

TREMENDOUS DEMAND SLOWS UP VETERANS LAND PROGRAM

Information from the Veterans County Service Office indicates that a great number of veterans attempting to buy farms under the Veterans Land program are due for a long wait—some are doomed to disappointment—the blame for that can be placed to a great extent on the popularity of the project.

According to the Veterans Land Board, more than 4000 applications already have been filed and are still pouring into the office at a lively clip, almost twice as fast as they can be processed. It all boils down to a matter of time. The clock will strike midnight for veterans holding options to buy before their applications can be acted upon. The fact that the veteran loses no money in such situations is one of the better points of the program and if he can obtain an option renewal he may get his farm after all.

About 350 applications are filed each month and, at present, only 200 to 250 can be handled in a month. The officials say that the process could be speeded up very little without hurting the veteran or the State. The Veterans Land Board is attempting to keep veterans from getting gypped, therefore each farm where a request for purchase is made is carefully appraised and according to officials, this

appraisal is somewhat stricter than those made by private companies.

A qualified appraiser can make only about 30 appraisals per month and the budget allows for only 10 appraisers. Thus far about 1,300 of the 4,000 applications filed have been acted upon. Of these 72% were appraised for full value, 12% for within \$500 of the purchase price, 8% for from \$500 to \$1,000 less and only 8% for more than \$1,000 less. The average purchase price for each farm is \$5,800 and the average size is 120 acres.

Veterans are advised to get the longest term options possible and to hope that they will be able to get renewals. In view of the above facts it does not appear to be wise to put up any earnest money on these deals.

EXPERT SAYS GROUND WATER IS LOCAL PROBLEM

Ground water depletion in the United States has not reached an alarming rate, a ground water geologist has declared at Texas Tech.

R. M. Legette, New York consulting hydrologist, told a campus audience that certain areas in America are in danger because of over-pumping. He said the situation was a local one and not a threat to the entire nation.

He also pointed out the misconceptions some people have about ground water. Ancient ideas that

ground water was furnished by distant mountain sources or even ocean water are utterly untrue, he said. Ground water is the product of local precipitation and nothing more, he said.

Legette said research has shown that the movement of ground water through porous spaces tends to purify the water rapidly. In some cases, harmful bacteria have been removed in communities that lacked adequate sewage facilities, merely through ground water percolation.

Legette's lecture was sponsored by the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

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TSCW HONOR ROLL INCLUDES LOCAL GIRL

Denton. — Among the approximately 315 students at Texas State College for Women who maintained a "B" average during their last semester at the college is Miss Bernice Elaine Puckett, Quitauque.

One of the privileges of being named to the "B" average list is class attendance exemption.

Miss Puckett, a major home economics education major, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Puckett.

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A Livestock Judging Contest for FFA and 4-H Club boys will be a new feature of the 1950 Amarillo Fat Stock Show. Last year a boy's Grass Judging Contest attracted much interest and it will be held again this year. The show will operate on its usual "free gate" system the dates being March 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10.

The Amarillo Show is recognized as one of the outstanding livestock shows for 4-H and FFA exhibitors of beef calves, fat swine, and lambs from Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado and New Mexico. The new

livestock building will add to the housing facilities which have been very crowded, according to Art Bralley, secretary.

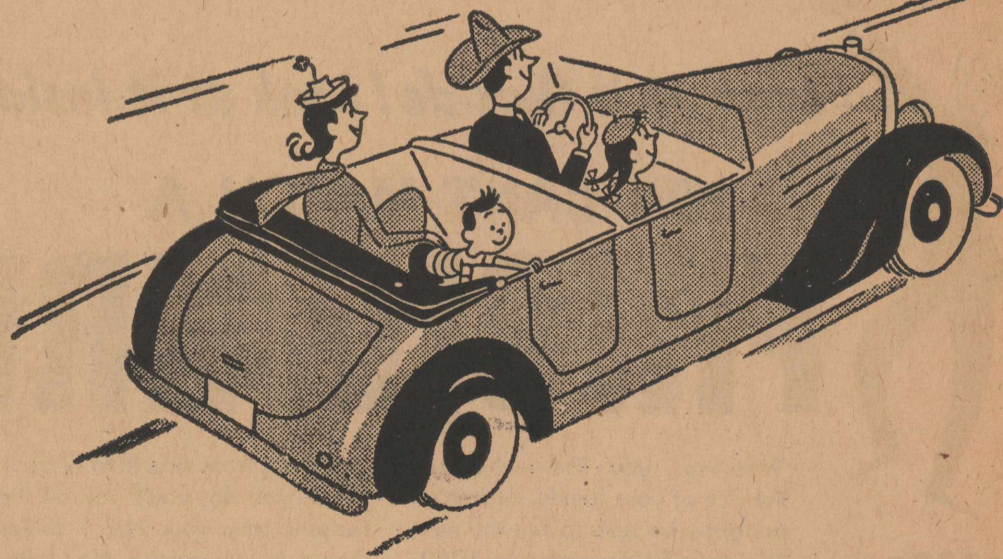
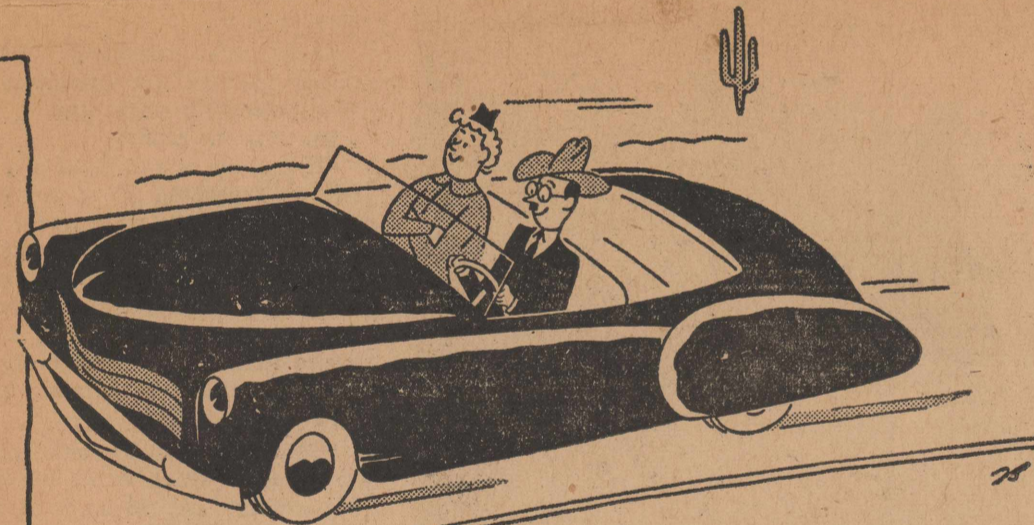
The sale of Hereford breeding cattle for Wednesday, March 8 will be one of the highlights of the show. March 9 will be "Quarter Horse Day" and this will attract people from throughout the nation to the Quarter Association meeting in Amarillo during the show. Jack Roach, president, Amarillo Fat Stock Show, expects the 1950 event to be one of the best in the long and colorful history of the Amarillo show.

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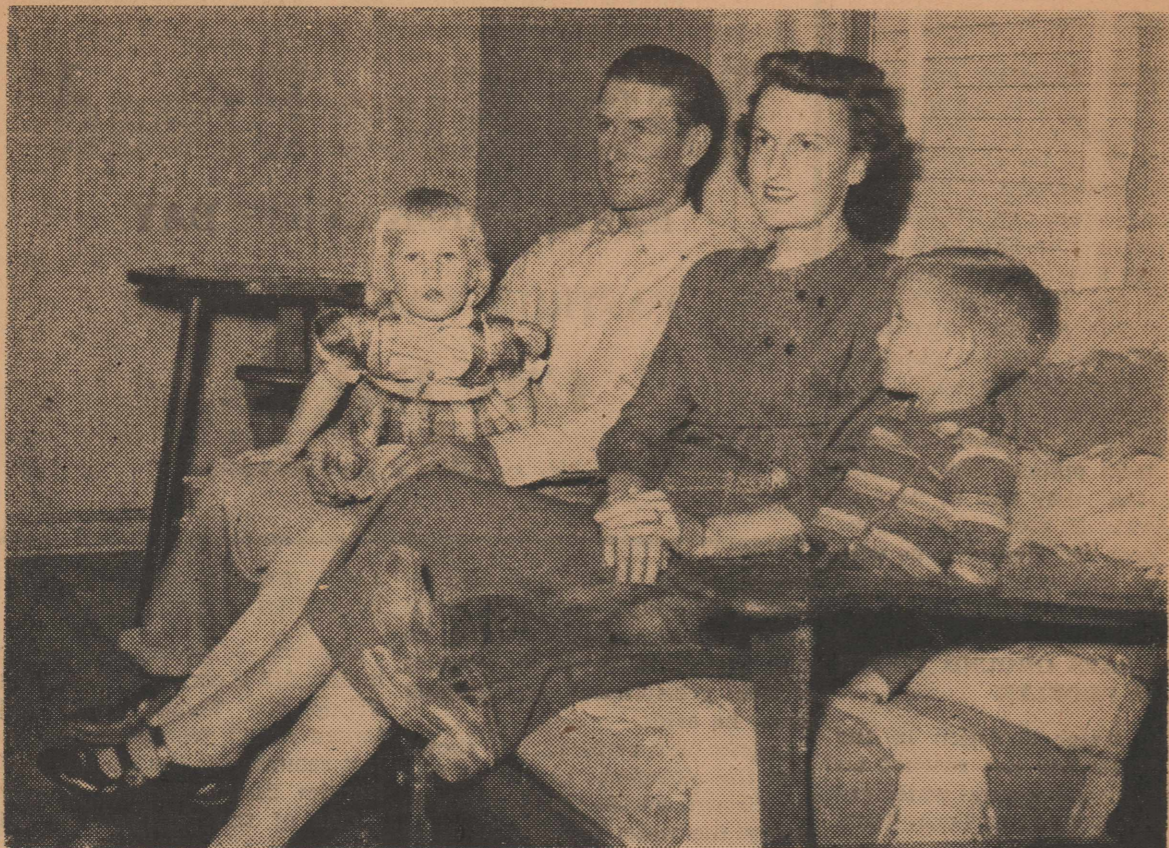
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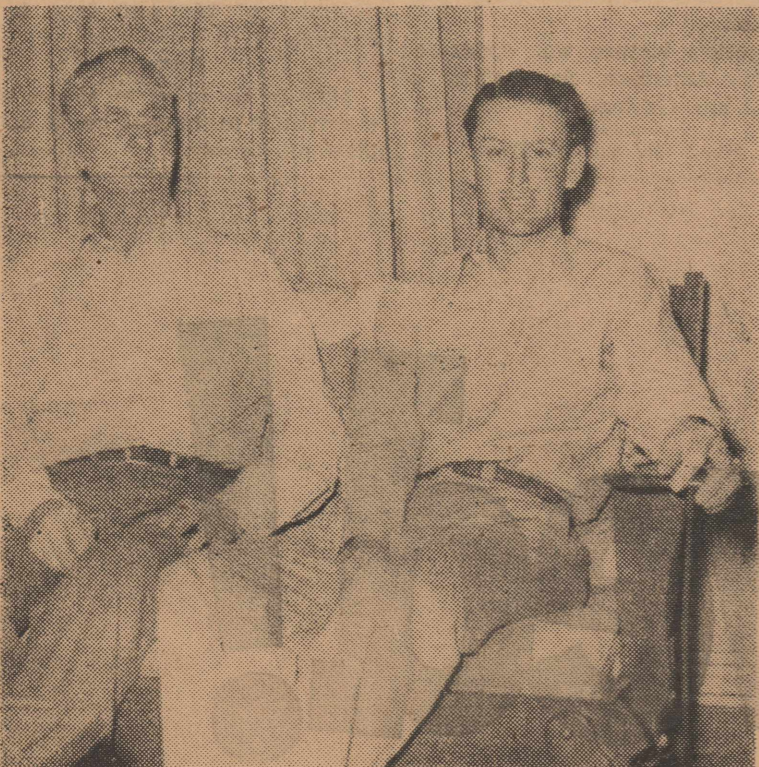
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Mr. and Mrs. Denver J. Anderson and their two children, Rex, 4½, and Ginger, 3. Those two youngsters follow their dad all over the place unless kept at the house by Mrs. Anderson.



Denver J. Anderson, right, and his father, R. L. Anderson.

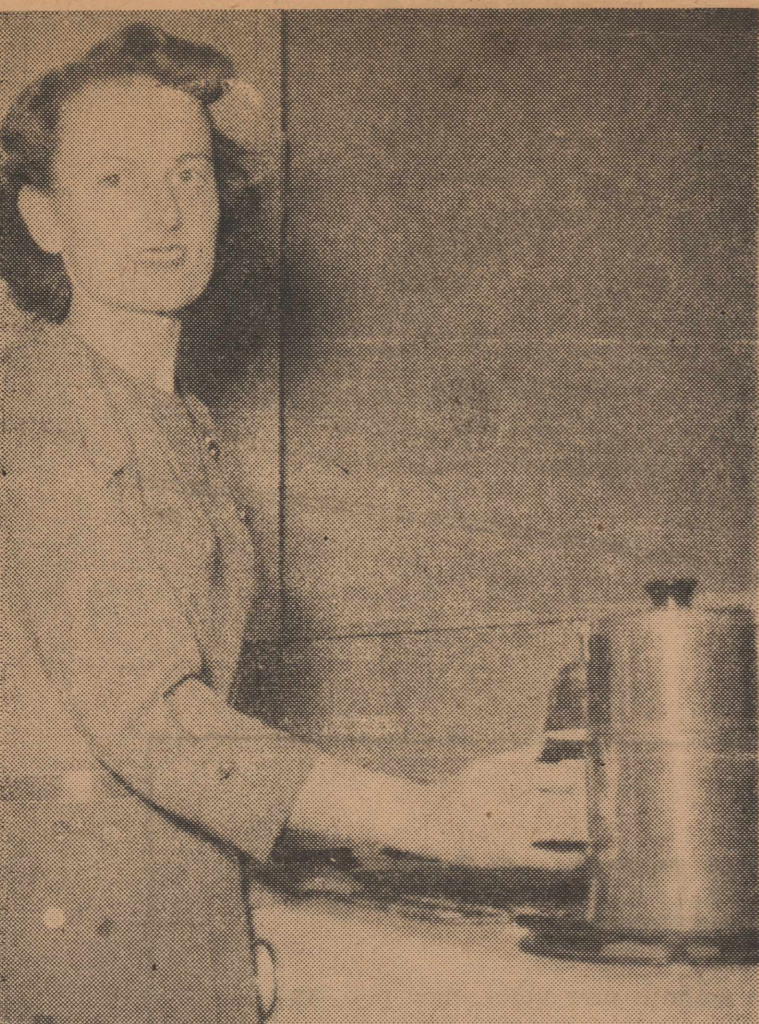
Proper Exit

"What happened after you were thrown out of the side exit of the movie on your face?"

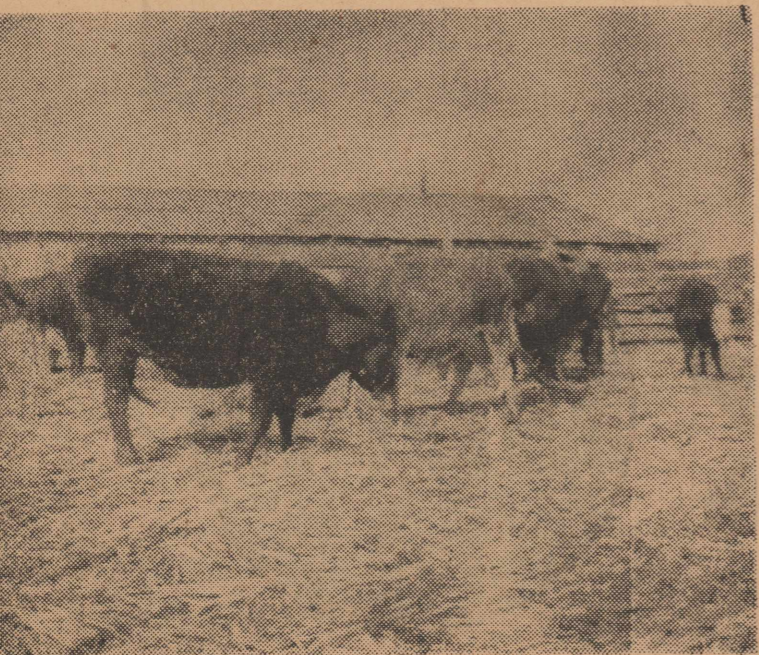
a very important family."

"And then?"

"He begged my pardon, asked me in again and threw me out the front door."



Mrs. Ruth Anderson, wife of Denver Anderson, of near Quitaque, is rightfully proud of that new gas stove on which she is placing her coffee dripulator. They only recently added a Butane gas system to their modern home conveniences.



Here are some of those beef cattle which have helped Denver pay for a half-section farm in four years' time.

YOUNG FARMER PAYS OFF LOAN IN FOUR YEARS

The Post is indebted to the courtesy of the Amarillo Times for the pictures and story on this page about Denver Anderson and his family and their successful farming experience:

Back in the spring of 1946 Denver J. Anderson came home to Flomot in the northwest corner of Motley County, from 39 months in the Air Corps, ready to begin civilian life anew.

Denver had married Miss Ruth Standefer of Plainview in 1941. In 1945, they had a son Rex, about one year of age.

"I also had about \$600 in cash and eight head of cattle," he recalled one day this month. "Oh, yes, we had one bedroom suit and a cedar chest. That was our total worldly possession."

But this young man got busy immediately in a plan to get a farm. He found a 320-acre place located about five miles southeast of Quitaque, across the line in Briscoe county. He made a deal to buy it for an average price of \$32.20 an acre. Then he and his father R. L. Anderson of Flomot, looked up the supervisor for the Farmers Home Administration from whom they soon secured a loan of \$12,000 to be repaid on a 40-year plan.

With this assistance, Denver closed the deal for the farm and took possession about July 1, 1946.

He tells the story:

"It was too late to plant any cotton, so I planted all of my cropland in feed. We were awful busy for the next few months as we dismantled the old four-room house we found on the place salvaging the material and building a new house with addition material secured from a couple more old buildings on the farm.

"That first year, I bought a four-row tractor which was a necessity. We grubbed out 15 acres of mesquite near the house and levelled off a 15-foot sand dune that had accumulated on the north side of the house. We managed to make the first year's payment on our loan, which amounted to \$519.00. For the past three years we have raised cotton as a cash crop along with cattle and hogs. We have averaged selling about \$700 worth of hogs each year. We have sold some 30 head of cattle. We now have 22 head of cattle, graded beef cows and calves, and a registered black Angus bull. We now have five rooms, bath and a hall in our house, adding a big room this winter. We have REA and use Butane for heating and cooking.

"In our second year we paid about \$1,875 on our loan, and then about \$4,000 on it in 1948."

Denver Anderson paid the balance on that loan \$6,782, on January 24, this year, just about a month ago!

How did he do it?

Well he admits he raised a \$12,000 cotton crop last year, with a net profit of about \$8,000 after all expenses had been paid.

"But the cotton would not have done it without my cattle and hog program" he quickly added.

Now Denver Anderson, 30, and his wife, 25, have at least \$8,000 invested in equipment, including a new pick-up a second tractor, a \$350 ice box, a trailer, a combine, etc. They also have two children. Rex is now 4½ years old and his little sister Ginger 3. They also have about 100 laying hens from which they sell eggs.

Mrs. Anderson's parents Mr and Mrs L. N. Standefer, now live in Plainview, but they once lived in Flomot also where Denver knew

his wife when both were in public school. Both are now consistent workers in their church.

"I still have not bought a passenger car for the family but we can all ride in the cab of the new pickup when we want to go anywhere" Denver smiled.

As to the future, this young couple face it confidently since they have accomplished in four short years what it takes many couples 20 years or longer to do.

However, both of them will testify they have done a lot of work in those four years.

One of the proudest persons in this picture of a successful young farmer and his wife is the county Farmers Home Administration Supervisor, Harold Himmel.

TRANSFERRED TO WELLINGTON

A note in the Wellington paper reports that Benny T. Hawkins of Childress has been transferred to Wellington as linesman and service man for the West Texas Utilities Co. He has worked in the same capacity in the Childress office for the past three years. He has a wife and 15-months old son. Mr. Hawkins, the item reports, has been active in athletics at Childress, having played on the baseball and independent basketball teams there. (Benny T. is the son of Tump Hawkins, formerly of Quitaque and Mrs. Sam Webb of Amarillo. He has been in Childress with his father since his discharge from military service.)

Phil: "So you're a salesman! What do you sell?"

Bill: "Salt."

Phil: "I'm a salt seller, too. Shake."

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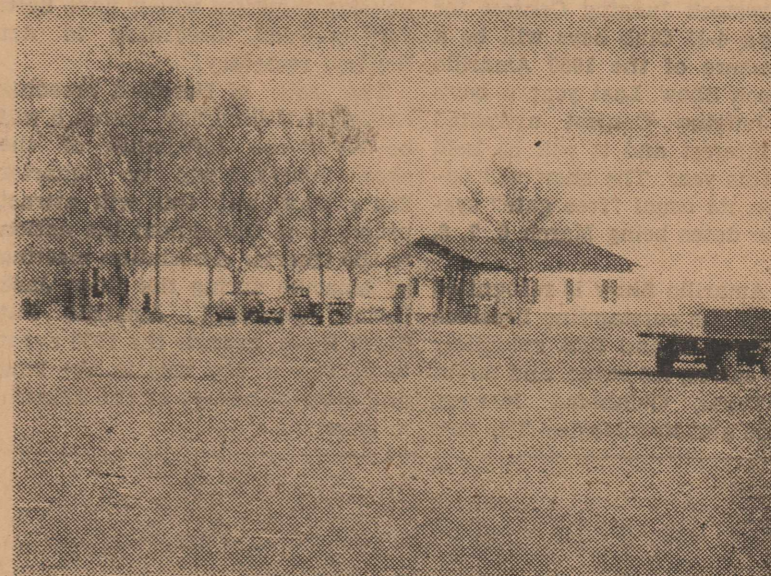
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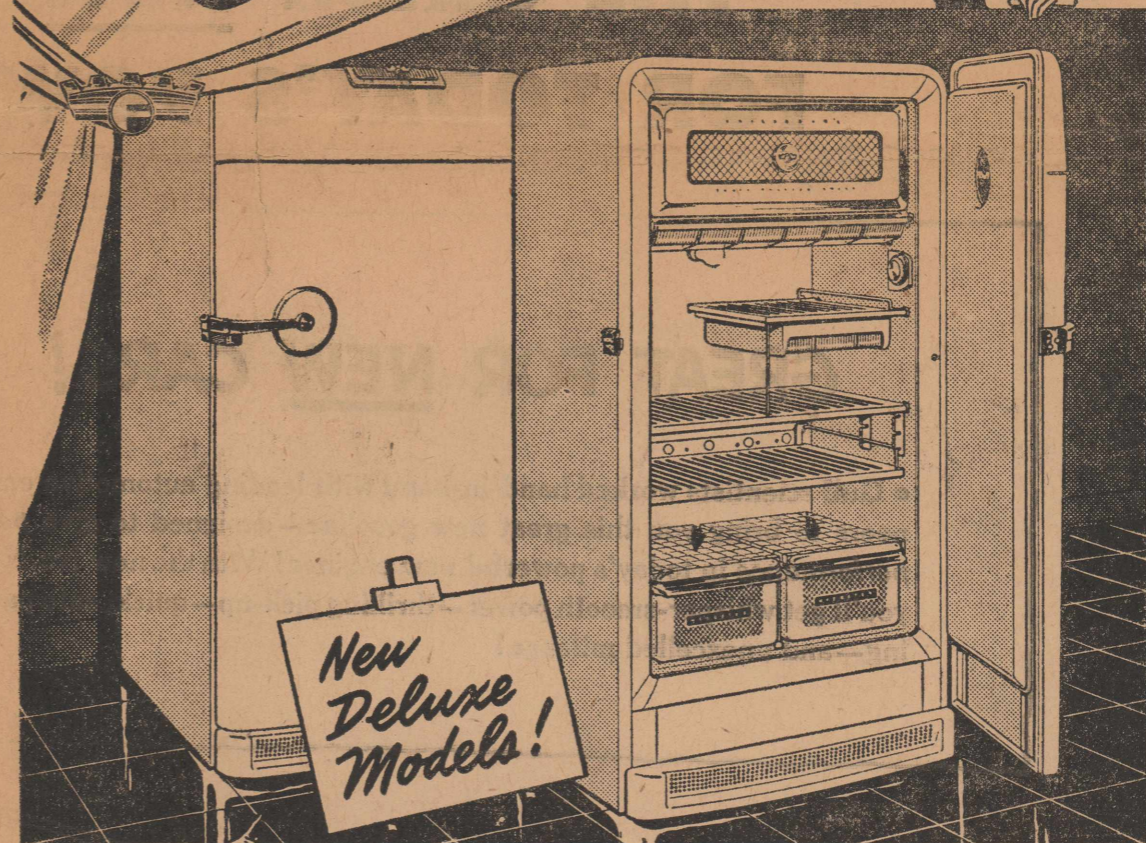
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A rear view of the five-room cottage which Denver Anderson and his father constructed on the Briscoe county farm near Quitaque.

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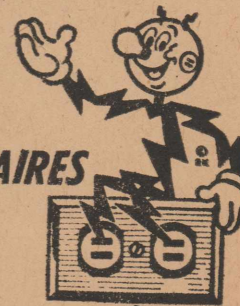
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