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Tell-Tale Fe-Mail

By M. L. G.

That's the way it is in this business—one day you're in and the next day you're out. I have been fighting an inferiority complex since being left out last week because of "things more important" that needed to be in the paper. It is because of you who noticed my absence that I am back. Thank you—both of you.

Speaking of inferiority complexes, I see where Russia's roving scout, Anastas I. Mikoyan, has gone home. Seems that the Kremlin's second most important man has more to his credit than the three Orders of Lenin—he put American ice cream on the Russian menu.

Russia's traveling boy got his first taste of ice cream in 1936, when he came to the U.S. as head of an industrial survey team. At that time he reportedly went home with American techniques of canning, meat packing, food freezing and ice cream making. Wonder what he went home with this time?

It's been quite a week and it's only half over. First we don't have any water and then we have it all over the place—standing in the sink, bathtub, etc. With no plumber available at the moment, our "do-it-yourself" boy fixed it—sort of. The TV went out at the same time but I hurriedly called a repairman before Superman got to it. In all the confusion I forgot my favorite sister's (my only one) birthday. She and Robert E. Lee were born on the same day but the similarity stops there—unless—how old would he be?

We have been invited, along with several hundred other members of the Texas Press, for a spot of tea at the Governor's house Saturday. I'd like to go because the last time we were there he was in the middle of a "home project" similar to ours, and, as you know, misery loves company. We had to go through the back door because—guess why? His front porch was torn up and in the process of being repaired. I didn't ask him, but I don't think he was doing the work himself, so it is probably finished.

If they had given a "busy as a beaver" award at the Quarterback Club banquet Friday night, Lynn Knight would surely have won it. He not only presided at the affair, he took pictures, put up and took down the PA system, and a dozen other things. I understand.

We received the following letter from a reader:

I have missed the Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 issues of the Merkel Mail. We miss it very much and if you have any extra copies we would like to have them. I am also enclosing a check for the renewal of our paper that expires April 23.

I read what the lady said about her Christmas in Vermont. Here in San Francisco, we had our typical weather, sunshine and about 74 degrees, on Christmas. I gathered fresh tomatoes from the back yard where they are still growing. There has been some frost but not enough to kill the tomatoes. We are getting some rain now, the first of any consequence since July.

Sincerely,
Mrs. H. B. Merritt
404 Fairway Dr.
So. San Francisco, Calif.

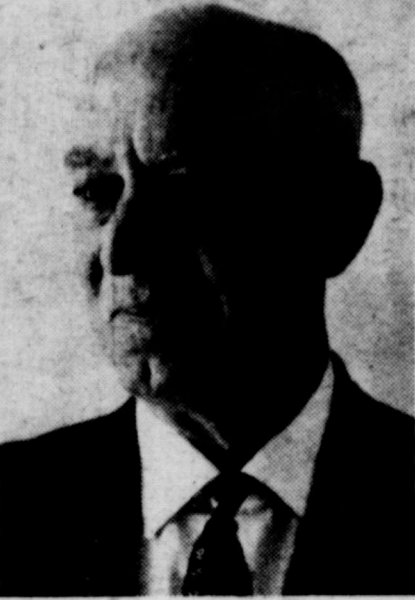
Thank you, Mrs. Merritt. How about you other readers? Have anything you'd like to tell us that would interest the readers?

Don't forget the parent-teacher conferences at all three schools Thursday and Friday afternoons of this week.

NOTICE

There will be a chili and hot dog supper at Sixth Community Center, Saturday night, Jan. 24, with all the proceeds going to the March of Dimes. The public is invited.

All mothers of students in the Merkel High School Junior Class are urged to attend a meeting in the school library at 3:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26.



OCA C. (OCIE) WILLIAMS retires

Former Merkelite Retires After 15 Years With Dow

"Getting rid of the alarm clock" was first on the list after retirement for Oca C. (Ocie) Williams, former Merkel resident. He retired Dec. 31 after 15 years service with Dow Chemical Company. For the past five years Oca has been plant laundryman at Dow. Besides the plant services department he has also worked in various capacities in research, sulphur dioxide and caustic. Williams was born in Hainesville, Wood County, Texas and as a young man spent many years working in the oil fields of Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas. He served in the Infantry from 1918 to 1920 and also worked seven years for a CCC camp. He went with his family to the Pittsburg area in 1942 and worked for several industries before going to Dow a year later.

Oca and his wife, the former Annis Hudson of Merkel, were married in 1934. They are the parents of three sons and two daughters, Peggy, 22, Lee, 20, Douglas, 18, Reggie, 16, and Donna, 11. Peggy (Mrs. Richard Elliott) will present the Williams with their first grandchild this spring. Lee is studying electronics with the Navy at Treasure Island and the three youngest children are in school.

Retirement plans for Oca include doing repair and carpentry work on his home at Route 1, Box 226, Oakley, and taking a trip next summer with his family to visit his brother in San Antonio.

Williams, whose father J. L. Williams came to Merkel in 1900, said he attended school at Merkel and has always called Merkel "home." He said he plans to visit here this summer.

CORRECTION

This paper, in a story about the Merkel Livestock Show last week, said that Freddie Toombs who showed the grand champion steer, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billie Joe Toombs. Freddie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie B. Toombs.

Community Livestock Show In Trent 'Best In Years'

The swine division of the annual FFA and 4-H Community Livestock Show in Trent Saturday was exceptionally strong, according to Bill Scott, Abilene VA teacher, who judged the show.

The over-all show was, in the opinion of Al Maberry, Trent, VA teacher and general supervisor, the best community show in recent years. The event was sponsored by the Trent Community Club, headed by Milton Patton, president. The organization contributed \$551.50 in cash premiums.

The grand champion barrow of the show was a Hampshire fed and exhibited by Al Maberry, Trent 4-H. The reserve barrow was a Duroc, fed and exhibited by Gary Douglas, Trent FFA.

The grand champion breeding gilt of the show was a Duroc shown by Henry Freeman, Trent FFA, and the reserve was a Berkshire, exhibited by Robert Williams, Trent FFA.

Peggy Maberry, daughter of VA teacher and Mrs. Albert Maberry and feeding as a 4-H Club girl under supervision of County Agent H. C. Stanley, was a major winner in the show.

She had both the grand champion capon single and pens and she won the capon showmanship award and the all-around show-

Mrs. Popham, 75, Longtime Resident Of Merkel, Dies

Mrs. Hattie Pearl Popham, 75, long time resident of Merkel, died at 11:21 a.m. Tuesday at the Simmons Memorial Hospital in Sweetwater after a brief illness.

Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Calvary Baptist Church. The Rev. Wayne Davis, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home. Mrs. Popham born Hattie Pearl McMahan Feb. 10, 1884, in Medford, Tenn., was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church. She was married to Bob Popham on Aug. 30, 1900, at Barber Hill, Texas. The couple moved to Merkel in 1906 where they lived until 1918 moving to Sweetwater then to Denton and back to Merkel in 1932.

She is survived by her husband, two daughters, Mrs. Howard Diddy, Houston; Mrs. William Sheaffer, Hamburg, N. Y.; four sons, W. B. Wichita Falls, E. O. Austin; G. B. Houston; R. T. Sweetwater; three sisters, Mrs. Laura Howerte, Henderson; Mrs. Ada Henery, Waco; Mrs. Lena Gather, McGregor; eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

4-H Girls Need Old Magazines

Do you have any old magazines, records, sheet music or books? If you do, call Mrs. Ford Smith Jr. at 199-M after 6 p.m. and she will pick them up for the Junior 4-H Club girls.

The girls are collecting the items and will use the money derived from the sale of them for charity and club expenditures, Mrs. Smith said.

Denton, Seymore, Reeger Named Top Players By Merkel Quarterback Club

Revealing the names of the best lineman, best back and most conscientious player on the Badger football team was the highlight of the Merkel Quarterback Club banquet in the school cafeteria Friday night.

Carl McKeever unveiled the trophies which revealed the names of Larry Seymore, best lineman; Manley Denton, best back; and Ronnie Reeger, most conscientious player.

Quarterback Club members choose the outstanding players by voting each meeting night following a game, by secret ballot, who they think best in the three categories in that game. The ballots are dropped in a box that is opened at the end of the season. Only the three members appointed to count the votes know the identity of the players before the awards banquet.

Also presented at the banquet was the District 10-A trophy won by the Badger team this year, James E. Bramlett, superintendent of schools at Albany and chairman of District 10-A football conference, made the presentation to Mack Fisher, superintendent of the Merkel schools.

Lester Dorton, first president of the Quarterback Club, told some of the accomplishments of the club since it was organized in 1956. The first year, with 67 members, the organization provided special train and bus transportation for football players out of town games. They also presented the three trophies to the school, where they remain on display, for best lineman, best back and most conscientious player. Each year outstanding players for that year are added to the trophies.

In 1957, with Norman Winter as president and club membership at 79, rubber down markers were presented to the school. Another project started that year and completed this year was the purchase of the electric scoreboard for Badger stadium. Lynn Knight is now president of the club, advancing to that position from the vice presidency when Lloyd Robertson, elected president, was unable to function in that capacity.

Carroll Benson, Badger football coach, introduced the members of his squad, giving special mention to those receiving the honor of being named on the All-Area team—Manley Denton (also selected for the All-tate second team) and Larry Seymore, chosen for All-Area first team; Joe Neill, David Pursley and Tokio Moreno, second team; and Jerry McLeod and Skippy Hicks, who received honorable mention.

Norman Winter presented gifts from the Quarterback Club to Coaches Carroll Benson, Buddy Nail, Don Lloyd and Leon Walker.

Manley Denton, speaking for the coaches and the team, thanked the Quarterback Club for their support and cooperation.

Entertainment included a comedy skit by Sarah Salter and songs by a sextet composed of Annette Boney, Bitsy West, Linda Leach, Joe Neill, Manley Denton and Jerry McLeod.

Bob Cannon of the Church of Christ, gave the invocation. Banquet tables, decorated by the Merkel Garden Club, featured paper snowmen, popcorn snow balls and white sprayed branches. The head table was centered with an arrangement of white flowers which was presented to Mrs. Carroll Benson by Lynn Knight at the close of the program.



COUNTY CHAMPS—Merkel lambs took the four lamb titles at the Taylor County Show Monday. Above are three of the champions and a reserve champion. From left they are: Joe Neill, with brother Jimmy's crossbred champion; James Bible, holding Jimmy Neill's Hampshire champion; Farris Neill, brother of Jimmy and Joe, and his own champion Southdown; and Myrtle Davis, holding her fine wool reserve champion.

CEMETERY FUND

The following persons have contributed to the Merkel Cemetery Association fund:

Jarrett Pinckley
Baylor Amason (of Graham visited in the home of his father, Mr and Mrs. T. J. Amason, Monday.

Merkel Lamb Entries Judged Tops In Taylor County Livestock Show

Top honors went to Merkel, Jim Ned and Trent entries in the Taylor County Show at the Taylor County Exposition Center in Abilene Monday.

Judging of the county show covered more than 200 lambs and 125 head of swine. E. C. (Dusty) Nevills, Reagan County farm agent was the judge.

This total represented 11 classes in the lamb show and another 11 classes in the swine department.

The Neill brothers, Jimmy, Joe and Farris, all feeding under the FFA program and under the supervision of Chester Collinsworth, Merkel VA teacher, took three of the four lamb titles. Farris had the champion Southdown, Jimmy had both the purebred (a Hampshire) and crossbred champion, the latter exhibited by brother Joe.

Lanny Perry, feeding under the supervision of County Agent H. C. Stanley, took the fine wool title. Secondary pacers were Del and Myrtle Davis, both Merkel 4-H members. The brothers and sister team led the reserve champion line, with Myrtle showing the reserve champion fine wool and Del the reserve champion crossbred.

Joe Neill, who showed Jimmy's crossbred champ, won the Taylor County Sheep and Goat Raisers' silver belt buckle award, given annually to the boy or girl with the most lamb showmanship savvy. The trophy was presented by Jack Richards, view sheep breeder and an executive of the sheep and goat organization.

Named grand champion of the swine show was a Hampshire heavyweight belonging to Roy Hudson and shown by his older brother, Ray. Roy is a Jim Ned FFA student.

Al Maberry of the Trent 4-H Club showed the reserve champion of the swine department. His reserve champion, coupled with two others, also took the grand champion pen of three swine in the "all other breeds" department.

Another Trent boy, Jim Lanning of the FFA, showed the reserve champion pen of three fat barrows in the all other breeds department.

Patterson Leads Merkel Past ACHS

Pat Patterson popped in 23 points here Monday night to lead Merkel past ACHS, 61-52.

Manley Denton and Ronnie English also hit in double figures for Merkel. Denton dumped in 12 and English 10.

Ken Bleser paced ACHS with 19 points. He was followed by Doug Beatty with 11. Merkel also won the B game, 43-37.

MERKEL	13	32	40	61
ACHS	10	22	31	52

Blake Davis, 40, Accidentally Killed By Shotgun Blast

Funeral was held at 4 p.m. Friday at the Merkel Methodist Church for Blake Davis, 40, of Merkel who was accidentally killed Wednesday night by a shotgun blast.

Justice of the Peace Albert Story of Anson returned a verdict of accidental death by gunshot wounds. He said Davis evidently started to climb over a barbed wire fence and his 10-gauge shotgun went off.

The body was found about 11:35 p.m. Wednesday about 11 miles north of Tye on Farm-to-Market Road 707, the Highway Patrol reported.

The Rev. J. Alvis Cooley, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery of Merkel with Starbuck Funeral Home in charge.

The Merkel VFW post was in charge of graveside rites and furnished pallbearers.

Mr. Davis, an electrician, had lived in Merkel about two years. He had lived in Utah prior to that, and before that had lived in Aspermont all his life, except two years in the Army during World War II. He served China, Burma and India during the war.

Born June 6, 1918, in Aspermont, he married Dorothy Barnett Nov. 10, 1945, in Ar.

He was a member of the Merkel Methodist Church. Survivors are his wife; sons, Barney, 10, and Wayne, 9; one daughter, Cherry, 11, all of the home; two brothers, Dalton of Aspermont and Carlton of Amarillo, and three sisters, Miss Pauline Davis of Aspermont, Mrs. Vera Hart of Corpus Christi, and Mrs. Bonnie Lee Haynie of Huntington, W. Va.

March Of Dimes Balloon Sale Nets Over \$42

The local Boy Scouts directed by Ikey Turner sold 250 balloons, netting \$42.50 for the March of Dimes last Saturday morning.

Hayden Griffin was top salesman with 68 balloons to his credit. Danny Cypert was runner-up with 44 balloons. Other Boy Scouts who helped with the selling were Robert Shouse, David Hammond, Tommy Riney, Wayne Hester and Larry Rignove.

"The Boy Scouts did a fine Good Turn for the March of Dimes—remarkably well for a few boys within about two hours," stated C. A. Farley, local campaign director.

Mrs. Woodrow Patton, Neighborhood Commissioner, will have charge of the Girl Scout balloon sales this coming Saturday, January 24.

Campbell Infant Rites Held Here

Graveside rites were held for Barry Lee Campbell, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Campbell of Haskell, in Rose Hill Cemetery at 3:30 p.m., Jan. 19.

The infant was born Sunday morning in a Haskell hospital and died at 6 p.m. the same day.

Officiating at the services were the Rev. Reagon, pastor of the East Side Baptist Church of Haskell, and the Rev. Wayne Davis, Calvary Baptist minister of Merkel.

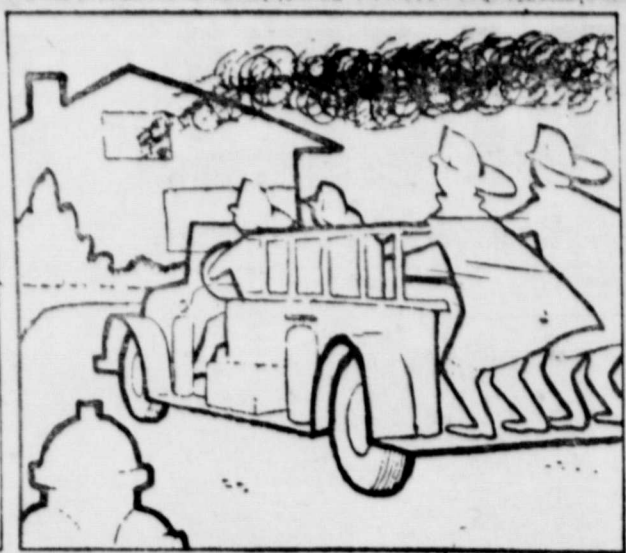
Survivors, besides the parents, include one brother, Jimmie Clifford; two sisters, Katie and Brenda; maternal grandmother, Mrs. Carrie Washburn; and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hamp Campbell, all of Merkel.

Has Your Child Been Enumerated?

Names of boys and girls who will be old enough to be in the first grade of the local school next fall are wanted by Census Enumerator C. A. Farley prior to Feb. 1.

To be eligible to enroll in the first grade a child must be at least six years of age on or before Sept. 1, 1959 and have a valid birth certificate.

Parents of beginners who are not sure that their child has been enumerated for attendance in the first grade next fall should contact Mr. Farley at the Merkel Elementary School before Feb. 1.



Home Demonstration Notes

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent



The home demonstration club women began the new year with a real good attendance to the committee meeting last Friday morning. There were only two people absent. One club was not present for the discussion on the programs for 1959. Mrs. Eloise Johnson, Specialist in Family Live Education will be in Abilene

next Monday to train leaders on how to present a program to their club on "The Family and the Television." This will be a very interesting program and all clubs should have leaders to attend. Why don't you plan now to attend the club meeting nearest you.

Another interesting program

will be on decorating cakes. Mrs. J. L. Ohlhausen of Rannels County will train the leaders to give this to all the clubs. This will be a real good program to attend in February.

There will be programs on landscaping and clothing. There will be workshops on clothing construction, nutrition, and making lampshades. Would you like to attend any of these? The club women decided they had a full year's work ahead and they were going to have some interesting programs.

Did your furniture get some spots or stains during the Christmas holidays?

Heat marks or alcohol stains on wooden furniture are not easily removed. Often furniture so damaged can be restored only by finishing. Here are a few suggestions for home treatment of such damage on woods:

When you spill any beverages, perfumes or medicines containing alcohol on furniture, wipe up the liquid immediately before it has time to penetrate into the finish. If the liquid goes completely through the finish, there is only one remedy—a spot refinishing job temporarily and a complete refinishing job later. For temporary protection, polish with wax, using a colored wax for dark woods. If this is not effective, mix powdered pumice and oil into a creamy paste and apply it to the stain, rubbing with the grain of the wood, then polish with a clean soft cloth.

Try treating burns the same way, first trying wax, then the pumice and oil mixture.

When penetration is not too deep, heat marks may be eliminated by light stroking with a cloth moistened in camphorated oil, followed by buffing with a clean cloth. Water rings may respond to waxing or to treatment with camphorated oil.

Population, Birth Rate To Soar In The 1960's, Kiplinger Says

A 20 per cent increase in population and a soaring birth rate is predicted for the next decade by the Kiplinger organization in its annual report on population and business growth in the United States, released today.

The "Soaring Sixties" will bring another wave of economic expansion and further shifts in the habits and needs of the population of this country, Kiplinger says. In the late 60's population will reach 208 million, compared to the 1958 total of 175 million. And the birth rate will jump from an annual rate of four million babies to five million a year.

"Also more babies per family. Parents used to want two... now want three. The trends have been well established and there is nothing in sight to change them," the report says. "This means, among other things, a much greater market for children's goods, a demand for bigger houses with more bedrooms."

"The coming high tide of marriages is now only three years off. Children born in the 40's when the spectacular high birth rate began, will marry in the 60's, pushing the marriage rate a third above today's rate. Average marriage age probably will continue about as now, men at age 23, women at age 20."

The result of this high marriage rate will be stepped-up demand for houses, furniture, home appliances, cars and all the other things that are needed to equip new families.

According to the Kiplinger report, "By the late 60's, there will be 20 million oldsters, over 65. Now there are 15 million. Length of widowhood will be about what it is now, nine years."

The future will see 75 million youngsters under 18, now 60 million. That means even more gear-

children. Teen-agers alone will make up a larger proportion of the total population than now.

With more oldsters and more youngsters, both in numbers and proportion, the people of working ages up to 65 will have their hands full producing enough goods to meet all the needs.

"But," says Kiplinger, "it will be done by greater productivity with more older workers em-

ployed and less full retirement at ANY age. More women will work, many more than now."

moaning, "If I'd only known!" You DO know...and in advance... about the "Soaring Sixties," says Kiplinger.

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Do not refrigerate potatoes or sweet potatoes. They keep best at room temperature. Tomatoes, if not ripe, should also be kept at room temperature.

In general, most vegetables should be kept in the refrigerator in plastic bags or closed pans. Before placing greens and salad vegetables in the refrigerator, wash, sprinkle or dip them if they show any signs of dryness.

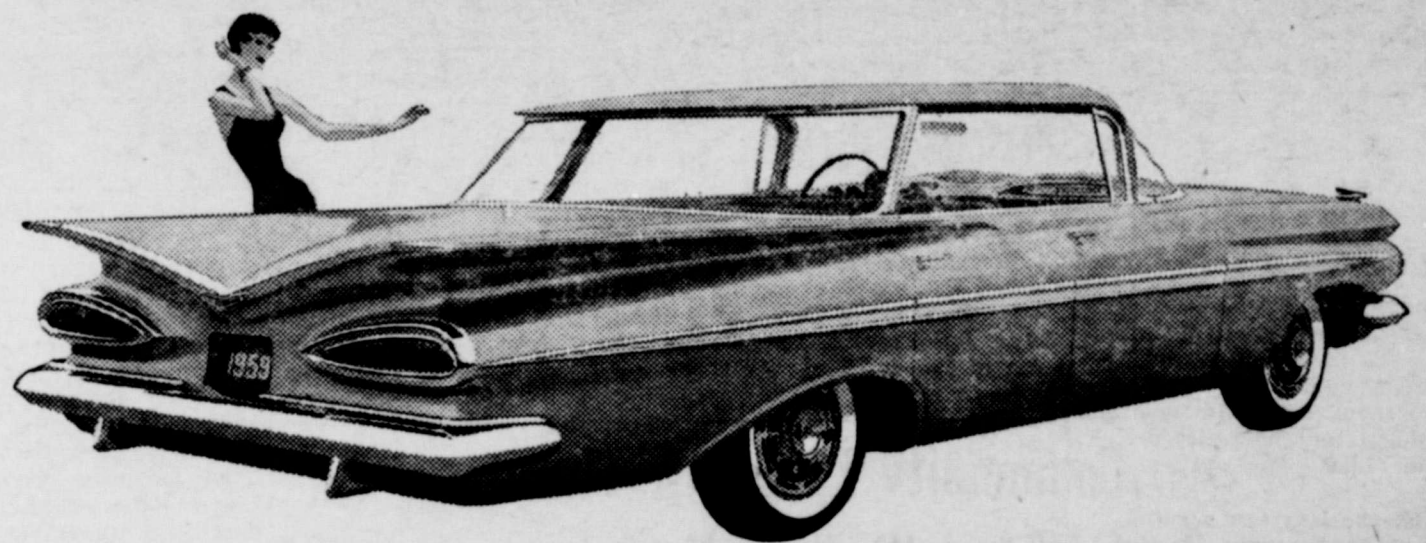
The wonderful world we live in has given us many new foods. They add the variety to the old favorites such as hominy, a home produced food that can be served in many delicious ways and help greatly in stretching the food budget. Any type of corn may be used to make hominy, but good quality white dent corn is best.

To make hominy, dissolve a can of household lye in 6 1/2 gallons of water. Add 6 quarts of corn. Heat the water keeping it just below the boiling point until the hulls start to loosen. Remove the hulls and scum from the water, adding fresh water occasionally during the heating. Finally, stir up the corn well and transfer to clean, cold water. Rub the corn, changing the water several times until it is thoroughly cleansed and free of hulls. Soak the corn in cold water overnight, then wash 3 or 4 times with hot water.

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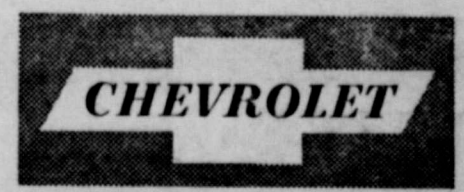
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BY BOB COLLINS

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Price Meeting
Cotton trade representatives will meet on Jan. 27 to discuss the present method of cotton price quotations and how the spot quotations are used to establish loan differences . . . meeting has been called by USDA at request of producers . . . will be in Dallas, Texas . . . it's possible that some changes may be made in the present system.

Dogs vs. Bugs
Field tests are underway to kill insects by germ warfare . . . it works like this . . . spores of a bacillus are spread over the crop . . . when the insects move in to feast they are infected by the germs and die . . . we don't know how it works with cotton pests, but it sounds good, doesn't it?

Certainly!!
Cotton is the fiber most homemakers use and prefer for such items as draperies, table coverings, bed clothes, scatter rugs, etc . . . a check of nearly 3,000 households was made across the country in the USDA survey.

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TRENT BARROW CHAMPION—Al Maberry, Trent 4-H Club boy and son C. Trent VA teacher and Mrs. Albert Maberry, kneels beside his Hampshire barrow which was named grand champion of barrows in the Trent Community Stock Show Saturday and reserve champion of the Taylor County Show in Abilene Monday. (Photo Courtesy Reporter-News)



SPECIAL AWARD—Joe Neill, right, Merkel FFA boy, receives a special sheep showmanship award presented by the Taylor County Sheep and Goat Raisers Assn. The presentation was made by Jack Richards, View sheep breeder and TCSGRA executive, at the end of judging in Taylor County lamb show Monday.

WASHINGTON NEWS LETTER

Friend: scientific resources; cities and the scope of urban renewal; educational opportunities; disease control; care of our senior citizens. The list is long. Some studies are underway.

This includes gaining and maintaining the nation's lead in the race for outer space. This we cannot now claim. But it must be achieved. I am confident it will be.

It was one year ago this month that the Senate Preparedness Subcommittee concluded its hearings into the satellite and missile program. The final act of that bipartisan group was unanimous adoption of a statement. It urged decisive action by the military on 17 specific points.

The first hearing by the new Senate Committee on Aeronautical and Space Sciences is now being planned. Its first work will be to determine progress made in the last 12 months.

But this is now evident. The people of this nation must mobilize their minds, their unity, their will to do. And this is imperative.

gabby doodle from noodle says:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

I didn't git to church Sunday on account of what you might call post war improvement. My old lady brought one of them new electric irons and it has slowed up progress at our house considerable.

You turn the button one way fer one kind of cloth, another way fer another kind. You also got to git the morning paper and look up the weather report. If it's damp you turn scemepun else, and if it's cloudy you have another gadget to work. Up to now she's three weeks behind with her ironing, trying to figure out the dern thing. She's leaving my other shirt till last and this keeps up I might not make it to church fer Easter services.

Back in the days when folks was using more horse sense and less post war improvements, they just set a few irons in the fire, wiped 'em off, spit on 'em to see how the temperature was, then lit in and did a day's ironing.

I'm always interested, Mister Editor, in items in the paper about the lady folks and I always turn to them first. I was reading this piece last night about wimmen's feet getting bigger on account of them wearing open-toe and open-heel shoes with flat heels. This feller that was writing the piece said the average

size shoe fer wimmen 10 year ago was from five to six, and now it's from seven to seven and a half. I think the wimmen is going to feel a heap better with bigger feet, because their feet has been big all the time, only they tried to hid it by buying shoes two sizes too small. Now that it's getting fashionable to have big feet, it'll be a heap more comfortable fer 'em. And speaking of post war improvement, this is the first one I've saw that had any practical value to it.

I see by the papers where them steel fellers is thinking about raising prices again. It's a funny thing. A steel man wakes up some morning with a hangover and decides that steel ought to be \$5 a ton higher, and everybody starts paying \$5 a ton more fer steel right away. But a farmer or rancher wakes up after plowing 12 hours the day before and decides cotton is \$5 a bale higher or wheat \$1 a bushel more and nobody pays no attention to him. When he hauls it to town he gits what he was getting yesterday, or maybe less. The way I see it, farmers and ranchers is the only folks on earth that don't know what they are going to git next. But I got a good idea, which is one reason I don't do no more farm work than I have to.

Yours truly,
Gabby

Fortnightly Club Hears Book Review

Mrs. W. T. Sadler reviewed John Gunther's book, "Inside Russia Today" for members of the Fortnightly Study Club when they met in the home of Mrs. Ben Hicks Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 12.

Mrs. Sadler said that in his book, Mr. Gunther gives shrewd and revealing sketches of such people as Soviet Premier Krushchev and Asantas Mikoyan, now Soviet Deputy Premier, showing the influence and force of their personalities and characters.

She gave some facts about Russia, as told by Gunther, that many people are shocked to learn. She said the Russians consume 27 million bottles of champagne annually, they have four times more doctors than there are in the U.S., there are 41,000 teachers of English in Russia, and they have 2 million students in college—more than in all of Western Europe.

During the business session, presided over by Mrs. W. R. Cyfert, president, Mrs. Comer Haynes gave a report on an executive meeting held the previous Monday. Members voted to accept the committees recommendation to support the Sixth District projects as well as the state project, a nursing scholarship.

Plans were discussed for a Mexican supper, a fund raising project, to be sponsored by the club in February.

The next meeting will be in the home of Miss Christine Collins on Jan. 27. The program will be "Clubs Of Other Lands" presented by Miss Ethel Foster of Sterling City.

Mr. and Mrs. Baylor Amason of Graham were visitors at the bedside of their mother, Mrs. J. K. Ayers, who was a patient in the Sadler Clinic Hospital, Monday.

not simply to exceed the Soviets. It is the launching point from which we move to new frontiers of freedom.

Russell Receives FFA Honors At TSC

Jackie Russell, halfback from Merkel was presented with an All American citation by the Wigwam Wiseman of America at the Tarleton Football Banquet Tuesday night.

Russell was one of 23 lettermen named for the 1958 season at Tarleton by H. A. Sanford, head football coach. He also received honorable mention in the All Conference selections.

Relatives who visited at the bedside of Mrs. Edna Horton, who was a patient in the Hendrick Memorial Hospital, Abilene, the past week were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Wilson, all of Seymour, Mrs. Bill Nutt of Marlin and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Toliver, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Melton, Mrs. Sallie Moore, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moore and son, Roger, and Mrs. Josie Shanks, all of Merkel.

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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Belle Rose Glezman, 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 issuance of this citation, same being the 16th day of March A. D. 1959, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 7th day of October A. D. 1959, in this cause, numbered 23-371-A on the docket of said court and styled Joseph William Glezman, Plaintiff, vs. Belle Rose Glezman, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: plaintiff and defendant were married on or about the 10th day of July, 1958, and became permanently separated on or about Sept. 20, 1958.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of excesses, outrages and cruel treatment. Plaintiff also sues for permanent custody of three minor children 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 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 20th day of January A. D. 1959.

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

By Irene Crawford, Deputy, 45-46-47-48

Starr Rest Home

By MARY OUTLAW

N. A. Smedley celebrated his 101st birthday Jan. 17th. In the morning after breakfast he sat in his chair and smoked his cigar as he usually does each morning.

After his bath he went back to bed and stayed until lunch when he got up and ate and then back to bed until his family came. Then he got up and went in a wheel chair to the dining room where cake and punch were served to his family and the patients of the home. Those present were Mrs. Barney Gibbs, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Price, Odie Smedley, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Smedley and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Dale Brown and family, all of Baird, Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs and family, Mrs. J. O. Smedley and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Gibbs and family, all of Abilene, Lester Smedley and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Smedley of Big Spring. We wish for him many more birthdays.

Frank and Ethel Carr filled their appointment Sunday at ten to sing for the patients. Keith Tarpley came and helped.

Mrs. Tyne Perkins of Abilene visited her mother, Mae Perkins, Saturday.

Mrs. Mashburn of Rising Star visited her mother, Mrs. Mae Fields, last week. They spent the day with Mrs. Bill Patterson.

Mrs. Stein had lots of company last week for which she says she is grateful.

Mrs. Ruby Jenkins of Abilene visited her father, Mr. Reagan, on the week end. We are glad to report Mr. Reagan gradually improving.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Carr of Van Court visited her mother Sarah Carr, on the week end.

Rev. Bob Cannon, minister of Church of Christ, filled his appointment here Sunday January 18th. Those present to help sing

were Mrs. Cannon, Mrs. Eva Faye Denton, Kent and Manley, Wilson Wade, Gary Gregory, Brian Allmon and Bonny Toombs. Everyone enjoyed the good service and invite them back again.

Mrs. Hicks went to a class party at Mrs. McCandless's last week. She reported a good time and we were glad she was able to go and enjoy herself.

We want to thank Buddy Derington for the big box of frozen meat he brought the Rest Home. We can sure use it and it was appreciated.

We want to thank Lyle Cade for the box of glasses he brought the Rest Home.

Thanks to Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Booth for coming to the Rest Home Sunday evening and playing and singing for the patients. J. W. Cole of Abilene visited in our home Monday morning.

Uncle Joe Allphin had as visitors Mr. and Mrs. China Allphin, Mrs. Bell Pruitt, Mrs. Ervin Pruitt and Hoot Allphin of Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitt Farmer and daughter, Lena Fay, of Ira visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Whitt Farmer, Thursday.

Weekend guests in the home of Mrs. Ellis Harris were their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller and daughter of Abilene, their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Harris and children of Borger and Jimmie Harris of Pecos.

Badgers Beat Wylie, 58-30

The Merkel Badgers pumished off the Wylie Bulldogs, 58-30, here Thursday night to earn a 2-0 mark in District 10-A play.

Three Badgers — Manley Denton, Pat Patterson and Walter Grimmett—each scored 14 points while Earnest Parks and Guffey each tallied 10 for Wylie.

Merkel won the girls game.

The box:
WYLIE: Allen 3-1-7; Guffey 4-2-10; Parks 4-2-10; Rodriguez 1-0-2; Lewallen 0-0-0; Talley 0-0-0; Green 0-1-1; Totals 12-6-30.

MERKEL: Denton 6-2-14; Patterson 6-2-14; Perry 3-0-6; Toliver 1-0-2; McLeod 0-0-0; Grimmett 6-2-14; Reeger 1-0-2; English 2-0-4; Neill 1-0-2; Totals 26-6-58.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan of Mineral Wells were weekend guests in the home of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Doan, Vickie and Steve. They also visited Mr. Doan's sister, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason, Saturday.

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McCartney-Ashworth Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Walter McCartney are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Patricia Ann, to George Fredrick Ashworth of Robert Lee.

Parents of the prospective bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ashworth of Robert Lee. The couple will be married Feb. 7 in Tye Baptist Church.

Liz Taylor's 'Cat' Show Here Sunday

The Cat show that everybody is talking about, "Cat On A Hot Tin Roof," will be shown in Merkel for one day only, Sunday, Jan. 25.

Reed Whately, theater owner, said that a matinee will be shown at the Queen as usual, and weather permitting, the movie will be shown at the Pioneer Drive-In Sunday starting at dusk.

The entire cast does a fine job in the play, with Elizabeth Taylor, Paul Newman and Burl Ives giving top performances.

Direction and production are of high quality. The screenplay is by Richard Brooks and James Poe, based on the play by Tennessee Williams. An overall high interest is maintained from start to finish with the dramatic situations, the earthy language and characterizations, and the absorbing quality of much of the story.

Mrs. T. J. Bird Hosts TEL Class

The T E L Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. T. J. Bird Wednesday, Jan. 14. Mrs. A. R. Booth was co-hostess.

Mrs. Booth opened the meeting with prayer. Mrs. Jim Kuykendall gave a devotional from Psalm 145. A short business session was held.

Refreshments of Apple Sauce cake topped with whipped cream and coffee were served to Mmes. Austin Robertson, John Mansfield, Pick Allen, Ira Moore, Kuykendall, Booth and Bird and Miss Selena Teaff.

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The Davis brothers and sisters

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our thanks for every kindness shown us at the death of our baby boy, Barry Lee. God bless each one that shared in our sorrow.
Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Campbell

Martha SS Class Meets In Collins Home Thursday

Mrs. Twyman Collins assisted by Mrs. Homer Finch entertained members of the Martha Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church in the home of Mrs. Collins on Thursday, Jan. 8.

Mrs. Finch led the opening prayer.

Mrs. Irl Walker, in a devotional on the "Ungrateful Leper," brought out the thought that we as individuals sometime fail to be humble servants and are very ungrateful at times.

Mrs. Finch directed a game called "Did I see what I saw and did I hear what I heard."

Refreshments of chicken salad, fruit cake and coffee was served to Mmes. Foster, Warren, Fulton, Clack, Dunigan, Sherrill, Hunter, Teague, Berry, Walker, Finch and Collins.

Mrs. Warren closed the meeting with prayer.

Junior 4-H Club Has Demonstration

Miss Sybie McDaniel, assistant home demonstration agent, gave a demonstration for the Junior 4-H Club when they met Monday.

After the meeting opened with the pledge and a prayer, Miss McDaniel made a one dish meal called Texas Hash. The girls reported it to be "very good" after sampling it.

Ann Smith, president, presided at the meeting.

Merkel Seaman On Far East Tour

LONG BEACH, Cal. (FHTNC) David W. Melton, seaman apprentice, USN, son of Mrs. Erma D. Melton of Merkel, Texas, departed Long Beach, Calif., Jan. 6 aboard the heavy cruiser USS Rochester for a tour of duty with the U.S. Seventh Fleet in the Far East.

The Rochester will visit such ports as Pearl Harbor, Subic Bay, P. I. and several cities in Japan.

SCHOOL MENU

MONDAY, JAN. 26
Fish sticks
English peas
Cream potatoes
Sliced tomatoes
Devil's food cake
Milk

TUESDAY, JAN. 27
Chicken salad sandwiches
Vegetable soup
Fruit pie
Craekers
Milk

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 28
Meat balls
Turnips, mustard or spinach
New potatoes in cream sauce
Cornbread muffins
Butter
Coconut pudding
Milk

THURSDAY, JAN. 29
Potato boats
Green beans
Buttered carrots
Rolls
Butter
Ginger bread
Milk

FRIDAY, JAN. 30
Hamburgers
Potato chips
Ice cream
Milk

Union Ridge HD

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. M. L. Douglas Friday, Jan. 16.

The program on "Pruning and the making of cuttings" was presented by Miss Loreta Allen, county agent. She also brought a council report.

Refreshments were served to five members and one visitor. Mrs. O. E. Harwell will be hostess to the club in her home on Friday, Feb. 6.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I am a native of Merkel but left there many years ago as did many of those of my age. When I come back home, I know very few who live there now, and I only visit my mother and a few I know as everyone else is a stranger to me.

I took the Merkel Mail for fifteen years or longer, until the "20" and "40" year happenings were cut out of the paper. I quit the Merkel Mail at that time because I don't know the people that you write about—they're strangers to me. Of course, I know someone that dies occasionally.

I know many ex-Merkel people that would take your paper again if you would print the "20" and "40" every week.

Best Regards,
S. P. Stevens
239 Windsor Dr.
San Antonio, Texas

(Ed. Note—We don't miss many weeks, do we?)

Bluebonnet HD

Miss Loreta Allen, County agent, presented a program on "Pruning and making cuttings" to the Blue Bonnet Home Demonstration Club which met in the home of Mrs. Frank Brnovak Tuesday.

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Mrs. R. E. Clemmer.

Roll call was answered with "My favorite shrub."

Miss Allen warned members not to prune shrubs now that will bloom early in the spring, such as Lilac. These should be pruned as soon as they have finished blooming.

Crape Myrtle should be pruned now as it only blooms on new growth. It should be cut at different lengths or heights so new growth will make a pretty shape.

Some of the things to remember in pruning are: prune out dead limbs, limbs which are rubbing, prune to shape the tree or shrub and always prune when transplanting.

The group pruned a tree using good pruning equipment so as not to scar the tree. They also made cuttings from limbs of shrubs and roses out of Miss Allen's yard.

She then showed them the Layering System of making cuttings which is done on a limb still on the shrub. A clean bark cut is made after which insert a tooth pick, wrap with wet moss and put strip of plastic around outside. When roots grow the cutting can be cut off and planted in the ground.

Refreshments were served to Miss Allen and Mmes. Elby Frazier, Tom Russom, Joe Seymore, Allen D. King, R. E. Clemmer, Frang Brnovak and six children.

Mrs. Tom Russom will be hostess for the next meeting. The program will be on "Planning for the New Year."

Mrs. Zola Teague is visiting in Houston with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Sheffield.

Hospital Patients

Jan. 13 through Jan. 20, 1959 Admitted

Mrs. L. A. Watts
Mrs. Fay Knight
Mrs. Frank Allyn
Grady Bishop
Mrs. A. F. Derrington
Mrs. Bill Miller
John McKinney
T. H. Davis
Mrs. Pat Horn
Vennie Lucas
W. W. Lollar
Mrs. W. Watson
Mrs. George West
Rufus Carr
Mrs. J. M. Heatly
Mrs. Duane Shugart
Joe Seymore
S. B. Scott
T. H. Davis
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Mrs. Harold Bullock
Mrs. Juan Bierra
C. F. Smith
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Mrs. A. B. Parham
John C. Lilly
Mrs. Troy Sloan
Mrs. Ted Lehrmann
Mrs. W. T. Cox
Mrs. M. L. Payne
Mrs. Alice Ayers
A. W. Cook
Mrs. Sam Mashburn
Joe K. Higgins
Debrah Ann Benningfield

Dismissed

Mrs. L. A. Watts
Mrs. Fay Knight
Mrs. Frank Allyn
Mrs. Jim Patterson
Grady Bishop
Mrs. A. F. Derrington
John McKinney
Mrs. Pat Horn and baby girl
Vennie Lucas
W. W. Lollar
Mrs. W. Watson
Mrs. George West
Rufus Carr
Mrs. J. M. Heatly and baby boy
Mrs. Duane Shugart
Joe Seymore
S. B. Scott
Margaret Ann Lehrmann
Mrs. Henry King
Mrs. Harold Bullock and baby boy
Mrs. Juan Bierra and baby boy
C. F. Smith
Mrs. A. B. Parham
Mrs. Troy Sloan
Mrs. Ted Lehrmann
Mrs. M. L. Payne

Stith HD Club

Mrs. Babe Tarpley, new president, presided at the regular session of the Stith Home Demonstration Club which met in Stith Community Center Wednesday, Jan. 14. Mrs. Paul Bradley was hostesses.

The meeting was opened with a song. Mrs. Bradley offered prayer.

The following officers were installed: Mrs. Babe Tarpley, president; Mrs. Wilburn Loflin, vice president; Mrs. Francis Cox, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Joe Horton, council delegate.

Hostess gift went to Mrs. Christene Hill.

Fourteen members and 12 children were present. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, Jan. 28.

Mrs. Don Doan and children, Stephen and Dean, of Stamford and Mrs. Grady Bishop of Stith were guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan Tuesday.

Smith Children Honored At Party

Ann and Gary Smith celebrated their birthdays jointly with a party Tuesday, January 6, at their home 709 Lc. cust.

Out-door games were played by the group. Prizes were won by Lois Givens, Vickie Teaff, Kathy Mansfield, Mack Dorton, David Hammond and Mark Dudley.

Angel food cake and Neapolian ice cream was served to: Aleta Scott, Jean Hood, Byrde Thomas, Ann Tipton, Vickie Teaff, Brenda Dean, Gayle Gladden, Jo Lynn Buntin, Mary Williams, Lois Givens, Nancy Watts, Sandra Thompson, Gloria Moore, Mildred Haley, Kay Tipton, Kathy Mansfield, Valorie Buntin, Pat Moore, Kay Lynn Conley, Mike McLeod, Mike Dudley, Danny Wade, Charles Dinehine, Tommy Springer, Kenneth Perser, Ronny Bigby, Bob Hammond, Max Anderson, Dale Shields, Mark Dudley, Mack Dorton, Robert Shouse, Andy Anderson, Larry Hargrove, Ann Smith, Gary Smith, Mrs. Lavern Moore and the hosts.

Gifts were sent by: Cynthia and Sylvia Claxton, Abilene, Teresa Wood and Karen Hughes, Pampa, Mrs. C. B. Gardner, and Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith Sr., Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. [Name] spent the weekend in San Antonio as guests of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Denison and children. The Denisons have recently moved to San Angelo from Houston.

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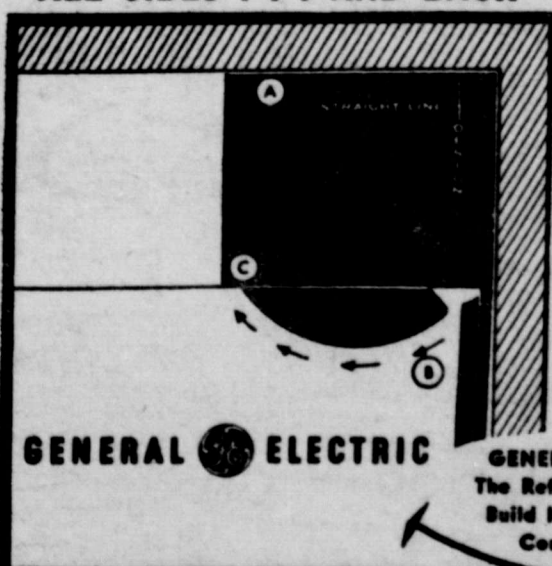
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STATED meeting of Merkel Chapter No. 212 Order of Eastern Star Tuesday, January 27, 1959, at 7:30 p.m.
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NOTICE MASONS
Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A.F. & M. Saturday, Jan. 24, 8:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.
Othell O'Kelly, W. M.
C. B. Rust, Secretary.

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Rabbit Hunts Back In Style In Panhandle

Rabbit hunts are back in style in the Panhandle, according to an article appearing in the December issue of TEXAS GAME AND FISH.

Public hunts have been held on the Gene Howe Wildlife Management Area near Canadian for two years. This was the idea biologists had in trying to cope with high rabbit populations on the area.

Being a modern refinement of the "drives" of 25 years ago, the hunts are controlled and strictly supervised by Commission personnel. During the first hunt in 1957, 68 hunters bagged 846 cottontails in three days of hunting.

Although cottontails were not so abundant in 1958 the hunt went ahead, but the 38 hunters that showed up got only 71 rabbits due to high weed cover.

The upcoming hunt in January and February should be very good, the article states, since the rabbit population is high again. Gene Howe Area personnel recommend that participants bring beagles to flush rabbits from the high weed growth.

It is believed that 90 permits will be available for 1959 hunt.

Spotlight on HEALTH

Science Features

Drugs For Cancer

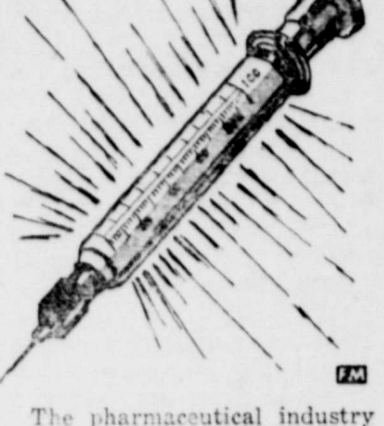
The president of the American Cancer Society recently said that progress in the fight against cancer "will come through hormones and synthesized drugs." When Dr. Lowell T. Coggeshall of the University of Chicago said this, he was not writing off the importance of preventive examinations, surgery, radiation, or the patient's own resistance to the spread of the disease.

What he meant was that medicines are now available that can stop some forms of cancer temporarily—leukemia, the terrible child-killer, for instance. However, as flies learn to live with DDT, cancer cells change their way of living to accommodate themselves to the new drugs developed to fight them.

No drug yet developed can be relied on to eradicate all cells of a cancer. But, in the process of trying new drugs, scientists have found evidence that cancer cells are enough different from normal human cells to be attacked by drugs which won't hurt normal cancerous body tissues.

During the coming year, millions of dollars will be spent by the pharmaceutical industry and by publicly-supported research institutions. Thousands of chemicals will be put through elaborate tests against cancer. Half a dozen, at the most, may show promise.

Some of these chemicals are made in the pharmaceutical chemist's test tube, others are made by molds found in soils throughout the world. Drug manufacturers carefully encourage these molds to manufacture hundreds of compounds, some of which the human chemist is unable to imagine or to create synthetically.



The pharmaceutical industry is engaged in a "crash program" to discover better anti-cancer drugs. Several of the drugs now in standard use to postpone the fatal outcome of leukemia were developed in industry laboratories. Two new industry-developed agents are now being tested against leukemia by scientists at the famed Sloan-Kettering Institute in New York.

So far these drugs have only been able to prolong the life of patients incurably ill with the disease, but one of these days, the scientists maintain, this prolongation will enable a leukemia-stricken child to live on into the age of truly effective anti-cancer compounds.

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Reports Wednesday night from the Humble Oil & Refining Company's No. 1 C. A. Bickley, Noodle Creek test which was deepened from the old producing horizon, indicated a good showing of oil.

At a public meeting of Blair Troop No. 21, Boy Scouts, to be held Saturday night at 7 o'clock at the Blair school house, nineteen boys will take the tenderfoot test, it is announced by Principal I. S. Grant of Blair school, who is scoutmaster for the troop. The boys are Billy Campbell, Jimmy Campbell, Buddy Derrington, Wallace Melton, Wallace Doan, Sammy Doan, Desmond Doan, Durwood Doan, Raymond Patterson, Junior Melton, Harvey Bryan, Donny Melton, Denzel Melton, J. H. Lowrey, John Hudson Moore, Junior Moore, Jesse Loper, John Whitley and Dean Brown.

An invitation to attend a meeting of Home Owners Loan Corporation brokers to be held at the Adolphus Hotel, Dallas, Jan. 26, the day before the meeting of real estate boards, has been received by George Boyce, local HOLC representative, but Mr. Boyce states that he will be unable to attend the meeting.

While here Tuesday to attend Lions Club Ladies' Night, Mr. and Mrs. Joe P. Self acquainted friends with the good news that their daughter, Joy Sue, is gradually regaining strength after an emergency appendix operation Dec. 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Elliott, formerly of Dallas, were guests Saturday night in the home of his parents, Mayor and Mrs. W. M. Elliott. They left Sunday morning for Amarillo, to which Roy has been transferred as district manager for 21 counties of the Fed-

erated Mutual Insurance and Casualty Company.

More than 300 birds were entered on the opening day Wednesday of the Merkel's Ninth Annual Poultry show, which is housed in the Laney building, just across the street from the Merkel Drug.

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Launched this week by Texas Research Foundation through five regional committees, the search will comb the state's cattle spreads and farms for the man most deserving of the 1959 Hoblitzelle Award for the Advancement of Texas Rural Life.

After this unknown benefactor of rural life has been found he will receive \$5,000 cash and a gold medallion, the substance of the Award, in an appropriate ceremony at Renner during the Foundation's Annual Field Day and Awards Dinner on May 20, 1959.

"The Award will go to the farmer or ranchman who has made the most notable contribution to Texas agriculture during the 4-year period from Jan. 1, 1955, through Dec. 31, 1958," Dr. C. L. Lundell, Director of the Foundation, explained.

"The purpose of the Award is to encourage and to give suitable recognition and financial reward to the recipient for his personal accomplishments in the field of rural life improvement."

Fred M. Shaw, Secretary for the Award, said that the five regional committees had been named to receive and to nominate candidates for the Award. The five committees cover the state. In the West Texas area he named Mr. John L. Royal of Menard as chairman. Other members of this committee are: Mr. W. S. Goodlett, Jr., Area Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, Big Spring; and Mr. Clayton Puckett, Pecos County State Bank, Fort Stockton.

"Anyone who wishes may nominate a farmer or ranchman by sending the nomination to the chairman or a member of the regional committee not later than March 1, 1959," Mr. Shaw advised.

"The nomination should be accompanied by a full description of the nominee's achievement, together with any printed data which support the nomination." Nominations may be made by individuals, groups or agencies;

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and the nominee may live either within or outside the region in which he is nominated, Mr. Shaw added.

"Regional committees are requested to give equal consideration to all farmers and ranchmen operating in Texas, irrespective of creed, color or nationality."

The Award and one other—the Hoblitzelle National Award in the Agricultural Sciences—were established in 1950 by Karl Hoblitzelle, Texas philanthropist and theater owner, to recognize outstanding contributions to agriculture and to the sciences which serve agriculture, Texas Research Foundation administers both Awards.

Eight Texas Awards totaling \$40,000 have been made since 1951.

Mr. Shaw cited the following counties as being in this region: Andrews, Bandera, Blanco, Brewster, Coke, Concho, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, Ector, Edwards, El Paso, Gillespie, Glascock, Howard, Hudspeth, Irion, Jeff Davis, Kendall, Kerr, Menard, Midland, Mitchell, Nolan, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Real, Reeves, Runnels, San Saba, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, Taylor, Terrell, Tom Green, Upton, Uvalde, Val Verde, Ward and Winkler.

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"Two heads are better than one when they're behind the wheel of a car," the National Safety Council says. It believes that the so-called back-seat driver may hold the solution to the traffic accident problem.

"We're in favor of motorists combining their driving knowledge and skill with the help other passengers in the car can give," the Council says.

It agrees that the term "back-seat driver" has a bad connotation. The motorist who's been subjected to nagging "advice" from the rear understandably takes a dim view of interference with his driving.

"But with the proper spirit on both sides, back-seat drivers can be a real help," the Council says.

How?
1. Let your wife, for example, who used to sit with nothing to do on a trip, be your copilot. Her observations—a car sneaking out from a side street, a quick turn in the road ahead—can take a big load off your mind.

2. Studies show that the irritated driver is more accident prone. The wife can help hubby cool off when he's upset over slow-moving cars or heavy traffic.

3. Giving other persons in your car something to keep them from getting bored makes the trip go faster for both of you—and keeps friction at a minimum.

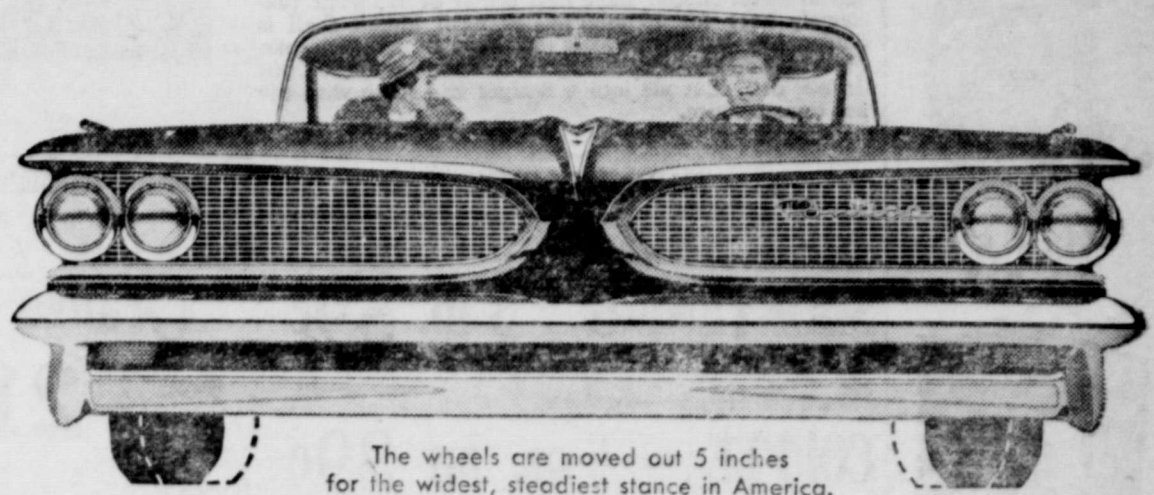
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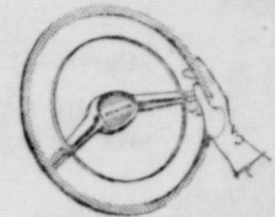
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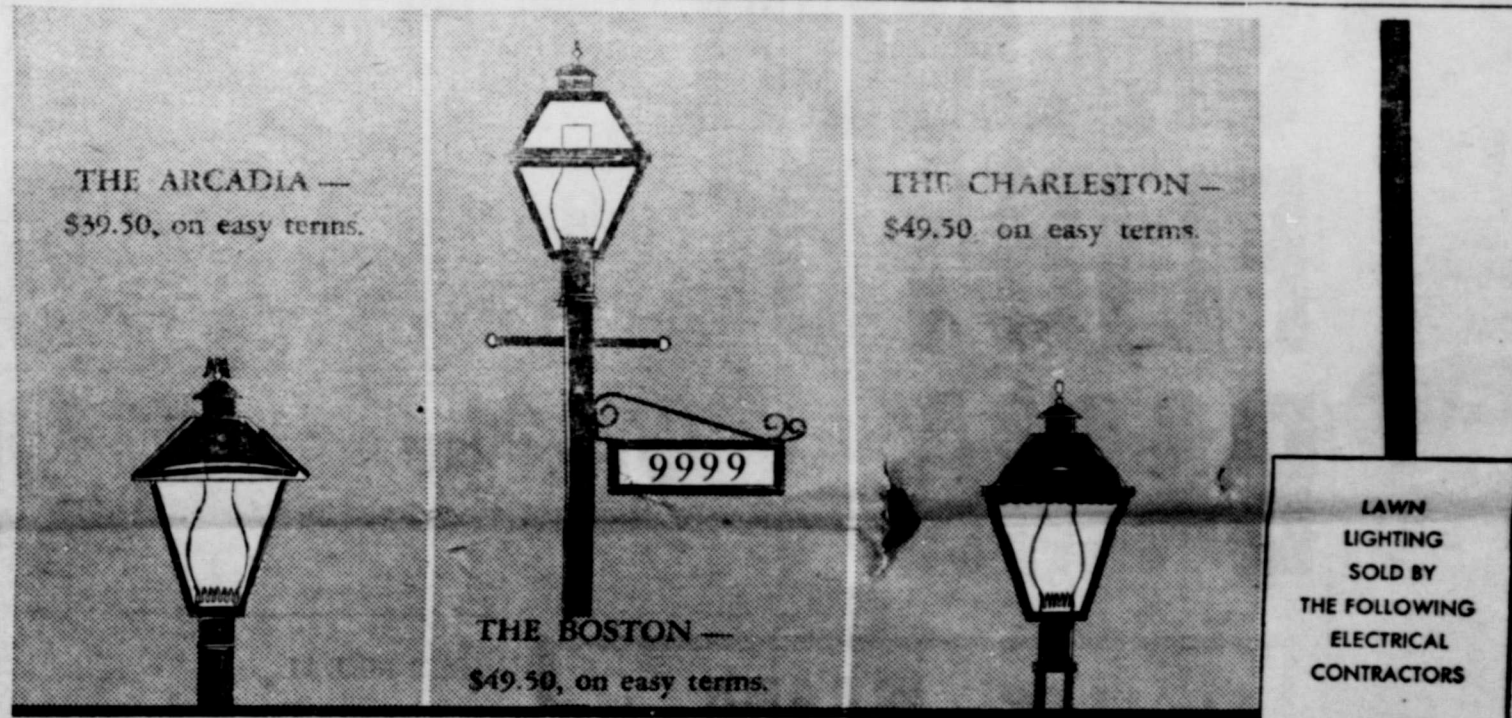
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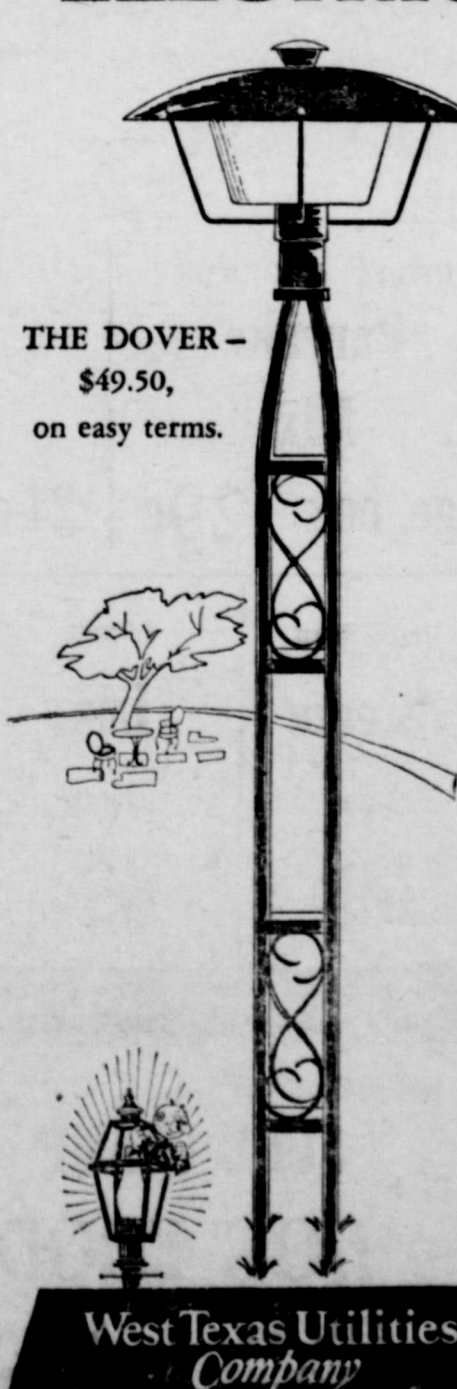
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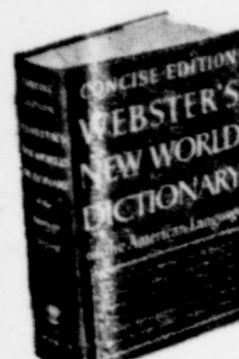


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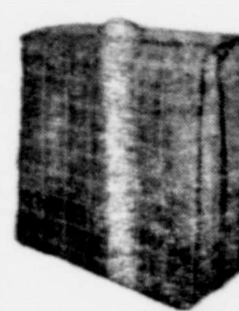
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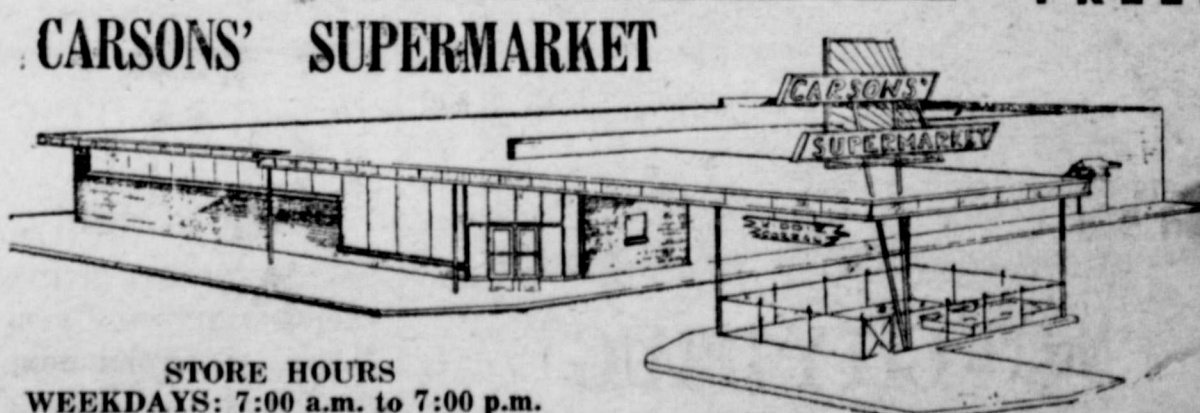
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