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Tell-Tale Fe-Mail

By M. L. G.

I am in the doghouse with the Boss today so this may not make the front page this week—may not even get in the paper. And all because when I walked into our bedroom this morning I looked at the bed, clumsily made, laughed and said, "Bless her heart, Lisa (our 8-year-old) tried to make the bed." How did I know it was "himself" who had made the effort?

Anyway, he deserved the crack after what he did Sunday. I told him I was weary and that Eleanor Roosevelt's remedy for weariness was to take a trip to a new part of the world. He took the hint, and right after lunch and just before the dishes, he took me to a new part of the world—Noodle. Back home, ten minutes later, he said he remembered that I had never been to Noodle.

And that isn't all! The other day when I took both girls to the doctor he (the doctor) said I was the one that was sick—just a little low blood count but for one who is usually disgustingly healthy it was something to take advantage of.

I planned all afternoon how I would tell the family. I could just picture their concern and had visions of being wailed on, etc. I waited for the right moment, then donned a pink robe (I thought the pink would make me look delicate), combed my hair (I wanted to look delicate in a neat way), washed the makeup off my face and put on a little light powder, to give me the right degree of paleness.

Before entering the room with my announcement, I put a clean pillow case on my pillow with little pink rosebuds in it. This was for when they made me lie down on the couch and waited on me. When all was ready, I walked slowly into the room and said, "The doctor said I am sick."

Three sets of blue eyes turned briefly and unseeing from the television set in my direction. Not a word was said so I repeated, "I am sick." Papa Bear said, "If you're sick, why don't you see a doctor?" Before I could say I already had, the bad guy had slipped up on the good guy and the fireworks had started. I knew I had picked the wrong time.

Speaking of being in the doghouse reminds me of a couple of other things. The announcement in this newspaper and this column last week, for instance, that the Youth Center would be open Saturday night last.

I certainly hope all you good Youth Club members didn't go flocking over there. I got my information from what I thought a reliable source. It won't happen again because my "reliable source" is leaving town—no, not on a rail, but leaving.

The little puppy—Phoebe is the name—at our house has started racing me to the phone when it rings. If you ever call me and hear a "woof" you'll know she beat me to it and that I am sprawled somewhere in the hall. We get all tangled up, with me stumbling over her every few steps.

There are three places to be filled on the Merkel School Board. A lot of people think we should have at least one woman and possibly two, on the board. It sounds like a good idea. How about it, gals? Surely there is some female in the Merkel school district capable of taking on this important job. Think it over, but not for long, March 4 is the deadline for filing.

The Badger cagers are going to town this year, aren't they? I didn't see the Tuesday night game but saw the one Saturday night and it was a good one. We don't make the big to-do about our basketball team that we do the football team, do we? We should—they are certainly outstanding. Both the team and Coach Don Lloyd are to be commended on the fine job they are doing.

Public Schools Week is March 2-6. Merkel schools will hold open house each day, Monday through Thursday, and have issued a special invitation to parents, and others, to visit. This is your chance to see how your child spends his day in school.

Dorton Named Merkel Red Cross Chairman For Annual Fund Drive

Lester Dorton, manager of Taylor Electric Cooperative, has been named chairman of the Merkel campaign for members and funds for Taylor County Red Cross. The appointment was made Tuesday by Joe Antilley, chairman of the Taylor County Fund drive.

The city of Abilene was covered through the United Fund drive completed last fall.

Dorton, a native of Taylor County, attended McMurry College and served in the 112th Cavalry in World War II. He has lived in Merkel 14 years.

He and his wife, the former Gloria Bacon of Abilene, have three children, Lester Jr., 16, a sophomore in Merkel High, Mack, 13, in Merkel Elementary, and a three-year-old daughter, Pam.

Dorton has appointed J. Lynn Knight, head of power sales at Taylor Electric, as vice-chairman. "Organization of Merkel community is underway with actual solicitation to begin in March," Dorton said.



LESTER DORTON drive chairman



LYNN KNIGHT vice chairman

Band Parents Plan Projects To Raise Money For Trip

The first in a series of events scheduled to raise money for the Merkel High Band will be a bake sale on Friday and Saturday, March 6-7.

Various ways to raise enough money for the band to attend the Buccaneer Days Band Festival in Corpus Christi were discussed at a meeting of the Band Parents Club Monday night.

It was decided that orders for cakes and pies would be taken, with the mothers baking them as ordered.

A spaghetti supper will be held on Monday, March 9 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Tickets will be \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children under 12 years of age.

Another fund raising project underway is the odd job campaign. Band students will do any odd jobs offered to them.

To order a cake or pie call 172-W, 161-W, 331-W. To obtain a student or students for your odd jobs contact any band member, W. G. Reed, director, or fill in and mail coupon to be found in the Merkel Mail.

Merkelite's Kin Dies In Abilene

Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Abilene for M. H. Winter, 67, brother of Mrs. J. J. Russell of Merkel.

The Rev. Jarrell Machgan, pastor of the Hamby Methodist Church, officiated. Burial was in Midway Cemetery.

Mr. Winter, who had been in failing health for several years and in serious condition for the past year, died Sunday night at Hendrick Memorial Hospital.

Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Mancill Shaw of El Paso; two brothers, Lit Winter of Abilene, and J. L. Winter of Clovis, N. M.; four sisters, Mrs. Arthur Sears and Mrs. Ernest Rogers, both of Abilene, Mrs. J. J. Russell of Merkel and Mrs. A. W. Hampton of Ballinger; and one granddaughter.

CEMETERY FUND

The following persons contributed to the Merkel Cemetery Association fund:

- Mrs. Velma Clark
- Mrs. Bertha Anderson
- P. F. West

BAND STUDENTS Odd Job Campaign

Do you have some work to be done? Let a band student do it for you. Fill in the following, clip and mail to Merkel High Band.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

Work to be done? _____

When? _____

How many students needed for job? _____

How much will job pay? _____

Parents Invited To Visit Schools Here March 2-5

Mack Fisher, superintendent of the Merkel schools, extends a special invitation to the patrons of the local schools to visit the schools during the annual Texas Education Week. Due to the fact that the schools will be closed on Friday in order to give the teachers an opportunity to attend the State Teachers Association meeting in Wichita Falls, the parents are urged to visit on Monday through Thursday.

During this special week, several members of the Merkel Association of Future Teachers will be given an opportunity to observe and to teach during one class period in the elementary grades. Fisher stated that the administration and school officials appreciated the opportunity to interest high school students in the teaching profession. Most of the members of the local unit have been active in Future-Teacher work for some time.

Plans are also being made to invite local laymen to lecture or to conduct some phase of class activity in the high school.

Speakers Tell P-TA Group How To Help With 'Growing Up'

"Problems Our Boys and Girls Have Growing Up" was the topic for discussion at the Merkel P-TA meeting Thursday night.

Mrs. Don Riney, Mrs. W. G. Reed, Mrs. Vincent Barnett and the Rev. Alvis Cooley spoke on the adult role in helping the child grow into a worthy citizen.

Working on the belief that "The future of our country is in the hearts, minds and souls of today's youth," each speaker stressed the importance of guidance and understanding by adults. Setting the proper example in manners, respect and moral values is the primary factor in molding a child's character. Consistency in discipline, teaching, self confidence, love and understanding are other adult responsibilities that determine a young person's behaviour, the group was told.

A "Baby Show"—baby pictures of teachers and parents shown on a screen—was presented by Mrs. Comer Haynes. As each picture flashed on the screen, the audience tried to guess who it was before Mrs. Haynes identified it.

Mrs. Homer Newby, president, presided at the business session when a nominating committee was chosen. On the committee are Mrs. Don Riney, Mrs. Glen Reed and Mrs. Earl Watts.

The family moved to Abilene from Munday in November, 1956. In her first year of newspaper work in 1957, she won honorable mention in the annual Texas Associated Press contest for women's writing.

She attended Texas Tech a year and a half before her marriage Feb. 12, 1948.

She and her husband lived in Abilene while he attended Hardin-Simmons University. After his graduation, they moved to Knox City in 1951 and from there to Munday in 1953.

Mr. Moore, who had been in ill health for some time, died in a hospital there Sunday.

He was a former Merkel resident, but had lived in Littlefield for a number of years.

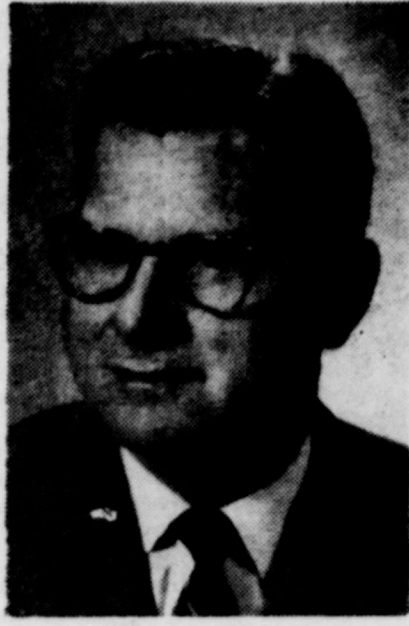
Mr. and Mrs. Spurgin and their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Justice of Noodle, attended services.

Mrs. Butman Wins Second Prize In Nationwide Contest

Mrs. Louis Butman was notified this week that she is a second place winner in the Lever Bros. "Price Is Right" contest.

Mrs. Butman, who has put Merkel "on the map" as a nationwide contest winner, has won 86 contests. Some of the bigger prizes have included a Cadillac, a Chevrolet sports car and \$25,000 in cash.

As the second place winner in this latest contest, Mrs. Butman will receive the following prizes: a Schiaparelli fur jacket, Helbrose six-diamond watch, Westinghouse automatic washer and dryer, a Clinton outboard motor, Swinn Corbett bicycle, Shopsmith woodworking set, an Underwood typewriter, and a Polaroid camera.



EARLE WATTS mayor candidate

Earle Watts Files For Mayor Post

Earle Watts, electrification advisor for Taylor Electric Cooperative, has thrown his hat in the ring for mayor of Merkel.

Watts filed Tuesday as a candidate for the office opposing Earl Hughes, who had previously filed for re-election.

Born and reared in Merkel, Watts is the son of Mrs. L. A. Watts. He and his wife, the former Hattie Mae Dwigins, have two children, Ned, 20, and Nancy, 12. The family lives at 1010 Locust St.

He is state chairman of Electrification Advisor's Committee, chairman of Group 4 Electrification Advisors, president of the Merkel Methodist Men's Organization, a director of the Chamber of Commerce, on the board of directors of Abilene Council on Alcoholism, vice president of Merkel Lions Club and chairman of legislation for Merkel P-TA.

When announcing his candidacy for mayor Watts said, "I elected I pledge to promote the growth and welfare of Merkel and it's citizens."

Watkins Named To WTRC Board

Frank W. Meyers, Jr., President of the Board of Directors of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, announced today that W. D. Watkins, general manager of the western division of Western Cottonoil Company, was elected to the Board of Directors of the Center at a joint meeting of the board of directors and the area advisors of the Center.

The meeting, other than routine business, was an Easter seal workshop for representatives from sixteen counties for the Easter Seal drive which is to be begun Feb. 27.

Meyers pointed out that Watkins would be a great asset to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center. Watkins is chairman of the board of Texas Tech; president of the Texas Cottonseed Crushers Association; a director of the Citizens National Bank, a director of the West Texas Fair; a director of the Taylor County Livestock Exposition and a director of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. W. T. Sadler of Merkel is one of the area advisors of the Rehabilitation Center.

Area Recruiter Named By Army

The United States Army Recruiting Service in Abilene announced a change in the Army Recruiting Itinerary and the U. S. Army Recruiter for Merkel.

The Regular Army Recruiter will now be Master Sergeant Leonard M. Evans, who succeeded Master Sergeant Frank E. Lockman. MSgt. Evans was previously the Army Recruiter for this area, from January 1957 to March 1958.

MSgt. Evans will visit Merkel the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month and may be contacted thru the Post Office from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Young men and women interested in obtaining information regarding the opportunities and advantages offered by our Army of today are urged to contact MSgt. Evans there, or by calling collect ORchard 3-4612 in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. George Frazier and children of Albany visited their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Walter Frazier Sunday. Mrs. Goldie Malone was also a guest.

Badgers Beat Albany, Llano To Win District 10-A Title, Bi-District

Pat Patterson pumped home 10 field goals and added 10 more from the charity line to score 30 points and pace Merkel to a 57-43 victory over Llano in bi-district basketball action in Brownwood Tuesday night.

Merkel roared into a 13-2 first quarter lead and never was pressed by the Llano quint. High for the losers was James Slaughter with 19 points.

Merkel, 10-A titlist, boasts a 23-7 record in season play while Llano, winner in 9-A, has a 19-6 mark.

The Badgers won the 10-A title when they beat Albany, 58-54, Saturday night in McMurry Indian Gym.

Carter King of Albany edged Patterson for high-point honors, 21-20, in the Saturday night game.

Reeger sank 12 for Merkel and English scored only four points but they were important points for the Badgers, helping them open up a lead in the closing seconds.

The lead changed hands three times in the exciting Saturday game, before Merkel took a one-point 27-26 halftime lead.

Then it was Merkel's time to forge five and six-point advantages at 32-27 and 35-29 but minutes later Harold Durham sank two quick buckets to deadlock the score at 37-37.

Eubanks and Thompson each sank a bucket to give the Lions a 41-37 lead but Reeger drove in for a pair of quick ones to tie it up at 43-43.

The score was deadlocked at 45-45 and 47-47 before Patterson

Three Trent Girls Picked For Band Festival In Denton

Three Trent girls were chosen from 600 applicants to participate in the third annual All-Girl Band Festival in Denton Feb. 27-28.

Sandra Freeman will play first section clarinet, Ida Mae King, baritone saxophone, and Judy Claborn, third section clarinet.

The girls will leave Trent on Feb. 26 for the expense-paid trip.

Satterwhite Files For City Council

Only one person has filed for the Merkel City Council, although two vacancies will have to be filled at the April 7 election.

Kent Satterwhite, Ford dealer, filed Monday as a candidate for one of the places to be vacated by Jack South and Norman Winter, whose terms will expire.

Satterwhite was born and reared in Merkel. He and his wife, the former Betty Lu Rigan, own their home at 906 Yuca St.

He is a director of the Chamber of Commerce, on the PHA Housing Committee and is a member of the Merkel Lions Club.

No More Horror Movies At Queen

Reed Whatley, theater owner, has announced that due to objections by some parents, horror movies will not be shown at the Queen Theater on Saturdays in the future.

Mr. Whatley said that the pictures have been shown because about 50 per cent of the children prefer them. However, in an effort to keep "everybody happy," he said horror pictures will be shown at the Pioneer Drive-In in the future. Science fiction pictures, also popular, will continue to be shown at the Queen when available, he said.

The Pioneer Drive-In will be open each week-end starting this Friday, according to Whatley.

Jr. 4-H Club News

Jennine Koonly, a sophomore at ACC High School, was guest speaker for the Merkel Jr. 4-H Club Monday.

She spoke on 4-H Club work and reminded the girls that "winners never quit and quitters never win."

The meeting opened with the members repeating the pledge and a prayer. Ann Smith, president, was in charge.

sank the basket that gave the Merkel quintet permanent possession of the lead, 49-47.

Then came English's two buckets to salt away the contest.

Patterson and Thompson traded three points with Denton and King each sinking the final buckets. King's went in at the buzzer.

The Badgers will compete in the Regional tournament which opens at Denton Friday.

Motor Scooter Operators Must Have License

Many motor scooters and motorcycles are being operated on the streets and highways by operators who are not old enough to get a drivers license and by some who are old enough but do not possess a drivers license, said R. W. Sosebee, Sgt. of the Texas Highway Patrol in Abilene.

The requirements of the law for the legal operation of a vehicle of this type for an operator between the ages of 14 to 16 are: 1. The scooter or cycle must be registered. 2. A Motor Vehicle Inspection Sticker is required to be carried on the person or exhibited on the vehicle. 3. The operator must possess a valid drivers license.

There is a provision in the drivers license law for a person between the ages of 14 and 16 to obtain a commercial operator's license restricting them to a motor scooter or motorcycle, provided that this motor scooter or motorcycle does not exceed 5 brake horsepower. This license is for the operator of a motor scooter or motorcycle only and any violation of the restrictions on the license could result in the suspension of the license for a period of one year. The operation of a motor scooter or motorcycle by anyone under the ages of 14 is a violation of the law, and a person must be at least 14 to obtain a license for this type vehicle.

Sgt. Sosebee stated "Many violations of this type have been observed and called to our attention." Regular checks will be made in all areas in an effort to stop this violation. This violation is a misdemeanor punishable upon conviction by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$200.00 plus court costs which is \$15.50 in most Justice of the Peace Courts in this area.

The Drivers License office in Abilene is open 5 1/2 days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on week days and from 8 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturdays. Hand books are available and the fee for this contact local officers to find type license is \$3.

When out when the Drivers License Examiner will be in your area.

3 New Trustees To Be Named Here

Three places on the local school board will be up for consideration on Saturday, April 4. Candidates wishing to file for each place must file with the school board in the office of the local school superintendent on or before 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 4.

The terms of Ford Smith, Jr., Lloyd Robertson, and Dee L. Moore expire this year. Other members of the board are Ray Wilson, Waymon Adcock, Lester Dorton, and Joe E. Lassiter.

First Aid Course Open To Public

A five-week progressive first aid course is in progress at the Taylor County Red Cross Chapter house at 1610 N. 2nd., Abilene.

The course, open to all residents of Taylor County, is conducted from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. each evening and from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Friday mornings.

Further information may be obtained from the Taylor County Red Cross Chapter.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Coady and son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Coady, all of Lawton, Oklahoma, attended services at the First Baptist Church here Sunday, Feb. 15, and visited their son Dale Coady, who is director of music for the First Baptist choir.

**20 YEARS AGO
 IN MERKEL**

Merkel friends of Lois Burleson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Burleson of Merkel, who is manager of the Rancho Sacatal, at Paulsbur, Arizona, showed the champion Hereford steer at Ogden, Utah.

The building of Mrs. W. W. Campbell occupied by the Campbell Grocery and Market, is being given a coat of stucco over the hollow tile walls of the side and rear. G. W. Blake has the con-

tract for the stucco job. The building on Front Street, next to the Corner Garage, formerly occupied as a cafe, is being refinished inside on walls and ceiling. G. W. Boyce, as guardian of the Daniels estate, owners of the building, is having the work done.

Misses Mamie Ellis, Julia Martin, Christine Sattle, Mrs. Comer Haynes and Mrs. Len Sublett attended a Delta Kappa Gamma Valentine party at Hotel Hilton, Abilene, on Tuesday evening.

John Dunn, formerly in the produce and hatchery business here, has returned with his family to

Merkel to make their home and again take charge of Dunn's hatchery. He has just this week installed a new 3,000 egg unit. Mrs. Dunn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Shelton, who have been living in the Dunn home, have moved to the John S. Hughes place, while the John Hughes family have moved to their farm.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Baptist Church in Trent for Mrs. W. A. Abbott, 67, resident of Trent for 34 years. She died at 9 o'clock Friday night at her home, following a heart attack.

The Volunteer Fire Department of Merkel is presenting a three act mystery comedy at the high school gymnasium-auditorium on Friday night, Feb. 24, at 8:07 o'clock. Proceeds from the show will go for the benefit of the Fire Department.

Taylor Jennings has received his discharge from the Army and is home, with a smile that won't come off, shaking hands with his friends.

In the front page story announcing that Colorado Domino 697th brought top price of \$4,500 at the auction of registered Hereford cattle, one of the feature attractions of the National Western Stock Show, the Rocky Mountain News of Denver, Colo., carried the following reference to a former Merkel man:

"Melvin Carey, herdsman for Banning-Lewis, who has cared for Domino 697th since the animal was a belligerent little calf, was proud to see the bull bring top price. 'I really fitted and fed that animal,' Carey said. 'I sprayed him every week for the show. I bet there's not a woman in Denver who could get better attention in a beauty show than I gave Colorado Domino 697th.'

Succeeding Arthur H. Lawson, who is being transferred to Monday as manager of a sub-district, Frank L. Breaux took up his duties as local manager of the Community Natural Gas Company on Thursday of last week. Mr. Breaux has served with the company for nine years in Abilene.

Mrs. W. T. Sadler of Merkel is to give a review of "Rebecca," by Daphne du Maurier, as one of the features of the program preceding the Woman's Club luncheon, Abilene, on Friday of this week. Mrs. Sadler also presented a review of the same book before the Wednesday Study Club, Abilene, at the Woman's Club on Wednesday afternoon.

Coldest weather of the season faced residents of this section when they awoke Tuesday morning and found the mercury wait-

ing at a low reading of 15 degrees. Temperature rose during the day, but the reading dropped again to 24 Wednesday morning. Previous low for the season was 18 degrees on Nov. 24.

The marriage of Miss Loyce Whishunt and Ted Hamm was solemnized in a quiet ceremony at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted McGehee last Saturday evening at 7:30 with the Rev. Ted McGehee officiating.

**40 YEARS AGO
 IN MERKEL**

John West has placed in the show wonder of G. F. West and company a fine selection of photographs and scenery in Germany. They were sent by Luther Grimes, who is with the army of occupation.

Sgt. C. F. Thornton, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Thornton, had received his discharge. He was a member of the Post Hospital at Columbus, Ohio.

Willie Joe Largent has returned from the sanitarium at Abilene and is about straight again.

Rev. L. B. Owen of Petrolia, former pastor of the Baptist Church here, visited his son Joe and family, and other friends last Sunday.

Miss Ona Fae Bland was at home visiting the past Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Duckett of Breckenridge are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Duckett, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harris. In the future they will make their home at De Leon.

The old cat and kittens proved to be a good omen. Memorable in the history of the oil development of the great Merkel Country is this third week of February, 1919. Tuesday morning the casing for the Sears well rolled in, and active drilling will be underway without delay. The parts of the drilling rig came in

the past week. A few days more and our part of the country will be rushing toward active development, and we hope to the much desired black fluid.

Thirty pupils from the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth grades of the Merkel public school met a like number from like grades at the Trent school house Monday afternoon. The entire lineup showed excellent training. The spelling took about one hour and thirty minutes. The contest resulted in sixteen of Merkel's pupils remaining up after all of Trent's had been spelled down.

Following the spelling the baseball teams of the two schools locked horns, the result being 33 to 16 in favor of Merkel. The Merkel lineup was as follows: Garrett, forward; Laney, forward; Stevens, center and captain; Counts, guard; Pike, guard; Moore, Rose and Dorsey, substitutes. Trent lineup: Boone, forward; Foster, forward; Brown, center; Hammer, guard; Shouse, guard; Beasley, substitute.

Above the cashier's window at the F. & M. National Bank are three deer heads, the property of Ed V. Green, former cashier of the Banker's National at Ardmore, Okla., who is spending a few months in our city. The deer heads are well mounted and are beauties.

Troy Eiland, who has just returned from France, visited at the home of T. L. Smith the past week.

The Parten-Cochran Company is the style of a new dry goods firm that will begin business the first of next month. The firm is composed of W. Parten and J. A. Cochran, both well known to the people of whom they will ask patronage.

Charlie and Roy Curtis of Sweetwater have just received their discharge from the army and came here to visit their aunt, Miss Amanda Curtis.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King a fine 9-pound boy Wed-

nesday night. Mr. King is still at Fort Sam Houston, not having received his discharge. Mother we haven't heard from him yet.



News You Can Use

There are 52 million checking accounts in the United States today. That's twice as many as there were 15 years ago. And Americans write some 10 billion checks a year. You might say the habit is catching on. And why not? A checking account means safety for your funds and convenience for you. It saves you time, provides you with a complete financial record, and gives you cancelled checks as signed receipts for payment. If you don't already enjoy the service of a checking account, you owe it to yourself to open one at F&M right away.

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Corner on Cotton

BY BOB COLLINS

Don't lose cotton acreage by not planting it and not turning it in... if you are not going to plant all your choice "A" acreage, release it to your county committee for re-assignment... you'll get credit for the acreage just as if you planted it... if the acreage is planted by someone else, it can be considered in the history of the state and county... if it is not planted it is lost... remember, you won't lose acreage history by turning it in, but everybody will lose if you don't... you can't turn in unplanted "B" acreage, however.

This is important to cotton and to you as a farmer, so don't let it happen... if you know of someone who isn't going to plant his allotment, talk with him... save your planting history... it could mean future money in your pocket if a bill is passed allowing you to sell or lease your allotment to someone else in your county or state.

Cotton Week
Cotton Week is slated for May 18-23... theme of the week is "It's Cotton Time U. S. A."... National Cotton Council sponsors the program and can supply retailers with just about any kind of help that will sell cotton.

Texas Story
We've heard about a Texas cottonman who has stopped his friends from wearing synthetic shirts... when they show up wearing the synthetic he just presents them with a wash and wear cotton shirt, tells them to try it and then wear the better shirt... says there's no problem thereafter.

We Insist
Despite what we recently said some farmers seem to think they can choose "B" plan and later get permission to switch to "A" if they get a poor stand or don't plant all their acreage... they are going to be disappointed... the law does give the Secretary of Agriculture permission to allow a switch to "A"... but you can be certain he isn't going to permit changes unless you have conditions that will melt the heart of a wooden Indian.

Veto
People who know say President Eisenhower will veto any bill to make direct payments to farmer... can the veto be overridden?? if Congressional leaders feel it can, there'll be quite a fight in the not too distant future.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wood of El Paso were weekend visitors in the home of Mrs. Wood's sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cunningham.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stockbridge visited their nephew, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Horman of Strawn, Sunday. Mr. Horman is a patient in the hospital there.

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Dear Friend:
America must be strengthened from within if it is to continue its leadership of the free world. New economic muscles must be developed. And this must be done within the spirit and the framework of the free enterprise system.

Thinking of America, I see not 49 states. Instead, I see three great natural regions. I see three clusters of states confronted with common problems and united by similar opportunities.

Two of these regions — the North and the South — are old. The other — the West — is young. Each has special problems. And I believe these special problems require special treatment. This calls for attack starting from the local level.

For instance:
The people of the North understand best the problems of industrialization and urbanization.
The people of the South know

agriculture. They understand the economy of the land.

The people of the West are bound by common interests relating to mining, ranching, and the problems of a scarcity of water.

There is a growing need of a study on The Economic Development of the American Regions. There would be three studies — one for the North, one for the South and one for the West. Each study would seek out the cracks in the region's economic wall. It would inventory the resources and suggest the best ways of utilizing them.

This is apparent: If the Nation is to grow and prosper, the economy of each region must be strengthened.

This work won't wait. Tomorrow, a new era for all mankind, is almost here.

If this Nation is to be ready, we need start the job today.



SENATOR ☆☆☆ Yarborough's Report

When Communist jet fighter pilots pressed their trigger buttons and mercilessly shot down an unarmed U. S. Air Force plane and its 17-man crew recently, they involved the entire world in a controversy. And they involved 17 families — two of them from Texas — in the deepest of all tragedies.

Our airmen have paid the price of thousands of our heroes and we have paid them honor and respect. But I feel we must go much further than this. Aside from praise, let's see what concrete actions a grateful government and people can take. Right now, all the families of these men will receive, other than this coun-

try's condolences and gratitude, is a small Social Security allotment and a little money to pay for the flier's burial. I think this nation can and should do much more.

I'm thinking particularly now of their children. To help all the children who find themselves without a father because he is killed while being required to serve in our armed forces, I have introduced a bill to help them with their education through special allowances up to 38 months.

Before January 31, 1955, if a soldier died in service or from a disability he acquired in the service, his children were entitled to be helped to complete their education. My bill would extend those provisions through June 30, 1963.

I think this help for the children is the very least a grateful nation can do for the families of men who die in the armed forces, protecting the peace and keeping themselves prepared to defend us in armed conflict if the need should ever arise.

SCHOOL MENU

MONDAY, MARCH 2

Sloppy Joe's
Potato salad
Fresh tomato slices
Ginger bread
Milk

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

Chicken pie
English peas
Buttered carrots
Mince meat cup cakes
Rolls
Milk

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

Steak and gravy
Steamed rice
Fresh carrot strips
Home made rolls
Butter
Appre preserves
Milk

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

Fried ham slices
Candied sweet potatoes
Green beans
Home made rolls
Butter
Jello with fruit

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

Hamburgers
Fretoes
Cocoanut cookies
Milk

STITH NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dunagin, Mary and Randy returned Friday from Silver City, New Mexico, after spending a few days with his aunt, Mrs. Ed Martin, who is seriously ill.

Eight ladies from the Goodman Community met with the ladies of the Stith Community at the Center Friday to outline a work shop for basic and advance dress making. There will be a series of five meetings. The next meeting on March 5, will be an all-day meeting at the Community Center with a covered dish luncheon served at the noon hour.

Ladies present from Goodman were Mrs. Cal McAninch, Jennings Winter, Glover Blah Carl Bonneaux, Claud Butler, Dennis Butler and H. H. Windham. Visitors in the home of Mrs. A. M. Evans Wednesday evening her son, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Evans and a cousin, Mrs. Clarice Webb of Winters.

Mrs. Wilber Loflin, who has been in the Sadler Clinic Hospital, Merkel, underwent surgery Friday. Her mother, Mrs. H. B. Warren, of Seymour has been staying with the family.

Mrs. Ted Hudson and Mrs. Fly visited Mrs. Young Walker of the Pleasant Grove Community Friday.

A chili supper was served at the Community Center Thursday night. Games of 84 were played. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harris, Johnnie Lonnie and Martha Perry, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald, George and Pat and Sandra Hale attended the basketball game between Merkel and Albany at the McMurry gym Saturday night.

Fritz Hale spent several days the past week in the Sadler Clinic at Merkel. The day he returned to his home Mrs. Hale fell and injured her knee and was hospitalized for six days. Both are reported to be doing satisfactorily at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Young Walker of Pleasant Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Miller and Linda, Mrs. Oliver Davis of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. James Hale, Shirley and Mike, all of Midland and Pat Newman of Truby were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale and Sandra the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones spent Saturday night and Sunday in San Angelo as guests of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Truett Jones and Children.

Mr. and Mrs. Ab Evans and Nancy visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Swarts, of Abilene Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harris, Johnnie and Lonnie, spent Sunday in Colorado City with their daughter, the Rev. and Mrs. Jack Bedford.

Mr. and Mrs. Marrie Cox and Ed Vantreese were Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vantreese.

Mrs. Walter Vantreese and E. L. Berry are on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Harris and baby of Amarillo were Sunday visitors of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns, and an aunt, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Chavis Clyburn and children of Midland were weekend visitors with relatives here.

UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

The snow and rain that fell over the Canyon this past weekend was very light, but will be a big help to small grain. A light mist fell Saturday night from nine o'clock until after midnight.

Attendance was good at the Pioneer Church Sunday. Allen King Jr., home for a week's vacation, was at Church Sunday shaking hands with friends.

Raymond Demerie, a former resident of the Canyon, who now ranches near Putman, was visiting relatives here the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Martin of Oklahoma were weekend visitors here.

Mr. Cordill's brother and wife, who remained here for a visit with E. H. following the death of his wife, have returned to their home in California.

We are glad to report Mrs. B. H. Riney improved after a trip to the Scott & White Clinic at Temple. She was accompanied by Mrs. Paul Riney of Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Richardson of Godley were visitors the past weekend in the homes of Jess and Tom Russom. Mrs. Richardson is a cousin of the Russoms'.

Mrs. Leroy Riney visited recently with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Brown of Big Lake.

Tom Russom was looking over some of the registered Jersey cattle at the Allen King place this week and made King an offer of \$200 for a heifer with her second calf. King refused the offer. Russom remarked that in the '20s she wouldn't have brought but \$50.

Uncle Allen Cook is still confined to the hospital and his condition remains the same.

Joe Seymore had two loads of cattle on the Abilene market this week.

Two farms up the Canyon have sold recently. Booth Russom bought the Johnny Neighbor's place in the west end of the Canyon. Cramer Reynolds sold his place in the White Church community, better known as the Toombs place near the old White Church school site, to two GIs. Tommie Swinney has accepted a job during the camping season at the Youth Camp.

There is plenty of work fixing to get underway at the Youth Camp, according to the Rev. E. H. Martin, camp manager. On the building program, to start probably in March, is a home for the Caretaker, more cabins and first aid hospital.

Mrs. F. R. Demerie reports 3/10 inch of moisture at their place in the west end of the Canyon.

Mrs. Fred Hale of Trent, long time friend of Mrs. Demerie, who suffered burns when her clothing caught fire from a gas stove several days ago, is in the Hendricks Hospital, Abilene. She is reported to not be doing so well at this time. Mrs. Hale is the mother of Mrs. John Crane of Trent.

Hospital Patients

ADMITTED

Mrs. Billy Holmes
Mrs. Letha Bennett
Ronnie English
Mrs. Paul L. Brest
Harold M. Sipe
Mrs. Jackie Kennedy
Deborah Ferguson
W. A. Wozencraft
G. E. Parks
Raymond Larkin

DISMISSED

Bennie Brown
Mrs. Lonnie Schmidt
Mrs. Billy Holmes & baby boy
Mrs. Mary Clark
Mrs. Letha Bennett & baby girl
Ronnie English
Harold M. Sipe

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Bartlett and grandson, Jeff Whisenant, spent the weekend in Jacksboro with their daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Dunagin and sons, Dave and Tom. While there they helped to celebrate Tom's third birthday, Saturday Feb. 21.

Mrs. B. H. Riney returned to her home Friday from Scott & White Clinic at Temple. Mrs. Paul Riney of Odessa accompanied her.

Mrs. B. P. Strange of Walnut Springs was a weekend visitor in the home of her mother, Mrs. Lottie Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Baylor Amazon of Graham were visitors Thursday of Mrs. Amazon's mother, Mrs. J. K. Ayers.

Allen D. King Jr., of Denver, Colorado, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. King, Ida May, Buddy and Sue.

Mr. and Mrs. Baylor Amazon of Graham were guests of his father, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amazon, Thursday.

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acceptable buildings, equipment and supplies, and a balanced program to meet the needs of all children.

In a recent State-wide study, the citizens of Texas expressed a desire that every child in this State be provided with a sound and adequate program of education that will enable him to develop to his full capacity as an individual and as a citizen.

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Candidates for the scholarships must reside in a ten-county area comprised of Taylor, Nolan, Mitchell, Runnels, Callahan, Scurry, Fisher, Jones, Haskell and Knox counties.

Application forms may be obtained from high school principals, county agricultural agents, vocational agricultural teachers or from Mr. Penryman and must be filed not later than March 20.

The scholarship has been made available by the Western Compress and Storage Company with main offices at Abilene, and compresses and cotton warehouses at Abilene, Hamlin, Rule and Sweetwater.

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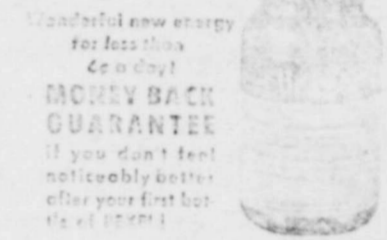
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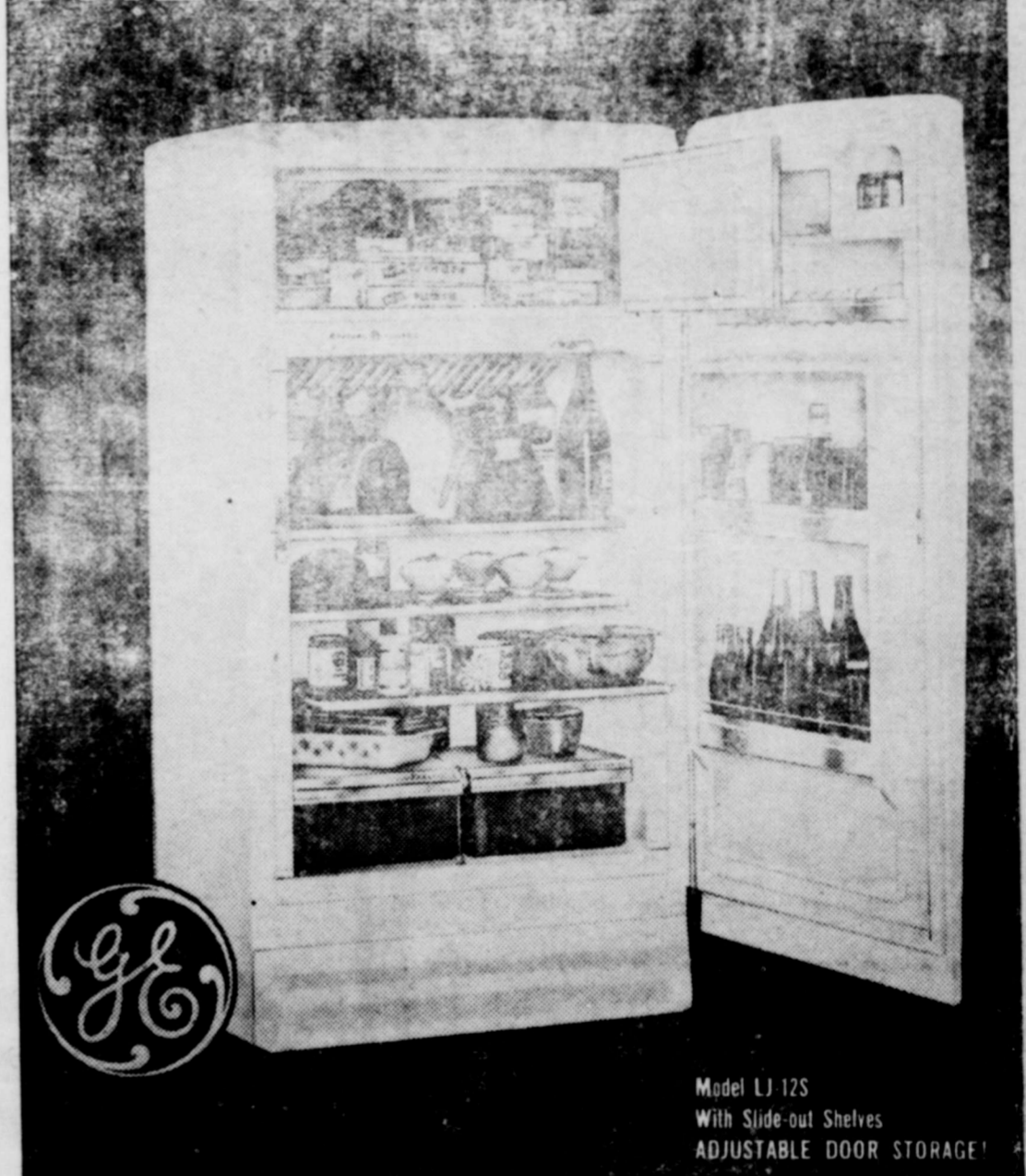
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Bette Flo Smith, Sam Scroggins Are Wed In First Baptist Church

Bette Flo Smith, daughter of Mrs. Willis L. Carnohan of Tye, became the bride Saturday evening of Sam Scroggins, son of Mrs. Wynonna Scroggins of Merkel and L. M. Scroggins of Lubbock.

The Rev. C. G. Sewell, former pastor, officiated for the double ring ceremony in the First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Carl Schreiber of Grapevine was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Linda Winter and Do-niece Silcott of Olton.

Best man was Hugh Baker; Kermit Newton and Jim Hopkins, both of Abilene, were groomsmen.

The bride's brother, F. V. Smith

Jr. of Tye, and a cousin, J. V. Dees Jr., lighted wedding tapers. Music was by Mrs. Norman Winter, organist and Jackie Mann of Wichita Falls, soloist.

Given in marriage by her step father, Willis L. Carnohan, the bride wore a gown of white slipper satin styled with chapel train. A lace yoke with Peter Pan collar accented the fitted bodice. A headpiece of iridescent sequin and pearls held her fingertip veil of illusion. She carried a purple orchid atop a Bible with mother-of-pearl cover.

Bridal attendants' gowns were of purple velvet with high draped front neckline plunging to a deep V in back. A fitted bodice with short sleeves topped the full skirt. White headbands held short tulle veils. White gloves completed their costumes. Each attendant carried two long-stemmed white carnations.

4th Grade Marks 'Wonder Club' Day

Class officers were in charge of the program devoted to geography when Mrs. Comer Haynes' fourth grade observed its "Wonder Club" day on Wednesday, February 18. Invited guests were Miss Norcross' fourth grade and Miss Foster's third grade.

Mrs. Twyman Collins entertained the group for one hour by showing colored slides made while on her tour of Europe. She began with pictures made on her ship as she sailed from New York Harbor; she concluded with pictures taken in Paris.

Officers for this grade period are the following: Max Anderson, president; Rae Lynn Brubaker, vice-president; Nancy Evans, secretary; Randy Dunagin, reporter; Pat Bigbee, historian; Sue Pinckley, song leader; Bronwyn Gamble, nurse; Don Carson, doctor; Wynona Doan, treasurer; Steve Buntin, room chairman.

Mrs. Lynn Knight Has Guild Study

Mrs. Lynn Knight brought the concluding chapters on the study of "Isaiah" to members of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church at the meeting in the chapel Monday night.

Miss Adelle Elkins sang as a special "Faith of Our Fathers" accompanied by Mrs. Junior Clark at the piano.

Mrs. Don Dudley, president, presided for the business session.

Mrs. Brandon Wede led the group in singing the hymn, "I Love to Tell the Story." Mrs. Hal-lie Burden dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Mrs. John Cox will present the program on "Cultures of other Nations" at the next meeting Monday night, March 9.

Curb Makes Honor Roll At McMurry

Charles Curb, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Curb of Merkel, was listed on the fall semester honor roll recently released by the dean's office of McMurry College, Abilene.

Twenty-five students posted a 3.00 grade average last semester, and ten per cent of the entire full-time enrollment of the Methodist College posted at least a 2.62 average.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Collins of Lubbock were weekend guests of her mother, Mrs. J. S. Pinckley, and Mr. Collins' sister, Miss Mary Collins.

Bluebonnet HD

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Allen D. King Sr., Tuesday.

A "Cake Decorating" demonstration was given by Mrs. R. E. Clemmer, who had attended a Leaders Training program on cake decorating at Abilene. She decorated a "birthday cake" with rose buds, leaves and twirls, and the words "Happy Birthday" on the top of the cake.

Each member made a rose bud on a square of cake.

Mrs. O. W. Reed opened the meeting with prayer. Roll call was answered with "My favorite cake."

Mrs. King gave this method for the cleaning of a steam iron: Fill the cavity with distilled vinegar, steam for 15 minutes. Let iron stand overnight, the following morning pour the vinegar out of the cavity and rinse thoroughly. Mrs. King stressed the importance of rinsing the cavity since vinegar steam on freshly laundered clothes is most undesirable.

Mrs. King was presented with one dozen cup towels which the members had hemmed. The hostess gift a jar of Utah cherries, went to Mrs. Tom Russom.

A refreshment plate with George Washington favors was served to nine members, 12 children and three visitors, Mrs. O. W. Reed, Mrs. E. H. Martin and Mrs. J. R. Coomer.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. John Oliver Tuesday, March 3, at 2 p.m. A panel discussion on "Good Manners" will be the program.

Bluebonnet HD

Out of town visitors to see Mrs. Joe Garland and her daughter, Mrs. V. R. Leverett who is recovering from surgery, included V. R. Leverett and children of Old Glory; Ray C. Leverett of Abilene; Mrs. Eunice McWhirter of Rising Star; the Wendell McWhirters of Roby; Mrs. James Blackburn and Allueez of Hawley; the D. C. Callaways and Mrs. Wayman Pistole of Noodle.

Sorority Members Hear Program On Self Expression

Members of the Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Mrs. W. W. Wade Tuesday night, Feb. 17.

Mrs. Vernon Mansfield and Mrs. R. E. Dayton presented the program on "Express Yourself."

Mrs. Mansfield spoke on speech as a medium of self expression. She suggested that words be chosen carefully when speaking. "Speak, not just to be speaking but to convey and express your thoughts and ideas clearly," she said.

Using poetry as another means of self expression, Mrs. Dayton quoted Chatfield, "Poetry is the music of thought conveyed to us by words," and gave as an example a verse from Omar Khayyam's Rubaiyat.

Members were asked to "express themselves" in the last line of a limerick, they were given to complete.

Mrs. Lynn Knight presided at the business session in the absence of the president, Mrs. John Hardesty.

Sorority Coffee 'Most Successful'

The coffee, cake and pie sale sponsored by the Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi in the Chamber of Commerce office last week proved to be quite a success, according to Mrs. Jeff Anderson, chairman of the project.

The sale will not be held again this week as previously planned, she said, but will be repeated at a future date.

Mrs. Anderson expressed her appreciation on behalf of the sorority for the "splendid support" given the project. "We are pleased with the reaction to our 'coffee' and would like to thank everyone who braved the bad weather to help make the project successful," she said.

Mrs. Wren Durham Gives Book Review

Mrs. Wren Durham reviewed the book titled "2,000 Tongues to Go" for members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service at the meeting in the First Methodist Church Tuesday.

Mrs. John Shannon gave the opening prayer. Closing prayer was by Mrs. Ray Wilson.

Mrs. W. R. Cyfert will bring the program on the study "Concerns of a Continent" at the next meeting Tuesday morning, March 3, in the church.

— SHOWTIME —

"Sheriff of Fractured Jaw" with Kenneth More and Jayne Mansfield, will be shown at the Pioneer Drive-In theater Friday and Saturday nights.

It is a comedy with a slightly different twist and numerous gags. Kenneth More plays the part of an Englishman who "invades the West."

On tap at the Queen Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday, will be "The Buccaneer" starring Yul Brynner, Charlton Heston and Charles Boyer are impressive in their roles. The historical spectacle based on "Lafitte, The Pirate" by Lyle Saxon, is reported to be well-made, expensive and impressive.

Dale Moore Meets In Shanks Home

The Dale Moore Circle of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. Josie Shanks Tuesday, Feb. 24.

Mrs. Sam Swann opened the meeting with prayer, Mrs. G. D. McConnell, mission study leader, brought the program.

Mrs. Shanks, Social chairman, presided.

Officers of the Circle are Mrs. Josie Shanks, Circle chairman; Mrs. G. D. McConnell, Mission study; Mrs. Ted McAninch, program chairman; Mrs. P. F. Harris, Stewardship; Mrs. A. D. Fulton, Enrollment; Mrs. Howard Carson, secretary; Mrs. Blanche Amason, publicity; Mrs. George T. Moore, Community missions; Mrs. Howard Carson, YPD.

Members present were Meses, P. F. Harris, Ted McAninch, T. J. Bird, Sara Swann, Blanche Amason, G. D. McConnell, Howard Carson and Josie Shanks.

Mrs. Carson said the closing prayer.

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Recovering From Surgery

Mrs. V. R. Leverett of Old Glory has been visiting with her mother, Mrs. Joe Garland of 408 Edwards St., for the past two weeks while recovering from surgery.

Mrs. Leverett is the former Mary Joe Garland, a 1939 graduate of Merkel High School. She

teaches homemaking in the Old Glory School where her husband is superintendent.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason visited their son, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Horton, of Abilene Monday.

Miss Betty Tittle visited in Fort Worth the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Almy of Lubbock spent the weekend with Mrs. Almy's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Buford.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Nell of El Paso visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson, the past weekend.

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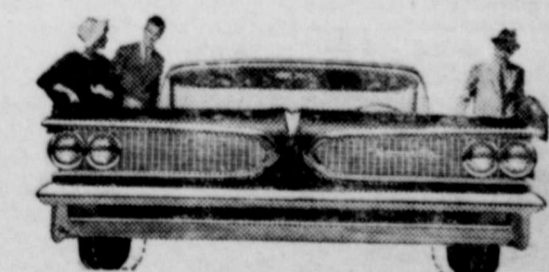
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WANTED—Ironing in my home. Pants and shirts preferred. Mrs. A. B. Gregory, Ph. 292 M 49-3tp

WATER WELL SERVICE—Call W. W. Wade, 213-J. 47-4tc

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STARTING this weekend I will have an assorted stock of shrubbery at my home. Can get anything I don't have in stock, including trees, on short notice at popular prices. Mrs. Tve Sublett, 705 Oak Street, Phone 106. 49-2tc

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Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A.F. & A. M. Thursday, Mar. 5, 7:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.
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C. B. Rust, Secretary.

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FOR RENT — 4-room house with bath, hall and storage. 404 Edwards. 50-4tc

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FOR SALE — The John Luna Farm two miles north of Noodle. 162 acres. Contact Tony Luna at 51th. 49-3tp

FOR SALE — Overhead water tank and tower. Loyd Gunter, Rt. 2, Merkel. 50-1tp

FOR SALE — 1 used Smith-Corona typewriter. Good condition. \$85. Terms available. Palmer Motor Company. 50-4tc

FOR SALE — Extra nice Jersey cows. First and second calves. Kline Manley, Rt. 1, Abilene. Tel. LI 8-4136, Hamby. 50-2tp

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CARD OF THANKS
We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their acts of kindness during the recent loss of our loved one. May God richly bless you all.
The J. W. Martin Family

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas — GREETING:
You are hereby commanded 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 herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: William L. Brooks, 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 31st day of March A. D. 1959, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 29th day of January A.D. 1959, in this cause, numbered 23,637-A on the docket of said court and styled

Idoma Frances Brooks, Plaintiff, vs. William L. Brooks, Defendant.
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: plaintiff and defendant were married on or about the year 1946 and lived together until on or about October 1, 1957, when they became permanently separated.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment and sues for full custody and control of the minor children of this marriage 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 12th day of February A. D. 1959.

Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas.
By Irene Crawford, Deputy. (SEAL) 49-50-51-52

LEGAL NOTICE

Project 9008-26 Parcel 13-C NO. 1195

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS
VS.
LARRY WILSON ET AL.

TO: Larry Wilson and wife, Johnnie Wilson, whose place or places of residence are unknown, and, if either or both be deceased, the heirs and legal representatives, if any, of either or both said Larry Wilson and Johnnie Wilson, whose names and places of residence are unknown.

You are hereby commanded to appear at the hearing before the Special Commissioners appointed by the Judge of the County Court at Law of Taylor County, Texas, to assess the damages occasioned by the condemnation of the channel easement upon and over the hereinafter described land to be held at the Courthouse of Taylor County in the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, at 10:00 o'clock A. M. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance hereof, that is to say at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on Monday, the 23rd day of March, 1959, and answer the Petition of the State of Texas, Plaintiff, in Cause No. 1195, styled: The State of Texas vs. Larry Wilson et al, in which the State of Texas is Plaintiff and Larry Wilson and wife, Johnnie Wilson, and if either or both are deceased, the unknown heirs and legal representatives, if any, of either or both said Larry Wilson and Johnnie Wilson, Roy E. Herring, Jr., and wife, Vonelle Herring, and Estha Neva Cockerell, Individually and as Independent Executrix of the Will and Estate of E. E. Cockerell, Jr., Deceased, are Defendants, which Petition was filed with the Judge of the County Court at Law of Taylor County, Texas, on the 5th day of February, 1959, and the nature of which suit is as follows:

The suit is a proceeding in eminent domain for which the State of Texas, at the request of the State Highway Commission, is seeking to condemn for highway purposes a channel easement upon and over a certain tract of land situated in Taylor County, Texas, said easement and land are more fully described as follows:

AN EASEMENT for the purpose of opening, constructing and maintaining a permanent drainage channel in, along, upon and across the following described tract of land, with the right and privilege at all times of having ingress, egress, and regress in, along, upon and across such tract of land for the purpose of making additions to, improvements on and repairs to said drainage channel or any part thereof, said tract of land being described as follows:

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James R. Shipman Survey 86 and the P. Cuerra Survey 27 in Taylor County, Texas, conveyed to Larry Wilson et ux, Johnnie Wilson, as shown by deed recorded in Volume 556, Page 608, of the Taylor County Deed Records, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the east boundary line of said one acre tract, said point being 74.85 feet south of the northeast corner, and also being North 22 degrees 41' West 600.37 feet from centerline chaining station 1156 plus 72.26 of a proposed highway;

THENCE SOUTH along said east boundary line a distance of 112.9 feet to a point 20.95 feet north of the southeast corner of said one acre tract;

THENCE IN a southwesterly direction along a curve to the left having a radius of 297.26 feet and a central angle of 90 degrees 00', a distance of 36.18 feet to a point in the south boundary line of said one acre tract a distance of 29.48 feet west of the southeast corner, said point also being 488.8 feet North 22 degrees 41' West of centerline chaining station 1155 plus 91.69 of said proposed highway.

THENCE WEST along said south boundary line a distance of 179.22 feet to the southwest corner of said tract, said point being 560.17 feet North 22 degrees 41' West of centerline chaining station 1154 plus 27.29 of said proposed highway;

THENCE NORTH along the west boundary line of said one acre tract a distance of 25.26 feet;

THENCE IN a northeasterly direction along a curve to the right having a radius of 47.26 feet and a central angle of 90 degrees 00' a distance of 247.32 feet to the end of said curve;

THENCE SOUTH 22 degrees 41' East a distance of 49.63 feet to the point of beginning and containing 0.573 of one acre of land, more or less.

If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after its issuance, it shall be returned forthwith.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS, at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this 6th day of February, 1959.
Clay Reeves
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Special Commissioners
48-49-50-51

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gabby doodle from noodle says:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

I see by the paper this morning where some doctor from Boston says farming is the best way to make a living if you want to keep from getting high blood pressure. Of course, this feller ain't doing no farming hisself, and it all depends on what kind of farmer he's talking about.

For instant, take a farmer like my neighbor down the road. If you want to get high blood pressure fer shore, just practice farming like he does it. He plans his work. That'll kill any farmer, and most of 'em that does it dies from high blood pressure.

For example, maybe on Sunday he'll decide to start plowing the first thing Monday morning. That ruins Sunday fer him, because he'll step out ever few minutes to look at the sky and speculate on the chances of rain. He'll be all upset by bedtime Sunday night from worrying about the weather.

Monday morning he's up after a restless night, and after worrying if his tractor will start and wondering how the gas is, he starts plowing and worrying. He'll worry over the wind blowing, over the ground drying out too fast, over whether he'll get through afore it rains. After three days of this, when he's about through, he begins worrying because it ain't rained y't.

This goes on from season to season and in all the years I've known this neighbor he's been bent over with worrying and high blood pressure.

The best way to farm without high blood pressure is not let yourself, your old lady, or your

banker know what you're going to do tomorrow, and if the notion strikes you when you get up in the morning, don't do nothing. I even know some city folks that follow that system and is pritty healthy. It works the same, town or country.

Looks like them Government carpenters is going to mess with the White House again. I see where one of them says it was "poorly planned and not substantially constructed in the first place." In other words, it was a Government project.

It ain't been too long since Harry had it fixed up and a front porch put on it the tune of five million dollars. I can re-

member when five million would build a whole village, including a town pump, a watering trough, 20 hitching posts, and leave a couple million loot fer the politicians to split. Fer another five million, I reckon we'll git a back porch and a picture window.

In the same paper where I was reading about the White House, I saw where four times as much liquor was drunk in Washington as in any city its size in the country. That don't explain everthing going on there, but it helps.

Yours truly,
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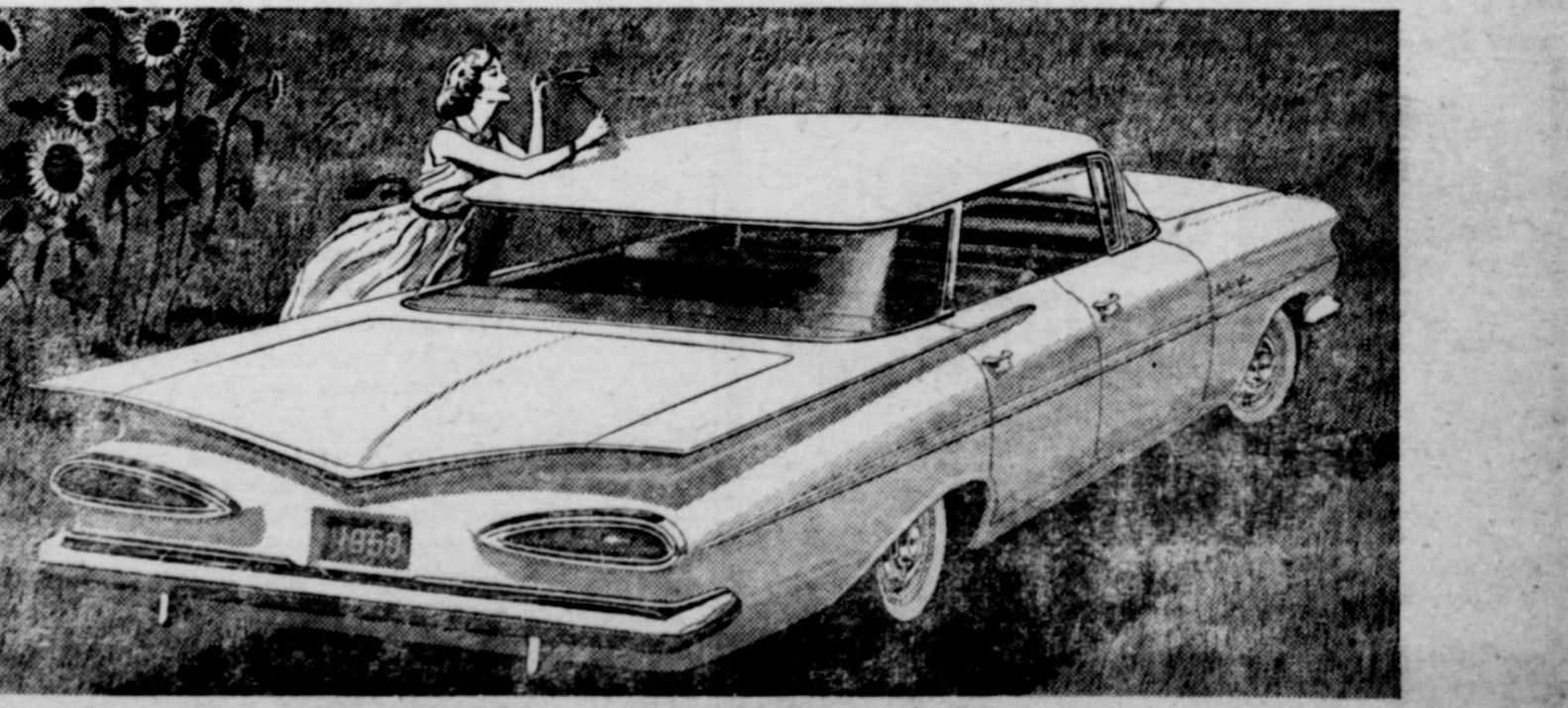
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ROSALIND RUSSELL, vivacious star of stage, screen and TV is shown receiving the Golden Hat Award as the best hatted woman in the world for 1958.

Adam Gimbel presented the award in behalf of the Millinery Institute of America to Miss Russell who "is world renowned for her chic," he said. He is President of Saks Fifth Avenue.

Five hundred fashion editors voted her the award which was designed by jeweler, Otto Grun. After receiving the award, Miss Russell said, "Hatlessness is old hat!"

Last year's winner was Princess Grace of Monaco

to boost REA interest rates to around 4%.

Voices as powerful as the President's—those of Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson (D Tex) and House Speaker Sam Rayburn (D Tex) — also opposed higher REA interest rates. Said Rayburn, "if 2% interest is a subsidy, then I'm for that subsidy." Johnson urged members "to fight with beer bottles," if necessary, to hold their position. —DWA.

Kiplinger Reports On The 1950's

A college education in the 1960's will be a necessity, not a luxury, according to the annual Kiplinger report on future business growth and population changes. Furthermore, the next decade will see a 75 per cent increase in the number of college graduates.

Thorough screening at entrance and in freshman and sophomore years will produce students of even higher caliber than today's for colleges cannot afford to expand enough to carry the full load of all who want to go to college.

Colleges and universities will face more of the same problems they face today—expansion pains in physical facilities, teacher shortages and payroll problems. Elementary and high schools which are overcrowded now, won't find the going any easier in the 60's.

In the next 10 years . . . more jobs, more pay for college grads. The average college grad in past earned \$100,000 more in a lifetime than the high school grad. This gap is likely to widen, the report predicts.

What does this increase in the college-educated mean? According to Kiplinger, "a higher culture." "Twice as high a proportion of college grads means some changes in popular tastes. And the business world is already looking ahead to such changes. More books, more music, more art, more foreign travel; different advertising appeals aimed at the sophisticated. News, TV, radio programs directed to the better educated."

The report states that food habits will change—less fat, starch and sugar—a direct effect of the expansion of brain power and decline of muscle power in the automated world ahead.

Also, there will be a faster shift to higher quality clothing, all lines. Less rough utility, more adornment. Formality down, informality up — more sportswear, casual wear.

Even politicians face a new audience that will want more facts, less emotion, exaggeration and demagoguery. Voters will even go so far as to pay bigger salaries to attract high caliber men into politics, the report concludes.

Cited For 4-H Citizenship

Two Texas 4-H'ers gained statewide recognition for their efforts to instill pride of American citizenship in other club members and the public. They are Linda Kellum, of Dilke, and Carl Wright, of Stanton, both 16.



Linda Kellum

They were named 1958 star-winners in the 4-H Citizenship program, conducted by the Co-operative Extension Service.

In recognition of their excellent 4-H record, each received



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Not since the bonus army marched into town a generation ago have Washingtonians seen such invading throngs as arrived here for the annual convention of National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, February 9-12.

Clyde Ellis, NRECA's mgr., told the 8,000 electric co-op delegates who gathered in the huge armory they have a choice. The co-ops can pool more of their services— or give up the struggle to survive.

He suggested pooling their public relations, their manager training, their reserve funds, and more of their purchasing—just as they've already pooled their legislative work and insurance needs.

Such joint effort, Ellis said, is the only way the co-ops can overcome "inherent handicaps." For example, he said, co-ops can't serve any town over 1,500 people — "the most profitable part of the power market." They can't serve

anyone who's already served. Each co-op must serve everyone in its area, "whether he pays his own way or not."

Also co-ops must repay their loans, with interest, while "power companies never liquidate their indebtedness, but continue to float it in perpetuity." Co-op lines are more exposed to ice and wind than lines in town. Only 15% of the co-ops have their own power, and half of them "are at the mercy of one, often-unfriendly source."

Besides this, most states don't protect co-ops from other firms' pirating their customers. Ellis said. Lacking much diversity among their customers, co-ops have poor load factor—that is, everyone turns on his milking machine at the same time or quits using power altogether and goes to bed at the same time.

These handicaps, Ellis said, show up in the rising number of co-ops that can't meet their loan-and-interest payments to REA—138 in 1956, 141 in 1957, and 166 last year.

Legislatively, the co-ops have done well, he said. "Last year the administration sent its anti-REA proposals to Congress—the interest rate hike and the private financing scheme. We beat the blazes out of them. Those proposals took one of the most humiliating beatings any administrative measure ever took."

"Last fall the people spoke, loud and clear, against the kind of thinking that prompted these proposals."

"And what happened? The proposals are right back in the President's budget. That crowd is hell-bent on handing us over to the Wall Street bankers and the Wall Street-controlled power companies, and they're not going to rest until they do it. This is a big business administration through-and-through, and it's the most powerful enemy any consumer-owned enterprise ever had."

President Eisenhower appeared, praised delegates for "a job well done," then scolded them for continuing to demand 2% loans from Congress. "None of us should add to burdens of the general citizenry by insisting on a favored position."

The men and women from co-ops across the country applauded politely and without enthusiasm, then next day unanimously voted to oppose the President's plan

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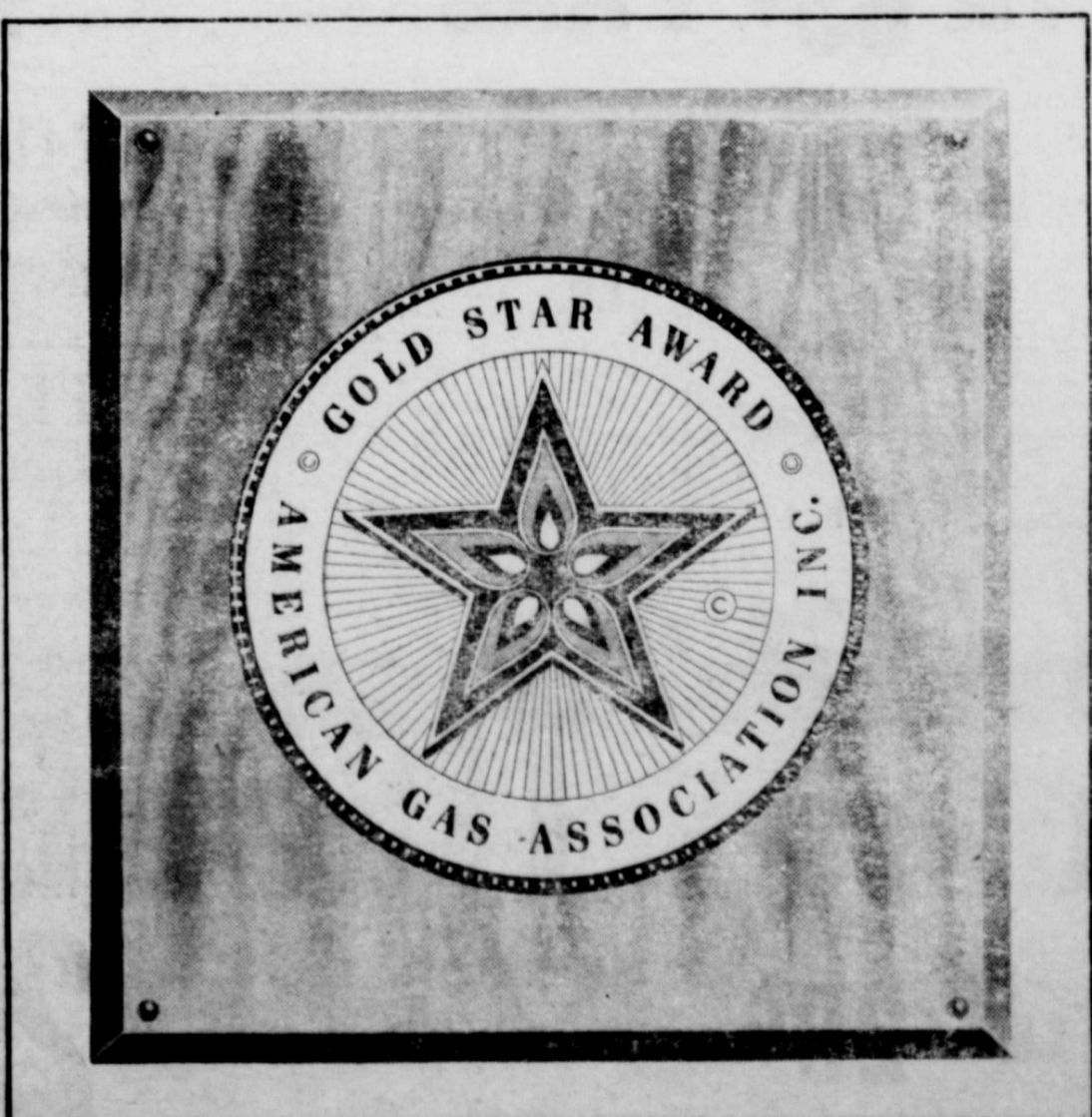
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Hersheys
SYRUP
16-Oz. Can
19¢

EL FOOD
RED PLUM 18-oz. jar **25c**

SUPREME
SALAD WAFERS
Lb. - **25¢**


CLADIOLA
CAKE-MIX
3 for 73c



★ Finest Quality MEATS ★

- BROWN SUGAR CURED **BACON**
Lb. **55¢**
- SWIFT'S PREMIUM **SAUSAGE** 2 lbs. **65¢**
- SWIFT'S PREMIUM **FRANKS** Lb. **53¢**
- Kraft's **RED RIND CHEESE** - - - lb. 59c
- Swift's Premium **LINK SAUSAGE** - - - lb. 59c
- Fresh **GROUND BEEF** - - - lb. 39c
- CHOICE HEAVY BEEF **STEAK** lb. **87¢**
- CHOICE HEAVY BEEF **STEAK** - lb. **89¢**
- FRESH **FRYERS** Lb. **29¢**

2 PAIRS OF NYLONS FOR ONE **JEWEL SHORTENING LABEL AND \$1.00**
DETAILS ARE ON THE CAN



3-LB. TIN **59c**

- MINUTE PICKLES** RICE Jumbo Box - **53¢**
- PARD** BETTY Sour or Dill **25¢**
- PARD** DOG FOOD with Meat - 2 for **29¢**

HORMEL OLEO Lb. - 19c	MY-T-FINE PUDDING 4 boxes 29c
TIDE GIANT Box - - 67c	CHEER 2 STEAK KNIVES KING BOX - - \$1.22

ZEE
TISSUE
4 rolls - - **29¢**

- SWIFT COOKING **OIL** Qt. - 49c
- IVORY LIQUID** GIANT CAN - - 59c
- JOY** 2 STEAK KNIVES KING CAN - - **98c**
- COMET** 2 STEAK KNIVES 2 boxes **49c**
- DASH** JUMBO BOX - - **\$2.29**
- CARSON'S SUPERMARKET

Garden Fresh VEGETABLES

- GOLDEN **BANANAS** Lb. **12¢**
- FRESH CELLO **CARROTS** - 2 for 15c
- SUNKIST **ORANGES** - - lb. 12c
- Ocean Spray **CRANBERRIES** - - - lb. 19c
- Fresh **PEARS** - - - lb. 19c
- Waxed **RUTABAGAS** - - - lb. 6c
- CALIFORNIA WHITE **SPUDS** - - - lb. 8c

MERKEL, TEXAS
STORE HOURS
WEEKDAYS: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
SATURDAYS 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
TRADE WITH US AND BANK THE DIFFERENCE

