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## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The sale of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is authorized by an act of Congress, and endorsed by the President; and

WHEREAS: The major portion of funds so raised will be used in the local community, the remainder being utilized to help to maintain the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Home for veterans' orphans and widows at Eaton Rapids, Michigan, and to insure the continued highly efficient functioning of this fine organization's national rehabilitation and welfare service; and

WHEREAS: Bringing aid to those who have suffered from war that this nation might live is a most fitting tribute to those who died for us; now, therefore.

I, Earl Hughes, Mayor of the City of Merkel, do hereby authorize and recognize this noble cause as one most worthy of the support of all our citizens, and do here and now proclaim May 30th as BUDDY POPPY DAY in this city, and I call upon all to wear a Buddy Poppy as evidence of our gratitude to the men of this nation who helped America when her need was greatest.

Done at the City Hall of Merkel this 26th day of May, A.D., 1959.

Attest: Flossie McKeever  
City Clerk

Signed: Earl Hughes  
Mayor

## Honor the Dead by Helping the Living



In their Memory . . . . .



WEAR A V. F. W.  
BUDDY POPPY

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

## Banquet Honors Lions' Ladies

The Merkel Lions Club entertained their wives at a banquet in the school cafeteria Tuesday night, May 19.

Carroll Benson, outgoing president, presided. Cal Farley, secretary, gave a report on the past year's accomplishments.

The program included a saxophone quartet and a vocal sextet composed of high school students. Members of the quartet were Bobby Malone, Marie Foster, Penny Gardner and Mary Beth Mewborn, with Don Wilson at the drums. Singing in the sextet were Annette Boney, Linda Joe Neill, Manley Denton, Bitsy West and Jerry McCloud.

Program Chairman Isadore Mellinger introduced the entertainers and conducted games played by members and their wives. Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Pettus and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Reddell of Tuscola.

## Mrs. Rena Brown Dies In Dallas; Rites Held Here

Mrs. Rena Mae Brown, 32, died Sunday morning at 4:45 a.m. at Timberlawn Sanatorium in Dallas. She had been in bad health for several years and her condition had been critical for the last few weeks.

She was a resident of Big Lake and a member of Bethel Baptist Church here.

Funeral was held at 2:30 p.m. Monday at the First Baptist Church in Merkel with her pastor, Roy Massey of Big Lake, officiating.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery with Starbuck Funeral Home in charge.

She was born Rena Mae Dean Jan. 29, 1927 in Taylor County and finished high school at Baird in 1945. She was married to E. R. Brown Jan. 9, 1946.

Survivors include her husband and one daughter, Gale Dean Brown, of the home, her father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Dean of Abilene; one brother, Elbert Dean Jr. of Sterling, Ill.; one stepbrother, Robert E. Hall of Abilene; six sisters, Mrs. Clyde Foster of Abilene, Mrs. John Rister of Levelland, Mrs. J. E. Jaynes of Tucumcari, N. M., Mrs. Buster Hester of Merkel, Mrs. Leroy Riney of Merkel, and Mrs. Quannah Dudley of Merkel; and one stepson, Mrs. E. K. SoRolle of Abilene.

## Seven Down And None To Go For The Price Melton Family

There were many proud parents at the graduation exercises here May 27, but none prouder than Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton whose son, Benny, is a member of the graduating class.

When Benny received his diploma, the Meltons saw the last of their seven children graduate from Merkel High School.

In a letter to this paper, a friend of the Melton family said, "The Meltons may not have been able to give their children much from a financial standpoint, but they made many sacrifices to see that their children received a high school education."

The Meltons are to be congratulated for a "job well done."

## Mrs. Rogers, 76, Longtime Merkel Resident, Dies

Mrs. Mary Pearl Rodgers, 76, died Tuesday at 9 a.m. at her home in Merkel. She had been in failing health about a year.

Funeral was held at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Merkel Methodist Church, with the Rev. J. Alvis Cooley, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery here, under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

She was the widow of J. C. Rodgers, retired farmer who died in 1956.

Mrs. Rodgers was born in Comanche County on Oct. 23, 1882, and was married at Gorman in 1912. She moved to Mississippi, then back to Texas and, later, to Merkel in 1928. Before moving to Merkel, she had lived at Gorman, in Coke County, and at Winters.

She belonged to the Methodist Church here.

Survivors are five sons, Henry of McCamey, Willie of Etta, Miss. Dewey of Hawley, Addie of California, and Hayward of Wichita Falls; four daughters, Mrs. Ralph Ivy of Maysville, Okla., Mrs. Elmer Brown of Edcouch, Mrs. Lonnie Beard and Mrs. J. R. Johnson, both of Merkel; two brothers, Earl Hatley of Elmirage, Ariz., and Aubrey of Peoria, Ariz.; four sisters, Mrs. Annie Belyeu, Central Point, Ore., Miss Fannie Hatley of Merkel, Mrs. Dollie Andrews, Baytown, Mrs. Eva Moorehead, Roswell, N. M., and Miss Cora Hatley of Elmirage, Ariz.; 30 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren.

## Merkel Couples' Grandson Awarded 4-H Scholarship

Lou Burleson, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Burleson of Merkel, is one of two Tuscon, Ariz. 4-H youths to receive scholarship awards from the Standard Oil Company of California.

Burleson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Burleson of Rt. 2, Tuscon. He will graduate from Catalina High School and plans to attend the University of Arizona.

Each scholarship is worth \$300 and may be used by the youths to study at any institution of higher education in the 8 Western states, said Graham P. Wright, state leader 4-H Club Work for the University of Arizona Agricultural Extension Service.

## Manley Dentons Signs Athletic Agreement With Abilene College

Manley Denton, Merkel's Class A All-Area and second team All-State quarterback, signed an athletic agreement last Tuesday afternoon with Abilene Christian College.

Denton scored 101 points in the 1958 season and led Merkel's Badgers to the district title. He was named the most valuable back on the Abilene Reporter-News All-Area team last fall.

"We are extremely happy that Manley has chosen to attend Abilene Christian College," Coach N. L. (Nick) Nicholson says. "He is an outstanding boy and will help solve our depth problem at quarterback."

The 6-2, 10 pounder was a four sport letterman.

In basketball he earned All-Area honors two seasons as a forward. As a junior he scored 129 points and in his senior season sank 325.

Denton also participated in track running on the Badger relay teams. In baseball he was named to the all-district nine.

He is the son of Mrs. Eva Faye Denton of Merkel.

## Season Swimming Tickets On Sale

Season tickets for the Merkel Swimming Pool are on sale this week at Merkel Drug or the Chamber of Commerce office, Mrs. Mary Hargrove, manager, said.

Children through 12 years of age may purchase tickets for the entire season for \$7.50. Price for adults is \$15. Regular admission price is 25 and 50 cents.

Mrs. Hargrove said they hope to have the pool open by this week-end.

## Carol Ann Winter Gets BS Degree

Carol Corder Winter, Abilene Christian College senior from Merkel, received her Bachelor of Science degree May 25 in ACC commencement exercises.

A 1954 graduate of Noodle High School, Mrs. Winter is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Corder of Route 1, Merkel.

She received her degree in secondary education with a minor in English.

## Scott To Graduate From Texas Tech

Samuel Payton Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Scott, Rt. 4, Merkel, is a candidate for a Bachelor of Science degree from the School of Agriculture at Texas Tech.

Commencement exercises will be held June 1 at which time more than 800 will be graduated as Tech's Class of 1959.

## First Wheat Load Here May 19

H. W. McKee, Merkel farmer, brought in the season's first load of wheat here Tuesday afternoon, May 1, according to Jack South, manager of Patterson Grain.

The Early Triumph wheat tested at 61 lbs. per bushel and brought \$1.75, South said.

McKee's crop shows an indicated yield of approximately 10 bushels per acre.

## Trent Band Has Annual Concert

The annual spring concert of the Trent High School Band, under the direction of Eris Ritchie, was held Tuesday, May 12.

New officers for the band, chosen at tryouts and the day before, were announced at the concert. C. Graham is drum major & leader for the 1959-60 school year; Liz Dorn, band captain and assistant drum major; Lorraine Bright, Barbara Canady and Judy Claborn, majorettes, with Miss Claborn named head majorette; Sue Payne, Sarah Payne and Syra Swinney, cheer leaders. Miss Swinney is head cheerleader.

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

Vacation Bible School for Pioneer Methodist Church will be held June 1 thru 7. Sessions will be held daily from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration Club will meet in the home of Mrs. Joe Seymore at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 9, instead of June 2 as was previously announced.

The Taylor Electric Refrigeration Locker Plant will be closed Saturday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day.

The Taylor Jones County 5th Sunday singing will be held at Hodges Sunday, May 31, from 2 to 4 p.m., according to Joe Nalley, president.

## Hospital Patients

The following persons were admitted to the Sadler Clinic-Hospital during the week ending May 25:

Mrs. R. C. Witt  
T. H. Hudson  
Mrs. P. H. Reusch  
Mrs. B. O'Rear  
Mrs. Sam Swann  
Tom Spears  
Mrs. Sue Kenedy  
Miss Peggy Watson  
Mrs. Billy Ray Nail  
R. N. Pentecost  
Don Dickerson  
Dena Dickerson  
T. L. Holloway  
Lonnie Thompson  
Mrs. A. T. Oliver  
Mrs. Cora Gamble  
J. I. Ford  
Mrs. Eunice McWhirt  
Mrs. David Polley  
Mrs. R. G. Flannagin  
Mrs. Buster Molder  
Kenneth Scott  
Lenora Beaver  
L. A. Arnold  
U. L. Blackburn  
Mrs. Jack Benningfield  
Mrs. W. B. Butman  
T. C. Satterwhite  
Mrs. F. F. Johnson  
C. W. Edwards  
Randy and Elaine Tucker  
Miss Kay Lawlis  
Mrs. L. R. Brazzil  
Geo West  
Frazee Demere  
Edwin Renfro

The following patients were dismissed from the Sadler Clinic-Hospital during the week ending May 25:

T. L. Holloway  
Lonnie Thompson  
Mrs. A. T. Oliver and daughter  
Mrs. Cora Gamble  
J. I. Ford  
Mrs. Eunice McWhirt  
Mrs. David Polley and daughter  
Mrs. R. G. Flannagin  
Mrs. Buster Molder  
Kenneth Scott  
Lenora Beaver and son  
L. A. Arnold  
U. L. Blackburn  
Mrs. Jack Benningfield  
Mrs. W. B. Butman  
T. C. Satterwhite  
Mrs. F. F. Johnson  
C. W. Edwards  
Randy and Elaine Tucker  
Miss Kay Lawlis  
Mrs. L. R. Brazzil  
Mr. Geo West  
Frazee Demere  
Edwin Renfro

## Surveying Starts Here For Low-Rent Housing Project

Surveying for Merkel's Public Housing project is underway here this week, according to Mrs. Mary Hargrove, executive director of the local Housing Authority.

The first payment on the annual contribution loan has also been received recently, Mrs. Hargrove said. Total amount received from the Public Housing Authority was \$9,715.55. After deducting the first premium note actual cash received was \$4,400.

The 24 low-rent housing units for Merkel will be of masonry and brick veneer construction with average cost per unit \$16,500.

The federal government will make an annual contribution to the housing authority to permit rents to be held to a level which low income families can afford. Overall cost of the project is estimated at \$302,991, the PHA said.

The dwelling units will be located in the northeast section of Merkel in an area 290x140 feet bounded on the east by Lamar Street, on the south by 6th street and all of block A-374 feet x 300 feet bounded on the west by Lamar on the east by Taylor and south by 6th street.

## Bill Horton Is Candidate For BA Degree

Bill Horton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Horton of Route 3, Merkel, is a candidate for the bachelor of Arts degree at Hardin-Simmons University. Baccalaureate will be held Sunday, May 31, and commencement will be held Monday, June 1, both at the First Baptist Church of Abilene.

Approximately 167 H-SU students are degree candidates this spring.

Dr. Arthur E. Travis, H-SU graduate and pastor of Gambell Street Baptist Church in Fort Worth, will be the speaker for the baccalaureate services at 10:55 a.m. Sunday.

Speaker for commencement exercises at 10 a.m. Monday will be Dr. James L. Sullivan, former pastor of First Baptist Church and now executive secretary-treasurer of the Sunday School Convention of the Southern Baptist Convention.

## Merkel Graduate Now In Germany

3D ARMORED DIV. Germany — Army Specialist Four Jeff E. Chancey, 25, whose wife, Gene, lives at 9410 Beals Dr., El Paso, Tex., recently arrived in Germany and is now a member of the 3d Armored Division.

Specialist Chancey, a supply clerk in Headquarters Company of the division's 33d Armor, is a 1951 graduate of Merkel High School. Chancey attended Abilene Christian College. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff A. Chancey, live at 318 Fannin St., Abilene.

## Merkel Musicians Plays For Russein

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. — Army P.F.C. James Simpson, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Simpson, 412 Locust St. Merkel, is a member of the 101st Airborne Division Band which greeted King Hussein of Jordan with a rendition of his country's national anthem.

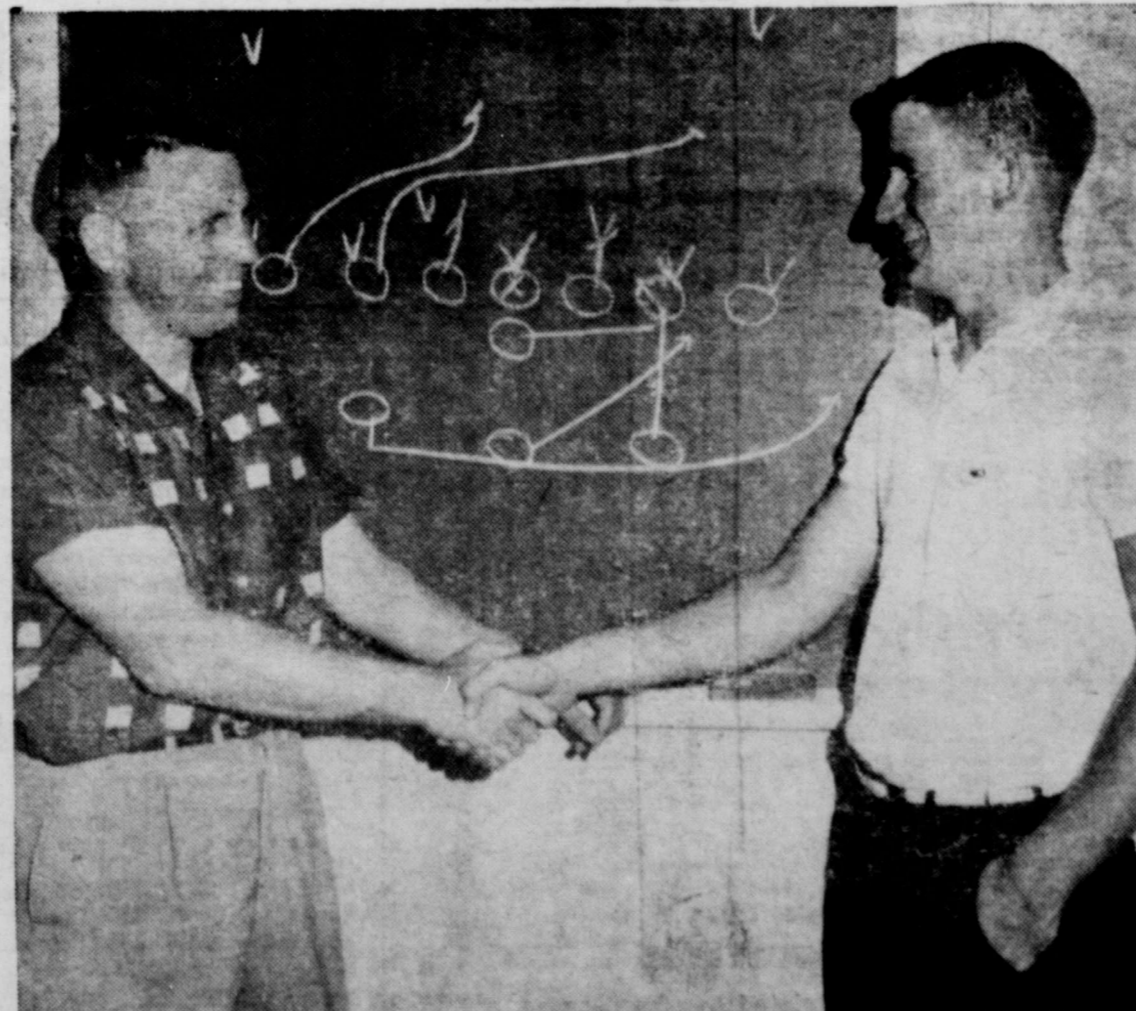
The 21-year-old soldier entered the Army in March 1958 and completed basic training at Fort Carson, Colo. He was graduated from Merkel High School in 1956 and attended Texas A&M College.

## Ex-Merkelites' Kin Dies

Mrs. J. B. Jones, former Merkel resident, received word of the death of her brother, L. A. Wood of Tampa, Fla. He was buried Thursday, May 21, in Carrollton, Ga.

Mr. Wood's death leaves Mrs. Jones the only survivor of 17 children of the Woods family. She is a patient at the Sunny Dale Nursing Home in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Scott of Tahoka were weekend guests in the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Scott and daughter, Lora.



DENTON JOINS WILDCATS—Abilene Christian football mentor Nick Nicholson beams as he grasps the hand of Merkel's highly touted football star Manley Denton. Coach Nicholson signed the 190-pound back to a letter of intent Tuesday. Denton was a four sport letterman at Merkel and an All-Area football selection of The Abilene Reporter-News last fall.



Dear Friend:

This Nation is ignoring a powerful weapon of peace in answering the daily challenges of the Cold War.

In dealing with the Soviets and their satellites, our new Secretary of State—Christian Herter—can point to deeds rather than words. He can speak as a man who serves a country that has demonstrated its desire to live in peace with its neighbors—both to the North and to the South.

Billions of dollars, as you know, are being spent on defense. But not one dollar need be spent to defend this Nation from aggression by a neighbor. Unhappily, this isn't true for the rest of the nations of the world.

Here, in this hemisphere, we learned long ago that the foundation of the future lies in building stout bridges of friendship rather than tall walls of discord.

The results are there. The story is being told day-by-day in the news.

To the North is Canada. Separating this Nation and that great Dominion are 3,987 miles of open border. Buttressed against more than 2,000 miles of border to the South is a second good neighbor, the Republic of Mexico. And no

where on either border, does gun face gun or missile point toward missile.

Instead, deep in the interior of Mexico, a team of experts representing both the United States and Mexico is now making a survey aimed at combatting that costly livestock pest, the screw worm fly.

Agreement is being negotiated for constructing Diablo Dam, an international structure that would span the Rio Grande above Del Rio.

These are but two of many projects, and a similar story of co-operation is being written to the North with Canada.

A living document of these great nations willingly working together underlies the record.

Lets' invite men everywhere to lift their eye from the sunset, to look at what can be done in a free world where three nations can live in neighborly peace and Godly love. Let's give these people the hope that they can live as we have done.

Unless you're a financial expert, the President's proposed \$77 billion budget doesn't mean much in terms of everyday living in Texas. We know it represents

WAKE UP!



a lot of money—and taxes—and that's about all.

The Bureau of the Budget has blueprinted how the Administration plans to spend this \$77 billion—which someone has figured averages about \$1,900 for every family in America. If we take \$10 of your tax money, here is how the Bureau of the Budget wants to spend it:

- For defense, including military aid to our allies, \$5.95.
  - Interest payment on the public debt, \$1.05.
  - Agriculture, including price supports, 78 cents.
  - Veteran's service and benefits, 66 cents.
  - Public Welfare, 54 cents.
  - Such items as housing and transportation subsidies, 29 cents.
  - International spending including economic aid to foreign countries, 28 cents.
  - Conservation and development of natural resources, 22 cents.
  - Expenses of the government, 22 cents.
  - Contingencies rate one penny.
- To help finance this spending, the Administration has proposed several tax increases. This includes raising the Federal tax on gasoline used in your automobile from 3 cents to 4½ cents a gallon. I think this would be bad, and I do not expect Congress to pass it.
- But the Senate will determine what it will do with these Administration requests after it gets all the facts. And that will be done at Committee hearings where witnesses will be called, figures studied—and the facts put on the public record where they are open to all.



Particularly in these times of widespread unemployment, the program for distributing surplus food to needy persons has quite often meant the difference between life and death.

However, I feel that this program, which is now merely a side-light of the Agriculture Department, can be improved. For example, more attention should be paid to providing a balanced diet. For this reason, I am joining in sponsoring a bill to improve the program for distributing surplus food.

This proposed new law would place the responsibility of administering the program on the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, which has good contacts with welfare agencies in the local areas.

Under this new plan, the bulk of the food distributed would still come from government stocks. However, more emphasis would be put on providing a balanced diet. To help provide this, \$150 million would be authorized for other purchases.

Certain standards would be set by state and local governments. And financial assistance would be given to communities for distributing the food locally and, where necessary, storing it.

The Department of Agriculture's responsibilities for price support and the acquiring of commodities would not be taken away by the bill.

The surplus food program has been a fine thing for this country in that it has helped people who needed extra food to live. However, I believe this proposed new bill will enable the program to be run more efficiently and will provide a better balanced diet for persons in need.

Fish Fry Honors Trent Seniors

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mayberry honored the Trent seniors with a fish fry Wednesday night, May 6, at their ranch north of Trent.

Mrs. Ruth Higgins, class sponsor, and Mrs. Marvin Freeman assisted the hosts.

Those present were Linda Wilks, Joy Ponder, Janie Robertson, Peggy Mayberry, Sandra Freeman, Tellie McWilliams, Karen Hood, Rosemary Jones, Wanda Denton, Branda Williams, Leslie Byron, Manuel Acuna, Gerald Grantham, Brent Utley, Edward Halford, Jerry Williams and David Clayborn.

The senior girls had a slumber party at Snadra Freeman's home after the fish fry.

Livestock Survey To Start Here

Postmaster Wren Durham announced today that Rural Mail Carriers will begin distributing June 1, 1959 Livestock Survey Cards to patrons on their routes about May 21.

This mid-year livestock survey is the first of three which your Post Office and U. S. Agriculture Departments cooperatively make each year. The June 1 survey provides basic information to the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service in Austin for estimating the 1959 calf crop; what the spring pig crop actually numbered and a preview of far-

rowing intentions for the fall season.

Also, poultrymen will get information on number of chickens raised during the spring. Those chickens will be the coming fall and winter's laying flock.

To be sure our community is well represented in this survey, Postmaster Durham urges each patron receiving a card to fill it out and return to his mail box.

Rural mail carriers working on this project are Horner Tye, Rt. One, Joe Nalley, Rt. Two, Frank Simpson, Route Three, and Stanley King, Route Four.

Mr. and Mrs. Carvel Clark and children and Dewel Burden spent Sunday with B. F. Clark, who is stationed at Fort Hood, Texas.

Two Are Hosts For TEL Class

Mrs. Austin Robertson, assisted by Mrs. Houston Robertson, entertained members of the T.E.L. class of the First Baptist church in her home Wednesday, May 13.

Mrs. Lucy Ford opened the meeting with prayer.

Mrs. Jennings Winter presided for the business session.

Refreshment of ice cream, cake and drinks were served to Misses Irene Pomroy, Clay Satterwhite, Jennings Winter, John Mansfield, A. R. Booth, Ira Moore, E. H. Thompson, Lucy Ford, Myrtle Walker, Oda Mae Mansfield, and Miss Selena Teaff, and Mrs. Alta Ingram, a visitor.

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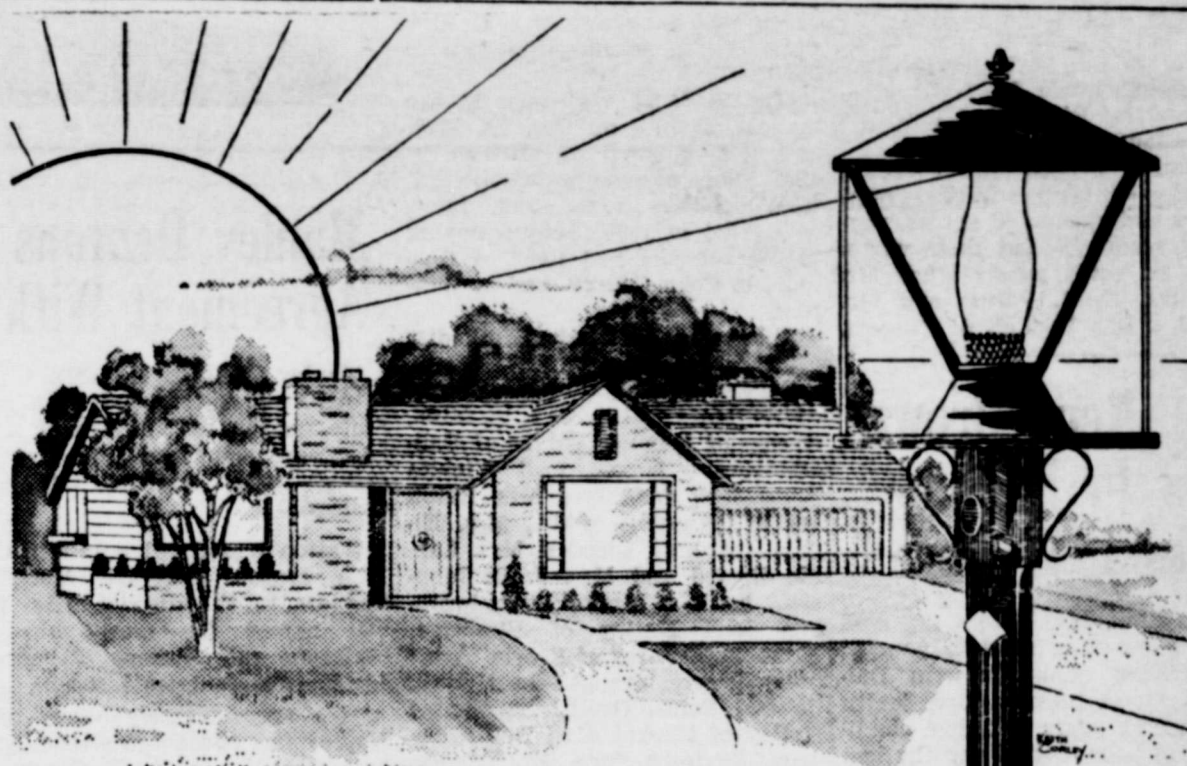


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### 40 YEARS AGO IN MERKEL

Misses Ada and Sadie Woodrum purchased the building they have been occupying for years as a hotel from J. C. Mason. They intend to remain permanently in the hotel business and they hope at no distant date to do considerable remodeling and possibly build extensive additions. These enterprising young ladies are to be congratulated upon their enterprise.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson have just completed extensive improvements to their beautiful suburban home just north of town and moved out the past week.

Miss L. evie Tittle has accepted a position with the Merkel Dry Goods Company.

It was almost a shame the way Merkel High School team put it over the Sweetwater High School team in a game of baseball last Saturday afternoon. The score was 18 to 1 in favor of Merkel.

A full School Board has been elected. The new members are H. C. West, Asa Sheppard, and R. L. Bland. R. O. Anderson, W. O. Boney, J. T. Toombs and W. D. Hutcheson complete the board.

At a meeting a few evenings ago R. J. Miller was elected as teacher of the Seventh Grade.

The teachers of the first, second and third grades, Misses Burns, Yates and Dry entertained their pupils with a picnic last Thursday afternoon.

J. C. Barger and brother of Ranger recently came to Merkel to look over the situation. As a result they purchased a residence on the main business street just across the street from Mr. Dennis' home through the Merkel Realty Company.

The children of Salt Branch School gave their teacher, Miss Wilma Garrett, a most happy surprise on her birthday last Thursday, in the form of a flower shower. Her table was completely covered with flowers of all kinds. Miss Garrett very much appreciated this remembrance of her birthday.

The Union Ridge School, which

was taught by Misses Dota Garoutte and Florence Hall closed a most successful term the past week. A patriotic exercise was rendered by the children, which was much enjoyed by all present.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Howard entertained a number of their friends with a forty-two party at their home the past week. Refreshments were served and all report a most delightful time.

Austin Fitts of Abilene visited friends in Merkel Tuesday. It is alleged he made the trip in the "Baby Tank."

We have a sample of fine oats on display at the Mail office. The oats were cut on the farm of Homer Patterson, north of town. They measured fully four feet high, some of the heads being 12 to 16 inches in length. Mr. Patterson claims that he has a field that is nearly as good a s the sample and that it is possible for the yield to reach fabulous proportions.

The Stith School, with Mrs. Len Sublett, principal, and Miss Tennie Brown, assistant has just closed a most successful year. The pupils rendered an excellent program on May 7th, which was well attended in spite of the weather.

Ennis Grimes has accepted a position in his father's Drug Store, his old post, after twenty one months service for Uncle Sam. Lewis Swann, who has been employed in this drug store since his return from service, has resigned to accept a position with Compton Drug Store in Abilene.

Miss Irene Swann is expected home Saturday night from Roswell, where she has been teaching art the past session.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Holloway came in Saturday from Colton, Calif., and will make Merkel their home.

John Dudley has received his discharge from the service and returned home. He saw service in France.

Miss Zoe West left Thursday for a visit to Miss Myrtice Saffel at Plainview.

Members of the Anson Twirling Corps were guest performers at the spring twirling performance at the YMCA in Abilene May 1.



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OUR VALUE—303 Can

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DEL-MONTE

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2 for - - 49¢

DEL-MONTE — 303 Can

SPINACH - - - 2 for 29c

DEL-MONTE — 303 SIZE

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## Home Demonstration Notes

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent



The rains have made things in the garden grow by leaps, but as the plants grow so do the insects. The other day I noticed squash bugs so I had to get out the 20% Sabadilla dust and get after them before they got the squash. If you do not have L-255 Texas Guide for Controlling Insects on Vegetable Crops you should get a copy from my office.

Our beans will be ready to start gathering next week. We will freeze all of our extra ones, but I know many people will need to can the extra.

The latest method for canning vegetables is a one-step cold-pack method, according to extension foods and nutrition specialists.

Directions are simple. As an example, take snap beans. Begin by washing all pint or quart jars in hot soapy water and rinse well. It is not necessary to sterilize jars since the pressure canner must be used in canning all non-acid vegetables.

Use only fresh, young, tender beans. The bean should just be beginning to form in the pod. Wash thoroughly, trim ends and cut into 1-inch pieces.

Thus far there is nothing different from the old method of canning snap beans. Now you will note that the fill is different.

Pack raw beans tightly into clean jars to 1/2 inch of top. Cover with boiling water, again leaving 1/2 inch space at the top of the jar. Add 1/2 teaspoon salt to pints and 1 teaspoon to quarts.

Close jars with two-piece lid and place in pressure canner. Exhaust canner for 10 minutes, close petcock and process at 10 pounds pressure — pint jars 20 minutes, quart jars 25 minutes. Remove canner from heat, let pressure return to zero and remove the jars.

This new one-step method can also be used for canning fresh lima beans, carrots, cream style corn, whole kernel corn, black-eye peas and green squash.

For further information you may also wish to ask for a copy of B-194, "Home Canning—Fruits and Vegetables." These are available in my office.

## NOODLE NEWS

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. McCain were W. Roundtree and daughter, Mrs. V. Eller, of Mineral Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davis and son of Los Angeles, Calif. Mr. Davis is a nephew of Mrs. McCain.

Recent visitors in the home of Mrs. Callie Williams were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stanley and daughter of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Williams and two children of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Williams and two daughters of Noodle.

Dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Clement and sons of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. D. Wood, son and daughter of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. Ted McAninch and children of Merkel and Mrs. George Cooper.

Mr. and Mrs. Brawley of Anson visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Blue McCoy Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nath Maxwell had as guests Sunday, May 10, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Maxwell Donnie and Terry of Aspermont and Mr. and Mrs. Billie Maxwell and Marilyn of Noodle.

Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Sloan and Billie were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bails and Mrs. Harold Noodle and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sloan and son of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Cox spent the weekend in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bullock, of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tarpley and children are visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Callaway.

Mr. and Mrs. Vess Justice visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Spurgin, of Merkel Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay McDaniel, who made their home here in the house owned by Mrs. Zenobia Lucas, moved to their home in Abilene Saturday following the close of the school here.

Mrs. Zenobia Lucas, who lives in Abilene, spent Saturday night and Sunday at her home here. Visitors in her home during the weekend were her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Warren and children of Fort Worth, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Marshall of Merkel, two sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Davis of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Newell Lucas and children and Mrs. D. L. Bowen and daughter, Malinda, all of Merkel.

Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Callaway were Mr. and Mrs. James Henderson and Harvey of Cisco, Keith Dapley of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Daris Melton of Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Clement and children of Snyder and Mrs. Andrew Wheeler and Andy of Trent.

**\*Marinated Green Beans**  
Drain canned or cooked green beans, drizzle with a tart French dressing and chill thoroughly. At serving time, arrange on crisp shredded lettuce, and garnish with wedges of tomatoes or thin radish slices.

Sybie has been telling me about the clothing workshops the 4-H girls are going to have this summer. I know every 4-H girl will want to take advantage of these workshops. The schedule is as follows:

Hamby—Pre-planning meeting May 29 4:00 p.m. Workshop 9:00-11:30 June 1, 2, 3, and 5

Trent — Pre-planning meeting June 12 2:00 p.m. Workshop 9:00-11:30 June 16, 17, 18, and 19

Tye — Pre-planning meeting June 17 2:00 p.m. Workshop 9:00-11:30 June 23, 24, 25, and 26

Merkel — Pre-planning meeting June 25 2:00 p.m. Workshop 9:00-11:30 June 30, July 1, 2, and 3

Lincoln Jr. High School home-making department, Abilene, Texas. Pre-planning meeting July 6 2:00 p.m. Workshop 9:00-11:30 July 7, 8, 9, and 10

Jim Ned — Pre-planning meeting July 9 2:00 p.m. Workshop 9:00-11:30 July 15, 16, and 17.

## GA's Of Noodle Baptist Church Mark Focus Week

The Girl's Auxiliary of the Noodle Baptist Church honored their mothers, members of the Women's Missionary Union and other guests at a banquet in the high school home-making department May 16.

The banquet was one of several programs held to observe G. A. Focus Week, May 10 through May 16.

A presentation evening was held on Wednesday evening with Nancy Washburn bringing the devotional. Caroline Cox brought special music with Noel Crenshaw, Hardin-Simmons student, accompanying at the piano. Maiden awards were presented by Mrs. Macky Spurgin to the following girls: Diana Carter, Ann Prescott, Dana Barbee, Mary Fellers, Charlotte Alexander and Karen Carter, intermediates; and Caron Sullivan, Janice Hill, Elaine Prescott, juniors.

Diana Carter and Ann Prescott were presented awards for Lady in Waiting Steps. The service closed with Bro. John Hamilton leading in prayer. Wilma Cox assisted Mrs. Spurgin, who was in charge of the program, by handing programs to those present.

"Spring Symphony" was the theme of the banquet when Mrs. Mrs. J. L. Anthony, Abilene, was guest speaker. Invocation was by Mrs. Hubert Sullivan and Diana Carter welcomed guests. Caron Carter gave a reading on "What Would He Say," and the benediction was given by Mrs. John Hamilton.

Girls and their mothers present were: Mrs. Tip Carter and Diana, Mrs. Weldon Barbee and Dana, Mrs. R. D. Ely, Charlotte Alexander, Mrs. Alec Carter and Caron, Ann Prescott, Nancy Washburn, Mrs. Jim Washburn, Janice Hill, Mrs. A. D. Hill, Elaine Prescott, Karan Sullivan and Mrs. Hubert Sullivan.

W.M.U. members present were Mmes. Henry Ueckert, John Hamilton, Lawrence Olive, Bill Maxwell, Don Neal, Ernest Spurgin, Troy Dickinson, Waldo Cox, Hollis Irvin. Other guests were Mrs. J. L. Anthony, Abilene, Mrs. Wheeler, Big Spring, and Josie Taylor, Parnell, Okla., mother of Mrs. Hubert Sullivan.

Mrs. Sullivan and Mrs. Spurgin, G. A. counselors, were in charge of the banquet.

## F. Y. Gaithers Visit Daughters

Mr. and Mrs. F. Y. Gaither have returned to their home here after visiting with their daughters, Mr. and Mrs. James Garner of Austin and Mr. and Mrs. E. D. McGhee and children of Lake Charles, La.

Mrs. Garner accompanied her parents to Louisiana. Mr. Garner, who is in the Executive Department of Defense and Disaster Relief, was in Washington, D. C., representing the state of Texas at a meeting.

Mrs. W. A. McCandless of Merkel accompanied the Gaithers to Austin for a visit with her brother and a niece.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Veteto and mother, Mrs. Lou Heath, all of Abilene were Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stockbridge and Mrs. Nannie Glenn.

## Mrs. Molder Ends Visit With Kin

Mrs. Buster Molder of Littlefield who spent the past ten days here visiting her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Patton and children, and sister, Mrs. Wynona Scogins, and attending graduation exercises, left for Odessa accompanied by her nieces, Ava Jean and Anna Beth Patton.

She will visit in the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Miller Patton, and attend graduation exercises for her niece, Linda Patton.

Since leaving home Mrs. Molder also attended the wedding of her nephew, Bobby Burleson of Coleman.

Four days of her Merkel visit were spent in the Sadler Clinic-Hospital where she underwent leg surgery.

## Starr Rest Home

By MARY OUTLAW

Our patients are all feeling fair at this writing.

Miss Birdie Agnew of Anson visited her mother, Dora Agnew, on the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell, and daughter of Noodle visited Mr. Turner Sat.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Price and Wiley Smedley of Rowden visited their father, N. A. Smedley, Mon. We want to thank Mrs. Price for the big box of rags she brought the home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Carol of Hamlin visited her father, Mr. Turner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Agnew and family of Kress, visited his mother Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tyne Perkins of Abilene visited his mother, Mae Perkins, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Fowler of Stamford visited Frankie Fowler Sunday.

We want to thank Mrs. Earthman for playing the piano for the patients Sunday.

Thanks to Mrs. Dan Reidenbach for the fresh country eggs she brought the Rest Home Tuesday.

Rev. Wayne Davis filled his appointment at 3 o'clock Sunday at the Rest Home. Freda Henager played the piano and a large number from the church came to help service. Everyone reported a good service.

Thank you good people who are bringing and sending flowers for the patients at the Rest Home. They are certainly appreciated.

We had a fish fry for the old folks Monday night. They certainly enjoyed them.

J. W. Cole of Jackson, Miss., has returned home after visiting with us and his two aunts, Pearl Wiggins and Jennie Joplin. He says it showers nearly every day down there. He says it is nice down there but likes West Texas best. His health has improved so much that he will soon be back as soon as Louise his wife completes her course in Surgery there.

Tracy Miller visited his mother, Stella Miller, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Burks of Trent visited Isom Burks on the weekend.

Mrs. B. T. Brown of Trent visited her mother, Sarah Carr, Monday.

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## Mark 35th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gibson celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary Sunday, May 24. Helping them celebrate were their daughter and husband, Lou Nelda and Bob Jones of Lubbock who presented the anniversary couple with a bouquet of pink glads and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ferguson of Eula.

## FORMER MERKEL ILL

Mrs. Marvin Smith, formerly of Merkel, is reported to be ill in Hendricks Hospital, Abilene. Mrs. Smith, who has been making her home with her two daughters, Mrs. Ola Rice and Mrs. Emory Jones in Abilene since the death of her husband, was admitted to the hospital May 15.

## PERSONALS

R. B. Horton of Abilene was a guest in the home of his mother, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason Monday.

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Smith were Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Smith of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hale and Linda of Roby, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Smith, Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Freeman and Sandra and Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Heiks and children, all of Trent and Elton Freeman of Abilene.

Allen D. King Jr. of Salt Lake City, Utah flew to Lubbock the past week where he was joined by Bob Dunn, classmate and fraternity brother at Texas Tech, and the two spent a week with Allen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. King Sr., Merkel, Rt. 4.

Mrs. Edna Horton and grandson, Larry Toliver, were weekend visitors in the home of Mrs. Horton's daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nutt and children of Marlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Anny Glenn of Big Spring visited Sunday with their sister and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stockbridge and Mrs. Nannie Glenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Armour and daughters, Gloria and Barbara, of San Antonio and Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Pomroy and children of Lamesa were recent guests of their mother, Mrs. Irene Pomroy.

The Rev. and Mrs. Lindell O. Harris and children, David and Linda, of Abilene were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Orr of Monahan are spending the week in the home of Miss Sallie Orr.

Mrs. W. E. Watkins and son, Joe Watkins, of Knox City and Mrs. Holt Mosley of Melrose, N. M., and Homer Tye of Merkel were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Vaughn Tuesday of the past week. Mrs. Watkins, aunt of Mrs. Vaughn, celebrated her 92nd birthday Wednesday, May 13.

Mrs. P. F. Harris has returned to her home here after an extended visit with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Howell White of Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy D. Doan and children of Sweetwater Lake visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan, Monday.

Mrs. Cordelia Sherer was a dinner guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason Sunday.

Mrs. Whitl Farmer accompanied by her daughter-in-law Mrs. Billy Don Farmer, both of Ira visited recently in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hamp Campbell, and sister, Mr.

and Mrs. V. L. Doan and son, Ronny.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Boden visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Opal Shaffer, Alvin Wichita Falls the past week.

Mrs. Darrell Lee Farmer underwent major surgery in Harris Memorial Hospital, Fort Worth Friday. Visiting her from Merkel her pastor, the Rev. Wayne Davis, Farmer and daughter, Blanche Hewitt, Mrs. Clyde Bunch and her pastor, the Rev. Wayne Davis.

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Mrs. Maggie Wilson and family Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Massey and family

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Massey

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the many friends and neighbors for the beautiful floral offerings, the food and the many expressions of love and sympathy, during our great loss. May God bless each of you.

Elden Brown and Gale The Frank Brown Family The Elbert Dean Family

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
To all persons having claims against George W. Dyches, now deceased, or his estate:

I, R. W. North, was appointed on May 6, 1959 administrator of the estate of said George W. Dyches, deceased, by Reed Ingalsbe, Judge of the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, and letters testamentary were issued thereon to me May 25, 1959, and all persons having such claims are hereby notified to present the same to me as such administrator within the time prescribed by law; my residence is at 226 Orange Street in Abilene, Texas, and my postoffice address is Box 2081, Abilene, Texas.

R. W. North Administrator of said Estate. 11-1tc

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To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas—  
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You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a news-

paper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy:

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS**  
TO: William Harold Clark, 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 13th day of July A.D. 1959, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 15th day of May A. D. 1959, in this cause, numbered 23,911-A on the docket of said court and styled Laurine Clark, Plaintiff, vs. William Harold Clark, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: plaintiff and defendant were married in 1947 and became sep-

arated September 1949; Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment.

Plaintiff alleges that there is no community property to be adjudicated, but there is one child, Plaintiff sues for custody of this child 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 unissued.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and make 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 25th day of May A.D. 1959.

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

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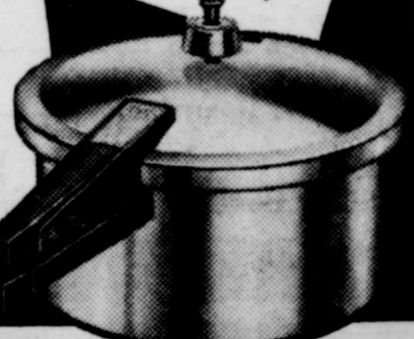
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DEAR MISTER EDITOR:  
I was reading a magazine piece where the U. S. Treasury Department has now got one of them electronic machines that'll count paper money. That's the most encouraging news to come out of Washington this season. A heap of folks was under the impression they had done quit counting it. Judging from the way them Congressmen was spending it, I figured they was just handling it by the pound.

And I see where some feller has invented a new dance step called the Washington Glide. He says he patterned it after Ike's golf swing. If we're going out fer things like that, I've got a few steps I'd like to suggest, like the Farm Price Climb, the Tax Cut Tango, or the Balanced Budget Boogie.

I saw a piece in the papers last night where the taxpayers is footing the bill fer 871 employees to drive them Congressmen and Senators around. I got a hunch the taxpayers wouldn't mind it so much if they knewed some of those big boys had any idea where they was going and what they'd do when they got there.

The fellers at the country store Saturday night got to talking about all them alphabet agencies they got in Washington. One feller said that the alphabet agencies could be used to help the farmer. He said he'd like to see the alphabet agencies used to help the farmer. He said he'd like to see the alphabet agencies used to help the farmer.

partment always abbreviates "barrel" with "bb" when anybody knows that barrel ain't got but one "b" in it. Ed Doolittle allowed as how that's because them Government folks always do everything up to the last notch and that the extra "b" stood fer the bung hole in the barrel.

I'm mighty interested in the outcome about this feller in Baltimore that got caught strolling stark naked to the corner store fer a pack of cigarettes. When the law got him he said, "This is the way God made me." As technical as our courts is gitting, he might win his case. But I've got a idea that the Judge will convict him on one of them bear traps lawyers manages to git into the statutes. He'll probably rule that God made him that way but God didn't create him with the whereas he is guilty ipso facto whereas he is guilty ipso facto and E Pluribus Unus.

Speaking of judges, one in England ruled the other day that a wife's value goes down with the years. A feller was asking \$700 because his wife run off with another man. The Judge held that a wife gits more troublesome ever year and that this feller was entitled to only \$210 due to depreciation. Seems they got mighty fine judges in England. Over here the Judge would rule the husband fat, bald, and old, and fer that reason a wife should live with him increase in value.

Yours truly,  
gabby

## Nita Woodruff, Ira Smith Are Wed In Abilene Church

Nita Woodruff and Ira Smith were married in the Fairmont Methodist Church Friday evening, May 15, with the Rev. C. R. LeMond performing the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Odis Bagby of Merkel. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. George Hight of 1419 S. 3rd, Abilene, and the late Arthur E. Smith.

Mrs. Marka Rowland was matron of honor and Jeanne McCraw, niece of the bridegroom, was maid of honor. They wore beige and white dresses with corsages of yellow roses.

Jerry McCraw, nephew of the bridegroom, was best man. The bride wore a navy and white checked suit with navy accessories and a corsage of white roses.

Following the ceremony, the

## Gleaners Meet In Largent Home

The Gleaner Class of the First Methodist Church met in the home of Mrs. Tom Largent Wednesday, May 20. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Roy Largent and Mrs. Ross Ferrier.

Mr. John Shannon gave the devotional on Faith with scripture taken from Hebrews 11:8.

Prayer was by Mrs. Johnny Cox. A salad plate with fruit drink was served to Mes. Lu Petty, Herbert Patterson, Ruby Grimes, F. Y. Gaither, W. S. J. Brown, Jarrett E. Williams, D. H. Vaughn, B. H. Jones, Harold Odum, Sallie Moore, Mary Click, Dee Grimes, Winnie Cypert, Marvin Douglas, Beulah Stanford, W. A. Stockbridge, Lizzie Latham, Roy Largent, John Shannon, Johnny Cox, Ross Ferrier, Homer Patterson, Tom Largent and Miss Mable McRee.

## Joe F. Tarpleys Spend Week Here

Major and Mrs. Joe F. Tarpley and children, Ann, 3, and Lee, 9½ months, of Alexandria, Va. spent a week recently with Joe's mother, Mrs. Dock Callaway and Mr. Callaway.

The Tarpleys went from Virginia to Dallas by plane where they were met by Mrs. Tarpley's father, W. G. Moore of Killeen. They accompanied him home for a few days visit before coming to Merkel.

On Sunday evening before they left here, the Tarpleys were feted at a get-together at the river bridge north of Noodle.

The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Dock Callaway, Noodle; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tarpley, Mrs. Rachel Tarpley Shannon and son, John Ralph, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Dixon and Roy Lyn and Keith Tarpley, all of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Dois Melton and grandson, Norman Jr., Clement; Mr. and Mrs. Garius Tarpley, Mike and Marsha, Snyder; Mrs. Pearl Van Huss, Wichita Falls; Mr. and Mrs. James Henderson and Harvey, Cisco.

Major Tarpley is in the Air Force, presently stationed in Washington, D. C. The Tarpleys have lived at 23 Pratt St. in Alexandria for almost two years moving there from Montgomery.

Visitors in the Glenn Robertson home the past week-end were 1st Sgt. and Mrs. Joe C. Harkleroad, Kay, Wayne, and Teresa of Sweetwater. The Harkleroads leave next week for an assignment in Newfoundland.

## Trent High School Seniors Visit New Orleans, Galveston

The Trent High School seniors left for their senior trip after graduation on Friday night, May 15.

Traveling by school bus, they drove through Fort Worth, Dallas, Shreveport and Baton Rouge, stopping there to see the Louisiana state capital. They arrived in New Orleans Saturday night in time for a swim and some sightseeing.

Sunday morning the group met in one of the cabins for a devotional and worship period. Albert Maberry read the Lord's Prayer and led the devotional discussion.

Highlights of their New Orleans stay included a ride on the Mississippi River steamer, President, lunch in the French Quarter, a tour of Tulane University and the Sugar Bowl, visits to the old cemeteries where tombs are built above ground, tours of the Vieux Carre or French Quarter an evening at Lake Pontchartrain Beach.

Leaving New Orleans the group drove across the Huey P. Long Bridge over the Mississippi River and followed Highway 90 through the swamps and the Evange-

line country made famous by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Following the Gulf Coast, they visited Orange and Port Arthur and entered Galveston via the Point Bolivar Ferry, swimming in the Gulf of Mexico highlighted their one-night stop in Galveston.

Just before they arrived in Trent Wednesday night, they stopped for a brief service in which they reviewed the highlights of their high school days and of their trip. A prayer closed their trip and their high school career and opened a new step forward in life.

Making the trip were Manuel Acuna, Leslie Byrom, David Clark, Sandra Jo Freeman, Gerald Grantham, Edward Hallford, Kenneth Heatley, Karen Hood, Rose Mary Jones, Peggy Jo Maberry, Tellie McWilliams, Joy Dene Ponder, Brent Utley, Wanda Vinson, Linda Wilks, Brenda Williams, Jerry Williams, and Janie Yoes. They were accompanied by Mrs. Ruth Higgins, class sponsor, Mrs. Marvin Freeman and Albert Maberry, each of whom reported a wonderful trip and highly praised the cooperation and conduct of all the students.

The couple is residing at 1042 Hickory St., Abilene

## Mrs. Don Dudley Installed Head Of Service Guild

Mrs. Ray Wilson, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, installed officers of the Wesleyan Service Guild in a Candle Lighting service Monday evening in the fellowship hall of the First Methodist Church.

Officers are Mrs. Don Dudley, president; Mrs. Lynn Knight, vice-president; Mrs. Patsy Hunter, secretary; Mrs. Earl Hughes, treasurer; Mrs. Junior Clark, Christian Social Relations; Mrs. Cyrus Pee, Literature and Publications; Miss Betty Tittle, Missionary Education; Mrs. Johnny Cox, secretary of Promotions; Mrs. Hallie Burden, Spiritual Life.

Mrs. Denzel Cox, member of the W.S.C.S. is co-ordinator for the Guild.

Mrs. Dudley presided at the business session. She appointed Mrs. Johnny Cox and Mrs. Burden to serve with Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Cox on a committee to plan an ice cream supper to raise money to send delegates to the school of Missions to be held at Lubbock in July.

A salad supper was served before the installation service.



## New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Caughman of 109 E. 16th, Big Spring, announced the birth of a daughter, Kimberly Diann, Sunday, May 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Stallo of Merkel are the maternal grandparents. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Caughman of Ackerly.

## Circles Have Joint Meeting

The Blanche Rose Walker, Lucy Lynn and Dale Moore circles of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. W. T. Sadler Tuesday morning, May 12.

Mrs. Sadler, mission study chairman for Blanche Rose Walker Circle, completed a review of the book "Ways of Witnessing."

The meeting was closed with a prayer led by Mrs. Sam Swann.

Douglas On Duty In Japan

Pfc. Ara George Douglas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Douglas, has just completed a period of duty in Korea and is now stationed in Japan. Douglas received several honors while on a special assignment in Korea.

His wife and two children live in Lubbock.

## GLENDA VINES, NED WATTS TO BE MARRIED IN JULY

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Johnson of 1310 N. 12th St., Lamesa, are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Glenda Faye Vines, to Martin Nelson Watts of Merkel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earle Watts.

The vows will be solemnized in the home of the bride's parents at 8 p.m. July 10.

Miss Vines is a 1959 honor graduate of Lamesa High School where she was a member of the Boosters Club, the D. E. Club, Future Homemakers of America and Future Teacher's Association.

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## Record Crowd Sees 15th Annual Merkel Garden Club Flower Show

A record crowd viewed the 15th annual spring flower show, "Calendar of Compositions," held at the school cafeteria here by the Merkel Garden Club Saturday and Sunday May 16-17.

Mrs. Charlie Sherrill won the award of merit in the artistic division and Mrs. B. H. Jones was awarded an award of distinction in the horticulture division.

Other winners in the horticulture division were Sprng, Mes. John Shannon, Odell Freeman and Miss Christine Collins; Summer, Mes. Dee Grimes, Ross Ferrier and W. H. McElmurray; Fall, Mes. Jack Wallace, B. H. Jones and Herbert Patterson;

Winter, Mes. Sherrill Johnny Cox and John Hughes. Included: January, Mrs. Luther Reeger, first; February, Mrs. Robert Hodge, second; March, Mrs. Mack Fisher, third; April, Mrs. H. Odum, second; May, Mrs. Carroll Benson, third; July, Mrs. Alma Collins, first; August, Mrs. Roscoe Shields, third; September, Mrs. Bryan Dunagin, second; October, Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, first; November, Mrs. Lige Gamble, second, and December, Miss Nora Foster, third.

Horticulture division blue ribbon winners were Mes. Shannon, Jones, Benson, Jack Wallace, Hughes, Patterson, Pat Cypert, Odell Freeman and Sherrill and Miss Foster.

Junior division winners included Linda Luke, Sherry Martin and Ronnie Luke.

Arrangements for the show were directed by Mrs. Hughes, president; Mrs. Dale Litton, flower show chairman, Mrs. Alma Collins, properties; Miss Foster and Mrs. McElmurray, classification and entry; Miss Collins and Mrs. Gamble, hospitality; Mrs. Sherrill, horticulture and Mrs. Wallace, publicity.

Guests registered from Knox City, Anson, Abilene, Midland, Sweetwater, Roby, Trent, Snyder, Llano, Dallas, Houston, Odessa and Tuscola.

## STITH NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Hudson of Levelland, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Mundy and Billy, and Mr. and Mrs. Leland Mundy of Fort Worth, visited last week-end with Bob and Louise Hudson and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hudson. They also visited Hollis Hudson who is in Sadler Clinic Hospital in Merkel.

Several from this community attended the funeral of Miss Myrtle Massey at Starbuck Funeral Home Thursday afternoon. Miss Massey lived at Stith before moving to Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry visited last week with Mrs. G. C. Phillips and Mrs. Jessie Moore in Thalia, Mrs. Effie Nash, Vernon and Lee Sims in Wichita Falls.

Mrs. Billy Dunagin and her Girl Scouts spent Saturday night and Sunday at Camp Booth Oaks in Sweetwater.

F. J. McDonald is the new manager of the Stith gin.

There were no services at the Stith Baptist Church Sunday night because of baccalaureate services at Merkel. Members of the graduating class who are from Stith are Linda Beth Loflin, Shirley Brown, Lonnie Harris and J. R. Mashburn.

David Gatewood, Abilene, spent the weekend with C. B. Brown.

The Rev. and Mrs. Jessie Swindell, Mrs. J. E. Swindell, Pat McDonald, Martha Perry and Charles Mundy had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harris, Lonnie and Johnie.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hale, Shirley and Mike, of Midland visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale and Sandra Saturday.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS  
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TO: Ethel G. Rakes, 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

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: plaintiff and defendant were married April 8, 1950, and became permanently separated March, 1954.

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

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

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 25th day of May A. D. 1959.

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**NOTICE MASONS**

Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710. A.F. & A.M. Thursday May 28, 7:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.  
Othell O'Kelly, W. M.  
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**Stamford Cowboy Reunion Badges No Longer Good For Free Passes**  
The Board of Directors of the Texas Cowboy Reunion, Inc., has set July 2, 3 and 4 as the dates for the 1959 show. The big parade will be held at 4 p.m. on July 2nd.  
The Board of Directors unanimously approved a resolution to the effect that the membership badges issued by the Texas Cowboy Reunion Association will no longer be honored as free passes to the Rodeo performances or to the noon meal heretofore served without charge to the membership of the Association by the Texas Cowboy Reunion, Inc.  
After the Texas Cowboy Reunion, Inc. was organized in 1930 Old Time Cowboys were invited to be its guests at the rodeo. Later they formed a separate organization of their own as an auxiliary with an entirely separate Board of Directors and officers. A large amount of the money for the buildings of the Association has been contributed by Stamford business firms and citizens and by the Texas Cowboy Reunion, Inc. The Texas Cowboy Reunion, Inc. pays all of the bills for the Rodeo and meals without benefit of any of the dues paid by the members of the Association. At present the rules and practices of the Association have departed too far from the original intent and plan adopted when the Association was formed, particularly in the field of qualifications for membership and the form of entertainment furnished.  
The membership qualifications have been changed in two vital requirements, (1) the age limit has been lowered, and (2) the requirement that the member be a bona fide Old Time Cowboy has been completely ignored in many instances. The types of entertainment offered the members has been radically changed from the old time square dances. The T.C.R. Inc Directors believe the men intended to be honored perfer the type of dances familiar to their own age group.  
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Due to the above conditions it has become necessary for the Directors of the Texas Cowboy Reunion, Inc. to take the above mentioned action.  
Check Seed  
If your cotton seed has been stored for a couple of years, you better have a germination test run on a sample . . . may save tears later on.  
Skip Row Planting  
Skip row planting is taking quite a hold in some spots over the country . . . could pay you to look into it . . . oh, yes, if you do decide to try some skip row cotton, be certain to check with your ASC committee to find how wide the "skips" have to be not to count in your acreage allotment.  
Cotton Lunch  
Cotton and cotton seed were quite apparent at some European luncheons recently . . . they were present as margarine, salad oil, tablecloths, napkins, cotton-content paper menus . . . provided by Cotton Council International.  
Split Grades  
Bales of cotton graded "plus" or "light spot" will bring more money from government supports (either loans on "B" or purchase of "A") on this crop than in the past . . . this will be the first recognized by government supports.  
Some misleading statements about both cotton producers and merchants need to be cleared up . . . first, some very important facts have been ignored: For instance, the public has often been informed of the amount of money the farmer receives from the loan . . . but not informed of the amount he repays . . . with interest! . . . all this is known . . . why isn't it pointed out??? . . . could be it's just politics . . . especially when the accusation is made by a state that headquarters one of the nation's largest manufacturers of synthetics . . . and has no cotton farmers . . . also, there should be an understanding about the right of a cotton merchant to have cotton reclassified . . . here's how it works . . . cotton is put into the loan at a certain class determined by government classifiers . . . the government eventually takes over and puts it up for sale at the same class as it entered the loan . . . but oftentimes it has changed in color . . . through oxidation and other natural causes . . . the merchant buys it on description and then discovers it isn't the same grade it was advertised by the government . . . he asks the government classifiers to re-examine the cotton . . . he pays for this reclass . . . the government classifiers check the cotton again and if the grade has changed, the Government pays the merchant's claim for the deficient quality . . . this is only fair . . . no one can expect to describe an article as being one thing, sell it without the buyer being allowed to look

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## Stamford Cowboy Reunion Badges No Longer Good For Free Passes

The Board of Directors of the Texas Cowboy Reunion, Inc., has set July 2, 3 and 4 as the dates for the 1959 show. The big parade will be held at 4 p.m. on July 2nd.

The Board of Directors unanimously approved a resolution to the effect that the membership badges issued by the Texas Cowboy Reunion Association will no longer be honored as free passes to the Rodeo performances or to the noon meal heretofore served without charge to the membership of the Association by the Texas Cowboy Reunion, Inc.

After the Texas Cowboy Reunion, Inc. was organized in 1930 Old Time Cowboys were invited to be its guests at the rodeo. Later they formed a separate organization of their own as an auxiliary with an entirely separate Board of Directors and officers. A large amount of the money for the buildings of the Association has been contributed by Stamford business firms and citizens and by the Texas Cowboy Reunion, Inc. The Texas Cowboy Reunion, Inc. pays all of the bills for the Rodeo and meals without benefit of any of the dues paid by the members of the Association. At present the rules and practices of the Association have departed too far from the original intent and plan adopted when the Association was formed, particularly in the field of qualifications for membership and the form of entertainment furnished.

The membership qualifications have been changed in two vital requirements, (1) the age limit has been lowered, and (2) the requirement that the member be a bona fide Old Time Cowboy has been completely ignored in many instances. The types of entertainment offered the members has been radically changed from the old time square dances. The T.C.R. Inc Directors believe the men intended to be honored perfer the type of dances familiar to their own age group.

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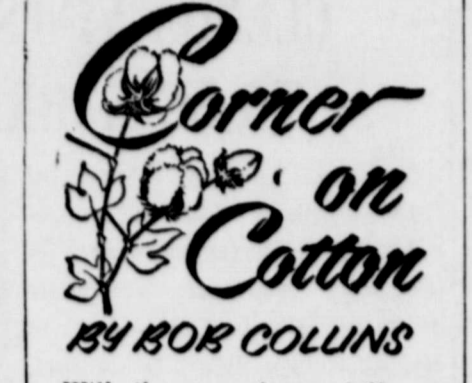
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Will the new farm bill encourage blending of rayon with cotton? . . . we think so . . . look at it this way: Mills point out that excessive cleaning and too much heat lower spinning qualities of cotton . . . some mills add up to 20% rayon to reduce these spinning problems . . . In the past both the ginner and farmer could oftentimes sell above the loan by ginning for spinning quality instead of grade . . . seems there is very little chance of "A" cotton selling above 110% of "B" supports this year . . . so the farmer will gin "for the loan" and spinning quality will go out the window . . . when "A" cotton gets to the mills, spinning problems caused by the excessive heat and cleaning will show up . . . mills will be unhappy . . . in will go rayon and there's another lost market for cotton . . . all this points up need for better methods of measuring spinning quality of cotton . . . and incentives to reduce for ultimate use rather than for support prices.

**Check Seed**  
If your cotton seed has been stored for a couple of years, you better have a germination test run on a sample . . . may save tears later on.

**Skip Row Planting**  
Skip row planting is taking quite a hold in some spots over the country . . . could pay you to look into it . . . oh, yes, if you do decide to try some skip row cotton, be certain to check with your ASC committee to find how wide the "skips" have to be not to count in your acreage allotment.

**Cotton Lunch**  
Cotton and cotton seed were quite apparent at some European luncheons recently . . . they were present as margarine, salad oil, tablecloths, napkins, cotton-content paper menus . . . provided by Cotton Council International.

**Split Grades**  
Bales of cotton graded "plus" or "light spot" will bring more money from government supports (either loans on "B" or purchase of "A") on this crop than in the past . . . this will be the first recognized by government supports.

**Some misleading statements about both cotton producers and merchants need to be cleared up . . . first, some very important facts have been ignored: For instance, the public has often been informed of the amount of money the farmer receives from the loan . . . but not informed of the amount he repays . . . with interest! . . . all this is known . . . why isn't it pointed out??? . . . could be it's just politics . . . especially when the accusation is made by a state that headquarters one of the nation's largest manufacturers of synthetics . . . and has no cotton farmers . . . also, there should be an understanding about the right of a cotton merchant to have cotton reclassified . . . here's how it works . . . cotton is put into the loan at a certain class determined by government classifiers . . . the government eventually takes over and puts it up for sale at the same class as it entered the loan . . . but oftentimes it has changed in color . . . through oxidation and other natural causes . . . the merchant buys it on description and then discovers it isn't the same grade it was advertised by the government . . . he asks the government classifiers to re-examine the cotton . . .**

## TEXAS RESEARCH PROGRAM SHIFTED TO FARMS, RANCHES

RENNER — Texas Research Foundation is shifting its regional agricultural experiment program from the West Texas Field Station at Merkel to full-scale field trials on a number of farms and ranches in the 7-county area around Abilene and Sweetwater, Dr. C. L. Lundell, director of the Foundation, has announced.

"The direct transfer of the results of experimental research onto the land, which the program makes possible, will shorten greatly the time lag between application of laboratory research and field production on a commercial scale," Dr. Lundell said.

"Counties included in the program are Nolan, Haskell, Jones, Taylor, Stephens, Shackelford and Callahan."

Field work in these counties will consist of two major phases. One will include rangeland improvement. The other will be the evaluation of crop rotations in which cotton and other field crops are planted over the fertilized residues of preceding crops.

**Cattle and Cotton**  
"Cattle and cotton are among the major cash crops of the area," Dr. Lundell said. "The 1954 farm census shows 203,049 head of cattle and calves carried and 70,999

bales of cotton harvested in the 7-county area."

Cattle in appreciable numbers are carried in all the counties, wit Challahan showing the heaviest population, 41,236, head; hence rangeland improvement for higher carrying ratio and longer grazing season is significant to the prosperity of the area.

Three of the counties — Nolan, Haskell and Jones — lead in cotton production, with 63,868 of the area's total 70,999-bale crop in 1954. Actual field production of cotton planted after wheat and other small grain and grain sorghum, where residues have received different levels of fertilization, will aid in the compilation of valuable data for improving yield.

**Grass, Legume Testing**  
Dr. Lundell said that the field program has enabled the Foundation to use the plot sat Merkel exclusively for the testing of grasses and legumes for rangeland improvement.

"One of the principal projects is the investigation of button clover as a source of nitrogen for range grasses and as a source of grazing during periods when grasses are dormant," Dr. Lundell said.

Improved varieties of warm season grasses now under study at Merkel include blue and green panic, switch, sideoat grama and perennial sorghums. A compatibility study also is underway with a mixture of Indian, switch, blue grama and sideoat grama grasses.

Dr. Lundell said that Jack Lair, Foundation agronomist who has been in charge of the West Texas



Short cuts that save time, discarded items that have other uses, and clever ways of handling household chores take the high cost and some of the work out of housework.

For example, instead of discarding your wornout nylons, why not let the man of the house use them to strain paint... the cardboard that come with laundered or new shirts make fine edgers when painting baseboards.

When you're mothproofing, don't forget the piano. Even though manufacturers make the felt for piano hammers moth-resistant, it's a good idea to hang moth crystals or a bag of camphor inside for extra protection.

Nothing's so frustrating as the search through scraps of cloth to match a garment you're mending. After cutting out a garment, why not put the extra pieces in separate plastic bags you get with vegetables? That way you separate them in readily visible containers.

Among the other number-one killjoys on our list is the lazy drain. Not only is the sluggish drain irritable, but it's a perfect breeding place for dangerous germs and foul odors. If neglected too long, it requires the services of a professional plumber. Lye is one of the most economical drain conditioners. It contains the same principal ingredient as costlier "drain cleaners." It has the advantage of being odorless and gives off no fumes or gas as it works. Used regularly according to directions on the can, it is the stitch in time that puts an end to frustrating lazy drains.

work at Merkel since 1957, will be in charge of the field trial program.

"First and second objectives concern usages of commercial fertilizers, principally in crop residue management and in forage and rangeland improvement," Lair said.

"The third objective is the introduction of new crops to bolster agricultural income. The fourth is the formulation of more practical farming systems for the area."

**Cooperating Landowners**

He cited farms and ranches participating in the program as being those of H. H. McLeod near Trent, Bob Green Ranch near Albany, Norman Winter of the Sixth Community in Jones County, Weldon Edwards near Clyde, T. J. Byrd near Merkel, Mrs. Dorothea Griffin near Lawn, G. C. Carothers near Stamford, Bob Childress near Abilene, C. A. Fomby near Ovalo, and Harold Haynes of Roscoe, Nolan County.

"Our objectives overlap, of course, in the actual work on the various farms and ranches," Lair continued. "Two or more objectives may be pursued on the same field of a single farm."

The first objective is the study and evaluation of nitrogen fertilizer on crop stubbles, particularly those of small grains and grain sorghums.

"We shall check the value of the fertilizer in the decomposition of stubble and in the improvement of the organic matter content of the soil. Then we shall compare the yield of the crop following the application to the yield of the same crop on unfertilized land," he said.

The second objective is to determine the benefits of fertilizers on established grasses and forages. Three levels each of nitrogen and phosphorus will be made alone and in all possible combinations on introduced and improved native grasses. The grasses will be analyzed in Texas Research Foundation's laboratories at Renner to check the resultant improvement in forage quality.

**New Crop Testing**

"Our new crop objective is to introduce crops and forages not generally grown in the Abilene and Sweetwater area," Lair explained. "The program calls for assistance to the farmer in estab-

lishing and in harvesting such crops."

Formulation of farming systems is by far the most comprehensive of the objectives. For the field trials will be used as a preliminary study in the establishment of a complete program of crop residue management, crop rotation, fertilizer usages and the establishment and management of improved species of grasses and legumes for a typical farm in the area.

## WTU Magazine Rated Tops In National Contest

The Electric Times, employees' monthly magazine edited by Jimmy Martin of the Public Service Department of the West Texas Utilities Company, was named first place winner in the 1959 Better Copy Contest, sponsored by the Public Utilities Advertising Association.

Cal Young, WTU President, announced today that WTU again has won outstanding honors in the field of advertising but in a new category. The company has won several first awards in this contest in recent years in advertising and window displays, but this is the first time to win honors in the magazine category. The awards were made May 9 at the annual PUA convention in Dallas.

The Electric Times is one of the pioneers in the Employee magazine field and is now in its thirty-second year of publication. Jimmie Martin has served as publication editor for the past 14 years.

This is the second national honor to be awarded to the Electric Times in recent years. In 1951 the magazine was awarded the Freedom Foundation Medal for editorials and feature articles promoting a better understanding of the American Way of Life. One was awarded the company, a second to Martin.

More than 2,000 entries were received in this year's Better Copy Contest, which is the 36th annual contest conducted by the association and the oldest continuous advertising competition. The Electric Times was awarded first place in the top category which includes employee publications of all privately managed electric utilities companies with 100,000 or more customers.

The contest included newspaper advertisements, magazines, employee newspapers, direct mail, publications, display, posters, billboards, annual reports, radio and television, and motion pictures.

## Picnic Honors Californians

Relatives gathered at Fair Park in Abilene Sunday for a picnic in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cox, who will leave soon for their home in California.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Hutchison and sons, Dick Long, and Mr. and Mrs. Corky Cox and son, all of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stevens and Mr. and Mrs. Othell Okely and children, of Trent; the Rev. and Mrs. John Ferguson and children of Denton Valley, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Denzel Cox, Mr. and Mrs. James Earl Stevens and son, Mrs. Hallie Burden and Dewel Burden, Sandra Hunter, Donna Rutledge and Mr. and Mrs. Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Russell and baby, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Whisenhunt, Jeff and Cindy, spent last week at Aransas Pass where Jerry and Walter did some salt water fishing. Little Bart Whisenhunt stayed with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Bartlett.

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(examples: hunger, lack of spiritual training, juvenile crime, education, etc.)

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Chuck **ROAST** Lb. **53¢**

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Short **RIBS** Lb. **29¢**

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**PEACHES** Del Monte No. 2 1/2 can 2 for **59¢**

**COFFEE** Kimbell's Pound Can - - **53¢**

**MIRACLE** Salad Dressing WHIP - - Qt. **49¢**

**ZEE** TISSUE 4 rolls - - - - **29¢**

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TIME SALE - 5-15 to 5:30 p.m.  
**2** TALL TALL **15¢**

**FLUFFO**  
Golden 3 lb. can - **63¢**

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**2** Large boxes **49¢**

KRAFT  
**MUSTARD**  
3 6-oz. Jars **23c**

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**TUNA**  
can - **25c**

MAXWELL HOUSE  
Instant **COFFEE**  
6-oz. Jar - - - **79¢**

DUNCAN HINES  
**CAKE MIXES**  
2 Boxes - **59¢**

BETTY SWEET  
**PICKLES**  
2 Pint Jars **53c**

SUPREME  
**SALAD WAFFERS**  
Lb. - **25c**

BORDEN'S INSTANT  
**POTATOES** - - box. **29c**

SHUNSHINE BUTTER  
**HI-HO'S** - - - - lb. **29c**

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**CANDIES** - - - cello **29c**

NABISCO COOKIES  
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**DASH** Jumbo 10-Lb. **\$1.89**

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**TOWELS**  
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2 lbs. **25¢**

FRESH CRISP  
**LETTUCE** - - lb. **10c**

FRESH  
**Green BEANS** - lb. **13c**

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

Fresh  
**CUCUMBERS** - - - - lb. **12c**

Fresh  
**CELERY** - - - - lb. **9c**

CALIF.  
**White SPUDS** 10 lbs. **49c**

**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