric cooking.

Electricity costs so little — you can use lots of it

West Texas Utilities Company

**BIG VALUE PACKED with DeLUXE FEATURES**

**2-CYCLE FILTER-FLO WASHER**

- BIG CAPACITY — HOLDS 10 POUNDS
- DETERGENT DISPENSER
- WATER-SEVER CONTROL
- PORCELAIN WASH BASKET AND TUB
- WATER TEMPERATURE CONTROL
- NON-CLOGGING FILTER
- DE LUXE STYLING

**ONLY \$219.95**  
AND YOUR OLD WASHER

**PALMER MOTOR CO.**  
Phone 159  
Merkel, Texas

## NOTICE

We have sold our business and would appreciate all accounts being settled as soon as possible.

Thank you,  
**Missie's Floral Shop**

## No "narrow-gauge" car corners as surely as PONTIAC!

The wheels are moved out 5 inches for the widest, steadiest stance in America.

### Road-test the only car with Wide-Track Wheels

Try your touch in this new Pontiac and discover the big difference in cars today! Try this brilliant beauty around a few city corners and country curves. See for yourself how Pontiac's Wide-Track Wheels grip the road more firmly, corner so surely and safely, take the lean and sway out of the sharpest curves. You'll discover the easiest handling, most beautiful roadability you've ever known in the new Wide-Track Pontiac!

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SEE YOUR LOCAL AUTHORIZED PONTIAC DEALER

**PALMER MOTOR Co.**  
Phone 159 Merkel

### THE OLD TIMER

"One way for a man to keep his head above water is to stay out of expensive dives."

From my front porch  
By CARL HEIM

I happened to be passing by one day when the five-year-old daughter of my neighbor brought in from the nearby vacant lot "a bouquet" for her mother — a little handful of Bouncing Bob and Queen Anne's Lace and other wild flora: flowers, to the child, and beautiful.

Her mother thrust them aside with a frown. "Those are weeds, Dotty," she said. "Throw them away!"

Somehow I felt a little hurt, and I think the child felt a big one. I think, too, that flowers are flowers to a child, wherever they may grow — and they're beautiful, until some grownup says that they're not; they're only weeds, "because Mama says so!"

I got to wondering, then, about when and where race prejudice starts — and I can't believe it begins in the heart or the mind of a child! . . .

It was Albert Schweitzer, one of the greatest of living men, who said: "You must give some time to your fellow man. Even if it's a little thing, do something for those who have need of help, something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it."

## ALDREDGE Shoe Shop

725 BUTTERNUT STREET  
APPRECIATE YOUR BUSINESS. ALL WORK DONE TO PLEASE THE CUSTOMER.

**My Neighbors**



"Greetings — Oh lovely spouse. Wouldst care to burn me some orange juice—pour me some toast and carve me some coffee?"

**UP THE CANYON**

By TOM RUSSOM

After one of the coldest spells in years the people up the Canyon are beginning to warm up. Livestock was in excellent shape to take the cold weather, however, stockmen were feeding pretty heavy. The only loss that might have been would be some new born lambs during the cold spell.

The small grain has really taken a turn for the worse. First the dry weather and then the cold spell with a low of five degrees. Surely the only relief would be a good rain and some sunshine to bring it to sight.

Well the Canyon lost another pioneer mother last week. Mrs. Jack Lattimer, better known as Aunt Dollie to those who knew her best.

Among out-of-town people attending funeral services were Mrs. Jack Beall of Tyler, the former Ruth Martin, Mrs. May Carrell, Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Carrell, Hale Center and Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Reynolds of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney spent Sunday in San Angelo visiting their son, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Swinney.

The Rev. and Mrs. Wayland Dowden and family of Cooper were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Scott this week. Wayland was a former pastor of the Blair Methodist Church several years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Seymore and children of Sudan and Mrs. H. L. Knipe and sons of Brownfield were New Years day visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seymore.

K. Blackburn is in the hospital. He has been in ill health for some time.

Frank Reed, who was raised in the west part of the Canyon, has returned to his home after having been in the Sadler Clinic hospital for several weeks. Frank we are glad you are recovering from the illness.

F. H. Hoston continues to improve after a lengthy illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Fayne Perry of Aspermont were visiting friends in the Canyon during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Garner of Farwell were supper guests in the Tom Russom home Wednesday night. The Garners and Russoms are long time friends.

It was declared at the all-night singing last Wednesday night that it would be an annual affair. So plan now to make it next year.

Make your plans to drive over to the fair grounds Thursday and Friday of this week to attend the State Soil Conservation convention. You will be glad you went.

Friday morning the assistant Secretary of Agriculture from Washington, D. C. will speak. You will enjoy the rest of the program too.

Jess Russo left this week for Houston where he will be a patient in the Anderson Clinic.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Neel of El Paso were holiday visitors with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson, and other relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Pat Nash of El Paso visited his mother and grandmother, Mrs. Elsie Nash and Mrs. J. P. Sharp, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Mitchell and son, Wayne, and Mrs. Price Mitchell and children, Jimmy, Debra and Tim, of Abilene were guests New Years Day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Vaughn.

Mrs. Florence Berry and Mrs. Zela Teague were guests of Mrs. Levia Fugate in Abilene Sunday.

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