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Tell-Tale Fe-Mail

By M. L. G.

I can't think of a thing I've done right this week so I'll probably goof in this column too.

I have been trying to impress my in-laws who are visiting here from Vermont. I would like to have impressed them with a newly painted house and a brand new finished front porch. The house at this stage is three colors—yellow, white and grey with a green roof. And the porch—well, we'll skip the porch.

I decided to try to impress them with delicious Texas meals so they would write back home and say what a wonderful cook "brother's" wife is, etc. Well, the meals were only delicious in the planning stage. I have never messed up so many things in my life. Even the coffee.

Among other things, I forgot to measure the blueberries before adding them to the pancakes. So, we had little flat goopy rounds of blueberries with butter and maple syrup, almost burned bacon and very weak coffee for breakfast.

Next on the list was apple pie. That was safe, I thought. How can you fail with apple pie? I don't know how, but you can, believe me. But, I still had an ace up my sleeve—I would impress them yet.

I baked a "fool proof" strawberry pie. I know now the pie is only fool proof if, when you double the recipe, you double all of the ingredients. I doubled all but the marshmallows which are the thickening agent in this recipe. There is one thing I didn't foul up on—an angel food cake. They don't like angel food cake.

So much for Texas cooks and those who would try to pretend to be something they aren't. Tomorrow I give them cereal and instant coffee for breakfast and come lunch time I will shine up the old can opener and open a can of baked beans.

Speaking of beans, according to The World Book Encyclopedia gold was so plentiful in Colombia in the early days that fishermen used it for making fishhooks. Beans, gold—you don't get the connection?

I think I will leave you with the following joke I copied from someone else's paper. As long as I had nothing to do with its origin, it should be safe.

Jerry Hollingsworth in The Winkler County News: A nattily dressed negro walked into J. M. Liphams' El Paso station last week and asked Lip what time the bus left for Hobbs.

Since Lip's station also serves as the bus depot in Kermit, the information was readily available. Lip picked up his timetable glanced at it briefly and said, "It leaves here at 6:10 p.m."

"And what time does it get to Hobbs?" Lip scanned the table again, located the time, and said, "Well, it should arrive in Hobbs about 6:10 p.m."

Thinking that everyone living in this area was familiar with the time zone difference, he didn't bother to explain that the bus would leave on Central Standard Time and arrive an hour later on Mountain Time.

The negro scratched his head for a minute, and asked, "How much is the fare?" Lip looked down at his book again, and told him.

"Well, I got to get to Hobbs," the negro said. "But I want to go out in the car and check with my wife, first."

The man walked out, and Lip put his book back in place while he attended to some other business.

Several minutes later, the negro walked in again and came over to where Lip was seated.

"Let's see now," he said. "Didn't you say that the bus was going to leave here at 6:10 p.m.?" "That's right," Lip answered.

"And," the negro continued, "didn't you also tell me that it would arrive in Hobbs at 6:10 p.m.?"

Lip, becoming amused, answered, "You're right again."

The man scratched his head and looked thoughtful.

Banquet Honors New Live Oak Baptist Youth

Thirty-two persons were present for a banquet honoring the youth of New Live Oak Baptist Church Monday night in the high school cafeteria.

Eddie Jenkins, youth director of the church was master of ceremonies. Invocation was given by M. E. Randolph, pastor.

Joe Liles, music director of the First Baptist Church in Abilene and former professional entertainer, brought the entertainment for the evening. Featured speaker was the Rev. Billy Hendrix, pastor of Crescent Heights Baptist Church, Abilene. Food for the banquet was prepared under the direction of Mrs. Jack Bagby.

Couple Honored By Children

Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris were honored with a birthday dinner by their children on March 22.

James Harris of Amarillo was the only one of the Harris' children not present for the dinner served in the Don Riney home.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Harris and son; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harris and family; Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell; Mr. and Mrs. Don Riney and family; two granddaughters from Coahoma; Mrs. T. W. Roberts and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Hays and daughter.

Methodist Men To Hear Talk On Jewish Beliefs

The Methodist Men's Organization of First Methodist Church will meet in Fellowship Hall at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 31, with Isadore Mellinger the featured speaker.

Mellinger, local dry goods merchant, will speak on Jewish beliefs and customs. This will be a covered dish supper and all men of the community are invited to attend, according to the Rev. J. Alvis Cooley, pastor.

Assembly Of God Church To Start Revival Sunday

Easter Sunday, March 29, will be the beginning of an old-fashioned revival at the Assembly of God Church, corner of North Second and Runnels Sts., according to Wm. S. Agnew, pastor.

Evangelists will be the Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Mercer of Fort Worth. "We are fortunate to have these outstanding evangelists in our church at this time," said Mr. Agnew. "We would like to extend a cordial invitation to all to attend these services," he said.

Service time is 7:30 p.m. with the exception of Saturday nights.

SWEETWATER MAN TO BRING MESSAGE FOR EASTER SERVICES HERE

Ed Jay of Sweetwater will bring the Sunrise Easter message at the Grace Presbyterian Church here Sunday at 7 a.m.

The Rev. Harry Sarles of Abilene will administer the communion.

Song service will be by the choir and special music is being planned.

Visitors are welcome to attend, said the Rev. Sarles.

Mrs. Sallie Gant returned to her home here this week after a visit of several weeks with her son and family, Dr. and Mrs. Billy George Gant and daughters of Fort Worth.

HM-2 and Mrs. Dave Carson and children of San Diego, Calif., arrived the past week for a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. McCain and Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Carson and other relatives here.

NOTICE

The Jones-Taylor County 5th Sunday singing will be held in the Baptist Church at Trent Sunday, March 29, beginning at 2 p.m.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend, according to Joe Nalley.

Merkel Wins District 10-A Title In One-Act Play Contest

Merkel was winner in the Interscholastic League one-act play contest for District 10-A held here Friday night with their presentation of "The Bathroom Door."

Trent Man Feted On 80th Birthday

Five of his children were present at a dinner honoring W. J. Bicknell of Trent Sunday on his 80th birthday.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bicknell and Otto Bicknell, Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bicknell and children of Abilene; Mrs. Ray Spurgin, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Doc Eoff and Naylor of Noodle; Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Henniger and Ginger of McCamey.

Friends who called in the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jones; Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Burton of Stith; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Spurgin of Merkel; Mrs. Vessie Justice of Noodle; and Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Love of Trent.

USDA Schedules Public Hearing On Texas Brands

A public hearing on livestock brand inspection has been scheduled for April 6 at Fort Worth, Texas, by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The hearing was called, in response to informal complaints, to determine if brand inspection at public markets is in the public interest or if such inspection now performed by Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association, Inc., should be discontinued.

At present, the Texas & Southwestern Association is authorized under the Packers & Stockyards Act to inspect brand at all posted markets in Texas and to charge "reasonable and non-discriminatory fees" for the service. The fee now is eight cents per head on all cattle and calves sold at posted markets. Complaints from which the hearing stem contend that state law does not now require branding as a means of establishing ownership and that most cattle sold through posted markets are not branded or marked.

"The USDA has set the hearing to give all interested persons a chance to be heard," points out W. C. Ball, district supervisor of the Packers and Stockyards Act, Fort Worth.

The hearing will begin at 10:00 a.m., in Room 2144, Federal Center, 300 West Vickery Street, Fort Worth.

Persons who wish to be heard should contact W. C. Ball, 231 Livestock Exchange Building, Fort Worth. Views may be presented either in person or by attorney.

Gospel Meet Set At Hope Church

A gospel meeting will be held at the Hope Church of Christ March 29 through April 5.

Tommie Shaver of Abilene will do the preaching and Manley Denton will be the song leader. Weekly evening services will be at 7:45 p.m. with regular services on Sunday. The public is invited to attend, said Mr. Shaver.

Youth Choir Wins Awards At Festival

The Youth Choir of New Live Oak Baptist received an award of "excellence" at a music festival March 5, at First Baptist Church in Abilene.

The festival included churches from all over District 17 of Baptist General Convention of Texas. Each choir and ensemble competed against a standard.

The choir of New Live Oak Church consists of 19 young people under the direction of Eddie Jenkins, and assisted by Sandra Merritt as pianist.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Davis of Elk City, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Chandler of Carter, Okla., were visitors the past weekend in the home of Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Chandler's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. F. Y. Gaither.

Mrs. Pat Cypert Is New Merkel P-TA President

Mrs. Pat Cypert was named president of the Merkel P-TA at a meeting in the school auditorium Thursday night.

Other new officers are Mrs. Johnny Cox, vice president; and Mrs. L. Arnold, secretary-treasurer.

Outgoing officers are Mrs. Homer Newby, president; Mrs. W. C. Perkins, vice president; Mrs. Don Dudley, secretary; and Mrs. Pete Morgan, treasurer.

Program for the evening included songs by students in the first, second, third and fourth grades, and talks by Mrs. L. S. Tipton and Mrs. Pat Cypert.

Mrs. Tipton spoke on "Leisure Time—Constructive or Destructive."

"Your Children, Radio, TV, Comics and Movies" was the topic discussed by Mrs. Cypert.

Dr. Don Warren gave a report on the local Red Cross Drive. Room mothers of the Merkel schools will conduct a house to house canvas on the north side of town for the drive.

Wm. A. Phillips Dies Here At 82

Funeral for William A. Phillips, 82, retired gas mechanic who died at his home here Thursday night, was held at 3 p.m. Saturday in Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel.

The Noodle Baptist minister officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born July 9, 1876, in Jackson, Tenn., Mr. Phillips moved to Abilene about 1880. About one year later, he moved to the Shiloh community, north of Merkel. He was married here in 1899 to Helen Winter, who preceded him in death.

Mr. Phillips, who moved to Merkel in 1940, was a member of the Shiloh Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Charles S. of Del Rio, Morris S. of Rt. 5, Abilene; one daughter, Mrs. Emory Hughes of East Point, Ga.; two sisters, Mrs. S. B. Pomroy of Merkel and Mrs. J. J. McGregor of Big Spring, seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Little League Meeting Slated

A meeting to elect new officers and to plan the Little League season will be held at the Taylor Electric Auditorium Thursday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m., according to Newt Logan, local Little League head.

All fathers of eligible boys and anyone interested are invited to attend, Mr. Logan said.

CEMETERY FUND

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

Mrs. G. J. Jones Estate

Teams Chosen To Represent Merkel Jr. 4-H Club In County Contest

A special meeting was called Wednesday, March 11, for members of the Merkel Junior 4-H Club girls who are participating in the preliminary foods demonstration under the supervision of Mrs. Blake Davis and Mrs. Ford Smith Jr., leaders.

The eliminations were for selection of teams to represent the club in the county-wide demonstration scheduled Saturday at the Blue Flame Room of the Lone Star Gas Co. in Abilene.

Judging the demonstration were Mrs. Lige Gamble, Mrs. Melba Gooch and Mrs. Denzel Cox.

First place winners in the vegetable foods demonstration were Nancy Watts and Vickie Teaff with their tossed vegetable salad.

Second place went to Ann Tipton and Aleta Scott who made a tossed vegetable salad using shredded cheese.

In the dairy foods division, Connie Conroe and Lois Givins took first place with their cabbage slaw salad, accompanied by a cottage cheese dish. Runner-up was Gloria Moore and Ann Smith, who demonstrated a snack plate of openface cream cheese sandwiches, potato chips and frosted lime sodas.

The 4-H girls believe in "The Demonstration Way" and say, "I'd rather see a lesson, than hear one any day. I'd rather you would walk with me, than merely show the way."

The eye's a better teacher, and more willing than the ear, and counsel is confusing, but examples always clear.

The best of all the teachers, are those who live their creed, for to see good put into action, is what everybody needs.

I can soon learn to do it, if you'll let me see it done, I can watch your hands in action, but your tongue too fast may run.

And the counsel you are giving, may be very fine and true, but I'd rather get my lesson, by observing what you do."

HIGHLIGHTS and SIDELIGHTS IN THE STATE CAPITOL—By Vern Sanford

AUSTIN, Tex.—Stakes are high and playing rough as the tax battle at the State Capitol this spring moves into the "hammer and tongs" stage.

High state officials are laying their cards on the line when they take a stand.

On one side is Gov. Price Daniel, who wants to obtain needed new revenues through a program based on taking over abandoned property, changing the bookkeeping methods a bit and increasing corporation franchise taxes, natural gas taxes and certain selective sales taxes.

On the other side are a number of lawmakers, including House Speaker Waggoner Carr, who call the governor's plan inadequate. They contend Texas' revenue needs are great and should be "spread thinly" to cause the least injury. Cited as possible solutions by Carr were the nine-part omnibus tax by Reps. R. L. Strickland and Wesley Roberts, or Rep. H. J. Blanchard's 1½ per cent gross receipts tax.

Some House members, of course, side with the governor. Just how many will go to each side will not be known definitely until a floor vote is taken.

But some people already are reminded of a session 20 years ago when then Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel got into a wild tax hassle with House members. O'Daniel used his Sunday morning radio broadcasts to blast steadily at 56 House members who blocked his push for a transactions (sales) tax. Price Daniel was one of the 56.

So far this session, Governor Daniel is focusing his ire on the "powerful lobbyists" who he says are blocking his tax program. Most of Daniel's proposals have been bogged down in the House Taxation Committee since the first of the session.

Whether they intend to push the governor's bills or some others, the tax committee members have made a move toward speed by adopting a Monday-through-Friday work schedule.

NOT GAS—No tax proposal thus far has brought a solid round of cheers. Spokesmen for the gas industry told the House Taxation Committee the governor's proposed natural gas tax would have to be paid by Texas producers, not out-of-state users, as sponsors claimed. They contended it would increase the industry's burden to 43 per cent, seriously impairing ability to stay in business, let alone contribute to Texas' growth.

Several House committee members were openly hostile to the bill.

CITY BOYS HO'NSWOGGLED In a couple of recent city vs. country votes in the House, the "city boys" were completely outdone by their country cousins.

This is not unusual in the frequent clashes over rural and urban interests, since rural area lawmakers now predominate. But with the cities growing so fast, the rural group fears that one more census and re-districting will tip the scales.

They hope to head this off in a constitutional amendment proposed by Rep. Will Ehrle of Childress that would limit any one county to nine representatives. Despite city protests, it passed the amendments committee, 10-4.

Cities lost again in the House floor vote on a bill which would allow farmers with 10 acres of land to "disannex" themselves from a city.

EASIER POND PERMITS — Farmers won, too, when the House passed a bill that would make it easier to get a permit to dam up a small pond for irrigation.

Rep. Murray Watson's bill would change the law governing ponds of less than 200 acre feet. These may be constructed without a Water Board permit for domestic and livestock use. For irrigation use, a permit is required which farmers complained was far too complicated, expensive and difficult to get.

Sen. Bill Wood of Tyler is sponsoring an identical bill in the Upper House.

ADVERTISING "PRO" UNBLED—Senators are studying two different approaches to putting into effect the new constitutional amendment permitting state-financed advertising of Texas.

Senator George Parkhouse of Dallas, an advertising man for many years, insists professional ad men should be at the helm of the program. He suggests a five-member state advertising council. Four members would be existing state officials; the chairman and executive director would be an advertising professional.

Original bill sponsored by Sen. Bruce Reagan of Corpus Christi would set up a Development Council of the governor and chairmen of the Highway Commission and Industrial Commission. Highway Commission would take care of luring tourists and the Industrial Commission would seek to attract new industry.

After Parkhouse protested this arrangement, Senate State Affairs Committee decided to give it some more study.

DEATH PENALTY ARGUED "Day of the death penalty is over in most of the civilized world," say proponents of a bill to abolish it in Texas.

Rep. Ronald Bridges of Corpus Christi is sponsoring the bill which is being studied by a sub-panel of the House criminal justice committee.

Huntsville newsman Don Reid told the committee he had seen 157 persons executed and had decided "there must be a better way." He said he believed at least six or seven of those executed were innocent.

Representatives of organized labor and church groups joined in supporting the measure. Several said they thought chances of drawing the death penalty were greater for defendants too poor to hire top-notch lawyers.

VANISHING TRAINS — Why don't people "take the train" to get places these days? Spokesmen for rail unions and some lawmakers say it's because there practically aren't any passenger trains to take. Rail company men say it's because all their passengers took to riding in cars.

Rep. Clyde Miller introduced a bill which would require the Railroad Commission to consider "public convenience" before allowing discontinuance of a passenger line. Present law allows abandonment if the company can show it is losing money.

Railroad companies protested this could force them to pour millions into losing operations. Union men said the railroad could have more passengers if they would serve the public better. Bill has been sent to subcommittee for study.

GUESS WHO PAYS!





Dear Friend:

This Nation faces the problem of cutting Government expenditures in the face of an exploding population.

Basically, the Nation's needs are multiplying faster than the replacements. Those of you facing the problem of buying clothing for growing school-age children know exactly what that means. What is bought today threatens to be too small tomorrow.

Housewives can picture the problem of setting an additional 8,000 places at the dinner table every night. That's what is happening over the Nation.

Day in and day out, we're gaining almost 8,000 more persons than we had the day before. One more person is being added to the population about every 12 seconds. We're gaining at the rate of 7.85 a day, and the average is 2,864,000 a year.

That's how fast this Nation is growing.

And all of this growth creates new demands. There is demand for more homes, more schools, more churches, more hospitals. There is increased need in the

broad fields of health, transportation, education, finance and welfare. All this places increased demands on both government and business.

There is also another important fact we need remember.

There are now in this Nation more than 14,000,000 men and women 65 or older. And this number is increasing at the rate of more than 400,000 a year. The majority of these people are no longer working. But here is a great reservoir of mature talent, experience and know-how. I wonder if this isn't a tremendous resource now being wasted.

This situation spells out both problems and opportunities. It means that in our search for the right road to economy, we must avoid short-cuts that could lead to national stagnation. We must recognize that this is a dynamic period of expanding needs as well as changing times.

Our job is to economize, to cut expenditures where spending can be cut. But in doing that, we must balance the tremendous needs of today against the known demands of tomorrow. That is the goal I expect the Senate in this session to achieve.



SENATOR *** Yarborough's Report

In the 100 years since the drilling of the first oil wells in Texas and the United States, oil has become a major industry.

Texas had more than 179,000 producing oil wells in 1958 and there were 33 operating refineries in the state with a capacity of 2,300,000 barrels of oil a day—accounting for 27% of the nation's refining capacity.

However, in spite of all this activity, the oil industry in Texas and the nation is in grave danger of being flooded by a great impouring of foreign oil.

There is an argument between big oil company concerns. Much of the foreign oil flooding into this country comes from fields controlled by the international oil cartel.

The persons being smashed in this operation are the independent oilmen—the small businessmen of the oil industry—the drillers and other workers in the fields, and the people in related jobs, such as the manufacturers of drilling tools, and salesmen of supplies, and the transporters of oil. These people are being deprived of their chance—their right—to make a living.

There has been a 17 per cent drop in the number of oil wells drilled in the United States recently. More and more people are being put out of work—many of them in Texas—by a flow of imported oil which, in some recent weeks, has run as high as two million barrels per day. This puts more and more jobless people on government relief rolls and loses millions of dollars in tax revenue

for Texas and the nation. Most of this tax income in Texas is earmarked for school children and students at the state university.

President Eisenhower is to be congratulated for abandoning the voluntary oil imports control plan, which failed, and for adopting a mandatory control plan. But it remains to be seen whether the percentage set out under the new program is enough. Some companies have threatened to go into court to test the legality of the president's order and this could hold up the mandatory control for months or years.

I believe one of the best remedies for this problem is provided in a bill now pending which I have co-authored along with Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney of Wyoming. Under this proposal, Congress would, by law, fix mandatory controls beyond any doubt.

However, I do not think this is the only answer to the problem. During the 1958 session of Congress, I introduced a bill to provide a tariff on all imported oil. I plan to introduce a similar tariff bill during this session because I believe this method holds the best long-range solution to this grave problem.

Is your neighbor receiving social security checks? If so, you may be tempted to rely on him for advice. However, each case is different, so the best thing to do is ask your own questions by writing the Abilene social security office.

Former 4-H Club Members To Be Nominated For 1959 Awards

TWENTY million 4-H Club alumni were given a nationwide salute in observance of National 4-H Club Week.

Among the former 4-H'ers are many who have been singled out for special awards given through the 4-H Alumni Recognition program directed by the Cooperative Extension Service.

They are the men and women who have successfully applied 4-H training and ideals to jobs, home, family, and community. These important citizens come from all walks of life—teachers, business men, homemakers, farmers, clergymen, doctors, public office holders and the like.

Here's your big chance to name a friend—a former 4-H Club member—to be considered for a worthwhile award. Nominations for this year's winners are now in order, and a convenient entry

form is printed below. All you have to do is fill in, clip out, and mail as directed.

If possible the candidate may be cited for county, state or national alumni awards which are provided by the Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation, Plant Food Division. All nominees will be contacted and verified by the county Extension office. More information can also be obtained there.

Two certificates of recognition will be awarded at the county level; four state winners will receive a distinctive copper plaque; eight persons (usually four men and four women) will be chosen for national honors and will be presented with the 4-H alumni gold key at the annual alumni banquet held in Chicago during the National 4-H Club Congress. The eight winners will be brought to Chicago as guests of Olin Mathieson.

Help give credit where credit is due. Send in the name of your 4-H candidate today!

1959 Nomination Blank
National 4-H Alumni Recognition Program

Please fill in and mail to: Floyd Lynch, State 4-H Club Leader
Texas A. & M. College
College Station, Texas

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ITS' THE LAW IN TEXAS

April 1 will be the deadline for most Texans to render their property to certain taxing agencies. State laws require all real and personal property to be rendered for taxes on or before prescribed dates. Those who fail to comply can blame only themselves for the money loss they may consequently suffer.

Some Texas cities set their own tax deadlines. These are the cities of more than 5,000 population which have incorporated under the "Home Rule" provisions of our statutes. All other cities are governed by the general laws of Texas.

In towns operating under the general laws property must be rendered for taxes between January 1 and April 1 each year. A number of home rule cities set up the same requirements in their ordinances, while others prescribe different periods.

For state and county tax purposes, property must be rendered to the County Tax Assessor by April 30, and homestead exemptions must be claimed by the same time.

In some localities a third taxing unit is involved—the independent school district. In other places school taxes are collected by the city or county. In addition, some localities have water, irrigation, or levee districts which assess and collect taxes. Make inquiry as to where these various taxes are assessed, and as to applicable deadlines for rendition.

What property must be rendered for taxes? If Texas laws were strictly enforced, we would be required to render to all taxing units nearly every piece of real and personal property which we own, down to the very clothing on our backs. An exception is the constitutional exemption of \$250 worth of household furniture. However, no taxing unit carries their requirements this far, and it will be necessary to inquire of each tax assessor when rendering your property whether specific types of property are ordinarily rendered in that locality. Some cities and counties collect ad valorem taxes on auto-

mobiles, television sets and other personal items, while others ignore practically all personal property. Business and professional men are generally required to render all merchandise, furnishings, fixtures, business automobiles and equipment.

If property is not rendered by the tax payer, it may then be placed upon the unrendered tax roll, and the taxing agency places such valuation thereon as it considers fair. One advantage of rendering your property is that you can set your own valuation. Then, if the county or city decides a higher valuation is in order, you will be given an opportunity to appear before a board to explain why the higher figure

should not be used in computing your taxes.

Thereafter, an appeal to the courts is possible in some instances. Generally speaking, however, the courts are unable to strike out a valuation unless the agency or board has acted arbitrarily and placed on the property a valuation higher than that placed on comparable property owned by others. If you do not render, the valuation set by the taxing agency is final.

Remember these facts: You may need to render your property at three or more different tax offices. Ask each tax assessor if in doubt concerning the deadline or the rendering of specific personal items.

(This column, prepared by the State Bar of Texas, is written to inform—not to advise. No person should ever apply or interpret any law without the aid of an attorney who is fully advised concerning the facts involved, because a slight variance in facts may change the application of the law.)

Fence Jumpers Head List Of Game Charges

Trespassing continues to be the principal violation committed by hunters, according to the monthly arrest report of the director of law enforcement of the Game and Fish Commission. During December, 1958, there were 129 hunters who "crawled over the fence" to hunt on private property.

Night hunters, however, came a close second, with 124 arrests. The night hunting arrests were heaviest because of deer hunters who insisted on getting their venison with the use of headlights.

Next in line of violations were hunters and fishermen who failed to get their license. There were 103 such violations, with 56 hunters involved.

Most of the other hunting violations involved deer. There were 23 persons fined for killing spike bucks, 15 for killing doe deer; 13 killing deer in closed season. Numerous other minor violations also were recorded.

The 715 persons arrested by game wardens during December paid fines totaling \$20,925.78 and court costs \$1,280 for a total of \$22,205.78.

Among the cases made by the wardens, there were 15 dismissals and 15 who served jail sentences. In two cases fines were suspended. Three defendants were found not guilty.

If you're paying social security taxes, you should find out what you're buying. Ask the Abilene office for free booklet No. 35.

Play Opens New ACT Playhouse in Abilene

The Abilene Community Theatre takes on its most ambitious stage production Thursday evening, March 12, when the curtain goes up on "Inherit the Wind." The occasion will also mark a couple of community theatre firsts in Abilene, in that the production will be staged in the new ACT playhouse building, and will be presented at nine performances, the longest run of any of the groups' theatrical efforts.

Opening March 12, "Inherit the Wind" a play in three acts, written by Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee, will run through Saturday, skip Sunday, and continue through Saturday, March 21. Curtain time will be 8 p.m. each evening.

The new ACT building is located in Fair Park on South 7th Street in Abilene, across from the side of the football stadium.

Although it has an exodus entirely its own, the play in part is the story of the famous 1925 Dayton, Tennessee, Scopes "monkey-trial." Highlight of the trial, in which a school teacher is convicted of teaching evolution, was the dramatic court collision of William Jennings Bryan and attorney Clarence Darrow.

Headlining a cast of 50, is Raymond Thomason Jr., outstanding West Texas actor, and Pete Willis, an Abilene oil producer.

The production is under the direction of Mrs. Frank (Nina) Peebles.

To make reservations call OR 4-4428.

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Huddleston Rites Held In Abilene

Funeral for Hollis D. Huddleston, 40, Abilene independent oil operator, was held Thursday, March 12, in the First Baptist Church in Abilene.

Mr. Huddleston was dead on arrival at Hendrick Memorial Hospital Tuesday evening, March 10, after being fatally stricken, apparently by a heart attack, at the Crescendo Building where he had offices.

Dr. Elwin Skiles, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Elmwood Memorial Park under direction of Elliott's Funeral Home. Masons were in charge of graveside rites.

Mr. Huddleston was born May 26, 1918, in Merkel but moved to Abilene as a small boy.

Survivors include his wife, and a son, Billy, both of the home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Huddleston, Abilene; a brother, D. O. of Lamesa; and one sister, Mrs. Larry Cunningham, Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Mashburn of Fort Worth were visitors the past week in the home of Mrs. Mashburn's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Patterson and other friends and relatives here.

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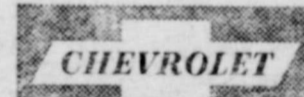
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How do you like that, Mister Editor? Next in line will be the hot dog, with four cents worth of meat, a one-cent bun, three cent worth of mustard and onion, and selling for 35 cents or about 250 per cent profit. It always puzzles me why they are constantly raising the prices on a pore man's meal and never touching the price of the rich man's plate. I ain't heard tell of nobody raising the price of caviar lately, or roast duck under glass.

But on second thought, things ain't as bad as I figgered. Today we git a hamburger with one cent worth of meat, a one-cent bun, and one cent worth of relish for 25 cents. It costs three cents

to make it and they git about 500 per cent profit. Maybe this feller in Atlanta was suggesting a improvement, after all.

As a general thing, profits in the eating business is gitting out of line. I was reading not long ago where a food processor was putting up pork and beans without any pork. I reckon he was adding two more beans to fill up the space.

The high price of eating is also changing the habits of a heap of city folks. This day and time, when us country folks hear a loud and long knock at the door, we know it ain't opportunity. It's some of our city kinfolks coming fer a three-meal visit.

I see where a doctor in Chicago says that on account of men doing most of the hard work, it's to a woman's advantage to pre-serve him as long as possible, and fer that reason a woman ought to git up and give a man her seat in the bus. Personally, I think that's going a little too far. Most men is willing to show a little sportsmanship about it. Fer instant, instead of letting a lady sit up and give me her seat, I'm still willing to race her fer it. Yours truly,
Gabby

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Current Study
 Ends For WSCS

Mrs. W. R. Cypert concluded the study on "Concerns of a Continent", at the meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the chapel of the First Methodist Church Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Ray Wilson brought the devotional from Psalms: 24. Mrs. Alvis Cooley and Mrs. Cypert, delegates to the Northwest Texas Conference District meeting for WSCS held in Midland the past week, will give reports to the local society at the meeting Tuesday, March 31. Closing prayer was by Mrs. Denzel Cox.

NOODLE NEWS

by Mrs. George Cooper
 Telephone 6197

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cox and boys of Littlefield, and Mr. and Mrs. Jacky Cox and Rickv of Abilene were recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Millie Smith have a baby boy, born Saturday. Mrs. Smith returned home Monday but little Tony Earl had to stay in the hospital a few days.

Mrs. Tony Tarpley of Merkel visited Mrs. Amil Hudson last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Cox visited her sister Mrs. Altis Phillips Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stanley Marsha and Sherry of Midland were weekend guests in the home of Mrs. Callie Williams, Sherry is a niece of Mrs. Stanley.

Friends when you have any news I'd appreciate your calling me.

Visitors in the Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Jones home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Homer Grimes, Gene and Loyd of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dooley, Mike, Wanda and Pattie, Mrs. Gladys Dooley, all of Abilene, also Mrs. J. E. Boaz Sr. and grandson Eugene Boaz, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Tounley and children of Laredo visited the Jones last week.

Visitors in the Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Carr home recently was Mr. and Mrs. Fred Deutchman of Phoenix, Ariz., and Stevy Mrs. W. J. aGret and Douit of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Hix Goode motored over to Brownwood Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Eoff and son Naylar went to Trent Sunday to attend the birthday of her father Mr. W. J. Bicknell.

Mrs. Zenobia Lucas, from Abilene was visiting in Noodle Saturday.

Several from here attended the shower at the lunch room for

Robbie Goode Saturday evening. Robbie is to be married March 24. Keith Tarpley was a dinner guest of his parents Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Callaway. Keith is working in Abilene now.

UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

Dry weather is the talk of the day up the Canyon.

My, oh my, it sure is dry and farming is at a stand still at this time. Some stubble land to plow but just too dry and hard to plow.

Some few are still sending cattle to market because stock tanks are so low and no grazing.

Some flocks of sheep are lambing others to start in April, and boy are we going to have a hard road if it doesn't rain soon. That is yet to be seen, but we do know with high winds and sandstorms we are further away from rain.

Mrs. E. C. Ray has returned home from Houston where she was at the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. Horace Hill, who was ill.

Uncle Baily and Aunt Sally Whisenhunt of the Canyon celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary last week. They have lived in and around the Canyon all their lives and are loved by all of us.

Mr. and Mrs. Kiker and Mr. and Mrs. Dugan of the St. Paul Methodist Church, Abilene, were visitors Sunday morning at Pioneer Church. Mr. Kiker is co-owner of Kiker-Warren Funeral Home in Abilene. They visited the Youth Camp after services.

We visited Uncle Allen Cook Sunday afternoon and to our surprise we found him sitting up in bed with his cowboy shirt and tie on and his hair all combed nice.

We said, "My you look nice." He replied, "I just thought if one would try to look nice, it would help you to be nice."

Anyway he is glad to be home and said he didn't want to be very far from home at any time.

I just wish everyone could see the rock fence he was building when he got hurt. At his age 90 years young, he was doing more work than we thought he could do.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Toombs and Joe Seymore of the Canyon were among the party representing the REA co-op of our area who went to Austin Monday returning Tuesday.

Stock tanks over our area are lower at this time of year than

they have been for many years. The Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Martin of the Pioneer Church left Tuesday for New Jersey accompanied by their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Martin. Ray, after a brief stay in New Jersey, will sail for Germany where he will be stationed, while his wife, Pat, will return with his parents, who expect to be away for two or possibly three weeks.

Cramer Reynolds and his son, Ois Reynolds, have returned from a trip that took them through several of the Corn Belt states. Cramer stated there were plenty of cattle in the feed lots, plenty of snow on the ground and a family living on every 160 acres of land.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Polk and children of San Angelo visited over the weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman Jr. Mrs. Polk is the former Ruth Butman.

Work is progressing fine at the Youth Camp with all floors run for the buildings.

Mrs. Hollis McLean and daughter were weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dewell McLean. Hollis is in school in California and will return here soon for his family to make their home there.

We understand our good friend, Melvin McCoy, who has an irrigated farm at Muleshoe, is selling Ford and Mercury cars there. Melvin is a former resident of the Canyon and is a reader of the Merkel Mail.

The Taylor and Jones County 5th Sunday singing will be held at the Baptist Church in Trent Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Garden Club
 Has Program
 On Corsages

Mrs. Dee Grimes and Mrs. Clyde Bartlett were hostesses when the Merkel Garden Club met at the Country Club Thursday, March 19.

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Mrs. Lige Gamble.

The program on "Assembling The Corsage" was presented by Mrs. Carol Benson. Mrs. B. H. Jones explained points on basic corsage construction. Mrs. Mack Fisher, Mrs. Charley Sherrill, Mrs. Dee Grimes and Mrs. Johnny Cox gave a demonstration on ways of making different types of corsages.

Miss Christine Collins reported

on the cemetery fence fund. Members voted to hold the spring flower show May 16-17. Mrs. John Hughes, club president, presided for a short business session. Twenty-one members attended.

Visiting in the F. T. Bartlett home over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jeffries of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Jay Humphreys of Lubbock; Mr. L. F. Young of Hamlin; Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Bartlett of Anson; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Dunagin and sons, Dane and Tom, of Jacksboro; and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Whisenhunt, Jeff, Cindy and Bart.



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1/2 cup warm, non-fat milk
 1 package active dry yeast
 3 cups flour (about)
 1 egg yolk

Scald milk. Stir in sugar, salt and shortening. Cool to lukewarm. Measure warm, not hot, water into a large mixing bowl. Sprinkle in yeast. Stir until dissolved. Stir in lukewarm milk mixture. Add about half the flour and beat until smooth. Stir in additional flour. Turn out on lightly floured board. Knead until smooth and elastic. Place in greased bowl. Let rise in a warm place, free from draft, until doubled in bulk, about an hour. Punch down and turn out on lightly floured board. Roll into a rectangle 16 x 9 inches. Spread the *Pizza Filling down center third of the length of the rectangle. Cut 15 slits in dough along each side of filling, making strips about 1 inch wide. Fold strips at an angle across filling, alternating from side to side. Place on greased baking sheet. Let rise in warm place, free from draft, until doubled in bulk, about 1 hour. Brush with egg yolk combined with water. Bake at 350° F. (moderate oven) about 35 minutes. Serve hot with tomato sauce.

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Home Demonstration Notes

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent

There will be a style show April 2 at 8:00 P.M. at the Coca Cola Building in Abilene. The women who have been attending the clothing workshops will be models. They invite all of you to come and see the dresses they have made.

Speaking of style shows reminds me of accessories the women will select to compliment their new dresses.

Shoes present temptation to any woman. They dream of a vast shoe wardrobe containing all kinds and colors of shoes. Watch it, girls! Even with modest desires, shoes can take a good percentage of your clothing dollar. Most women need at least four kinds of shoes plus bedroom slippers and galoshes. This includes

- shoes for:
1. Street, travel or business
 2. Church and afternoon
 3. Parties and after-five
 4. Casual and spectator sports
- The number of pairs of shoes in each category will depend on the woman's activities and how much she has to spend.

There is much exciting news in shoes. Although the pointed toe predominates, the most exciting news comes in the gently rounded toe. In general, toes are tapered but not needle-pointed. There are pumps and T-sandals with a light open look cut-away sides and vamps. Heels are slender, high, oval and mid-high. Patent leather is still a spring and summer favorite. A sensational new crack-resistant finish for patent

leather has been developed. This improved leather has a deeper luster and can be washed with soap and water without harmful effect.

Before you go shopping, decide the purpose of the shoe you are to buy. Stick to your plan for your shoe wardrobe. Don't buy on impulse. Also shop for a shoe that is correct in fabric and color for the dress or suit you will wear them with.

The street, travel or business shoe should be tailored and of durable material. Select a mid-high heel in a pump, one strap or dress oxford. The fabric may be polished calf, kid, or patent.

Shoes for church and afternoon wear are more dressy than those for street, travel, and business. Kid, patent, or fabric may be worn. Either a high heel or a mid-high should be selected.

Shoes for dress-up occasions are high heels in pump or sandals. For the woman who cannot wear high heels, the mid-high or oval heel is good. Shoes are now offered in beautiful brocade, embroidered crepes and satins that are appropriate for informal parties and after-five occasions.

For casual and spectator sports wear, choose a medium high or low heel. The height and shape of the heel may depend upon the individual, occasion and the costume to be worn. Suede or calf skin are suitable fabrics for the casual or spectator shoe.

It is most important for your health and disposition that your shoes fit accurately. Each time you buy shoes, have your foot measured for both length and width. Don't tell the clerk your size. Let him tell you. Test the shoe by standing and walking in them.

Bluebonnet HD

The Blue Bonnet Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. F. R. Demere Tuesday, March 17, with Mrs. R. E. Clemmer, vice-president, presiding.

Mrs. John R. Coomer opened the meeting with prayer. Roll call was answered with a "beauty tip."

Refreshments were served to Meses. John Coomer, Horace Miles, Allen D. King, R. E. Clemmer, Leon Toombs and F. R. Demere and four children.

At the next meeting in the home of Mrs. Elby Frazier Tuesday, April 7, Miss Loreta Allen, Taylor County Home Demonstration agent, will present the program on "More Clothes for the Money."

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Largent of Raton, N. M., are visiting in the homes of Mr. Largent's brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Largent.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Clemente Arroyo Ortiz, 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 4th day of May A.D. 1959, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 20th day of March A.D. 1959, in this cause, numbered 23,771-A on the docket of said court and styled Enriqueta Amador Ortiz vs. Clemente Arroyo Ortiz, Defendant.

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

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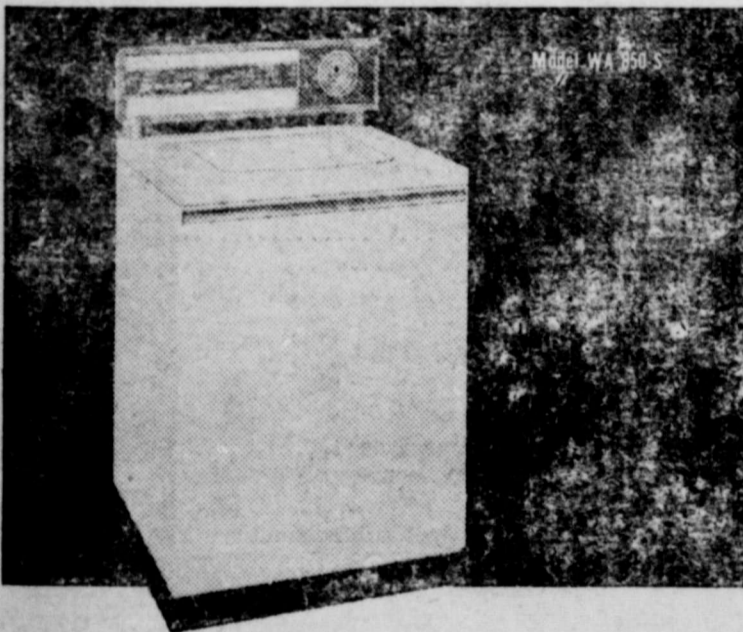
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WANTED — Odd jobs, window washing, yard work, baby sitting, etc. Will do anything—We need money. Contact any member of the Merkel High Band or fill in form in this newspaper and mail to W. G. Reed, Merkel High School. tfp

WANTED — Barley. See Jack South at Patterson Grain. 35-1fc

WANTED — Woman to live with elderly lady. Private room and small salary. Mrs. Emmett Ayers at High School Cafe and Grocery. 2-2tc

H & H LAUNDRY is proud to announce opening of a coin-operated laundry, 10 coin-operated Maytag washers. Soft water, Dryer. H & H Laundry, 105 Runnels. Pick up and delivery. Phone 34. 2-3tc

NOTICE MASONS
 Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A.F. & A. M. Thurs. April 2, 7:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.
 Othell O'Kelly, W. M.
 C. B. Rust, Secretary.

FOR RENT
FOR RENT — 2-bedroom modern house, south side. See V. B. Simpson, 211 Cherry St. Phone 49-W. 51-1fc

FOR RENT — 5-room house just west of the hotel on South Street. See David Tarpley. 45-1fc

FOR RENT — One and two bedroom apartments. Also bed rooms. Call 405 W or inquire at the Merkel Hotel. 49-1fc

FOR RENT — 2 large rooms unfurnished. Share bath with one lady. Hot water and cabinet. Adults only. \$20. 402 Edwards. 1-1fc

FOR RENT — Furnished apartment. 3 rooms and bath. All modern and private. 502 Oak or Phone 229-W. 1-1fc

FOR RENT — Large furnished apartment; bedroom, living room, kitchen, private bath. Bills paid. 1421 N. 2nd or call 326. 2-3tc

FOR SALE
FOR SALE — Trash barrels. Johnnie Taylor. See at Ice house. 51-4tp

FOR SALE — Extra nice used GE Electric Range. Palmer Motor Company. Phone 159. 40-1fc

FOR SALE — '55 Ford - 4-door Fairlane 500. Two-tone color—good condition, reasonably priced. See F. T. Bartlett at 112 Yuca. tfp

FOR SALE — 2-bedroom house with den. Carpeted. F.H.A. financed. Located in restricted area. A very good buy. Can be seen by appointment only. Cyrus Pee 1-1fc

FOR SALE — Equity in 2-bedroom house. 905 Oak. Phone 93-R. 1-1fc

FOR MONUMENTS CALL TOM COATS 131 MERKEL, TEXAS 16-1f

I HAVE some special prices on some of my shrubbery this week. Also a nice house for rent. Mrs. Tye Sublett, 705 Oak Street. 2-1tc

5,500 CUBIC FT Polar Aire air conditioner. Contact Roy Buchanan at Ford House or 711 Trundy. 2-3tp

● Belts
 ● Button Holes
 ● Custom Sewing —
VERA'S Custom Shop
 1021 N. 2nd

FOR QUICK SALE — One new 4 burner table top gas range. Large oven and broiler. Pilot light for top burners. Regular price \$112.95 only \$75.00. WEST COMPANY 50-1fc

FOR SALE — Good used refrigerators at Palmer Motor Co. 17-1fc

FOR SALE — 5-room house in Merkel. Lot 75x160. See or write Mrs. Wynona Scroggins at 750 Palm, Abilene. 2-2tp

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Your Authorized Dealer For SPARTAN—"M" SYSTEM SPARCRAFT
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MIKE HAMMER MOBILE HOMES

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

\$8,500 WILL BUY this nice country home in Noodle. 10 rooms, 2 baths, 2 fireplaces, new carpets, all conveniences, 2 acres of land, 2 water wells, new brick cellar. Mrs. John Thompson. 48-1fc

FOR SALE — Windmill with cylinder and pipe cheap. Henry Martin. Phone 392-W. 1-2tp

TAKING ORDERS for all kinds planting seed. Can save you money. Red Dickenson, 604 Rose St., Phone 344-R. 1-3tp

FOR SALE — Used linoleum, 2 double windows, 1 French door. See Mary Collins. Call 126 or 247-W. 1-1fc

FOR SALE — Gin house building and seed house building. See E. L. Criswell or Irven Thompson. 1-1fc

CARD OF THANK
 Words cannot adequately express our deep appreciation for the many kind and sympathetic acts that come to us at the time of our recent bereavement.
 The Family of W. A. Phillips

CARD OF THANKS
 We wish to express our deep appreciation for every word and act of kindness shown us in our recent sorrow.
 The Sam Roberts Family
 Mrs. Roy Fuston
 Mrs. Tye Sublett

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Partnership lately subsisting between C. S. HODGES and W. H. SMITH of Abilene, County of Taylor, State of Texas under the name of Midas Muffler Shop was dissolved by mutual consent on the 27th day of February, 1959. All debts owing by said Partnership are to be received by the said C. S. Hodges at 926 Walnut Street, Abilene, Texas and those due from the same at the same address here. The business will be continued by the said C. S. Hodges under the name of Midas Muffler Shop. This the 27th day of February, A.D., 1959.
 C. S. Hodges and W. H. Smith
 By their Attorney in Fact,
 Maurice Brooks 1-2-3-4

The Will To Give

When we see a crippled child we wish it were in our power to work miracles and give the gift of health. Each of us would, if we could, straighten limbs locked in braces, lift bodies from wheelchairs and help guide faltering feet without the aid of crutches. We cannot wave a wand and work our will. We can, however, support a program through which skill and patience yield near-miraculous results. The contributions we give to the annual Easter Seal campaign represent, in a real sense, the share we contribute toward the gift of health for crippled children and adults. The West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene provides free service for the crippled children of West Texas through your contributions to the Easter Seal campaign.

McLeod Has Chance To Rip Every ACC Scoring Record

(Ed. Note—The following was taken from Sunday's Abilene Reporter-News)

Basketballers at Abilene Christian College have a chance at 11 individual scoring records if they play four years.

And rugged Robert McLeod, the big gun for the Wildcats this year, has already tucked away five of those records and has helped push the ACC quintet to its best season in history.

Before McLeod leaves ACC he may well garner all 11 of the scoring records. And he could well be the best basketball man to ever don the Purple and White. Look at this sophomore's record:

(1) Most points for one game by an ACC player, 43, Feb. 16 against the Eastern New Mexico Greyhounds.

(2) Most points for a season as a freshman, 265.

(3) Most points as a sophomore, 449 through 25 games.

(4) Most points one season, 449 through 25 games.

(5) Most points by an ACC player on home court, Bennett Gymnasium, 43.

In addition McLeod has pulled down 346 rebounds this year for a 13.8 game average and a high of 21 in one game, all of which are thought to be all-time highs for an ACC player.

The six other records big Bob has in his sights are: Most points as a junior most points as a senior, best average one season, most points in a four-year ACC career, best average for a four-year ACC career, and most points by an individual playing in Bennett Gymnasium.

Four of these remaining six were impossible for him to reach this year, since he was only a sophomore. The other two — best average for one season, and most points in Bennett Gym—are well within the big forward's abilities. In fact his 43 high points only missed by one point tying the Bennett Gym record of 44 set in 1957 by Bill Reigel of the McDonald Scots, a semi-pro team.

His season average of 18.0 points per game indicates that next year he could reach or surpass the old record of 20.6 set by James (Rooster) Emerson in 1955-56.

Robert McLeod, contrary to the statistics presented, is not the only player on the ACC team this year.

STITH NEWS

Miss Louise Hudson and Hollis Hudson spent several days last week in Levelland with their brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Hudson.

Mrs. A. M. Evans visited her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Dedman of Tye, the past week.

Billy Dunagin made a business trip to Big Lake Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Evans were visitors in the home of their grandmother, Mrs. A. M. Schwarz, of Sweetwater Sunday.

The small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gilmore has been real sick this week with measles and was hospitalized for two days at the Sadler Clinic Hospital.

Jim Burns, Pick Payne and F. J. McDonald attended the funeral of J. T. Chittum at Hawley Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Byrd are parents of a daughter, Cindy Lou, born March 16, in the Merkel hospital. She weighed 8 pounds 6 oz. This is the couple's first child.

The third meeting of the advance sewing work shop was held at the Community Center Wednesday. The workshop is directed by Mrs. Bonneaux and Mrs. Windham. A covered dish luncheon was served at noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley visited the Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Swindell Saturday night.

Roy Keener and mother, Mrs. Keener, of Merkel, Mrs. Bessie Keener and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Fifield & children of Dallas were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Keener Saturday.

Mrs. Fritz Hale and daughter, Sandra and Lola Loflin attended the revival at the Truby Baptist Church Tuesday night.

Several from this community attended the music recital at the home of Mrs. C. B. Gardner of Merkel Sunday afternoon. Pat McDonald and Carolyn Hanson were on the program.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn and children of Odessa attended services at the Baptist Church here Sunday morning.

Mrs. F. S. Hale and Sandra visited Mrs. Ellen Hill, Della Ellison and Ola Chapin Sunday.

There will be a Sunrise Service at the Baptist Church here Sunday morning. Regular services will also be held at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Mrs. Mashburn is home after spending two weeks with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brindly and children.

Mrs. McCuller returned Friday after a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones.



ROBERT McLEOD

year. He has been only one — howbeit an important one — of five good players. This quintet has a season record of 19-6, the best ever for an ACC team. The previous high of 17 wins was reached twice.

Four of the starters have pushed over 300 points — a feat which only six other ACC basketball players have ever done.

McLeod has had these four help-mates most of the season: Buddy Tarver, the team's quarterback and smoothest ball handler (338); Gene Denman, the unruffled clutch player (335); Mike Allen, another smooth ball handler and good team man (337); and Wiley Brown, the tall man and hook-shot artist (177).

But the all-around player this year — and for the next two years it appears — is Robert McLeod.

He came to ACC with an astonishing high school record. He was Texas' leading schoolboy scorer in 1956-57, with 960 points and a 35.6 game average at Class A Merkel High School. He was the only unanimous selection for Class A all-state honors and was named on the high school All-American five.

McLeod also went out for football at ACC, and as a sophomore was named honorable mention end on the Little All-American team, and was put on several other honor teams.

The 6-5, 220-pound McLeod, whose legs are so muscled that he has trouble pulling on his sweat socks, may not be the best ball handler ACC basketball nuts have ever seen. He may not have several other qualities.

But his record book doesn't lie, and when the chips are finally down, the name of Robert McLeod will be synonymous with some of the best hardwood play ACC has ever had.

J. D. Sanduskys Place Second In Top Farmer Award

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sanduskys Jr. of Merkel were runners up in the West Abilene Kiwanis Club top farm family selection for 1958.

First place winners were Mr. and Mrs. Delmon Smith of Lawn. Both couples were honored at a banquet Monday night.

Dr. Gerald W. Thomas, dean of agriculture of Texas Technological College, Lubbock, was chief speaker at the banquet. He told West Abilene Kiwanis members, their wives and other guests that their program "is a step in the right direction."

At the rate young people are leaving the farms and ranches, a serious man power shortage in the agriculture and livestock industry is being created, he said. Mr. and Mrs. Sanduskys Jr. live about three and a half miles southwest of Merkel. They have three children, Shirley, 9, Jerry Don, 7, and Pam, 5.

Mrs. J. A. Scott of Tahoka was a weekend visitor in the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Scott and daughter, Lora.

Mrs. Warren Shaw and children, Sheila, Warren, and Scott, of Abilene were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan, Sunday.

Starr Rest Home

By Mary Outlaw

Sorry we have had no news lately but we have had a lot of colds in the home and one patient very ill and we attended our meeting and getting ready for inspection and a lot of other things happening so we have been real busy and did not have the time.

Sunday afternoon March 15th Rev. Rayburn Blair evangelist holding the revival at the Calvary Baptist Church came to the rest home with Rev. Wayne Davis and conducted the services. Everyone enjoyed the message and especially enjoyed the song he sang for them "The Old Time Religion" done in the old time way and real slow.

The Frank Carrs are still singing each Sunday for the patients. For them we are grateful.

Mr. and Mrs. Tyne Perkins visited his mother, Mae Perkins, last week.

Mr. Joe Bryant of Abilene visited his father, Mr. Bryant Sunday.

Mrs. Iva Edwards of Lubbock visited her mother, Jennie Joplin, recently.

Granny Clark is improving at this writing.

Mrs. Steen went home recently and stayed a week to visit with her son who was visiting here from California.

Mr. Odie Smedley of Rowden visited his father, N. A. Smedley, last week.

Mrs. Elzora Allphin of Baird visited with her father-in-law last week.

We want to thank Mrs. Ann Derington and her Girl Scout Troop for the Girl Scout Cookies they brought the home.

Mrs. Dora Agnew was on the sick list last week but is O.K. at this writing.

We were sorry to lose Mr. Anderson with a heart attack. We extend to his family our sympathy.

We want to thank Mrs. Agnews daughter who lives at Stamford for the big angel food cake she brought the home.

We want to thank the ladies from the Woodman Circle for the nice flowers they sent for the piano. They were beautiful for the church services.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Caldwell of Stephenville visited in our home Friday night. They were our friends 20 years ago. Their children grew up with our children. It is so nice to see old friends again.

Mrs. Carr's daughter and husband and their daughter and her family visited her Sunday and brought her flowers for Easter. It is nice to remember your loved ones with flowers. We are always try to care for them.

Hettie West's sister, Mrs. Clyde Jones, visited her last Sunday.

Miss Bertie Agnew of Anson visited Mrs. Agnew Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown of Sweetwater visited Mrs. Hicks on the weekend.

All the patients have had lots of company lately and we do appreciate it for they get so lonely. We have had lots of out of town visitors which we do not have their names as I said everyone has been terribly busy lately.

Mrs. Pippin burned her arm pretty bad last week. We hope it will soon be well.

We want to thank the boys from the Church of Christ for bringing the services to Margaret Eason each Sunday.

We had a new minister Sunday afternoon. The Rev. Edd Smith of Abilene, who is pastor of the Hebern Church North of town. He brought some of his members and they conducted the services. They brought a good service and everyone enjoyed it. We invite them back again. He came in Rev. Agnew's place, as he was unable to come.

The Inspectors from the Health Unit of Abilene checked our home Friday so we might obtain our license for another year. Every thing passed in flying colors so we will operate another year.

Lillian Floyd and Wiley, my better half, celebrated their birth days last week. They both received nice gifts on their birthdays from the staff.

Mrs. Ray Massey returned to her home in Dallas after a visit with her father, J. R. Ford. She was accompanied home by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Lucy Ford, who will visit in Dallas.

Dr. James H. Chaney
 CHIROPRACTORS
211 OAK
Phone 18
 Merkel, Texas

Charter No. 7481 Reserve District No. 11 REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE Farmers and Merchants National Bank OF MERKEL IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON March 12, 1959 PUBLISHED IN RESPONSE TO CALL MADE BY COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY, UNDER SECTION 5211, U. S. REVISED STATUTES.

ASSETS	
1. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	891,998.51
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	1,029,484.38
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	641,531.80
5. Corporate stocks (including \$6,000.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	6,000.00
6. Loans and discounts (including \$336.69 overdrafts)	1,156,271.79
7. Bank premises owned \$52,991.16, furniture and fixtures \$8,999.87	61,991.03
12. TOTAL ASSETS	\$3,787,277.51

LIABILITIES	
13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	3,358,125.55
15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	33,021.60
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	90,305.91
18. Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	1,292.13
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$3,482,745.19
24. TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,482,745.19

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
25. Capital Stock:	
(c) Common stock, total par	100,000.00
26. Surplus	100,000.00
27. Undivided profits	104,532.32
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	304,532.32
30. TOTAL LIABILITIES and CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	3,787,277.51

MEMORANDA
 31. Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes 135,000.00
 33.(a)(1) Loans to farmers directly guaranteed and redeemable on demand by the Commodity Credit Corporation, and certificates of interest representing ownership thereof 571,940.41
 1. Geo. T. Moore, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief
 GEO. T. MOORE, Cashier,
 CORRECT—Attest
 DONALD W. WARREN, M.D.
 W. S. J. BROWN
 BOOTH WARREN
 Directors

State of Texas, County of Taylor, ss:
 Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of March, 1959, and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank.
 (SEAL) Anna Hewitt, Notary Public
 My commission expires June 1, 1959.

State No. 1398 Reserve District No. 11 REPORT OF CONDITION OF HOME STATE BANK OF TRENT, TEXAS

Report of condition of "Home State Bank" of Trent, Texas at the close of business March 12, 1959, a State banking institution organized and operating under the banking laws of this State and a member of the Federal Reserve System. Published in accordance with a call made by the State Banking Authorities and by the Federal Reserve Bank of this District.

ASSETS	
1. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	274,728.85
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	312,000.00
5. Corporate stocks (including \$3,000.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	3,000.00
6. Loans and discounts (\$1,244.62 overdrafts)	265,317.61
7. Bank premises owned \$5,250.00, furniture and fixtures \$4,980.00	10,230.00
11. Other assets	8,000.00
12. TOTAL ASSETS	873,276.46

LIABILITIES	
13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	702,804.20
15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	18.75
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	40,853.97
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$743,676.92
23. Other liabilities	8,000.00
24. TOTAL LIABILITIES	751,676.92

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
25. Capital*	\$ 25,000.00
26. Surplus	75,000.00
27. Undivided profits	21,599.54
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	121,599.54
30. TOTAL LIABILITIES and CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	873,276.46

*This bank's capital consists of:
 Common stock with total par value of \$25,000.00

I, James V. Ross, Cashier of the above-named bank, hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 James V. Ross,
 CORRECT—ATTEST:
 DIRECTORS
 T. H. WILLIAMSON
 DOW WILLIAMSON
 J. G. WILKS
 STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor, ss:
 Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of March, 1959.
 BETTY HAMNER, Notary Public
 (SEAL) Taylor County, Texas

Easter Seal Funds Help Many; 90 percent Of Proceeds Kept In State

Easter Seals have become vital to many local crippled children centers. Although a national drive, 90% of Easter Seal funds stay in the state they are raised in. The national society for crippled children and adults is a nationwide organization embracing 1,700 Easter Seal affiliates in 49 states, District of Columbia and two territories—Hawaii and Puerto Rico. Founded in 1921, it is the largest voluntary agency serving the physically handicapped. It operates and co-sponsors an extensive network of centers and programs offering direct services to crippled children and adults through treatment and rehabilitation centers, itinerant mobile and home therapy programs, sheltered workshops, equipment loan pools and summer therapy services, resident and day camps, and nursery schools.

Services and facilities operated by Easter Seal societies last year helped 130,567 children and 27,278 adults on their way to rehabilitation. Another 78,821 children and 8,896 adults were aided in facilities, services and projects co-sponsored with other organizations.

Operated by Easter Seal societies last year were:

- 192 treatment centers serving 31,562 crippled children and adults.
 - 11 rehabilitation centers serving 4,031 crippled children and adults.
 - 6 residential or in-patient centers serving 1,811 crippled children and adults.
 - 22 sheltered workshops serving 966 crippled children and adults.
 - 56 residential camps serving 6,413 crippled children and adults.
 - 79 day camps serving 3,159 crippled children and adults.
 - 37 itinerant mobile and home therapy services.
 - 56 summer therapy services.
 - 10 nursery schools.
 - 143 equipment loan pools.
- In addition were the following facilities, services and projects co-sponsored with other organizations:

- 57 treatment centers serving 32,825 crippled children and adults.
 - 7 rehabilitation centers serving 2,940 crippled children and adults.
 - 1 residential center serving 140 crippled children and adults.
 - 4 sheltered workshops serving 411 crippled children and adults.
 - 7 residential camps serving 761 crippled children and adults.
- To this basic list must be added the many services offered by Easter Seal societies which do not fit into the above classifications. Such programs include diagnostic clinics, the purchase of all types of service, transportation programs for crippled children, intensive social services, swim and recreational program, an extensive network of parent education services, scholarship and fellowship programs, employment placement programs, vocation guidance and counseling services, special education, services such as homebound teaching and teaching in hospitals, assistance to public schools and foster home placement service.

THE JACKSON TWINS •••• BY DICK BROOKS



20 YEARS AGO IN MERKEL

Jackie Weldon McAninch was honored last Friday afternoon with a party given by his mother, Mrs. Weldon McAninch, in the home of his grandmother, Mrs. A. J. Canon, celebrating his third birthday.

Mrs. L. L. Swafford of Kansas City Mo., is here for a visit with her mother, Mrs. C. M. Largent Sr., having met the Largent family at Fort Worth and returning home with them Wednesday of last week. Besides Mrs. Largent Sr., Mrs. Willie Jo Largent, Miss Frances Largent, Billie Largent, Mrs. C. M. Largent Jr., and two sons also Tom Largent and Mrs. Lou Farrow were others of the family who attended the Fat Stock Show.

The Noodle team won first place in Class B volley ball at the Jones county interscholastic meet held last Saturday at Anson. Merkel won first in the junior and senior division of the chapter conducting federation contest for FFA chapters held in Abilene Wednesday night. Abilene was second in both. Exhibiting fourteen head of est-

tle at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth, C. M. Largent and Sons' Publican Domino Hersfords won four first prizes, two seconds, five thirds and two fourths.

A Merkel boy, Gerald Derrick, was one of the contenders in steer riding events at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth, making an enviable record of three successful rides and being pitched off only once, out of four tries.

E. O. Carson, worshipful master of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., and J. F. Walker, went to Anson Wednesday afternoon for the laying of the cornerstone of Anson's new postoffice in impressive ceremonies conducted by the grand lodge of Texas.

Exhibiting a blue Percheon stallion belonging to Dr. M. Armstrong, Johnny Cox is spending the week at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth. He also carried down two work mules, a mare and three horses to be sold.

An amateur hour featuring singing, music, dancing and various stunts in keeping with entertainment of this nature will be sponsored by the Trent school on the evening of March 17 at 8 o'clock. Cash prizes will be given to the first three places, and the best five numbers will be broad-

cast over station KRBC the following week.

Twenty Future Farmers of Merkel chapter, accompanied by C. H. Collinsworth, vocational agriculture instructor of the High School, attended the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth on Saturday, March 11. Boys making the trip were Willard Paine, Harrison Warren, Kenneth Neill, Don Warren, Clyde Sears, Mark Malone, Horace Browning, J. D. Sandusky, J. D. Rogers, Edward Farmer, Forrest Glenn Barnett, Jerry Warren, Billy Clyde Haynes, Joe Horton, Booth Higgins, Banning Butman, Roy Coats and Delma Harris with Johnny Warlick as bus driver.

40 YEARS AGO IN MERKEL

Miss Ida Meeks has accepted a position with the Merkel Mail, and began her duties the past week.

William and Allen Eason made talks to the Union Ridge School Thursday afternoon. Allen's was especially interesting as he described his trip over seas.

Merkel is "getting busy" and getting into the game in earnest. At a big banquet held in that city Tuesday night \$1,000 was raised for advertising the advantages offered by the "city of clover." Merkel is one of the best towns in West Texas, and with the oil development that is going on near that place, five tests being put down, and the prospects for good crops, Merkel is going to be back in form in great shape before the good year 1919 has become history. We congratulate the people of Merkel on the progress they are making toward improvement.—Abilene Reporter.

We are glad to record the success of our boys. The past week Will S. Merritt accepted a position with the F. & M. National Bank of Abilene. Will is one boy that is going to the top. He is attentive to business, reliable and accurate. He is to be congratulated upon his success.

Robert Galbraith, the man who discovered the Glenn Pool in Oklahoma, was a visitor here this week. He expressed his opinion as to Merkel having a great field. He said the present drillers could look for a heavy producer. Drilling contracts is the order

of the day. Last week J. S. Swann closed a drilling contract on his ranch. Operations are expected to begin within a short time. This is another feather in the cap of the oil situation here.

The High School Basketball team of Merkel has again carried championship honors for Taylor County. Out of 151 points this team has won 111. They challenge any high school in Central West Texas. Their training is first class. They are Trojans on the field.

Among those in attendance at the Cattle Men's Convention the past week were J. T. Warren, R. L. Bland, John Sears, C. M. Largent, J. S. Swann, J. M. Collins, Jon H. Wheeler, and J. M. Williamson. They report a good time and fine show.

Owen Ellis has received his discharge from service and has returned home. He came in last Tuesday night.

Thos. Johnson of the F. & M. National Bank has just closed a deal with Henry James of Abilene whereby he becomes owner of 180 acres of valuable farm land about 2 miles south of the Sears

well number one now drilling. Dr. Smith, formerly of Weatherford, and his family moved here the past week. They reside in the house adjoining the Presbyterian Church, known as the Hall place.

Wade Completes Recruit Training

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (FHTNC)—Dwain R. Wade, son of Mr. and Mrs. Syceal V. Wade of 200 Orange St., Merkel, completed recruit training Feb. 27 at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif.

The 11-week course included instruction in all basic military subjects and infantry weapons.

Upon completion of training new Marines are assigned to a unit for further infantry training, or to one of the many Marine Corps schools.

Mrs. Dave Johnson and children, Bruce Wayne and Ray, of Vivian, La., are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller.

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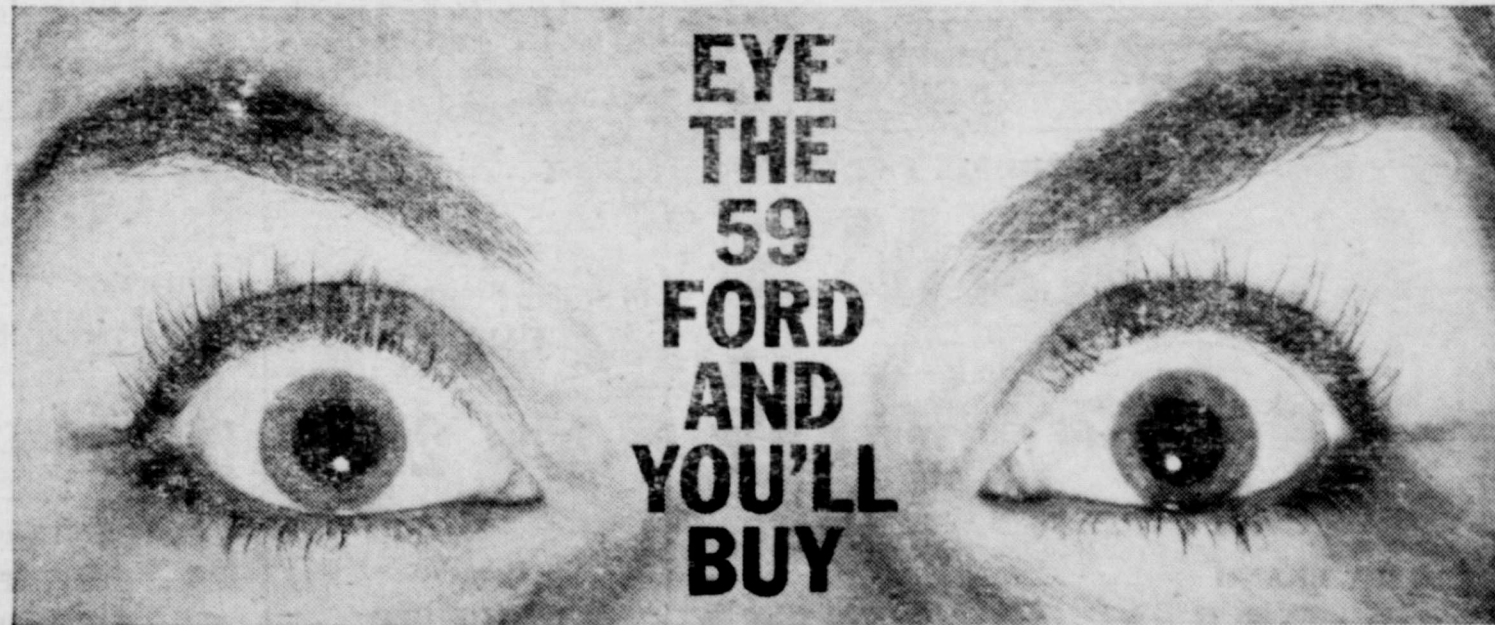
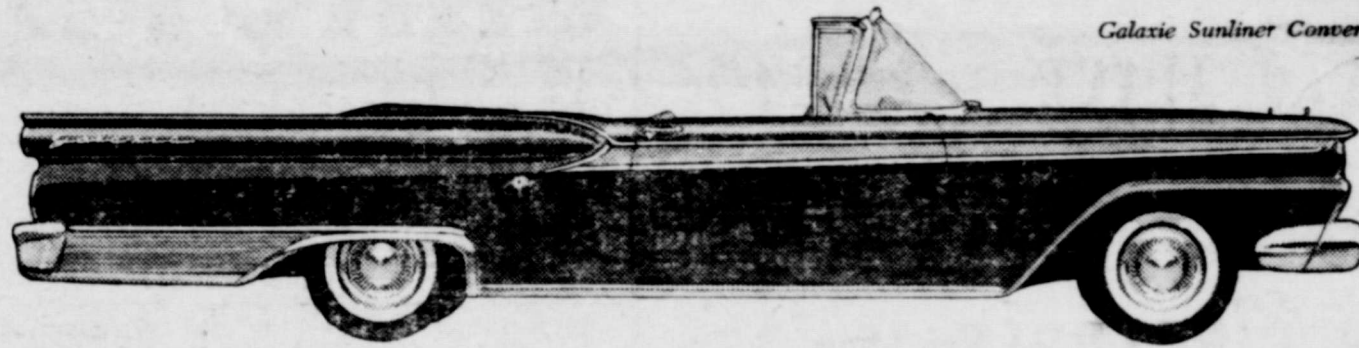


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Convertible or station wagon, there's year-round fun for the family choosing its favorite vacation Ford right now. For here in Texas we're year-round travelers. It's always the right time to visit friends—or take the family on a nice trip. The big demand for these popular models isn't until Spring when families make plans for vacation travel. Today, your Ford Dealer has an excellent selection of wagons—all six in the exciting Ford line. And he has two of the most popular convertibles in America—the Galaxie Sunliner and

the Galaxie Skyliner, the world's only retractable hardtop. A wide selection of color combinations as well as options and accessories are available to complete the Ford of your choice. So see your Ford Dealer now, while he has the car you want and can deliver it without delay. You'll discover, too, that you save more than ever when you make your next wagon or convertible a Ford.

Get ahead of the rush. Start now to enjoy the world's most beautifully proportioned car... the spectacular 59 Ford.

THE WORLD'S MOST BEAUTIFULLY PROPORTIONED CAR
MERKEL MOTORS
MERKEL, TEXAS

FAMOUS BRANDS ROUNDUP SALE

ON OUR 13th. ANNIVERSARY

Del MONTE SPRING SALE

Del Monte 303
FRUIT COCKTAIL - 2 for 49c

Del Monte 2 1/2 Can
PEACHES - - - - 2 for 57c

Del Monte No. 2 Crushed
PINEAPPLE - - - 2 for 49c

Del Monte Cut 303
GREEN BEANS - -2 for 39c

Del Monte 303
Golden CORN - - -2 for 35c

Del Monte 303
Garden PEAS - - -2 for 35c

Del Monte 303
SPINACH - - - -2 for 29c

Del Monte 303
PEARS - - - - 2 for 49c

Del Monte Flat Can
Sliced PINEAPPLE 2 for 35c

EASTER HORMEL HAMS

HORMELS-EASTER
HAMS
1/2 or Whole Lb. **49c**

HORMEL DAIRY BRAND
BACON 2 Lbs. \$1.09 ONE LB. **57c**

HORMEL DAIRY BRAND
FRANKS lb. **53c**

Hormel All Meat
BOLOGNA - - - - - lb. 45c

Complete Line of Canned
EASTER HAMS and PICNICS BONELESS

Choice Heavy Beef
ROUND STEAK - - - - - lb. 93c

CHOICE HEAVY BEEF

T-Bone STEAK - lb. **87c**

CHOICE BEEF

SHORT RIBS - lb. **33c**

FRESH CATHEY'S

FRYERS - lb. **29c**

SPAM Hormel 12-Oz. Can - - - **39c**

COFFEE Maxwell House 2 lb. can **\$1.29**

MORTONS Waffle Syrup 32-Oz. Jar **39c**

HOT ROLLS Gladiola 24-in 2 pkgs. **49c**

CAKE MIX Gladiola Yellow-Devils White-Pound 3 for **69c**

Gladiola
FLOR - 10-lbs. **89c**
25 Lb. Bag - - - - - \$1.79

Swift Jewel
SHORTENING
3 lb. can **59c**

Del Monte
CATSUP
14-oz. Bottle - 2 for **33c**

Domino Brown
SUGAR
2 lbs. **29c**

HORMEL
Vienna SAUSAGE - 5 for **99c**

HORMEL 5 1/2-Oz. Can
Potted Meat - - 5 for **99c**

DINTY MOORE 24-Oz.
Beef STEW - - - - can **43c**

SWIFT
COOKING OIL - - - - qt. **43c**

MORTON'S
POTATO CHIPS - - -pkg. **15c**

Borden's
BISCUITS
2 for **19c**

PLANTER'S
PEANUT BUTTER
18-Oz. JAR **49c**

PLANTER'S
COCKTAIL PEANUTS
7-Oz. Can **33c**

BREEZE
Giant Box - - - - **69c**

LUX
Giant Liquid - - - **63c**

NEW Starlac 3 Gal BOX **93c**


NEW! BOX **37c**

Bonus in Luxury
Look for this exciting value!

25-COUPON
REDEEMABLE IN THIS STORE ON LARGE SIZE PACKAGES **33c**

NEW! For **39c**

YOU ALL COME AND HELP US CELEBRATE OUR ANNIVERSARY.
YES, FOR THE FIRST 300 LADY SHOPPERS WILL RECEIVE A BEAUTIFUL PAIR OF EAR SCREWS. ABSOLUTELY FREE. - FIRST 50 THURS. - FIRST 100 FRIDAY - FIRST 150 SAT. TO REGISTER IN CLOWNS BOOK.
ONE PAIR PER LADY DURING THE 3 Days Please.
YES F-R-E-E EAR SCREWS
NOTHING TO BUY - BE FIRST
SEE THE CLOWNS, TOO!!!

 **ICE CREAM**
BORDEN'S 1/2 GAL.
89c
6 FREE POP or FUDGE WITH EACH 1/2 GAL.

BORDEN'S
COTTAGE CHEESE 12-Oz. Pkg. - - - **19c**

BORDEN'S
Milk 1/2 Gal. **49c**

Garden Fresh VEGETABLES

FRESH CELERY
LB. - **9c**

CALIFORNIA
AVOCADOS - 3 for **25c**

FRESH RADISHES - - cello **5c**


Red Winesap
APPLES - - - - - lb. **15c**

Fresh
SQUASH - - - - - lb. **25c**

Sunkist
LEMONS - - - - - lb. **13c**

BEKO RED
SPUDS - - 10 lbs. **29c**

CARSONS' SUPERMARKET



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