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Phone Rates Hiked Without City Councils Okay

Tell-Tale Fe-Mail

By M. L. G.

"First make sure last week's paper is all killed out and that the mats are cast. And don't forget, H. V. will need plenty of pigs."

"After that's all lined up, call on the regular advertisers first. Then if you have any strength or enthusiasm left, see anyone else you think might like the privilege of advertising."

"Hand me that glass of water, please, so I can take this medicine. Thanks."

"Might as well answer the phone while you're up. Your mother's sick too you know. I knew we should have had that phone moved."

"The linotype won't work? Tell him to back up and start over again."

"Tell Davis that there are a couple of stories left from last week that could be used on the front page."

"Fill this with ice, please, the doctor said to keep this darned foot iced down."

"Let's see, now, where was I? Oh yes, when you start the first run, turn the ink on just a little—not too much now, you hear? Just a speck. And better watch that ink, lately it drips out. I don't know what's the matter with the darn thing."

"Get the phone again, will you? I don't see why your mother doesn't have that phone moved. Still won't work? Did he try what I told him? Fiddlesticks! If it isn't the press it's the linotype and when both of those are running smoothly, it's the folder. Get me those crutches and help me out of here."

"What do you mean I can't go down there? I have to. A body can't be sick or crippled when you have a newspaper to put out."

The above father to son conversation took place last Tuesday when Father had a badly sprained foot and a virus all at the same time. I just had the virus and him to put up with. I can't print the conversation that took place the next day (press day). It wouldn't get by the Merkel Mail censors. A brief run-down of "events" of that memorable day are as follows:

The cold, cold weather hit, remember? The coldest spell we've had this year and that meant frozen water pipes at the office as well as 39 Bettis Heights.

Both cars (our son's and Father's) had "spewing" radiators. You should have heard that conversation! Our son was to be at the engraving company in Abilene by 8:30 a. m. and 8 o'clock he came bounding in and asked to "use" our car because of his boiling radiator. Father to son, "what do you mean your car radiator is boiling? Didn't you check the anti-freeze? I don't care what the sticker said about permanent-type, you're supposed to have enough sense to check it when you know the weather is going to get this cold." About thirty minutes later in walks our son minus our car. He had to leave it halfway between here and Abilene because the radiator was boiling, on to Father. Didn't you check the antifreeze in your car last night? I don't care what the sticker said, etc., etc."

Next on the list of "events" was the make-up man calling to say he couldn't make it over because of the bad road conditions. And there were some changes to be made in a grocery ad! Father's boy came through and made them—something he hadn't done before. By mid-afternoon, Father was out of bed again and standing at the front door on his crutches waiting to "go down there and see how things are going." He stayed until the paper was on the press and then came home and watched the clock. Every half hour we had to call and see how things were going. I think he found it a little hard to believe when our son came in with a finished paper and said "It's all done."

Speaking of censors (way back there)—wonder where they were when they let my story about the "W.C." get in the paper a couple of months ago? Jack Parr wasn't so lucky! It was that very story they cut from his tee vee script

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JOB WELL DONE — Earl Watts, left, new Merkel Chamber of Commerce president, presented a trophy to outgoing president, Nolan Palmer, at the annual C-C banquet here February 18. (Staff Photo)

FORMER MERKELITE

BANKER HALF CENTURY MERRITT IS ACTIVE

Ben T. Merritt, president of the First National Bank of Handley in East Fort Worth, passed the 50-year mark in active banking service on Jan. 1, 1960.

Merritt started his banking career on Jan. 1, 1910 with the Merkel Farmers and Merchants Bank at the age of 17. Seven years later he went to Memphis, Texas, where he was associated with the Hall County National Bank for about a year. Following that he was with the Texas State Bank of Fort Worth for a year before becoming cashier of the Handley Bank in October, 1918, where he has been head active officer and on the board of directors for the past 41 years.

He became president of the bank in 1942 and was elevated to active chairman of the board on Jan. 12, 1960. He is the only surviving officer and director who was on the board in 1925 when

JOINT CHURCH SERVICE TO END 'SCHOOL WEEK'

Public school week will be climaxed in Merkel with a joint worship service of the First Baptist Church and First Methodist Church at 7:30 pm-Sunday, March 6.

The service, to be held in the

Ensmingers Attend Rites For Former Canyon Man

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ensminger attended the funeral of Frank Hoople, former rancher of Mulberry Canyon, at Lorenzo, Texas, Sunday.

Mr. Hoople died at 12:45 a.m. Saturday at the home of a son, Born in Kentucky 93 years ago, Mr. Hoople was married to Maude Witt, cousin of Mr. Ensminger's and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Witt of Merkel.

He is survived by his wife and two sons, Jim and Ted. A daughter preceded him in death.

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The need for the public school never changes, but times and conditions may change or require to be changed methods and practices of public education. This is inherent with anything that grows, for growth is the result of change.

Our Texas public schools were created 106 years ago. In 1854 the first law was passed establishing the public school. It is a healthy thing in our democratic way of life to have intelligent understanding of the important functions of our basic institutions. This is especially true of the schools. The initiative and resourcefulness and the wisdom and leadership that our schools are inculcating in the youth of today are the answer of the problems of citizenship in the years ahead.

Yes, "bring me men to match my mountains." That is the need of our times and must come from the public schools—schools that are strong in virtues required for building strong men and women.

We can be assured of this and do our part in understanding and helping the public schools to fulfill their great obligation to our times by being a participant in the annual Public Schools Week, February 28 through March 4. Schools are holding open house; accept their hospitality, and you will enjoy the experience of going back to school—if but for a day.

U of H President To Be Speaker at McMurry Lectures

A well-known historian and author, who now is the president of the University of Houston, will be the main speaker during the spring session of the Willson Lectures at McMurry College.

The Houston University executive Dr. Clanton W. Williams, will speak in all four lectures—they will be held on the McMurry campus, March 15-17—Tuesday through Thursday.

One lecture will be held on Tuesday morning, March 15, with two scheduled for Wednesday and one on Thursday. Each morning lecture will begin at 9:30 a. m. in the Radford Building, with the Wednesday night lecture set for 7 p. m. also in Radford.

The theme of Dr. Williams' addresses will be "Survival of the Fittest." Members of the McMurry Band and the Chanters will provide special music at each of the lectures.

Post Rites For Merkelites' Kin

Funeral was held Sunday in Post for Mrs. Laura (Pippin) Hill, 70, of Abilene, a former Lake Abilene resident.

Mrs. Hill had flu for two weeks and she suffered a stroke Friday and died Saturday at her home.

The former Laura Moore, she was married to Hugh Pippin in 1907 near Dallas. He died in 1949. She was married to Henry Hill in 1951.

Survivors include her husband; three daughters, Mrs. H. M. a nee of Andrews, Mrs. Mary Bell Webb of Arizona; one son Frank Pippin of Merkel; one sister, Mrs. Lon Cross of Dallas; a brother-in-law, Jess Pippin of Lake Abilene community and sister-in-law, Mrs. Jess Smith of View; 19 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Tye To Choose 5 Aldermen, Mayor

Residents of Tye will vote on a mayor and five aldermen at an election on April 5 in the Tye school.

City officials whose terms expire are B. H. Mauldin, mayor; T. J. Hinds, Theo Kincaid, W. H. Rister, Homer Laney and Marshall Alvord, aldermen.

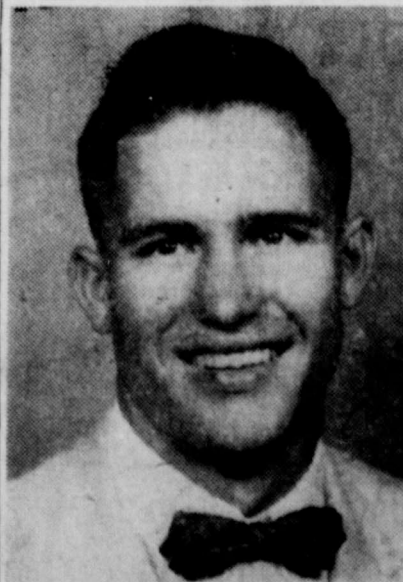
Deadline for filing is noon, March 5. Candidates will file with Theo Kincaid, city secretary.

Polls will be open from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. Lee Hassey is election judge.

Stamford To Host VFW Spring Meet

STAMFORD (Special) — The Spring Convention of Veterans of Foreign Wars District 8, Department of Texas, will be held here on May 14-15 at the home quarters of Stamford Post 9179.

Fred C. Stevenson of Sweetwater is commander of the district, which is the state's largest in membership. Frank Gamblin is commander of the Stamford Post.



JERRY MILLER, Abilene Christian College junior from Merkel, has been elected president of Kappa Delta Pi, national education honor society. Miller, a Bible major, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller, Merkel. He is a 1957 graduate of Merkel High School.



HONOR LONG OVERDUE—Dr. W. T. Sadler, right, longtime Merkel physician, was presented an Outstanding Service Award plaque by Booth Warren, Merkel banker, at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet February 18. (Staff Photo)

MRS. WINDHAM DIES AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS

Funeral for Mrs. Dora Windham, mother of Mrs. Fred Starbuck, was held at 2 p. m. Tuesday at Starbuck Chapel with the Rev. Alvis Cooley, pastor of the First Methodist Church, officiating.

Burial was in the Rose Hill Cemetery with Starbuck Funeral Home in charge, assisted by Kiker-Warren Funeral Home of Abilene and Patterson Funeral Home of Sweetwater.

Mrs. Windham, 80, died at 11:30 p. m. Friday at Sadler Clinic-Hospital after an illness of one day.

Born March 28, 1879, in Coryell County, Mrs. Windham moved to the Hamby community in 1935 and to Abilene in 1936. She was married to David Windham in Coryell County in 1899. Mr. Windham died in 1939.

She moved to Merkel in 1954, and made this her home since that time.

Survivors are four sons, Theo of Portland, Ore., B. F., Abilene, J. C. of San Antonio and T. D. of Midland; two daughters, Mrs. W. B. Mitchell of Midland and Mrs. Starbuck of Merkel; two sisters, Mrs. Pearl Raney and Mrs. Onie Gray, both of Midland; 13 grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Open House Marks Bookmobile Stops

The mobile library is on a "get acquainted" tour of the rural areas it soon will be serving in Callahan, Shackelford and Taylor Counties, according to Mrs. Carmen Hopkins, Multi-County Librarian for the Texas State Library.

The bookmobile will be at the Trent and Merkel schools on Friday, March 4, and will be on display in front of the welfare office in Merkel from 10 a. m. to 12 noon on Thursday, March 10.

Actual "check out" service for the people of this area will begin March 15 and continue for a period of one year as part of the State Library's rural library service demonstration program being conducted under provisions of the Library Services Act.

"Purpose of the exhibition tour," said Mrs. Hopkins, "is to acquaint the people we want to serve with just what a bookmobile is and what it has to offer. We have found in other demonstration areas in the State, that many people have seen a bookmobile, but did not know that this is a free library service."

Mrs. Hopkins said she and Mrs. Annie Rae Gray, Field Consultant for the Texas State Library, will be happy to show off the bookmobile when it comes to this community.

Hours at the schools on March 4 will be 9 a. m. - 11 a. m.—Trent; 12:15 p. m. - 1:15 p. m. Merkel Primary School; 1:20 p. m. - 2:20 p. m.—Merkel Elementary School and 2:30 p. m. - 3:30 p. m.—Merkel High School.

'LIBRARY ON WHEELS' ON EXHIBITION TOUR

Music by the Merkel High School Band will herald the arrival here of the tri-county bookmobile for official opening exercises in front of the welfare office at 10 a. m. Thursday, March 10.

Judge Reed Ingalsbe of Abilene heads a list of dignitaries who will be present for the short program and "open house" of the mobile library. All members of the Taylor County Commissioners Court are expected to attend.

Judge Ingalsbe and Mayor Earl Hughes will speak briefly and the band will give a short concert. The bookmobile will be open for inspection until 12 noon.

No books will be issued on this day as it is strictly an "exhibition" program designed to acquaint the people with just what a bookmobile is and what it has to offer.

Christine Collins, publicity chairman for the bookmobile stop here, said the public is invited to attend. Coffee will be served.

If the weather is bad the program will be held on the inside, Miss Collins said.

"This is what you might call getting together, shaking hands and declaring civil war." Tommy Odum, co-owner of Merkel Telephone Co., told businessmen and councilmen at a meeting Friday afternoon in the Chamber of Commerce office when he informed them that phone rates will be raised without approval of the Merkel City Council.

The rate raise, effective this month, will be a forerunner of dial system, Odum said, with the service going into effect about 12 months after the city council's approval which he hopes to get if there isn't too much static from the people about the raise.

Odum reminded the group that his company had petitioned the city council for the last two years for a raise in rates and had been turned down. "We're going into this without their approval," Odum said, "knowing that they could impound the money and halt improvements, but we feel we are doing what is best for everyone."

Main reason for the councilmen's failure to grant the telephone company's rate raise when petitioned was because dial system would not be installed until the raise had been in effect for about 12 months. Odum told the group Friday that it is common practice for telephone companies to seek an interim rate increase prior to beginning improvements.

Ray Wilson, grocery store owner, apparently reflected the thoughts of most of those present when he asked Odum, "Why do we pay in advance for the improved service? Looks like paying for something we're not getting." Odum assured him that it is the only way he can get financing for equipment necessary for the dial system.

Dave Cumble, drug store owner, brought up the subject of the amount of the proposed raise and wanted to know "why it is so much more than other places of similar size?" Odum said this depends on the investment required in the town.

"We have a quarter of a million dollars invested in the service you have now having taken over ten years ago when it was in bad shape," he said.

He pointed out that the company's return on its investment in Merkel is only 2.75 per cent, compared to the 8 per cent allowed by the State of Texas.

With the rate increase, which will total about \$600 per month, Odum promised new cables installed wherever they are needed, the first to be the new business section in north Merkel. Cables will be installed where they will benefit the most people equipped, he said.

Gamble asked Odum if the telephone business isn't like other businesses — "when new equipment is needed, you pay for it out of profits."

Odum said the amount of money invested here is higher than usual and added "I am begging for the privilege of serving you better."

When he was asked if the company would be violating terms of the franchise under which it operates here his answer was, "No, I don't think so."

Reason for a franchise, Odum stated, was to operate "on a friendly basis." The city gets 2 cents of every dollar taken in by the telephone company.

Odus Griffin, city councilman and farm equipment store owner, wanted to know what to expect in the future as far as rate raises are concerned. He asked "After the interim rate and the increase when we actually get the dial service, how soon before we can expect still another raise?"

Odum's answer to that was, "In about two years probably."

Since the objection isn't so much the increase itself but the fact that it will be in advance of the service, Woody Wilson, jewelry store owner, suggested the company give the city \$600 (amount of the raise) worth of stock each month until dial system is not in a position to do that, put into actual operation. "We're Odum said.

Nolan Palmer, car dealer, asked about the direct line to Abilene he and several other businessmen have been wanting but were unable to get. Odum said his company intends to install a dial board in the near future for the direct service. When asked how much he will charge for this service in addition to what Southwestern Bell will charge, Odum said \$35.

"Too much," was Palmer's answer.

Getting back to the local dial

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Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan of Mineral Wells spent Tuesday in the home of his sisters, the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Farmer and Mrs. Sammy Doan and children, and Mrs. T. J. Amason.

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Starr Rest Home

By Mary Outlaw

The patients are all fair at this writing. We are having some cold weather, but all the patients have been keeping warm. They don't realize we are having cold weather.

Sunday, Feb. 21 Rev. J. A. Cooley, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Merkel, filled his appointment at the Rest Home. Mrs. Brandon Wade played the piano. Fred Starbuck led the singing. Every one enjoyed the service and the singing was just wonderful.

We want to thank Mrs. R. H. Mathews of Abilene for the glasses and jars that she gave the Rest Home.

We were very sad when Hubert Martin went away, but we know that he is a lot better off now. He has gone where he won't have to suffer any more. He certainly had his share of that. We had only had him a short time but he was an inspiration to us and our home. Although his voice was stilled, caused from cancer and later a stroke, he always had a smile midst his terrible suffering but we are certainly glad we could know him and care for him in his last hours on this earth. To his dear wife we offer our sympathy. We know her loss is Heaven's gain.

We want to thank Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Burgess, Abilene, Mrs. Gene McLeod, Trent, and Mrs. W. M. Hays, city, for coming into the home, Feb. 16, and playing and singing for the old folks. We do appreciate them coming in our home.

Hettie West had surgery on her foot last Wednesday at the Sadler Clinic. She is doing fine at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert West, Stith, and Mrs. Jessie Dillon, Abilene, visited Hettie West several days last week.

We want to thank the first and second grade rooms for remembering the patients with plate flavors Dr. Sadler's week. It was very nice of them to remember our old people.

Mrs. Hartley is doing fair at this writing. She enjoys your cards. Please keep sending them. Without medicine her pain would be so severe she couldn't bear it.

Mrs. McMinn's physical condition has improved so much that she is sitting up some and feeding her self. I am sure her friends will be happy to learn that. Miss Bertie Agnew, Anson, vis-

ited her mother Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Tyne Perkins of Abilene visited his mother, May Perkins, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Brown of Sweetwater visited Mrs. Hicks last weekend.

We want to thank Bernice Perry for coming into our home and sitting with Mr. Martin during his last illness.

We appreciate the Rev. Hardin bringing his Stereo Record Player and Album of religious hymns, and playing for the patients Sunday afternoon.

We were sorry the Frank Carrs could not fill their appointment Sunday morning.

We appreciate the Rev. Hardin, and the Rev. Charles Kueck of Abilene for their kindness during Mr. Martin's illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith of Sweetwater visited his father last week.

We were sorry to hear of Mrs. B. T. Brown being in the Sadler's Clinic suffering from a car wreck. We hope she will soon be back home at Trent Mrs. Brown is Mrs. Sarah Carr's daughter, of the Rest Home. Thank you, Rev. Hardin, for the nice stand to set our seals on and thank you Mr. E. R. Foster for building it.

We appreciate Mrs. Roy Hunter for sitting with Mr. Martin while he was ill.

Mrs. Vanlandingham celebrated her 82nd birthday Feb. 26. She is such a nice patient, loved by all, who know her. She received several nice presents. We wish for her many more birthdays.

Eunice Loggins Weds Harold Cox

Eunice Loggins of 2150 Briarwood, Abilene, and Harold Cox of Merkel were married Monday, Feb. 8, at Sweetwater.

Mrs. Jack Smith of Abilene attended the couple.

Mrs. Cox, the daughter of Mrs. Ora B. Read of Abilene, is employed as hostess and cashier at Holiday Inn in that city.

Cox, son of Mrs. A. H. Murphree, Rt. 3, Merkel, is with Cordan Drilling Company of Abilene. He also farms south of Merkel.

During the war he spent four and one-half years with the Army Air Corps, being stationed at Washington, Utah, California and England.

The couple is at home at 1005 S. 3rd, Merkel.

Mrs. Edna Horton visited in the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nutt and children of Marlin the past week.

David Doan of Kermitt was a weekend guest in the home of his aunt Mr. and Mrs. Price Mel-

ton and son Benny. Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Toliver and children of Odessa were weekend

visitors in the home of their parents, Mrs. Edna Horton and Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Toliver.

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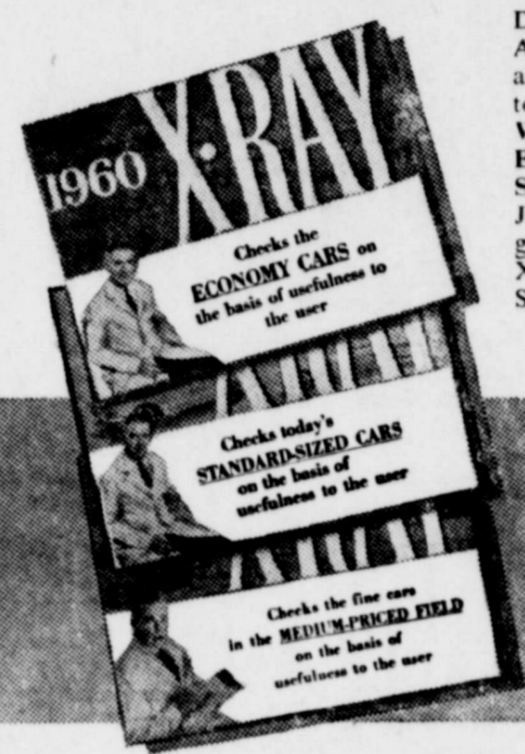
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The national winners and all state safety winners received all-expense trips to the 4-H Club Congress from General Motors in recognition of their house-to-house, bell-ringing efforts to have Mr. Safety represent everyone.

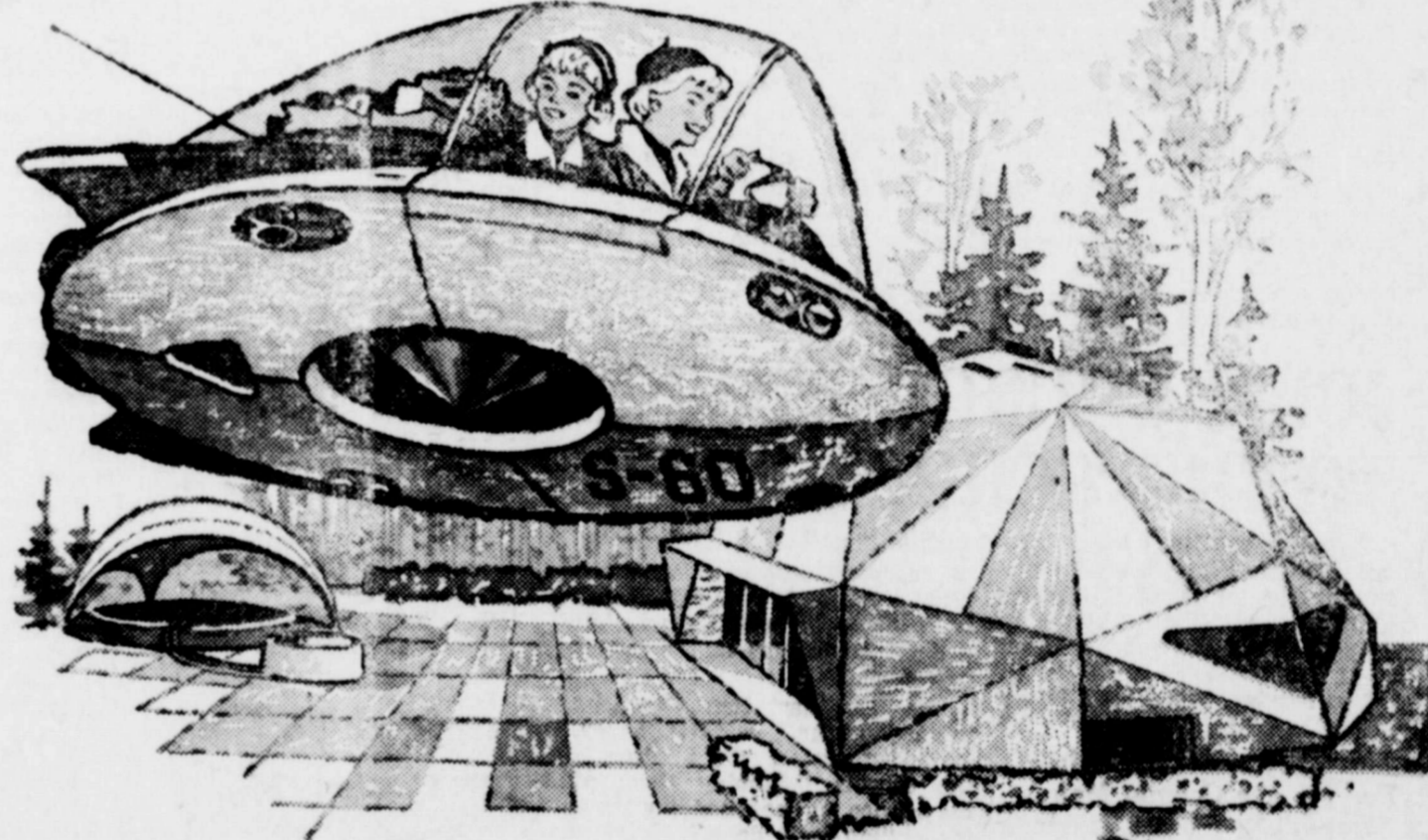
Typical of the group is Caroline Ware, 16-year-old national winner from Benevolence, Georgia, who received a commendation letter from her town's mayor for her safety efforts.

"With all the nation's youth—especially the 2,250,000 4-H members—waving banners, making speeches, parading and campaigning for a safer America, we hope Mr. Safety gets everyone's vote every day of the year," she said.

General Motors is in its 16th year of sponsoring awards in the 4-H safety program which is conducted by the Extension Service of state agriculture colleges and the United States Department of Agriculture. More than 900,000 4-H members participate annually in the safety program.

Other national winners include: Theresa Criscio, 17, West Springfield, Massachusetts; Patricia Kallio, 18, Chisholm, Minnesota; Lawrence Klepetko, 17, Golden, Colorado; Carol Rae Larson, 16, Lusk, Wyoming; Raylene Scott, 17, Rozel, Kansas; Wesley Spear, 19, Oakes, North Dakota, and Ronald Ullom, 18, Valier, Montana.

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STITH NEWS

LAST WEEK —
The farmers are back in the fields this week hoping for dry weather so they can finish plowing.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Pentecost and Mrs. T. J. Green of Tye were visiting friends here Monday. They formerly lived in this community.

Mrs. Sam Mashburn was in a car accident in Merkel Wednesday night. She escaped injury but her car was badly damaged.

Mrs. R. C. Tyler and Mrs. Correne Prescott attended a Stanley party at the home of Mrs. Travis Tyler in Abilene Thursday afternoon.

There has been several cases of influenza in this community the past week. Those who have been ill are Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones, Jimmy Eakin, Mrs. Billy Ray Browning, who had a relapse, Marvin Hotoway, who was in Sadler Clinic hospital, and Joe Nicholas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Nicholas, who had the mumps.

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The new service would have a 600-line board equipped and would be roughed out for a 900-line board. Odum said. He added that the present board has 500 lines with approximately 40 vacant.

Odum said he feels that action to raise the rates had to be taken "to insure the continued growth of Merkel and it cannot grow without improved telephone service."

He explained the company has outgrown its present equipment, that now businesses aren't getting as many lines as they would like to have.

Present rates and the higher ones proposed are:
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Lone Star Gas To Raise Rates

Mr. L. T. Potter, President of Lone Star Gas Company, today said that the Texas Railroad Commission's reported order of February 15 authorized Lone Star Gas Company to raise its intra-company city gate charge for gas for Residential and Commercial customers by 5.4 cents per one thousand cubic feet. "This order has the effect of increasing the cost to Lone Star's Distribution Division, but the level reached is still 4.6 cents below the cost in effect prior to 1942.

"Lone Star's Transmission Division will begin charging the Company's Distribution Division this additional 5.4 cents on the effective date of the Commission order. Although the increase is not as large as requested, the company is accepting the Commission order because of our Transmission Division's immediate need for additional funds with which to continue to obtain adequate gas supplies in today's highly competitive market.

"On December 10, 1958, I wrote the mayors of the cities served by Lone Star and informed them that we were asking the Railroad Commission to authorize the Company to increase its city gate charge. In this letter I stated that Lone Star in carrying out its public service obligation, may be required in the future to file an application for an increase in residential and commercial rates. "It now appears that our Distribution Division will probably be required to seek authority from each council to increase the charge to our residential and commercial customers in an amount sufficient to offset this increased cost of gas. This will average slightly more than 1 cent per day per residential customer.

GIRL SCOUT NEWS

Sunday, March 6, Merkel and Girl Scouts will observe Girl Scout week by attending church together at the morning services.

Scouts in all the United States will be selling cookies during this time to improve properties in their own councils. The scouts and leaders urge everyone to support this sale.



LT. and Mrs. Jimmy Harris of Albany, Oregon, are parents of a son, Charles Henry, born Thursday, Feb. 25.

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Curb On McMurry Fall Honor Roll

ABILENE (Sp.) — Charles Curb, sophomore at McMurry College, was named to the honor roll for the fall semester just ended.

Curb posted a 3.00 point grade average to be ranked scholastically among 92 others who were listed on the honor roll.

The Merkel High School graduate is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Curb.

Payton Scott On Honor Roll

Payton Scott, a graduate in agriculture, was given recognition on the dean's honor roll at the University of Wyoming during the fall semester which ended Jan. 29.

In all colleges except the college of law a student, to be eligible for the honor roll, must carry a total of 15 hours credit and receive a grade average of 1.75 if he is a freshman or 1.60 if he is a sophomore or upperclassman.

Setot is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Scott.

Beaird Honored At Fort Hood

FORT HOOD (AHTNC)—Army PFC Robert C. Beaird, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Beaird, 303 Marion St., Merkel, recently was named Soldier of the Month for the 2nd Armored Division at Fort Hood, Tex.

Beaird, a supply clerk in company B of the division's 48th Medical Battalion, entered the Army in December 1958 and completed basic combat training at Fort Carson, Colo.

A 1954 graduate of Merkel High School, he attended McMurry College and was a surveyor for the City Water Department, Abilene, before entering the Army.

Famine threatens 8,000 families—nearly 50,000 persons—in the Loja District of Ecuador, since a scourge of "army worms" destroyed their crops. Contributions to the CARE Food Crusade, New York 16, N.Y., will help the famine victims survive the winter months.

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But there's no argument that rural Texas is a far better place to live because of the member-owned electric cooperatives that are paying their way with interest.

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RAY-PYBURN ENGAGEMENT TOLD

Mr. and Mrs. Euel Clifford Ray of Route 4, Merkel, are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Annette, and Douglas Wayne Pyburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Achiel Pyburn, Route 1, Roby. Miss Ray is a graduate of Merkel High School and the bridegroom-to-be graduated from Roby High School. Both are students at McMurry College. The wedding will be in the Pioneer Memorial Church in the Butman Community. Date will be announced later.

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DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

When I was a boy the old folks called the penny postal card the pore man's communication system. A letter cost two cent and didn't many folks out our way ever use nothing but the penny card. I recollect my Grandpa telling about the people being when they come up with this fine public service during the administration of President Grant.

Monday morning I had to go in the post office and buy me one of these penny cards for three cent. I think a election year is a mighty good time to remind them Congressmen about what they've done to the pore man's communication system.

The penny card had a picture of Thomas Jefferson, one of the founders of our country, on it and if you recollect, Mister Editor, old Tom was wearing a mighty pleasant look in that picture, like he was proud to be there. When they upped the price to two cent, they didn't want to embarrass Tom so they put ole Ben Franklin's picture on it. This was a bad mistake on account of ole Ben being knowned as the "Father of thrift," and they wasn't no thrift in a two-cent post card. If you've got one of them old two-centers around, Mister Editor, git it out and look at it. Ole Ben looks mighty down in the dumps, like he was plum disgusted.

I note on the three-center I bought Monday that they've got ashamed to put anybody's picture on it, just use a drawing of Miss Liberty. As least they had the proper respect for our founding fathers not to embarrass 'em by putting their picture on this piece of postal larceny. And that's about the only thing good I can say about this new three-cent post card. I hope my Congressman will take note.

Ed Deolittle was telling the fellers at the country store Saturday night about being over in town to inspect his daughter's new house. I take it from the way Ed talked that he don't think much of the way the house building trade is carried on these days. He said the lumber in it was so green that come spring of the year they'd have to use

a lawn mower on the floors and a pruning hook on the weatherboards. He allowed as how they had to put two coats of wallpaper in the house to help hold up the roof, and he said his daughter stuck a thumb tack through the wall and hung pictures on it in two rooms. Ed guessed it took 'em four month to build it on account of his daughter trying to supervise the work. He why it took King Solomon 40 allowed as how he knowed now year to build that temple. He had a thousand wives standing around suggesting how to do it. Ed's a card, Mister Editor.

Yours truly,
GABBY

Native of Norway Is Merkel Garden Club Speaker

Mrs. Ingrid Griggs of Sweetwater was guest speaker for the Merkel Garden Club when they met at the Country Club Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Griggs, who is a native of Norway and a graduate of the University of Norway, is a National Flower Judge, past president of the Sweetwater Garden Club and teaches flower arranging courses.

In her talk on "Interpretative Flower Arrangements," Mrs. Griggs gave the history of flower arranging, basic principles of the art, hints on preserving flowers for arrangements and demonstrations of unusual arrangements.

Believing that flower arranging is an "inner art," she demonstrated an arrangement of her own Norwegian homeland called "When The Sun Returns." Driftwood was combined with pine tree branches, pebbles and other materials to make the background. Vivid golden tulips represented the sun and tiny Norsemen were on the mountains.

Mrs. Dale Litton introduced the speaker.

Christine Collins, litter bug chairman, showed posters and sacks made by Mrs. Mack Fisher's sixth grade pupils.

Mrs. Oris Reynolds, chairman of the arrangements committee for the annual State Livestock Association meeting to be held in Abilene, asked the Merkel Club to decorate the banquet tables for the occasion. A western motif will be used.

Mrs. W. T. Sadler, president, introduced four visitors, Mrs. Pearl Ash, Mrs. William Hayes of Odessa, Mrs. Clyde Lindsey, Paducah, and Mildred Hamm.

Hostesses were Mrs. Robert Hicks and Mrs. Dent Gibson.

Many a housewife spends two hours a day telling her neighbor she doesn't have enough time to do her housework.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

CARD OF THANKS

To our friends, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Allman, Mr. Ira Cross, Mrs. Nolen and Dorwood Mrs. E. R. Clack, Mrs. Jenia Graham, Mrs. E. L. Palmer and Mrs. Bill Sandusky, for their kindness and loving care during our illness, our sincere thanks and appreciation.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mathews, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mathews, Abilene.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all who contributed in any way to make the Senior 4-H talent show a success. Especially do we thank the models and Barbara's Beauty Shop for making them up, the merchants for donating door prizes, the newspaper for publicity, and TV stations for giving the show plugs. Mr. Fisher for the use of the auditorium and Mr. Clack, the custodian, Mrs. Ford Smith Jr. and Mrs. Lindy Smith, mother leaders.

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March 4, 1960

DEAR CUSTOMERS:

Doubtless, you know by now, that telephone rates have been raised in Merkel.

We don't blame you for being somewhat upset, but if you can spare a few moments, we would like to give you the whole picture.

This wasn't a hastily conceived action, done on the spur of the moment. We've been meeting with the City Council in this regard for nearly two years. We have tried to answer their every question concerning the necessity for a rate increase. We have submitted several compromise programs designed to insure the continued growth of our community by providing adequate telephone service for our subscribers.

Each time, our pleas were rejected. The course we took last week, we feel, was the only method left us to insure adequate and modern telephone service for the growing city of Merkel. We only hope that you will not be too hasty in your judgment and will reserve an opinion until you have had a chance to see both sides of the picture.

When the present management assumed operation of Merkel Telephone Co. several years ago, the physical facilities were barely adequate. We invested our time and money to improve the plant and keep abreast of the immediate growth in Merkel and the neighboring communities we serve. Despite our efforts, the continued growth and increased costs of operation have brought about a situation calling for additional expansion. Any reasonable person knows that it costs money to expand a business such as a telephone company.

We also believe that most folks realize that in order to operate, a business must realize a reasonable return on its investment.

If you'll think back for a moment, recall whether or not in the past several years your own living costs have increased. Do groceries cost more, are new homes more expensive? What about drugs, hospitalization, or other necessities?

Realizing that, we think you can see where our own operational costs have increased accordingly. We have opened our books to your city council and have shown them, we are sure, that what we ask is not unreasonable. When most businessmen are faced with this problem, they only have to compute what would be a reasonable price and mark the item accordingly. But our rates are set by law by the City Council. The same law that gives them the right to set our rates, assures a public utility of a reasonable return on its investment. That's all we ask.

Certainly, it is irksome to wait for the operator to answer when you pick up your receiver during busy periods. But let us assure you, our operators are not loafing, nor are they out for a coffee break. They are right there on the job doing their best to get calls through quickly. With our present equipment, we can't handle the load. More operators wouldn't help. The equipment just isn't there for them to operate.

What we want to do is give Merkel a modern dial system that will alleviate this situation.

If you've asked for new or improved telephone service lately, you know what we are talking about. Many of you had long waits after requesting new telephones. Several new businesses here want service that we can't render as much as we would like for them to have it. New businesses won't come to Merkel and the present ones can't grow if they don't have adequate telephone service. Businesses provide jobs that make a community grow.

Barring unforeseen difficulties, in the next ten days or so, we will roll up our sleeves and begin installing the equipment for a dial telephone system to replace the overloaded equipment now in use.

Since coming to Merkel, we've tried to be good citizens. In addition to the regular taxes such as we all pay on our property we own, we also pay the City of Merkel a two per cent franchise tax for the right to do business. We are glad to do it because we want to pay our fair share.

As our friends and customers, you are entitled to know these things. Next time you are downtown, why not drop by our office and watch the operators' fingers fly as they try to keep your calls flowing smoothly.

Thanks,

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Merkel, Texas.

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- 59 CHEVROLET V-8 4 Door Sedan, Biscayne, Powerglide. Radio and Heater. One owner. Blue and Grey — — — \$1895
- 59 FORD V-8 Custom 4 door, Radio and Heater, Automatic Transmission, Factory air ————— \$1895
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WANT TO BUY — Lint - free, clean rags. Phone 61.

NOTICE MASONS
Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710. A.F. & A.M. Saturday, March 12, 8:00 p.m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.
Henry Martin, W. M.
C. B. Rust, Secretary.

N-O-T-I-C-E

I have filed for City Council. I am qualified for the office, and will appreciate your vote and influence.
Sincerely,
Mrs. G. D. McConnell.

NOTICE
I have filed for City Council. Your vote and influence will be appreciated. Clyde Wurst.

NEED A NEW WELL drilled? An old well cleaned out? Call Robert Higgins 9011-J2. Also sell and install Meyers pumps. 51-tfc

IRONING WANTED — Pants and shirts preferred. Mrs. A. B. Gregory, North 3rd & Nolan. Tel. 292-M. 51-tfc.

FOR RENT

APPLIANCES for sale. See Jim Lackey. 3-tfc.

FOR SALE — TP section house, to be moved Merkel, Texas. One four room and bath, one duplex, garage, tool house and fence. Tel. RI 6-2298 or 3574 at Roscoe, Texas. 51-2tp.

FOR SALE — A really clean 24 ft. Travelite trailer house. Has everything. Also Chevrolet pickup. B. T. Sublett, 705 Oak, Tel. 106. 51-tfc

FOR RENT — 5-room furnished house at 308 Orange St. See Mrs. Lorinda Campbell at 362 Orange or Mrs. Barney Borwig, 304 Orange, after 5 p.m. weekdays or all-day Sundays. 50-3tp.

FOR RENT — 4-room house with bath. 1 1/2 miles north of Merkel on Farm to Market road, and on school bus route. C.K. Russell. 50-tfc.

FOR RENT — 3-room unfurnished house with bath. G. N. Reynolds. Phone Trent 2-9382. 46-tfc.

FOR RENT — 7-room house. Phone 292-R. 49-tfc.

FOR RENT — 1 and 2 bedroom apartments. Bills paid. Call 405-W. E. P. Farmer, 405 Kent. 47-tfc.

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FOR RENT — 3-room furnished apartment. Private bath. Mrs. Bert Melton, 1412 So. 5th. Phone 282. 48-3tc.

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FOR SALE — Seed oats, 2 mi north of town. \$1 per bu. See Dave Tarpley. 31-tfc.

FOR SALE — Blond dinette suite. Mrs. Dee Moore. Phone 9008-W2. 50-3tc.

FOR SALE — 1957 motor scooter (Allstate). In good condition. New motor. See at Mina Winter Butane & Appliance. 123 Kent. 50-2tp.

FOR SALE — 3 acres of land and building south of elementary school. See J. W. Bryan or write owner, C. W. Henderson, Rt. 4, Weatherford Texas. 50-4tp.

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To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas—
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: William J. Campbell, Defendant; Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 14th day of March A. D. 1960 to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court on the 5th day of January A.D. 1960, in this cause, numbered 24,590-A on the docket of said court and styled General Motors Acceptance Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. William J. Campbell, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Sequestration on an automobile 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 28th day of January A.D. 1960.

(SEAL)
Attest: R.H. Ross, Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas.
By Irene Crawford, Deputy. 49 50 51-52

Pact If Forward Step To Invasion Johnson Believes

Senator Lyndon B. Johnson said today that the communist conspiracy to invade the Western Hemisphere "took its biggest step forward" in the signing of a commercial agreement between the Soviet Union and Cuba.

In his weekly radio broadcast to Texas, Johnson described the arrangement as "more than a simple commercial agreement."

"There is a question of economic penetration," he said. "And one of the most interesting facts is that Mikoyan made it clear at a press conference that the \$100 million loan would be accompanied by Soviet technicians who would help the Cubans."

"This is one of the classical patterns of communist penetration. There is nothing new in the story except for one very basic and important fact — it has happened right at our doorstep."

Visiting with Mrs. Etta Tucker during her recent illness have been her children, the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Tucker of Houston, Mrs. George Burris of Dallas, Mrs. Mary Tankersley and Taylor Tucker, both of Fort Worth, and J. M. Tucker of Plainview.

JACK POT WINNERS and LOSERS THIS WEEK

TUESDAY—LOSER	Fay Knight	15.00
WEDNESDAY—LOSER	Jo Ann Benningfield	20.00
THURSDAY—LOSER	Roy Thomas	25.00
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Home Demonstration Notes

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent



Miss Thelma Casey district 7 Home Demonstration Agent visited Taylor County Home Demonstration Council at its regular meeting last week. She stressed the importance of 4-H work where the girls meet in small groups to work. More adult leaders are needed to make this type of program effective.

Mrs. Edgar Holly was re-elected County F.H.D.A. Chairman at a meeting Thursday. Mrs. Holly, Mrs. Riley Horton, Mrs. Herman Hamon were elected delegates to the district meeting April 12th in Llano. Mrs. Vada Hardwick, Mrs. George Grantham, and Mrs. Willis Fox were elected alternate delegates.

Have you planted your garden yet? It is time to plant spinach, lettuce, English peas, carrots and put out onion and cabbage plants. Of course we went a little ahead and planted some radishes too and they are already up. We will not lose much if they do freeze later.

It is time to look those rose bushes over and prune to shape them. Cut off any unhealthy or dead limbs. Also cut on limbs that cross or rub each other. We used to say prune roses way back, but they have found at the experiment station that this is not best for the home rose garden.

New spring hats are blossoming in shop windows these days. The spring collection includes cloche types that fit the head snugly and many variations of berets or beret types to be worn like a halo — slightly back on the head and centered.

A hat puts the finishing touch to an ensemble, according to Rhema Merle Boyles, extension clothing specialist of Texas A&M. It should also serve as a lovely frame for the face. With the great variety in style, color and size,

there has to be a hat perfect for you. Consider the hat in relation to your figure as well as your face, suggests the specialist. Also notice the profile. You want the side view to be pleasing, too. To add length to the face and figure, wear hats with brims that turn upward. Hat decorations with an upswept air will also tend to keep the eye moving in a vertical direction. To shorten the face and figure, wear hats with drooping brims or fitted close to the head. Hats in bright, contrasting color or with horizontally placed decoration will stop the eye, decreasing the apparent height of the figure. Hats worn straight on the head are the hardest to wear. This style produces a straight line across forehead which shortens and broadens the face. For best results, shop when you are rested, and have time to look carefully. A full-length mirror is a reliable friend to consult before you make a final decision.

We believe that spring cannot be far away. This sunshine makes us lazy and kinda fish hungry and with the fishing fever. I'll bet old Buck Mashburn of Fort Worth has a little fishing fever now. Buck is quite a fisherman. Well, the young people of the Pioneer church really presented a fine program the past Sunday. Phil Seymore acted as Sunday

School superintendent. David Scott gave the invocation. Jackie Riney led the song service. Teams of two taught all the classes. The messages were brought by Roger Moore, who talked on "How We Use Our Sabbath." Ida Mae King spoke on the "Creation" and Carole Perry's subject was "Prayer." Sue King sang the special, "It Is No Secret What God Can Do." The service was closed with an altar service.

Clarence Melton, who stock farms in the Canyon, is now employed at the Abilene Livestock Auction Company. He plans to soil bank his land next year and not farm his place.

Speaking of soil bank, it is reported now that Uncle Sam wants to swap the farmers some soil bank money for some wheat land, in order to get wheat production down. Too much wheat on hand. With farmers eating high priced light bread, reminds us of a story on a Canyon farmer. His wife had been serving canned biscuits for breakfast and the husband asked, "What brand are these?" Then remarked, "Be sure to not buy any more of them yet."

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Uncle K. Blackburn has been on the sick list the past week, but is reported some better at this time.

Mrs. Oswald Everett of Crosbyton was here for a few days on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Blair report the Butman Youth Camp will open early in June, and they are expecting a large attendance at

BADGER TALES

By RUTHA CORDER

The Future Teachers went to Denton last weekend for the Texas Future Teachers of America Convention. Those that went from Merkel were Kay Teaff, Donna Riney, Mary McKeever, Betsy West, Kent Denton, Mike Farley, and myself. Mrs. Ellen McKeever, Mrs. Eva Faye Denton, Mrs. Alma Collins, and Buddy McKeever went as chaperones. Everyone had lots of fun.

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have so much to do that I don't average but about three hours of sleep every night during test week.

Its not very long until time for cheerleader election. In any case everyone is already discussing who is trying out, who won't get it, and who will. Too, bad we can't get any boys to try for it—all of the girls think that boy cheerleaders would be just about THE thing.

The yearbooks are just about finished up if they aren't already. Everyone starts looking forward to the day the annuals come back about a week after they are sent off. (They are usually about a month late). It is nice to have something to look forward to.

Tennis and Track are just around the corner for everyone and from the looks of it everyone's going to have plenty of competition. Here's hoping for some good teams.

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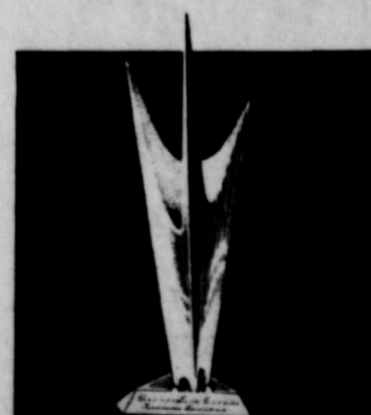
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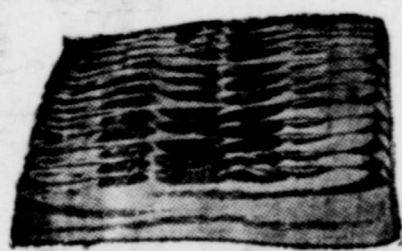
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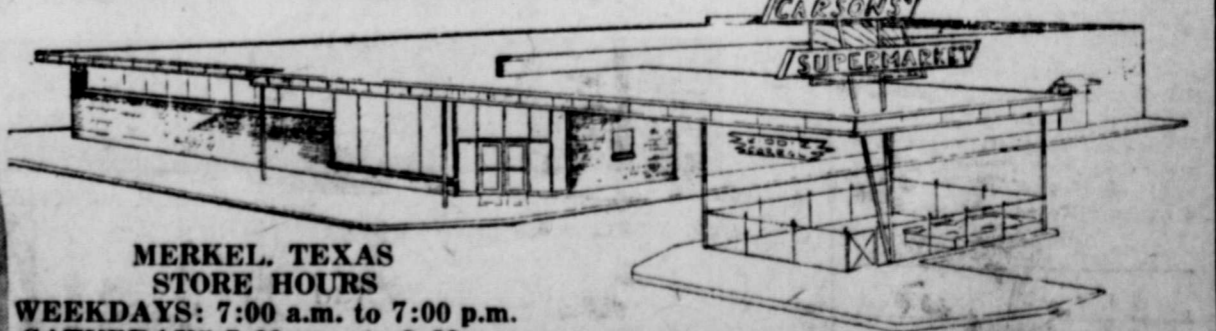
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