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## Tell-Tale Fe-Mail

By M. L. G.

School days are here again and I still haven't done anything about the alarm clock situation at our house. We need two new loud-bellied ones to put in each child's room, and I need to find a new hiding place for the one in our room. If Father knows where it is, he gets up, turns it off before it rings, gets back in bed and goes back to sleep. This is a fairly new ritual. He used to get up when it would ring and set it for fifteen minutes later. This he would do every fifteen minutes for about an hour. When he finally got up for the day he was worn out from getting in and out of bed so many times.

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School also brings to mind sports. To most sports fans, Newton and Einstein are out of their element on the playing field. But The World Book Encyclopedia explains that the force of gravity—which keeps third base on the ground and prevents a high jumper from clearing the moon—varies over the earth's surface. It gets weaker as one travels toward the equator or farther above sea level. This means that a javelin thrown in the Panama Canal Zone would travel 3 1/2 inches farther than in Madison, Wis. It would travel about one foot farther than at the North Pole. A broad jumper would leap three-eighths inches farther in Texas than he would in Massachusetts. And a shot-put thrown 50 feet in Finland would travel an inch farther in Rome.

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Another bit of educational information I gathered this week comes from the National Pea Council. An average one-pound can of medium-sized peas contains 902 peas. An average of 15 peas can be scooped up on a five-inch knife blade. This means 60 knife scoops, with two peas left over, per can. Now, aren't you glad you read this column this week?

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Speaking of peas — I promised the girls in a club I belong to that I would put the recipe for a spaghetti salad in this column. I haven't dared to before because I was afraid of repercussions from up above, such as, "Recipes do not belong on the front page." "What is this mumbo-jumbo?" etc. But I'm feeling pretty brave this week and besides maybe it won't be noticed slipped in the middle like this. Anyway, here goes —

Cook one 7-oz. package of ready-cut paghetti according to direction on package. Drain and rinse in cool water. Add two cans light meat tuna, one small can peas (okay, so you like peas — use a large can), two small jars pimentoes, one-half cup diced celery, four boiled eggs, cut up. Season with salt and pepper. Add mayonnaise — I don't know how much — just add a little at a time until it looks right. The original recipe didn't call for it but I've found that a little grated onion and sweet pickle adds zip. Keep in refrigerator until eating time.

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While we're on the subject of food — have you oleanider in your back yard? If you have, don't use the branches for weenie skewers when you have a backyard cook-out. According to the Texas State Department of Health, the things are poisonous — leaves, limbs, flowers, bark and roots. Other backyard shrubs and flowers that mask powerful poisons behind a facade of beauty are tulip bulbs, sweet peas, elephant ears and castor bean seeds. These are just a few. Actually an expert on plant poisons counted more than 100 which contained poison, some lethal. This doesn't mean you shouldn't enjoy the beauty of these plants, just don't take a notion to eat them.

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While on the subject of saving your life, let me tell you about a booklet that could do just that. It is on building fallout shelters and is available without cost. It gives detailed building plans for five basic shelters — including do-it-yourself ones. It has been said by those who know that adequate shelters could save as much as three-fourths of the population in case of nuclear attack. Too bad some of the effort exerted around our house couldn't have gone into something that could save our lives. A little dab of paint and a new porch won't be of much use in case of an emergency. Anyway, to send for the booklet, just write to State Civil Defense Office, Capitol Station, Austin.

## Herman Askins, Resident of Tye, Dies At 52

Funeral was held at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in Elliott's Chapel of Memories for Herman T. (Harduck) Askins, 52, a native of Tye who died Wednesday morning in Sadler Clinic.

The Rev. Lynwood Harrison, Methodist pastor at Colorado City and a former Tye pastor, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Jake Armstrong, pastor of the Tye Baptist Church.

Burial was in Tye Cemetery. Mr. Askins had been in ill health for the last two years and he had been hospitalized at Merkel for two weeks. Prior to that he had been a patient in Veterans Hospital at Dallas for two weeks.

Born in Tye on June 13, 1907, Mr. Askins was married to Emma Elizabeth Tucker in 1941. He was a World War II veteran, serving in the Air Force from 1942 to 1944.

He had operated a service station in Tye for 30 years. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, American Legion and had served several years on the Tye School Board.

Surviving are his wife; one daughter, Elizabeth Ann of the home; his mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hinds of Tye; one brother, Maurice, of Tye; three sisters, Mrs. Henry Beck of Austin, Mrs. Wesley Rister of Tye and Mrs. Alleta Race of San Angelo.

## Merkel Schools Pay State Scale For Teachers

Merkel was one of more than 40 school districts surveyed by The Abilene Reporter-News last week to determine just what the teacher pay situation is in this area.

Fifteen of the districts are paying salaries above the state pay scale and the remainder are on the state schedule.

Merkel is on the state schedule which is \$3,204 minimum with a bachelor's degree and \$3,852, the maximum with only bachelor's degree. Minimum pay with a master's degree is \$4,429 and \$4,833 the maximum. Teachers receive \$54 a year increase.

Ranking at the top, salary-wise, are Snyder, where beginning teachers with bachelor's degrees get \$4,000 annually, or \$706 above the state minimum; 2. Jayton, paying \$700 over state minimum; 3. Big Spring, \$550 over; and 4. Abilene, \$500 over.

These salaries do not include specially-negotiated contracts generally extended to coaches, administrators and other specialists such as band directors.

## Antique Doll, Toy Day Scheduled At State Fair

DALLAS — The many antique doll and toy collectors in Texas will be honored at the 1959 State Fair of Texas, Oct. 9-25, with an Antique Doll and Toy Day.

The Women's Department of the fair has scheduled all-day programs and movies for the toy fanciers throughout the state on Thursday, Oct. 22. Collectors will bring their favorite doll or antique toy, some of them almost 100 years old, to the Women's Building.

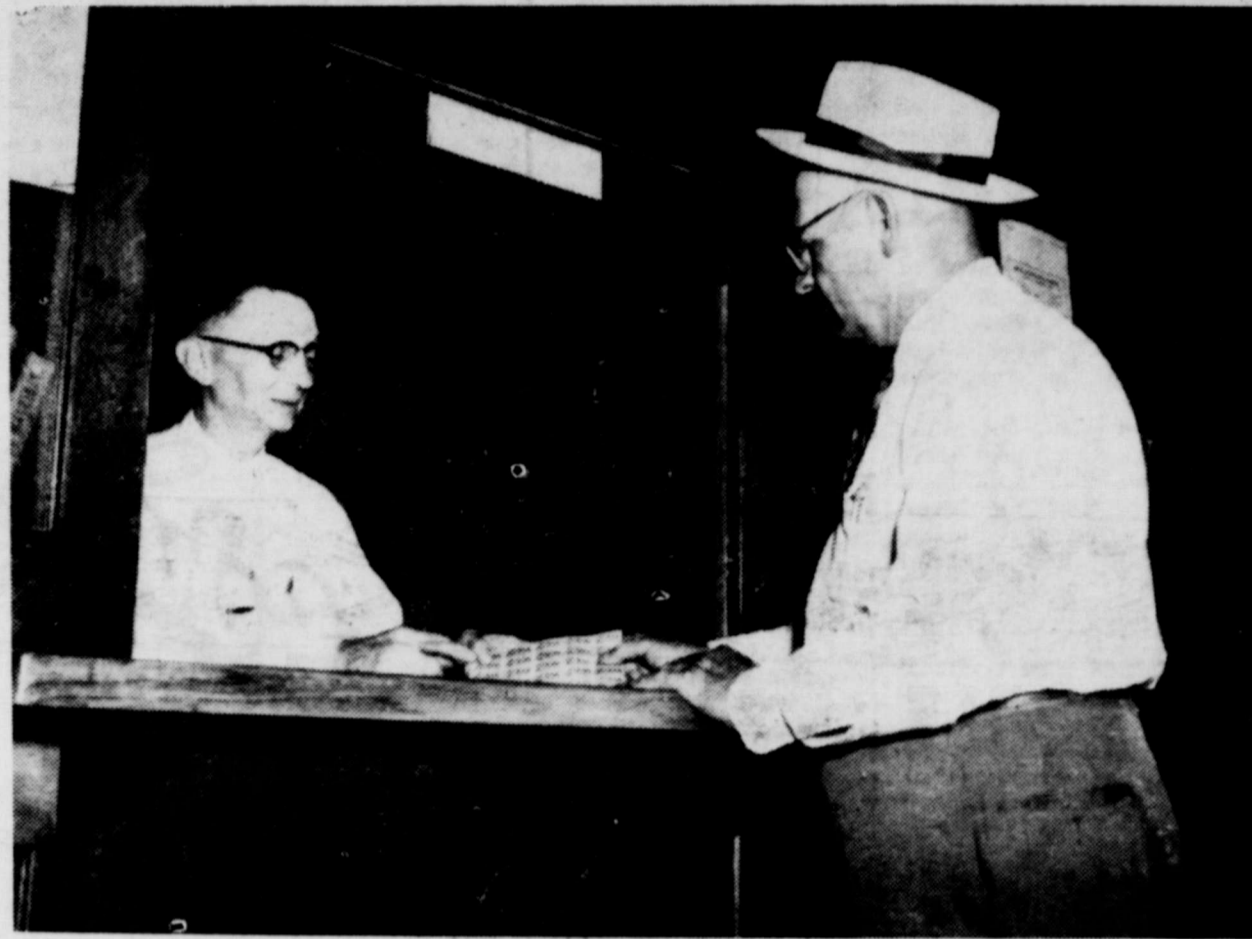
A program of color slides on 'Early American Handmade Dolls' will be presented by Miss B. Opal Wallace, president of the Dallas Doll Club, at 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. that Thursday in the auditorium of the Women's Building.

## Allen Kings Return From Utah Vacation

Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. King and children, Ida May, Buddy and Sue, have returned home after a visit with their son, Allen D. King Jr. of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Family outings included boating on Lake Utah near Provo, swimming in Salt Lake, a picnic at Mirror Lake, and 70-mile scenic drive out of Salt Lake City. They also visited Bingham Canyon where they saw the world's largest open cut copper mine and attended the choir broadcast program from Temple Square.

The Kings return route included Grand Junction, Pueblo and a tour of Royal Gorge in Colorado. They also visited briefly with Mrs. King's uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reed in Dalhart, Tex.



CONSERVATION STAMP—A special commemorative postage stamp will go on sale Thursday paying tribute to the intensive work that has gone into the protection and improvement of the soil. Postmaster Wren Durham, left, is shown selling the first sheet of the stamps to Tom Russom, chairman of the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District.

## SOIL CONSERVATION STAMP ON SALE HERE

The soil conservation postage stamp, formally released at Rapid City, S. Dak. at the 14th annual meeting of the Soil Conservation Society of America on August 26, is now on sale at the post office in Merkel.

Issuance of the stamp commemorates more than a quarter of a century of intensive work to protect and improve America's most valuable natural resource — the soil.

It is a tribute to farmers and ranchers who have put to use such soil and water conservation measures as those shown in the stamp.



design — terracing, tripping, pasture improvement, pond construction, and tree planting. The three-color stamp also pays tribute to the soil conservation districts that have been locally organized by landowners to marshal erosion and building up the productivity of the soil.

It is a salute to State and Federal scientists and technicians who have carried on research, found better ways of protecting the land, and helped landowners carry out conservation plans. It is an expression of gratitude to those carrying on other programs — such as education, credit, and cost-sharing — that have helped farmers and ranchers install conservation improvements more rapidly.

The silhouette of a city in the background is a reminder of the common concern of city people and farmers for the care of the land — the primary source of food, shelter clothing and wildlife.

## School Registration Schedule

Freshmen and sophomores — 9:30 a.m., Monday, August 31.

Juniors and seniors — 1:30 p.m., Monday, August 31.

Primary and elementary — 1:30 p.m., Monday, August 31.

Buses will run for the afternoon registration only. Regular classes begin Tuesday morning, Sept. 1.

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

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration Club will meet in the home of Mrs. Allen D. King Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 1.

The Jones-Taylor Fifth Sunday of Singing will be held Sunday, August 30, at 2:00 p.m. in the Trent Methodist Church.

Mrs. Carey's lunchroom across from the elementary school will be closed for repairs until further notice.

## CEMETERY FUND

Mrs. Joe Weston

## Hollis Irvin Return From Trip To Maryland

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Irvin and son, Glen, returned to their home in Noodle Friday after visiting with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Current and Cindy in Laurel, Maryland. They were accompanied by Miss Gwendolyn Brown of Hamlin.

They also visited relatives in North Carolina and enjoyed sight-seeing trips into Washington, D. C., Maryland and Virginia.

Recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Warren were Mrs. D. McAlister of Cross Plains and their nephew and wife, Dupree and Teddy Flough of Houston.

Mrs. Edna Hardin spent the weekend with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nutt of Marlin.

A critically ill patient should have treatment and then rest. The same is true of rangeland.

Are your net earnings from farming more than \$400 in a year? If so, you must file a social security tax report. For further information contact your local social security office.

## Dove Shooting Begins Sept. 1 In North Zone

AUSTIN — Season opens for North Texas dove hunters Tuesday, Sept. 1, with perhaps one of the best crops in years, according to the assistant secretary of the Game and Fish Commission.

The new 1959-60 hunting and fishing licenses will go on sale after August 20, according to the announcement. They will be effective Sept. 1, and all persons who hunt outside their own counties are required to have a new license. Fishing licenses also expire Aug. 31, and a new license is necessary for fishing outside the home county, or with any kind of winding device.

Persons over 65 years of age are not required to have a license. Exemption cards are available at the regional offices or by writing to the Game and Fish Commission in Austin. Such cards are issued as a courtesy, and are not required.

A map showing the Texas counties and their open seasons has been prepared by the Commission. A study of it will tell you where it is legal to hunt in both the North and South zone counties.

The season is open Sept. 1 through Oct. 20 in the North Zone and Oct. 1 through Nov. 19 in the South Zone. There is an exception in the Lower Valley counties where mourning doves may be shot at the same time as white winged doves. In that area the season will close three days earlier.

The whitewing season is for the alternate days of Sept. 11-13-15, from 2 p.m. until sunset.

Visiting this week with Mary Collins is Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson of Houston, former resident of Merkel.

## TAYLOR TELEPHONE MEET SET FOR SEPT. 22

The annual membership meeting of Taylor Telephone Cooperative, Inc., will be held in the Merkel High School auditorium at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 22.

Five new board members will be named at the meeting. Members whose terms expire are C. T. Myatt, L. O. Huddleston, Troy Sloan, Clark Perkins, and L. A. Lister.

Taylor Telephone Cooperative



C. D. McEntire

## New Live Oak Baptist Church Revival Slated

The Rev. C. D. McEntire of Abilene will conduct the revival services at the New Live Oak Baptist Church beginning Sept. 6.

The Rev. McEntire, who is also an artist, illustrates many of his messages with drawings.

Harold Walker, a music and voice major at Baylor University, will direct the singing and bring special music.

Services will begin nightly at 8 p.m. following prayer services at 7:30. The revival will continue through September 13.

The Rev. M. E. Randolph, pastor of the church, said that everyone is invited to attend the services.

## Mrs. Touchstone Awarded Doctors Degree at McMurry

Mrs. L. M. Touchstone, who recently moved to Abilene from Merkel, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree at McMurry College summer commencement exercises Thursday night.

Also receiving an honorary degree was Dr. Anthony Hunt, president of Howard Junior College at Big Spring, who was speaker for the commencement. He is the son of the late Dr. James W. Hunt, founder of McMurry College.

Mrs. Touchstone, a long-time friend and benefactor to McMurry College, was instrumental in the drive for funds for the recent construction of a \$125,000 band building on the campus.

Dr. Gordon Bennett, president of the college, conferred both honorary degrees on Mrs. Touchstone and Dr. Hunt.

Dr. Hunt was presented for his degree by Dr. Marvin L. Barker, dean of Howard County Junior College. Raymond T. Bynum, director of the McMurry band, presented Mrs. Touchstone.

## Baptist Church Has New Pastor

The Rev. Mart Hardin, pastor of the O'Brien Baptist Church for the past three years, has accepted the pastorate of the Merkel First Baptist Church.

Prior to serving the church in O'Brien, the Rev. Hardin was pastor of the Tyler Baptist Church for four years.

The new pastor is a graduate of Texas Tech College in Lubbock and the Southwestern Seminary of Fort Worth.

Rev. Hardin is married and has two sons, Billy Mart, 3, and Robert Wilson, 15 months.

Kay Thaxton has returned to her home in Dumas, Tex., after spending the past two weeks with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Thaxton.

serves rural residents in seven counties with modern dial telephone service. (See related story on page 4.) There are 12 central offices, all automatic and unattended.

Norton, a newly acquired exchange, is in the process of being converted from battery to modern dial system and will be completed by Nov. 15. Funds have also been requested for dial system for Crews in Runnels County and for service to portions of Oak Creek Lake.

Board of directors for Taylor Telephone include Myatt of Rt. 6, Abilene, president; Perkins, Rt. 4, Merkel, vice president; Frank K. Antille, Wingate, secretary; Boles Fry of Tuscola; J. C. Raper, Lawn; Huddleston, Hawley; Sloan, Rt. 2, Merkel; Joe E. McDuff, Rt. 2, Abilene; and Lister, Nolan. John Hardesty of Merkel is general manager.

## R. G. Freemans Open Repair Shop

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Freeman, formerly of Stanton, have opened a general repair shop on North Second Street, next door to Vera's Custom Shop.

The Freemans worked at Jones Boot Shop in Midland just prior to moving to Merkel.

The new shop will do all kinds of repair work, from shoe to cotton sacks, Mrs. Freeman said. Store hours are from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman have two sons, Ralph, 18, and Bob, 13. They live at 305 Kent Street.

## Horace Boney Is Quarterback Club President

Horace Boney was elected president of the Merkel Quarterback Club at a meeting at the Taylor Electric building Monday night. He succeeds Lynn Knight.

Other officers elected at the first meeting of the season were Horace Hargrove, vice - president, and Newt Logan, secretary-treasurer.

Prior to the business session members of the 1957-60 Badger team were treated to a watermelon feast and later introduced to Quarterback Club members by Coach Carroll Benson.

The local Quarterback Club selects a project each year designed to help the football team, coaches and fans. Last year they purchased the electric scoreboard at Badger stadium and presented it to the school. Possible projects suggested for this year are a 16 mm projector, public address system or a field house.

The Quarterback Club meets each Monday night at the Taylor Electric building. The \$5 yearly dues that members pay is used for the selected project and for the banquet given for the football squad at the end of each season.

Anyone interested in the club may attend one of the Monday night meetings or contact any member.

## John Thomas Gets Scholarship

John K. Thomas, 18, was awarded a basketball scholarship to Wayland College in Plainview.

Thomas, a 1959 graduate of Dimmit High School, made all-tournament at Herkel High two years ago.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Thomas of 308 Yucca. Another son, Eddie, will enter Hardin-Simmons University as a ministerial student this fall. The Thomases have three sons and two daughters.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton were their children, Mr. and Mrs. John Nall and family of Phoenix, Ariz., Mr. and Mrs. Denzel Melton and family of Kermitt, Mr. and Mrs. Marklin McMurray and family of Fort Worth, and S-Sgt. Doyle C. Melton and son of the Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

They attended the graduation exercises of their son and brother, T. C., last Friday night where he received his Master of Arts degree from H-SU.



## SENATOR ☆☆☆ Yarborough's Report

One of the most hotly contested provisions of the new Housing Act now being considered by the Congress is the proposal to lend money to colleges to help build badly needed college classrooms.

Following their policy of "no new starts," the Administration has opposed the move. This proposal would provide funds on a loan basis to be paid back with interest.

The proposal to help build more college classrooms is a vital one. We in America, are learning a

lesson in the school of hard knocks about education. The rise of Sputniks in 1957 gave warning of the rise in education and technical knowhow which put this Russian satellite into orbit. We are coming to realize that to help our people stay healthy, stay abreast of the advances of the time -- and of stay alive, we must provide more and better education for our young people.

More of our young people are realizing that what they don't know will hurt them. And the clamor for entrance into colleges is overflowing many schools. Next year, 3 1/2 million students will be enrolled in America's colleges and universities. By 1965, that figure will have leaped to 4,600,000 and by 1970, the enrollment will be over six million. And, in many states, only 18 percent of the college age young people are actually in school. In other states, such as California, the percentage is as high as 60. The percentage in Texas is 31 1/2.

We have been giving our young people some encouragement along this line but we need to do more.

We know right now that the experts who six years ago estimated the number of college students who would be in school next fall fell short by more than a million.

Vice Admiral Hyman G. Rickover just returned from a visit to Russia. He said that what frightened him most about the Communists was not their arms system but their educational system. And Dr. Edwin Teller, the father of the H Bomb, has said recently that unless we step up our educational activities, Russia will be ahead of us in science by 1969.

Our schools, particularly our colleges and universities, are like the old woman in the shoe we sang about in nursery rhymes. They have so many students they don't know what to do. And many more are on the way.

This situation is no nursery rhyme -- it is a stern, real fact. We must meet this challenge in education so our young people will be able to meet the challenge of the modern world.

### New State Law On Suspending Driver's License

AUSTIN — The Director of the Texas Department of Public Safety cautioned today that a new state law provides for the suspension of the license of any driver convicted of four moving traffic violations within a 12-month period.

Col. Homer Garrison, Jr., said the new law, passed by the recent session of the Legislature and signed by Governor Price Daniel August 5, for the first time defines the term "habitual violator." The definition is as follows:

"The term 'habitual violator' as used herein, shall mean any person with four or more convictions arising out of different transactions in a consecutive period of 12 months, or seven or more convictions arising out of different transactions within a period of 24 months, such convictions being for moving violations of the traffic laws of the State of Texas or its political subdivisions."

Garrison said if a justice of the peace or other designated magistrate finds a driver to be an habitual violator, the Department of Public Safety is authorized to suspend the driver's license for any period up to one year.

The new law also establishes detailed procedures for appeals of persons whose licenses have been suspended and requires the courts to give priority to the setting of such cases. It designates local prosecuting attorney to represent the state in such appeals cases.

### gabby doodle from noodle says:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

I was setting in church Sunday just looking around at the wimmen's hats. Did you ever do that, Mister Editor? Try it sometime. Just take a look at the contraptions they've got this year, fer instance. They git smaller and smaller. The one the preacher's wife had on looked like it was made out of a postage stamp and trimmed with a humming bird feather. I was telling Ed Doolittle about it and he said, "Well, you know how wimmen are." No, I don't know how wimmen are, were, or will be. And neither does Ed.

Incidentally, we got a real

practical preacher at our church now. Last Sunday, fer instance, he said we would now repeat the 23rd Psalm and would the lady who always gits to Still Waters while the rest of us was still in the Green Pastures please wait till we got caught up.

When we come out of church some of the fellers was saying we ought to aircondition the place. It might work in some churches but it would be mighty

hard on some of the members of our church. Take a feller gitting a whole hour's sleep in that artificial chill, plus the chill he gits from some of the members that don't speak to him, and add that to a cold sermon he's bound to git onct in a while from the parson, and all three of them might give him a malady he couldn't survive.

Well, after reading the goings on in the Congress last week I'm convinced that politicians and crab grass will eventually take the country. They ain't no cure fer either of them. I noted where one committee ruled that bubble gum ain't a

strategic material and can be shipped to the Chinese Reds. I don't know about bubble gum, but I'm agin selling them Chinese Reds anything but castor oil and dentist drills.

I got to knock off now, Mister Editor, and go do a little fishing. You can tell the folks in town the fish is biting real good these days. Ed Doolittle says he was in the bath tub the other day and a 5-pound trout run down the drain with the soap. One of Ed's neighbors said he might believe the story about the fish, but he doubts that Ed was in the bath tub.

Yours truly,  
GABBY

## JACK POT WINNERS and LOSERS THIS WEEK

MONDAY LOSER	Lottie Roberts	30.00
TUESDAY—LOSER	Betty Durham	35.00
WEDNESDAY—LOSER	Reed Whatley	40.00
THURSDAY—LOSER	Mrs. H. C. McCortney	45.00
FRIDAY—LOSER	Chas. C. Delton	50.00
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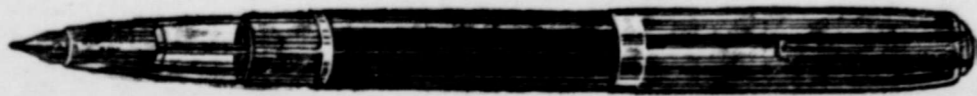
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AUSTIN, Aug. 27 — Monday begins "Make It Yourself With Wool Week."

In a statement issued today, Governor Price Daniel proclaimed the special week to call attention to the benefits of sewing with wool and to encourage girls to enter the Texas "Make It Yourself With Wool" Contest.

Wool has no equal in the production of many types of garments, the governor said, asking people of the state "to join in this effort to encourage greater use and appreciation of wool."

Stressing the importance of the wool growing industry to the Texas economy, the governor called upon civic leaders, educators and retailers to take part in the observance of "Make It Yourself With Wool Week."

"Wool Sewing Festivals" planned for next week by many retailers will tie in with the contest, which is the largest educational home sewing event in the country. Approved by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the contest provides incentive for many young girls to learn valuable home sewing techniques while at the same time discovering how easy it is to sew with wool.

The contest is open to girls between the ages of 14 and 22. To qualify, girls may submit either a wool dress, suit or coat which they have made themselves. Valuable awards include scholarships, sewing machines, and for two grand prize winners a trip to the fashion capitals of Europe.

In Texas the "Make It Yourself With Wool" contest is under the direction of Mrs. M. Harvick, Box 247, Ozona. Girls may write to her for information.



With the 1959-60 school year about to begin, we would like to commend the administration and faculty for a fine job done in the past and wish for them another successful year.

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**BEST STYLE**—It's the only car of the leading low-priced 3 that's unmistakably modern in every line. "In its price class," says POPULAR SCI-

ENCE magazine, "a new high in daring styling."

**BEST BRAKES**—In competitive tests of repeated stops from highway speeds, conducted by NASCAR\*\*, Chevy outstopped both of the "other two." Naturally—Chevy brakes with bonded linings are far larger, built to lengthen brake life by up to 66%.

**BEST TRADE-IN**—Look at the record—the used car prices in any N.A.D.A.† Guide Book. You'll find that Chevy used car prices last year averaged up to \$128 higher than comparable models of the "other two."

**BEST ENGINE**—Chevrolet engines have long won expert praise and, just recently, Chevrolet received the

NASCAR Outstanding Achievement award for "the creation and continuing development of America's most efficient V-type engines."

**BEST ROOM**—Official dimensions reported to A.M.A.‡ make this abundantly clear. Chevy front seat hip room, for instance, is as much as 5.9 inches wider than in comparable cars.

**BEST RIDE**—MOTOR TREND magazine names Chevy "the smoothest, most quiet, softest riding car in its price class." But this is one Chevy feature you really should discover for yourself, at your Chevrolet dealer's. Stop by soon!

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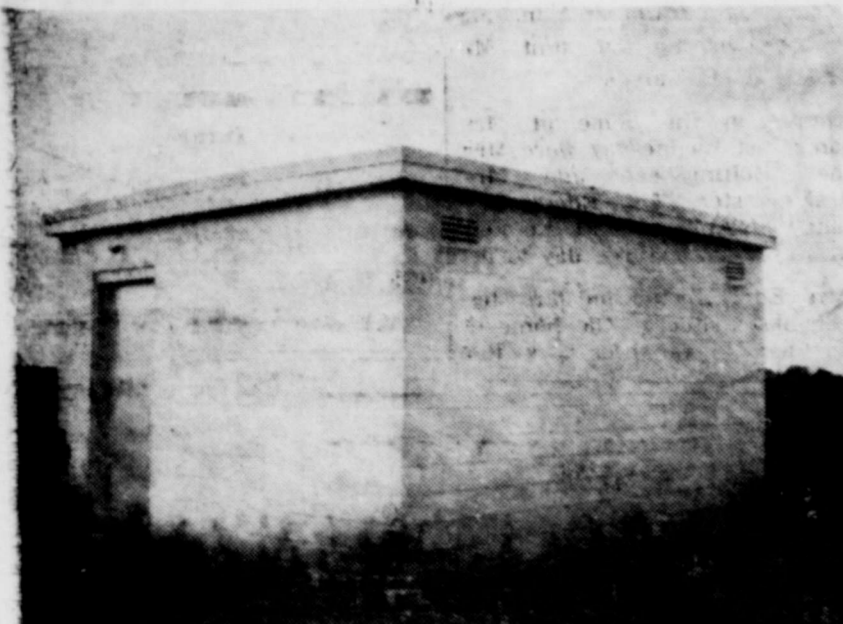
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**TEST EQUIPMENT** — Bob Huckaby is shown with truck that carries testing equipment for Taylor Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Huckaby is inside superintendent for the phone co-op.



**NOW YOU KNOW** — Bob Huckaby, inside superintendent for Taylor Telephone Cooperative, Inc., and Derrell Farmer, outside superintendent, are shown inside one of the little houses that are central offices for Taylor Telephone's automatic dial system.

**Corner on Cotton**  
BY BOB COLLINS

Getting discouraged with cotton? ... maybe a few words from a report of the National Cotton Council will cheer you ... the report was given the early part of the year, and it is a long range outlook based on sound economic research ... we like to keep it around just to read when we get a little discouraged about the cotton business ... the title of the report is "The Economic Outlook for U. S. Cotton Markets" ... here are some of the things it points out ... Dr. M. K. Horn, Jr., chief economist for the NCC is speaking.

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**'LITTLE WHITE HOUSE' CONTENTS REVEALED**

Have you ever wondered what is inside the little white telephone exchange building in your community?

Each of these Taylor Telephone Cooperative dial central offices is composed of hundreds of electro-mechanical relays. These relays are divided into groups according to their function. They can be compared to valves in a water system which direct the flow of water in the right direction. Precise measuring equipment must be used in setting these relays, and if they are improperly adjusted, the entire flow of communication is thrown off balance causing numerous things to happen, such as getting wrong numbers, failure of a telephone to ring, and various other troubles.

The cost of one set of testing equipment alone is approximately \$1,070.00. The cost of the dial central office equipment which will serve 100 subscribers is approximately \$15,000.00 with \$880.00 for each additional carrier. The average life of this central office equipment with proper care and maintenance is about 35 years.

One telephone call requires the correct operation of 20 to 30 relays. One mis-adjusted relay in this group can cause you to have to redial your number. These relays have to be adjusted to operate at certain voltages and to drop off at another precise voltage. The contacts on the relays are made of precious metal and require care much the same as a watch must have. In a dial central office, for instance, there must be no moisture, dust, or fumes. Even certain types of floor wax cannot be used because the fumes form a residue on the relay contacts. This residue can cause the relays to stick and result in equipment failure.

Carrier equipment is used to provide additional talking circuits on lines already in use. These circuits are very critical and require even greater care than does the dial equipment. Carrier circuits are divided into channels, much the same way your television set is divided into channels. Each channel has an assigned frequency. Each unit has a transmitter and receiver which work much the same as a radio broadcast station. They take the frequency of the human voice, usually 100 cycles to 3,000 cycles, and convert them into radio waves between 3,500 cycles and 350,000 cycles.

In this form the radio waves are connected to the line where they travel along the outside coating of the wire to the receiver on the opposite end of the circuit. This receiver reverses the process your voice went through at the transmitter, converting the high frequency radio waves back to their original form. In this manner many conversations can be held on one pair of wires. This pair of wires can still be used as a regular circuit because the average human ear can only hear sounds in the frequency range of 20 to 17,000 cycles. A person may at times hear a high pitched tone on these circuits where another person can hear nothing. This means that the person who can hear the tone has very sensitive ears, that is to say, sensitive to high frequency sounds.

These carrier circuits are very critical in adjustment. All voltages and resistances must be set with meters and must not vary from those recommended by the manufacturer. Testing and aligning carrier circuits is a time-consuming job, since adjustments must be made simultaneously by a trained maintenance man at each end of the circuit.

The little white houses serve the following communities: Hamby, Hawley, Noodle, Nubia, Potosi, Lawn, Buffalo Gap, Tuscola, Bradshaw, Nolan and Wingate. John Hardesty, manager of the phone co-op, said that Norton is in the process of being converted from common battery to a modern dial system and should be

completed by Nov. 15, 1959. Funds have also been requested for a dial system for Crews community in Runnels County and for service to portions of Oak Creek Lake.

**TELEPHONE TERMS**

A carrier is not a delivery boy, but a transmitter and receiver.

A local switch train has nothing to do with a railroad but is a system of relays.

A trunk is not baggage but is a term used for a circuit connecting two offices.

An end cell has nothing to do with a jail but is the end battery in a central office.

A howler is not an unhappy child, but is a device used to get receivers back on the hook.

A test shoe is not experimental footwear — it is a device used to find trouble on telephone lines.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Dear Sir: I had the pleasure of serving as a member of the legislature with Mr. Truett Latimer during the regular session and the three special sessions just concluded. I think the people of Taylor County are to be congratulated upon their selection of Mr. Latimer as their representative. In all matters during those try-

ing sessions, I found Mr. Latimer to be firm in his convictions and perfectly fair with those who opposed him. If all members of the legislature had his attributes as a legislator, there would be no concern about the future of Texas.

Sincerely,  
JAMES M. COTTON

**Mrs. Boone Feted On 80th Birthday**

Mrs. Annie Boon of Trent was recently honored on her 80th birthday with a celebration staged by relatives and a few close friends.

The day's activities began with a basket luncheon at the Trent school cafeteria. That afternoon from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. an open house was held with a money tree.

All of Mrs. Boone's children were present except one son, Jack, of Memphis, Tex., and every one of her eight great-grandchildren attended. In all there were about 100 guests who attended from Vernon, Kermit, Sweetwater, Merkel, Abilene, Clyde, Austin, Merzon, Eola, and Denton.

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**Home Demonstration Notes**

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Agents

Sybie and I are back at work this week. Vacations are nice but it is always good to get home and to work again.

Friday night August 28th is the time for the Annual Home Demonstration picnic. It will be at Lytle Shore Auditorium at 7:00 P.M. Mrs. Tom Drummond, chairman of the recreation committee, says that she hopes every club member and their family comes.

Peaches have been abundant this year and there are a good many still available.

Frozen peach jam offers an easy and tasty way to make use of some of these peaches. It is a convenient food to have in the freezer, not only for making sandwiches or for use on toast, but also for spreading on ice cream, puddings and other desserts. This jam has fresh flavor because the peaches are not cooked.

Ingredients for about nine six-ounce glasses are: three cups crushed peaches (takes about 2 1/2 pounds); 5 cups sugar; one package powdered pectin; one cup water. To prepare the fruit, wash and drain the fully ripe peaches, remove pits and skins, and crush. To make the jam, first measure three cups of crushed peaches into a large mixing bowl. Add sugar, mix well and let stand for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Dissolve the pectin in the water, bring to a boil, and boil for one minute. Add pectin solution to the fruit-and-sugar mixture, and stir for two minutes.

Ladle the jam into jelly glasses or into suitable freezer containers, leaving 1/2-inch space at the top. Cover the containers and let stand for 24 to 48 hours, or until the jam has set. Then cover jam with 1-8-inch layer of hot paraffin.

Uncooked peach jam can be stored in the refrigerator for a few months or in the freezer for up to a year. If it is left at room temperature it will mold or ferment in a short time. Once a container is opened the jam should be kept in the refrigerator and used within a few days. "REFRESHERS" FOR TIRED FELT HATS . . .

If you can't afford a new fall hat, give the old one a new look with careful brushing and cleaning, suggest extension clothing specialists.

Start by careful brushing. This may show up spots and stains that need special treatment.

Try using the sandpaper method first. With a piece of No. 0 sandpaper, begin at center top of crown and gently sand in the same direction around the crown, side crown and the brim.

If this fails, use naphtha or other cleaning fluid. Dip a small brush, as nail brush, in the cleaning fluid, shake out excess liquid and brush hat until the soiled spots disappear. Remember to work outdoors when using cleaning fluids.

White or light colored felt hats may need special treatment. Saturate corn meal with naphtha or other cleaning fluid. Rub the mixture into the felt with a clean stiff brush. When fluid has evaporated, brush out the corn meal and air the hat before storing.

**Mrs. C. Benson Hosts Coffee For Study Club**

Members of the Fortnightly Study Club were honored with a coffee in the home of the club's president, Mrs. Carroll Benson, Wednesday morning, August 19.

Guests were greeted by Christine Collins, Mrs. Mack Fisher and Mrs. Johnny Cox served refreshments.

Mrs. Benson introduced one new member, Mrs. Mart Hardin, wife of the new pastor of the First Baptist Church, a visitor, Mrs. Jarrett Williams, was also welcomed.

Miss Collins, chairman of the yearbook committee gave highlights of the coming year's study which promises to be one of the most interesting ones in the 25 years the club has been organized. The first meeting will be a luncheon at the Sadler cabin at Lake Sweetwater on August 29.

**Groenes Host Family Dinner**

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Groene, Rt. 5 Merkel, recently hosted a family dinner in their home to honor Mr. Groene's nephew, Lawrence Harris, of El Centro, Calif., and his niece, Mrs. Ed Truesdale, the former Mary Leah Harris of Eugene, Ore.

Others attending the dinner were Mrs. Lawrence Harris and daughter Elaine of El Centro, Calif., Mrs. Truesdale's son, Sgt. and Mrs. Wesley Truesdale of the Medical Corps, Sumter, S. C. and their children, Brigitte and Valerie, Mrs. Hester Groene of Merkel, Mrs. Martha Parker of Abilene, W. O. Groene of Clyde, Mr. and Mrs. Weaver Forsythe and daughter June of Big Spring, and Mrs. Enslly Jenkins and daughters, Sherry and Patricia, of Abilene.

This was the first trip to Texas in more than thirty years for Mr. Harris and Mrs. Truesdale. Their mother, the former Freda Groene, was married to Penn Harris in Abilene in 1909 and then moved to California. Both Mr. and Mrs. Harris are deceased.

Mr. Harris and Mrs. Truesdale were surprised at the development of Abilene. The Alameda Addition was at one time their grandfather's farm where they played as children. Their grandfather is the late Fritz Groene.

**Nell Phelps Feted At Gift Party**

Miss Nell Phelps of Winters, bride-elect of J. P. Click, was complimented with a gift tea in the home of Mrs. Jay Greenfield August 13.

Receiving guests with the hon-

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oree were her mother, Mrs. J. O. Phelps, and Mrs. Price Floyd. Mrs. Greenfield registered the guests.

The tea table, covered with a lace cloth over blue, was centered with a miniature bride and groom under a white arch flanked by tapers in silver holders. A silver arrangement circling a crystal punch bowl completed the table decor.

Guests attended from Anson, Abilene, Winters, Noodle and Merkel.

Hostesses were Mrs. Greenfield, Mrs. Floyd, Mrs. Pat Hunter, Mrs. E. A. Click Jr., Mrs. Dillard Williams and Mrs. Glenn Robertson.

**STITH NEWS**

Several farmers of the community are having their maize cut. Some of the younger maize is not ready; the crops are needing rain.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dunagin were called to Rogers, Ark., early Tuesday for her father, A. M. Jackson, passed away at his home there. The funeral for Mr. Jackson was held Thursday. He is survived by his wife, a daughter, here, a son, Bill Jackson of Oklahoma City and two grandchildren, Mary and Randy Dunagin. Mr. Jackson owned and operated the Stith store for a number of years before moving to Arkansas. We wish to extend our sympathy to the family.

Mrs. J. E. Swindell left Saturday for Kermit to attend the funeral of her sister-in-law.

Cynthia Kay and Chyree Powell of Odessa are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Mundy and son of San Antonio spent the weekend with her parents, Mr.

and Mrs. Walter Vantresse. A number of the men of the community helped Rev. Swindell on his house Thursday. He is building a home for his mother.

Homer D. Payne left the first of the week for Lubbock. He is going to teach in a school there this term.

Hal Burk of Tye and Fritz Haie attended the Burk family reunion at Lubbock last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris spent the weekend with their son and

family of Ballinger, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Harris.

Mrs. Troy Phillips of Monahan has been visiting her aunt, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Carson.

Guests in the home of Mrs. Shanks last Wednesday were Mrs. Ethel Hollingshead and Mrs. Shank's sister, Miss Edessa Kendall of Abilene. Miss Kuykendall stayed for a three day visit.

Mrs. Edna Horton and Mrs. Joseph Shanks visited in the home of Mrs. Shanks's daughter, Mrs. Rae

Klepper, to help welcome her new infant son, Russell Keith Klepper.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Alice Nelson Williams, 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 5th day of October A.D. 1959, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 14th day of August A. D. 1959, in this cause, numbered 24,204-A on the docket of said court and styled Chloma M. Williams, Plaintiff, vs. Alice Nelson Williams, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: plaintiff and defendant were married on or about January 17, 1933 and became permanently separated in February, 1944.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment and further alleges that there are no children of this marriage and no community property to be adjudicated as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 20th day of August A.D. 1959.

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## STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights by Vern Sanford TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Texas will have a virtual "government on wheels" for the last part of this month as 31 state agencies pick up their filing cabinets and move into the new State Office Building.

This is the second new headquarters building to be completed this year. First to be occupied was the new Texas Employment Commission building, completed only a few weeks ago.

Transferring into the new State Office Building undoubtedly will be the biggest move of state agencies since horse-drawn dray wagons moved the government into the present Capitol Building in 1888.

First to move will be a host of commissions, boards and divisions which have been in rented quarters scattered over Austin.

Later, probably October or November, another big move will take the Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals, Attorney General's Department and Supreme Court Library out of the Capitol into the new State Courts Building.

ing . . . third state building to be completed this year.

It has been the dream for some time of the Supreme Court's elderly Chief Justice John E. Hickman to stay on the job until the day he could preside in the new Courts Building.

Built of granite similar to that in the Capitol, but with modern styling, the new buildings are to the north of the Capitol. Combined cost of the two buildings is some \$7,000,000.

With all the happiness over the prospect of splendid new quarters, there are some regrets. Many employees are worrying about where they'll park their cars once all the scattered agencies move into one building.

Supreme Court jurists feel a touch of sadness at leaving behind the historic walnut bench, inscribed with the Latin phrase, "As God Was to our Forefathers, so may He be unto us." It has been in use practically since the memory of man. Replacement is a handsome marble piece which the

judges compare to a soda fountain.

**PROGRESS AND PROPERTY** — A tingle of excitement, fear and hope runs through landowners and business people when they learn that a new super-highway is to come through their area.

Some residents fret over the prospect of losing the old home place. Others dream of wild profits. Businessmen worry whether the motorists will be able to get to their places.

As more and more expressways pierce the countryside, the State Highway Department is making every effort to explain the procedures for acquiring highway right of way.

Samples from recent official Department statements:

1. Although its first responsibility is to the public — the taxpayers and millions of highway users — the Highway Department "tries to create a minimum of private injury or inconvenience."

2. When private lands are needed for public roads, the law guarantees "adequate compensation" to the owner. Independent professional appraisers are hired, and an "approved value" figure determined.

3. Once the "approved value" is settled on, the Department negotiator can't "horse trade" with the landowner. This might reward the greedy and tough-minded at the expense of the timid or public spirited person. But a dissatisfied owner can have the matter settled in court.

4. When part of a piece of property is taken and the rest left isolated or of little value, the state will make payment for the loss of value.

5. Owners will be given ample time to move buildings to another site or find new buildings.

6. If an owner with a GI mortgage has to sell, the Veterans Administration will restore his GI loan privileges for getting a new piece of property.

7. An owner who sells property for more than he paid for it will not have to pay income tax on the profit, providing he uses the money to buy similar property within a year.

8. Controlled access highways cannot have an entrance and exit for every piece of property along the way. Real estate developers are urged by the Department to contact the local planning engineer before making any commitments based on access to the through lanes of a controlled access Road.

**WATER FIGHT DUE** — State Board of Water Engineers has scheduled a hearing for Aug. 31 on the City of Houston's controversial bid for Trinity River water.

Houston seeks permission to build two reservoirs near the mouth of the Trinity, one near Livingston and one near Wallisville, and divert more than a billion gallons daily.

Trinity River Authority and a number of upstream cities — Dallas, Fort Worth, Huntsville, etc. — are protesting that Houston is trying to grab the water supply from the whole river.

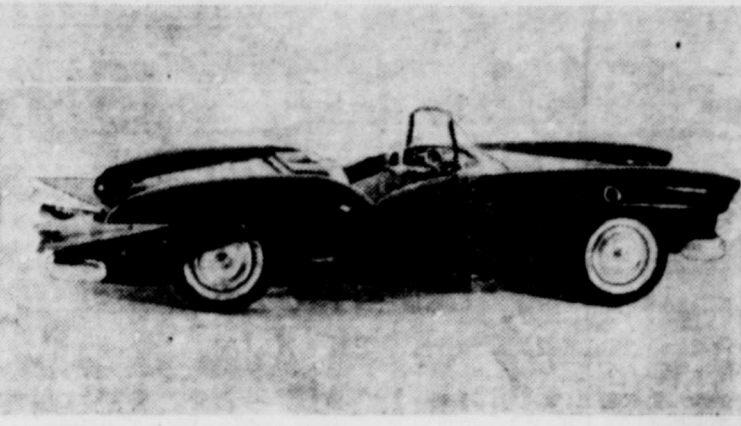
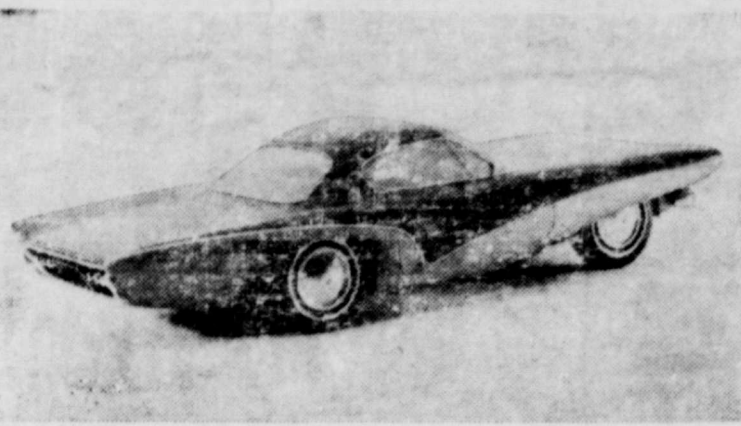
**SLOW UP FOR HOLIDAY** — With Texas' 1959 traffic deaths running six per cent higher than last year, Gov. Price Daniel issued an urgent safety plea to Labor Day motorists.

He called on law enforcement agencies, civic organizations, safety councils and "most important of all, drivers, to help in this most important of all Texas efforts, the saving of human lives."

Department of Public Safety reported traffic deaths for the first half of 1959 at 1,097, compared to 1,032 for the same period in '58.

**SHORT SNORTS** — Texas range and pasture land is in the best condition since 1941, reports the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Good winter feed prospects for cattle are predicted . . . Texas construction activity for the first half of 1959 totaled \$1,123,332,000, an increase of 11 per cent over last year . . . A 1959 pecan crop of 27,000,000 pounds is forecast for Texas by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. This would be slightly better than the 26,000,000-pound crop in 1958 . . . Governor Daniel has appointed Otha F. Dent of Littlefield to a new six-year term on the Board of Water

### Young Texas Designers Win Honors



TEXAS BOYS who designed and built these sleek model cars for the 1959 Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild competition have won first state awards of \$150. The upper car was entered by James Bright of Austin. The lower car is the work of Heriberto Cordero of Del Rio.

Engineers. Dent is a former Lamb County judge . . . J. T. Ellis Jr., former administrative assistant to Governor Daniel, has been appointed to top non-medical administrator for the State Department of Health. Ellis is a one-time state representative from Weslaco.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Robertson, Vickie and David, visited Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Stevens and boys in Wink, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hicks and family in Kermit, last weekend.

Take some of the gamble out of ranching, grow some grass first, then stock accordingly.

### Granbury Reunion

Attending the reunion in Granbury, Texas, from this area were Mrs. L. V. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Russy and Martha, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Armstrong of Trent; and Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Woodward and sons, Ronnie, Joe, Wayne and Eldon of Hawley. Other towns represented were Fort Worth, Dallas, Cleburne, Weatherford and Tolar.

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# U.S. OIL

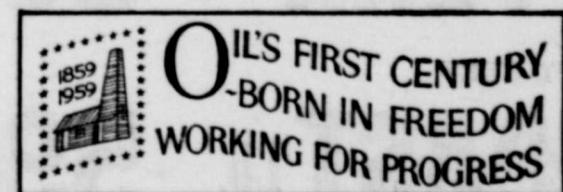
Indispensable in our way of life...  
vital to our national defense

In the 100 years since the drilling of the first oil well in the United States, the usefulness of petroleum has been often demonstrated in many ways . . . It is an economical and efficient source of energy and a raw resource convertible through petrochemistry into innumerable useful materials. . . . It is indispensable in our way of life, and vital to the national defense.

It is comforting to know that today's reserves are ample for today's needs. And if incentives to undergo the heavy risks involved are continued, there is no doubt that more oil will be discovered and produced to replace the oil we use . . .

The United States has found, produced, refined, and used more oil than any other nation. This has made petroleum products a feature of the abundant American life. Americans use more petroleum products than any other people on the globe.

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## SPEED WASH

DO A WEEKS WASH IN 30 MINUTES  
USE AS MANY MACHINES AS YOU NEED

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

**DRY YOUR WASH 40 lbs. 50¢**

COIN OPERATED — WASH DAY OR NIGHT

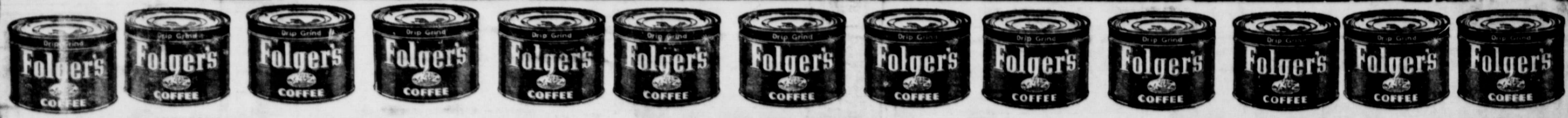
**920 No. 2nd** AIR NEXT DOOR TO  
CONDITIONED MERKEL MAIL

The Humble Company, incorporated in 1917, has participated in the development of new and better ways to find and produce oil, and in the research that has improved petroleum products and discovered countless new uses for oil and natural gas. Humble is a major producer of U. S. oil, with production extending all across the southern tier of states from

Florida to California. Marketing operations are carried on in Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. Humble's Baytown refinery, near Houston, is one of the great refineries of the world. (Humble Pipe Line Company, a major transporter of crude oil and finished products, operates more than 9000 miles of pipe lines in Texas.)



HUMBLE OIL & REFINING CO.



# CARSONS Super Market

INVITES YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR  
FOLGER'S GUESSING CONTEST.

18 BIG F-R-E-E PRIZES

**PRIZES**

- 1st CARD TABLE and 4 CHAIRS
- 2nd BATH ROOM SCALES
- 3rd KITCHEN SET & PAN
- 4th Thurs. 7 PITCHERS
- 5th Thurs. 18 SALT and PEPPER SETS

**FOLLOW THESE EASY RULES**

- 1. COME TO OUR STORE AND SEE OUR DISPLAY OF FOLGER'S MOUNTAIN COFFEE.
- 2. ESTIMATE THE NUMBER OF INCHES OF RIBBON WRAPPED AROUND THE DISPLAY.
- 3. MARK YOUR ESTIMATE ON ENTRY BLANK AND DROP IN BOX IN OUR STORE.

THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT — NOTHING TO BUY — YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN.  
CONTEST ENDS AUGUST 31st AT 7:00 P. M.

Guessing Contest

you may win a prize!

Your guess might win one of these big contest prizes!

special sale!



Folger's coffee

59¢

Pound Limit

Nabisco Crackers lb. 25c

**PURE LARD** Armour's 3 lb. crtn. **39¢**

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

**PREM** Swift Premium 12-oz. Can - **39¢**

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

BORDEN'S GLACIER CLUB

**ICE CREAM** 1/2 Gal. Crtn. - **69¢**

GOLD MEDAL

**FLOUR** 25 lb. Print - - - **\$1.83**

KUNER'S 303 Sweet PEAS - 2 for 29c

KUNER'S 303 Golden CORN 2 for 33c

KUNER'S 303 Cut Green BEANS 2 for 33c

KUNER'S 303 Peeled TOMATOES 2 for 29c

Del Monte 303 PEARS - - 2 for 49c

Del Monte 303 FRUIT C.T. 2 for 49c

Del Monte 46-oz. TOMATO Juice 2 for 49c

TOWIE RED MARACHINO CHERRIES 10-oz. SALAD - 25c

VALVITA PEACHES 2 2 1/2 Cans 49c

IT'S NEW!



Swift Premium VIENNA SAUSAGE 3 for 49c

Peter Pan CHILI 200 Can - - - 39c

Peter Pan TAMALES 300 CAN - - - 19c

TOWIE Salad Olives 13-oz. Jar - - - 39c

Sunshine HI-HO's lb. 29c

Sunshine CANDY cello 29c

**FREE! FREE!**

1/2 GAL. ICE CREAM

SEE Betty Crocker CAKE MIX DISPLAY FOR DETAILS

Betty Crocker CAKE MIXES 5 boxes \$1

DEVIL'S FOOD HONEY SPIECE WHITE or YELLOW



JOY GIANT can 75c

CHEER GIANT 73c

Mr. CLEAN Qt. Bot - - 69c

Garden Fresh Vegetables

RUSSETS SPUDS 25-lb. Bag - **93¢**

GRAPES TOKAY - - - - lb. 15c

SUNKIST ORANGES - - lb. 13c

Fresh K. Y. BEANS - - - - lb. 29c

Bartlett PEARS - - - - lb. 19c

SUNKIST LEMONS - - - lb. 13c

Finest Quality MEATS

Choice Heavy Beef Round STEAK

Lb. - - **93¢**

CHOICE HEAVY BEEF T-Bone STEAK Lb. **89¢**

CHOICE HEAVY BEEF Pot ROAST Lb. **59¢**

Assorted LUNCH MEATS - - - - lb. 49c

Kraft ELKHORN CHEESE - - - - lb. 49c

Fresh No. 1 SALT PORK - - - - lb. 29c

GOOCH RANCH PACK

WIENERS 3 lbs. **89¢**

WILSON'S BACON Squares lb. **35¢**

CRISPPRITE BACON Lb. **43¢**



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