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MYRTLE WOZENCRAFT, CAFE OWNER, DIES

Mrs. Myrtle Wozencraft, 57, longtime local restaurant owner, died at 8 p.m. Saturday in Sadler Clinic-Hospital after a week's illness.

Funeral was held at 3 p.m. Monday at the Merkel Church of Christ with Rex Kyker of Abilene Christian College, and Dwight Holland, local minister, officiating.

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

Born Myrtle McDonald, Dec. 21, 1902, in Merkel, she was reared here and finished high school here.

Mrs. Wozencraft had operated Woody's Cafe for the past 27 years.

She was married to Woodrow W. Wozencraft in June, 1933. He was killed in a fire truck accident in October, 1937.

Survivors include three sisters, Mrs. Isla Leeton of Odessa, Mrs. Nathan Wood and Mrs. Belle Kimbrough of Merkel; five nephews and a niece.

Pallbearers were Joe Cypert, Ray Wilson, Frank Breaux, Vincent Barnett, Robert Malone, Earle Watts, Woodrow Wilson and C. F. Harlow.

TRENT RABBIT DRIVE SET FOR APRIL 1-2

The annual Trent rabbit drive will be held on April 1-2 this year, according to John Hamner, president of the Trent Community Club which is sponsoring the drive.

The Trent drive each year is one of the largest conducted in the state and attracts up to 150 hunters from a wide area of West Texas, Hamner said. He has even had inquiry from California as to the date of the drive, he said.

Shells will be on sale at the drive and lunch will be served each day in the school lunch room. School buses will be used to transport the hunters to the hunting grounds.

Onis Graham is general chairman of the event. Other committees are as follows: food and finance — Hollis Jones and Othell O'Kelly; transportation — Lesley Reasley and H. C. Hamner; ammunition — J. C. Crain and Bill Forester.

Hunting sites will be announced at 8:30 a.m. each day when hunters meet at the school building.

Since it is an election year, candidates will probably use this opportunity to get acquainted with the voters, Hamner said.

MERKEL IS TOP WINNER IN AREA BAND FESTIVAL

Merkel High School Band directed by W. G. Reed, was outstanding for the day at the seventh annual Sweetwater Band Festival Saturday.

The Merkel band took first in both sight reading and concert playing in Class A competition. More than 1,000 band members, sponsors, parents and friends were present for the festival held in the Municipal Auditorium in Sweetwater. Seventeen West Texas bands competed in the contest.

Judges were James Neilson of Oklahoma City University; Pat Arsen of Alamo Heights High School in San Antonio; Irving Dreibrudt of Southern Methodist University; Tommy Fielder of Alamo Heights Junior High School in San Antonio.

Director of the festival, Pat Patterson, said that it was successful even though disagreeable weather curtailed some of the activities.

In Class C competition, Colorado City Junior High School won first place in sight reading and Lamar Junior High of Snyder won first in concert playing.

Bowie Junior High of Odessa won first in concert playing in Class CC and Lincoln Junior High of Abilene won first in sight reading.

Homlin High School band won first in concert playing and Winters High School won first in sight reading in the AA contest.

COMMUNITY FUND Plan For Merkel To Start Soon

Organization of a community fund program for Merkel is almost completed, according to the steering committee, Johnny Hammond, W. D. Gamble and Lynn Knight.

The program is being sponsored by the Merkel Chamber of Commerce.

Merkel residents have shown a great deal of interest in the "one payment" plan for several worthwhile charity organizations. The elimination of the many individual "drives" seems to be the most favorable aspects of the plan.

Members of the steering committee said a community-wide drive for funds will be held the latter part of March if necessary plans can be completed by that time.

Other information regarding the community fund, such as benefits of maintaining one, the organizations that will be contributed to, and the personal advantages of each citizen of the community in assisting in this organization, will be announced in later issues of the Merkel Mail.

Committees are not complete but the following chairmen have volunteered to serve: Isadore Mellinger, publicity; Horace O. Boney, audit; Don W. Warren, prospects; Lester Dorton, general solicitation; and Earl Hughes, special gifts.

DOG THAT BIT GIRL TUESDAY IS SOUGHT

The parents of a little Merkel girl and their physician are very anxious to locate a large light yellowish brown collie dog as soon as possible.

The girl, Brenda Barnett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Griffin Barnett, was bitten on the hand by the dog late Tuesday afternoon. It had followed Brenda and a friend, Ann Walker, from the street east of the hospital to 1409 Stewart St. The girls said the dog was wearing a collar.

The Barnetts will appreciate any information anyone might have that will lead to locating the dog or the owner. Their address is 1409 Stewart St. and telephone number 399-M.



Ou-La-La!—Top winner in the recent talent and style show sponsored by the Merkel 4-H Club girls was the bathing beauty, E. A. Conley, upper center. Congratulating the owner of the "gorgeous gams" is Norman Winter master of ceremonies. Displaying the rounded shoulders and "gracefully" clutching a beach towel, upper left, is Lynn Knight. The handsome "gent" on the right, top row, is Betty Jane Tittle and the lady (?), bottom left, is Howard Carson, he-she says. Third place winners in the adult division are pictured in the bottom center. They are left, Mrs. Yates Sipes, Mrs. Duane Shugart, J. M. Heatley and Mrs. Jimmy Hobbs. Last, but not least, is Mrs. Earl Watts showing what the well-dressed male(?)female(?) will be wearing.

4-H CLUB TALENT SHOW DRAWS LARGE CROWD

A near capacity crowd witnessed the talent and fun festival sponsored here by the Senior 4-H Club girls last Friday night in the school auditorium.

The girls netted a total of \$94.80 to be used for their project, a 4-H sign to be erected near Merkel on Interstate Highway 20. Sybil McDonald, assistant county home demonstration agent, said it will be the first of its kind in Taylor County.

Winners in the talent contest in the pre-school through 5th grade division were Don Carson, first with a piano solo; Stan Hicks, vocalist, second; and Ann Riney, vocal solo, third. Winners in the 6th through 8th grade division were Ruth Coley, piano solo, first; Trent Senior Girl's 4-H Club, a singing group, second; and Larry Logan, pianist, third.

In the adult division, which was a fashion show in reverse—men modeling women's attire and women modeling men's clothes—E. A. Conley, local barber, walked off with first place. Modeling a swim suit and beach hat, he wore a beach towel draped across one shoulder and carried a beach bag.

Woody Wilson, local jeweler, won second place in his swirling formal of pale blue chiffon. Rhinestone necklace and earrings were a "perfect compliment" for his "peaches and cream" complexion.

A black faced quartet, sponsored by the Guesso Circle, placed third.

Judges were Mr. and Mrs. Clint Stewart and Mr. L. A. Groene of the Pleasant Hill Home Demonstration Club.

Moderators were Carol Sue McAninch, president of the Merkel 4-H Club, and Norman Winter.

Barbara Wisenhunt and Marlene Windham of Barbara's Beauty Shop made up the "ballet girls"—Don Warren, Horace Boney, Ray Wilson, Ford Smith Jr., and Don Dudley.

Mrs. Ford Smith Jr. and Mrs. Dorothy Smith, mother leaders of the 4-H Club girls, expressed their appreciation for the help and cooperation in their project the first time the club has undertaken such an event.

Mrs. Smith, "With the help of a most loyal group of mothers,

CEMETERY FUND

The following persons have made contributions to the Merkel Cemetery Association fund: James A. Haggard Children, Elsie Nash, Jenny Keny

Mr. and Mrs. Rust Largent and children, Ellen, Lina and Roy Rust III, from their ranch near Fort Davis, were weekend guests in the home of Mr. Largent's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Largent.

500 See Schools' Science Displays At Open House

Some 500 parents and patrons attended open house at Merkel's primary and elementary schools Thursday evening, according to C. A. Farley, principal.

On display in each room were science exhibits made by the students. Show cases in the lobby of each school were also decorated with various types of science displays.

An attendance contest sponsored by the Merkel Masonic Lodge, ended in a tie in both buildings. Mrs. Joe Holloway's first grade and Mrs. Comer Haynes fourth grade rooms in the primary building tied with 57 percent of the parents present.

Rooms that tied with a total of 46 per cent of the parents attending were Mrs. Carrol Benson's fifth grade and Mrs. Paul Orsborn's sixth grade in the elementary building.

12 In Tye File For City Posts

There will be a contest in Tye's city election on April 5 in both the mayor's race and for the five spots on the city council.

Bill Mauldin is seeking reelection to the mayor's post. Opposing him is Bill D. McCartney.

All councilmen whose terms expire have filed for reelection. They are W. H. Rister, Marshall Alvord, T. J. Hine, John Davidson and Homer Laney.

Other candidates are John Yancy, Larry Loltz, W. H. Miessner, Gary Lollar and Melvin White.

Filing deadline was at noon, March 5. Election will be held at the Tye School from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

RATE HIKE CANCELLED PHONE COMPANY SAYS

A recent decision of the Merkel Telephone Company to raise telephone rates in Merkel without approval of the city council has been temporarily suspended, according to Mayor Earl Hughes.

An official announcement of the suspension which appears in this paper reads as follows: "Merkel Telephone Company, Inc., announces suspension of the collection of the increase in rates for telephone service through its Merkel exchange pending a determination of fair rates by proper authorities."

The temporary agreement was reached by lawyers of both parties Tuesday following a meeting of the Merkel City Council Monday night.

Mrs. T. C. Allen, Longtime Area Resident, Dies

Funeral for Mrs. T. C. Allen, 78, was held at 2 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Mart Hardin, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mrs. Allen, area resident since 1902, died at 6 a.m. Wednesday at her home here after an illness of one year.

Born Sept. 30, 1881, in Kentucky, she married Mr. Allen on Dec. 22, 1902 at Salt Branch Community north east of Merkel. Her husband retired in 1936 when the couple moved to Merkel.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, one son J. C. of Abilene; one daughter, Mrs. Ethel Hicks of Merkel; two sisters, Mrs. Ada Higgins and Mrs. Bershia Thomas, both of Merkel, seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Subject matter to be covered in the "PUBLIC RELATIONS" course includes an explanation of public relations, comments on how others see you, good speech, getting along with people, and why people behave as they do, plus discussions of various public relations situations.

Enrollment in the course is open to anyone employed in retail, wholesale or service occupations. A small registration fee is the only charge. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Mrs. Hargrove at the C.C. office.

Trent Youth Wins Livestock Prizes

Robert Williams Trent FFA member, has chalked up several prizes and then some in livestock shows this year.

In the Houston show recently he won second with his Hereford in the junior Hereford Show, 27th with an Angus steer in the Steer Division and 4th in pen of three.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Largent have returned from Houston, where Mr. Largent judged Hereford breeding cattle at the Stock Show

60 Brave Cold To See Program On Reseeding

Interest in the range reseeding program has stimulated was evident when some 60 farmers and ranchers turned out in sub-freezing weather for a demonstration on the David Gamble farm Feb. 23.

Men from Taylor, Jones, Nolan, Fisher, Shackelford, Callahan and Haskell Counties were present for the reseeding program.

Methods of reseeding range land to native grasses to improve the quality was demonstrated and reseeding previously root plowed land was featured on the program.

George Sparkman technician with the Merkel Soil Conservation office, said farmers and ranchers have already purchased over 600 acres worth of seed and more will be done in the near future.

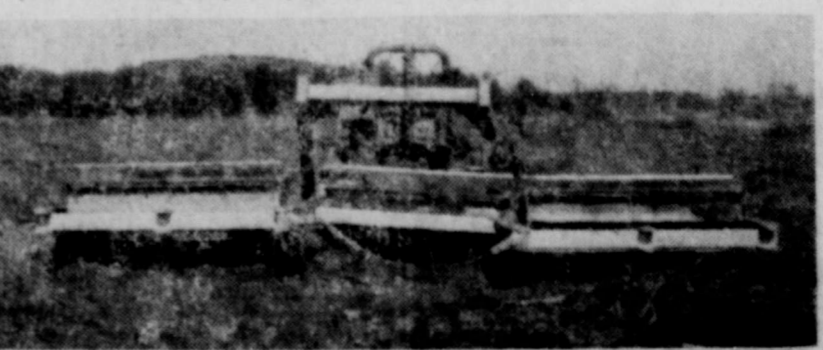
Participating in the project in this area are David Gamble, W. A. Daniel, Albert Maeberry, O. R. Douglas, Laverne Moore, Carl Hobbs, Dennis Q. Lilly, Paul Orsborn, W. R. Cox, Tom Russom, Willie B. Toombs, Bryon Curb, Lonnie Halbrook and Bardie Reynolds.

Sponsoring the reseeding program were Middle Clear Fork Conservation District, Trenor Equipment Co., Standifer & Son Dozer Co. and Herman's Grass Seed Farms.

Coffee and doughnuts and a public address system were furnished by Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc.



Reseeding Participants—Discussing the reseeding program held on the David Gamble farm recently are from left, George Sparkman, Soil conservation service technician, W. H. Owen, range conservationist with Trenor Equipment Co., Jess Standifer, conservation contractor, Herman Hundsmucher of Herman Grass Seed Farm of Hernleigh, W. D. Gamble, businessman and rancher. (Photo Courtesy Taylor Electric Coop.)



Brush Chopper—Carroll Williams and Kenneth Standifer are shown adjusting seed box to cover 21 foot span cut by rolling brush chopper at a reseeding demonstration on the David Gamble farm. The machine is used on previously root plowed land where a stand of grass was not established at the time of root plowing. (Photo by Taylor Electric Coop.)

PUPILS HONOR DOCTOR WITH COMPOSITIONS

In honor of Dr. W. T. Sadler, Merkel's "Outstanding Citizen," pupils in Mrs. Andy Shouse's seventh grade room made favors for the hospital patients and wrote essays on "My Doctor."

The following are some of the compositions written:

The wise physician knows that the best treatment is to help the body heal itself.

In this way he assists the strongest instinct the human being has, that of survival.

One of the first principles of treatment is to use methods that will not injure the tissues of the human body. If you have ever watched an operation you will have noticed how carefully the surgeon cuts into the body. In modern methods of treatment there has been a great simplifi-

cation in the use of drugs. No one can repair a radio unless he knows how a radio is put together and how it operates. In the same way, the study of medicine must begin with the knowledge of the parts of the body, or anatomy, of cells of which these body parts are made up, or histology, and of the way in which the body works. The doctor must know what muscles and bones are found in the human arm. Our doctor, Dr. Sadler, does all of this for me and you.

Glen Shaw
We are proud of our outstanding citizen of the year, Dr. Sadler. He has done wonderful deeds for the city of Merkel as well as other towns. I am sure he is the most deserving persons there is for this honor.

I was asked "How is this person chosen for such an honorable title?"

This man was chosen for his faithfulness and steadfast love for the people around him. He is always at hand anytime he is needed to do a duty of any kind. He has helped everyone in Merkel by his kindness to everyone. He has also faithfully stood by in other cities whenever he may be called to help in an accident or epidemic.

He is willing to do anything asked of him anytime. He is called upon every hour of the night and day he is willing to sacrifice his valuable time to help those in need.

Not only is he an outstanding doctor he is a lover of children and all activities. He has helped

FFA and 4-H club members obtain calves for their projects. He is an outstanding sports fan. He attends every football and basketball game that is possible.

In closing I would like to say to one of the most remarkable of all men "You're loved and respected by everyone, we cannot express appropriate appreciation to you and yours."

ALETHA SCOTT

The doctor is as essential to town as the grocery, gas station, law enforcement and even the people that live in it.

This fact is quite true in Merkel. Merkel is a growing town and a doctor has become a part of the lives of the citizens as the accidents that happen. This is the reason that Dr. Sadler was named outstanding citizen of Merkel.

Dr. Sadler is as important to us as the lives of many people. In fact that is as true as the direct sentence. Dr. Sadler has saved the lives of many of our friends and loved ones. In time of need he was always there, ready and capable. He has been there for everyone, rich and poor alike.

To tell the truth, I don't know Dr. Sadler's name. I, like many other people know him only as Dr. Sadler, the ready and capable man.

Dr. Sadler doesn't limit his work only to medicine, he is many other things too. Like our youth helper. Remember back in the fall at the football games? He was always there sitting on the bench, rooting us on, and ready for any emergency that might happen on the field.

Another important thing I would like to mention is how he helped the 4-H members with their stock. Everyone of them gives him thanks.

Always ready, willing and helpful we say to you, "Thank you, Dr. Sadler!"

CYNTHIA AYERS

Have you ever thought what a doctor has to put up with? Baby births in the middle of the night, a broken leg at dinner, a burned hand from a firecracker or just some of the things that are part of a doctor's daily work. If the doctor were to say, "It's too far for me to go or he'll live 'til morning," we would think he was crazy.

Some people think their work is hard, but I would hate to think that I had to do a doctor's work. A doctor may save a leg from gangren so that it wouldn't have to be taken off or patch up a rattlesnake bite all in the same day.

People talk about the price that they have to pay to see a doctor. Just think of the price the doctor has to pay. You think nothing of calling him in the middle of the night just because your stomach aches but let somebody call you in the middle of the night and you would raise the dead. So be on the doctor's side once in a while and give him a break.

LARRY LEE TEAFF

As we all know doctors are here to help us get well. Each one of us have a different doctor to go to when we are sick or for a check-up.

In the days long time ago, there lived a doctor named Dr. MaGoo. Every time anyone would get sick they would "call on Dr. MaGoo." The poor doctor. He could hardly stay at home with Mrs. MaGoo. Even Mrs. MaGoo would get sick and here came Mr. MaGoo to the rescue. That is about the only time he could stay at home.

Many people died because of improper care. That is because back in those days there wasn't hardly any medicine at all. So many people died. But Dr. MaGoo would say, "I did all I could."

The scientist kept working and working until there would be more powerful medicine. In 1900 medicine kept building up and getting more powerful until now, we don't have half as many deaths as we used to.

If you think the MaGoo story is true, well, it isn't. That just goes to show you how busy doctors are



FIELD MAN — Robert N. Eastus Jr. of Abilene has been appointed field representative for The Salvation Army in Region IV, which includes Central West Texas. Announcement was made by Dan Eddy of Dallas, Service Unit Director of The Salvation Army in the Texas Division.

Now, would you like to be a Doctor MaGoo?

Our family doctor is Dr. W. T. Sadler. He has saved many person's lives and we are and feel real thankful to him.

Dr. Sadler does many more things than just doctor. Dr. Sadler goes to the ball games so if anyone gets hurt he can treat them. He also helps the 4-H Club with their calves, and other things. We also thank him for that.

So you see doctors help us to get well as well as do other things.

ANN LAWSON

Nurses Needed At VA Hospital

A shortage of nurses at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Dallas is seriously hampering care of sick and disabled veterans in that area, VA has revealed.

In a recruitment campaign to bring its nursing personnel back to full strength, the Dallas hospital VA pointed out many career advantages for nurses in the Veterans Hospital system.

Annual base pay ranges from \$4,125 to \$8,320 with regular raises. Nurses also receive 30 days annual vacation, 15 days sick leave, free laundry and uniforms, low cost insurance and retirement pay.

Nurses interested in career opportunities at the Dallas hospital should contact the Personnel Officer or Chief Nurse for further information.

Follows who drown themselves in drink usually don't have far to sink.

Jacky Russell On Track Team At North Texas

DENTON — Jacky Russell, senior transfer from Tarleton State, joins the North Texas State College track team for his first competition after starring in track and football at Tarleton.

Russell, graduate of Merkel High School, will compete in the 220 and 440 and 880 relays for the Eagles.

The Eagles, coached by Winton (Pop) Noah, will compete in 14 track and field meets this spring. Included is the annual North Texas Relays, scheduled here April 8-9.

As usual, North Texas will

compete in the Border Olympics, the Southwestern Recreation, the Texas Relays, the Meet of Champions, and the NCAA meet.

The Missouri Valley Conference meet will be held May 14 in Wichita, Kan.

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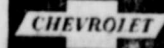
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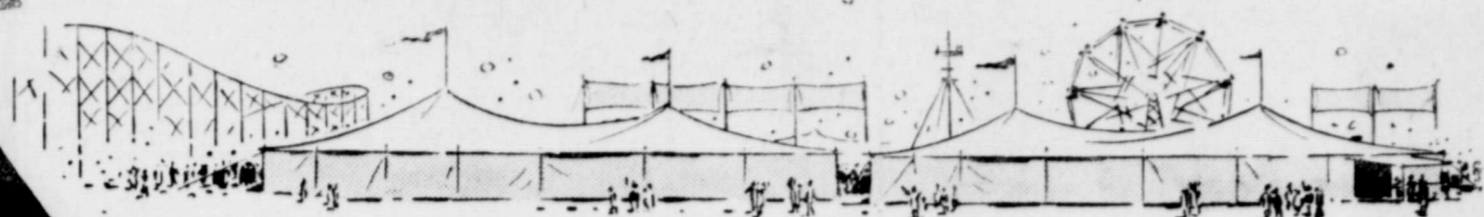
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By TOM RUSSOM

Well people of the Canyon are very blue over the winter weather we are having. Maybe we will get a break and get some sunshine soon.

There has been quite a loss of new born lambs, but not so great loss of new calves.

The stockmen are out of feed, and are not in any shape to stand much more winter weather.

Our country had lots of bundle feed and baled hay when winter began, but it is almost gone now. Livestock has wintered well.

Joe Seymore said he thought some sunshine would help us all to feel better. We think he is right.

Uncle K. Blackburn has been in the Sadler Clinic Hospital for about a week. We hope he will soon be able to return to his home.

Mrs. B. H. Riney is reported to be doing fair at this time.

Mrs. R. G. Toombs has suffered a relapse of the flu.

We have just been thinking how cold it has been up at J. K. Blair's place at Lubbock.

There is a nest of Merkel boys on the Plains and lots of them read the Merkel Mail. This is still home to them and they say they enjoy just anything to read from home, be it Up the Canyon or what.

Mr. and Mrs. John Blackburn of Crosbyton have been at the bedside of his father, K. Blackburn.

Uncle Jack Latimer is doing very well at this time.

Mrs. Ford Butman met her daughter, Mrs. Ray Martin in Dallas when she arrived the past week by plane from Germany, where she had been with her husband, who is with the armed forces.

He is due back in the states in April. Mrs. Martin, the former Pat Butman, remarked, "It is good to be home. However, we have had quite an experience, as Germany is so different from our country."

Mrs. Will Campbell of Merkel, formerly of Blair, told us the other day how much she enjoys reading our column. She knows every pig trail in this old Canyon. Thank you, Aunt Sally.

Clark Perkins, stockman just on top of the divide has returned to his home from Sadler Clinic Hospital, where he underwent surgery. He is reported to be doing very well at this time. We hope he will be up and around soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cox spent a week in South Texas with their children. They brought back some oranges just off the trees, and gave Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russom a sample. Were they fine. Thanks to the Cox.

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Mrs. Ford Butman met her daughter, Mrs. Ray Martin in Dallas when she arrived the past week by plane from Germany, where she had been with her husband, who is with the armed forces.

He is due back in the states in April. Mrs. Martin, the former Pat Butman, remarked, "It is good to be home. However, we have had quite an experience, as Germany is so different from our country."

Mrs. Will Campbell of Merkel, formerly of Blair, told us the other day how much she enjoys reading our column. She knows every pig trail in this old Canyon. Thank you, Aunt Sally.

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WED 50 YEARS—Mr. and Mrs. John B. Winn of Trent were honored Sunday on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house. Hosts were their children Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Taylor and Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan, all of Houston, and Mr. and Mrs. John B. Winn Jr. of Odessa. Approximately 125 guests registered.

BADGER TALES

By RUTHA CORDER

Last Saturday our band went to a contest at Sweetwater and carried off two big, beautiful trophies. All of the members of the band have been wearing a smug look lately, if you were wondering just what kind of an expression that was. In any case, we are exceptionally pleased with ourselves, as everyone must know by now.

The Senior Class is selling candy and all kinds of goodies for the grand purpose of financing their Senior trip this year. The boys are in charge of a car-wash but haven't proved as energetic as the girls. Everyone be thoughtful enough to help them go to Bandera this year — after all, they will only be a senior once.

Last Friday the speech class put on an assembly program for the high school group. "The Creation" was read by the class as well as the "Twenty-third Psalm." Sound effects were produced by Judy South on the tympan drums and Penny Durham playing a flute. The performance was very good and everyone enjoyed it. Tommy Lewis, Lola Loflin, Mike Farley, Kay Teaff, and Sammy Smith played their band instruments. Sharon Buntin, Mike Barby, and myself read declamations. Mike Farley gave an extemporary speech; and Carole Perry played a selection on the piano.

This Friday there will be no school due to a District meeting of the Texas State Teachers Association at Sweetwater. Most of the students were rather disappointed when they heard the news.

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Garden Club Sees Film On 'Arrangements'

The Merkel Garden Club met in the elementary school library on March 3 with members of the social committee as hostesses.

The committee is composed of Mmes. Robert T. Hodge, Dale Litton, L. H. Reeger and Dee Grimes.

Mrs. Grimes was chairman for the program on "Beauty in Flower Arrangement." A film on "How to Arrange Flowers" was shown by Mrs. Johnny Cox.

Mrs. W. T. Sadler, president, told the group that the Merkel Garden Club was highly praised for their decorations at the Texas Livestock Convention in Abilene recently.

Members discussed plans to attend the District 8 Texas Garden Club annual convention in Sweetwater on March 22.

During Texas Garden Club Week, March 7-13, the Merkel Club members plan to plant shrubs and trees in their yards and encourage other residents to do so. They recently planted a tree at the Merkel Primary School to help beautify the school grounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Tipton accompanied their daughter - in-law Mrs. Wayne Tipton of Sunray, to Austin the past weekend to attend the state conference basketball tournament. Wayne Tipton, coach at Sunray, led his team all the way to state, but was defeated by Huntington Saturday in Conference A tournament.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin McCoy of Muleshoe had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. John Rister of Levelland. All are former Merkel residents.

STITH NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry attended the wedding of their grandson, Monte Berry and Katy Archer at Littlefield Feb. 27. Others attending from Stith were Ina Kelso and Leon Kelso.

Mrs. Paul Bradley was called to Hendrick Hospital, Abilene, the past week to be at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Jesse Davis, who is seriously ill. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kelso were dinner guests Sunday, Feb. 28, of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Berry and children of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn attended funeral service for her aunt, Mrs. T. C. Allen, at Merkel Friday afternoon. We extend sympathy to the family.

Sandra Hale spent several days in the Sadler Clinic Hospital at Merkel the past week. She returned to her home Sunday much improved after an illness with the flu.

The Rev. Jesse Swindell, pastor of the Stith Baptist Church, has accepted the call to the Noe Baptist Church and resigned his duties here Sunday. We regret to lose the Rev. Swindell and wife from this church, but wish for them success and happiness in their new work.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Burns of Abilene visited Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns.

Abilene Man To Preach At Stith Church Sunday

Brother Arlis Williams of Abilene will conduct services at the Stith Missionary Baptist Church Sunday, according to an announcement by J. B. Harris, church member.

Mr. Williams will preach at both the 11 a.m. and the 7 p.m. services.

TYE NEWS

The Tye Lions Club has officially received the West Side Baptist Church building to be remodeled and used as a youth and community center.

Residents of Tye community will meet Friday, March 11, in the school gym to organize and elect officers for a Tye Little League.

The Tye P-TA will meet Monday, March 14 for a program presented by the Brownies and Girl Scouts in observance of Girls Scout Week. Refreshments will be served.

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Trent Teacher, Students Featured in Ag Magazine

A picture of Al Macberry, agriculture teacher at Trent High School and area FFA supervisor, is in the March issue of Future Farmers of America magazine.

Also in the magazine are pictures of Jim Lanning, Trent area president of FFA, Carolyn Graham, area sweetheart, and Robert Williams with his reserve champion steer.

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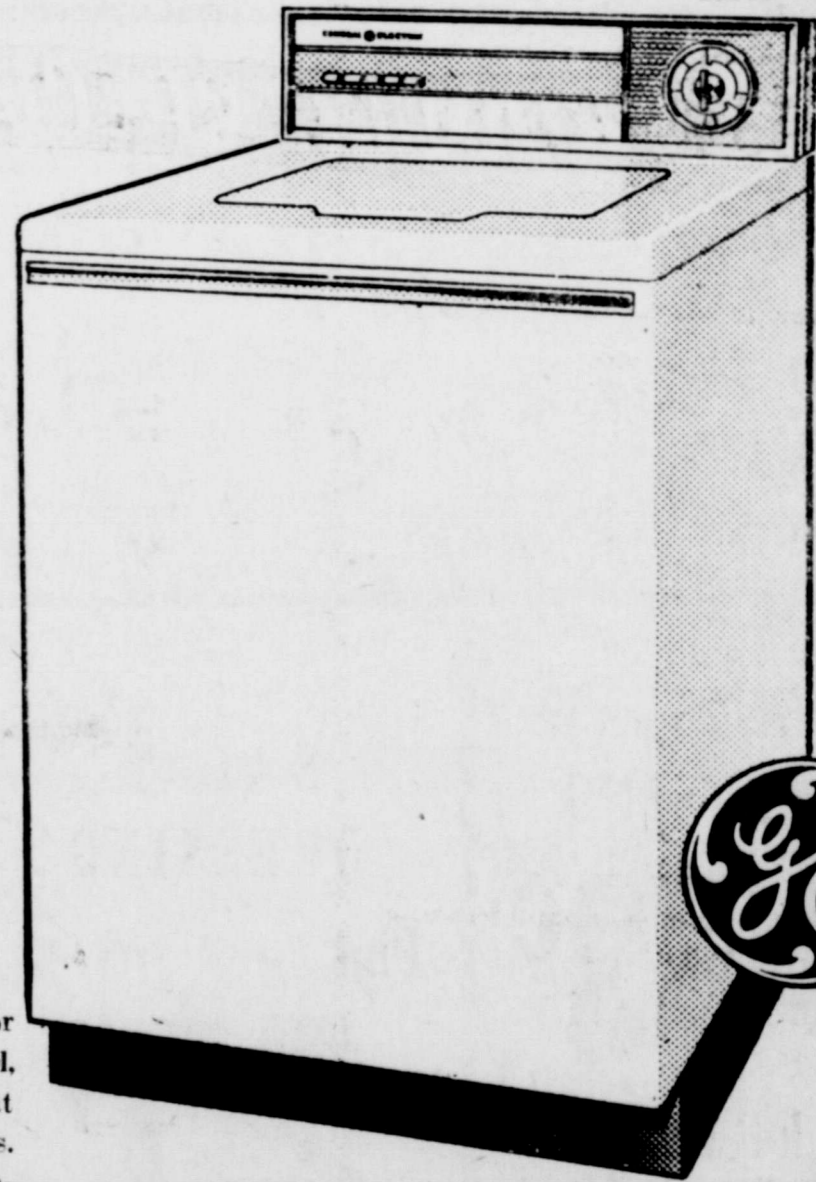
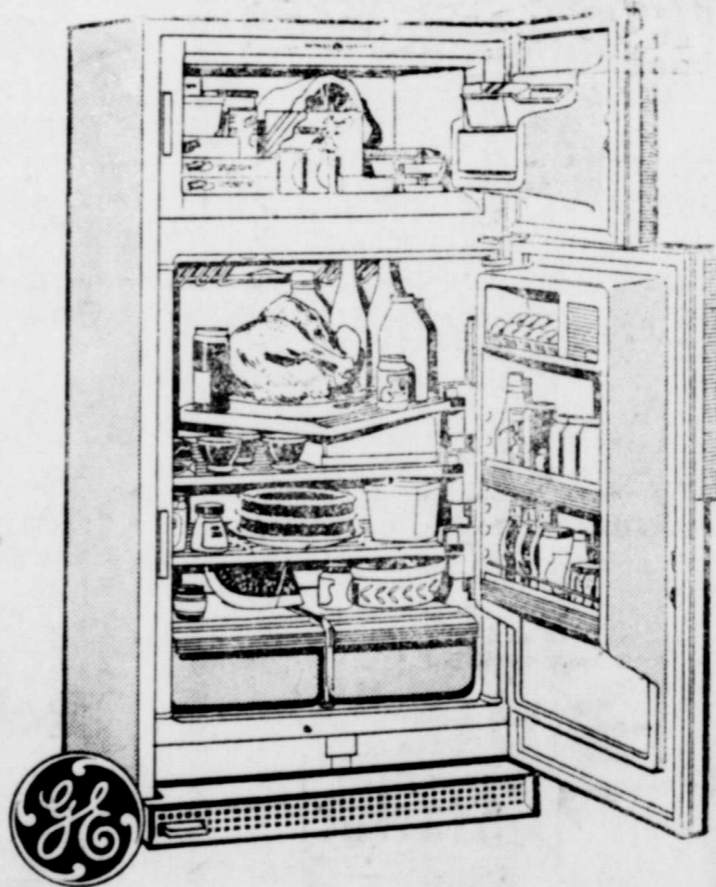
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5 SEEK CITY COUNCIL POSTS, 2 FOR TRUSTEE

Five candidates filed for the three city council places to be filled, and two will seek reelection

Trent Places 2 On All-Regional

Two Trent girls made the All-Regional basketball team at a Region I Class B tournament in Canyon Saturday.

Syra Swinney, a senior, was named all-regional forward, and Carolyn Graham, all-regional guard. Miss Graham is a junior.

The Trent girls basketball team fought two losing battles in the tournament while Claude won the championship with a 43-25 victory over McAdoo.

Trent lost in the semifinals to McAdoo, 49-38, and then lost the third-place battle to Higgins 68-40.

Sarah Payne led Trent in both games with 18 points. Syra Swinney had 17 against Higgins and 16 against McAdoo.

without opposition for places on the Merkel School Board, in the April elections to be held here.

Last person to file before the Saturday noon deadline for the city council was Clyde Wurst, garage owner. Other candidates are Mrs. G. B. McConnell, housewife; and Newt Logan, Odie Griffin and Ben R. Hicks who are seeking reelection.

The only two candidates for school board posts at deadline time 3:30 p.m., March 2, were incumbents Ray Wilson and Waymon Adcock. Other trustees are Joe Lassiter, Ford Smith Jr., D. L. Moore, Lester Dorton and W. R. Cypert.

The school board election will be on April 2 in the lobby of the high school gymnasium.

The city election will be in the welfare office at 101 Kent St. on April 5.

Andy Shouse is election judge for both elections.

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4-H CLUB

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isted by the following: Mrs. Lindy Smith, Dana Barbee, Jeanie Hook, Cynthia Ayers, Nancy and Irene Hood.

Others helping were Mrs. Leo Harris, Mrs. Curtis McAninch, Beverly Hood, Linda Holler, Le-ra Bierra, Juanita Moreno, Linda Wade, Ann Smith, Jo Lynn Buntin, Lois Givens, Cherry Davis and Sarah Harris.

Ushers were Joy Wood, Barbara Gregory, Neta Fay Williams, Jimmie Hass, Brenda Doan, Ann Tippino, Aleta Scott and Gavle Gladden.

Selling the most advance tickets were Ann Smith first, Lois Givens, second, and Cherry Davis, third.

The following Merkel merchants contributed door prizes or cash donations for the project: Merkel Drug, Adcock Cleaners, White Auto, Ben Franklin Store, Max Mellinger's, Norma's Beauty Shop, Wilson Jewelry, Starbuck Furniture, Bragg's Department Store, Carson Super Market, Bullock Hardware, Conley Barber Shop, Hicks Auto, West Texas Utilities, Wilson Food Store.

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Serv. Sta., Edna's Beauty Shop, Deluxe Laundry, Burton - Lingo Lumber Co., H & H Laundry, Fisher Laundry, Merkel Telephone Co., Hardy Grocery, Taylor Telephone Cooperative, Irven Thompson Butane, Higginbotham-Bartlett Lumber Co., Merkel Mail, Humble Ser. Sta., Kenneth Purser, Cosden Ser. Sta., J.L. Fisher, Gulf Distributor-Ford Smith Jr., Taylor Electric Cooperative, Homer Newby Barber Shop, Dean Higgins Barber Shop, W. B. Toombs Feed Store, Hewett's Conoco Service Sta., Sadler Clinic, Ayers Grocery & Market, Dowdy & Toombs-Realtors, Merritt Plumbing, Merkel Truck Stop & Restaurant, Lu Bose Mobile Ser. Sta., Mrs. Baird's Bakery-Aubrey Holder, Bud Haley-Borden Distributor, and Barbara's Beauty Shop.

Ablemer merchants who donated door prizes were: Thornton's Dept. Store, Busch & Sons, Zales Jewelers, Lintz Dept. Store, Vinter's, Geissom's, Golden's Jewelers Holland Dutch Bakery, Hugh Bowie Jewelers, and Coca-Cola Bottling Co.

Guests in the homes of Mr and Mrs. R. J. Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Hob Robertson for the weekend were their brother, the Rev. James Ray Garrett of Washington, D.C., and sisters, Mrs. Beulah Bullock of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Forest Harper of Odessa.

Former Merkel Youth Has Prize Winning Duroc

Raymond Rister, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Rister of Levelland and former residents of Merkel, showed his heavyweight Duroc hog to fifth place in Hockley County's Junior Livestock Show on March 3-5.

Raymond is a member of Levelland FFA Club and a 9th grader in Levelland Junior High School. His hog was bred by Hayden Blair who is a former Merkel resident and is well-known in National Duroc Breeder's Association.

The hog weighed 238 pounds and sold for 55 cents per pound. The Risters moved from Merkel four years ago.

Mrs. Goldie Malone accompanied by Mrs. Walter Frazier of Merkel and Don Jones, Don Wilks, Kenny Duncan FFA boys from Trent, and Billy Bob Toombs, Merkel, attended the Houston Fat Stock Show the past week.

Mrs. Carl Black of Odessa spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. W. C. Hays, in the home of her uncle, B. T. Sublett.

Fashion Award Goes To Pontiac

The International Fashion Council's annual fashion award has been presented to Pontiac Motor Division for its outstanding styling leadership in designing the 1960 Pontiacs.

Accepting the award from IFC Director General Jana Ages, was S. E. Knudsen, GM vice president and Pontiac general manager. The presentation was made in Detroit on Wednesday, Feb. 24, during a closed circuit television broadcast to Pontiac's sales and dealer organization throughout the country.

The IFC is a style-conscious group of clothing manufacturers

representing 59 countries, with headquarters in Amsterdam, Holland. All fields of product design are considered when selecting a recipient for the IFC award.

H. W. Beckham of Lamesa, who has been ill for some time, is with his sister, Mrs. C. C. Stribling, of Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Beckham of Lamesa, en route to San Antonio and Houston, visited recently with Mrs. C. C. Stribling of Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie D. Doan and children of Blackwell were dinner guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan, Saturday.

The Rev. Ray Garrett, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, Washington, D.C., was guest speaker at the First Baptist Church here Sunday.

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By BOYCE HOUSE

Dr. Walter Prescott Webb has been described as having one of the four finest intellects in Texas. He is the immediate past president of the American Historical Association and he is the author of several scholarly books which have won wide respect. For many years he has been connected with the University of Texas where he holds the title of distinguished professor.

So much for the learned educator — and now a little about the man.

The first time we ever met was at an autographing in Dallas for his first book. As I shook hands with him, I said:

"Dr. Webb, something is going to have to be done. I am the author of a book which came out a short time ago and the title of your book is very similar to mine. People are going to get confused — may have your 'Texas Rangers' thinking that they are getting my 'Were You in Ranger?'"

(Actually his volume was 400 pages and sold for \$5; mine was less than 200 pages and was priced at \$1.50.)

I continued:

"So I suggest that you change the name of your book."

His admirers gasped — but a slow smile lit up his face.

Soon afterward, out of the corner of his mouth, he murmured:

"Let's slip out of here and get up a cup of coffee"—which we did and had an opportunity to get acquainted.

He read my book on the Ranger oil boom and wrote, generously, "I envy you the ability to get the interest of the reader with your first sentence."

Dr. Webb was especially interested in Ranger because he attended high school there and earned his way by janitorial work. Once when I introduced him as having graduated from Ranger High, he said, "Boyce, they didn't give diplomas then."

He placed me on the program of the Texas Historical Society to speak on the Spindletop oil boom, along with savants.

One time a friend of mine and I entered an Austin cafe and I caught sight of Senator Ralph Yarborough, and Dr. Webb at the counter. I said to Yarborough, "Judge, I believe you would be interested in meeting the man who was the boy chief of police in Ranger during the boom."

The learned historian drawled, "What makes you think I wouldn't like to meet him, too?"

If, from all this, you conclude that — doctor of philosophy and all — Walter Prescott Webb is a real human being, with no snobbery or condescension in his makeup, you are exactly right.

Home Demonstration Notes

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent



After the cold icy weather we are having, I hate to mention gardening. I have not braved the weather to see if the spinach, carrots, and lettuce survived or not.

The clothing workshop is in progress at Merkel in the nice meeting room at Taylor Electric Cooperative Building. The women are really making some pretty costumes. Watch for the date of the style show because I know you will want to see these nice looking garments.

Today's fabrics include so many different fibers, blends of fibers and finishes that homemakers are often puzzled about temperatures suitable for the different ones.

The best general rule when pressing blends of fabrics is to set the iron so that it is suited to the fiber requiring the lowest temperature, according to extension clothing specialists of Texas A&M. However, when using a damp pressing cloth and a dry iron, the moisture in the cloth reduces the temperature.

Because the synthetics call for lower temperatures, blended fabrics of synthetic and natural fibers complicate the pressing problem. In the case of wool blends, they may be pressed successfully with a steam iron or with a dry iron and a damp pressing cloth.

Cotton blends are a different story. Combinations of cotton with synthetics can be a difficult problem because cotton will not always press smooth at a low temperature, yet many synthetics are damaged at high temperatures. One answer to this problem is to check each garment individually by ironing on a sample of the fabric or on an inconspicuous place like the edge of a wide seam.

If the finish on your rattan, bamboo or wicker furniture is beginning to look a bit sad, give it a fresh look for spring and summer. Extension home furnishings specialists of Texas A&M give some helpful suggestions for doing the job.

First, remove dust from the weave crevices with the dusting attachment on your vacuum cleaner. If the furniture needs a really good cleaning, you can use a garden hose and brush to do the job. Work fast to avoid soaking the furniture, and place pieces where they will dry QUICKLY.

If the furniture has a "dried-out" look, it can be revived by a scrubbing with a boiled linseed oil and turpentine mixture.

The mixture is easy to prepare. Buy linseed oil that is labeled "boiled." Mix three parts of the boiled linseed oil with one

part gum turpentine. Shake and pour a thin film on top of a cup of hot water. Dip a brush or cloth into the thin film of oil and turpentine and apply to the furniture.

Wring another cloth out of hot water and wipe off excess mixture. Dip a brush into the hot water and scrub surface. As the oil solution cools, discard it and make up a new, hot cupful.

To refresh worn rattan, bamboo or wicker furniture you can apply a coat of thin type penetrating wood sealer to the dry surface with a brush... after it has been thoroughly cleaned. Or, if you prefer, paint the surface.

Sheep Raisers To Attend Meet On Lamb Imports

SAN ANGELO — Two representatives of the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association are to go to Washington next month for the hearing on lamb and mutton imports before the U. S. Tariff Commission. The hearing is to be March 22.

Jerry Puckett of Fort Stockton, a director of the TS&GRA, is to be one of the two, says L.M. Stephens of Lometa, TS&GRA president. The other remains to be selected.

Representatives of the National Wool Growers' Association and other western grower associations affiliated with the National are also to attend the hearings.

It is also expected that the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association, and probably the American National Cattleman's Association, will have representatives at the hearings since cattlemen have expressed some

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concern over the possibility of more beef being imported into the U.S.

Imports of both frozen and live lamb from Australia have been on the increase and many growers feel these imports are definitely affecting the price of the domestic supply. They believe the domestic market will improve if imports are halted, or put on a quota basis.

TS&GRA directors have been urged through letters from the headquarters office here, to write their U.S. senators and representatives and explain the real situation and describe how these imports have affected the lamb and mutton trade in their particular areas.

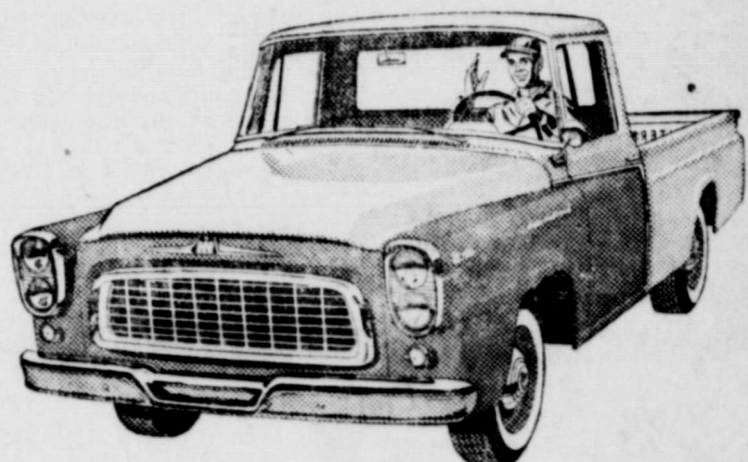
Best way to carve a tombstone is to chisel in traffic.

Samuel D. Doan Aboard Aircraft

SAN FRANCISCO, (FHTNC)—Samuel D. Doan, photographer's mate second class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan of Merkel, departed San Francisco, Feb. 6, aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Ranger for a six-month tour of duty with the U.S. Seventh Fleet in the Western Pacific.

The largest "flattop" in the Pacific, the Ranger was transferred June, 1958, and is now on her second cruise to the Far East.

Really now isn't the most serious thing in the world a woman who isn't?



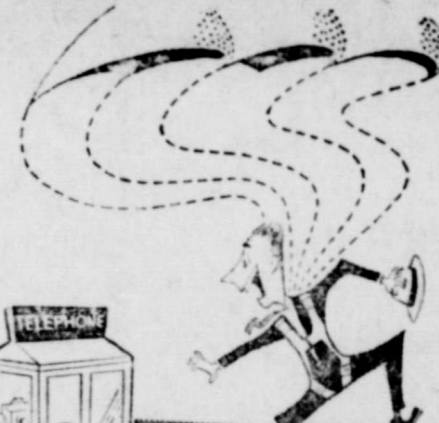
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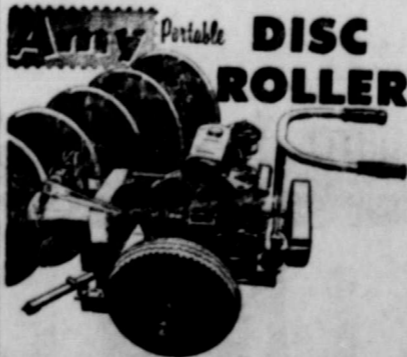
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Dimmitt County Sets Deer Kill Record For '59

AUSTIN — Dimmitt County had the high-kill deer kill on record in 1959, according to a report compiled by Herbert Ward, game warden supervisor at Catarina. The county had a 27 per cent increase in hunting pressure and a 37 per cent increase in deer kill over that of 1958. Landowners received \$2,273 more for leased land than in 1958.

Some 2,088 hunters bagged 1,429 bucks and 77 wild turkeys during the 1959 season. The report showed an increase of 38,337 acres of leased land in the county over 1958. For the 303,296 acres of land under lease in 1959, landowners received \$54,423. Land leased from just over a cent an acre to about \$1.28 an acre, but averaged out just over 52 cents an acre.

Weight records on 326 deer coming from 16 ranches over the coming from 19 ranches over the weight of 166 pounds. The heaviest one tipped the scales at 150 pounds, while the smallest weighed only 60 pounds.

Two thirds of the 1959 deer killed were from the 1958 fawn crop. These 18-month old bucks weighed from 85 to 122 pounds.

Some 823 hunters bagged 563 deer and 22 turkeys on 360,639 acres of land not under lease in the county. Included in the report was a record of predatory control work, listing 2,204 coyotes and 53 bobcats killed in the county last year.

All data for the report came from shooting preserve record books and written reports made by landowners or operators, representing some 666,935 acres of deer and turkey country in Dimmitt County.

The Texian Editor's
Frontier News Flashes
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Texas Items

The legislature has played hob, sure enough, with the Houston, Trinity and Tyler rail road charter. — Persons interested in having the road built asked for a charter on which it could be built and has fixed up a charter that no experienced man would touch with a 40 foot pole. We

advise the eastern members, if they want that road built, to remodde (cq) the concern and give what was first asked. If they don't they may as well hang up their saddles. We venture the prediction if the present charter is left as it is, that the next legislature will find the road just as this left it.

The Austin correspondent of the Telegraph: Mister Editor: The House has

passed a bill giving five leagues of land to all institutions of learning, worth \$10,000; this is given for the purpose of endowing professorships, also four leagues to each county for common schools.

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We call particular attention to the card of Miss Mary Mathis in this day's paper. This young lady has exhibited excellent taste in the selection of her beautiful stock; and we advise our young friends to call and examine her assortment of Valentines, which, in its rich variety, cannot fail to suit the taste of the most fastidious.

It is now generally supposed that the illness, of which Senator Douglas lately complained, will terminate suddenly and fatally.

BETTER ARRANGEMENT
We understand that the cars on the Central Road are making the trip through from Houston to Navasota and back in the same day. The train leaves Houston at 6:30 o'clock A.M. and arrives at Navasota at 10:30 A.M. and starts back at 11. Our stages leave here (Galveston) now at 8 A.M. instead of 4. Passengers from Anderson can now start on a full stomach.

—Central Texian

gabby doodle from noodle says:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

My old lady was arguing last night that folks in the main is all truthful. I told her she shore has been leading a sheltered life if she believes it I never knowed a drunk man to tell the truth, and folks in love is noted for lying to each other. And you couldn't believe the average feller on a stack of Bibles that is running fer public office. I'd sooner put faith in a seed catalog or the weather forecast as one of them fellers. That takes about half the population out of circulation.

Then when you git around to used car salesmen, lawyers fer the prosecution, small town peace officers itching to impress folks, fishermen, and Bug Hookum's wife, you done cleaned out another fourth of the population. A few folks like me and you, Mister Editor, is about all that's left. I think a heap more folks would like to be honest if they could pick the right time fer it, a time when it wouldn't cost 'em nothing. I recollect attending a revival onct where everybody was gitting up and confessing what sinners they was and how bad they'd been, and one old sinner got up and said he'd like to confess and repent at this time but he couldn't afford to do it while the grand jury was in session. The grand jury stays in session most of the time fer a heap of folks.

The fellers at the country store Saturday night was discussing the different kinds of folks that brag all the time. It was decided unanimous that the worst kind is the family that's got plenty of money and is always making excuses to keep us pore folks from feeling had about it.

They'll tell you they just had to quit eating eggs on account of them going to 70 cents a dozen, and the next day they'll be driving around in a new Cadillac. The wife will come to church with a new mink coat and allow as how she had to sell the front door knob, the electric stove and the family tomcat to pay fer it. This effort to soothe the pore man's fate is worse than bragging. If a feller's got plenty of money, I don't like to see him brag about it or make excuses fer it, just spend it.

There's some types of braggers that I enjoy hearing spiel their stuff. I've talked to the feller that invented the hole in the

doughnut, and I spent two hour onct hearing a feller tell how he put the first railroad through the Texas desert. The half dozen fellers that claims to be the first American soldier to land in France in World War I is all per-

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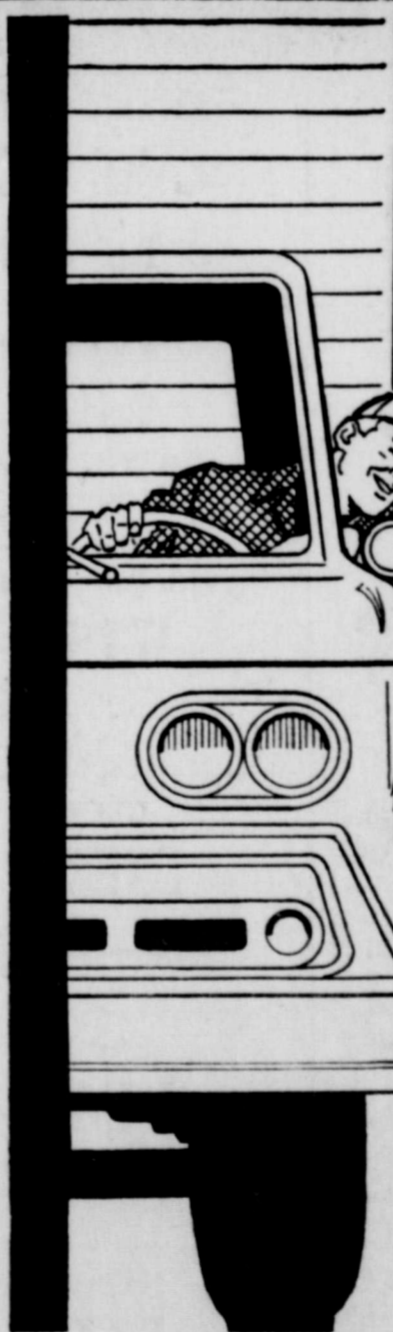
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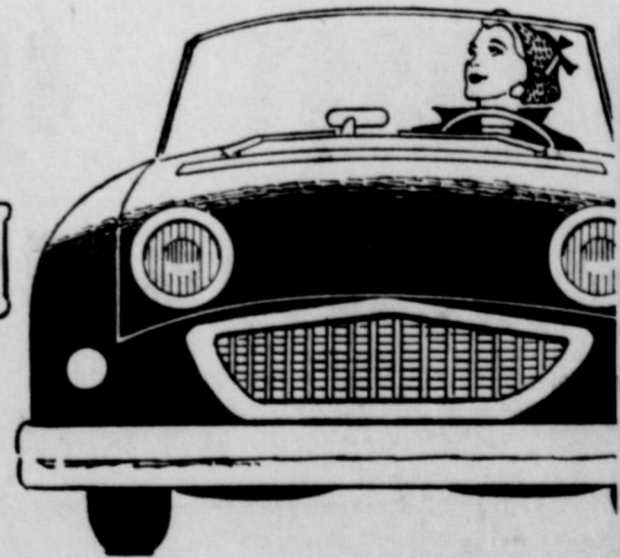
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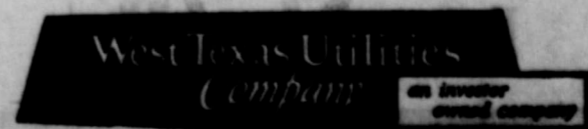
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Minta McAninch On Honor Roll

CANYON — (Special) — Minta McAninch, sophomore from Merkel, was among 107 students listed on the fall semester honor roll at West Texas State College, according to Dr. Walter H. Juniper, dean of the college.

The dean's list is composed of the top five per cent of the undergraduate student body.

Minta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis McAninch, is majoring in physical education. She is active in Buffalo Gals, campus service organization; and the Physical Education Majors Club.

Mrs. Pauline Butman Is Contest Winner

NEENAH, Wis. — Mrs. Pauline Butman, of Route 4, Merkel, has been named a fourth prize winner in the "Name the Stars" contest, sponsored by Kimberly-Clark Corporation.

Mrs. Butman will receive \$50 in cash for identifying the stars in the M-G-M movie, "Never So Few," and completing a jingle about Kleenex tissues.

Entrance Exams For Patrolmen Set For April

Young men interested in becoming patrolmen in one of the greatest law enforcement organizations in the nation will be given their chance during April.

Colonel Homer Garrison, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, announced today that entrance examinations will be given April 12, 13 and 14 in cities throughout the state to young men interested in the patrolmen positions.

The state police director said exams will be given April 12 in Tyler, Beaumont, Harlingen, Midland, El Paso, Lubbock and Austin. April 13 the exams will be given in Dallas, Lufkin, Corpus Christi, Abilene, Amarillo and Waco. And on April 14 the examinations will be given in Fort Worth, Houston, San Angelo, San Antonio and Wichita Falls.

Garrison said young men between 21 and 35 years of age have until April 1 to file applications for these important positions. They must be a graduate of high school, be in good physical condition and of good moral character. Applicants must be not less than 68 inches or more than 76 inches tall and weigh not less than two pounds or more than three pounds per inch of height.

He said requirements are rugged, but that the results will be rewarding for those who are selected to join the corps of well trained law enforcement officers.

Complete information may be obtained by writing to the Texas Department of Public Safety in Austin, or by contacting the nearest regional or district DPS office.

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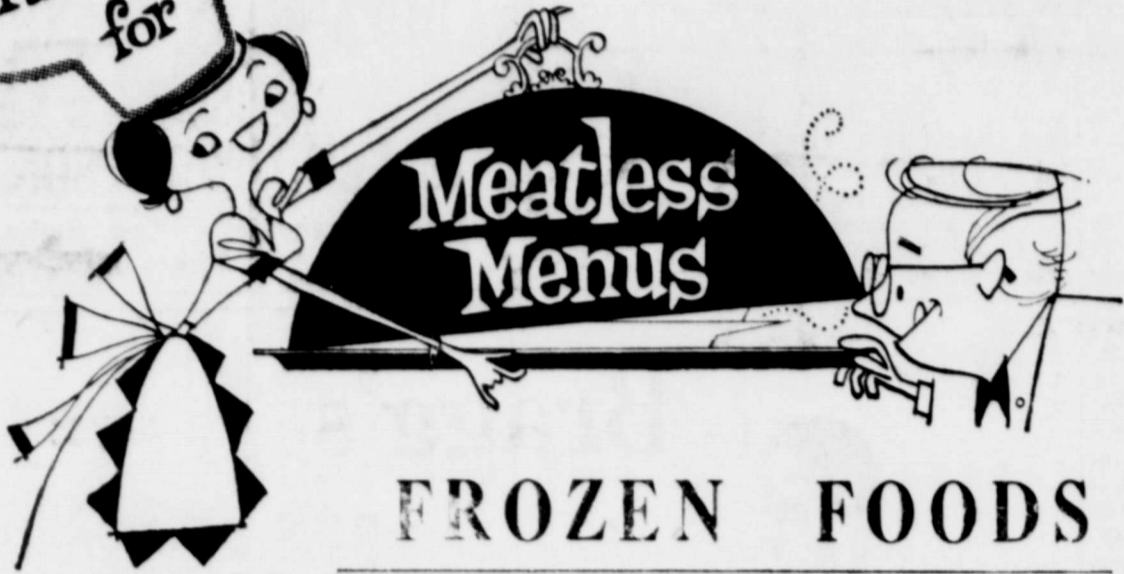


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