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## Tell-Tale Fe-Mail

By M. L. G.

The "Soaring Sixties" are here and as usual I wasn't quite ready for a new year — I haven't finished all I started in '59. I think I'll have my new year begin on March 21 as they do in Iran. That should give me enough time to "clean the slate" . . . maybe.

I've been reading about the different customs people in all parts of the world have to insure that the New Year will get off to a good start. According to one the Chinese believe, I am headed for more bad luck. Seems that even the poorest Chinese buy new shoes for the holiday because it is bad luck to step down on the ground into old shoes on New Year's Day. They didn't have the bad luck I had to begin with—my boss — or they couldn't have afforded new shoes — bad luck or no.

In Scotland, bad luck is in store for a family if the first person to set foot in the house on New Year's Day is a woman — or a gravedigger . . . or a person who walks with his toes turned in . . . or a man with red or blonde hair. We're safe on that one. The man at our house doesn't have too much hair of any color (there is still hair all over the head alright, but scalp shows through giving sort of a grey and white striped effect, and his toes turn up — not in.

Speaking of making the best of a bad situation reminds me of the man who found after walking into an elevator that so many persons were inside he was unable to turn around to face the door. He felt a little embarrassed facing everyone that way, particularly since they did not seem to realize it was impossible for him to turn around. Pulling himself together, he smiled and announced, "I suppose you're all wondering why I called you together."

We are about a week late with everything—still home (our Christmas tree is still up) and at the office. So it will be next week before we give you a run down on '59 happenings in Merkel. It may be longer than that before the tree is taken down. It takes a high step ladder to take the top ornaments down and only one person in the family can do it. Anxious as he is to put it up, he just can't seem to find time to take it down. Then there are the pictures we meant to hang before our out-of-town guests arrived for the holidays. Guess there's no hurry now — they have come and gone.

We would like to thank everyone who sent us Christmas cards. They were all beautiful. Interesting, too, especially the ones from friends we haven't seen for years and years and the ones from friends we've never seen. Then there is always the one someone forgot to sign that provides the mystery angle. I thought surely I would get around to sending cards this year but guess it wasn't meant to be. We had them, too — got them two years ago. This year I am going to address them in July when we aren't too busy. So if you get a card that's a little yellow with age, think nothing of it.

## Bill Wood Is Trent Garden Club Speaker

Bill Wood of Bill's Garden Shop in Merkel was guest speaker at the Trent Community Garden Club meeting in the home of Mrs. Carl Edwards Monday night, Jan. 4. Mrs. Ronny Freeman was co-hostess.

Mrs. Irma Black, program chairman, introduced Wood who spoke on "Introduction To Permanent Out-Door Planting." He divided the subject into four classes of plants, (1) Conifers, (2) Evergreens, (3) Deciduous and (4) Perennial-annual and biennial.

Roll call was answered with "A Shrub I Plan To Plant Soon." Members decided on Arbor Day, Jan. 15, to meet at the Trent Elementary School and plant a tree on the school grounds.

Refreshments were served to the speaker and 19 members. The next meeting will be in the high school cafeteria at 7 p.m., Jan. 18 when a film on "Flower Arrangement is Easy" will be shown.



KATY HUNTER  
... 'on the job'

## Katy Hunter Named Assistant In Tech's Publicity Department

LURBOCK, Jan. 6 — Katy Hunter, Texas Tech freshman journalism student, is already learning what it's like to be "on the job" in the news writing field. The Merkel freshman, who is beginning her career in the field of journalism as early as possible, has been appointed student assistant in Tech's Department of Public Information. One of three assistants, Katy is the only freshman student appointed by the office this year.

As a reporter, Katy is beginning to write stories which are

## William Robinson, Lifelong County Resident, Dies

William Lee Robinson, 54, who lived on Rt. 3 in the Wylie community, died at 3:45 a.m. Friday in Hendrick Memorial Hospital. He was admitted Thursday morning following a heart attack.

Born March 14, 1905 in Cedar Gap, he was a lifelong resident of Taylor County. He had farmed in the Tuscola and Tye area and worked for Fielder-Dillingham Lumber Co., Abilene, in the early 1950s until he quit because of ill health.

Mr. Robinson moved to the home place in 1942 where he farmed up until his retirement. He was a member of the Wylie Baptist Church. His wife is a teacher in the Crockett school.

Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Saturday in Laughter-North Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Laverle Kite, pastor of Wylie Baptist Church, officiating. He was assisted by the Rev. R. M. Parsley, former pastor. Burial was in Elmwood Memorial Park.

Pallbearers were Hollis Buchanan, Cecil Conklin, Alton Thornton, Raymond Holloway, Chub Hardwick and Roy Allen. Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Mrs. John (Joanne) Dickey of Dallas and Mrs. C. L. (Mary Lou) South of 1933 Estes; one son, Leland Doyle of Winters; three grandsons, James and Richard South of Abilene and Jeff Dickey of Dallas; his mother, Mrs. John Robinson, and a sister, Mrs. Bessie Shelton both of 3165 S. 6th.

## Tax Assessor Here Jan. 13-14

County Tax Assessor Burl King of Abilene will be at the City Hall in Merkel Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 13-14, and at the Home State Bank in Trent Tuesday, Jan. 12.

Poll taxes may be paid at the Merkel City Hall during the month of January, according to Flossie McKeever, city secretary.

## Man Dies After Attending Kin's Funeral Here

Perry E. Townson, 63, of Lampasas, was dead on arrival at Dyess AFB Hospital after suffering a heart attack about 3:10 p.m. Thursday in his car on a spur road off U. S. Highway 83 west of the West Freeway.

Mr. and Mrs. Townson were returning from Merkel, where they had attended the funeral of Elmer Barnes, Mrs. Townson's brother-in-law.

Mr. Townson was taken to the Dyess Hospital by S. Sgt. Thomas A. C. Smith of Abilene, who was passing. Smith apparently was hailed by Mrs. Townson, Det. McGee said. Det. McGee and Det. Sgt. Charles V. Strickland conducted the investigation.

Elliott's Funeral Home of Abilene took the body to Lampasas Friday.

## Norton Gets Dial Phone Service

A modern dial telephone system was placed in operation on Dec. 31 in Norton, Runnels County, by Taylor Telephone Cooperative Inc.

The Norton exchange, acquired by Taylor Telephone Cooperative early in 1959, serves people in the Norton and Maverick communities and brings modern dial service, initially, to 151 farm and ranch homes in the area, according to John Hardesty, manager of the phone co-op.

He said he anticipates an additional 20 or 25 subscribers to be added in the near future.

## Trent Ex Named Store Manager

Trey Kegans, native of Trent and a 1950 McMurry College graduate, has been named manager of Firestone Stores, Concho and Irving Sts., at San Angelo.

He joined the Firestone Company three years ago at Wichita Falls. Prior to that he was with an automobile and implement dealership at Loraine.

Kegans attended schools at Trent. His wife, Jean, formerly of Loraine, also attended McMurry.

The couple has two sons, Rusty, 8, and Chad, 3.

## Banquet to Feature Former Grid Star

Katy is one of 35 Technicians enrolled in journalism — making writing talents pay off before graduation. A survey of student employment revealed that it was not unusual for a Tech journalism major to have gained experience on daily or weekly papers, magazines, wire services, public information offices, radio or TV stations, either in summer positions or part-time jobs the year 'round.

Of the 76 Tech journalism majors currently enrolled, 21 held part-time jobs in journalism and 38 have acquired experience in journalistic positions during the summer.

## Employment Firm In New Location

Lassiter Employment Service moved to a new location in Abilene last week, the first business to move out of the way of a proposed huge shopping center in the 200 block of Pine St.

Joe Lassiter, who with his father, Earl, operates the business, said the new quarters in the Garison Building, 1341 N. 2nd St., will be in the middle downstairs office of the building at the north entrance.

The younger Lassiter became a partner in the business with his father in 1957. Before that, Earl Lassiter had operated it at the same location since June 5, 1948. It is the oldest private employment service in Abilene, Joe said.

The Lassiters make their home in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Garner of Austin and Mr. and Mrs. E. D. McGehee and children, David, Trezlyn and Sandra, of Houston were holiday guests in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Y. Gaither.



JACK V. DAVIS

Upon the urging of my many friends and neighbors, and after giving the matter serious consideration for several months, I have decided to announce my candidacy for Sheriff of Taylor County.

Because of wide experience in various law enforcement fields, I feel that I am qualified to give the citizens of this county the proper service that such a position demands.

My experience includes over fifteen years in law enforcement, including seven years with the Abilene Police Department. And while serving as your Constable, I have widened my experience by handling law enforcement problems for our two District Courts, the County Court, as well as for our two Justice Courts. During the past few years, the work load of my office has increased many times over. Such a situation demanded more efficient methods of operation. As a result, a Deputy Constable was added, and the use of two-way car radios allowed the Constable's office to operate more efficiently and economically, thus saving the taxpayers a great deal of time and money.

I am sure there are many of you who do not know me personally. I was born and reared in Abilene, and have lived here practically all of my life. I am now 51 years of age, married, have a married daughter and two grandchildren. I am a member of the Central Presbyterian Church, and president of the Men's Bible Class. I am also First Vice President of the West Texas Justices of the Peace and Constable's Association, a Director in the West Central Texas Law Enforcement Association, and a member of the Law Enforcement Officer Association of Texas.

Because our community is growing, it becomes increasingly important to elect, as Sheriff, one who is thoroughly familiar with the duties and obligations of the department. It is essential that a Sheriff cooperate with the governing body of our county government. So that his department may operate at a high level. And one who can handle the many problems with courtesy and efficiency. I will cooperate with all law enforcement agencies. It demands one who is mature enough to exercise sound judgement, yet young enough to be active and vigorous in the discharge of his duties.

I sincerely appreciate your consideration of my qualifications, and do invite you to check into my background and record. After you have given due consideration to my qualifications, I would most sincerely appreciate your vote and your influence in advising your friends.

Sincerely,  
Jack V. Davis  
Constable Pct. 1  
Taylor County

pol. adv.

## Martin In Group Giving Party For German Orphans

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany (AHTNC) — Army PFC James W. Martin, 23, of Merkel, and other members of the Seventh Army Air Reconnaissance Support Company helped make Christmas brighter this year for the children of an orphanage in Kaiserslautern, Germany.

Members of the company contributed more than one hundred dollars to provide a party for the children.

Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Martin, 707 S. Second, entered the Army in July 1953 and received basic training at Fort Carson, Colo. He was last stationed at Fort Gordon, Ga., and arrived overseas in February of this year.

Martin is a 1953 graduate of Merkel High School and was employed by Wilson's Food Store before entering the Army.

## SISTER OF EARLYDAY MERKEL BANKER DIES

Funeral was to be held at 3 p.m. Monday in Broadway Baptist Church at Fort Worth for Mrs. L. R. Scarborough, 87, member of a pioneer Abilene family, who died Sunday at Fort Worth. Mrs. Scarborough, who had liv-

ed in Fort Worth for 51 years, was the last surviving child of C. P. Warren, early day Abilene businessman. Her only brother was the late J.T. Warren, founder of the Farmers and Merchants Bank in Merkel.

## Elmer Barnes, 64, Longtime Merkel Resident, Dies

Elmer B. Barnes, 64, longtime Merkel resident died at 4 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30 at Starr Rest Home after an illness of three months.

Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church of Merkel. The Rev. Mart Hardin, pastor, and the Rev. Joe Allen, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Childress, officiated.

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

Born July 10, 1895 in East Texas, Mr. Barnes moved to this community with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Barnes, when he was 5 years old.

From 1926 to 1951, he operated a candy manufacturing plant here. He retired in 1951 because of bad health.

Mr. Barnes was a member of the First Baptist Church, Merkel. Survivors include the wife; one son, L. D. of Merkel, and one sister, Mrs. T. L. Burgess of Bethany, Okla.

Pallbearers were Booth Warren, Carroll Benson, Johnny Bryant, D. J. Richie, James Riney and Doyle Barnes.

## Oklahoma Rites For Jack Wallace

Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23 in the First Methodist Church in Kingfisher, Okla., for Sewell Harvey (Jack) Wallace, 61, who died Dec. 21 in Waller Clinic-Hospital after an illness of several weeks.

The Rev. Alvis Cooley, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Merkel, officiated. Burial was in Ringling Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral

Mr. Wallace was an oil field pumper and moved here 10 years ago. He was born Sept. 26, 1898, in Marsden, Okla., and married Miss Corrie Bell Cutts on Sept. 28, 1941 in Big Spring. He was a member of the First Methodist Church here and Masonic Lodge 402 in Breckenridge.

Survivors include his wife; his mother, Mrs. Mattie Wallace of Ringling; two sisters, Mrs. Tom Offill of San Luis Obispo, Calif., and Mrs. W. E. Childers of Corpus Christi; three brothers, V. L. of Shawnee, Okla., L. L. and Chester L. of Wichita Falls.

## Marvin G. Bryan Of Trent Dies

M. G. Bryan, longtime stock farmer in the Trent area, died at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 1 at the Veterans' Administration Hospital, Big Spring.

Funeral was held at Starbuck Funeral Chapel at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 3 with Dean W. Truitt, pastor of Hardin-Simmons, officiating.

Born in Lula, Ga., on Jan. 28, 1894, Mr. Bryan moved to Benton, Ark., as a child and grew to manhood there. He enlisted in the United States Army July 15, 1917 and was assigned to the Medical Corps. He served overseas with the AEF in France and was discharged July 28, 1919.

Mr. Bryan moved to Trent in Nov., 1919 and was married to Maude H. Nalley on Feb. 5, 1921. Survivors include the widow of Rt. 1, Trent; an only child, Mrs. Marvin G. Rumbaugh of Indian Head, Maryland, and one grandson.

Also surviving are three sisters: Mrs. C. M. Brazil of Mineral Wells, Mrs. L. Tatum, Benton, Ark., and Mrs. Lee Williams of Torrance, Calif.; and three brothers, Carl and Hoyt Bryan of Benton, Ark., and Lavera of Little Rock, Ark.

Pallbearers were Harlon Bryan and N. C. Bryan, both nephews of Benton, Ark., John H. Kidd Jr. of Rankin, and Buddy Boyd, Horace Holt and Mark Holt, all of Trent.

Mrs. Scarborough was the widow of a former president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth. Dr. Scarborough served as president of the institution for 27 years until his retirement in 1942. He was pastor of the First Baptist Church here from 1901 to 1908. Dr. Scarborough died April 10, 1945.

Dr. and Mrs. Scarborough were married here Feb. 4, 1900.

She was born at El Paso, Ark., and was a graduate of Ouachita College at Arkadelphia, Ark., and taught at Simmons College (now Hardin-Simmons University) here for a short time in its early days.

Her husband helped secure the lots on which the current First Baptist Church here was built between N. 2nd and N. 3rd Sts. and between Hickory and Orange Sts.

Surviving are three sons, Warren and Byron of Fort Worth, and Lawrence of Edinburg; three daughters, Mrs. A. D. Foreman Jr. of Memphis, Tenn., Mrs. G.A. Johnson of Houston and Miss Neppie Scarborough of Fort Worth; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Other survivors living in the Abilene area are two nephews, George Paxton Jr. of Abilene and Booth Warren of Merkel, and one niece, Mrs. H. A. Pender of Abilene.

Mrs. Scarborough's sisters were Mrs. George Paxton Sr., Mrs. E. E. Andrews and Mrs. Eugene Wood, all of whom lived in Abilene.

## '60 March of Dimes To Aid 3 Diseases

The three targets of the NEW MARCH OF DIMES for 1960 are birth defects, arthritis and polio, according to C. A. Farley and Booth Warren, local campaign chairmen.

The three weapons are research, patient aid and training medical-manpower.

It is pointed out that more than 250,000 U. S. infants are born each year with significant birth defects. That works out to one in every 16 babies. About half are condemned to lifelong illness, crippling or chronic diseases. Little has been done to meet this grave childhood medical problem. Now the NEW MARCH OF DIMES moves in, dispelling the fog and bringing hope through research and patient aid.

Arthritis is the No. 1 crippler of them all. Over 11,000,000 persons are tortured by some form of arthritis or rheumatism. The cost to the nation is a staggering billion and a half dollars a year. No one knows the cause, cure or prevention. But hope lies in the NEW MARCH OF DIMES research program moving rapidly ahead.

For a time it was thought that polio was licked. But in 1959, there were epidemics again in Des Moines, Kansas City, New Haven, Montreal. By the end of the summer, polio had shot up 80 per cent over 1958, paralytic polio 130 per cent. The cost of patient care is higher than ever and 90,000,000 Americans are still unvaccinated.

The three diseases affect one in every four American families. During 1959, the TAYLOR COUNTY CHAPTER provided patient care for 51 patients at a cost of \$11,652.71. All of this money came from the 1959 March of Dimes Campaign.

## School Census Underway Here

The school census for the Merkel Independent School District is now being taken by C. A. Farley, local elementary principal.

All children in the Merkel district who will be six years of age on or before September 1, 1960 and under eighteen should be enumerated.

Parents should contact Mr. Farley at the elementary school if they are not sure that their children have been enumerated. February 1 is the deadline.



## 'Values And Ideals' Included In Committee On Youth Report

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second in a series of articles on the studies and findings of the Governor's Committee for the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth.)

What are the most important "values and ideals?"

The overwhelming first choice, among Texans, is "individual freedom."

Questionnaires and opinion polls on this subject were distributed and tabulated by the Governor's Committee for the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth. The committee

findings will be a part of the Texas report to the Washington and to the Governor's Conference conference, March 27 - April 2, in Austin, December 5, 1959.

A total of 116 delegates will attend the conference from the Lone Star State. Their report on "values and ideals" will show these choices among Texas adults:

1. Individual freedom — the right of the individual to religious, political, economic and other freedoms.
2. Respect for rights of the individual — an individual should be respected for what he is, re-

gardless of social and economic status, race, religion or sex.

3. Respect for law and order — Obey the law, obey your elders, and anyone else in authority.
4. Morality — Actions in private life, relationships with friends and in business should be guided by moral and ethical codes derived from our religious principles.
5. The monogamous family — The family is the keystone of our democracy and society.

The findings were announced by Dr. Guy D. Newman, President of Howard Payne College, Brownwood, who is chairman of the Governor's 154-member Committee. Dr. Newman pointed out that the questionnaires, widely distributed throughout the State among the local-level White House committees, organizations and clubs, sought to determine what values and ideals hold the greatest meaning for the most people in Texas.

Each person was asked to name his choices from a list of 16 possibilities. From sixth to tenth choices were religion, humanitarianism, equal opportunity, success and status, material wealth and comfort.

Receiving the lowest number of votes was "group conformity." The tabulations indicated that Texans generally feel this is an undesirable trait and that there should be less of it.

As a part of the Committee's studies, in preparation for the White House conference, views were obtained on how these values and ideals can best be transmitted to children and youth.

Participants also were asked: "Who should be responsible for teaching them to our children?"

The responsibility, according to the tabulations, was clearly established in the home, the Church and the school, in that order; and the suggested ways to teach values and ideals were, in the order of importance, as follows:

1. Parents setting good examples of behavior and regular attendance of the family at Church.
2. Sunday School attendance, and adults other than parents setting good examples.
3. Setting more stringent rules and tighter control on children's behavior at home.

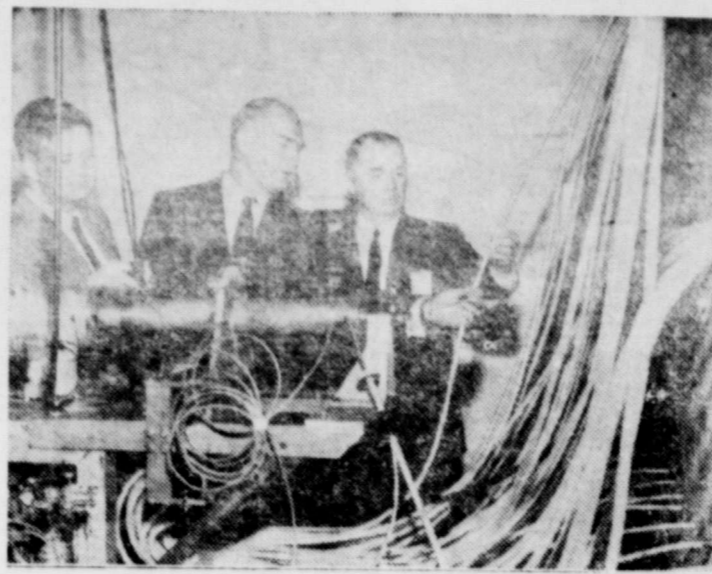
The findings revealed from the questionnaires closely paralleled the opinions expressed in two public polls — one by Governor Daniel through the newspapers, radio and television; and the other by the Belden Associates.

All the polls and research on which the Governor's Committee bases its report clearly reveal that the top problems facing today's children and youth are lack of adequate parental care and guidance, and bad examples parents set for children. Common types of bad parental examples were drinking alcoholic beverages, using profanity, quarreling in the children's presence and showing disrespect for each other.

When asked, "What can be done to help people become better parents," the largest group answered "to rely on spiritual influence of the church; spend more time with children and do more things together as a family."

Based on the findings of the "values and ideals" study, the Governor's Committee made the following recommendation:

"In view of the fact that the home is the basic unit of all society, and in view of the general conviction among Texans that the home has the basic responsibility for teaching values and ideals to children, we recommend that those responsible for the direction of the other institutions



**PARTICIPANTS IN TEXAS NUCLEAR FUSION SYMPOSIUM**—Two of the world's foremost authorities on nuclear fusion, Dr. Marshall Rosenbluth, left, experimental physicist for General Atomic Division of General Dynamics Corporation, and Dr. Edward C. Creutz, center, director of research for General Atomic, are shown with J. E. Cunningham of Amarillo, president of the Texas Atomic Energy Research Foundation. The Foundation, whose members are 11 investor-owned electric utility companies in Texas, is co-sponsor, with the University of Texas, of the Texas Symposium on Nuclear Fusion to be held in Austin November 20-21. The three men and other internationally-known scientists will appear on the symposium program on the campus of The University of Texas.

for society (school and Church) look carefully at their present programs with a view to helping fathers and mothers in the home do their job well. Some of our present confusion in the realm of values and ideals can be traced to the competition between these institutions; and we must remember for the sake of our youth that we are not competitors but laborers together. Where parents and the home have been downgraded, let us determine to encourage, help and upgrade them."

The Committee goes further to state:

"Heretofore families and homes in the midst of a world in travail have been left largely alone to shift for themselves and go on the rocks. We believe that family and marriage counseling services deserve a significant place in our communities."

**NEXT WEEK: Health Problems.**

for a two-tone car with the forward look, I'm going to drive my old one — one job with the backward look — on account of it being paid for.

And last but not least in 1960 I'm going to try and use horse sense in all my dealings with other folks. Since horse sense disappeared mostly with the horse, this is going to make me seem a little unglued to my neighbors, but I'll carry the burden.

With these kind of resolutions for 1960, folks is going to think I ain't got much ambition in life. Maybe I'm like the feller that advertised for a secretary, saying he didn't care how ugly she was just so she could type real good. A feller that old ain't got no business working. He ought to retire.

Happy New Year to you, Mister Editor and to everybody!

Yours truly,  
**GABBY**

### gabby doodle from noodle says:

**DEAR MISTER EDITOR:**

I figger a feller ought to make a few resolutions ever New Year, whether he aims to keep 'em or not. As long as he makes 'em it's a sign he ain't give up hope. When he quits resolving on New Year he has thrown in the sponge.

First, I ain't going to git worked up over politics in the 1960 election year. Politics is a heap like a rocking chair. It gives you somepun to do but it don't git you nowhere. Man has been on this earth about three million year and in all that time he ain't learned how to run it. I don't think the Democrats or the Republicans will come up with the answer in 1960, I am resolved to be patriotic in these troublesome times and stand shoulder to shoulder in 1960 with both, the Democrats and Republicans. Now all I got to do is find out where they're standing.

And I am resolved to quit trying to git in the last word with my old lady. During 1960 I'm going to settle for next to the last word. And I ain't going to start the annual argument over the price of her new spring hat. I'm just going to look at it, laugh real hearty, and fergit it.

In 1960 I aim to start a campaign for the observance of Quiet Week, a week during which the American people ain't observing nothing and promoting nothing. This will be a tough campaign and I'll need your help.

I ain't going to be greedy in 1960. I'm going to be reconciled to the fact that about all a pore man can git these days is enough to eat and wear and pay his taxes. And I hope thou art beside me, Mister Editor, helping with the taxes.

I aim in 1960 to quit trying to keep up with the Joneses. That don't mean I still don't admire how they do it, but while they're talking about a trip to outer space, I'm going to be satisfied to find me a parking space. And while they is all going in debt

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## PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Nail and daughters spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Nail's parents, the Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Campbell, of Pueblo, Colo. The Rev. Campbell is pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller visited relatives in Waco and Vivian, La., during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruben C. Horton and son of Abilene were dinner guests of his mother, Mrs. Edna Horton, and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Toliver and children, New Years day.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Hickman of Albuquerque, N.M., were holiday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carter.

Mrs. Leah Hand and son, B.F. of Trent were visitors Thursday in the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hamp Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat L. Davis and son, Billy Pat, of Fort Worth were weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Moore. Mr. Davis is a former coach of Merkel High School.

The Rev. Bill Hays, ministerial student from Hardin-Simmons University filled the pulpit of the First Baptist Church at Trent Sunday morning and night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruben B. Horton of Abilene were dinner guests in the home of his mother, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason, New Years Day.

Mrs. Edna Horton has returned after spending the Christmas holidays with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kutt and children of Marlin.

The Baptist parsonage at Trent is being redecorated. The Rev. A. H. Williams resigned as pastor on Dec. 1, and a new pastor is to be called soon. Bill Beazley, professor at H.S.U., and ministerial students have been supplying.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Harper and children, Katherine, Robert and Nancy, of Odessa were guests of her sisters, Mrs. R. J. Miller and Mrs. H. B. Robertson, during the holidays.

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MR. & MRS. PAYNE  
... have home in Trent



### Trent Couple Feted On Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Payne were surprised by friends and relatives with a party in their home Dec. 20 when they observed their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple was married Dec. 19, 1909, in a buggy. They have lived in Trent 12 years. He operated a filling station for many years and retired three years ago.

Mrs. Payne's mother, Mrs. R.D. Carrey of Anson who is 90, attended.

They belong to the First Baptist Church. Their three children

were present Sunday. They are R. O. Payne of Trent, Mrs. George Byrom of Trent and Mrs. Clifford A. Talbot, 1458 Kirkwood in Abilene. They have 11 grandchildren who were all present except two.

Mrs. Payne has five sisters. Only one was not present, Mrs. Lillian Heitmans of Trent. Others are Mrs. Lila Honner of Roby, Mrs. Myrtle Story, Mrs. Sallie Garrett and Mrs. Florence Mayfield, all of Anson.

Payne's brother and sisters who attended were Homer Payne of Merkel, Mrs. Vick Ward of Anson and Mrs. Bessie Jackson of Merkel. His other sister is Mrs. Odie Ramsey of Lubbock.

### Garden Club At Trent Has Party

The Trent Community Garden Club held its Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Odell Freeman, Sunday night, Dec. 21.

Present were 18 members and three prospective members, Mrs. Hollie Jones, Mrs. Frank Allen and Mrs. O. V. Bernhill.

Mrs. John Strawn reported that the Community Center building would be available to the Garden Club in the near future.

Mrs. Weldon Beasley told of letters received from Mrs. Post in regard to eligibility of house plants entered in a flower show. Mrs. Ronny Freeman gave the treasurer's report.

Mrs. Odell Freeman, president, read letters from garden club dignitaries and district governors on acceptance of the Trent Club. She also appointed three judges, Mrs. Marie Estey, Mrs. Frank Allen and Mrs. Eze Reeves, to judge the wrappings on gift packages brought to the meeting.

First place winner in the wrapping contest was Mrs. Claude Strubbing. Mrs. Ronny Freeman won second place and Mrs. H. H. McLeod, third.

### Harrison Family Meets For Reunion

The children of Mrs. W. R. Harrison, with their families, met for a reunion in her home here Friday, Jan. 1.

Attending were the Rev. and Mrs. Lynward Harrison of Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Rogers, Vicky and Christy, Anson, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Swinney, Syra and Johnny of Trent, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Newton, Cindy and Kurt of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Swinney, Tommy and Jay, Snyder, Lola Rogers, Royce and J. D. of Hawley, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rutledge, Rusty and Donna Lee and Mrs. Elmer Harrison and grandchildren, Kay, Terry and Chris, all of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Harrison, Barbara and Kenneth, and J. L. Harrison, all of Fort Worth and Mrs. H. M. Weston of Merkel.

### STYTH NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Pick Payne and son, Homer D. spent several days the past week with their son and brother, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Payne, of Woodward, Okla. Paul Bradley is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Cox visited New Years days with their mother at Goldthwaite.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Newton and children of Maabaus visited the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale and Sandra. New Years day visitors in the Hale home were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hale and son, Goodwin of Crosbyton.

Mrs. Mark Dedman of Tye visited her mother, Mrs. A. M. Ebers, Saturday.

Gilbert Vickers of Austin spent the past week here with his brother, C. H. Vickers.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Vickers visited his parents in Austin during the holidays. Mrs. Vickers became ill while there and was hospitalized for several days. Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Vickers accompanied their daughter-in-law to her home here and their son, Gilbert, who had been visiting here, returned to Austin with them.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mashburn during the holidays were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Canon, her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon McAninch and son, Jackie, all of Merkel, and their son, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Toombs and son, Tommy of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Hudson of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Reddin Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Thompson who have been residing in the fifth community, moved to the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Vantreese in the Hodges community. Mr. and Mrs. Vantreese moved to Abilene to make their home. We regret to lose the Thompsons from our community.

Visiting in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Swindell the past week were his brother and Sandra Hale attended church family from Henderson.

Trout, red fish, flounder, drum and sheepshead are said to be hitting wonderfully well on the Texas coast.



EDGAR H. DOOLITTLE  
... joins Army

### Kin Of Late Trent Couple Joins Army

Edgar H. Doolittle, son of Mrs. Florence Raliff of Antioch, Calif., and grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Sherman of Trent, enlisted in the United States Army on Oct. 19 to serve for a period of three years.

Desiring to enlist under the army's "Choice-Not Change" program. After his initial training, he will be sent to an assignment in Europe.

He attended school in Antioch and Torrance, Calif. He will continue his education in the army.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton and son, Benny, of Merkel and their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Williams and son, Mark, of Abilene spent the holidays as guests of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Denzel Melton and family, and Mrs. Melton's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Patterson and children, all of Kermit, and Claude Doan of Wickert, father of Mrs. Melton.

Visitors in the F. T. Bartlett home for the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jefferys of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Jay Humphreys and son, Jim, of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Dunagin and sons, Dane and Tom, Jacksboro; Mr. and Mrs. Red Miers, McCaulley; Mrs. L. F. Young, of Hamlin; and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Whisenhunt, Jeff, Cindy and Bart of Merkel.

### LEGAL NOTICE

AN AMENDMENT TO THE TRAFFIC ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, Changing Parking on the North Side of North Front Street from Parallel Parking to Angle Parking at a Sixty Degree (60°) Angle to the Curb. Prohibiting other Parking on said Street; Providing for a Penalty; and Declaring an Emergency.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL:

1. Section 1 of the Traffic Ordinance of the City of Merkel dated the 21st day of December, 1946 and appearing at page 231 of the Ordinance Book is amended to read:

All vehicles parking on North Front Street inside the city limits of the City of Merkel shall be parked on the North side of said street, parking head-in toward the curb at an angle of sixty degrees (60°) to said curb and between the lines as hereinafter provided in such a manner that the front wheel of said automobile shall not be more than eighteen (18) inches away from the curb. The Mayor shall cause diagonal lines to be painted or durably marked on the North side of North Front Street, these lines to be at a sixty degree (60°) angle to the curb and nine (9) feet (9') shall be unlawful to park any vehicle on North Front Street across any such line or marking, or to park such vehicle in such position that said vehicle shall not be entirely within the limits of the space so designated by such lines or markings. There shall also be painted in legible letters at intervals along the North side of said street "One Hour Angle Parking." No vehicle shall be parked on the South side of North Front Street except as provided herein.

2. Any person violating any provision of this amendment shall, upon conviction, be subject to the penalty prescribed in Section V of said Traffic Ordinance, to-wit: A fine of not less than One and no-100 (\$100.00) Dollar nor more than Twenty-five and no-100 (\$25.00) Dollars.

3. The fact that the present Traffic Ordinance fails to provide adequate parking along North Front Street creates an emergency and an imperative pu-

blic necessity that the rule requiring that an ordinance be read before the Council on two separate days be dispensed with, and that this Ordinance take effect immediately from and after its passage and its publication; and it is so ordained.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE of the City Council of the City of Merkel on this 4th day of January, 1960.

EARL HUGHES  
Mayor

(SEAL)  
ATTEST:  
Flossie W. McKeever  
City Secretary

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WANT TO RENT — Private furnished bedroom with private bath. Charles Eager. Phone 235. 43-11c.

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LOST—2 Beagle hounds — 1 female 3 yrs. old, white with 3 black spots on back, brown head. 1 male, 8 months old, white and black. S-Sgt. Clod-felter, 712 Cherry St. Ph. 260-J.

LOST—Pocket transistor radio at Merkel High school. Reward. Kenneth Hays, Merkel, Rt. 1. Phone 9060-M1. 43-31p

FOR SALE — One good used Hotpoint Electric Range; One Swivel-top T.V. Table. One built-in ironing board. Mrs. F. P. Hamm, 202 Oak St.

FOR SALE — 15 cu. ft. GE combination deep freeze and refrigerator. Practically new. Tel 398-M or see at 401 Manchester. 43-11c.

### CARD OF THANKS

The Bryan Family wish to express their undying gratitude to all who helped so much by their kind words, thoughtful deeds and floral tributes during the long illness and at the passing of our loved one. May God bless all the kind and generous hearts who helped to bear our load.

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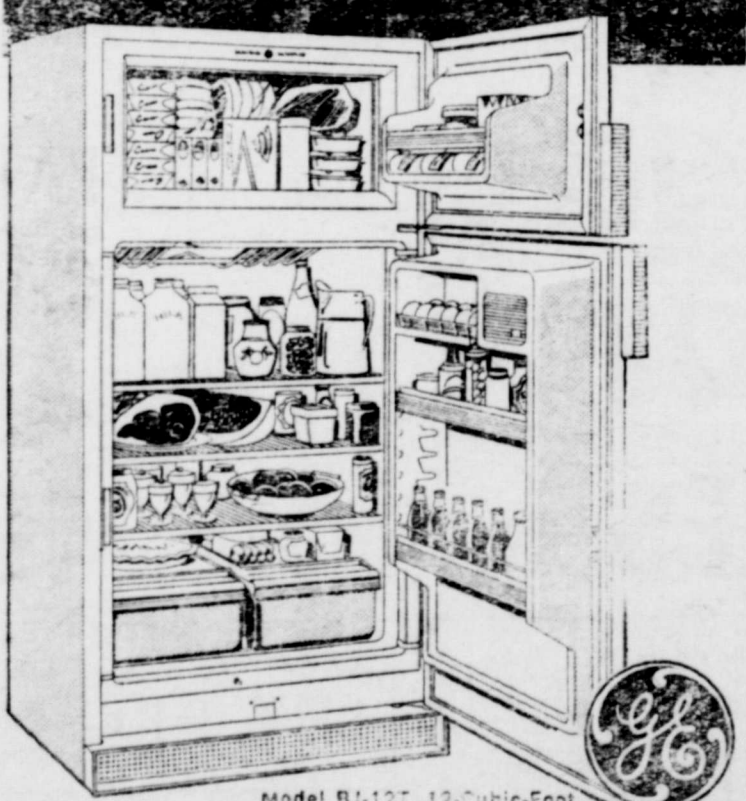
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MRS. JERRELL GLEEN SHAW  
... formerly Theresa Kay Beasley

**Kay Beasley Weds  
Jerrell Gleen Shaw**

In a double ring ceremony at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon in Trent Methodist Church, Theresa Kay Beasley became the bride of Jerrell Gleen Shaw.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Lesley Beasley of Trent. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. H. L. Shaw of Roysse City and the late Mr. Shaw.

Officiating was the Rev. C. C. Dorn, pastor. Wedding music was presented by Mrs. Milton Patten and Mrs. Albert Mabery, pianists, and Debra Barnes of Abilene and Ricky McElmurry, soloists.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a formal gown of silk and re-embroidered chanel lace, fashioned with a neckline accented with lace and seed pearls. Pearl-trimmed lace appliques were scattered on the basque bodice. The bouffant skirt was designed with French puffs at the sides and a cathedral train.

Her circular veil of French illusion fell from an empress crown of lace and tulle, trimmed with seed pearls and rhinestones and centered with a teardrop pearl. She carried a bouquet of peonies and gardenias.

Mrs. Bobby J. Graham of El Paso, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Thelda Hamner of Lubbock, and Sara McRee of Abilene.

Their street length dresses of red velvet were styled with sabrina necklines, long sleeves and full skirts. Their headdresses were red velvet bows with brief veils. Each bridal attendant carried a lighted white taper circled with gardenia sprays and tied with satin ribbon trimmed with holly and berries.

Cindy Beasley, cousin of the bride, was flower girl. Randy

Graham of El Paso, nephew of the bride, was ring bearer. Ushers were Weldon Beasley, cousin of the bride, and Micky Shaw of Roysse City, brother of the bridegroom.

Rodney Shaw of Corpus Christi, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Groomsmen were Gene Burks of Roysse City, Jerry Don Young of Garland and Jerry Russell of Dallas.

The reception was in the church fellowship hall. Members of the houseparty were Mrs. Lewis Tinar, Mrs. Lois Moore, Mrs. Clark Hamner and Mrs. John Strawn.

For a wedding trip to Fort Worth and Dallas, the bride wore an American Beauty wool suit with mink collar and black accessories.

The couple will reside at 866 Sunset Dr. in Abilene after Jan. 1.

The bride attended McMurry College and was graduated from North Texas State College. She was a member of Gamma Sigma at McMurry. She is a teacher at Johnston Elementary School in Abilene. Her husband attended Abilene. Her husband attended NTSCS where he was a member of the football team for four years. He is employed by McIlwain Ford Inc. in Abilene.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted Saturday evening by the bridegroom at the Saddle and Sirloin Restaurant in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Wavne Tipton and sons, Sam and Gary returned to Sunray Sunday after spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Ayers and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Tipton.

Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker spent the New Year holidays in El Paso visiting their son, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Walker and family. While there they attended the Sun Bowl football game and the Sun Queen Fiesta and parade.



U. S. Senator Ralph Yarborough (right) receives a national award from the National Association and Council of Business Schools for "distinguished service in advancement of education." Senator Yarborough was co-author of the National Defense Education Act of 1958 and authored a bill this year to extend educational benefits to Cold War veterans. Charles E. Palmer, outgoing president of the NACBS, presented the plaque at the organization's 47th annual convention in Chicago.

**BADGER TALES**

By RUTHA CORDER

Coming back to school after the holidays was not as bad as we all suspected that it would be, it was worse!

It seems that we made it back just in time for mid-term exams. Here's hoping that all of the students have their work all in, the teachers have graded those huge piles of ungraded papers, and everyone is ready and set for the tests. If everyone succeeds in getting all of this work done they will be off to a good start in 1960—the beginning of a new decade.

Speaking of the new year, some people have some interesting new resolutions. Here's a few of the better ones.

Penny Gardner—"I'm not going to argue any more"

Jerry Don Doan—"Not to get caught cheating"

Mrs. McReynolds—"Catch up on my grading"

Sharon Cybert—"I'm going to succeed at being lazy"

Miko Farley—"to be a homme d'esprit"

Jimmy Hargrove—"comme il faut"

How many of us have made the statement we need some "new blood" in our student body? Most of us realize that we are in what is commonly known as "stagnant". I suggest that we forget about our "new blood" theory and try a student revolution. If everyone tried to improve their personality and became a more interesting person our student body would be much more active and school would be more desirable. Why don't we all try doing something new that we haven't done before? I suggest that the boys try a new or different sport that they haven't yet played and the girls change hair styles or dress fashions. Merkel should have its own personality—someone braver than the rest could start a new fad. If you are quiet try talking and carrying on conversations with students you don't know very well. If you are a loud mouth try listening—

**Mrs. Williamson  
Hosts Coffee For  
Dinner Visitors**

Miss Barbara Edwards, teacher in the schools at Denver, Colo., and Edd Davis of Gilmer, stationed at Air Force base in Denver, were honored with a coffee in the home of Mrs. Geta Williamson of Trent, Saturday, Jan. 2.

Assisting the hostess were Mrs. Williamson, and daughter, Gina, and Miss Creta Case.

Other special guests present were Mrs. Odell Hickman of Albuquerque, N. M., Miss Helen McLeod, teacher in the San Antonio schools, Mrs. Jerry Estep, who teaches at Kress, and Miss Pearl Matthews of Wichita Falls.

Mrs. Estep, pianist, and Miss Matthews, vocalist, presented musical selections throughout the morning.

Thirty-six guests registered.

Mrs. Mary Belle Clarkston of Batesville, Miss. Mc. and Mrs. L. Robins of El Dorado, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Henderson and son, Walter Jr., and Mrs. Frances Biggs, all of Odessa and Mr. and Mrs. Devoele Teaff and daughter, Vickie, of Tye were holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas.

**PERSONALS**

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker for the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Cadmus Brown and family of Barnhart and Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Walker of Hurst.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Robertson spent Christmas in the home of her sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Hartley of Plainview. En route to their home here they visited with relatives in Floydada.

Miss Mary Collins joined her brothers and families from Lubbock and Lamesa in visiting during the holidays with another brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Collins and children, of Willcox, Ariz.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Henry during the holidays were their daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Darden and sons, Gary and Lynn, of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brunson and sons, Timmy and Ronnie, of Ft. Lewis, Washington, and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Ramsey of Huntsville, Ala. Mr. Ramsey was recently discharged from the Air Force and he and his wife plan to make their home in Dallas.

Mrs. Ester Luke and children, Linda and Ronnie, spent the holidays with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kelley, of Roscoe.

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Miss Helen McLeod of San Antonio visited her mother, Mrs. C. C. Strubling during the holidays. From here she went to Lamesa to join a party to go skiing at Red River, Colo.

**FAMILY DINNER HOSTED  
BY MRS. BLACKBURN**

Mrs. E. M. Blackburn served a family dinner to her children and grandchildren in her home Dec. 22.

Present were Mrs. J. Pierce Horton and children, Pierce Jr. and Eva Faye, of Plainview, Mrs. Houston Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Meeks, all of Merkel, the Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Meeks, Gail and Ricky of Longworth, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Malone, Marklin and Miller of Eunice, N. M., and their cousin, Danny Malone of Merkel, and Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Gibson, Roger and James of Lubbock.

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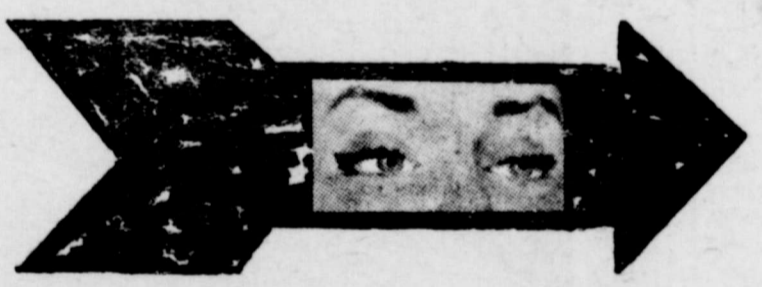
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**STATEMENT OF CONDITION  
As of December 31, 1959**

RESOURCES	
Loans	\$ 746,468.41
Overdrafts	921.77
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	6,000.00
Banking House	75,000.00
Furniture & Fixtures	50,000.00
AVAILABLE CASH AND QUICK ASSETS:	
CCC Cotton Purchase Account	\$ 4,839.17
U.S. Government Securities	1,247,008.77
Municipal Bonds & Warrants	691,313.26
Cash and Due from Banks	1,170,412.00
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$ 3,991,963.38
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	100,000.00
Surplus	100,000.00
Undivided Profits	81,515.18
Dividend (10% payable Dec. 31, 1959)	10,000.00
DEPOSITS	3,700,418.20
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 3,991,963.38

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**NOTICE MASONS**  
Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A.F. & A.M. Saturday, Jan. 9 8:00 p.m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.  
Henry Martin, W. M.  
C. B. Rust, Secretary.

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**FOR RENT** — 2-room furnished apartment. Recently redecorated. \$37.50 per month. Utilities paid. Lady preferred. Mrs. L. A. Watts. 406 Yucca. 38-1tc  
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**WHITE AUTO STORE**  
Merkel, Texas

**FOR SALE** — Seed oats, 2 mi. north of town. \$1 per bu. See Dave Tarpley. 31-1tc  
**Ike Turner**  
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Holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Tittle and Betty Jane were Orian Tittle of Kerrville, Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Tittle and sons of Phillips, Weldon Tittle of Washington, D. C., Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tittle and daughters, Sonora, Mr. and Mrs. Neely Tittle and sons, Merkel, and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Nelson and daughter of Fort Stockton.

**Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hill and David Bruce of Grand Prairie and Mrs. Guy Dorsey of Austin visited during the holidays in the home of their mother, Mrs. Frank Hamm, and sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Petty of Abilene.**

**Visitors in the David Anderson home over the holiday weekend were Mr. and Mrs. David Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Campbell Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Campbell Jr., and daughters, Vivian and Klynn, and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Campbell and son, Ricky, all of Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Anderson, Lyndon, Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Don Anderson and son, Gary Odell, Manhattan, Kansas, Mrs. Bessie Sandell, Tuscola, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Garrett and son, Mack, Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Young and son, Daird, Goliad, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Anderson, Mrs. Doug Chancey and Kathy, Mr. and Mrs. George Fatheree and son and Mrs. Nola Pursley and son, David, all of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Pursley, Abilene, Henry Roland, Odessa, Lee Campbell Snyder, Mr. Anson, Dayton, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Anderson, Carolyn, Jeanie and Tommy.**

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## Home Demonstration Notes

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration agent

With pork so plentiful, there's no reason why you can't make your own sausage, seasoned to your family's taste.

Louise Mason, Extension foods and nutrition specialist, says you can make up a pound, for example, on Saturday for Sunday breakfast. All the equipment needed is a sharp trimming knife and a food chopper.

Start with a small amount, so you can see how the seasoning pleases the family. If it isn't exactly right the first time, you can adjust the seasoning next time.

To make the sausage. Buy a rib-end pork loin roast -- a cut that has about the right proportion of fat and lean for good sausage. (Generally, this is about a third fat and two-thirds lean.) Trim the meat from the bone except for the leanest portion which may be saved for pork chops if desired. Cut the meat in pieces small enough to go into the food

chopper conveniently and then weigh it.

If you like high season, here's a mixture for one pound of the meat: Mix thoroughly 2 1/2 teaspoons salt, 3/4 teaspoon black pepper, 2 1/2 teaspoons rubbed sage, 1/2 teaspoon sugar. For milder seasoning, use half this mixture. Some people like add a little clove, nutmeg or mace, and cayenne pepper. One CAUTION in varying seasonings: Never taste the raw sausage. Wait until thoroughly cooked. Mix meat and seasonings well. Put through the food chopper, using the medium blade. Cover and let stand in the refrigerator overnight so the seasonings and meat will "blend." Form into patties.

To cook, place patties in a cold pan with no added fat and cook over low heat until thoroughly done. Meat should have no trace of pinkish color.

## Governor's Committee On Youth To Make Washington Report In Mar.

A 14-point health improvement program has been adopted by the 1959 White House Conference on the Governor's Committee for Children and Youth.

The recommendations will be a part of the Texas report to the Washington conference, March 27-April 2 and at the Governor's Conference in Austin Dec. 5, 1959. They are as follows:

1. That in all studies of health problems related to children and youth, the whole child and the family as a unit be considered as basic and fundamental to all such studies and subsequent recommendations.

2. That in the field of mental health, the separate differences between the emotionally disturbed child and the mentally retarded child be recognized and that residential treatment centers for emotionally disturbed children be established and located in strategic areas; and that diagnostic facilities centers and counselling services be provided for the parents of the mentally retarded child. Since Texas has no treatment center for child psychiatry in any medical school, establishment of such a center is recommended. In the interim, it is recommended that local hospital beds be made available for children who are mentally ill and have no hospitalization available.

3. That emphasis be placed on accident prevention, with establishment of additional poison control centers and continued vigilance and expansion of safety patrols.

4. That the importance of nutrition in the growth and development of our children be recognized and that knowledge extant in the field of nutrition be more fully disseminated and utilized in our educational programs involving both family and community.

5. That the proper authorities provide for a more coordinated study of the reasons for school failures and juvenile delinquency, and that such children be given a neurological, psychiatric, social, and physical examinations, not overlooking sight and hearing.

6. That all Texas communities consider the fluoridation of public water supplies in view of the findings and recommendations of leading medical, dental, and public health groups.

7. That the plight of the allergic child be brought to the attention of health and welfare workers.

8. That a state-approved course be adopted and incorporated in the curricula of our schools to provide for the promotion of healthy attitudes and factual concepts compatible with the spiritual and moral values of home and church -- including the teaching of the care of babies at appropriate age and grade levels.

9. That communities become aware of and make available the physical fitness standards presently being developed in the interests of conserving and promoting the best possible physical and mental well-being of our children and youth.

10. That special physical education classes be provided to include the physically handicapped.

11. That all Texas communities be made more aware of the many services offered by their public health departments. And, in this regard, a public relations and information campaign, with principal emphasis on the health deficiencies at both state and local levels, must be undertaken by public health authorities.

12. That proven measures of prevention, such as the basic immunizations and the polio vaccination program, be re-emphasized and continued with increasing surveillance, lest we lost all we

## 20 YEARS AGO

IN MERKEL

In an initiation ceremony preceding the annual Christmas dinner of Mu chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma, held at the Hilton Hotel, Abilene Saturday evening, two Merkel teachers, Misses Alzada Pogue and Winnie Heizer, were initiated.

Earl Beech has moved his Helly-Selfy laundry to the former location of Shelton's laundry, just south of the Merkel Produce, with a much larger and more convenient place to work and more machines available for patrons.

Among those from Merkel attending the annual Christmas party of the Abilene Grocers Association, held at the Taylor County Veterans club house Monday night, were: Mr. and Mrs. Eli Case, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Case, Mrs. W. W. Campbell, L. B. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. Pinky Cyfert, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Watts and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cyfert.

Trauet Paterson, student in Texas Tech, who served as best man for a school mate, in the Craven-Turner wedding at Abilene last Friday night, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson before returning to school Sunday. He is again at home after dismissal of Texas Tech for the holidays Tuesday.

Robert Bickley, grandson of Mrs. W. H. Laney of Merkel, was one of thirty-two students listed on the mid-semester honor roll at McMurry college. Active on the campus in many activities, Bickley is treasurer of Ko Sari, an officer in the Press club, in the Thesians, on the staff of the War Whoop and the Totem. He is a senior in the business administration department, graduating this spring.

Breaking into the routine of their semi-monthly session, the county commissioners were guests Monday of Jack Cannon, who served them a four point buck he shot on a recent hunting trip in the Rock Springs vicinity. The luncheon was served at the Bluebird Inn, Abilene.

A. C. Sears, senior at Texas Technological College, has been selected as one of seven members of the stock judging team of the institution, who left Saturday for the International Live Stock

Show at Chicago.

Stanley King, F. M. Simpson and Clark Mundy of the local post service attended the annual dinner of the 17th district rural mail carriers held at the Hilton Hotel, Abilene on last Saturday night. Congressman Clyde L. Garrett was the principal speaker.

## 40 YEARS AGO

IN MERKEL

Miss Ruby Teff came in the past week to spend the holidays with home folks.

Last Monday evening as he was on his way home, Dr. W.V. Cranford was held up by a couple of highwaymen who relieved him of his watch and \$6 in money. The doctor said he was quite cool during the performance but that the gun instead of being a Colt, seemed to be a full grown horse. Why he said it even looked to be as big as the men.

Miss Gladys Haynes is planning to spend the holidays in Dallas with very close friends. Floyd Dean is spending a few days in Merkel this week. Miss Lillian Craig has been

quite sick the past week, but is well again.

According to reliable reports the Sears well, ten miles north of Merkel, which struck oil at 2,590 feet, indicates a 500 barrel flow.

The compulsory attendance law, which went into effect on Dec. 29th, swelled our attendance to six hundred, necessitated a raise of teacher's salaries and other expenses -- places board in hard position to finance school.

17,300 bales up to Thursday night, Merkel is now a commercial center leading West Texas cities in the number of bales already received. There are five big gins running at full speed with three to five thousand bales yet expected to be ginned.

Our successor, Mr. Thos. Durham, formerly of De Leon, comes to us highly recommended as a Christian gentleman and business man -- Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson.

Miss Wilma Garrett and brother, Doyle, returned Monday from a visit to their brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Garrett, of Austin and other relatives at Martin, Mart and Fort Worth.

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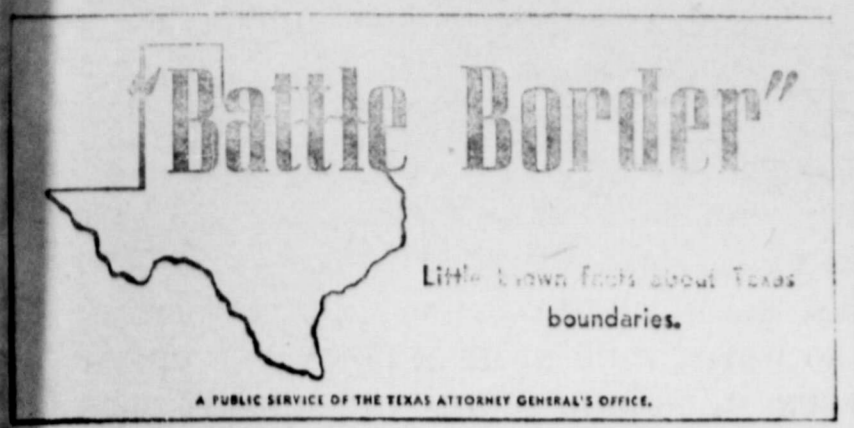
Everywhere that a tyrant's heel has ground most brutally, there has sprung up an "underground" movement. And its heart always is a printing press. For the urge that dwells deep in a freedom-loving people to know the truth is hard to kill. In fact it cannot be killed -- not even by the best-organized despotism in history.

The many stories of underground presses that have come down through the ages of trial and error by many dictators is an inspiration to the men and women of America's press.

We know that the truth can actually be printed and circulated under the very heel of a tyrant's boot. But a far better way of keeping people informed is through their own free press which operates not in some dark cellar, but on main street, right next door to the grocer, the postoffice, the drug store. \*\* To preserve that freedom is the first obligation of the American people and the American Press. It is our only hope of maintaining our other cherished freedoms.

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is the tenth 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.

New Mexico took another small but potent bite out of Texas. In taking this bite New Mexico made a dent in the Texas liquor laws, Attorney General Will Wilson says.

People driving west from El Paso on U. S. Highway 80 cross into New Mexico and 500 yards later are confused to find themselves back in Texas. There isn't a curve in the road.

The main result is a neon-lighted area in El Paso where mixed drinks are sold across the barrier in Texas but legal in New Mexico.

This unique situation developed in 1913 when the U.S. Supreme Court was asked to settle a conflict between New Mexico and Texas concerning the location of their common boundary in El Paso county.

This line ran along the Rio Grande 15 miles as the crow flies, roughly from near Anthony, Texas to El Paso.

Attorney General Wilson says that the chunk of territory they scrapped over was four miles



Will Wilson explains that the "Bridge War" between Texas and Oklahoma concerned the opening of three free bridges across the Red River. "Crossing the Gainesville bridge a large truck found the Texas side impassable."

wide and over 15 miles long. Each state agreed that the true boundary line with the middle of the river channel as it existed on the date the Compromise of 1850 became effective.

While Spain had all of this territory she established El Paso Del Norte where the Camino Real route between Chihuahua and Santa Fe crossed the Rio Grande. There was no clear cut and fixed boundary between Chihuahua and New Mexico.

In 1824 the Mexican government settled this by a line drawn from east to west from the town of El Paso del Norte.

After the United States defeated Mexico in 1848 came the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo ceding the western one third of the present United States.

The line fixed in this treaty was based on an incorrect map location of El Paso. This led to much confusion in land grants since lands in Texas were handled through the Texas State government and lands in New Mexico through the federal government.

To make matters worse the Rio Grande changed its course. A compromise was reached by making the boundary the river bed as it was in 1850.

But where was the river in 1850?

New Mexico said the Rio Grande ran on the eastern side of the valley while Texas insisted it ran mainly on the western side.

Private land suits followed and eventually came a suit in the U. S. Supreme Court between New Mexico and Texas.

New Mexico relied chiefly on some old Indian and Mexican witnesses who testified from personal observations. The court cocked a judicial eye at these ancients when Texas pointed out that the witnesses traveled mostly at night because the country was wild and hot.

New Mexico won and established a benchhead in El Paso. Hence the man who orders a martini thinking he is slipping one by the law finds he is drinking a perfectly legal New Mexico martini. Only the highway signs note the difference.

Next week the boundary dispute will be centered around the strange "lancois" on the Rio Grande.

### It's Not Time For Guesswork When Hunting

AUSTIN — "Guessing and hunting, like drinking and driving, don't mix" warns the Executive Secretary of the Texas Game and Fish Commission. "The famous first words of a hunter who has just killed his buddy is 'I thought it was a ———'"

"This year's hunting accidents have been reasonably low considering the number of hunters going into the field each day," said the executive. "If all those planning to hunt this year will just resolve not to load their rifles until on the spot where they plan to hunt, keep the safety on and muzzle up until ready to sight in, and be certain that what they sight in is not another hunter, accident records this year will remain low."

"Excitement sometimes leaves our minds blank for seconds, time enough to miss a deer or kill a friend," said the executive. "If you're not positive it's game, don't squeeze the trigger. The chance out of a thousand that it isn't your game is too great a chance to take. It's far better to return empty handed than to take a chance on accidentally killing a friend."

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## The Texian Editor's Frontier News Flashes

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### LETTER FROM BROWNSVILLE

Reliable intelligence from Brownsville of the 5th, states that affairs at Brownsville were in status quo, awaiting the arrival of Capt. Ford. It was believed that it would require 1000 men to dislodge and disperse the forces of Cortinas; who is said to pay his men regularly, every Saturday night.

From Houston Telegraph The legislature has passed a new pertinent bill that the Governor's proclamations shall be published at 50c per square . . . a little piece of tyranny to which we will not submit. Our rates of advertising are published in our paper and the State must pay the rates just as any other customer.

We endorse the above and hope all editors will do the same.  
Galveston News.

### TEXAS SUGAR

Decidedly the best Texas sugar we have ever seen are some samples sent us by Col. James Campbell, whose plantation is on the Brazos, a little above Columbia— We are assured that this sugar was made by an unusual process and its superior quality and bright large crystals reminded us much of the sugar made by Mr. Stewart's process with the fumes of sulphur. The samples can be seen at our office.

### DETAILS OF THE EXECUTION OF JOHN BROWN: Charleston (Va.)

John Brown was brought out of jail at eleven o'clock. Before leaving he bade adieu to all his fellow prisoners and was very affectionate to all except Cook. He charged Cook with having deceived and misled him in relation to the support he was to receive from the slaves . . . Cook made but little reply to Brown. The prisoner then walked to the door. An open wagon with a pine box in which was a fine oak coffin was waiting for him. He took his seat on the box containing his coffin . . . looked with interest on the fine military display but made no remark. The citizens

were kept back nearly a quarter mile from the scaffold. Through the determined persistence of Dr. Rawlings of Frank Leslie's paper the order excluding the press was partially rescinded and the reporters were assigned a position near the General's staff.

An Abolitionist calling himself T. A. Salve was taken up at Hambard S. C., on the 10th inst. for being too free with the explanation of his opinions, had his head shaved on one side and having a coat of tar and feathers applied to him: he was then rode on a rail beyond the limits of the village.

WASHINGTON. The Brenham Enquirer informs us that a railroad bridge across the Brazos river is to be built.

Pre-holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Robertson were Mr. and Mrs. Sol Hicks and Connie Sue of Teacath, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Hob Robertson and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Robertson and children, Vickie and David, spent the past weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Stevens and sons, Terry, Bobby, Vel and Ryan of Wink. The Glenn Robertsons also visited with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hicks and family of Kermit.

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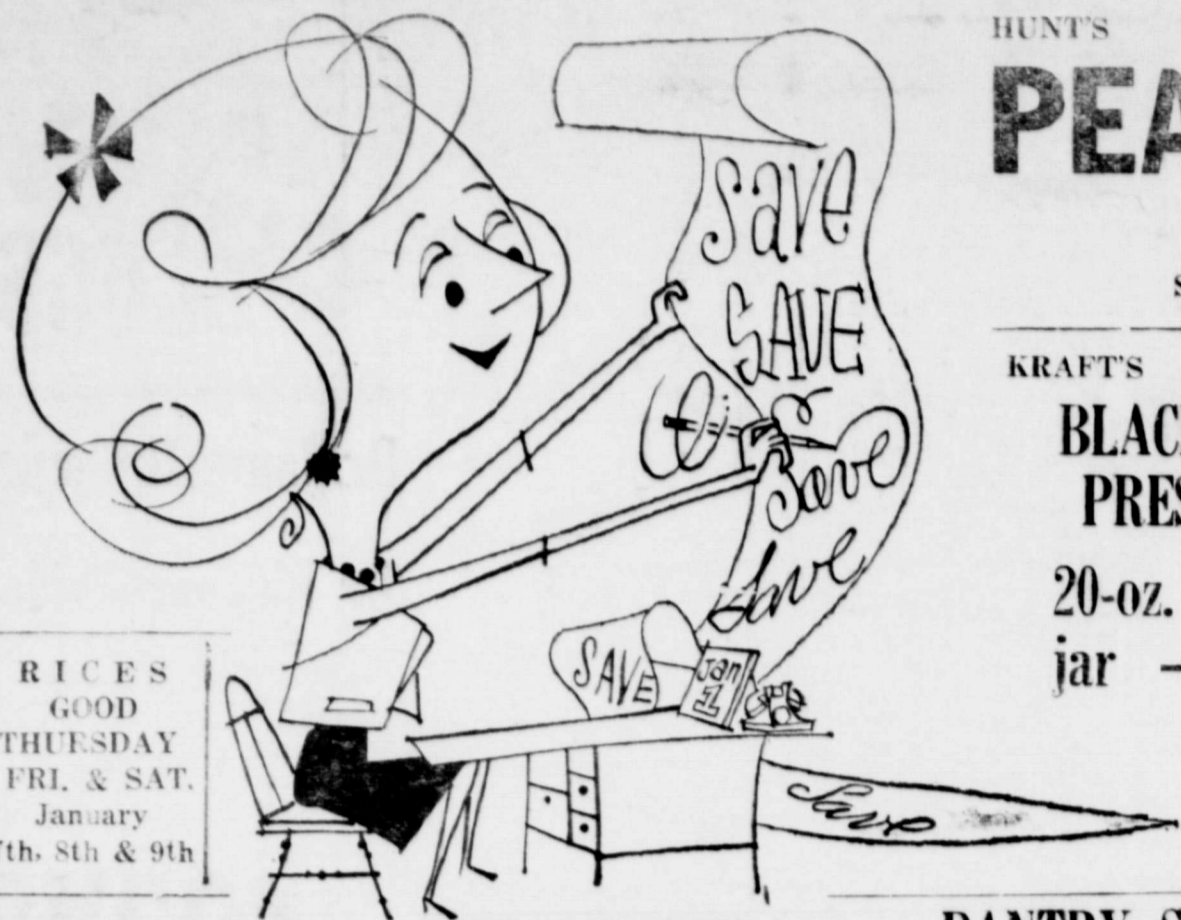
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**JOY**  
REG. CAN - - - - - **33¢**

**CAMAY**  
Reg. Colored 4 bars **33¢**

**COMET**  
REG. SIZE - 2 cans **29¢**

SALAD DRESSING

**MORTONS**  
FULL QUART - **33¢**

ARMOUR'S  
CLOVERBLOOM '99'  
**OLEO**  
POUND  
**25¢**



*Garden Fresh*  
**Vegetables**

FRESH  
**LETTUCE**  
Lb. **10¢**

RUBY RED—5-lb.  
**GRAPEFRUIT** bag **29¢**

TEXAS SIZE—5-lb.  
**ORANGES** - bag **29¢**

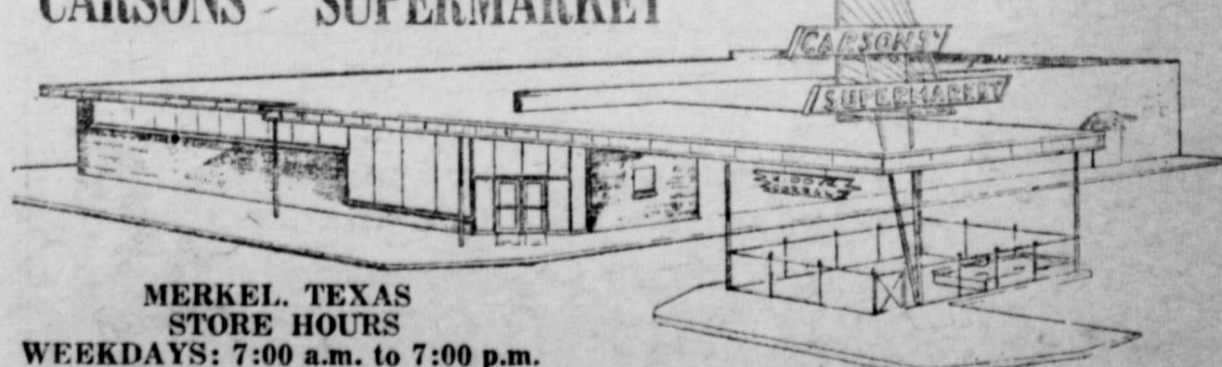
Dry  
**YELLOW ONIONS** - - - - - lb. **5¢**

Winesap  
**APPLES** - - - - - lb. **17¢**

Fresh  
**CABBAGE** - - - - - lb. **5¢**

EAST TEXAS  
**YAMS** - - - - - lb. **7¢**

CARSONS' SUPERMARKET



MERKEL, TEXAS  
STORE HOURS  
WEEKDAYS: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
SATURDAYS 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

TRADE WITH US AND BANK THE DIFFERENCE