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Tell-Tale Fe-Mail

By M. L. G.

We might as well face it—Christmas is just around the corner. I've been trying to ignore it and did pretty well until they put the decorations up and started playing Christmas music. Remember the good old days when the hustle and bustle meant excitement and mystery instead of a backache and headache?

I read some interesting bits of information the other day that I'd like to pass along. It seems that cows don't like rock 'n' roll or jazz music. A dairy industry representative told Utah dairy farmers that waltz music in the barn produces much better milking conditions. And did you know that a pig is more of an intellectual than a horse? Not that a horse is stupid, mind you, but in a list of the 10 most intelligent animals, the horse scrapes bottom.

I read a hilarious story in the Publisher's Auxiliary the other day. It was reprinted in the Auxiliary with the permission of Rodney Brenner, who related the story in his Golconda (Ill.) Herald Enterprise column. Without anyone's permission, I will reprint the story here:

"An English lady, while visiting Switzerland, was looking for a room. She asked the school master if he could recommend any. He took her to see several rooms. When everything was arranged the lady returned to her home to make final preparations for the move. When she arrived home, she suddenly realized that she had not seen a water closet (rest room). She immediately wrote a note to the school master asking him if there was a 'W. C.' around the place. The school master was a poor master of English so he asked the parish priest if he could help out in this matter. Together they tried to discover the meaning of the letters 'W. C.' The only solution they could come up with was a 'Wayside Chapel.' The school master then wrote the following letter:

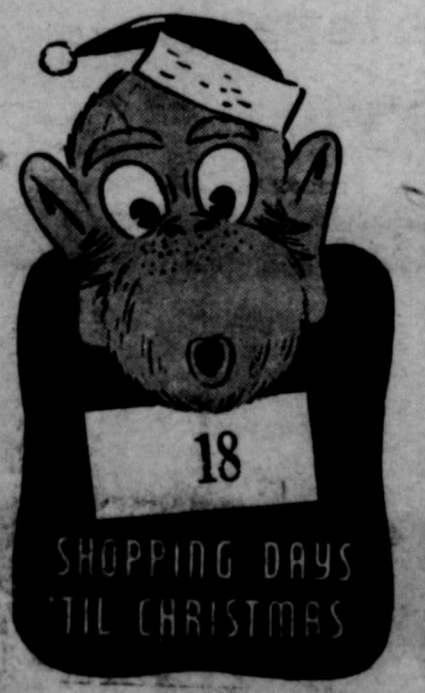
"Dear Madam: I take great pleasure in informing you that a 'W. C.' is situated nine miles from your house, in the center of a beautiful grove of pine trees, surrounded by lovely grounds. It is capable of holding 22 persons and is opened on Sundays and Thursdays only. You will no doubt be glad to hear that a great number of people bring their lunch and make a day of it, while others who can afford to go late arrive just in time. I would especially advise your ladyship to go on Thursday when there is an organ accompaniment. It may interest you to know that my daughter was married in the 'W. C.' It was there she met her husband. Hoping to have been of service to you, the School Master."

Orsborn Sisters Open Lunch Room

Fay and Nina Orsborn have opened a lunch room just west of the Merkel Elementary School.

They have been open for business in the new 14x24 concrete block building since Nov. 23. Hot dogs, hamburgers, sandwiches, coffee and soft drinks are on the menu.

The Orsborn sisters are being assisted in operating the lunch room by Mrs. Bill Sledge and Mrs. Bill Sandusky.



Combined Fund Plan Underway

The local Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the organization of a United Fund type plan for Merkel which is expected to be completely set up in about 90 days.

Purpose of the plan is to supplement the many separate solicitations made by worthwhile agencies throughout the year with one city-wide campaign, giving a firm or individual the opportunity to make a single contribution to cover the major drives. The "package" donation plan, which will be a permanent program for Merkel, is being organized by a steering committee appointed by the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce. Serving on the committee are David Gamble, chairman, Lynn Knight and Johnny Hammond.

Speaker Advises Garden Club To Decorate Early

The Merkel Garden Club met at the Country Club on Nov. 19 with Mrs. Clyde Bartlett and Mrs. W. T. Sadler as hostesses. During the business session, Mrs. Sadler, president, urged each member to do three things: (1) make a compost heap, (2) carry a litter bag in the car, and (3) build a bird sanctuary in the yard.

Mrs. Nathan Wood was named secretary to replace Mrs. Odell Freeman, who was recently elected president of the newly organized Trent Community Garden Club. Mrs. Carroll Benson, program leader, introduced Raymond McNutt of Abilene, who presented "Christmas Ideas." McNutt urged the members to decorate from the front door to the back, and do it early for longer enjoyment. Mrs. L. H. McAden gave "garden hints" for December. Coffee and cookies were served.

Trailer Stripped Of Tires, Wheels

The wheels and tires were taken off a trailer belonging to David Gamble on his farm in the Canyon some time Wednesday. The theft was discovered Thursday morning. The hub caps, apparently taken from the wheels by the thief or thieves, were found scattered in the area.

Merkelite's Son Is Bank Official

Don Cade, son of L. R. Cade of Merkel, has been appointed vice president of The American State Bank of Odessa.

The appointment was announced by the president of American, Lester Morton. Cade, a Texas Tech graduate of 1949, has been cashier of the Odessa institution since 1956. Prior to that he was associated with Brownfield State Bank & Trust Co. Born in Merkel, Cade is a World War II Veteran, member of the Odessa Chuck Wagon Gang and the Contact Club of the Odessa Chamber of Commerce.

Couple Celebrate 25th Anniversary

Two celebrations marked the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett Pinckley recently.

On Nov. 17 their daughter, Sue, surprised the couple with a dinner. Present for the occasion were Mrs. J. S. Pinckley, Mrs. Twyman Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Nim Teaff and Kay, Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Davis, Del and Myrtle, and Mrs. Mary Jowers of Tye.

Friends surprised the Pinckleys at their home Friday night, Nov. 20, with a pot luck supper. Gifts of silver were received from Mr. and Mrs. Buster Horton, Mr. and Mrs. Nim Teaff and Kay, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Harwell, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Anderson, Jeanie and Tommy, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lassiter, Jo Ann and Ja Nell, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Pursley, Mrs. Twyman Collins, Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Davis and Myrtle, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Leach, Mrs. Mary Jowers and Mrs. Bailey Lollar of Tye.

Sweetwater Firm Is Lowest Bidder On Low-Rent Housing Project Here



PLANNING AHEAD — Merkel civic leaders look over plans for the new public housing project with Public officials. Seated are F. W. Digby-Roberts, left, chief project planning director for the PHA, and Ray Wilson, chairman of the Merkel committee. Standing are, left to right, Mayor Earl Hughes, Gene Robert-

son, project officer for Merkel, Howard Carson and Kent Satterwhite, committee members, and Mrs. Mary Hargrove, executive director of the Merkel committee and Chamber of Commerce secretary. (Reporter-News Staff Photo)

Alston Lumber Co. of Sweetwater submitted the low bid of \$227,700 as general contractor for the construction of Merkel's 24-unit low-rent public housing project, it was revealed when bids were opened in the Chamber of Commerce office at 2 p.m. Tuesday.

Members of the City of Merkel's Public Housing Authority voted to authorize the contract's execution subject to approval by the Public Housing Authority in Fort Worth. Construction is expected to begin within the next 30 days. Contractor is allowed 240 working days for completion. Prior to the bid opening, F.W. Digby-Roberts, chief of projects planning section for the Public Housing Authority in Fort Worth, discussed the low-rent housing project at the luncheon meeting of the Lions Club at the Merkel Country Club.

In an effort to promote a better understanding of the project which, after many months of planning, will soon be a reality in Merkel, Mr. Digby-Roberts explained the purpose of the low-rent housing and its operation. The program, he said, is designed to provide decent, safe, and sanitary dwellings for families in the lowest income groups with rent based on the family income and not on the size of the quarter; required.

He stressed the fact that the project is a local one, directed by a local five-man board. The Public Housing Authority, he said, acts in an advisory capacity, furnishing technical advice, and reviews local policies to see that they meet requirements of the law.

In explaining the financing of the low-rent program, he said Federal loans are made to the construction stage when the housing authority sells bonds publicly and repays all Federal loans plus interest. The FHA also provides an annual contribution, thereafter, restricted to an amount sufficient to cover the interest and amortization of the capital cost of the project.

Other out-of-town guests at the luncheon meeting were Gene Robertson, project planner for PHA in Fort Worth, and Ben E. Lawson of Chillicothe, governor of Lions Club District 2-E1.

Local guests, most of whom are Lions, included Mayor Earl Hughes; City Councilmen Ben Hicks, Odie Griffin, Irven Thompson and Kent Satterwhite; Nolan Palmer, Chamber of Commerce president; Mack Fisher, secretary of the C-C; Adelle Elkins, secretary-treasurer of the Chamber board of directors; Mrs. Horace Hargrove, C-C secretary and executive director of the local Public Housing Authority; J. W. Hammond, C-C board member and Fred Staring, member of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce board.

Also introduced were members of the City of Merkel Public Housing Authority board, Ray Wilson, chairman, Howard Carson, Kent Satterwhite and J. W. Hammond. The fifth member, Dr. W. T. Sadler was unable to attend.

Prior to the business session, Don Carson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Carson, played piano selections for the group. He was introduced by his grandfather, E. O. Carson.

Don Dudley is president of the Merkel Lions Club.

Man From Malaya To Be Speaker At Trent Church

TRENT, Nov. 26 (Spl.)—Ira Rice Jr. of Singapore, Malaya will be guest speaker at the Trent Church of Christ, Sunday evening at seven o'clock.

Mr. Rice is a native of Norman, Okla., and a graduate of Oklahoma University. He is the son of Ira Y. Rice, a pioneer song director and preacher. He has been in Singapore for the past four years as a missionary and will return to that work in November of 1960.

His lecture will be illustrated with slides, showing the work that has been accomplished in that great colony of Southeast Asia. The public is invited to this service.

POSTMASTER URGES EARLY YULE MAILING

Postmaster Wrenn Durham this week announced his annual "Mail Early for Christmas" campaign, and outlined plans for insuring delivery of all Christmas gifts and cards by Christmas Eve.

"Public cooperation," he said, "has been a key factor in moving Christmas mail on time in recent years, and I am hopeful that it will be even better this year."

The Postmaster urged patrons of the Merkel Post Office to start mailing Christmas packages now. Packages to distant places especially should be mailed as early as possible.

"This is also the week to prepare and mail your out-of-town Christmas cards," he said.

Durham gave these pointers on the proper mailing of packages, "Use sturdy corrugated mailing cartons, plenty of heavy brown wrapping paper, and be sure that every package is tied with a strong cord. Cartons containing several gift packages should be stuffed with tissue or old newspapers to cushion the contents."

"If your article is of unusual size or bulk, check with the post office because there are restrictions on size and weight."

"It is also important to make sure that your package bears the correct mailing address and your return address. If you are sending your package to a large city be sure to include the addressee's zone number. Including the zone number in the address always will facilitate delivery in large cities. Zone numbers also should be used on Christmas cards and other mail to cities with postal zones."

"The address should be on the top of the package, and it should be carefully written or lettered. A piece of transparent cellophane tape placed over the address will usually prevent defacing in transit." It is also a good idea," Durham said, "to include the address inside the package in case the outside address should become defaced."

"If you use Christmas stickers or seals, place them where they will not conflict with the address. Then, before you drop the package in the mail, be sure you have firmly affixed the proper postage."

The Postmaster reminded that the entire Christmas mailing period is primarily a battle against time. A delay now will contribute to a serious pile-up, particularly in the larger post offices, as the holiday approaches.

All packages going to distant cities should be in the post office by December 10. Other mail should be sent on its way as soon as possible, and all local mail should be in the post office no more than a week or ten days later. This kind of cooperation would mean that all Christmas mail would be delivered on or before Christmas Eve, the Postmaster explained.

Primary Students On P-TA Program

The Merkel Primary School students will be on the program at the Parent-Teacher Association meeting in the school auditorium at 7:30 p. m., Thursday, Dec. 3.

Theme of the meeting will be "Strengthening Homes Through Spiritual Values." The Rev. Mart Rardin, pastor of the First Baptist Church is to be the featured speaker.

GIRL SCOUT NEWS TROOP 62

Girl Scout Troop 62 met in the home of their leader, Mrs. Doan, on Monday, Nov. 30. All members were present.

New officers were elected as follows: Mildred Haley, president; Juanita Moreno, vice president; Brenda Doan, secretary; Ann Smith, treasurer; Gina Biera, reporter; and Beth Patterson, E. T. C.

The girls worked on pottery, cooking and hospitality badges, completing their work on pottery and cooking. Refreshments were served by Gina Biera.

UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

The harvest is over up the Canyon and the Mexicans are packing to leave for home.

They are leaving a little early this year due to good weather for working while here. However, we have had some real cold weather to be as early as it is.

The cold weather sure did fix the small grain for grazing. My, it was looking good for awhile but the freeze set it back considerably.

There won't be any grazing early in our area. We could have a long feeding span if it should stay dry. Our country could be in real good shape if rain should come early and a few days of sunshine.

Deer hunting has come to a close and that is a relief to stockmen who have livestock. Quite a lot of disrespect has been shown by the hunters this year. We think next year it will be different.

We know of one stockman who says that he had a good cow killed in the deal, and that he did not give the hunters a permit to go on his place. We have not heard of any other livestock damage.

Horace Miles, stockman in the Canyon, reports finding a ten-point deer on his place that was I would sure have enjoyed some never found by the hunter. My, of that good meat. Perhaps there are many others shot and got away the same way. So much for the deer.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Blair of Fort Worth were visitors at the Pioneer Church here Sunday morning. Tom is not a stranger to some of us here, however, he has been away for 35 years. They were visiting in the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Riney. Mrs. Riney has been quite sick.

Sam Butman Jr. has been on the sick list this week, but is reported improved at this time. A. L. Moore, who has always been a real pal to his son in any kind of games boys like, such as ball games and boxing, took him on a deer hunt the other day. He says the boy beat him at that game, being better at walking than he was. He reports they had a fine time, however.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Swinney of Vernon were weekend visitors in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Combra of Tuscola, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney of the Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Neill had all of their children home over the weekend. They are Jimmy, a student at Texas Tech, Lubbock; Joe, who attends ACC, Abilene and Cevello, who is teaching at Old Glory.

Mr. and Mrs. Blanton McLean and son of Kerrville spent Thanksgiving in the home of his brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Dewell McLean of the Canyon and Mrs. Garie Latimer of Abilene.

Dewell McLean wishes to remind everyone that this Saturday night is our regular community night. Our refreshments will be pie and coffee. Come have a good time with your family and friends.

The Abilene District Methodist conference was held at Pioneer Church Monday. Thirty-three churches were represented. Charlie Byers, one of our home boys, was one of the young preachers who were licensed to preach.

BADGER TALES

By RUTHA CORDER

We believed all was lost when the Thanksgiving holidays were over but realizing that the Christmas vacation is just around the corner, we have received new hope. Not that school is so bad; we just can't stand it. In all seriousness, however, everyone needs a little vacation now and then from school.

Monday the Future Homemakers and the Future Farmers of America chose their sweethearts. Phil Seymour was chosen FHA sweetheart and Marie Foster is FFA sweetheart. Phil, you had better be careful because the potential homemaker is the one to beware of.

Because of an excess amount of geometry homework assigned by none other than the basketball coach, I was unable to attend the Merkel-Haskell basketball game here Tuesday night. However, according to information given to me by Lester Doron Jr., the scores were: A team—43 to 41, our favor, and B team—40 to 25, our favor.

This week is a busy one because everyone is making arrangements for the banquet. Girls are hurrying here and there trying to get last minute beauty appointments and dresses pressed, and the boys are frantically trying to order flowers (which they have just remembered) for their dates. From the looks of it, this is going to be a very successful banquet. According to some, one of our prettiest.

CLASS ELECTS OFFICERS

Mr. McKeever's class elected officers at a meeting last Tuesday.

New officers are Jo Lynn Buntin, president; Ann Smith, vice president; Weldon Tittle, secretary-treasurer; Mike Arnold, reporter; Lois Givena, fire chief; Lonnie Thompson, assistant fire chief.

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Starr Rest Home

By Mary Outlaw

Every one is feeling fair at this writing. Mrs. Hartleys friends will be glad to hear that she is feeling better at this writing. Mr. and Mrs. Jet Riney of Stanton visited Mr. E. B. Barnes last week.

The Live Oak Baptist Church filled their appointment Nov. 8. The pastor was unable to be here but Rev. W. G. Richardson filled his place. We had a good service. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Fowler and son, Anson, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Fowler, Stamford, visited Frankie Fowler last week.

We want to thank Mrs. John Mansfield for her gift to the Rest Home. It went on some linens that we had in the lay-away. We appreciate it very much. The staff wants to thank her for their gift.

We are happy to have Uncle Bob Popham back with us. He had been visiting in Wichita Falls and he was certainly glad to be back in Merkel. He will be happy to have his friends to visit him here at the Rest Home.

We are still canning pear preserves and making jelly. Guess we will catch up in the near future. Thanks to Joyce Doan for the flowers she brought the Rest Home.

Isom Burks is happy his mother is back at home at Trent from the Sadler Clinic. We miss her visits and we hope she will soon be well again.

We want to thank Mrs. Oliver Freeman for the clean rags she brought the Rest Home.

Thanks to Mr. Elve Herron for the flowers he sent the Rest Home. It is very seldom a man ever sends flowers to the Rest Home. Bob Hicks and Joe Hartley bring flowers to their mothers often for that we are grateful. Mr. and Mrs. Tyne Perkins, Abilene visited his mother Mae Perkins last week.

Aunt Pearl Wiggins is real proud of her walker-wheel chair combination. It is a great help to the nurses and Aunt Pearl gets a lot of enjoyment out of it for she has been unable to walk for two years only with help.

Mr. G. E. Smith has been on the sick list but is better now.

Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Shugart, of Frederickburg, visited his father last week.

Mrs. Emmie Herron celebrated her birthday last Monday. She received a nice gift from the staff. Here's wishing for her many more.

The Rev. Dickey, Assembly of God pastor filled his appointment Sunday, Nov. 15th. We had real good singing and a good sermon.

Mrs. B. T. Brown, Trent, visited her mother Sarah Carr last week.

We have two wings cleaned but lack the South Wing yet. It is real slow as it is being cleaned from ceiling to floor. Sure saves a paint job. Maybe we will get it by time Santa comes.

We want to thank The Men's Bible Class downtown for their donation. We bought bed spreads which were badly needed. It was their Christmas gift to the Rest Home. Thank Bob Hicks for bringing the check. You will never know how much it was appreciated. It was them that helped get the nice trays to go on our serving cart two years ago.

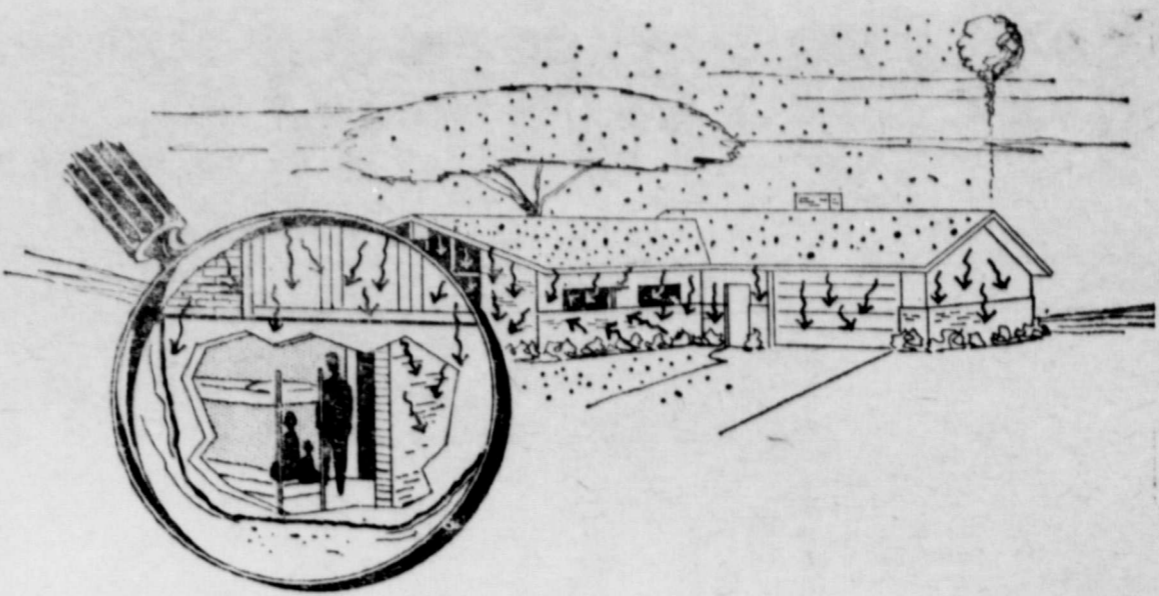
We want to thank Mrs. Carson for her donation Sunday. It went on our linens that are in the lay away.

Miss Bertie Agnew, Anson, visited her mother, Dora Agnew last week.

Nov. 22 the Church of Christ minister Rev. Kallus and his members from Trent filled their appointment. It was his first visit to our Rest Home. We are very happy to have had him and invite him back again.

Rev. Dorn, Methodist minister from Trent, visited the patients at the Rest Home last week.

Mrs. Ella Morris, Trent, who used to work here visited all the patients last week. Every one was glad to see her. Nettie Harris is very happy for



HOW FALLOUT shelters would protect occupants after nuclear attack is shown in this drawing of a modern American home. Fallout—mostly tiny particles of matter charged with radioactivity—is carried downwind from a nuclear blast, and settles on the roof and grounds. From these fallout particles, radiation rays (arrow-like figures) shoot out which can penetrate most substances. Enough rays can cause radiation sickness to people without their realizing it, since radiation cannot be detected by the senses. But the materials of a fallout shelter are dense enough to absorb most radiation and prevent it from reaching the occupants. The Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization has declared December 7 as National Civil Defense Day to remind Americans that millions might be saved after a nuclear attack by such relatively simple precautions. A booklet on building fallout shelters is available through civil defense offices, or from Box Shelter, OCDM, Battle Creek, Michigan.

her children, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Harris and daughter are moving back from North Carolina.

We want to thank Mr. Bryant for visiting Mr. Barnes and manicuring his nails. Mr. Barnes said that Mr. Bryant had been doing this for him for a long time. Mr. Bryant we do appreciate this for you to visit with him and do this favor for him.

We want to thank Mrs. Mansfield for the nice cake she brought the Rest Home after John passed away. It was very thoughtful of her.

We are very proud of our new mattresses. We have 10 new ones and they are innerspring and the best that Abilene Bedding makes. Every one has a real good bed now. We have been having mattresses alone. Lots of people would buy the Rest Home but the other day the man came by and we just sent all the rest and had them made at once. We have about \$900.00 invested in mattresses alone. Lots of people wonder if we are getting rich if they had our bills and our overhead, they would wonder if they were going to the poor farm. We have nothing to complain about. We have a good living and live in a free country where we can worship as we please. What more would anyone want? It has been hard work and lots of long hours but I hope in the near future our new rest home will be constructed. We have our plans and now we can only wait until our dream materializes. Remember Rome wasn't built in a day.

Mr. and Mrs. Kim Long, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Hale and son, Rodney and Gary, Big Spring, visited Mr. Sughart.

Mrs. Ester Carson brought her eight-year-old Sunbeams to the Rest Home last week and sang for the old folks. Shawn Doan, David Lollar, Kathy Mansfield, Jo Nell Lassiter, Dryna McAninch, Terry Sue Woznercraft, and Ann Carson were the children who came. Thanks for the bouquet of flowers they brought; also the ivy.

Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hengauer and daughters, Freda, Linda, Nellie and Dollie and Larence Hewitt and Roy for bringing the song service Sunday morn-

ing. They came in Frank and Ethel's place as they were out of town.

The Hebron Baptist Church filled their appointment Sunday, Nov. 29. There were a large number to come and help sing. Rev. David Thomas conducted the service.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Wheeler, Big Spring visited the Rest Home. Mrs. W. Y. Steen is visiting in Trent on the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert West, Stith visited Hettie Sun.

Mrs. Hicks spent Thanksgiving day with her son, Bob.

Mrs. Agnew visited her son, Allen, on Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Scrigner, Melissa, Leland Scrigner, Dallas, Dennis Hartley, Mrs. G. A. Meador, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hartley, Plainview, visited Mrs. Sarah Hartley last week.

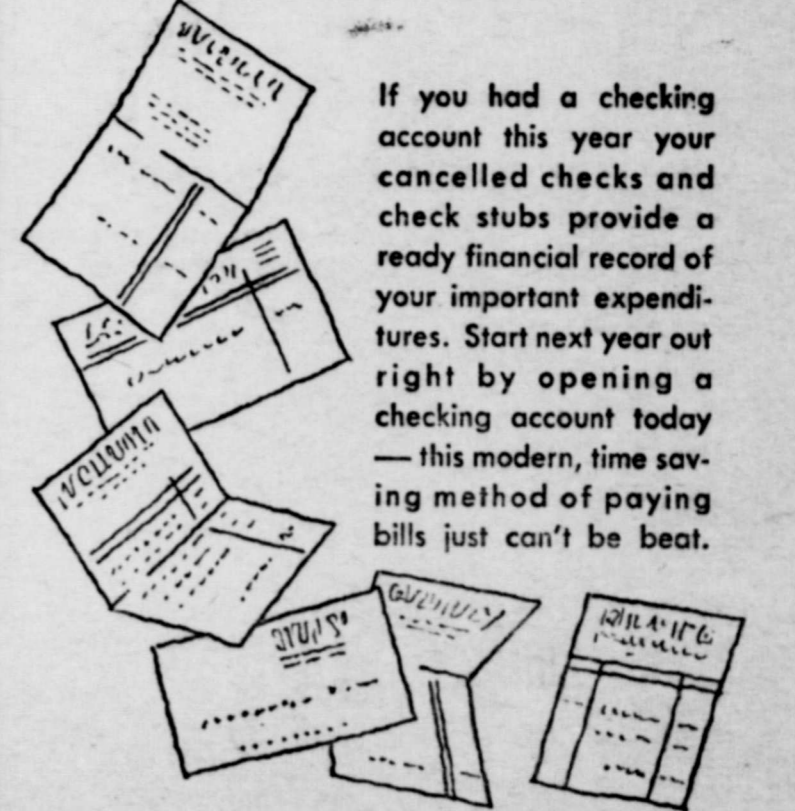
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jones, of Spearman, visited Mrs. Vanlandingham last week.

We were glad Mrs. Vanlandingham was able to go to church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cole and Carolyn spent Thanksgiving with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Caldwell of Stephenville visited us on the weekend.

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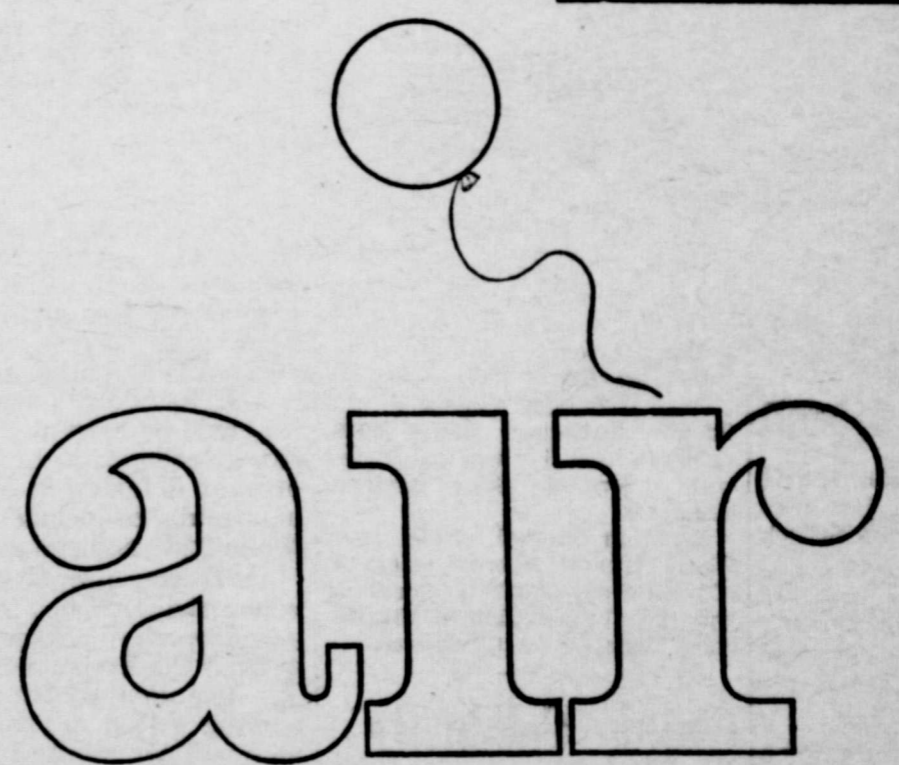
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SUNSHINE

HI-HO CRACKERS

1 lb. box **29¢**

BIG TOP

PEANUT BUTTER

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Van Camp—300 Size

PORK & BEANS 2 for 29c

Austex—300 Size

TAMALES 2 for 45c

Austex—Mexican Style—300 Size

BEANS - - 2 for 19c

AUSTEX—21-oz. Can

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PUREX - qt. 19c

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Gooch Ranch Style

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MARY WATSON WEDS ALTON L. JORDAN

Mary Katherine Watson and Alton L. Jordan exchanged wedding vows Saturday evening in the home of the bride's sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Benningfield, 832 Sammons Avenue.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Watson, 1506 N. 3rd, Merkel, and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jordan, 1909 Fannin, Abilene.

The Rev. T. C. Melton, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, officiated for the double ring rites.

Patsy Watson of Merkel, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore a street length dress of blue taffeta fashioned with a basque bodice with scalloped neckline and bouffant skirt with a scalloped hem.

Her white headband was trimmed with pearls and she carried white carnations.

Betty Lou Watson, also a sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. Her dress was like that worn by the maid of honor.

Jimmy Doan of Merkel, served as best man.

The bride given in marriage by her father, wore a short gown of white lace over white satin designed with a fitted bodice and scalloped neckline. Her veil was held by a pearl tiara and she carried white carnations on a white Bible.

Members of the house party at the reception included Mmes. Thomas Watson, Reynol Vancil, Lee Roy Benningfield, Bobby Amason, and Doyle Watson.

For a wedding trip to San Antonio the bride wore a tan

Homemakers Class Has Luncheon In Mansfield Home

The Homemakers Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met Thursday at noon for a Thanksgiving "not luck" luncheon in the home of Mrs. Vernon Mansfield. Mrs. Mart Hardin was co-hostess.

Following the luncheon, Mrs. Ernest Teaff, mother of Mrs. Mansfield, brought a devotional on "Spiritual Joy." She also led the closing prayer.

Members present were Mmes. Loyd Robertson, teacher, H. O. Boney, assistant teacher, James Beard, Truett Thompson, Howard Carson, Newt Lgoan Maurice Thompson, Leon Walker, Ted McAninch, and Perry Davis.

Mrs. Mansfield is president of the class.

Stith HD Club

The Stith Home Demonstration Club met in the Community Center Wednesday for their Thanksgiving program.

Mrs. Fletcher Jones gave the council report. Members of the club voted to pay \$50 on the building.

Plans were completed for the Christmas party to be held Saturday night, Dec. 19, at the center. Members and their families are invited.

At the next meeting, Jan. 13, 1960, the club will begin the project of making draperies.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Moore and children of Brownfield are visiting their parents, Mrs. Ira Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rutledge.

OFFICERS OF TRENT GARDEN CLUB NAMED

Organization of the Trent Community Garden Club was completed at a meeting in the high school cafeteria Monday evening. Three previous planning meetings had been held with Mrs. Sylvia Beasley acting as temporary chairman.

By laws of the club, presented by Mrs. Opal Freeman, were voted on and adopted by the 20 members present. Total membership is 25.

Officers elected were Mrs. Opal Freeman, president; Mrs. Sylvia Beasley, vice president; Mrs. Rojene Hicks, secretary; Mrs. Betty Freeman, treasurer; Mrs. Irma Black, parliamentarian; and Mrs. Grace Holt, press reporter.

Committee chairman appointed were Mrs. Ora Taylor, civic beautification; Mrs. Bea Reeves, conservation; Mrs. Sylvia Beasley, flower show; Mrs. Lee Esther Bright, horticulture and seed exchange; Mrs. Joyce Williamson, social; Mrs. Irma Black program and yearbook; Mrs. Carrie Winn, publicity; Mrs. Irene Strawn, pilgrimage; Mrs. Geta Williamson, telephone; and Mrs. Earlene Dorn, nominating committee.

Following the business session a demonstration on "Basic Principles of Flower Arrangement" was presented by Mrs. Freeman.

Mrs. Bright explained the display of night lights in miniature nursery scenes and outdoor scen-

Union Ridge HD

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club observed "achievement day" in the home of Mrs. Denzel Cox, Wednesday, Nov. 25.

Theme for the program was suggestive of the holiday motif arrangements and plastic flowers "Thanksgiving Harvest." Dried were on display.

Proper table setting was emphasized when the table was laid for a covered dish luncheon at the noon hour.

Mrs. Florence Berry, a visitor, offered grace for the meal.

Mrs. Cox, president, presided for the business session. Roll call was answered with "the most interesting thing I have learned this year."

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. Clyde Newton, secretary. Miss Mabel McRee gave the council report.

28 members and Mrs. Berry, Mrs. Kenneth Peo, Mrs. O. R. Douglas and Mrs. Hattie Burden, visitors, were present.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Mrs. Hodges' seventh grade elected officers for the coming six weeks at a meeting last week.

Officers are Freddy Mewborn, president; Gaye Gladdin, vice president; Mary Williams, secretary; Diane Perry, treasurer; and Cherry Davis, reporter.

Misses Annette Boney, Sue Bond and Virginia Criswell were among college students from North Texas State, Denton, visiting. The Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Ryan and children, Wanda, Melford and Anita Gay of Clarendon spent Friday night in the home of Rev. Ryan's sister and family. The Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Cooley and daughters, Ruth and Reba. Dr. and Mrs. Jno. B. Davidson and daughters, Donna and Suzy, of Waco were holiday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller.

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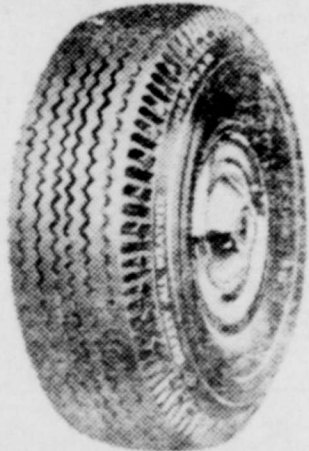
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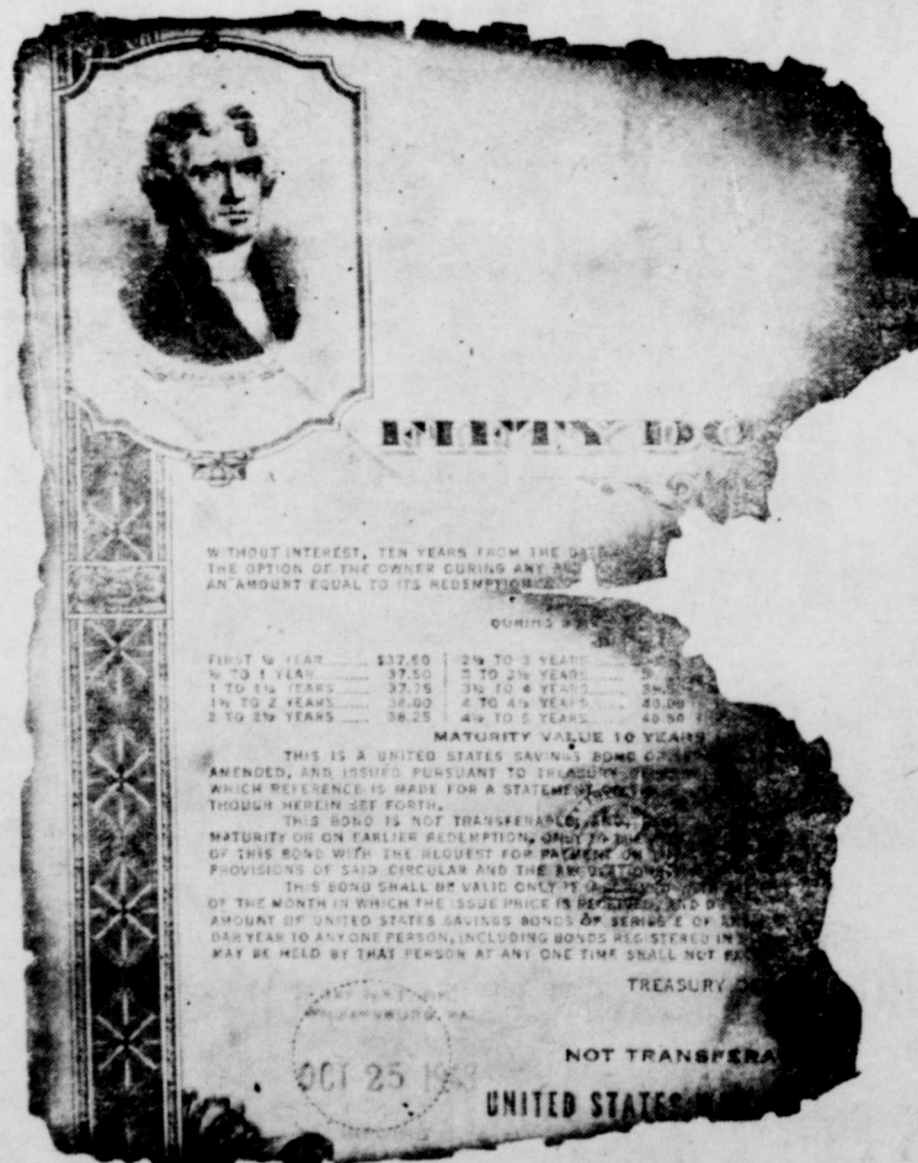
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CARE Ceremony Marks Thanksgiving Meeting Of Fortnightly Study Club

Mrs. Carroll Benson, president of the Fortnightly Study Club, led the members in a special Thanksgiving "Count Our Blessings" ritual at a meeting held at the Merkel Country Club Tuesday, Nov. 24.

The candle-lighting ceremony was a part of a national program originating at the General Federation of Women's Clubs headquarters in Washington, D. C. It is dedicated to sending CARE Self-Help to people around the world.

"We believe that the best way to give thanks for America's blessings is to give help, and hope, to others," Mrs. Benson said. "Above all, by helping people to help themselves, we feel we are bringing closer the time when they, too, will enjoy plenty — when our children, and theirs, can live together in friendship and peace."

Mrs. Ben Hicks and Mrs. Wrenn Durham presented the program on "The Young Mother." Mrs. Hicks reviewed the book, "Please Don't Eat the Daisies," by Jean Kerr, and Mrs. Durham reviewed

CEMETERY FUND

The following persons have made contributions to the Merkel Cemetery Association fund: Mrs. W. N. Derstine

"Quiet, Yelled Mrs. Rabbit" by Hilda Espy.
Mrs. S. D. Gambler was hostess. The next meeting will be on Dec. 8 in the home of Christine Collins.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Farmer and daughter, Vicki, spent the weekend with Mrs. Opal Stoffer of Blackwell, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hinkle and children, Glenda, Charlene and Dennis of Wichita Falls were guests of their mother and brother, Mrs. Mattie Addison and Arthur, for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Danfel and daughters, Glenda, Vickie and Jane of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jenson and Toni and Sharon of Winters spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Coop.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Hopper and son, Darrell visited Mr. and Mrs. Alton Folmer of Houston during the holidays. En route to their home they visited in Frankston and Athens. The Hoppers brought a lemon home that weighed 1 lb. 10 oz., which had grown on a tree belonging to a friend in Houston. This is the first year the tree has produced fruit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson and Keith spent Thanksgiving holidays in Hondo on a deer hunt and as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Riggs Sheppard. They were joined there by their son, Don, a student in North Texas, Denton, was a recent guest in the home.

Mrs. E. O. Edens of Coahoma of Mrs. Ruby Grimes.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason were weekend guests in the home of his son, Mr. and Mrs. Bayler Amason and family, of Graham. Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Amason and son, Rickey, of Graham spent the weekend in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Watson.

Claud Doan of Wink spent the Thanksgiving holidays in the home of his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton and children.

Dr. Frank Armstrong of Fort Worth visited in the home of his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cox, during the holidays.

Visiting Mrs. Cal Hamner on Thanksgiving were her children Mr. and Mrs. Clark Hamner of Trent; Mr. and Mrs. Royce Dowdy of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wayne Hamner and daughters, Tina and Terri, of Trent; and Theoda Hamner of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mathews of Merkel accompanied their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mathews of Abilene, to College Station over the week-end to visit another son, Col. and Mrs. Frank Mathews. Mrs. Mathews has been quite ill but was some better when they arrived.

Thanksgiving guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Braune were their children, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Beard of Waco; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Braune, Kathy, Brad and Cindy, of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Braune, Wanda and Glen, of Navasota. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tarrison and LaVerne, and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Edwards, all of Debo; Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Brown of Novice; and Mrs. Wynn Staggs of O'Donnell.

Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Sublett of Junction are visiting in the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Sublett.

Miss Katy Hunter, student in Texas Tech, Lubbock, visited in Merkel during the holidays.

Misses Linda Leach and Ann

as Tech, Lubbock, spent Thanksgiving holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Leach and Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Benson. Miss Susy Bird of North Texas, Denton, was home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Bird for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baker of Slaton visited his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Leach, Linda and Dick, Thanksgiving.

STITH NEWS

In spite of the bad weather Thanksgiving Day there was a lot of visiting around Stith.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning had a happy surprise when their grand son, Pvt. Horace Alton Browning and Mrs. Browning of Fort Hood, spent Thanksgiving with them. Other visitors in their home were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harris and sons, Jack and Gayle Bedford and the Rev. and Mrs. O. B. Tatum of Merkel.

Thanksgiving visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dunagin were Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Duncan and daughters of Abilene and Sandra Hale.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Loflin and children spent Thanksgiving day with her mother, Mrs. J. H. Warren of Seymour.

Mrs. Douglas Newcome and children of Albany visited her sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ledbetter, during Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn and children were dinner guests Thanksgiving in the home of her mother, Mrs. E. H. Thompson of Merkel.

Velma Osborn, Patsy Farley, Barbara Gilmore, Paula Arnwine, Bob Benson, Jack Chaney, Billy Lucas, Douglas Gladson, Johnnie Whitehead and Frosty Winter attended the party and a hay ride at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Brown and C. B. Tuesday night. Refreshments of hot dogs and all the trimmings were served.

Visitors in the home of Miss Louise and Bob and Hollis Hudson the past week were Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Franklin of Commerce and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Hudson of Levelland.

The Rev. and Mrs. Hebert How and children of Grand Prairie spent Thanksgiving with her par-

ents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley. Weekend guests in the Bradley home were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Berry.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Mundy and children of San Antonio were recent visitors in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vantress. Other visitors in their home the past week were their grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Walsh and son and Doris and Bud Walsh.

There will be an all-day meeting of the WMU at the Stith Baptist church Thursday. A program on missions will be presented by representatives from the Hawley, Hodges, Truby, Noodle, Pleasant Grove and Stith churches. Each lady is to bring a covered dish to be served at the noon hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Walsh and son of Rogers, Ark., and Doris and Bud Walsh visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Childress, recently.

Johnnie Harris visited Saturday with Jack and Gayle Harris of Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hale and children were visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Hale and Sandra, Saturday night.

Mrs. Aura Aller and son, Paul of Dallas were Thanksgiving guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Ely. Other visitors in the Ely home were Mrs. Faye Rogers and children of Tancopa.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald and Mrs. Nora McDonald attended funeral service Saturday afternoon in Abilene for George McDonald, who died Friday at the age of 74.

Visitors in the home of Mr.

and Mrs. E. L. Berry during the holidays were Mrs. A. L. Nutall and daughters of Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Lilly, Vickie and Tony, Glenn Brickwell, Billy Joe Rogers, and Leon Kelso of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vantress and Barney Berry of Stith and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Berry and children of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones attended the golden wedding anniversary celebration for Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Butler at Anson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry attend

ed the singing at the Hawley Baptist Church Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brown and C. B. went deer hunting on the Boyd ranch south of Trent Thanksgiving day. They didn't get a deer, but report an enjoyable time. Mr. Brown's father once owned this ranch. They rode over the ranch and came out at Sweet-water lake.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Babe Tarpley Sunday were her father, Gaston Gregory, of Colorado City and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Finch of Merkel.

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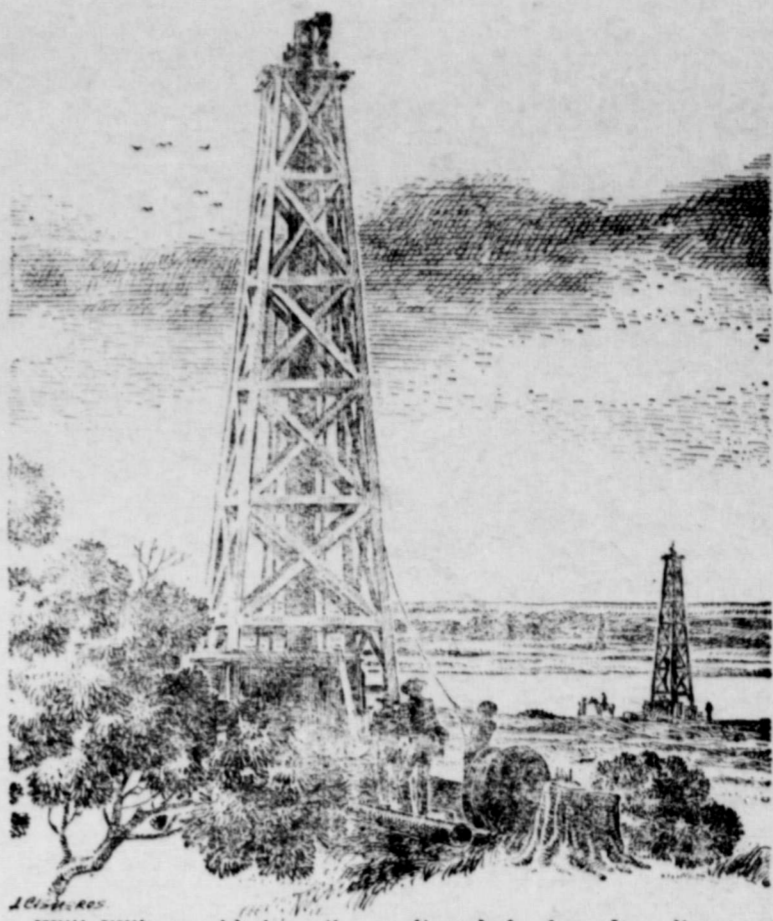
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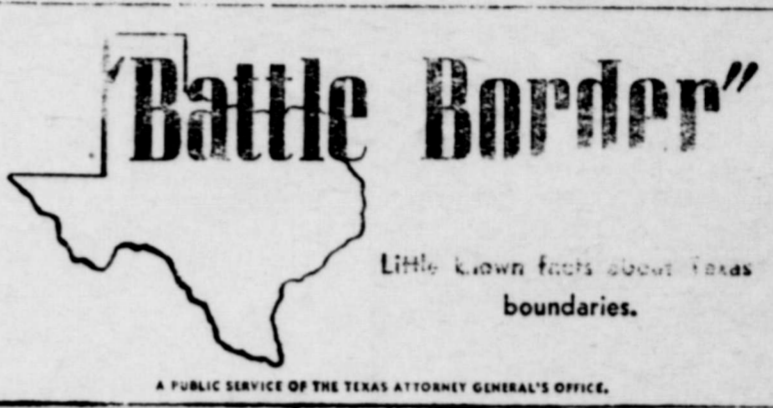
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YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 4th day of January A. D. 1960, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 5th day of August A. D. 1959, in this cause, numbered 24-164-A on the docket of said court and styled Betty Lou Harden, Plaintiff, vs. Gary Dewain Harden, Defendant.
 A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: plaintiff and defendant were married on or about the 14th day of June, 1954, and became permanently separated on or about the 1st day of November, 1953.
 Plaintiff sues for divorce on ground of harsh and cruel treatment.
 Plaintiff sues for custody of two minor children as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.
 If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.
 The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.
 Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 19th day of November A. D., 1959.
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 Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas
 By Irene Crawford, Deputy. 37-38-39-40

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Will Wilson said that oil complicated the boundary dispute between Texas and Oklahoma... derricks were scattered along 40 miles of the Red River bank and bed.



Little known facts about Texas boundaries. A PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE.

(Editor's Note: This is the seventh in a series of articles outlining the numerous boundary conflicts dating back to 1716, pointing up little known facts which shaped the Texas of today.)
 Old Red River is a fabulous stream.
 It has served a sa boundary between the possessions of France and Spain; the United States, Spain and Mexico; the United States and the Lone Star Republic and now Texas and Oklahoma.
 When heavy rains fall in its watershed, Old Red River becomes a mighty torrent unfriendly to everything within its temperamental path.
 But, during drought and dry spells it becomes as lean in water as it is rich in history — a ribbon of water wandering in a shimmering sea of hot sand.
 In 1919, Oklahoma brought suit in the U. S. Supreme Court against Texas to fix the boundary line between the two states along the south bank of the Red River — a distance of 500 odd miles.
 The drilling rigs first sprouting in Burk Burnett, crept northward to the very river banks. The river bed was two miles wide at this point.
 Soon one drilling rig ventured out into this strip of sandy wasteland, and, in November, 1919 struck oil.
 It was not long before derricks were scattered along 40 miles of the Red River bank and bed.
 Oklahoma claimed the south bank had been settled as the boundary by the U.S. Supreme Court in the Greer County case.
 The Federal Government got into the fight by claiming Indian rights were at stake in a large part of the river bed and nearby islands.
 The Supreme Court decided against Texas and held the south bank to be the boundary and not the middle of the river.
 There were other disputes just off stage biding their time to jump into the act.
 The first: where is the south bank of the Red River?
 "This developed one of the most complicated boundary dis-

putes ever recorded." Attorney General Will Wilson says.
 "It involved massive research into law, history, geography, physiography, botany, plant ecology, topography, geology, and engineering."
 Wilson recently returned from fighting another boundary dispute before the U.S. Supreme Court.
 With the bluffs, flats and river
 "The referee, the U.S. Supreme Court, had its work laid out. To the oil men milling around the outer fringes, it certainly looked like 40 miles of bad road forty.
 "It was, forty there and forty back," Wilson notes.
 Bruce Knight of Midland spent Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Knight, and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Knight and son.

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Gabby doodle from noodle says:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR: I got a heap of sympathy for that feller they picked up in Washington the other day walking around in a daze. He said he couldn't recollect if he was con-

acted with the War Department or the State Department. We got a heap of 'em like him in Washington, only they can't get picked up. And back here at home it's giv-

ing harder and harder for a feller to tell whether he's on his way to the pore house or coming home from the looby hatch. For instance, this piece I was reading in the papers last night said a pore man today ain't as pore as a pore man was 19 year ago. I reckon that means the money he ain't got today ain't worth as much as the money he ain't got 10 year ago. It got me so confused I caught myself walking backwards to slop the hogs this morning.

And on the political front one Congressman says we ain't spending too much money, just ain't taking in enough for our needs. The Democrats say the treasury is half empty and the Republicans smile and say it's half full. The Federal Housing Commission says there ain't no shortage of houses, just a over consumption of space. On top of all that, The American Collectors Association holds a convention and votes that they'll no longer be known as "bill collectors" but as "adjusters of delinquent obligations." In a month or two they'll shorten that to ADO and when a pore man gits his notice he won't know whether he's charged with moral delinquency or hiding from his obligations.

Well, on the brighter side, on account of the politicians having no control over it, we've been having some mighty fine weather lately for setting out under a tree. Ever time my old lady catches me taking it easy I remind her that lazy men has made most o' the great discoveries in life. Old James Watts was setting in the kitchen watching his old lady work when he got interested in the steam coming out the first steam engine. And Newton discovered the law of gravity when he was laying in the shade under a apple tree watching apples fall. When I git to quoting the scriptures like that to my old lady, she puts the stopper in the bottle by allowing as how, when she got married she aimed to make one husband do fer a lifetime, but now it looked like it wasn't going to work. How's a feller going to combat that kind of talk? If any of your subscribers knows the answer, Mister Editor, please tell 'em to write.

Yours truly,
GABBY

Bluebonnet HD

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration Club observed "achievement day" when they met in the home of Mrs. R. E. Clemmer. Members brought and displayed things they had made, such as lamp shades, dresses, cakes, table arrangements, etc.

Members discussed the club's achievements during the past year, a highlight of which was a trip to the State Hospital to take gifts and refreshments to patients in one of the wards.

Refreshments were served to Mes. Frank Bronvak, Elby Frazier, Mary Russon, Miles, Luther Helms, Murrel Riggan and Miss Loreta Allen.

Misses Anita Cotten and Sara Hunter of Denver City were holiday guests of the latter's grandmother and sister, Mrs. Ina Hunter and Sandra, and her aunts, Mrs. De-al Cox and Mrs. Hallie Burden.

The Texian Editor's Frontier News Flashes

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FRONTIER NEWS FLASHES
November 30 - December 6, 1859

20 YEARS AGO IN MERKEL

The merchants of Merkel are sponsoring a City - Wide Dollar Day as a special feature for Second Monday, which is next Monday, Nov. 13. In the advertising you will find scores of real worthwhile Bargains — all listed for One Dollar. Read every ad and you cannot fail to profit by taking advantage of these money-saving values next Monday — The Merkel Mail, "Your Home Town Newspaper."

Honor students from the High school grades were special guests of the Lions Club at their Tuesday luncheon. The group included: Mildred McLean, Senior, average 95; Becky Gardner, Junior, 97.25; Iva Ruth McWilliams and Jack Melton, Sophomores, each averaging 90, and Mary Jo Hutchins, Freshman, 94.

Miss Billie Gardner entertained on Saturday of last week at the Woman's Club, Abilene, naming Mrs. David Gamble the honoree. A brilliant color theme was carried out in party appointments and in table decorations of chrysanthemums and autumn leaves. Mrs. Gamble was presented a corsage of the same flowers by the hostess. A delectable three course luncheon was served.

Much excitement was created Tuesday afternoon when J. L. Ferry of the Canyon exhibited a huge rattler, that measured five feet and carried 13 rattles. As he saw it crossing the road in front of him he got out of his car and killed it with a big stick of wood.

Nolan Palmer, partner in the Magnolia dealer firm of White and Palmer, has been attending a three - day Magnolia institute at the Hilton Hotel, Abilene, this Thursday.

The school concluded while leading his farewell song last Wednesday night at the First Baptist church, where he had been song leader for a number of years, Yates Brown was the happy recipient of a suit of clothes, which came as a gift from the church.

40 YEARS AGO IN MERKEL

E. L. Farmer of Edgewood who recently purchased the farm of Tom Toombs Jr., has moved to Merkel. His family will follow at once. They will move out on the farm within a few weeks.

There was plenty of ice Wednesday morning. It is said that some fine hogs bid adieu to existence, and are now safely packed in salt barrels.

And now comes Shorty Smith and despose and says that he is the champion cotton picker of this section, with a record of 812 pounds, making in one day over \$20. Well, Shorty, we believe they will have to hand it to you. If there is a better record, let us have the information. It will take more than 812 pounds to put Shorty in the shade.

Merkel High School football boys landed themselves Monday afternoon on the High School football grounds. The victim was the second team of Abilene Christian College. Merkel came out of the game with 31 to the college boys 12. The Merkel boys as well as their opponents played hard, but fair. All the Merkel men play exceptionally well, but Doyle Garrett, Willie Stephens and Jerome Hutcheson seemed to be the stars.

Misses Sallie and Willie Toombs, Mrs. Meador and Wm. Brown motored to Longworth Tuesday. Miss Sallie will teach there this term and her school will likely start at once.

In spite of threatening weather, cotton still comes pouring in. The fields are still white with the fleecy staple. Over 11,000 bales have been received at the Merkel yard. This represents a value of about \$2,500,000 with an estimate of the crop half gathered.

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12th, and a company of 40 were to leave the town of San Patricio, at the same time, to reinforce Tobin's command. Capt. H. W. Berry was Captain of the Corpus Company.

A committee of safety has been appointed at Corpus Christi; and a company of foot and mounted guards, under command of Capt. E. H. Jordan, patrol the city by night. An express has been sent to the Governor, and a scouting party has been sent out to cooperate with scouts from the Banquete, who will push their way into the country now occupied by Cortinas' men, and give information of their acts.

INDIAN OUTRAGE — The State Gazette of the 19th, learns from Capt. Baylor that news has reached Austin from Weatherford, that the Indians are again predeprating on the frontier. Mr. R. C. Whitties was in that town on the 11th inst., for the purpose of raising men to join in pursuit of a band of Indians, who had carried off into captivity, the wife of Edward Carnett, living at Cad-do Village. The husband was from home at the time. Mrs. Cornett was enceinte, and perhaps may meet her death from the exposure and fatigue to which she will have to submit.

The San Antonio Ledger of the 18th, has been informed that Gen. Twiggs has countermanded the orders for the marching of smoe of the troops, at present on their way to the different posts, to Brownsville. This, it is said, was done in consequence of the troops dispatched from Baton Rouge, who would arrive at the former place much sooner than the others.

NEW PATENTS — The following new patents were issued during the week ending the 15th inst.: Nathan F. Rice, of New Orleans, La., for improvement in bakers ovens.

Miles Earnhart, of Cold Water, Miss., for improvements in cotton scrapers.

John T. Butler, of Natchez, Miss., for improvements in fastening metal hoops on cotton bales.

E. C. Singer, of Port Lavaca, Texas, for improvement in sewing machines.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Toliver and children, Larra and Gala Sue were Sunday visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Toliver, of Noodle.

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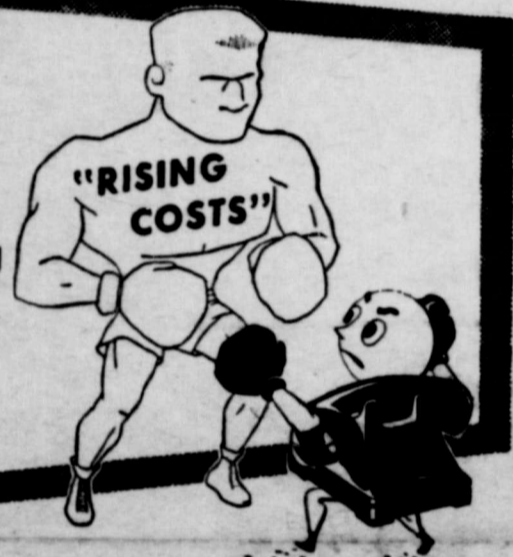
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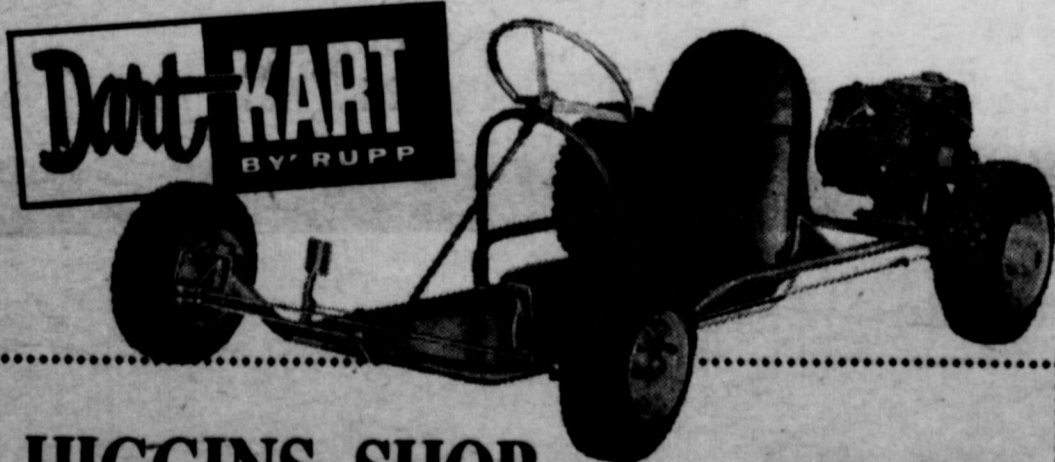


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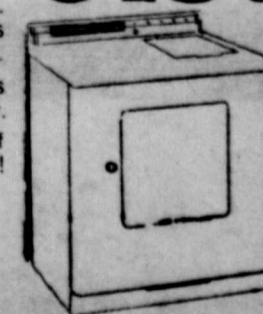
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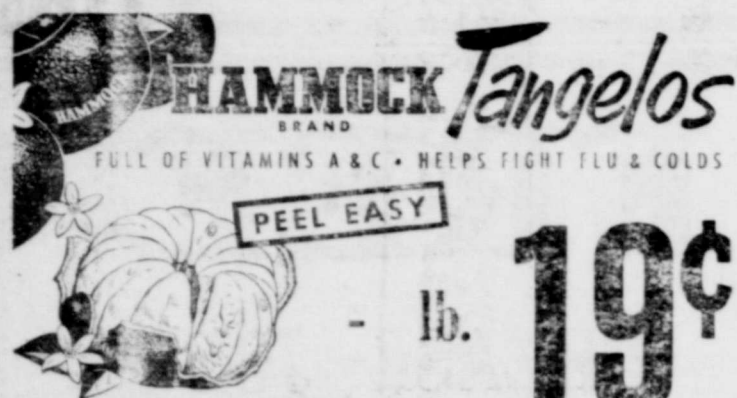
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