



ZERIC B. JOHNSON

Merkel Boy Becomes Officer

Zedric B. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Zedric Johnson, has been commissioned a second lieutenant following graduation from the 26-week Engineer Officers Candidate School at Fort Belvoir, Va. A veteran of 15 months' Army service, Lt. Johnson was formerly a student at Texas Tech College at Lubbock.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1932 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

ULTRY SHOW TO OPEN

Annual show of the U. S. Association will be held here, Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 13, 14, 15. The show will be held in the Max Melton building just east of the M. System Store. Special prizes of about \$100 in merchandise are offered.

ARE ON HONOR ROLL

Despite the large number of absentees due to the flu epidemic, about 20 per cent of the enrolled pupils of the Merkel Public Schools made the requirements for the honor roll this six weeks. The list contains the names of 107 students, 80 from high school and 27 from grammar school.

REVIVAL CONTINUES

Beginning last Monday night, Rev. J. W. Joiner, pastor of the Presbyterian Churches at Winters and Tuscola, is conducting a series of meetings at the Presbyterian Church here, in keeping with the plan of the committee on evangelism in this presbytery. In the meantime, Rev. B. A. Walker, pastor of the local church, will fill the pulpit at Winters.

TO HOLD RALLY

A prohibition rally at Butman Tabernacle is announced for next Monday night beginning at 8 o'clock. The principal speaker will be Rev. Yarborough, pastor of one of the Methodist Churches at Sweetwater.

DIVIDE INTO 3 ZONES

Reorganization of the Sweetwater Association-Baptist Training School resulted from the meeting of the young people of the association.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1912 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

January 28 the Merkel Poultry and Pet Stock Association met in regular session for the purpose of electing the following officers: E. H. Ordell, president; R. A. Ellis, vice president; R. A. McClain, secretary, and H. M. Rose, treasurer. G. E. Holland, G. L. Baker and W. L. Diltz were elected to look after affairs of the executive committee.

Fritz Fulwiler of Abilene was here Sunday, visiting R. O. Anderson.

Miss Annie Smith accepted a position this week with our Uncle Sam, taking charge of the general delivery window.

Luther Woodroof of Waxahatchie came in Monday morning and promptly removed his coat and went to work for his brother, W. D. Woodroof. The junior member of the family says Merkel still

Editor Vexes Wife When Stuck In Shinnery Sand

Ever get stuck in mud? Well, that's nothing to being stuck in sand, shinnery sand, sand that just piles up and passes on when winds blow blithely and make music of monotonous notes.

Last Friday the editor went on a trip with Coleman O'Brien, manager of the Soil Conservation Service here. Technician O'Brien may know his soil but it seems that the soil knows him too!

The editor and the technician had gone out to the Z. Edgar Boaz farm, seven miles north of Noodle, to see some grass planting on some shinnery sand. They started at 10 a. m. but the editor had promised his wife that he would be back by noon or before so she could keep a 12 o'clock appointment. Coleman said they would be back way before that.

Well, the editor and the technician arrived at the Boaz farm but Ed was not at home, so they could not get the information they wanted.

As they drove from the headquarters of the ranch, Coleman suggested that they look at the

beautiful Hereford cattle. They did! Then the technician suggested that they go look at the shinnery sand land to get the FEEL of it.

"It's only a mile from here," said the soil conservationist. "It won't take long to go there and back. I'll get you home by noon, in time for your wife to keep her appointment."

"Well..." hesitated the editor. "Shall we go?" asked Coleman. "Let's."

And they did. It so happened that there was a gate. It so happened that the editor opened the gate. It so happened that he couldn't close it. It so happened that Coleman got out and closed the gate. It so happened that lots of things happened.

Coleman suggested that the editor drive so he could open and close the next gate. The editor did. The next gate was already open, but the editor drove on anyway. "We're coming to the shinnery land," Coleman remarked jubilantly. "You'll soon get the feel of it."

He did. "Keep in second," Coleman advised.

He did. Soon the editor got the idea. The pickup started slowing down. "Keep in the rut," cautioned Coleman. "Don't let her stop," he advised.

But caution or advice to the contrary, the car stalled, stopped. Then the trouble began. The more the trouble was speeded up the shinnery wheels, dug into the shinnery sand, the sand that piles up when the winds blow blithely and make music of monotonous notes.

Coleman went to work in earnest. He got out his shovel that he had handy, perhaps for just such an occasion. He dug behind the back wheels and the editor tried backing the car. He tried going forward. He tried rocking the car. No go! The car was stuck.

The editor thought it was time to give up. He tried not to think of the promise he had made to his wife that he would be home by noon. He didn't know what Coleman was thinking.

But Coleman had patience and persistence. He did not give up. He kept digging at the back wheels more and more. Then he reversed himself and tried the front wheels. He dug sand away from them. No go! The pickup was stuck.

The editor tried to do something. What could be done to move the car? He knew how to get out of mud, Missouri mud. But this was sand, Texas sand, and shinnery sand at that. All he could think was, "What was going to happen when he made his wife miss her appointment?" He would be in the dog house for certain!

Coleman got a happy thought. He would jack up the back wheels and put some lumber under the tires. He did. The lumber he had in the pickup, perhaps for just such an occasion! He told the editor to start the pickup, to rock her back and forth quickly and with speed. The editor did. The only result that took place was that he smelt something burning.

"It's the tires!" yelled Coleman. "Shut off the motor!"

He did. The editor then got his mind off his wife's appointment long enough to make a suggestion. "Try some broken, dry branches," he advised Coleman. "Don't see how that will help," he replied. "But we'll try."

Both gathered the branches and broke them and placed them under the back tires. The motor was started. The car would not move! It was already noon and past the hour for the editor's wife's appointment. What was happening there, he wondered. What was in store for him, he pondered.

What could be done to make the car move? A brilliant (?) mind should have a brilliant thought. The editor got out of the car. He moved around, trying to avoid getting stuck in the sand himself, trying to keep the sand out of his

Roy R. Largent Wins Two Firsts At Denver Show

At the National Western Stock Show in Denver Roy R. Largent won first for Hereford junior bull calves with LS Royal Mixer 12th. Mr. Largent also won first for Hereford junior get-of-sire.

low-cut shoes, trying to stand clear of the grass burs.

He ran into some cow chips. "Let's try these," suggested the editor.

"Well, what was there to lose? Coleman was willing to try anything. He did. They threw the chips in the ruts. But they wouldn't work. The car refused to budge. Instead of having advanced one foot of ground or sand, the pickup actually had gone backward about 50 feet!

"Well," said Coleman. "I know what to do. I'll go for a tractor." It was way past noon now and the editor relaxed, knowing no amount of worrying would change the situation now and he would have to face the music for a 10 minute late arrival for a two hour late arrival. He settled down to writing some notes of the situation and an editorial and waited for Coleman.

The conservationist was gone about three-quarters of an hour and finally arrived with the tractor and attached it to the pickup and pulled it out and on to sturdy, safe ground.

After taking off the tractor Coleman got into the pickup to drive. He did... a little way. "Something wrong," he commented quietly.

"What?" yelled the editor, not so quietly. "Flat tire. I'm sorry but we'll have to change the tire."

He did. He looked at the tire. "I'm sorry," he remarked. "What now?" asked the editor fearfully.

"It's low. It needs air." About this time Ed had arrived home and he came out, found what the matter was and found his equipment to put air in the tire.

This was done and the editor and the technician were on their way. "Hope nothing else happens," remarked Coleman.

"What more could happen?" asked the editor. But he wasn't thinking of his wife and her appointment. They arrived at the Mail office.

As the editor got out of the car, Coleman remarked, "Hope I don't get you into more trouble."

The editor thanked Coleman for a splendid trip and remarked how much he had enjoyed it. Then he turned to go into the office. When he got to the door, he found it locked. The good Mrs. had closed the door and locked it and kept her appointment.

PLACE BABY IN INCUBATOR

A baby boy weighing 3 pounds 9 ounces was born to Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Hatfield at the Sadler Hospital Monday, Jan. 26. The baby was placed in an incubator and possibly will remain there for a month.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM

GREETINGS:

One of the great and basic institutions upon which we rely for the furtherance of our American ideals is our public school system. It is the birthright of every American to attend our public schools and to there acquire the essentials for making an honorable living, as well as an understanding of the reciprocal privileges and responsibilities of American citizenship, the advantages of our way of life, and the place of our country in the world.

We in Texas are proud of the school system that has been developed in our State. We like to believe that the opportunities afforded our children for sound basic education are not excelled anywhere. If we are justified in this conclusion it is only because the people of our State have shown a personal interest in education and because public spirited men and women have been willing to devote their lives to the teaching of youth.

Our school system can meet the objectives expected of it only when there is widespread public understanding of our schools and the type of education they provide. This kind of understanding can best be developed by the intimate knowledge that comes from inspecting the schoolhouses, knowing the teachers and seeing the work of the pupils.

THEREFORE, I, as Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby designate the week of March 1-7, 1953, as PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK in Texas, and I urge every citizen to visit at least one public school during this period and to become personally acquainted with the programs and accomplishments of our educational system.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 16th day of January, 1953.

ALLAN SHIVERS
Governor of Texas.

Coach Ellis' Boys Trounce Stamford To Lead 5-AA Race

With about 500 persons in the local gym last Friday night Coach Tommy Ellis' Badgers trounced the Stamford Cagers 55 to 45.

This made Merkel undisputed leader of the District 5-AA basketball race.

The game was nip-and-tuck until midway through the third quarter and was still close until the fourth quarter when the Badgers

Mary Ann Wheeler Dies Tuesday At Age of 92

Mrs. Mary Ann Wheeler, 92, resident here about 63 years, died at her home about 3:30 p. m. Tuesday.

She was the wife of the late W. W. Wheeler, former mayor of Merkel and a justice of peace here for 25 years.

The funeral was held at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church; with the Rev. Joe Allen, pastor of First Baptist Church of Kermit officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mrs. Wheeler had been a member of the Baptist Church for 70 years.

She was born June 29, 1860, in Ellis County. She married Mr. Wheeler there Nov. 4, 1887, and moved to Merkel in 1890. He died March 6, 1935.

Survivors are two sons, Burl Wheeler, 750 Sunset Dr., Abilene, and Ross Wheeler, four daughters, Mrs. W. L. Johnson and Mrs. A. B. Harris, of Merkel, Mrs. V. W. Leppard of Anson and Mrs. W. C. Leppard of Big Spring; 12 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and three great-grand-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Buck Leach, Dee Grimes, Pinky Cybert Rufus Tittle, Horace Boney, Earl Watts, Joe Cybert and Andy Shouse.

White Auto Store Is Sold Wednesday To Floyd Green

Floyd Green of Abilene has bought the local White Auto Store and took personal charge here Wednesday.

Mr. Green is married and has one daughter, Blenda Kay, 2½ years old.

He was in Abilene seven years and was connected with the West Texas Utilities Company for six years in the bookkeeping department. Mr. and Mrs. Green are members of the Baptist Church.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

The Badgers play Hamlin at Hamlin tonight. They play Colorado City here next Tuesday night.

scored 8 points to only 10 for Stamford.

The game was tied 13-13 in the first period and Merkel led, 22-21, at halftime.

The Badgers scored a field goal midway through the third quarter to pull into a one-point lead, 28-27. Thereafter the Badgers were always ahead, although the Bulldogs were still just 2 points down at the end of the third quarter, 35-37.

Arlan Harris scored 20 to lead the Badgers, and Kelton Williamson added 14 more.

Stamford won the B game, 37-31, with Billy Gilbert eight for Merkel.

For Merkel it was the fourth straight conference victory. It was Stamford's first loss in four games.

Though Anson won by two points over Merkel in Anson last Monday there was a question of the correct timing.

With less than one minute left to play in the last regular period the score stood 38 to 34 in the Badger favor. With only a few seconds remaining Anson made 2 points. This left the score 38 to 36. The noise of the rooters was terrific.

With the hand of the clock showing that the time was running out the Anson boys shot another goal, making the score 38-33. When the clock was stopped it showed the hand past the limit of time.

However, it was decided that it was a tie by the timekeeper and the three minutes over time was played and Anson ran the score up to win.

At no time during the regular time of play after the near close

2 Basketball Games Will Be Played Here Next Thursday

Two basketball games will be played next Thursday, starting at 7:30 p. m., at the local gym. The FTA will play the High School Badgers. The FTA girls will contest the FHA girls.

Buddy McKeever Receives Degree From McMurry

Buddy McKeever graduated from McMurry College at mid-term. He received a B. S. degree in secondary education. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McKeever.

Noodle, Merkel Grammar Schools Split Twin Game

Led by Pack, Lawlis and Deen, the Noodle seventh graders subdued the Merkel seventh graders 38-24 on Jan. 19 here. The score was tied at the half 12-12. Eddie Hobdy was high point maker with 14 points.

In the second game the Merkel Junior Badgers were red-hot in downing the Noodle 8th graders 110-23. All the Junior Badgers had the basket range. Robert McLeod led the Badgers with 31 points. Jerry Miller followed closely with 24 points.

The Juniors play Noodle tonight at Noodle.

Roy Largent Will Exhibit At Fat Stock Show

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Largent returned Friday from attending the Denver Show and will go to Fort Worth on Friday to exhibit at the Northwestern Fat Stock Show next week.

of the first quarter did Anson get in the lead. They either tied the Badgers or kept behind.

The victory was the second and two defeats for Anson, and the first loss for Merkel after four triumphs. Stamford is still second with three wins and one defeat, but Arlan Harris of Merkel was the night's leading scorer with 17. Merkel had led 10-8 at the first period, 15-13 at halftime and 27-24 at the end of the third period.

Merkel Girls Beat Colorado City By Score of 36-26

The Merkel Basketball Girls defeated the Colorado City Wolves Jan. 13 at Colorado City 36-26. It was a close game all the way.

Lois Black was high point girl with 17 tallies while Imogene Dye followed with 15.

Merkel lost the "B" game with Tommie Maddox high for Merkel with 20 points.

Jan. 23 here 22-27. At the half the score was 12-12. High point girl was Imogene Dye with 14 counts.

The girls had a misfortune when one of their players, Lois Black, turned her ankle in the first few minutes of the game and could not play.

The "B" team won over the Piedpipers 12-10. The score at the half was 6-6. High scorer was Tommie Maddox for Merkel with 9 points.

Boy Scout Week To Be Observed Here Feb. 8-14

Plans have been made for the observance here of Boy Scout Week, Feb. 8-14, according to local Boy Scouts officials.

The highlights of the week, which commemorates the 33rd birthday of Scouting in America, will be a pot luck supper to be held in the school cafeteria next Thursday, Feb. 5, at 7:30 p. m. All Cubs, Boy Scouts, Explorers, their parents and scout officials are urged to attend this annual affair. Parents will be notified by mail what food to bring.

The program will be staged by Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. On Sunday night, Feb. 8, the Cubs Scouts and Explorers will attend the local Presbyterian Church in a group.

The Scouts and Explorers will set up a model camp site on the south side of the T. and P. right-of-way, just east of Oak Street, on Saturday, Feb. 14. Also, several window displays will be arranged in store windows.

Local Scout officials include: K. C. Whiteley, scoutmaster; Frank Breaux, assistant scoutmaster; R. L. Elliott, cubmaster; Waymon Adeock, explorer advisor; C. A. Farley, neighborhood commissioner; and Isadore Mellinger, institutional representative.

Trent Wins Two Games From Divide Last Friday

Trent boys and girls won a basketball District 21-B east zone doubleheader at Trent Friday night from Divide.

The boys defeated Divide, 60-45, and the Trent girls took a nip-and-tuck affair from Divide, 35-31.

LEAL HAVE BOY

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Leal at the Sadler Hospital January 26.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hail and family of Odessa visited with his brother I. J. and family.
Mr. and Mrs. Porter Strange and daughter Sharron of Walnut Springs visited with her mother, Mrs. Lottie Green, Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger

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and son, Sylvan spent a few days this week in Tyler with Mrs. Mellinger's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hutcheson and family of Abilene visited his grandfather J. T. Darsey, Sunday.

Phillip A. Diltz, Jr., and family visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Diltz, Sr., over the weekend. Phillip, Jr., is engineer for radio station KGKL in San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Mina Winter were guests of the J. C. Wrights in Lubbock over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox spent the weekend with his daughter, Mrs. Mitchell Walker, and family in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shouse with Bobby were in Midland over the weekend, visiting their son Mordell and family.

Jim Patterson Jr., of Tulsa, Ok-

la, spent Friday night here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Patterson, Sr. All the children were present Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller and Miss Annette Johnson were in Edgewood Tuesday to Thursday, visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Rust were in Post Saturday evening on business.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Redding and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown were at the Clear Fork River Sunday and had dinner there.

Mrs. W. L. Brown Jr., and children of Roswell, New Mexico, visited over the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Webb, and Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Sr.

Mrs. E. O. Carson returned Saturday from a visit with her niece, Mrs. Troy Phillips, and family in Monahans.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swann visited in Denton with their daughter, Patsy on Wednesday of last week on her birthday. Patsy is attending NTSC.

Mrs. Harry Firstbrook of Dallas visited here this week with her sister Mrs. Roy Largent.

Betty Jane Tittle visited her niece, Peggy Lou Tittle, in Lubbock over the weekend. Peggy Lou is a student at Texas Tech College.

Mrs. W. D. Webber of Amarillo visited her brother, Ed Wilson over the weekend.

Mrs. Barney Douglas and children, Jack and Jimmy, Mrs. Bill Brown, Jr., and boys, Randy and Mike, all of Roswell, New Mexico, spent the weekend with their par-

ents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Webb. Mrs. Webb is slowly improving.
Rev. and Mrs. John N. Russell returned Saturday from Temple. They were accompanied by their son Joe who went home Sunday morning.

Visitors in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Hugh Hunt on Wednesday and Thursday of last week were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Robertson of Wheeler and over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Harless Wade of Sonora.

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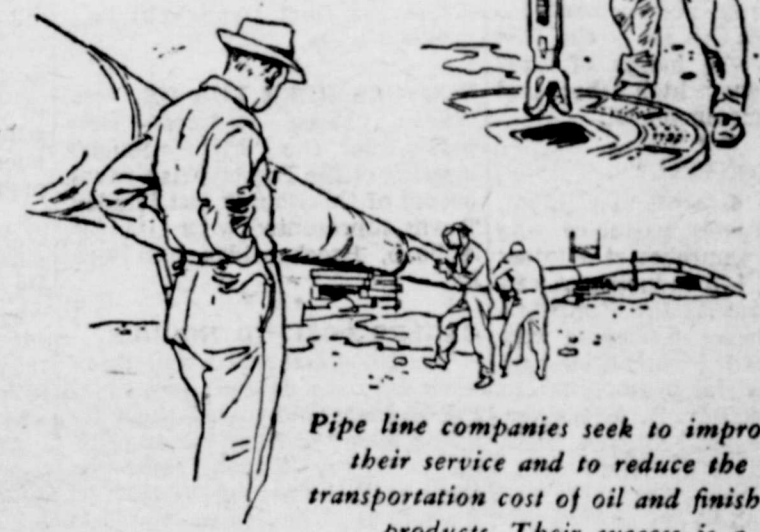
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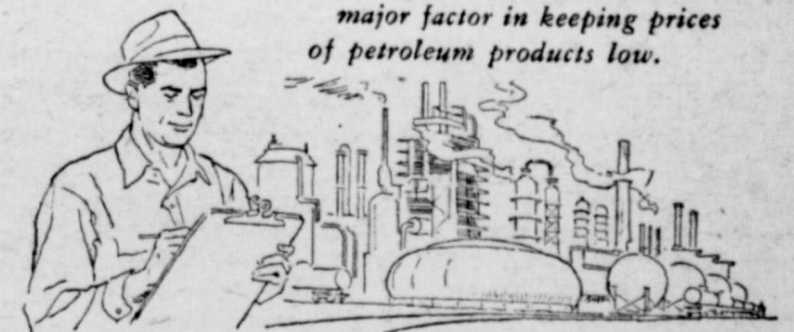
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What Do Folks Want When Buying Their Own Home?

Government researchers have given home builders some helpful hints on how to make their customers happier.

Give them more storage space, larger rooms, more efficient kitchens, and better dining facilities, they said.

Most home buyers are not satisfied with the houses they purchase. Only a small fraction — 4 per cent — believe they have "found just the right place."

This was the finding of a survey conducted by the Housing and Home Finance Agency on "why people buy the houses they do" and "how well are they satisfied?"

The agency said it conducted the survey because builders are becoming "convinced" they cannot stay in business unless they offer better houses.

Typical Complaints

"Many builders no longer are certain that 'because people buy our houses, they must like them,' " the agency said. "Increasingly they are coming to believe they must have some fundamental knowledge of the particular requirements and desires of people who buy their houses."

Here are some of the common complaints the survey disclosed:

Half of the buyers found their rooms too small. Roughly, 23 per cent said the bedrooms are not big enough to hold needed furniture.

Another 19 per cent protested their kitchens did not provide adequate work space or eating room. One-third were dissatisfied with laundry arrangements. About 45 per cent did not have adequate storage space.

The average price for homes surveyed cost \$9,500. Only 12 per cent paid less than \$5,000 and 16 per cent paid \$15,000 or more. The average income ranged from \$3,000 to \$5,000 or more a year generally bought houses costing more than \$20,000.

Majority Own Cars

Of course with preferences, the majority wanted brick or stone houses. But 55 per cent of the buyers bought frame houses. In the lower income ranges 70 per cent bought frame houses although only 17 per cent wanted this type.

The agency also reported 85

RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY?



Who said, "Rain, rain, go away!" This pretty miss is eager for showers, so she can don her smart cotton raincoat by Lawrence of London. The Wellington Searc cotton fabric is sand-colored, and black is used for the trim on the coat and for the dashing beret. The cotton fabric is water-resistant and wind-resistant, the National Cotton Council reports.

per cent of the home buyers owned automobiles and two out of three got garages with their new homes.

Best satisfied with their storage space were the buyers who acquired both a basement and a garage.

Complaints of inadequate storage were most frequent. Another common complaint was against the arrangements of rooms. One in four buyers wanted these changes:

Relocation of living room and kitchen to allow easier access between them, or to improve the view from the living room.

Relocation of bedrooms to afford greater privacy and to lighten housework.

Relocation of the bathroom for greater privacy.

1,000 Owners Interviewed

"The majority decided to buy because they thought owning would be cheaper than renting and they regarded buying a home an investment," the survey showed. "A one-story house was preferred because of its convenience and because the buyer and his wife believed a one-story house

would save housework. A basement was wanted by the majority."

The survey showed the average house purchased had five or six rooms, including two bedrooms, bath, basement and garage.

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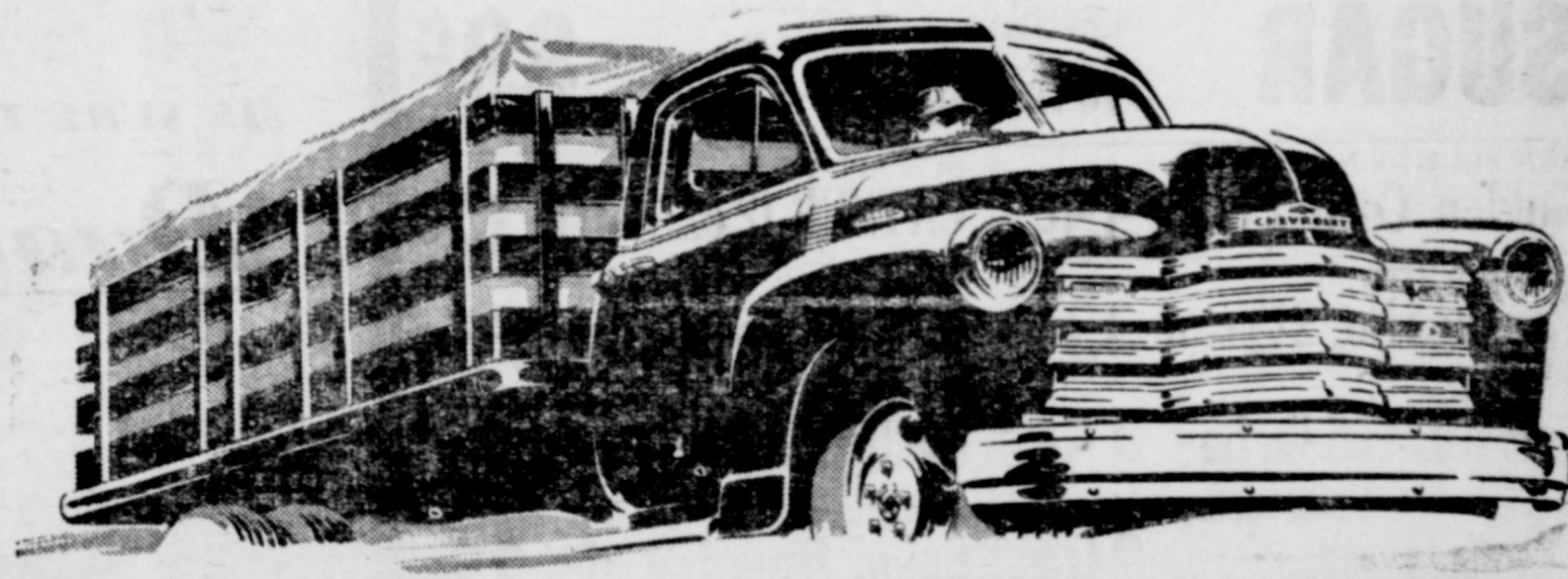
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MARRIES IN ABILENE

Margie Skurlack, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Skurlack of Lovington, New Mexico, became the bride of Ray Mackey, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mackey of Abilene Jan. 3. Margie is a former Merkel girl. The couple will make their home at 1236 W. 3rd St., Abilene.

MRS. ERNEST DOUGLAS

HONORS DAUGHTER MOLLY

Mrs. Ernest Douglas honored her daughter, Molly Beth on her 14th birthday Jan. 17 with a party at her home. The crowd met at 6 p. m. and then went to the Queen Theatre. After returning to the home, they took pictures and gifts were opened. Refreshments of

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cake and drinks were served to Joelle Thompson, Reta Eidson, Elnovia Holmes, Glenda Webb, Edward Holmes, Jacky Russell, Robert McLeod, Vergie Williams, Jo Ann Malone, James Simpson, Eddie Glenn Sanduskey, Kermit Rutledge, Larry Kerns, DeLois Reese, Linda Sue McLean, E. C. Douglas, Jr., of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spann and daughter Karen Lee of Abilene and the hostess, Molly Beth Douglas.

BUFFET DINNER HONORS

3 DIFFERENT OCCASIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Horton's home was the gathering place for a buffet style dinner Jan. 4, honoring three occasions: newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mackey; Mrs. Mackey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Skurlack, and family, and her grandmother's, Mrs. W. T. Howard's, 65th birthday. Many from Merkel and Noodle were present.

GOODMAN H. D. CLUB ENJOYS

FAMILY SOCIAL NIGHT

The family social night sponsored by the Goodman Home Demonstration Club was held in the Grover Blair home. Games of 84 were played till a late hour. Coffee, punch, pie and cake were served. As this is a monthly affair everyone looks forward to the next meeting.

Those enjoying this get-together were: Messrs. and Mesdames Jennings Winter, Efford Brown, Charlie Hodges, Frank Carter,

Carl Carey, Carl Bonneaux and Ted Windham. The men folks gave a donation to help out on club expenses.

BLUE BONNET H. D. CLUB

MEETS WITH MRS. J. BUTMAN

The Blue Bonnet Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. James Butman for its regular meeting. Mrs. King presided. The woman's collect was read. Prayer was by Mrs. Patterson. Song, "The More We Get Together," was sung. Mrs. King gave the council report. The yearbook was filled out.

Mrs. Bronavak was elected candidate for "Soil Conservation Homemaker." Two new members have joined this year. Cake and coffee were served to one visitor. Mrs. R. G. Toombs, and Mesdames Allen King, Dewell McLain, Frank Bronavak, Euel Ray, Kenneth Ray, Elmer Patterson, Adrian Farmer, Ford Butman, Frase Demere and the hostess.

The next meeting will be Feb. 3 with Mrs. Dewell McLain.

COMPERE H. D. CLUB MEETS

WITH MRS. SIM ALLRED

The Comper Home Demonstration Club met Jan. 22 in Mrs. Sim Allred's home for its regular meeting. Mrs. Adkins led the group in singing and Mrs. Allred led the prayer.

The president, Mrs. Vernon Stanley, had charge of the meeting. The roll call was answered with "A Garden Hint." Mrs. Jess Foy gave the council report.

A card of thanks was read from Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tarvin for the food carried to them by club members at Thanksgiving.

The agent did not meet with

the club, due to a misunderstanding. She will be present Feb. 26 when the club meets with Mrs. Clyde Chancey. This is also the date for the auction of surprise packages to raise funds for the council.

Mrs. Clyde Chancey had charge of recreation. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Betty Chancey Feb. 12. Refreshments were served to nine members and three visitors.

GOODMAN H. D. CLUB MEETS

WITH MRS. TED WINDHAM

The Goodman Home Demonstration Club met Friday, Jan. 23, with Mrs. Ted Windham. The meeting was called to order by Windham gave a council report. Roll call was answered with "A joke or story about a rug." Mrs. Charlie Hodges was in charge of recreation.

Mrs. Hodges was also elected alternate council delegate. Mrs. Mrs. Windham gave a council report, also read recommendations to the club that were adopted. The club voted to have Mrs. Lou Polnac bring a program on narcotics at some future date.

Mrs. Fern Windham and Mrs. Howard Phillips gave a demonstration on making several different kinds of rugs.

Mrs. Windham served cherry pie, topped with whipped cream, coffee and cocoa to seven members. The club will meet Feb. 13 with Mrs. Grover Blair.

TEEN-AGE STUDY GROUP

MEETS WITH MRS. D. TOOMBS

The P.T.A. "Teen-Age Study Group" met Jan. 16 at 7:30 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Deverl Toombs. Interesting discussions were led by Mrs. Grover Gilbert and Mrs. Ray Wilson on "Teen-Age Marriage." Those attending were:

Mesdames Frank Breaux, Clyde Eager, June Hogan, Judd McReynolds, Ray Wilson, Grover Gilbert and Mrs. Deverl Toombs.

Time and place of next meeting will be set later.

BILL TUCKER HONORED

WITH PARTY ON JANUARY 23

Bill Tucker was honored with a "going away" party in the home of Frankie Sullivan at Noodle Jan. 23. Bill and his family are moving to Grand Falls.

Dora Eaff directed the games. Refreshments were served and a gift was presented to Bill. About 40 persons were present.

Donations Are Made To Cemetery Fund

Since the last report the following have donated to the Cemetery Maintenance Fund:
Melie E. Wimberly \$5.00

Bert Borings, Ft. Worth ... \$5.00
Mrs. V. E. Spurgin, Sr., Anson 5.00
Mrs. Gordon Howell, Trent ... 4.00
F. Horton \$3.00

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FIRM LETTUCE lg. head 13c	WISCONSIN LONGHORN CHEESE lb. 59c
CELLO CARROTS bag 15c	PORK ROAST lb. 45c

SUGAR PURE CANE 10 lb. bag 89c

SUN SPUN — No. 303 Golden Corn 2 cans 35c	SUN SPUN CATSUP 12 oz. bottle 17c
RED & WHITE Peaches No. 2 1/2 can 33c	CAMPBELLS Tomato Soup 2 cans 25c
GLADIOLA MEAL 5 lb. bag 45c	MILE HIGH Sour or Dill PICKLES qt. 29c
POST 12 oz. Package Toasties 20c	SUN SPUN Salad Dressing pint 29c

TIDE Washing Powder Reg. Size 29c

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Editor Learns How To Look At Passing Fields

It is nice to ride along in an auto with a soil conservationist technician. He explains everything.

The rider was the editor and the technician was Coleman O'Brien, manager of the local Soil Conservation Service. The time was last Friday. They were going over to the ranch of Z. Edgar Boaz, seven miles north of Noodle.

They took the farm-to-market road on the way to Noodle in the direction of Boyd Chapel. The farms south and east of Noodle were contour listed. They looked good. The terraces were large and broad. The land was in excellent shape to hold water when and if rain came.

Almost north of Noodle a few wheat fields were green and looked good. There was a patch of alfalfa on Alec Carter's farm with hogs grazing on it.

At Amity Baptist Church they came to fields alternating growing wheat and row crops and in the process of being prepared for planting. The farmers had broken and bedded the land in preparation for planting feed and cotton. Then they came to growing wheat fields on both sides of the road, fields being grazed by a large number of Hereford cattle, all in good condition and some of them were fat.

Passing Clear Fork Brazos River they found fields of level fertile land, some bedded for cotton or feed and large fields of growing wheat and oats.

Then in marked contrast they saw an abandoned farmstead site. The house was gone but the old cistern curb was still standing.

BEGIN DRILLING

Rig was moved in Monday, spudded in Tuesday and drilling was begun on the Grisham-Hunter No. 1 Mrs. H. R. Chaney, nine miles northeast of here. Proposed depth is 5,000 feet.

IS ILL

Bobby Campbell who is at Camp Ft. Sill Okla., is confined to the hospital there.

Car Turns Over But J. E. Jaynes Is Not Scratched

J. E. Jaynes, returning from Wilcox, Ariz., recently, lost control of his auto on an icy road between Stanton and Midland. The car turned completely over and landed upright. The car was badly damaged. J. E. was not even scratched.

If brown sugar has gotten hard, store in a tightly covered jar with a thick slice of orange or apple, to restore its freshness.

ANDY SHOUSE

—Real Estate—

115 Kent St.

Sam Swann Wins Two Places At Brownwood Sale

Sam Swann's senior bull calf placed fifth in his class at the Brownwood Polled Hereford sale this week. His junior heifer placed third in her class.

Mr. Swann sold the bull for \$400 while the heifer sold for \$980. The average for 73 lots at the sale was \$483.

S. G., Ralph Russell Will Take Part In Ft. Worth Show

S. G. Russell and Ralph Russell will participate in the calf roping at the Fort Worth Stock Show.

SONS RETURN FROM KOREA OCCASION FOR REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Campbell, Sr., and two daughters, Mona Ruth and Shirley Ann, of Wilson met their son, Pfc. Billy Joe Campbell, at Ft. Sam Houston Saturday. Billy Joe had spent the last 24 months in Service, 10½ months in Korea. The family came back Monday night and visited with their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Anderson.

J. E. Jaynes Family Moves on Monday To Wilcox, Ariz.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jaynes and family left at noon Monday for Wilcox, Arizona, where they will make their home. He will do irrigated farming.

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SINGING AT AMITY

There will be singing at Amity Baptist Church Thursday, Feb. 5, at 7:30 p. m. Everyone is invited.

PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Slagle, Jr. and son Gordon of San Antonio visited Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Groene last weekend. The Slagles are moving from San Antonio to Boston, Mass., where Mr. Slagle will enter the Mass. Institute of Technology for his doctor's degree.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

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

A. K. Doss, Administrator of the Estate of Van I. Jones, Deceased, having filed in our County Court his Final Account of the condition of the Estate of said Van I. Jones, Deceased numbered 4427 on the Probate Docket of Taylor County, together with an application to be discharged as administrator of said estate.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED. That by publication of this Writ one time and said publication shall be not less than ten days before the return day hereof, February 9, 1953 in a Newspaper printed in the County of Taylor you give due notice to all persons interested in the Account for Final Settlement of said Estate, to appear and contest the same if they see proper so to do, on Monday the 9 day of February A. D. 1953, at the Court House of said County, in Abilene, Texas, when said Account and Application will be acted upon by said Court.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and seal of said Court, at my office in the City of Abilene this 28 day of January A. D. 1953.

Mrs. Chester Hutcheson
Clerk, County Court Taylor, County.

By Inez Williams, Deputy.
I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Original Writ now in my hands.

Ed Powell
Sheriff Taylor County.
By R. H. Ross, Deputy.
Adv. — Jan. 30.

CLASSIFIED AD SECTION

LODGE CALLS

NOTICE MASONS
Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., Thursday, Feb. 5, at 8 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.
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HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were:
As medical patients — G. A. Kegans, Mrs. W. R. McCartney, Mrs. Emma Reed, Mary Craddock, Margaret Hunter, Mrs. W. P. Smith, Ollie Sanders, Mrs. Ollie Sanders, Winnie Cypert, Howard Laney, Mrs. W. A. Henager, Watt Blair, Patricia D. Moore and Mrs. Joe Seymore.
For surgery Gene Lollar, emergency appendectomy.

IT'S A DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Arrington of Abilene are the parents of a daughter born Jan. 10, weighing 7½ pounds, named Brenda Lynn. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Arrington of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Perry.

ORDER APPROVING COUNTY TREASURERS REPORT.

On Jan. 12, A. D. 1953, The Commissioners Court met in regular Session, compared and examined the quarterly report of J. R. Clark, County Treasurer for the quarter ending Dec. 31st, 1952, and found the same to be correct and the respective amounts to have been received and paid out since the preceding report.

Fund	Balance Last Report	Received Last Qtr.	Paid Out Last Qtr.	Balance this Quarter
Jury Fund,	\$ 5,061.36	\$16,588.45	\$ 5,491.25	\$16,158.56
Prec. No. 1,	1,571.40	16,552.65	26,588.67	8,464.62
Prec. No. 2	10,306.75	13,435.43	16,023.56	7,718.62
Prec. No. 3,	22,035.26	15,194.69	13,811.22	23,418.73
Prec. No. 4,	2,085.67	17,976.82	22,508.97	2,446.48
Gen. Fund,	47,747.02	60,298.35	49,078.80	58,965.57
Pauper Fund,	19,025.65	7,093.58	13,624.16	25,556.23
Rd. Dist. No. 1,	4,460.59	.00	3,200.00	1,260.59
Rd. Dist. No. 3,	713.81	.00	.00	713.81
Rd. Dist. No. 4,	829.26	.00	.00	829.26
Rd. Dist. No. 7,	.47	.00	.00	.47
Hwy. One & 30,	8,011.30	.00	.00	8,011.30
Hwy. 275 M.	1,399.85	.00	.00	1,399.85
Hwy. 600 M.	32,386.66	34.37	.00	32,421.03
Court House	1,096.11	5.00	.00	1,101.11
Perm. Imp. Fnd.	16,481.98	11,863.12	2,313.91	26,031.19
Spec. Co. R. & B.	1,368.45	.00	82.45	1,286.00
Vict. Tax	3,246.60	8,180.27	6,705.35	3,721.52
Officers Salary,	7,244.56	46,850.09	42,992.99	10,901.66
Co-Wide Mach.,	2.70	923.77	905.02	21.45
Taylor Co., Jail,	331.14	.00	.00	331.14
Perm. School Fund,	949.75	583.10	143.10	1,389.75
Taylor Co., Lat. Rd.	24,983.23	.00	3,335.92	21,647.31
Social Security	7,426.91	1,201.16	2,248.37	6,379.70
Spec. Rd. Dist. No. 1,				
Skg. Fund,	57,989.89	28,419.26	2,098.99	84,310.16
	237,705.07	245,000.11	211,152.73	271,552.45

CASH IN BANKS

F. & M. National Bank	\$148,204.00
Citizens National Bank	90,927.42
First State Bank	32,421.03
	271,552.45

SECURITIES OWNED BY TAYLOR COUNTY

Road District No. 7,	\$ 4,000.00
Court House	500.00
Jury Fund,	10,000.00
Precinct No. 2	5,000.00
General Fund,	62,000.00
	81,500.00

TAYLOR COUNTY PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND

U. S. Government Bonds	\$ 3,000.00
Turkey Ind. School	8,000.00
San Saba Co., Ind. Bonds	1,000.00
Bradshaw School Bonds	4,840.00
Butterfield School,	3,000.00
	19,840.00

BOND AND WARRANT INDEBTEDNESS

Original Issue	Bonds Redeemed	Outstanding
Read Bonds Series, 23,	350,000.00	305,000.00
Road Bonds Series, 27	600,000.00	428,000.00
Road Bonds Series, 29,	275,000.00	183,000.00
Road District No. 1 Bonds	350,000.00	125,000.00
	\$1,575,000.00	\$1,041,000.00

The requirements of Art. 401 P. C. have been complied with and a tabular statement has been filed as required.

CLAUDE NEWBERRY
Commissioner Precinct No. 1
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Commissioner Precinct No. 3
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FOR SALE — 4 Choice Lots — 2 in Sheppards addition and 2 on the north side. See R. N. Mosier, 401 Taylor St., Merkel. 3146c

FOR SALE — 9 piece Dining room suite very reasonable. See at 408 Ash St. tf45c.

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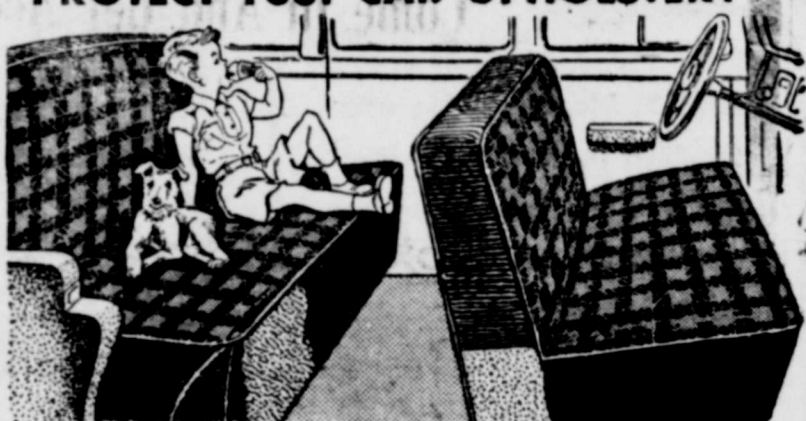
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EDITORIAL

OUR PRESIDENT

The new administrator has been installed into office and President Dwight D. Eisenhower's inaugural address has become history. The comments by editorial writers in regard to the address have ranged all the way from "abstractions" to "details."

President Eisenhower's speech had the directness of a military man, shot through with simple, forthright, snappy sentences. The thorough continuity of thought had all the elements of a lesson by a college president.

And our President was both a military man and a college president.

There were lofty ideals in his talk, ideals that every free-loving man and nation can take to heart and treasure and live by. These same ideals were a warning to those men of tyranny who rule nations with an iron hand. In this regard the address was both idealistic and practical.

Sitting at home listening to the President's address we might have thought that he would speak to us personally, in heart to heart fashion. But the occasion did not call for a fire-side chat. Rather it was a challenge to our leader to let us know, and the world know, exactly where the United States stood in regard to the world picture.

In an age of hydrogen bombs we live in uncertainty. Will we have peace or will we have war? Will the terrifying destructive knowledge we have be a weapon of world catastrophe or will it be a means to peace among all men?

What is our President's answer to that?

He wants peace. He has no illusions about war and what it does in human figures. But he does not want peace at any price. He did not leave any vague ideas along this line. Freedom, he asserted, is the first consideration of democratic countries.

"Realizing that common sense, and common decency alike dictate the futility of appeasement, we shall never try to placate an aggressor by the false and wicked bargain of trading honor for security," he stated. "For in the final choice soldier's pack is not so heavy a burden as a prisoner's chains."

May we point out one point in his talk that has great bearing on the peace of the world? It is not a new point. It has been stressed by great leaders before him and by prominent commentators of the world picture. This point is no abstraction. It is very much of a concrete nature. It has to do with the economy of all peoples.

"We know," he asserted, "that we are linked to all free peoples not merely by a noble idea but by a simple need. No free people can for long cling to any privilege or enjoy any safety in economic solitude. For all our own material might, even we need markets in the world for the surpluses of our farms and of our factories."

"Equally, we need for these same farms and factories vital materials and products of distant lands. This basic law of interdependence, so manifest in the commerce of peace, applies with thousand-fold intensity in the event of war."

"So are we persuaded by necessity and by belief that the strength of all free peoples lies in unity, their danger in discord."

And then summing up the whole matter President Eisenhower proclaimed, "In the swift rush of great events, we find ourselves groping to know the full sense and meaning of the times in which we live. In our quests of understanding, we beseech God's guidance."

"WHITE-ICISM"
That's ALL — and the Sage of Figfield adds that great times produce great men.

HAS TEXAS FACTS

The 1953 Texas Official Highway Map has been released, D. C. Greer, State Highway Engineer, announced. It is an encyclopedia of Texas information. The map side provides current and accurate highway information, while the back side has pictures and information on points of interest.

BOAT TRIP?



"Anyone for boating?" asks this pretty miss who is enjoying winter sunshine at a southern coastal resort. For her outing she wears a striking print swim suit made of cotton bags! Her fashionable two-piece suit is made from three 100-lb. cotton feed bags in a colorful rust, brown, yellow, and white print, the National Cotton Council reports.

Our Congressman Reports

By OMAR BURLESON

The excitement of the President's Inauguration has subsided.

Fortunately for me, I have retained membership on two committees on which I've been serving.

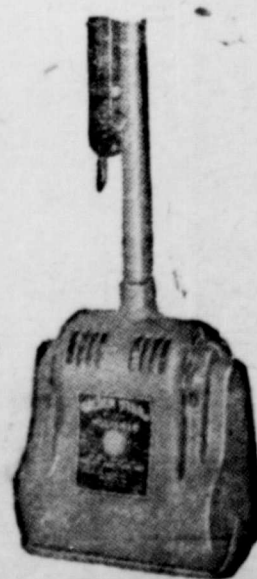
The Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, of which I am a member, is composed of 29 members, —16 Republicans and 13 Democrats. The Committee on House Administration, on which I've served since 1947, is composed of 25 members, and it is my fortune to stand at the top in seniority on the Democratic side.

The new Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, has just testified before my committee.

Mr. Dulles believes, as does President Eisenhower, that the time is long overdue for the United States to reduce its foreign policy to positive and understanding terms. He warns that there is a rough road ahead but that it cannot be made smoother by any type of appeasement of Russia, that our assistance to foreign nations should be based largely on each nation's willingness to help themselves and that dollars alone are not going to do the job. I share these views.

Hand in hand with this policy is an indication of growing weakness in Russia. If Stalin's position becomes insecure, it will probably mean he will be more reasonable.

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in his dealings with the United States. Equally important in the world picture is the questioning of Moscow's authority outside Russia. All this is encouraging from our standpoint.

On the home scene, Mr. Truman's attempt to dedicate Tidelands oil to the Navy by Executive Order has drawn the most interest.

There are mixed opinions as to the effect of Mr. Truman's action. It could hasten Congressional action. We feel we have an excellent opportunity to pass the same measure passed in the last Congress and that it will not be vetoed by President Eisenhower.

"Savage Raiders" Is Old Wildwest At Queen Theatre

Charles Starrett and Smiley Burnette star at the Queen theatre on Friday and Saturday in Columbia Pictures' "Fort Savage Raiders", a drama of the old West in the post-Civil War period, with the U. S. Cavalry figuring prominently in the film's gunblazing action. In "Fort Savage Raiders," Starrett is sent on the trail of an

Army captain who goes AWOL after he is refused permission to go to the side of his dying child. The renegade organizes a murderous band of outlaws and initiates a reign of range terror.



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Careful reading of an article was strongly recommended by an American Cancer Society state official as a means of saving many lives from cancer. The article is "What You Read Here May Save Your Life" in the Jan. 24 issue of

Collier's magazine.

The article emphasizes three symptoms that may mean cancer and should take one to a doctor for advice a sore on the lip, in the mouth or throat that does not heal in a week; a lump in the neck, or hoarseness that persists for two weeks.

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Small Beginning Gave No Clue To Phone Growth

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It was on October 9, 1876, that the first two-way conversation took place over a telegraph line between Boston and Cambridgeport, in Massachusetts. The first long-distance call was made between Boston and Salem, a distance of 16 miles, on November 28, 1876.

From those experiments 77 years ago, the telephone industry has grown until there are now over 46,000,000 telephones in the United States alone, and Americans make over 180,000,000 calls in an average day.

This country now has over 6,000 independent telephone companies, of which the Merkel Telephone Company is one. These independent companies serve over two-thirds of the area of the United States.

Fort Worth Rodeo Offers New Horses Jan. 30 to Feb. 8



A whole flock of bucking horses never seen before at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show will go into action in the world's greatest indoor rodeo in Fort Worth, Jan. 30 to Feb. 8.

Yellow Fever, shown above, is in the string of the Beutler Bros. who have just formed a partnership with Verne Elliott, uniting the two top rodeo outfits of the nation.

Washington D. C. is called "The City of Magnificent Distances." Hippocrates was the first doctor to observe the mental states of his patients.

Doctored His Drinks
"I can't quite diagnose your case," said the doctor, "I think it must be drinks."
"All right, doctor," replied the patient, "I'll come back when you're sober."

Legal Notices

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Urshel Robinett Greeting: You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 9th day of March, A. D. 1953, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 15 day of December, 1952. The file number of said suit being No. 18,640-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Opal Robinett as Plaintiff, and Urshel Robinett as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit:

Plaintiff and Defendant were married 25th day of May, 1950 lived together as man and wife until about the 25th day of February, 1952 at which time they became permanently separated.

Plaintiff alleges there were no children born to this union and no community property accumulated by them.

Plaintiff prays for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment and that her maiden name be restored to her for costs of suit, and for such other and further relief, to which plaintiff is due.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this 23rd day of January A. D. 1953.
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this 23rd day of Jan. A. D., 1953.

J. Neil Daniel, Clerk.
42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas.
By Irene Crawford, Deputy
Adv. Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20.

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: Willie Warner, 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 9th day of March A. D., 1953, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 22nd day of January A. D., 1953, in this cause, numbered 18,718-A on the docket of said court and styled Erma

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff sues for divorce on the ground of cruel treatment, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff 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 12th day of January A. D., 1953.

Attest J. Neil Daniel, Clerk.
42nd District Court,
Taylor County, Texas.
By Irene Crawford, Deputy
Adv. —Jan. 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNT OF TAYLOR

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between W. H. Curtis and H. E. Coates, each of Taylor County, Texas, operating and doing business under the firm name of MONARCH COMPANY, was dissolved by mutual consent on the 31st day of December, A. D. 1952, and the said W. H. Curtis is not connected with said company in any manner after the above said date.

To certify which, witness our hands this 3rd day of January, A. D. 1953.

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Adv. Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6.

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Beth Warner, Plaintiff, vs. Willie Warner, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on 9 August 1950 and separated in September in 1952. There are no children of this marriage. Plaintiff and Defendant have accumulated no community property. Plaintiff prays that defendant be cited to appear and answer herein and that she have judgment of divorce dissolving the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between Plaintiff and Defendant, for costs of suit and for further relief to which she may be entitled, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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42nd District Court,
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Adv. Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20.

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TO: George Joseph Turkaly, Defendant, Greeting:

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff sues for divorce on the ground of cruel treatment, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff Petition on file in this suit.

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To certify which, witness our hands this 3rd day of January, A. D. 1953.

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married January 25, 1945 and became permanently separated January 2, 1952. As a result of this union, 2 children were born. No property has been accumulated. Plaintiff prays for divorce and custody of minor children and that defendant pay into the registry of this Court the sum of \$50.00 per month for support of minor children, and for such other relief as to the court shall seem proper as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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"One of the biggest hurdles to be overcome," State Health Officer Geo. W. Cox said, "is the seemingly widespread attitude that baby teeth are insignificant." But dental scientists say that the care given baby teeth has a direct and vital bearing on the condition of permanent teeth. Dr. Cox pointed out.

The Texas State Department of Health and the State Dental Society are appealing to all parents to pay attention to the plight of youngsters' teeth.

Livestock Report

By ED GOULDY

Large supplies of fed steers, yearlings and calves were again reported at Ft. Worth and around the 12 major livestock centers of the nation Monday. Prices at Fort Worth and at most other markets were reported 50 cents to \$1 per hundred lower on the fed steers.

Cows and bulls ruled steady to stronger at Fort Worth, and stocker cow demand continued to broaden, some sales of she-stock to go back to country being unevenly higher, the quality considered. High quality calves and yearlings ruled steady, but the plainer kinds skidded along with the slaughter kinds.

Lambs opened lower at Fort Worth this week, and weak to 50

cents lower prices were chalked up, with instances off \$1. Liberal offerings of fed lambs at Midwestern and River markets resulted in a lower market at those points Monday.

Hog trade was halted at Fort Worth due to the discovery of two lots of hogs last Friday suspected of having vesicular exanthema, though these hogs were discovered last Friday it was not until Monday that lab tests were started by federal inspectors. It was expected to be the latter part of the week before the yards could again receive hogs. One of these lots of hogs reportedly came from East Texas.

Good and choice fed steers and yearlings drew \$18.00-24.00 and common, plain and medium butcher cattle drew \$12.00-18.00, some rannies for less. Fat cows drew \$13.00-16.50, and canners and cutters drew \$9.00-13.00. Bulls sold for \$10.00-19.00. Good and choice fat calves got \$18.00-23.00, common and medium sorts \$13.00-18.00, and culls sold from \$10.00-13.00.

Good and choice stocker steer calves drew \$18.00-24.00, and stocker steer yearling sold from \$22.50 down. Stocker cows sold for \$19.00-20.00 and down. Stocker heifer calves sold around \$2 under similar steers.

Good and choice fat lambs drew \$18.00-21.00, woolskins at the higher price and clipped lambs around \$19.00-30.00 and down. Stocker and feeder lambs sold for \$14.00-18.00. Fat yearlings drew \$15.00-18.00. Slaughter ewes sold from \$6.50-8.50 and some lightweight, choice fat woolled ewes sold to \$10. Old Bucks sell around \$6.50 to \$7, some outside that range.

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