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UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSCO

Well, the weather is still our subject this week. The hot dry wind has took most of the moisture out of the ground.

Wheat has really taken a beating. Some of the wheat could be helped now with a good rain.

Cotton farmers are wishing for rain to plant their cotton and also milo.

Just now the wheat harvest is getting underway, and dry pretty weather is needed for that. Anyway, things will move along and work out.

Farmers and ranchers still remember the long damaging drought we had in the fifties. They are thinking it could happen again, and so they are saying look what a good two-inch rain would do.

Cramer Reynolds, co-owner of the Abilene Livestock Auction told us this week that good cattle were still high but due to no pasture much over the area the stocker market is hard hit.

For five months we haven't had any run-off water up the Canyon to fill live stock tanks and I'll tell you they are sure getting low.

The land that is unplanted is in excellent shape for planting as soon as rain comes.

Booth Warren, our Merkel Banker told us this week that the wheat north of Merkel looks real good and he thought it would make a good yield. Booth said he had to read our column in self defense. He said his wife always reads it first, and said they like our column very much.

There will be a fine program at Pioneer Church this Sunday night closing out the Bible School. Mrs. E. C. Ray is chairman of the school. Come out and have a good time with us at 8:00 p.m. Sunday night.

Uncle K. Blackburn was taken to the Sadler Clinic this week for treatment. He has not been doing so well recently.

Buddie King, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen King has taken a job in Abilene and will attend college at Hardin-Simmons.

Sam Swann, Merkel rancher, told us of his trip along with several other ranchers of different areas. The trip took them into several states and it was interesting to hear. They made all the trip by plane.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Swinney and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Swinney visited over the weekend in their parents home, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Patterson have just returned from Arlington, where they had been at the bedside of their daughter who had undergone surgery.

T. J. Neill and son, Farris, has just returned from Oklahoma where they bought some club lambs.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seymore attended a family reunion on the Plains at his sister's - in-law home, Mrs. Bill Seymore.

Local CD Unit

Aids in Recovery Of Lake Victim

The Merkel Civil Defense Rescue Unit, which was organized several months ago, received its first practical experience over the weekend. Its mission — to assist in locating the body of A. C. Robert J. Muhstein, of Sheffield, Iowa.

The 23-year-old airman was drowned while water skiing in Lake Sweetwater Saturday afternoon. His body was recovered about 8:55 p.m. Sunday by divers after a 24-hour search which was interrupted by a Saturday night squall.

Members of the local unit assisting and providing equipment were: Waymon Adcock, chief, Station wagon and boat.

Don Dudley, station wagon and boat.

Robert Harris and Joel Crain, automobiles. Also assisting were Billy King, Jimmy Hobbs, Roy Buchanan, E. A. Conley and Clyde Wurst.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Warford and children Jeff and Pattie visited with their parents Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Warford and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rountree over the weekend.

OIL IMPORTS PROBLEM OUTLOOK BRIGHTENS

Senator John Tower, R-Tex., today discussed the oil imports problem in his weekly report to Texas constituents. Text of Senator Tower's report is as follows:

This week, as we discuss the oil imports problem, that have progressively worsened in this Administration, following their reluctant introduction in the Eisenhower era, I am glad to record brightening prospects for efforts to protect our domestic oil industry by adding National Security provisions to the foreign trade bill, presently before the Congress.

This legislation would constitute a Congressional finding that pe-

Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE

The annual Vacation Bible School will start Monday morning, May 28, at the Stith Baptist Church.

Classes are to begin at 8:00 and close at 11:00 a.m. daily Monday through Friday.

Preparation will be Friday, May 25. The pastor, Bro. T. E. Moore is principal of the school. We would like to see each child of the community enrolled. Refreshments will be served each day.

Mervin Lyles and Pat Zerang of H-SU attended services at the Baptist Church Sunday morning. They were dinner guests of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley.

George McDonald was high ranking boy of the eighth grade class of 1962. Congratulations (George).

Visitors in the Fritz Hale home over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Lem Bockman, Mrs. Lula Hollis of Hawley, Mrs. Al Newman, Claudia Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Busby, all of Truby, Mr. and Mrs. James Hale, Shirley and Mike of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ledbetter and children visited her grandmother Finch in the Sunshine Rest Home in Abilene Sunday.

Mrs. Sam Mashburn is still in the Sadler Hospital, very ill.

Mrs. Charles Hale entered Sadler Hospital Friday. She had surgery Saturday morning. She is doing fine.

We extend our sympathy to Mrs. M. E. West, for the death of her nephew, in a plane crash last week.

Several farmers are harvesting wheat. It's doing better than expected. Some reported 28 bushels per acre.

Sam Burns and Sammie of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn, attended a music recital at the First Baptist Church in Merkel Tuesday night, May 1, sponsored by Mrs. R. J. Miller and Mrs. Earhart. Their son, Don, was on the program. Don was one of the group of students of Mrs. Miller's class playing for some judges at H-SU Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Sam Mashburn is in Sadler Hospital. She is to have surgery soon.

Mrs. Fat McDonald and Pat and Sandra Hale attended a tea for Joy McWilliams, bride-elect of Jack Petty, at the home of Mrs. Bullock Thursday night at Merkel.

Mrs. Mildred Harris and the "Gospel Teens Quartet," consisting of Lonnie and Johnny Harris, Pat McDonald and Martha Perry sang some special songs Sunday morning. Mother's Day, at Stith Baptist Church.

CEMETERY FUND

The following persons made contributions to the Merkel Cemetery Association fund:

Jaek R. Sublett, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Fred Guitar Sr., Colorado City.

D. L. Duprey, Texas City.

W. C. Hill Estate.

R. E. Dowdy

Frank L. Carr, Houston

Mrs. J. D. Cozart, Snyder

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Largent

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Jones

Mrs. Laura C. Elliott

D. and W. Hill, Sylvester Owen Ellis

Mrs. E. L. Grimes, Quanah

Hospital Patients

Admissions

Mrs. Bob Dye
Mrs. Jess Womack
Ona Ray Spence
Jack Morrow
C. C. Godge
Kay Higgins
Mrs. Charles Hale
R. E. Reed
Mrs. George Benningfield
Mrs. Bettie King
Earl Foster
Mrs. W. E. Coop
Pat Bigbee

Dismissals

C. C. Boyd
T. H. Hudson
Mrs. Floyd Davis
Mrs. Maude Rossop
Mrs. Jess Womack
Maggie Russum
A. Lloyd
Mrs. Ida Estep
Mrs. Bob Dye
One Ray Spence
Jack Morrow
C. C. Godge
Kay Higgins
Mrs. Charles Hale
R. E. Reed
Mrs. V. L. Wade and baby
Mrs. Ronald DeLaCruz and baby

Mrs. J. M. Easley and baby

Buddy Poppy Day Slated Saturday

Whereas: The sale of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is Authorized by an act of Congress, and endorsed by the President; and

Whereas: The major portion of funds so raised will be used in the local community, the remainder being utilized to help maintain the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Home for veteran's orphans and widows at Eaton Rapids, Michigan, and to insure the continued highly efficient functioning of this fine organization's national rehabilitation and welfare service; and

Whereas: Bringing aid to those who have suffered from war that this nation might live is a most fitting tribute to those who died for us; now, therefore

I, Earl Hughes, Mayor of the City of Merkel, do hereby authorize and recognize this noble cause as one most worthy of the support of all our citizens, and do here and now proclaim May 26 as BUDDY POPPY DAY in this city, and I call upon all to wear a Buddy Poppy as evidence of our gratitude to the men of this nation who helped America when her need was greatest.

Done at the City Hall of Merkel this 23rd day of May, A. D. 1962.

Attest: Flossie McKeever
City Clerk
Signed: Earl Hughes Mayor

Notice

The poppies will be sold by the Merkel Girl Scouts under the direction of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

gabby doodle from noodle says:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

I didn't git to the session at the country store Saturday night on account of my young neighbor down the road a piece come by to tell me his family troubles. Him and his wife has been fussing and squabbling since the day they was married. 17 year ago. I recollect once about 10 year ago when he said he was going to git a court order to restrain his mother-in-law from brainwashing his wife.

As I've watched this fight down through the years — they've got seven kids — I see fault on both sides. One thing I've noted about him, ever misfortune he has had in life he has took it like a man — blamed it on his wife. On the other hand I'll have to say that she's a very ornery critter. She is the kind that shifts her brain into neutral and just lets her tongue idle on, making a U-turn in the middle of ever conversation. And she's got a tongue as sharp as one of them razor blades you see advertised on television. She told her old man once that she hoped to live to see the day when electric blankets would replace husbands in this world. If you can git any sharper than that, I ain't heard it.

I tried to console him the best I could, Mister Editor. I told him women and males is a pretty contrary proposition to handle. I give him the example of that feller that shaved his wife's head on ac-

Whitharral Rites Held for Uncle Of Tye Residents

M. D. Burrus, 73, died in Whitharral Monday night. He was the uncle of Mrs. Denton Rinehart of 1533 Sewell and Elmer and Elgin Mattingly of Tye and brother of John Burrus of Abilene.

Funeral was held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Whitharral Baptist Church with the Rev. Wayne R. Williams, pastor, and the Rev. Bill Bryant officiating.

The retired farmer is survived by his wife; three sons, Hersh of Stillwater, Okla., Almos of Muleshoe and Tom of Whitharral; four daughters, Mrs. R. E. Edwards of Whitharral, Mrs. Orval Riley of Hollis, Okla., Mrs. S. J. Polk and Mrs. Lee Lewis of Levelland; 19 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

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SCOREBOARD

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Willies 2, Supers 2, tie game
Killowatts 10, Bankers 11
Willies 7, Cardinals 4
Starbucks 8, Killowatts 8, tie
Starbucks 12, Supers 0
Killowatts 11, Cardinals 6

New GA Officers For 1962 Named

The Ruth E. Peer GA's of the First Baptist Church have elected Ann Riney as president.

Other new officers are: Kathy Mansfield, vice president; Terry Sue Doan, program chairman; Debbie Martin, secretary; Brenda Boden, song leader; Glenna and Mary Doan, mission study; Jo Nell Laster, reporter; Debbie James, community mission; and Nancy Rick, social chairman.

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COUNTY PURCHASES ROAD MACHINERY

Bids for a trailer and front end loader from Plains Machinery Co. and Treanor Equipment Co. were accepted Tuesday by Taylor County Commissioners Court.

Total purchase price on the two items of equipment runs \$19,996.

Junior Jaycees Golf Tournament Scheduled Sunday

The Merkel Jaycees will sponsor a Junior Golf Tournament in Merkel. The tournament will be held at the Merkel Country Club on Sunday, May 27.

To qualify, a golfer must be under 18 years of age on August 15, 1962 at midnight.

Junior golfers from Abilene, San Angelo, Albany, Baird, Ballinger, Santa Anna, Winters, Cisco and Merkel have been invited to participate. Those interested should contact their local Jaycees for details. Directing the tournament will be Mr. Bob Birley and Bert Jones.

A barbecue will be given after the tourney Sunday evening where trophies will be awarded the first and second place winners in individual and team play. The barbecue will be free to contestants and the public is invited at a dollar a plate.

Winners will be eligible to advance to the State Tournament and perhaps the Jaycees International Tournament later this summer in which winners of Jaycee Tournaments throughout the world will compete.

Weekly Riding Club Activities Attract Many Contestants

A large crowd and many contestants turned out this week for the riding club activities. Preparations are underway for lighting the grounds and after that the show will be held at night.

Some fine roping calves are available for boys who want to practice roping.

Membership is open to anyone wanting to join the club. Mattie Lou Wozencraft is secretary and she or any other club officer can be contacted regarding membership.

In playtime for children, results were:

Ribbon pulling: Cindy Whisenhunt, 18 seconds, Johnny Gray, 19, and Tim Wozencraft, 19.5.

Johnny Thompson won the ribbon in the free-for-all ribbon pulling for children under 12.

Dee Warren was first in the boot race.

Junior barrel riding: Myrtle Davis, 17.5, Rusty Rutledge, 20, and Shirley Sandusky, 20.7.

Senior flag race: Rusty Rutledge, 10, Lynn Gilbert, 10.3, and Shirley Sandusky, 10.6.

Senior barrel riding: Barbara Whisenhunt, 18.7, Jerry Russell, 20.5, and Benny Melton and Del Davis, 21 (tie).

Senior flag race: Walter Whisenhunt, 9.5, Ralph Russell, 10.2, and Barbara Whisenhunt, 10.4.

Tie down calf roping: Donald Rutledge, 14.7, and Don Dudley, 29. Only two who caught calves due to excessively high wind.

Ribbon roping: Carol and Lynn Gilbert, 14.2, Don Dudley and Mark Dudley, 15.9, and Danny Malone and Brenda Morgan, 19.2.

Fred McCue Given Probated Term

Fred Clyde McCue, 58, of Merkel, who was convicted on four counts of violating U. S. Treasury firearms laws, received a year and a day probated sentence Friday.

U. S. District Court Justice Leo Brewster also fined J. V. Heyser Jr., Cisco cattle trucker, \$100 for failure to have his drivers keep daily logs.

McCue was convicted of possession of an M2 carbine and selling it to Ray Wilson, Merkel grocer; possession of a sawed-off 22-caliber rifle, and failure to keep proper records as a gun dealer.

Heyser, charged on six counts, also received five \$350 fines, which were suspended.

It is being purchased for use by Commissioner Joe Cypert of Merkel.

Plains' bid on the trailer was \$2,800. Bids also were offered by Western Machinery Co., \$3,056.55; and Bryning - Ferris, \$3,163.87.

Treanor's bid on the loader was \$21,000 with a \$4,500 allowance for a trade-in. Western Machinery's bid for the loader was \$16,995, after allowing a trade-in.

Cypert advised the court of his preference for the two bids after a close study of specifications on the equipment.

Commissioners also approved a \$350.00 bid from Mackey Tree Service of 1961 Jeffries St. to treat all trees on the courthouse lawn. The treatment was recommended by the county agent, E. C. Stanley.

Commissioner J. T. McMillan also requested that bids be obtained to put asphalt tile flooring on the first floor of the agricultural building east of the courthouse.

Annual Mail Box Improvement Week Being Observed

This week has been designated by the Post Office Department as annual Mailbox Improvement Week. Mailboxes that are convenient and safe to use, properly erected and maintained neat in appearance, and provide proper protection of the mail from the weather, contribute to more efficient and speedy delivery of the mail, said Postmaster Clyde Grant of Abilene.

Owners of rural boxes should have their names painted on the side of the box, visible to the carrier as he approaches, or on the doors of boxes which have been grouped together, he said.

A good test of whether or not your box is properly installed is to approach your box in your own automobile from the same direction as your carrier approaches it, and get the mail from the box, Grant added.

He and others designated by him are making annual inspection of rural routes this month. Patrons on the routes will be notified on Form No. 4056 requesting improvements needed.

Meeting Friday Night to Set Up Age Groups Clubs

Due to school activities last Friday, the meeting to establish age groups clubs was moved up to Friday the 25th of May at 8:00 p.m.

It is very important that all interested persons be present at this time.

These clubs must be established in order to keep club programs moving. Jaycee director, Joe Dean and Youth Center director, Ted Elliott will be present to help in setting up clubs.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stockbridge and her mother, Mrs. Nanie Glenn, spent Sunday with her son, Mr. and Mrs. A. Glenn of Big Spring.

Mrs. W. M. Elliotts son, Roy of Dallas visited her Sunday. He was on his way to El Paso on business.

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

Mrs. Mary Tittle and daughter, Mrs. Delton Jones of Trent were guests in the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hamp Campbell Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Campbell and family of Haskell were houseguests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hamp Campbell and Mrs. Carry Washburn, Mothers Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton visited with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hamp Campbell and son Mark of Abilene Sunday.

STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights by Vern Sanford

AUSTIN, Tex. — Big news around the State Capitol is that the State finally got out of the red.

LOOK MOTHERS! "DAY NURSERY"

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Treasurer Jesse James announced the good news. Deficit, which had existed since September 23, 1958, was wiped out by heavy income from annual insurance and corporation franchise taxes, plus revenue from the new sales tax. As of 1 p.m. May 18, there was a cash balance in the state's main checking account — the general revenue fund — of \$1,282,106. Fund will be back in the red again, from time to time, before everything gets squarred away

FARM & RANCH HEADQUARTERS

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However, about a year from now a steady surplus should be on hand. **BUSINESSMEN LOSE MILLIONS** — Texas businessmen are throwing away more than \$3,000,000 a year, according to State Comptroller Robert S. Calvert. This is because they're not taking advantage of the payment plan under the new state sales tax.

Since small and big businessmen usually pay their bills within 10 days to earn a two per cent discount, Calvert can't understand why they waste \$160,000 a year by failing to get this same discount from the state.

Under the sales tax law's prepayment plan, a businessman can increase his allowable discount from one to three per cent. He can do so by rendering the tax for each quarter by the middle of the quarter to be reported. In other words, he can pay the tax in advance on a logical estimate.

Prepayment was conceived by the Legislature, Calvert said, as an incentive, with some consolation to the business that is forced to collect and report the tax. But to date prepayment has been the most neglected section of the sales tax law.

TEXTBOOK LISTS WILL BE PUBLIC — When the House Textbook Investigation Committee was holding open hearings on books recommended by the State Textbook Committee of the Board of Education, one of the most frequent complaints registered by those who protested selections was that they couldn't get copies of the texts in time to study all the content.

The newly appointed textbook committee for 1962 has set forth a system for adoption which will give every possible protestant as much time to pore over this year's offerings as the committee itself will have.

On or before July 1, publishers must file a statement of intent, listing all books offered by title, subject, copyright, and authors. A compilation of this information will then be forwarded to all school districts, as well as interested groups and individuals who request the list from the Texas Education Agency.

Textbook publishers also have been instructed to make all considered texts available for purchase by the public from their various depositories.

Final date to file intent to protest any book offered for adoption will be August 1.

OUTSTANDING YOUTHS TO BE REWARDED — If you'd like to nominate a youngster for a distinguished service award, or for bravery, write to Governor Price Daniel. He is seeking recommendations

Farm Facts

Frederick W. Waugh, writing in the Yearbook of Agriculture, points out that everyone has a stake in continuing technological improvements in agriculture.

"Our great modern industries of manufacturing and commerce would have been impossible without the technological revolution in agriculture, which made available the necessary manpower for factories, banks, stores.

"Primitive societies must use most of their resources in primary production—in farming, fishing, forestry, and mining. Very few people can be spared to work in manufacturing, trade, services, the arts and sciences.

"As our farm labor has become more productive, a smaller and smaller percentage of our workers can feed and clothe our whole population.

"The direct effects of better agricultural technology are seen in more and better food and fiber. The indirect effects are in more automobiles, television sets, roads, schools, and all sorts of non-



We'll have a stake in agriculture's progress.

agricultural goods and services. "Taking the direct and indirect effects together, the technological revolution in agriculture has contributed a great deal to the prosperity and well-being of all of our people."

for Young American Medals for Bravery and Service awards for 1961. He asks that nominations of boys and girls under age 19, who have performed acts of extraordinary courage or achieved outstanding records of service, be submitted to him by August 15.

Act of bravery or record of achievement must have been performed during 1961. Two medals may be awarded for each category by the Young American Medals Committee of the U. S. Department of Justice, after final approval by Attorney General Robert Kennedy.

Governor Daniel will forward his recommendations to the Justice Department after he receives nominations which include facts about each youngster's achievement with supporting statements by witnesses; authenticated evidence of the time and place of the candidate's birth; a biographical sketch and photograph.

RAMPS ALONGSIDE HIGHWAYS — Fishermen and other boat owners soon will be cheering lustily for the State Highway Department.

D. C. Greer, department head, has just announced that 40 boat launching ramps soon will be built from surplus funds in the Highway Department.

State boat registration law provides that any income remaining after enforcement of the boat registration act shall be spent building public launching ramps for boats. Highway Department has handled registrations and the funds since enactment of the law two years ago.

"Additional ramps will be built

as money becomes available," Greer stated. These will be located according to need, accessibility to highways, and availability of private launching facilities.

K. W. Townsley, director of the Motor Vehicle Division reported that as of November 3, 1961, licenses had been issued for 17,330 Texas motorboats.

"We still hope for some remedial legislation to strengthen the water-safety, boat-registration Act," said Townsley.

SHORT SHORTS

After representatives of major oil companies gave gloomy testimony as to the demand for Texas oil, State Railroad Commission ordered another eight-day allowable for June. The 22-day shutdown means a slight production increase over May on an average calendar day basis.

Governor Daniel named Daniel Boone of Abilene and C. Herbert Cowell of Houston to the State Board of Architectural Examiners.

Miss Mildred Blair of Cisco was reappointed to the Texas State Board of Tuberculosis Nurse Examiners and C. D. McNight of San Antonio to the State Board of Barber Examiners.

Mrs. Odis Williams wishes to thank each and everyone who have sent cards and kind words to her mother, Mrs. J. P. Davis who is ill and has been in the hospital. May God bless each and everyone for their kindness. May God bless the Doctors and Nurses for their help and kindness. Mrs. Davis is feeling about the same, her daughter reports.

VETERANS INFORMATION

Q—I'm a U. S. citizen who served with the RAF after volunteering in Canada. Can I qualify for pension from VA?

A—Not unless you have some wartime service in a branch of the U. S. Armed Forces. You may use your RAF service to add to your service time if you have less than 90 days in the U. S. Armed Forces.

Q—Are there any VA benefits for the U. S. servicemen who are now serving in Laos and Vietnam if they have no other service time?

A—There have been no benefits authorized for service later than the Korean Conflict, June 27, 1950, to January 31, 1955.

Q—What is the priority for admission to a VA hospital?

A—First, a service-connected veteran requiring medical care for the injury or disability for which he is service-connected. Second, a service-connected veteran requiring medical atten-

tion for some other injury or disability than that for which he is service-connected. Third, a non-service-connected veteran for whom a bed is available who will sign an affidavit that he cannot afford to pay the cost of his hospitalization and who must list all his assets and liabilities so as to give an idea of the worth of his estate.

Dr. Eleanor Weldon

Chiropractor

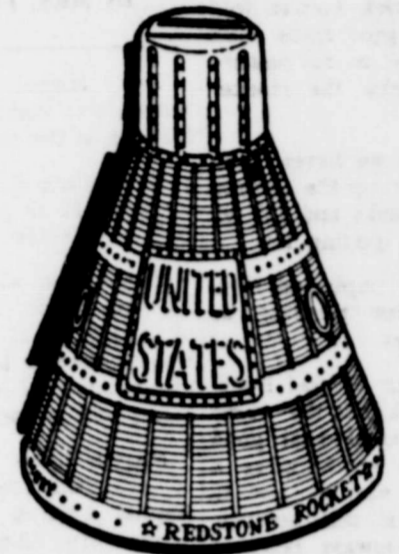
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Carson Super Market
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K & E Service Center
Collier Conoco Service Station
Toombs Paymaster Feed Store
Bullock Hardware
Bill's Garden Shop
Palmer Motor Co.
White Auto Store
Badger Chevrolet Co.
Paul's Shoe Service
Knight Gulf Service Station
Doan's Cash Food Store

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Jrl Walker Grocery & Service Sta.
Ben Franklin Store
Fox's Auto Service
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Chevy II Nova 4-Door Sedan—This one fits big families and small parking places with equal ease. Gets all kinds of spunk from a gas-sippin' 6. You never saw luxury and low cost so beautifully blended. Or so easy on upkeep.



Impala Sport Coupe



Chevy II Nova 4-Door Sedan



Corvair Monza Club Coupe

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PARD 5 Lb. Bag 59¢

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SPAGHETTI & MEAT 300 size 2 For 45¢

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& 4:00 P.M.



LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF TAYLOR:
IN THE NAME OF AND BY
THE AUTHORITY OF THE
STATE OF TEXAS,

TO: N. A. DOWELL, whose residence is unknown, and the heirs and legal representatives of the above named Defendant who may be deceased, whose names and residences are unknown and the respective unknown heirs and legal representatives of all of the above parties, owner or owners of the hereinafter described property and their heirs and legal representatives, whose names and places of residence are unknown and any and all other persons including adverse claimants, owning or having, or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the hereinafter described property delinquent to Plaintiff herein for taxes.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that suit has been brought and is now pending in the Honorable District Court, 42nd Judicial District, Taylor County, Texas, wherein the City of Merkel, a municipal corporation is plaintiff; The State of Texas for itself and in behalf of Taylor County, Texas, and the Merkel Independent School District are Impleaded Party Defendants; and N. A. Dowell is Defendant, by filing by Plaintiff of a petition the 18 day of May, 1962, and the file number of said suit being No. 27061-A and the nature of which suit is to collect delinquent ad valorem taxes on the following described property, to-wit:

Lot Eleven (11), Block Twenty-One (21), Original Town of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas; together with interest and penalties, costs, charges and expenses of suit which have accrued and which may legally accrue thereon.

The amount of taxes due each Plaintiff, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs is as follows:

The City of Merkel	\$509.03
The State of Texas and Taylor County	\$53.29
The Merkel Independent School District	\$301.11
Total	\$862.52

The names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on said property not made a party to this suit, NONE.

Plaintiff and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, and in addition to the taxes, all interest, penalties and costs allowed by law thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiff, Defendant and Interveners, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest and penalties and costs allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefor, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and pleadings now on file and which hereafter may be filed in said cause by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 2 day of July, 1962, which is the return day of such citation, before the Honorable District Court of Taylor County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties and costs and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiff and the taxing units parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest and penalties and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of suit.

ISSUED AND GIVEN under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this 18 day of May, 1962.

(Seal)
Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas, 42nd Judicial District
By Irene Crawford, Deputy
(s) R. H. ROSS

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF TAYLOR:
IN THE NAME OF AND BY
THE AUTHORITY OF THE
STATE OF TEXAS,
TO: MRS. JOSEPHINE D. MICHAEL, whose residence is unknown,

and the heirs and legal representatives of the above named Defendant who may be deceased, whose names and residences are unknown and the respective unknown heirs and legal representatives of all of the above parties, owner or owners of the hereinafter described property and their heirs and legal representatives, whose names and places of residence are unknown and any and all other persons including adverse claimants, owning or having, or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the hereinafter described property delinquent to Plaintiff herein for taxes.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that suit has been brought and is now pending in the Honorable District Court, 42nd Judicial District, Taylor County, Texas, wherein the City of Merkel, a municipal corporation, is plaintiff; the State of Texas for itself and in behalf of Taylor County, Texas, and the Merkel Independent School District are Impleaded Party Defendants; and Mrs. Josephine D. Michael and D. M. Oldham Jr. are defendants, by filing by plaintiff of a petition the 18 day of May, 1962, and the file number of said suit being No. 27062-A and the nature of which suit is to collect delinquent ad valorem taxes on the following described property, to-wit:

Lot Eleven (11) and Twelve (12), Block Twenty-Three (23), College Addition, City of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas; together with interest and penalties, costs, charges and expenses of suit which have accrued and which may legally accrue thereon.

The amount of taxes due each plaintiff, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs is as follows:

The City of Merkel	\$82.14
The State of Texas and Taylor County	7.27
The Merkel Independent School District	26.40
Total	\$115.81

The names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on said property not made a party to this suit are NONE.

Plaintiff and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, and in addition to the taxes, all interest, penalties and costs allowed by law thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiff, Defendant and Interveners, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest and penalties and costs allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefor, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and pleadings now on file and which hereafter may be filed in said cause by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 2 day of July, 1962, which is the return day of such citation, before the Honorable District Court of Taylor County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties and costs and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the plaintiff and the taxing units hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest and penalties and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of suit.

ISSUED AND GIVEN under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this 18 day of May, 1962.

(Seal)
Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas, 42nd Judicial District
By Irene Crawford, Deputy
(s) R. H. ROSS

Noodle P-TA Has Final Meeting

The Noodle P.T.A. will have its last meeting for the year Thursday May 17 at 8:00 p.m. There will be the installation of new officers and they are:

President—Mrs. Norma Holmes vice pres., Mrs. Doris Hogan; secretary Mrs. Imogene Cochran; Treasurer Mrs. Elizabeth Womack; reporter Mrs. Virginia Ely.

Mrs. Mildred Hendon will be in charge of the installation ceremony. There will also be a "pot-luck supper." Everyone is invited to come.

SENATOR ★ ★ ★ Yarborough's Report

Dear Fellow Texan:
The oldtime ideas of peace and war based on formal declarations of war, tell us today, our country is at peace.

Our daily newspapers tell us a different story. In bold, black type, the headlines tell us: That this is an age where defense spending soars to amounts no one would have guessed a few years ago.

That this is an age where American servicemen are found around the world in combat areas in Vietnam, and in an area of a virtual bayonet, pistol and grenade standoff in Berlin. This is an age of Instant War, and of a strange, uneasy, uncertain peace.

Today's serviceman has an uneasy, uncertain future. A recent Veterans' Administration survey shows that the average post-Korean conflict or Cold War veteran served just over two years, which is about two weeks longer than the average Korean Conflict veteran served. The survey also points out a tragic set of facts about today's veteran.

At the time of separation from military service, four per cent of the veterans had not even finished

elementary school; eight per cent had completed grade school, with no high school education; a shocking 22 per cent had at least a little bit of high school, but did not graduate; 42 per cent had completed high school, but had no college training. Eight per cent had completed one or more years of college work, and only ten per cent had completed four or more years of college.

And these young men who serve are above the American average in health, strength and mental capacity.

At a time that all that we hold dear depends on advancement in all fields of knowledge, we are doing absolutely nothing to help these young veterans get an education. In fact, we build barricades in their road to school.

I have introduced a GI Bill, which is co-sponsored by 36 other senators, to help these young men break through the financial and draft law barricades of high cost and delay, and get back into school where they can do themselves, their families and their country the most good.

The compulsory draft and the

constant danger of recall to active duty in the Reserves make it hard for the 45 per cent of young men today who perform military service to get the education they so urgently need.

But with a GI Bill to help, they can raise their earning power, contribute more to their country in a time of war, or in a time like we

live in today — a time of waiting, but preparing for a war that may not come.

The Cold War veteran was called into service at the very time he would normally be entering a training or education program, or working to save money to enter school. Today's high cost of education has placed college beyond the reach of all but the well-to-do.

Because of this the Congress has a grave responsibility to see to it that a call to arms is not a call to ignorance. Through a GI Bill, Congress has the key to the high school and college door. I intend to do everything I can to unlock the doors of knowledge for these young Americans in search of a future.



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SEPTIC TANKS, CESS POOLS AND CELLARS pumped out. Satisfaction guaranteed. Call collect. OR 3-3081, Abilene. 46-tfc

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Store hours Tues., Fri. & Sat. from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Other hours by appointment. 907 Ash, Merkel. Phone 356-W, Jackie Doan. 46-tfc

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POLITICAL Announcements

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LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas — GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Robert Holton Reagan, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Court-house thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation same being the 11th day of June A. D. 1962, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 8th day of March A. D. 1962, in this cause, numbered 26,830-A on the docket of said court and styled Wanda Jane Reagan, Plaintiff, vs. Robert Holton Reagan, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married on or about the 17th day of January, 1956, and were permanently separated on or about the 17th day of August, 1961. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 27th day of April A. D. 1962.
(Seal)

Attest: R. H. ROSS, Clerk
42nd District Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Grace Jenkins, Deputy 10-tfc

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CARD OF THANKS
Mrs. Odie Williams wishes to thank each and everyone who have sent cards and kind words to her mother Mrs. J. P. Davis who is ill and has been in the hospital. May God Bless each and every one for their kindness. May God Bless the Doctors and Nurses for their help and kindness. Mrs. Davis is feeling about the same.

CARD OF THANKS
The relatives and close friends of Mrs. Mary Vandlandenharn wish to thank everyone for the kindness and help during her illness. For the beautiful flowers and food may God bestow his richest blessings on you all.
The relatives of Mrs. Van and B. M. and Faye Ueckert, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Campbell

REWARD!!!
A REWARD is being offered of eternal life, to all those who repent of sin and trust Jesus Christ as saviour and Lord. Attend Sunday Services at First Baptist Church, 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. to get details.

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How Binding Is That Contract?
You cannot get out of a contract just because you made a bad deal or because you changed your mind. Tough luck will not get you off the hook, unless you cover it in the contract.

A builder agreed to build a home for a certain price. Then his costs skyrocketed due to unexpected increases in labor and material costs. Could he get out of his contract? No. Unless the contract says what is to be done if there are unexpected costs, the contract is binding and the law will hold the builder to it. From the builder's standpoint, a good contract would provide that, in case of increased costs, the buyer would pay them.

Suppose you agree to sell 100 steers which you own for a certain price, and hoof and mouth disease kills off most of them. Scarcity may boost the cattle price. Since you can buy steers, even at sky-high prices, you will either have to do so and perform the contract, or pay the buyer damages for your failure to perform.

Things which the law says the parties should have thought about, such as increased costs or strikes, are no excuse for not going ahead with the contract unless the contract says that it is an excuse. An exception to this rule is where performance is prevented by an irresistible, superhuman cause—as where the citrus crop which failed because of a severe freeze.

The law itself — without anything being said about it in the contract — excuses you from carrying out your contract if the law forbids the thing called for in the contract — for example, a building in violation of a zoning law.

Where the very thing contracted for is destroyed, as when the house to be sold burns down the law excuses performance.

Contrary to popular opinion, death will not excuse performance, unless the contract calls for the personal services of the decedent, such as those of an author, actor, or lawyer.

And so the law will enforce most agreements against the estate of the decedent. This is true even if the contract calls for the payment of money over a long period of time, as in the case of a lease. The result may well be to impoverish the decedent's family. A good lease provision from the lessee's standpoint, would be one giving his estate the right to cancel in the event of his death.

Where fraud exists, the innocent party who entered into the contract can, on learning of the fraud, cancel the contract and be excused from performing his part of the agreement.

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

Sunday visitors in the home of Mrs. M. Dokey were Mr. and Mrs. Alex Gamberger and children, Trudy and Terry Joe of Abilene. Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Dokey and children; Ruby Lynn, and Jimmy Don called on her Sunday afternoon.

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I GIVE YOU TEXAS

By Boyce House

How does one go about producing a best seller?

Luck, pure luck. At least, that was my experience. In the Spring of 1943, I was in Austin as a newspaperman covering the session of the legislature. The lawmakers recessed for the weekend so I thought it would be pleasant to visit San Antonio and bask in the romantic atmosphere of sunshine and palm trees.

But when the bus arrived in San Antonio, rain was pouring down. "When does the next bus leave for Austin?" I asked and the ticket agent replied, "It'll be two hours." Wondering what I could do during that interval, I thought of Joe Naylor, the book publisher. I had heard him speak at a State Historical Association meeting in Austin but had never met him. If you are a writer (I had at that time written one book and it was out-of-print), it comes in handy to know a publisher.

So I phoned Naylor who was in and invited me to come by. I had nothing in mind — just wanted to get acquainted but when I was about to leave the office after a pleasant visit, I thought of a manuscript of mine.

Now this manuscript had really gone the rounds. Ten big Eastern publishing houses had rejected it. The manuscript was so soiled from so much handling that I had reprinted it. Finally, a publisher accepted it and then changed his mind. I had about given up, deciding that the manuscript was jinxed.

But when I described the contents, Naylor said, "Send it on; I'll be glad to look at it." When I returned to my home in Fort Worth, I mailed it. After several months, he wrote a letter saying, in substance, "I am inclined to publish your book."

So we met for luncheon and a

conference in the St. Anthony coffee shop.

"How many copies do you think I should print, if I print it?" he asked.

"A thousand copies are a lot of books but you couldn't very well print any less if you printed it at all" was the anxious author's reply.

He nodded in agreement. But he had not definitely said he was going to publish it. So I did a little mental arithmetic. There were relatives and business associates to whom I should send a copy and perhaps, occasionally, someone, happening to hear of the book, would order a copy from me — so eventually I could use a goodly number.

"Joe," if you'll print the book, I'll buy a hundred copies."

"Boyce," he said, "I'll print the book."

The first edition was 2,000 copies

and his supply was gone in a week. A second printing of 2,000 listed only a week. Parents, wives and sweethearts were buying the little book to send to Texans in the armed forces all over the world. As the sales of "I Give You Texas" soared, the two most surprised men in Texas were the author and the publisher. It was months before I received my 100 copies but you may be sure there was no complaint at the delay.

The total on "I Give You Texas" has reached 200,000 copies and every now and then somebody goes into a book store, even yet, and buys one.

That about tells the story. Suppose it hadn't been raining in San Antonio that day or there had been a return bus to Austin in just a few minutes?

It's just luck, that's all.



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TIPS for OUTDOORSMEN

Play Your Fish chance of throwing the hook. Never "horse in" a fish! Chances are you'll lose it. Don't reach for the fish until it's pooped, belly showing. Then, instead, "play your fish." use your landing net, if you have one. If not, grab the fish firmly over its back, just behind its gills. So long as your line is tight and the red-bowed, the fish has little

This partially paralyzes it. Hold firm until the fish is securely in boat.

Check Your Flies

Check the bite of your flies if you have trouble keeping the striking bass on the hook.

Some of the heavier flies have too small a space between hook and fly. This causes the hook to fail.

Spread hook point farther away from the fly body if you have this trouble.

Bottom Bouncing For Bass

When bottom bouncing for bass you will catch more fish if you handle your lure in such a way that it rolls up the bottom sand and mud.

Such action attracts more fish than does a straight retrieve and bounce.

To accomplish this, drag the lure a short distance along the bottom, after each bounce.

Emergency Bait Idea

Salt water fishermen sometimes find themselves far from shore with an empty bait bucket.

Should this happen to you, try cutting a belly strip from almost any medium weight fish you may have caught.

Cut a rough triangle, then slice toward the tail, making indents for wings to stir up action when trolled.

Sew to leader with half-stitches to take trolling pressure off the hook.

Don't use bait that spins.

Sure Getter-Upper

Nothing is more exasperating than to oversleep and miss the early morning golden hours of fishing.

If you're camping out — open the valve of your air mattress as soon as the alarm goes off. It won't take long for the air to leak out.

Have you ever tried sleeping on a deflated air mattress?

Good Substitute Gaff

Next time you leave on a fishing trip without your gaff, look for a hailing hook such as farmers and ranchers use. In fact, most farmers will lend you one.

Such hooks can be bought in most country stores at small cost.

Warn Ships With Foil

Salt water fishermen who pursue their sport near the shipping lanes should carry a good-sized sheet of aluminum foil to hoist should a fog close in unexpectedly.

The metal foil enables any passing or approaching ship to detect your whereabouts on the ship's radar.

Novel Garfish Bait

To catch large garfish try this. Attach a fair-sized plug to a long piano wire leader. Then wrap part of a squirrel pelt around the plug, and sew or pin in place.

Gar seem to really go for this offering.

Cushion Jaws of Pliers

When working on delicate parts of fishing equipment with pliers or wrench, cushion jaws of these tools with small strips of adhesive tape for protection of parts.

Thumb Causes Backlash

Backlashes usually are not caused by your rod, reel, or line. They

are caused mostly by improper pressure of your thumb.

Use The Right Lure

Gamefish, such as bass, are predators who live by eating smaller fish.

Small fish are quicker in movement than the predator bass, so the big bass hide around stumps, lily pads, etc., to surprise them.

Your lures must imitate these small fish if you are to fool the big bass. And they must be presented just right.

Here are a few suggestions: Work the shoreline with surface lures such as chuggers. If you get no strikes at surface, or near surface levels, try one of the sinking baits like a river runt.

Should you still have zero luck, chances are the fish are somewhere else. So experiment with jig and eel, or similar bait, among the lily pads and moss pockets.

Try This Top Water Trick Try adding a sinker ahead of your floating lures and run them slowly over the deepest holes.

This gives the lurking fish a chance at an attractive bait right down where they are hiding.

Good Rod - Saving Advice

When you go on a fishing trip, keep your rod in its case until you are ready to use it.

More rods have been broken by automobile doors than by fish.

Use Snaps and Swivels

Always use either a snap or a snap-swivel when fishing with artificial lures.

Tying a lure directly to your line can foul up the action by altering the balance. If your lure doesn't twist, then just use a snap. If it spins or rolls, then use a snap-swivel.

Where To Fish

A good answer to the age-old question of "where to fish?" can be given in a few words:

"Fish where the fish are."

Wherever there is cover, such as pilings, rocks, logs, weeds, feeder streams, creek mouths, lily pads, or gravel and sand bars, fish are to be found.

Use For Old Ironing Board

Don't throw away your wife's old ironing board!

Such boards make an ideal no-squat, no-stoop cleaning place for fish.

People catch fish. But fishermen sometimes catch people.

If you've ever been "hooked" by a fisherman, you know what I mean.

Fortunately, more fish are caught than people.

Homer Circle, PR man for James Heddon's Sons of Dowagiac, Michigan — makers of the famous Heddon Fishing Tackle — sends us some interesting facts on this subject.

"Every year," says Homer, "doctors are called upon to extract barbed hooks from various parts of people's anatomies. It may be an eye or an ear, the face or a neck, hands, arms, legs, back — or rump."

"Most of these painful injuries could have been avoided if a few simple safety rules had been followed," said Homer. "Experts have studied this needless injury problem for years and offer numerous suggestions to help fishermen derive pleasure instead of pain from America's greatest participant sport."

Homer has included these suggestions in Heddon's 1962 Fishing Tackle Catalogue. I'll pass them on to you later, after I tell you how you may obtain, free of charge, Heddon's new 64-page catalogue. It sells regularly for 25c. But Homer

says he'll send you one free, if you'll mention this column.

Guess he's trying to find out if we have any readers!

Anyway, it's a beautiful multi-colored printing job with as many tips on fishing as there are items listed in the catalogue.

Now — back to the safety tips we promised. Here's how to keep from latching onto a fishing buddy or getting yourself seriously involved in a hook:

(1) Learn the simple overhead cast — never toss a plug side-arm with your fishing companion nearby. And, always know where your partner is!

(2) If your lure hangs on a surface snag don't try to jerk it loose with your rod. That bent rod can propel the lure so suddenly and so fast you won't have time to duck. Instead try to shake it loose gently or row in and remove it by hand.

(3) While playing a fish always keep the bend of your rod away from your head and your companion. Again, a suddenly released

lure with an assist from a bent rod could propel its hooks into the skin you or your partner love so much.

(4) It's safer to land a fish with net or gaff. Don't grab a fish with your hand unless you are experienced in the right technique. Always play the fish until he turns belly up . . . if large, beach it. And, never reach into the mouth of a toothed fish. A pair of long-nosed pliers can save you lots of trouble.

(5) Remember . . . the only lure that should be out of your closed tackle box is the one at the end of your rod. Too often loose lures in the boat end up in a fisherman's seat!

Finally — remember that a good fishing partner is an invaluable asset. Study him, watch him carefully and if he proves cautious, courteous and thoughtful of you he is a rare companion.

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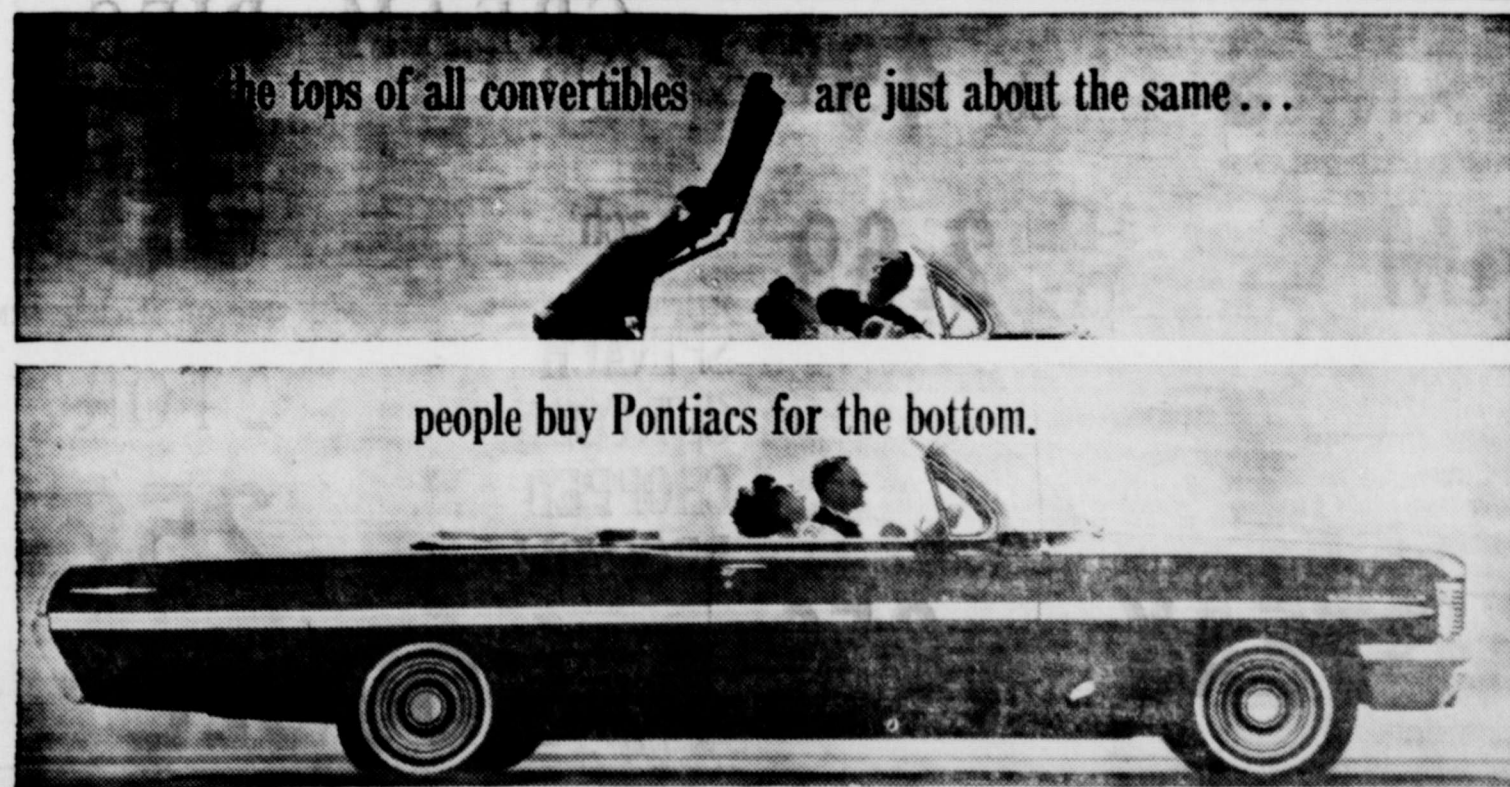
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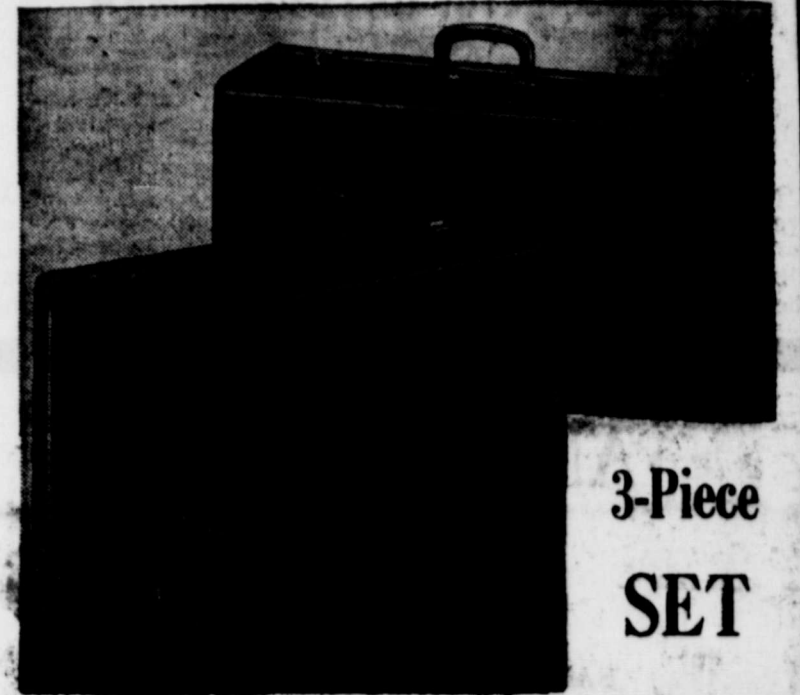
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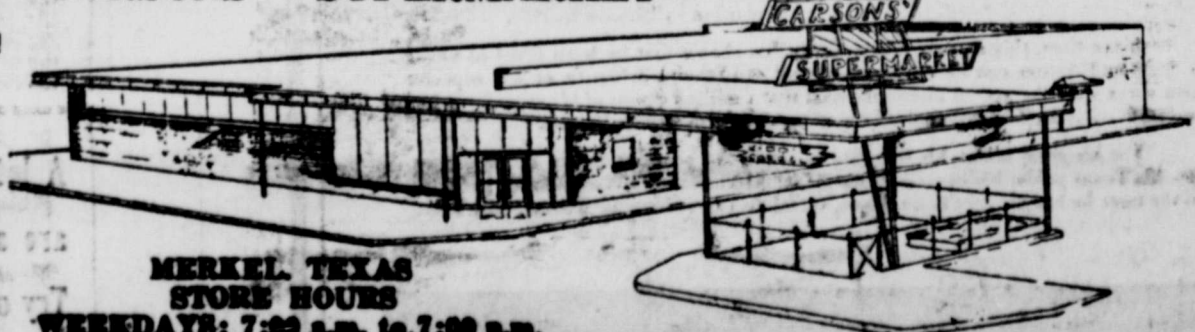
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