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Tell-Tale Fe-Mail

By M. L. G.

This week's Merkel Mail is dedicated to the Farmers and Merchants National Bank in case you haven't noticed. All Merkel is proud of the elegant new bank as the congratulatory ads will indicate. Look for stories on the bank throughout the paper.

This has not been our week. Not only is our "gal Friday" still out of the office, we're short of help in the back shop, we had twice as many press runs as usual, news is running out our ears and no place to put it, etc., etc. You name it, we've had it.

Everything has gone wrong, but the wrongest thing is the beautiful football page which announces to the world that the Coahoma-Merkel game Friday night will be at Badger Stadium when any idiot knows it is going to be in Coahoma. Everyone around here has blamed everyone else. Since there have been only two of us here most of the time, you can imagine what a mess that's been.

For all of you who have written about the absence of 20 and 40 Years Ago, we will have it back in next week, I hope.

Roy Mosier, 67, Dies Saturday

Roy N. Mosier, 67, died at 8 a.m. Saturday in Sadler Clinic-Hospital. Born April 10, 1892 in Stephenville, he married Mary Serena of Springfield, Ill., in 1921 at Stephenville. He lived in Fort Worth and Houston before moving to Merkel in 1942.

Mr. Mosier operated a service station and tourist courts here until his retirement in 1949 because of health. He was a member of the Downtown Bible Class and the Breckenridge Masonic lodge.

Funeral was held at 2:30 p. m. Sunday in the Starbuck Chapel with the Rev. H. S. Earp, pastor of the Assembly of God Church in Abilene and the Rev. Al Dickey, pastor of the Assembly of God Church here officiating. Burial was in Ross Hill Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Billy B. of Houston; two sisters, Mrs. R. M. Murray of Cleburne and Mrs. Bonnie Traweek of Corpus Christi and four grandchildren.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Fortner, who have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Harwell, left Monday for their home in Antioch, Calif. While here they accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Harwell, Mrs. Frances Carey, Youlinda and Wayne, and Mr. and Mrs. Ike Turner and daughters to a Harwell reunion in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Harwell of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hartley of Plainview visited his mother, Mrs. A. J. Hartley, a brother, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hartley, and a sister, Mr. and Mrs. Houston Robertson, last week-end.

Jimmy Walker flew from El Paso here last week to attend the game between H-SU and North Texas State. While here he visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker. Walker is scout and coach at Texas Western College.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McRee of Washington, D. C. visited his sister, Miss Mabel McRee, last Friday on their way to Lubbock where they will visit their daughter, Mrs. Jimmy Bass.

Jacky Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell, enrolled in North Texas State College this fall where he will be a junior. He is majoring in Physical Education.

Mr. and Mrs. Durlie Farmer and daughter, Vickie, visited her mother, Mrs. Opal Shaffner, of Blackwell last week-end.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Meeks and children, Gail and Ricky, of Butman attended the religious services at the First Baptist Church Sunday night.

New Merkel F&M Bank Building Completed



NEW HOME OF FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

Bank's Home 55 Years Torn Down To Make Room For New Facilities

With the completion of their new building this week, another milestone in its 55-year banking history has been achieved by the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel.

The bank moved into its new \$160,000 building several weeks ago, so that the old building could be torn down to make room for the bank's parking lot and drive-in teller window.

The old building was the F&M's home since it was founded in 1904 by President Booth Warren's father, J. T. Warren. Directors at the time it was organized were J. T. Warren, Geo. F. West, Thos. Johnson, Ed. S. Hughes and Henry James.

Work on the new brick and stone building started the first part of December, 1958. Bridges, Campbell and Associates were architects and engineers for the project. General contractor was Rose Construction Co.

The entire building site, for the building, driveways and parking lot, is 80x100 feet. The area used embraces the old location of Bragg's Department Store, the old bank building, and the McCollum building which formerly housed McDonald's Barber Shop and the Merkel Cafe.

Nothing has been overlooked in the new bank building for customer service, convenience and comfort. A modern heating and cooling system has been installed for year-round comfort; a drive-in window is available for those who want to do their banking without getting out of the car; and for after-hour banking, there is a day and night depository.

Two new vault doors, costing in excess of \$5,000 each, were installed on the 11x25 foot utility vault and the 10x11 foot safety depository vault. Both doors are equipped with triple time locked, dual combinations.

Mirrors have been installed in both the utility vault and the safety depository vault primarily to relieve a feeling of claustrophobia.

The new building, styled in contemporary architecture with walnut paneling and recessed lighting, has 4,462 square feet of floor space.

The officers' area, situated at the right as you enter the front door of the building, and the customer's lounge, on the left, are separated from the bank lobby by brick planter boxes.

The officers' area has office space for two officers, one glass enclosed. Floors in this area and in the customer's lounge are carpeted in blended colors of ivory and beige.

The five teller's cages are built on a curved contour and are of walnut with marble and vinyl tile. A ceiling break of three feet follows the contour of the cages.

The directors' room, available for committee meetings of community organizations, has hazel-wood paneled walls and asphalt tile floors. The room is furnished with a desk and chairs.

A snack bar for employees of the bank is equipped with an eating booth and a small compact kitchen unit, complete with cabinet space, refrigerator and two-burner stove.

Draw drapes which can be drawn or closed at will, are used on all windows and glass doors throughout the building.

Other features of the new building include a telephone booth for customer use, separate rest rooms for employees and customers, and a ladies' lounge for employees.

Directors of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank are Dr. W. T. Sadler, H. C. West, W. S. J. Brown and Dr. Don Warren, son of the president.

New Hair Stylist At Norma's Shop

Norma's Shop is announcing the addition of Ira "Smitty" Smith to their staff this week.

Smith, who specializes in hair styling, is a graduate of Abilene Beauty College and trained under Garland in Garland's House of Beauty in Abilene.

He and his wife, the former Conita Bagby, are living in Merkel at 1411 S. 7th St.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Garner and Mrs. Ada Hendricks visited in the home of Mr. Garner's son, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Garner and family, in Farwell this past week. They also visited their grandchildren at Lubbock and Amarillo, and went on a pleasure trip to Conchas Lake in New Mexico.

CORRECTION

Due to an error in the football schedule given to the Merkel Mail, the football page in this issue of the paper, sponsored by Badger boosters, inadvertently announces Friday's night's game as a home game. The game will be played in Coahoma.

CEMETERY FUND LOW

The Merkel Cemetery Association is having to replace water lines, worn out from long years of use, at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Cost of the repairs will be in the neighborhood of \$200. Fred Starbuck said, and cemetery funds are almost depleted.

The upkeep of the cemetery is financed entirely through donations made to the Merkel Cemetery Association, a non-profit organization.

Donations may be made to the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, in person or by mail.

NEW RESIDENTS
Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Smith have moved to Merkel from Austin and purchased the Morris Smith home at 912 S. 5th St.

TYE YOUTH BITTEN BY RATTLESNAKE

Making a highway stop near Tye, west of Abilene, to look at a young rattlesnake sent Jim McCartney, 18, of Tye, to the hospital with a bad snakebite Friday night.

The doctor at Sadler-Clinic Hospital in Merkel said "He's a pretty sick boy, but he's going to be all right."

McCartney is the son of Billy McCartney, Tye farmer.

With three other boys, he was riding west toward Abilene, about a quarter mile from the center of Tye, when they saw the two-foot rattler on the shoulder of old U.S. 80.

They stopped the car some distance beyond the snake.

Jim got out and walked toward where the snake was last seen. In the darkness — the car headlights pointed the opposite direction — the youth inadvertently got too close. The snake fanged him on the right hand, then slithered away.

Snakebite serum was administered soon afterward at Sadler Clinic-Hospital. The hospital wanted more serum for continuing medication, so Abilene police obtained it serum at St. Ann Hospital, delivering it to highway patrolmen at the city limits, who relayed it to the Merkel hospital.

CEMETERY FUND

Persons who contributed to the Merkel Cemetery Fund this week are:

Johnny Sears Snyder
Downtown Bible Class
Hicks Auto Supply
Maude A. Wheeler Estate
Mell G. Peterson

Geo. M. Freeman Retired Farmer, Dies In Trent

George M. Freeman, 78, Trent community resident for 54 years, died at 2:30 a.m. Thursday at his farm residence.

Funeral was held at 3 p.m. Friday in the Methodist Church at Trent with the Rev. C. C. Dorn, pastor, officiating.

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

Mr. Freeman, a retired farmer, was born Aug. 30, 1881, in Alabama and moved with his parents to Lee County, Tex., as a boy. He was married to Dora Purser Dec. 24, 1902 in Lee County. He moved to the Trent community in 1905 and had lived there since.

Mr. Freeman had been confined to his bed for the last four years. Surviving are five sons, Homer of Merkel, Oliver T., James M., Odell and Elmer, all of Trent; two daughters, Mrs. J. C. Washburn of Hawley and Mrs. Richard Austin of Houston; three brothers, Arthur, Freeman of Lexington, Tex.; one sister, Mrs. Roy Crane of Goldthwaite; 22 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Horses Had Little Competition When F & M Bank Was Organized

For transportation purposes, the horses had very little competition back in 1904 when the Merkel Farmers and Merchants National Bank was organized.

The "horseless carriage," now known as an automobile, was still in the experimental stage and certainly not a trustworthy mode of travel. A frightened runaway horse, or a wagon or buggy stuck in the mud, was not an uncommon sight in those days.

The cylinder phonograph, which had to be cranked to keep it running, was the home entertainment for those who could afford them. Although there were "high spir-

ited" boys and girls, the expression "juvenile delinquency" was as unknown as the words sputnik or atomic.

There were two other banks in Merkel the year J.T. Warren and his associates organized the Farmers and Merchants National Bank — the First National of Merkel and Warnick's Bank.

Other business places at the time, which will be familiar to some of the old timers, were W. H. Dick on Hardware, Watson & Bacon, The Star Store, J. P. Sharp & Co., W. P. Browning & Co., J. O. Hamilton and R. L. Hudson.

Coffee sold for about 20 cents per pound, sugar was \$5 for 100 pounds and a bale of cotton brought an average of \$60.

A super bargain advertised in the Merkel Mail in 1904 was three bars of soap and a pair of scissors, all for just 25 cents. Hunt's Lightning Oil was the thing to use for burns, bruises and sprains and for those who suffered with coughs, there was Ballard's Horehound Syrup. According to the ads, the salve to use when thrown by a horse, was Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

Yes, those were "the good old days" — or were they?

Johnny Hardesty Is President Of Student Council

In a special election last Friday, Johnny Hardesty, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hardesty, nosed out Larry Howard for the presidency of the Student Council of the local elementary school. Only 12 votes separated the two candidates.

Johnny was a candidate of the 7th Sages Party and Larry was the candidate for the East Enders Party.

Velma Orsborn of the East Enders Party nipped Jacky Reynolds of the 7th Sages Party by eight votes to win the vice-presidency race.

Gary Adcock of the 7th Sages Party was the successful candidate for the job as Fire Chief, defeating Frosty Winter in the run-off.

Jimmy Whisenhunt of the Gypsy Party won the Assistant Fire Chief's race in a landslide over Rodney Robertson and Jack Mansfield.

The student election was conducted in the same style as the regular general elections in Texas. Each student had to pay a poll tax of 10 cents in order to be eligible to vote. A big political rally was held Thursday morning in the school auditorium.

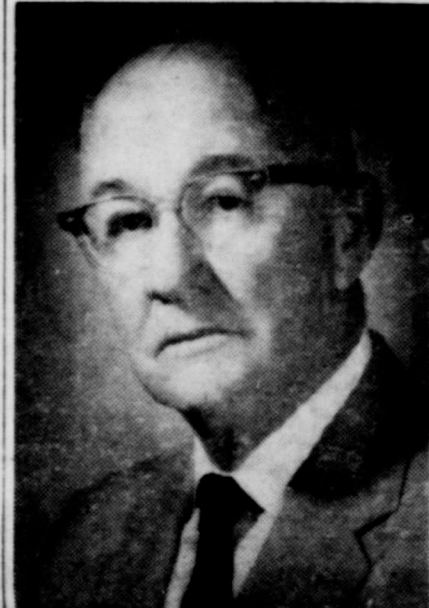
Mr. F. T. Bartlett went to Lubbock Monday to be with her sister, Mrs. J. E. Humphreys, who had major surgery Tuesday morning. Mrs. Ellis Harris accompanied Mrs. Bartlett and will visit her parents there.

Shouse Named Insurance Agent

Andy Shouse, Merkel real estate dealer, has been named local representative for the Farmers Insurance Group which includes: auto, fire and casualty insurance.

Shouse has been in the real estate business since 1946 and will continue to operate in conjunction with the insurance agency.

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BOOTH WARREN

... president

Booth Warren Begins 43rd Year With F & M Bank

Booth Warren, president of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, started to work in the bank as a bookkeeper in 1917.

Through the years he worked as a teller, assistant cashier and cashier in the bank his father, J. T. Warren, founded. When his father died in 1940, he succeeded him as president.

Warren was born and raised in Merkel. Following his graduation from Merkel High School in 1914, he went to Cooper Training School in Abilene for one year before enrolling in Simmons College (now Hardin-Simmons University).

He is married to the former Zoe West, only daughter of the late Geo. F. West, one of the first directors of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren have two sons, Jerry, manager of Continental Air Lines in Abilene, and Don, a physician and a director of the bank his father headed.

Warren has two sisters, Mrs. H. C. (Winnie) Coit and Mrs. K. S. (Louise) Beckett, both of Dallas.

Members of the Junior Class of Merkel High School met in the auditorium to elect officers on Sept. 16.

Lester Dorton, who was president of the class when they were sophomores last year, was re-named to that office by acclamation.

Other officers elected were Jerry Don Doan, vice president; Penny Gardner, secretary-treasurer; Carolyn Windham, reporter; and Phil Seymore, parliamentarian.

Class sponsors chosen were Mrs. Evelyn Read, Mrs. Ruth Perkins and Miss Ola Hughes.

FOOTBALL AT COAHOMA FRIDAY NIGHT

National P.T.A. Sets Goal: Over 12,000,000 Members

More American children than ever before are enrolled in school this fall.

And more and more of their parents and teachers will be P.T.A. members by the time the National Congress of Parents and Teachers concludes its annual October membership enrollment.

Through the efforts of the millions of parents and teachers already working in P.T.A.'s, children all over the United States are assured the closest kind of home-school cooperation on their behalf. Out of this working together of home and school have come higher educational standards, curriculums geared to the needs of today's world, more adequate school facilities and more effective parent education programs and, of course, good playgrounds, safe sidewalks, driver-training classes, and continuous health programs.

Mrs. James C. Parker, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, president of the National Congress, points to such P.T.A. achievements as "a significant factor" in the growth of the National Congress, which already ranks as the world's largest voluntary organization.

"A membership of more than 12,000,000 is our goal this year," she says, "and we intend to call on all the families we can to enroll new members—whether parents or teachers or other citizens with a real interest in education."

Work for All

The variety of P.T.A. activities, Mrs. Parker believes, "offers all members an opportunity to work on the many problems that involve the welfare and advancement of the nation's children."

Because the P.T.A.'s chief concern is for children, its action on their behalf starts even before they're ready for school.

A pre-school program emphasizes the child's health, his habits, and his sound emotional development. It may take the form of an immunization project like that undertaken in Tennessee's Washington County, where children started to school this fall protected against diphtheria, smallpox, whooping cough, and polio—because P.T.A. members took the lead in a county-wide fight against communicable disease.

—When a child takes the big



Standing beside the P.T.A. oak tree emblem, Mrs. James C. Parker, president of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, prepares to sow symbolic seeds in an effort to reach the goal of more than twelve million P.T.A. members by the end of the membership enrollment month.

step into school, the P.T.A. offers a ready-made meeting place where parents and teachers work together for the child's academic and social development. The Kenosha, Wisconsin, Council of P.T.A.'s, for example, sponsored a summer-long elementary school clinic for children who had difficulty in reading.

—Youngsters who have special problems get attention in another phase of the National Congress' program. Language barriers are being breached for Puerto Rican children attending school in Camden, New Jersey, because local P.T.A.'s sparked a move to hire a Spanish instructor who works with these children in their daily English classes.

Teens Get Attention

—Teen-agers are helped, too, by P.T.A. programs designed to spur their development into responsible citizens. In Evanston, Illinois, high school students can look forward to receiving sound advice on future vocations, thanks to a P.T.A. guidance program that culminates in a day-long career conference.

—Because of its interest in children, the P.T.A. also offers adults many chances for constructive community work that will benefit children.

Through the years, the National Congress consistently supported kindergartens, promoted hot lunch programs in schools, alerted the public to violations of child labor statutes, improved the standards of treatment for juvenile offenders, and backed programs to focus attention on the urgent needs of the public schools.

"The more members we enroll," Mrs. Parker points out, "the more opportunities the National Congress will have to work for the well-being of all the nation's children."

Governor Declares Official Months For P-TA Membership Enrollment

Membership enrollment in the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers has been designated for September and October by official proclamation of Governor Price Daniel.

Memberships in the state organization numbered 673,023 last April, a gain of 42,000 over the previous year. Memberships in the national organization attained 11,516,905, and are expected to reach twelve million by next spring, according to the national president, Mrs. James C. Parker, of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Texas ranks fourth in the nation. "Let's Call on All" is the slogan adopted for this year.

The state's 2600 local units will seek to recruit parents with school-age children (as well as aunts, uncles, cousins); parents whose children are now out of school; parents of pre-school children; persons who have no children but are interested in child welfare; teachers and other educators.

Following is the text of the Governor's memorandum.

"On October 19, 1909, a distinguished organization, now known as the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers, was founded in this State; its aim was, and is, to promote the welfare of children

and youth in home, school, church and community."

"Since the call of that first memorable meeting, hundreds of thousands of men and women over the State have joined hands each year to carry on the Congress program. More than 673,000 were enrolled in Texas last year. "Few, if any, other organized groups have enjoyed such a marvelous growth. No doubt this is due to the organization's challenging program which appeals alike to men and women of all occupations and professions."

"Therefore, I, as Governor of Texas, in recognition of the outstanding accomplishments of the Texas Congress of Parent and Teachers in its 50-year history, do hereby designate the months of September and October, 1959, as PARENT - TEACHER MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT PERIOD in Texas, and call upon the citizens of our State to assist in its important program."

Important reminder to employers of household workers: If you paid a household worker \$50 or more in cash wages during the calendar quarter ending June 30, (September 30), you must file your social security tax report by July 31, (October 31).

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gabby doodle from noodle says:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:
When the weather is right for it, I spend a heap of my time just setting on the front porch and rocking. A feller can do some mighty sound thinking while he's setting and rocking. I always rock with the grain on account of rocking agin the grain makes the planks squeak and the noise reminds my old lady of a few chores I ain't finished. I

reckon most of you folks in town ain't saw a rocking chair in 10 year, and if you had one the chances is you ain't got no front porch to rock it on. When you town folks throwed your rocking chairs away and started building houses without no front porches is when you started down hill!

There ain't nothing in this world that gives a feller the feeling that he's at peace with himself and the world like setting and rocking fer a spell. If Khrushchev and them Russian bandits would git a front porch and some rocking chairs, the world wouldn't need no summit meeting.

Last night my good neighbor Zeke Crubb come by and me and him rocked and talked for a couple of hours. Zeke is a real good rocker and talker. He said he had writ his Congressman fer some data last Spring and his letter was referred to the Agriculture Department and from there to several other Departments. Right now, says Zeke, he's hearing from the State Department. He figgers he'll git the data in time fer the 1960 elections, along with a letter from his Congressman on how hard he's been working on the project.

Zeke is always good fer a fancy yarn or two. He was telling last night about the Sunday morning this feller went to church and nobody showed up but the preacher and him. The preacher come down to the pew and asked this feller, "Brother, if you took a load of hay to the pasture and didn't but one cow show up, would you feed her?" The feller allowed as how he would feed her.

The preacher walked back up in the pulpit, sung a few songs, said a long prayer, preached two hours and 10 minutes, sung a few more songs and said a final prayer. He come down out of the pulpit, shook hands with the feller, and they walked down the aisle together. When they got to the door, the feller stopped and told the preacher, "Reverend, I been thinking about that load of hay and the cow. I'd have fed her alright, but I'll be dad-burned if I would've give her the whole load."

Yourr truly,
GABBY



JACK POT
WINNERS and LOSERS
THIS WEEK

TUESDAY—LOSER	Doris Brazzil	100.00
	Mike Arnold	30.00
WEDNESDAY—LOSER	William Hughes	100.00
	Mrs. Bell Maxwell	35.00
THURSDAY—WINNER	Joe Douglas	100.00
LOSER	Walter Teaff	40.00
FRIDAY—LOSER	C. H. Willard	50.00
SATURDAY—LOSER	Mrs. Kellogg	55.00
MONDAY—LOSER	Mrs. Frase Demmere	60.00

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On October 2—for the first time in Chevrolet's 49-year history—you will be able to walk into your dealer's showroom and see two totally different kinds of cars. ■ One is the conventional 1960 Chevrolet, brand new in appearance and more beautifully refined and luxurious than you can imagine. ■ The other is unlike any car we or anybody else ever built—the revolutionary Corvair, with the engine in the rear where it belongs in a compact car. ■ We'd like to tell you why we built two such different cars, how we built them—and for whom we built them.

Why two kinds of cars? Because America itself has been going through some big changes in the past few years. Our cities have been straining at their seams. Traffic is jam-packed. Parking space is at a premium.

And our suburbs have spread like wildfire. People are living farther from their work, driving more miles on crowded streets. There is new leisure time—but more things to do. There's a new standard of living—and more need for two cars in the family garage.

In short, America's automobile needs have become so complex that no one kind of car can satisfy them completely. That is why we at Chevrolet, keeping tab on these trends, have had a revolutionary compact car in the planning stages for more than nine years.

Thus, when we decided three years ago to prepare for production of such a car we were ready to build it the way it should be built. There was no need for a hasty "crash" program that would create only a sawed-off version of a conventional car.

That is why the two cars you will see in your dealer's showroom October 2 will be two entirely different kinds of cars. One is the conventional '60 Chevrolet—brand new in beauty, with new space inside, new spirit under the hood, a new

feeling of sumptuousness and luxury never before attained by any car in its field. There is great V8 power linked with new thrift, plus Chevrolet's superb 6-cylinder engine. It is a traditional car that comes even closer to perfection—in silence, in room, in ease of control, in velvety ride—than any other car we have ever made.

The other is the Corvair, a compact car that is astonishingly different from anything ever built in this country. It has to be—because this is a six-passenger compact car, with a really remarkable performance . . . a car designed specifically to American standards of comfort, to American traffic needs.

The engine is in the rear. Among the basic advantages resulting from this engine location are better traction on a practically flat floor. But to be placed in the rear, the engine had to be ultra light and ultra short. So Corvair's engine is totally new—mostly aluminum and air cooled; it weighs about 40 per cent less than conventional engines. It is a "flat" horizontally opposed six—so it is only three cylinders long . . . and that leaves a lot more room for passengers.

Another weight saving: like modern airplanes, the Corvair has no frame; the body-shell supplies it great struc-

tural strength . . . it's a welded unit that is virtually rattle-free.

The ride is fantastic. But to get it we had to design independent suspension at every wheel; conventional springing would give a compact car a choppy ride. Right now we'll make one prediction: no other U.S. compact car will ride so comfortably, hold the road so firmly and handle so beautifully.

Now there are two kinds of cars from Chevrolet—because it takes two kinds of cars to serve America's needs today. If you love luxury—the utmost in luxury—and if you want generous interior space, breath-taking performance, automatic drives and power assists—then the conventional '60 Chevrolet may be your choice.

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MARSHMALLOWS - - - 17¢

BORDEN'S—1 lb. can

DUTCH CHOCOLATE - - - 33¢

LIPTON'S

TEA 16 ct. bags 23¢ 1/4 lb. pkg. 39¢

HORMEL

SPAM - - - - can 43¢

SUPREME—1 lb. box

SALAD WAFERS - 1 lb. box 25¢

KIMBELL'S—309 size

HOMINY - - - - 3 for 25¢

KIMBELL'S—18 oz. glass

PEANUT BUTTER - - - - 39¢

HUNT'S

TOMATOES SAUCE - 3 cans 25¢

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TOMATOES - - - 2 for 25¢

KIMBELL'S—SWEET MIDGET

PICKLES - - - 2 pints 69¢

KOUNTY KIST—12 oz. can

CORN - - - - 2 for 29¢

LIQUID—King Size

CHIFFON - - - - 59¢

FROZEN FOODS

BOOTH'S

FISH STICKS - - - - pkg. 33¢

PICT-SWEET PINK

LEMONADE - - - - 10¢

UNDERWOOD'S

BAR-B-Q BEEF - - - - pkg. 79¢

MEAD'S—Pkg. of 12

ROLLS - - - - 2 for 25¢

Garden Fresh VEGETABLES

WHITE SEEDLESS

GRAPES Lb. - - - - **16¢**

FRESH CRISP BELL

Bell PEPPER - lb. 10¢

NO. 1 EAST TEXAS

YAMS - - - lb. 8¢

FRESH

TOMATOES - - - - lb. 14¢

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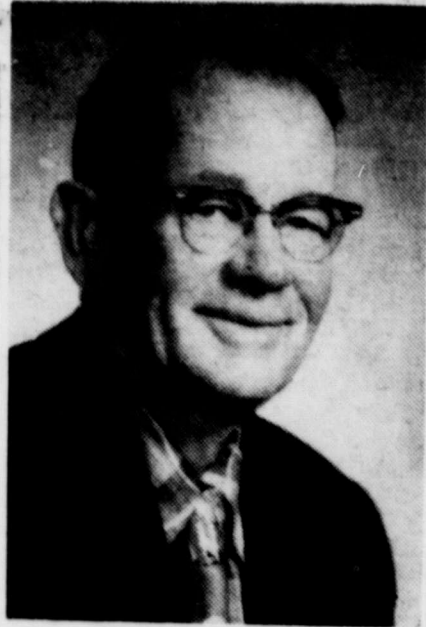
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IF BY AN ACCIDENT, THE BOAT OVERTURNS—STAY WITH IT. IT'LL PROBABLY FLOAT. HAVE ON STAY CALM. WAIT FOR SOMEONE TO PICK YOU UP.

Have a safe, happy vacation!
Carol Lane



A WHITE — George Campbell of Ledges, Campbell and Associates, Abilene, was the architect in charge of the new Merkel Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

Trent 4-H Girls Elect Officers

The Trent 4-H Club girls met Thursday, Sept. 10 to organize for the 1959-60 year.

New officers were elected as follows: Mickie Douglas, president; Betty McAninch, vice president; Beverly Halford, secretary-treasurer; Sue King, council delegate; Barbara McAninch, reporter; Floydell Ross, vegetable demonstrator; Glenna Riggan, vegetable leader; Marilyn Wilks, bedroom demonstrator; and Pat Lane, bedroom leader.

Teacher leader is Mrs. Wray B. Williams and mother leaders are Mrs. Cal McAninch and Mrs. Allen King.

Club members who are giving demonstrations at the West Texas State Fair are Sue King, individual dairy; Mickie Douglas and Beverly Halford, Sr., safety; and Sue Dickerson and Floydell Ross, Jr., safety.

Palmer Attends Mobil School

Nolan Palmer, Mobil Consignee from Merkel, has recently completed special training by attending a retail conference for Mobil Bulk Station Operators.

For one week, beginning September 14, Palmer discussed with Mobil men and other Mobil Bulk Station Operators, ways to offer better service to the motoring public.

The retail conference took place in the Windsor Hotel in Abilene, Texas, and was designed to emphasize motorists' buying habits and need, as well as good service station management.

Palmer says this training will help him meet the constant challenge to all business men to keep abreast of the rapid changes in requirements of customer services to assure their confidence and continued patronage.

If you work in a private household for at least \$50 in cash wages any time between April and June of this year, your employer is required to report your wages to the Director of Internal Revenue not later than July 31, 1959.



LOOK! XNFU, THEY'RE HAVING SOME KIND OF EXCITEMENT ON TERRA FIRMA!!

Are You Receiving Your Share Of Social Security Benefits?

Each of us has either lost a prized possession or wondered what we would do if we did suffer such a loss.

Workers who are 65 years of age or over (women age 62 or over) may be suffering a loss of benefits if they do not know the meaning of retirement as it pertains to the social security law.

Retirement, as defined in the social security law does not mean that you must be completely inactive, but rather that you are:

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2. You are age 72 or over (in which case amount of earnings has no effect regardless of how much you earn).

Individuals who earn over \$2,080.00 in a year may still draw their social security benefits for any month in which they neither earn over \$100 nor render substantial services in self-employment, regardless of their total earnings during the year.

If you have reached retirement age and have not as yet checked with the Abilene social security district office, you should contact them for an explanation of your individual case. You will be advised as to which income is included in your earnings and whether or not you will lose monthly payments by not making application for your benefits at that time.

Personnel of the Social Security Administration would like to know that everyone in their district is receiving all of the benefits to which they are entitled; however, this cannot be accomplished if you do not contact them.

FARMERS — By not filing tax returns for the years since 1956 in which your net earnings were \$400 or more, you may be able to receive benefits at the time of retirement. For more information contact your social security office.

NOODLE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Davis Melton visited awhile Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Callaway and broke the good news to them about a trip they will make to Puerto Rico. Mr. Melton won the all-expenses paid trip for selling Gibson appliances. They will leave on Sept. 24 and be gone five days.

Mr. and Mrs. Pursley spent Saturday night with her mother, Mrs. Zenobia Lucas.

Mrs. A. J. Barbec Sr. returned from Akron, Ohio, Sunday a week ago. She had spent two weeks with her daughter and family, Maj. and Mrs. L. B. Redd. They went over into Canada where they

saw Niagra Falls and also saw the Empire State Building in New York City. She reports having had a wonderful time. She said they had lots of rain while she was there.

Keith Tarpley visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Callaway. Keith is working at the 7-Up Bottling Company in Abilene.

Mrs. Geo. Cooper has returned from Highlands, near Houston, after visiting her daughter and son-in-law. She went from there to Pine Bluff, Ark., and visited her sister and brother-in-law, the Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Robinson, before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell spent Sunday in Sweetwater visiting in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Clement.

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Long-range legislation aimed at finding new markets — industrial markets — for America's agricultural products recently received overwhelming approval by the Senate.

The thinking behind this program could mark a major attack on the problem of a \$9 billion agricultural commodity surplus that now plagues our national economy.

Rather than relying on artificial controls and continual Government subsidies, this program proposes a positive approach of finding new uses for these commodities.

The ultimate objective would look to the day when the American farmer would enjoy full production from all his acreage — and receive for his products a fair price under a free economy.

This would be a crash program in which the best talent available would be employed.

It would be founded on scientific research, and call for trial commercialization and pilot-plant testing to assure agriculture and in-

dustry the necessary know-how. As a Nation, we have spent billions of dollars.

We have decreased productive acreage.

We have sought to increase exports.

We have tried many ideas. Some have been helpful. But none have succeeded to the degree we would like. Most of all, none of these programs has created the substantial new market so vitally needed.

Behind this new approach is the basic belief that the greatest market we can find anywhere for agricultural products is here at home.

We live in an industrial age. And the greatest new market—the biggest potential—is an expanding market within industry itself. On this basis, scientists would seek new uses for farm products, try to develop new cash crops to replace those now in surplus — and hope to eventually return American agriculture to full production.



Home Demonstration Notes

BY LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration — 22em

There are so many things happening now that it is hard to decide just which to write about this week.

Of course the Fair is one thing. The women in Taylor County are real proud that their exhibit was first place winner with "Labels are Protectors." Brown County was second with Right Shade for Right Light, Nolan third with "Home Beautiful" and Jones County fourth Keeping up with the Jones's. All the exhibits are good. If you have not been by to see them, come by.

The state meeting of Texas Home Demonstration Association is in progress in Galveston this week. Delegates attending from Taylor County are Mrs. Edgar Holly, Potosi Club, Mrs. Denzil Cox, Union Ridge Club and Mrs. Tom Drummond, Pleasant Hill Club. These three women represent all the club women from 10 clubs in Taylor County.

Mrs. Wilmer Smith, of Wilson, president of the Association, says the emphasis this year will be on workshops, where delegates will exchange ideas and take part in actual demonstrations, forums and discussions that can be had with families and friends back home. Over 1,000 members and guests are expected.

Texas today has some 35,000 home demonstration club members in more than 1,600 clubs.

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Nell Phelps, J. P. Click Are Wed In Winters Rites

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Click are at home in Merkel following their marriage in Winters on August 20. Mrs. Click is the former Nell Phelps, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Phelps of Winters. Mother of the bridegroom is Mrs. E. A. Click Sr. of Merkel.

Fortnightly Club Begins 25th Year With Luncheon

Members of the Fortnightly Study Club met for a covered dish luncheon at Mrs. W. T. Sadler's Sweetwater Lake Cabin Saturday. Four charter members present as the club embarked on its 25th year were Mrs. Sadler, Mrs. H. C. West, Mrs. Lige Gamble and Miss Ch. Istie Collins. Another charter member of the club is Mrs. Elma McFarland who was unable to be present.

NOODLE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Clive Jeffery had as their guests Sunday his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jones, and his brother, Hugh Jeffery and wife.

Union Ridge HD Has Family Night

Family night for the Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club was celebrated with a garden supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Walton last week.

pastor of the Southside Baptist Church in Winters.

Mrs. Wilburn Phelps attended her sister-in-law as matron of honor. Dave Sherrod of Abilene was best man.

Others attending were Mrs. Dave Sherrod, Miss Carolyn Phelps and Wilburn Phelps. Mrs. Click is a graduate of Winters High School and Gale Business College in Abilene. She was employed in the bookkeeping department of the Winters Manufacturing Co. before her marriage.

Wheeler-Saylors Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wheeler of Trent are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Joyce, to A-3c Jimmy Saylors, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Saylors of Blanchard, Okla.

The marriage will take place in the Trent Church of Christ at 7 p.m., Oct. 24.

Miss Wheeler, a 1957 graduate of Trent High School, attended Sul Ross College in Alpine where she was a member of the Institute of Business Relations and Sigma Rho Chi.

Mrs. Perry Hosts Woodman Circle

The Woodman Circle 563 met in the home of Edith Perry, Sept. 17, with Mrs. Essie Warren as co-hosts.

Election of officers was held with the following officers named for the coming year: Clara E. Walla, president; Edith Perry, 1st vice president; Essie Warren, 2nd vice president; Mae Seago, secretary; Maurine White, treasurer; Esther Lunke, auditor; Sally Gant, chaplain; Clara Johnson, musician; Beulah Reeves, attendant; Sallie Matthews, asst. attendant; Lillian Matthews, captain.

Homemade ice cream and cookies were served to 11 members and one visitor.

STITH NEWS

Bale pulling has gotten off to a slow start in this community. It will be another week before it will be in full swing. The farmers are in need of hands.

Visitors at the Stith Baptist Church Sunday morning were Charles Mundy of Abilene, Mrs. Mosby of Nacona and Kay Teaff of Merkel. Harold Walker of Abilene attended the night services and sang a special.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Shafer of Muleshoe were visiting in this community Tuesday. Mr. Shafer was reared here.

The ladies of the Baptist Church here attending the WMU meeting at Hawley Thursday were Mmes. Fletcher Jones, W. L. Ledbetter, Curtis Clyburn and Billy Ray Browning.

Mrs. Lonzo Peterson of Merkel visited her sister, Mrs. Paul Bradley Thursday.

Mrs. A. M. Evans returned last week from Houston and Nacagdoches after a two-week visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley spent the week-end in Grand Prairie with their daughter, the Rev. and Mrs. Heubert Row and children.

Lonnie Harris entered Hardin-Simmons University this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Harris and baby returned to their home in

Amarillo last week after a visit with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns, and other relatives.

An oil well is being drilled on the Jim Kelso place.

The Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Swindell ate dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry and Martha Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vantrees returned to their home last Monday after a week's visit with daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Welch and family in Rogers, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns have both been on the sick list but are feeling better.

Kay Teaff of Merkel visited Lola Loflin Sunday.

Starr Rest Home

By MARY OUTLAW

Sorry, I was busy last week and did not have any news.

Mrs. Fowler is feeling better at this writing. She is sitting up some each day.

Mrs. Hicks went to the cabin at the lake to visit her daughter, Mrs. Brown at Blackwell. She had a nice trip but was ready to come home.

We want to thank Mr. Guy Brown for the nice tomatoes and squashes he brought the Rest Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Fowler, of Stamford, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Fowler, of Anson, visited Mrs. Fowler last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tyne Perkins of Abilene visited Mae Perkins Saturday.

We have been making pear and tomato preserves this past week. Also canning okra.

We want to thank Mrs. Odell Dickersons for the okra she gave the home.

Mrs. Vanlandingham is proud of her new permanent and she wants to thank Joyce Doan for the permanent and for giving it to her.

Uncle Tom Spears celebrated his 90th birthday last Sunday by going home and having his children visit him. They brought him a pretty new wheel chair and does he ever strut with the rest of the ones who have wheel chairs. He got several nice gifts, had two beautiful cakes and H. H. Spears from Wyoming brought 35 lbs. of German brown fish, the best fish raised there, and they had a feast of good things to eat. He was pretty tired and needed no rocking to sleep that night after the party. His children and grandchildren made pictures in black and white, color and movie of the party. We wish for him many, more birthdays.

We appreciated the fish H. H. Spears of Wyoming brought the

Rest Home. Also the nice cake sent from the Spears party.

Mrs. Zelma Moore of Trent took Mrs. Morris place on the evening shift. We welcome her into our Rest Home. We were very fortunate to get a person who has had experience working in a Rest Home. Everyone seems to like her and we hope she will be happy working with us.

We want to thank Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Spears who brought us the box of rags. We were in need of them as we need them for Mrs. Vanlandingham.

We have Mr. Homer Wren in our Rest Home. He is improving and we hope he will soon be a lot better as he is such a cute little man so well mannered and gracious for everything the nurses do for him. I do hope with Dr. Warrens medicine and our nursing care that he will be a lot better soon.

The friends of Mr. Ford will be glad to know that he has improved some at this writing.

We want to thank Mrs. John Mansfield for the okra she brought the Rest Home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Carr, Van Court, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Carr and Linda, San Angelo visited Mrs. Sarah Carr Sunday evening.

We want to thank The Justus Bible Class of the Calvary Baptist Church for the pretty cup cakes that they gave the patients at the Rest Home. Thanks Mrs. Clyde Bunch for bringing them.

Rev. Dorn of Trent visited the patients at the Rest Home the past week.

Rev. Holland has returned home and has been visiting the home.

Emmie Herron is back at work after taking a weeks vacation.

Mrs. Steen is visiting her daughter at Trent for a few days.

Our papa and mama Outlaw from Stephenville are visiting us in our home.

The First Baptist members really turned out Sunday, Sept. 13 for services in the Rest Home.

They had good singing and Rev. Mart Harding, pastor, brought the message. It was a wonderful service and every one enjoyed it. Rev. Williams, pastor of the First

Baptist Church filled his appointment Sunday at the Rest Home.

A large number of his members came and helped him sing. Everyone reported a good services.

The Frank Carrs filled their appointment at nine o'clock Sunday. We had some real good singing.

We want to thank the late Mrs. Morris's children of Tye for the nice clothes they gave the Rest Home. Aunt Agula could wear all the new dresses. We appreciate their kindness.

Mr. and Mrs. Vantrez of Hodge visited the Rest Home Sunday.

Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Booth visited the Rest Home Sunday. Mrs. Miller played the piano and Mrs. Booth helped sing.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hartley of Plainview visited Mrs. Hartley in the weekend.

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

UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

All the good sunshine and wind we are having is opening the cotton and getting the milo ready to trash. It is also sending quite a few cattle to market.

It is almost unbelievable that crops went down so quick. With crops forecast for one-half bale per acre, it is now expected to be less than one-fourth bale per acre. Milo is making from 700 to 1,000 per acre. But one good thing, the hay boys won't have any business up the Canyon this time as most stockmen have plenty of roughage to winter the stock.

We understand Charife Curb underwent surgery this week and is doing well. His friends will be glad to see him back home.

The Taylor County Singing Convention of Abilene has accepted an invitation to come to Pioneer Church the first Sunday afternoon in October, which is a week from this Sunday. Tell your friends and help us to make it a good convention. Silas Clark of Abilene is president. Time for the singing will be 2 p.m.

Roger Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moore has been in the Sadler Hospital this week. He has a cold and a little flu.

The people of our community will gather at the church for an all-day working and clean-up. We will bring hoes, rakes and paint brushes Friday of this week. There will be dinner on the rounds.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray of the Canyon have a new granddaughter. Mrs. Ray said that this is the first granddaughter in 13 year and the second one in the family. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Ray of Cisco are the parents of the baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brnovak visited with Mrs. Brnovak's sister Sunday in San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Polk and family.

Mrs. A. D. Scott and her mother, Mrs. Sam Butman, visited Mrs. Scott's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Powell, in Roswell, N.M., over the weekend.

Mrs. Jim Cook is still in the hospital and doing very well at this time. We hope she will soon be home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Butnam and boys, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ray all went to Coleman over the weekend for a family reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Cullin Toombs are staying with his father, H.

H. Toombs, in Abilene for the time being. Mr. and Mrs. Dewell McLean of the Canyon visited with them Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Toombs is a sister to Dewell.

Well, we have just been wondering about some of our readers of the Merkel Mail, those who formerly lived here. There are Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Blair of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin McCoy of Muleshoe, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Malone, Eunice, N. M., and old Buck Mashburn over Fort Worth way. Everyone of them are readers of the Merkel Mail. They like it because it is news from home. So, we just want to say "hello" to all of them.

MRS. FRAZIER VISITS SON IN ASPERMONT

Mrs. Walter Frazier visited her son, Mr. and Mrs. George Frazier and sons, in Aspermont last week.

While there, Mrs. Frazier accompanied her son and N. A. Pitcock to a rodeo at Henrietta in which they participated. Enroute to the rodeo they stopped in Wichita Falls where they had supper with her oldest son, John, and his family.

Mrs. Frazier said that Pitcock split first and second in calf roping with his time at 11.3. Her son won fourth in double mugging in 27.9.

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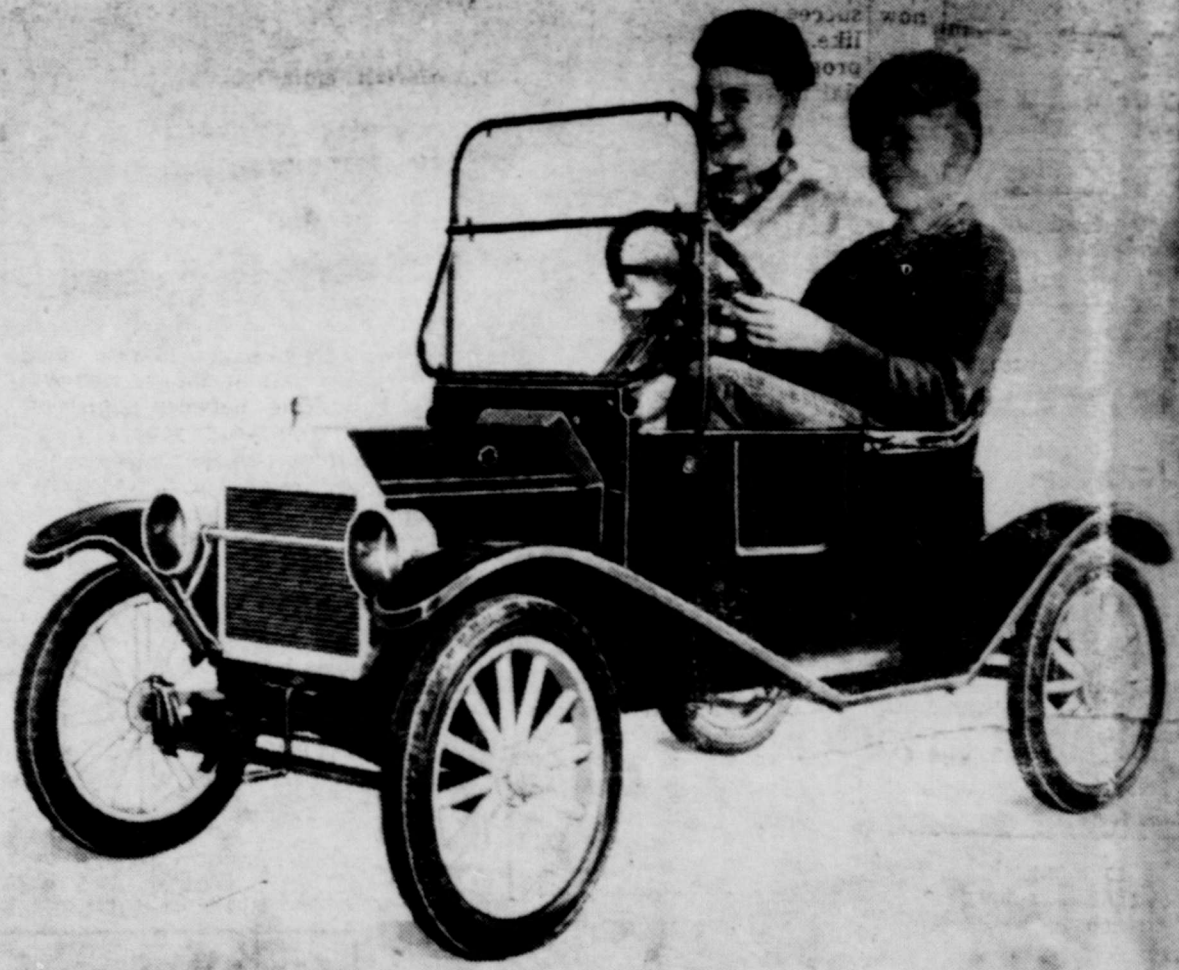
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WANTED — Pumper wants a few more wells around Stith and Merkel. J. B. Browning, Rt. 1, Merkel. 28-2tp

NOTICE MASONS
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FOR RENT — 7-room rock veneer house. 212 Cherry. Available Oct. 1. Call O. B. Leach at 9016-J1. 28-2tp

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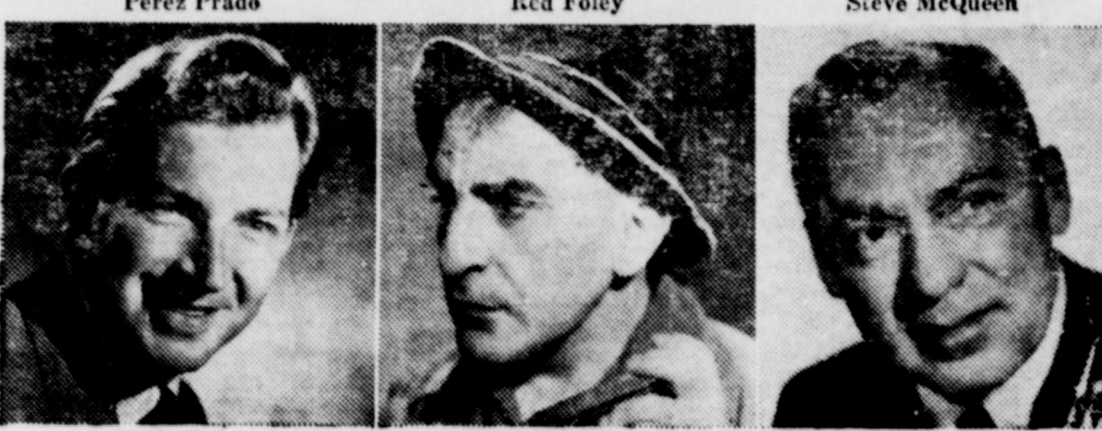
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The family of E. L. Goode 28-p

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The family of Geo. M. Freeman 28-p

STATE FAIR'S FREE 'SHOWER OF STARS'



A fabulous "Shower of Stars" will fall on the 1959 State Fair of Texas, Oct. 9-25, and all for free. Among big-name entertainers to be featured in the free shows are Perez Prado, "king of the mambo," Oct. 12; Red Foley and his Ozark Jubilee TV troupe, Oct. 15; TV Star Steve McQueen, Oct. 16; Hoosier humorist Herb Shriner and Johnny Puleo and his Harmonica Gang, Oct. 20, and Jazz Bandleader Woody Herman and his "Herd," Oct. 21.



There's more and more talk about new uses for cotton... new developments in spinning and weaving... and with all this talk and all these developments it's very easy to lose sight of the need for cost cutting research in the production stage... now we are not advocating that any phase of research be slighted to benefit another phase... certainly cotton needs all the help it can get from any angle... but the cost of growing cotton must be reduced to keep farmers interested in producing cotton... no matter how cheaply cotton can be processed into consumer goods, the basic cost is determined in the fields... the raw material sets the pace.

Increased costs of tools, labor and a couple of other items have increased the costs of growing cotton, and these, together with mandatory acreage reduction, have driven many farmers to other crops... as inflation goes the costs will increase and more farmers—especially farmers with small acreage—will be driven away from the crop, we're afraid... this certainly points to the need for increased research efforts to reduce costs to the farmer... we are, of course, talking about "per pound" cost and the increased yields per acre that have been mounting are steps in the right direction.

Prices Down
Overall farm prices were down to 239 per cent of the 1910-14 average in mid-August... that figure is lower by one point than the one of the month before... this makes the third straight month that overall farm prices have fallen... costs were down too, but not so much.

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Stars Of State Fair Music Hall Show



"Star Light Star Bright," the Music Hall show during the 1959 State Fair of Texas, Oct. 9-25, will star the singing McGuire Sisters and feature the comedy team of Rowan and Martin (bottom left) and Somethin' Smith and the Redheads (right). Also featured will be the Ballet Espanol, the dance team of Darvas and Julia and the Manhattan Rockets, precision chorus line of 24 beautiful girls.

Many disabled persons received larger social security disability payments beginning with September 1958. The reason for the increase is that it is no longer necessary to reduce your disability payment by the amount you receive from another Federal program or State Workmen's Compensation. If you have not filed a claim because of this reduction, you should do so before September 1, 1959. These payments can start for you as far back as August 1958.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: William Eddie Sumpter, Defendant; Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 2nd 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 12th day of October A.D. 1959, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 8th day of May A. D. 1959, in this cause, numbered 23886-A on the docket of said court and styled Frances Betty Lee Sumpter, Plaintiff, vs. William Eddie Sumpter, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: plaintiff and defendant were legally married on or about the 30th day of April, 1958, and became permanently separated on or about 29th day of September, 1958.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment. Plaintiff sues for custody of the minor child and support in the amount of \$50.00 per month 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.

Tested and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas this 25th day of August A.D. 1959.
(SEAL)
Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk,
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BOOKKEEPING DEPARTMENT — The bookkeeping department in the new Farmers and Merchants National Bank building is situated behind the tellers' area. Shown, from front, is Aileen Knight, Ruby Lee Jones and Gladys Breaux.

dy of the veto of the Public Works Appropriation Bill.

As was shown in the 274 to 138 vote in the House of Representatives — just one vote short of overriding the veto—the overwhelming majority of the Congress favored the measure, which would build vitally needed flood prevention measures, river and harbor channels, city reservoirs and other projects to help our people in Texas.

The veto of the public works bill could mean stopping work on projects in Texas such as the Trinity River Survey, McGee Bend Dam, Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, Houston Channel, Port Aransas-Corpus Christi Waterway, Red River projects, Galveston Harbor and Sea Wall, Brazos Island, Buffalo Bayou, Waco Reservoir, Canyon, Cooper and Lampasas Reservoirs, Mooringsport and Navarro Mills and Proctor Reservoirs, Texas City and other programs.

Even passing a new bill will likely cut out such important projects as the Colorado River channel, Gulf Intracoastal Waterway channel to Port Mansfield; Port Aransas-Corpus Christi Waterway, channel to La Quinta; Proctor Reservoir, and other projects.

The reason for the veto is the misguided "no new starts" policy. This country would be a poor second to the Communists in military strength if we had pursued a course of "no new starts" on missiles, aircraft and weapons.

The development of our natural resources will help this country to grow and maintain its power for peace. But we cannot develop these natural resources if the projects to conserve and transport them are treated like poor relations and starved and constantly threatened with a veto.

This Administration demands four billion dollars for foreign aid, but it does not seem to want to allow Americans to spend one billion on their own projects here at home.

Getting a beneficial law passed is a step-by-step procedure. A very important step has just been taken toward making a National Seashore Area on Padre Island in Texas. And the people of our state have a chance to help.

The Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee will hold hearings in Texas later this year on my bill create such a Seashore Area on the island. Senator James E. Murray (D-Montana) announced the decision to conduct the hearings after receiving a joint letter from Senator Lyndon Johnson, Congressmen John Young and Joe Kilgore, and me.

Date of the hearings has not yet been set. The time must be agreed upon by the members of the committee and members of the Congress who are particularly interested in this proposal. Discussions are now being conducted to set an exact time for the hearings.

When the hearings are held, the people of Texas and the nation can help by showing the committee members how strongly

they support the move to preserve for public use this undeveloped beach, one of the last such areas in our country. Conservation, civic, fraternal and other organizations can aid with their support. Individuals can show their stand by petitions and letters. Local governments can issue statements.

The bill to create the National Seashore Area on Padre Island is the first one I introduced in this session of Congress. It was the fourth bill introduced in the Senate; it is Number 4. If a representative of your group or organization cannot attend the hearings personally, please send the resolution, petition, letter or statement to me at my office in Austin and I will be glad to present them to the committee members.

If we do not act soon to preserve the greater part of this island in the Gulf of Mexico between Corpus Christi and Brownsville, private exploitation will have ruined its natural beauty and its value as a wildlife refuge. Padre Island and the waters which wash its shores abound in fish and other wild life. The historic part of this strip of sand and grass has seen explorers, pirates, Indians, cowboys and many others pass that way.

Its chief drawing card is the wealth of recreational activities which it offers. Looking at the rest of our coastline, we can see the tremendous popularity of a National Seashore like Cape Hatteras, and we can see how private development ruins public enjoyment of the seaside. This nation's population is increasing rapidly. We must keep our recreational facilities apace. With the support of Texans and others, Padre Island can become a new winter playground for the present and future generations.

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SENATOR ☆☆☆ Yarborough's Report

While some states are now planning to stop on their parts the 41,000 mile Interstate Highway System, the Texas Highway Department — operating on a pay-as-you-go plan — is continuing work in our state. Texas is eligible for help on primary, secondary and urban highway systems — or farm-to-market roads — as well. The Interstate Highway Program, which was started in 1956, is scheduled to continue at least through 1971. The federal government will provide 90 per cent of the funds for building the highways and the state puts up only 10 per cent. The overall investment in the Interstate Highway Program in Texas from 1956 through 1971 is estimated at \$1,753,854,000. Some \$190,057,000 had been put into the program through the end of 1958. The estimate for this year through mid-

July is about \$101,500,000.

The primary, secondary and urban highway systems are a continuing program in which the state and the federal government pay equal shares. Between 1956 and 1958, \$367,179,000 had been spent by this partnership to provide better roads in Texas on which to travel and move goods to market. Through mid-July of this year another \$142,500,000 was added by the state and federal governments combined. Texas has a fine highway program with the federal government putting in a good share of the money.

By joining in these programs for improvement of roads in Texas, our state is taking advantage of the federal money which is being made available. Due to Texas' size, it has gotten far more money out of the Federal Road Fund than we have paid it in taxes.

We have heard a great deal of talk recently that this program must be slowed down — and it has been in some states — unless a cent more tax is added to each gallon of gasoline we buy.

There are three ways of raising the money that is needed to continue this program. Bonds can be issued, the gasoline tax could be raised, or the excise taxes on automobiles could be diverted to the road fund. So far, Texas has planned its road work in line with the money at hand and has never resorted to highway bond issues.

Our state has gone through seven years of drought followed by two years of floods. That is why we can realize firsthand the trage-



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DRIVE-IN WINDOW — Mattie L. Wozencraft is the teller for the drive-in window, a new feature of the new Farmers and Merchants National Bank building. Equipped with push button control and two-way communication system, the window is protected with a canopy supported by round columns which spring from a planter fronting it. A gas light in the planter illuminates the teller's window and parking area. Entrance to the paved driveway is on Edwards Street and patrons have the option of going out to the right or to the left.

Bookkeeping Department Of New F And M Has Latest Equipment

The bookkeeping department of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank is situated directly back of the tellers' area in the new bank building.

Privacy Assured Safety Deposit Box Customers

The privacy and comfort of customers who have safety deposit boxes has not been overlooked in the new Farmers and Merchants National Bank building.

Two booths with chairs are available for the customers' use when they open their safety deposit boxes. Booths of this type were originally called "coupon booths" because it was here a bond holder detached the coupons to collect interest on the bonds.

When several members of a family are present to open a safety deposit box, the directors' room is available for their use.

An enclosed telephone booth insures privacy for those needing this service.

Merkel F&M Bank Has 13 Employees

There are 13 employees, including officers, of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

Officers are Booth Warren, president; H. C. West, vice president; W. S. J. Brown, vice president; and Geo. T. Moore, cashier. Assistant cashiers are Mary Collins, Mildred Hamm, Betty Jane Tittle and Ted Smith. Mattie L. Wozencraft is the drive-in window teller.

In the bookkeeping department are Aileen Knight, Gladys Breaux, Ruby Lee Jones and Hilda Hutcherson.

An important function of any banking institution, the bookkeeping department of the F and M is equipped with the latest in efficient, time-saving equipment. Three new adding machines and an Addressograph machine were installed for the move into the new building.

A Recordak is used to photograph all checks, local or foreign, for both the bank's and the customers' protection.

An enclosed counter along the wall of the bookkeeping department is used for work and storage space. The drive-in window is located on this same wall and it is from this area the drive-in teller will operate.

Bank Has Two New Employees

Two new employees have been added to the office force of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank this week.

Hilda Hutcherson of Trent has been employed in the bookkeeping department of the bank, and Ted L. Smith of Sweetwater, as a teller.

Miss Hutcherson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hutcherson of Trent. She is a graduate of Trent High School and the Stenograph Institute of Texas in Abilene. She worked for the Ben E. Keith Co. while attending school in Abilene.

Smith, a 1955 graduate of Newman High School, has just completed four years of service with the Air Force. Prior to that he was employed at the National Bank in Sweetwater. He is married to the former Wanda Nell Cook of Blackwell. They have one daughter, Jerry Kay, 14 months old.

The Smiths will move to Merkel in the near future.

LOUNGE FEATURES PORTRAIT

Focal point in the customer's lounge of the new Farmers and Merchants National Bank building is a large gold framed portrait of J. T. Warren, founder and first president of the bank.

Colors used in the room complement colors in the portrait. The floor is carpeted in beige and ivory blend and walls are of walnut paneling. Furnishings include two beige sofas, a blue occasional chair, a round coffee table and a step table.

A brick planter serves as a divider between the lounge and the bank lobby.

If you were told that you cannot receive disability insurance payments because you are receiving disability payments from another Federal or State program you should contact your social security office again. Due to changes in the social security law it is no longer necessary to reduce your social security disability payments by the amount you receive from some other Federal or State agency. To take full advantage of this change in the law you should file an application before September 1, 1959.



NIGHT DEPOSITORY — Bryan Dunagin, custodian of funds for the First Baptist Church, makes the first after-hour deposit in the new Farmers and Merchants National Bank building's night depository.

Taylor County HD Booth Wins First At West Tex Fair

Taylor County Home Demonstration Booth was awarded first place honors Saturday morning during the opening day of West Texas Fair.

Located in the Woman's Building, the HD booths represented counties this year instead of individual HD clubs.

Other booths placing were Brown County, second; Nolan County, third; and Jones County, fourth.

Those in charge of the winning booth, which stressed the helpfulness of labels when buying clothing and materials, were members of the Triple E committee of Taylor County HD Council. They are Mrs. G. S. Billingsley of Ovalo, Mrs. Manse Brimchell of Lawn, Mrs. Frank Brivak of Bluebonnet Club, Mrs. Clifton Kelley of Lake Abilene Club and Mrs. L. C. Farr of Wylie Club. Representatives from other clubs also assisted.

Here are some important social security A, B, C's for household workers. A - Show your social security card to your employer as soon as you start working. B - Be sure to obtain a receipt from your employer showing the amount of cash earnings you received for the year. C - Check on your social security account.

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Premium on U. S. Bonds	232.96	Demand Certificate Deposits	NONE
Redemption Fund 5 per cent.	312.50	Time Certificate Deposits	NONE
Furniture and Fixtures	996.50	Cashier's Checks	NONE
Expenses Account	28.22	IND. DEPOSITS SUB. CHECK	39,403.72
CASH AND SIGHT EXCHANGE	47,822.83		
	\$ 70,653.72		\$ 70,653.72

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Calling attention to the foregoing statement, which represents only forty-two days' business, we respectfully solicit your account.

FIRST STATEMENT—On January 11, 1905, the first statement of condition was issued by the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel, forty-two days after it started business. Total resources were listed at \$70,653.72. At the close of business on June 10, 1959, 44 years later, the bank's total resources were listed at \$3,820,404.39.

IT'S THE LAW IN TEXAS

Made your will? If not, the State of Texas may wind up as owner of your estate upon your death. Under our statutes, the estates of persons having no heirs who die intestate revert, or "escheat," to the State.

Such provisions have been carried over from the English common law. There, under such circumstances, the estate escheated to the British crown. The theory of the process is that the sovereign (or State), having been the original owner of all lands before they were parceled out to individuals, is entitled to a return of such lands when the possibilities of legal inheritance have been exhausted.

This idea has been expanded to include personal property as well as real estate. It also applies in the case of a person absent for a term of seven years and not known to exist who leaves no heirs and no will.

Presumably, there is hardly a person who does not have some individual or charity that he would prefer to have his estate, rather than have it go to the State by default, so to speak. Yet, surprisingly, estates worth many thousands of dollars do escheat to the various states from time to time.

Now, before you shrug the matter off with the idea that these statutory provisions could not possibly apply to you, better think a minute. Suppose you and your spouse have no heirs besides each other and your children. Many people do fall into this category.

In event of a catastrophe resulting in death for you and your entire immediate family, no legal heirs would remain. Therefore if you had no will, your property would go to the State. In preparing a will, it is possible to provide for such an eventuality.

In this hypothetical case, you would probably want to designate some friend as executor, to take care of all necessary arrangements and then distribute the estate according to your wishes.

On the other hand, if you have plenty of possible heirs, a will could be used to designate which of them shall participate in the division of the estate. And even if you wish your property to be distributed entirely in accordance with our statutes of descent and distribution as explained in previous columns, a will can perform useful functions. Among other uses, a will could provide for an orderly and economical partition of your property, preventing any waste of the assets by heirs impatient for a settlement.

What happens to property which escheats to the State? Following certain required legal formalities and court proceedings, all escheated lands are set apart to the Permanent Free School Fund of the State, and may be leased and sold by the Land Commissioner under certain regulations. Escheated personal property is sold by the local sheriff under a court writ and the money received therefrom paid into the State Treasury.

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

If you are a domestic worker, working in a private household, you are probably earning social security credits towards your retirement. If you work in a private household and are paid \$50 or more in cash in a calendar quarter, check with your employer to see if he is reporting these wages to the Director of Internal Revenue.

Commander Names Officers For VFW District 8

Appointment of officers for the state's largest Veterans of Foreign Wars district has been announced by Fred C. Stevenson of Sweetwater, commander of District 8, Department of Texas, VFW.

One man from Merkel's Post 5683 was among those named to district office.

Commander Stevenson made the appointments for the current year after an extensive program of post visitation and conferences with post and district officials.

Those appointments included: Deputy Inspectors — P. Bryan Sloan, Abilene; Garland Coody, Breckenridge; and Mills G. Sturtevant, Merkel.

Deputies Chief of Staff — Rev. Edward Haffner, Brownwood; Milton M. Mapes, Snyder; Cecil McCafferty, Stamford; and Talmadge Dean, Anson.

Adjutant Ralph E. Williams, Brownwood; Public Relations Officer Merle U. Harris, Sweetwater; Patriotic Instructor Raymond B. Milford, Abilene; Service Officer William E. (George) Ausburne, Sweetwater; and Legislative Officer Melvin J. Alldredge, Sweetwater.

Deputy inspectors and deputies chief of staff are recommended by the district commander and appointed by Department of Texas Commander Oscar B. Jones. Appointive officers are picked by the district commander.

Elective officers of District 8 are Commander Stevenson, Senior Vice Commander Dave Brumbeau, Abilene; Junior Vice Com-

mander Charlie Henry, Stamford; Judge Advocate George Killam, Snyder; Chaplain — Rev. Edward Haffner, Brownwood, Surgeon — Dr. E. R. Townsend, Eastland, and Quartermaster Ralph E. Williams, Brownwood.

With over 4,000 members, District 8 is composed of Veterans of Foreign Wars posts in Taylor, Nolan, Brown, Eastland, Fisher, Jones, Stephens, Scurry, Callahan, Shackelford and Mitchell counties. Included in the district but with no active posts at the present time are Haskell, Throckmorton and Comanche counties.

STITH NEWS

Attending the association at the First Baptist Church in Anson from the Stith Baptist Church Tuesday were the Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Swindel, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones, Mrs. M. B. West and Mrs. Paul Bradley.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning are spending a few days with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Porter at Wellington, and a brother, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Browning at Pampa.

Mrs. Nora McDonald returned home last week after several days visit in Abilene with relatives and friends.

Lonnie Harris spent the weekend in Fort Worth. Sandra Hele attended the New Live Oak Baptist Church revival in Merkel last week.

Mrs. Jim Burns and Pat McDonald were on the sick list this week.

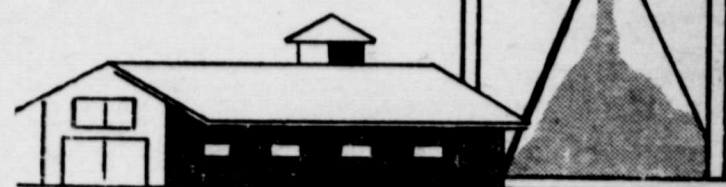
Mrs. Fritz Hale and Sandra visited her sisters, Mrs. Delia Ellison and Mrs. E. B. Newton in Anson Sunday afternoon.

The Rev. and Mrs. Jess Swindel were dinner guests Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harris

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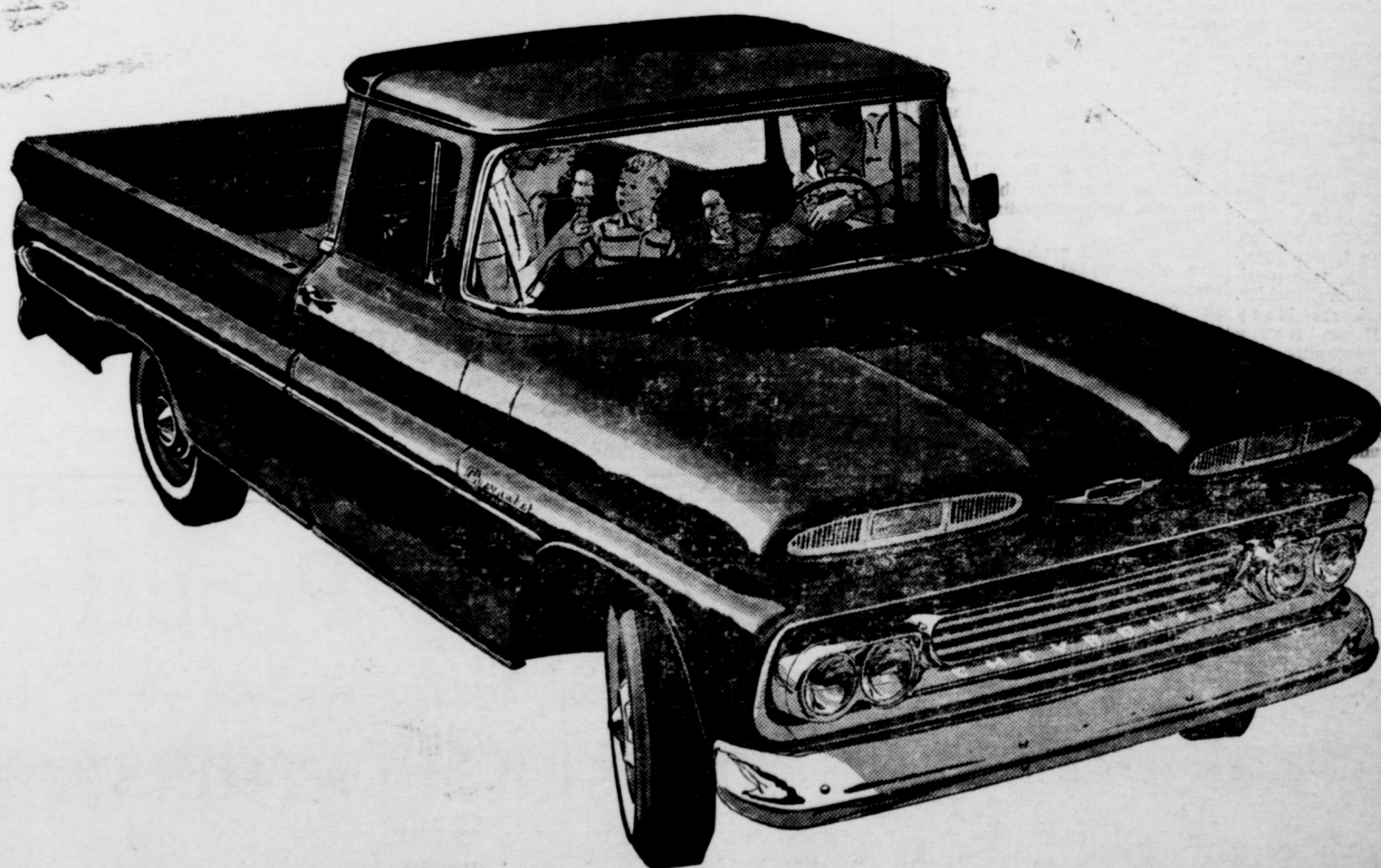
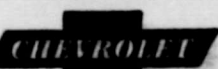
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And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? How is it that ye have no faith?— (St. Mark 4:41.)

Jesus, our divine savior and redeemer, speaks thus to all of us today as he spoke to his disciples. God gives us bountifully of love and good and strength. But He cannot give us faith. Through our own free choice and belief and will, we must create and maintain our faith ourselves.



BEFORE AND AFTER—The old Farmers and Merchants National Bank building is shown at the right of the new building before it was demolished to make room for the paved driveway leading to parking area and a drive-in teller window.

must carry a manufacturer's serial number stamped on or laminated into the structure of a boat before the owner can obtain a Certificate of Number. The Act makes special provisions for dealers and manufacturers in the use of boats for demonstration purposes and for selling boats with a temporary facsimile Certificate of Number. The 3-year fee for a dealer or manufacturer is \$25.00. Sportsmen will be pleased to

learn that excess funds accrued from boat registration fees, above administrative costs, must be used for purchasing access ways to public waters, boat ramps and for their maintenance. Range improvement progresses like a rolling snowball. Some times improvement is slow at you. Each employer is required by law to give you receipts for the social security taxes he has deducted from your pay. These receipts will help you check on your social security account because they show the wages paid at you.

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New Water Safety Act

General Manager
Texas Safety Association
Part III

The phenomenal growth of interest in motorboating and other water sports, during the past few years, has brought about a concentration of statewide problems that were, heretofore, little more than a nuisance with only occasional dire results.

Today, however, the leading problem has been one of how to foster accident prevention with a minimum of regulations and a maximum of protection and free-

dom for all water sport enthusiasts, i.e., fishermen, swimmers, skiers and just plain pleasure craft operators.

Texas' new Water Safety Act is the first statewide attempt to promote safety in water sports by broad legislative means.

In brief, the Water Safety Act hits at the problem in three general ways: By specifying minimum safety equipment and operation (Part I); Providing penalties for unsafe operation, or non-compliance with the Act, and a means of enforcement (Part II); Finally, by making provisions for boat identification through a numbering system.

A condensed explanation of this system is the duty of Part III.

On August 11, of this year, the Texas Highway Department will begin administering all provisions of the Act. However, boat owners have a March 31, 1960 deadline to make application for a Certificate of Numbers (registration). The deadline for dealers and manufacturers is April 1, 1960, after which time each boat manufactured and sold must be complete with numbers.

The Act requires that the number painted upon or attached to the hull be of block characteristics of good proportion, not less than 3 inches in height, and read from left to right. The number must be displayed on each side of the bow and kept in a legible condition. Each Texas number will carry the prefix: TX

CLASSIFICATION AND FEES
Each of the following classes of boats will be registered for a three year period for the fees shown:

Class A: Less than 16 feet in length, \$1.00.

Class 1: 16 feet and over and less than 26 feet in length, \$5.00.

Class 2: 26 feet or over and less than 40 feet in length, \$10.00.

Class 3: 40 feet and over in length, \$12.50.

All motorboats of 10 horsepower or under are exempt from the numbering provisions of the Act. Although it should be pointed out to boat owners in this category that the Certificate of Number system offers a good, inexpensive means of positive identification for proof of ownership purposes.

APPLICATIONS
Applications must be made on a form approved by the Texas Highway Department and be accompanied with the proper fee. Upon receipt of the application, the Department will maintain a record and issue him a Certificate of Number stating the number awarded the motorboat and name and address of the owner.

If the owner transfers any or all of his interest in a motorboat registered in his name, or if the boat is abandoned or destroyed, he must notify the Department, within a reasonable time and surrender his Certificate of Number.

A person who buys a motorboat that has been previously registered under this Act, must make application to the Department for a transfer of Certificate of Number. The application must be accompanied by proof of evidence of ownership, name, address and \$1.00 transfer fee. Owners must also notify the Department of any change in address.

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Now almost every popular scent is found in aerosol air deodorizers. It's like pushing a button to remove unwanted smells of cooking and replacing them with your favorite perfume.

Fish is one of our most nourishing and most economical foods. Unfortunately, when you're preparing this world-wide food you need a good air refresher especially in close quarters.

Incidentally, when Dad brings home a couple of speckled beauties, you'll have an easier time of scaling and cleaning them if you use an office clipboard. The clip holds the tail, gives you freedom of both hands for the cleaning. Better still, why not talk Dad into cleaning his own fish!

Lutfsk is a gourmet's delight in many parts of the world, especially in the Scandinavian countries. Those who've tried it here are converts. Here's how: soak the fish in cold water one week, changing water every morning. For each 4 or 5 pounds of fish, measure one rounded teaspoon of lye and dissolve in just enough water to cover the fish well. Soak the fish in the lye solution for 3 or 4 days. Remove the fish and soak in clear water for 3 or 4 days, changing the water daily. Keep the fish in a cool place during the entire treatment.

To cook lutfsk, place in cloth bag and set in pan or kettle. Pour boiling water over it and continue cooking for 3 minutes, adding salt to taste. Serve with melted butter or cream.

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TELLER'S CAGES—Shown in four of the five tellers' cages in the new Farmers and Merchants National Bank building are, from left, Mattie Wozencraft, Betty Jane Tittle, Mildred Hamm and George Moore.

disability. This is the general rule. There are exceptions for those who wait an unusually long time before applying.

Area Boys Win H-SU Scholarship

William Sherman Bradley, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bradley of Merkel, and Jerry Williams of Trent, have been awarded an honor scholarship to Hardin-Simmons University.

Williams was highest ranking boy in his graduating class this past spring at Merkel High School and Jerry was highest ranking boy at Trent High School.

The complete list of those awarded H-SU honor scholarships includes 20 valedictorians, 10 salutatorians and 37 others who ranked in the upper 10 per cent of their high school classes. The honor scholarships are worth \$100 per semester during the freshman year and will be renewed for a second year of the recipients' records are satisfactory, said George L. Graham, who administers the scholarship program at H-SU.

Along with the honor students from U.S. schools, two high school valedictorians from outside the United States have been admitted to Hardin-Simmons. They will come from Kamloops, British Columbia, and Augsburg, Germany, Graham reported. The fall semester at H-SU with

with registration Sept. 16-17 with per cent over 1958, are expected classes to begin Sept. 18. About to enroll. Dormitory space already 1,700 students, an increase of 10 is booked to near capacity.

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Q — Since coming out of the Army I have been working in a drug store and now plan to take a pre-med course under the Korean GI Bill. My boss wants me to go on working for him part-time, after I start school. Would the part-time earnings cut down on my GI allowance?

A — No. You may earn any amount at all in your spare time, without having your school allowance reduced. It is not even necessary for veterans in school under the GI Bill to report outside earnings to the VA.

Q — I am twenty-one years old, eligible for training under the War Orphans Education Act, but I never finished high school. Would that keep me from taking courses under the War Orphans program?

A — No. Graduation from high school is not a requirement for War Orphans Education Act Training. A young man or woman who quits high school may be eligible under the program.

Q — What kind of papers or other credentials do I need to take with me when I go to a lender to apply for a GI loan?

A — You will need only the Certificate of Eligibility which shows you are entitled to apply for a loan. This Certificate of Eligibility may be obtained from any VA regional office.

Q — My World War II GI term insurance is getting pretty expensive for me and I'd like to convert to a permanent plan but do not feel I can afford to convert all at once. Could I convert, say, \$2000-worth now, and the rest later?

A — Yes. As long as you convert at least \$1000-worth, and additional amounts in multiples of \$500, partial conversion of your GI term insurance to permanent insurance is all right with VA.

Q — I am going to have to take a physical examination to reinstate my lapsed GI insurance pol-

icy. Who mails my medical application for reinstatement to the VA, me or my physician?

A — Your examining physician should mail it to the VA as soon as your examination is completed.

Q — If I decide to convert my term insurance to a permanent plan, must I convert it all at once, or can I convert a part at a time?

A — You may convert a part of your term insurance to permanent insurance, but the minimum amount that may be converted is \$1,000. After that conversion such be in multiples of \$500.

Q — I am a veteran of World War Two and I never have used my GI loan privilege. Someone told me the other day that the time for applying for a loan is running short. How much time do I have in which to apply?

A — World War II veterans have until July 25, 1960 to apply for GI loans, and up to a year after that to close the deal.

Q — I'm confused about the

term "Korea veteran." What are the official time limits that determine whether or not a former member of the armed forces is considered to be a veteran of the Korean Conflict?

A — The Korean Conflict, by official definition, extends from June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955.

Any veteran with all or part of his service between these two dates is considered a Korea veteran.

Q — As a veteran with a service-connected disability rated 50-percent I have been receiving extra compensation for a dependent daughter. Recently she passed age 18. Was I supposed to report this to VA?

A — Yes. As soon as your daughter reached age 18 she was no longer legally a dependent. VA is not permitted to pay you extra compensation for her, and money received for her after age 18 must be returned.

Q — I'm thinking of converting from my GI term insurance to a permanent plan. How many per-

manent plans are there to choose among?

A — There are six permanent GI insurance plans: Ordinary Life, 20-Year Payment, 30-Year Payment, 20 Year Endowment, Endowment at Age 60, Endowment at Age 65. You may convert to any one of these plans, or a combination of them. Details at any VA office.

Q — I am a registered plumber. As a Korea veteran, could I take a brush-up course in plumbing under the Korean GI Bill?

A — No. The law prohibits veterans training for objectives for which they already are qualified. And you certainly would be considered qualified as a plumber.

Q — When I took out my GI insurance I named an aunt as beneficiary. I have since married and naturally want my wife to be the beneficiary. Do I have to notify my aunt I am taking off her name?

A — No. In making a change of beneficiaries you need not notify anyone already so named. Selection of beneficiaries for your GI insurance is entirely up to you.

Q — I get a retirement pay check each month from the armed forces. Will the Government deduct the amount of my monthly GI insurance premium from my retirement pay, to save me taking care of this premium myself?

A — Yes. Veterans receiving service retirement pay may arrange for payment of GI insurance premiums by allotment. Authorization must be registered with your branch of service.

Q — I have been totally disabled for six months and have applied for a waiver of premiums on my GI insurance policy. What will be the effective date of the waiver?

A — If your claim is allowed, the waiver will become effective as of the first premium-due date after the beginning date of your



REMEMBER THE A LA MODE—Pretty Carol Ralph, 19-year-old American Dairy Princess from Utah, gives Texas lawmakers a Texas-size bite of Cherry Pie a la mode. Holding the pie is Rep. Alonso Jamison of Denton, accepting the big spoonful is Rep. Wade Spilman of McAllen, and at right is Rep. B. H. Dewey of Bryan. Miss Ralphs toured Texas to encourage the greater use of milk, ice cream and other dairy foods.

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FIFTH GENERATION—Pat Warren, son of Dr. and Mrs. Don Warren, is shown making the first deposit in the new Farmers and Merchants National Bank building. Pat's great-great-grandfather was one of the first directors of the bank, his great-grandfather was its first president, his grandfather is the present president, and his father is a director.

STATE CAPITAL
Highlights
AND
Sidelights
by Vern Sanford
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN -- People who have been writing Gov. Price Daniel in the past few weeks say "no more taxes, please."

In mid-August the governor announced he would call a special session to raise money for higher teacher pay only if the people demanded it. He said he also wanted to find out how legislators felt after they had had a chance to be home a while and talk with the folks in their districts.

In the weeks that have transpired, there has been a heavy volume of mail running strongly against the special session idea. Lawmakers also are taking a dim

view of being called for a fifth round of money hunting.

Whether this means that prospects for a teacher pay session are out remains to be seen. It could mean only that the teachers, their families, friends and other school-minded people have been too busy with "back to school" work to get their letters off to the governor.

On the other hand, it could mean that the people are getting tired of taxes, and spiring wage scales.

PINCH ALREADY FELT — Perhaps the reason many Texans weren't eager to have another tax



"SLOW AND EASY" is the watchword for preparing round steak, according to the Texas Beef Council. The favorite meal of many Texans, round steak has high protein and little waste.

In a survey of Texas family food preferences, round steak was named the favorite cut of any meat on the market, and the Texas Beef Council feels that this decided preference is deserved.

Low in calories and high in taste appeal, round steak has an added advantage of very little waste. Braising — slow cooking in moist heat — is desirable to make this steak fork tender, the Beef Council has found.

Round steak, with or without a garnish of onion rings, can be varied with a choice of seasonings to produce a "different" version

of this old favorite.

ROUND STEAK

Order top or bottom round of beef cut 3/4 to 1 inch thick, allowing 1 pound for three average servings. Dredge steak in flour seasoned with salt, pepper, and one of the following: chili powder, thyme, garlic salt, or curry powder. Brown beef well on both sides in a little fat. Garnish with thin-sliced onions and add about 1 cup water or beef bouillon. Cover and cook slowly on surface heat or in a moderate oven (350 degrees) until tender, about 1 1/2 hours.

session was that they were beginning to feel the bite of the new taxes already passed this year.

State Treasurer Jesse James' report shows that many stocked up on cigarettes and liquor during August, before the higher taxes on these items became effective in September.

Sale of liquor and cigarette tax stamps soared to \$5,227,642 in August. This is \$1,098,496 higher than sales for August, 1958.

No statistics are available for the pre-tax selling of items which got hit for the first time. But heavy advertising campaigns indicated that merchants hoped buyers would clear their stores during August of such items as air conditioner in order to avoid the 3 per cent sales tax.

GOVERNOR DEFENDS VETO — Governor Daniel's office has suggested that the State Hospital Board tap its \$1,200,000 emergency fund to eliminate any fire hazard to the 800 oldsters housed in the Confederate Home in Austin.

Governor Daniel vetoed a legislative appropriation to build new quarters for these patients. His action brought some reactions of surprise and criticism. State Hospital system's safety officer was quoted as labeling the 50-year-old frame buildings as "definite fire hazards."

A spokesman for the governor retorted that the appropriation the governor scratched would not have emptied the Confederate Home. He said it would have provided quarters for only about 300.

He suggested the State Hospital Board use its emergency funds to re-double safety precautions for the old folks.

LONG TIME, NO PAY — Legislative employees will have to wait until Nov. 4 to get their next pay check.

In its last special session the Legislature approved a \$330,000 fund transfer for these between-sessions expenses by voice vote. But all bills not passed by a two-thirds record vote cannot take effect until 90 days after the session ends. Hence, the November date for this action.

Legislature also appropriated \$1,000,000 for legislative expenses, but this was vetoed by the governor. He said he felt they could get along on the \$330,000.

Arrangements were being made for some 20 House and Senate employees, who've missed two pay days now, to get low interest loans from loan companies.

ATTENTION, ALL BOAT-OWNERS — State Highway Department has announced that registration and licensing of boats under the new water safety act will begin next month.

Boat owners will have until March 1, 1960, to get their certificates and identification numbers.

Forms now are being printed and will be distributed to boat dealers, county offices, Highway Department Offices and other public offices.

Cost of the licenses will vary with the size of the craft. Here is the scale: Boats under 16 feet in length, \$1; 16 to 26 feet, \$5; 26 to 40 feet, \$10; 40 feet or more, \$12.50.

Boats, regardless of length, if equipped with a 10 hp motor or less, will be exempt from the tax as well as the numbering provision of the law.

The Highway Department will deal only with the registration phase of the new law and not with safety enforcement.

SENATE INVESTIGATORS — Sen. Wardlow Lane of Center has

been appointed chairman of the Senate General Investigating Committee.

Others named to the committee by Lt. Gov. Ben Ramsey are Sens. A. M. Aiken Jr. of Paris (reappointed), Dorsey B. Hardeman of San Angelo, Bruce Reagan of Corpus Christi and R. A. Weinert of

Sequin.

This committee succeeds a panel headed by Sen. Charles Herving of Austin which collected reams of material on the ICT Insurance Company, the state insurance liquidation division and tax collecting procedures in the state comptroller's office.

COST OF CITIFYING — In the past ten years Texas prison population has rocketed from 5,000 to 11,000.

Some might wonder if the state is reverting to the lawless ways of the Old West. Not so, according to O. B. Ellis, general manager

of the Department of Corrections. Seemingly, it's "progress" — or at least a parting with old ways — that's causing the trouble.

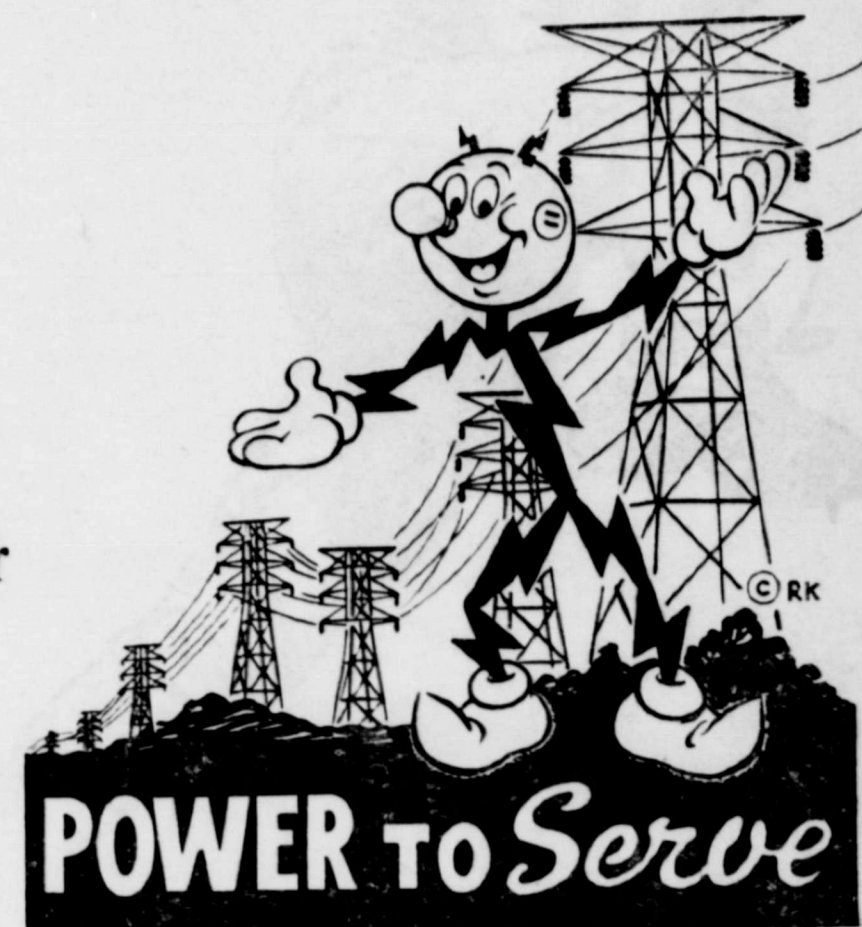
In citing what he feels are the reasons more Texans are getting behind bars, Ellis put "urban movement" at the top of the list.

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