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JAYCEE CHAPTER HERE TO ELECT OFFICERS

The final organizational meeting of the new Junior Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Merkel Country Club Monday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m.

Major business items will be the election of Jaycee officers who will serve until April of 1962. Other business scheduled is the setting of a dues rate, final approval of by-laws and constitution, final arrangements for affiliation with the state and United States Junior Chambers of Commerce and a review of plans for a charter night banquet, tentatively scheduled for January.

Franklin Myrick, temporary chairman for the Jaycee local, re-

ports that over 20 men have signed up and that at least 25 more are expected to join the group at the Dec. 12 meeting.

At a meeting held Monday night, some state vice president of Region 5, spoke to the group. A letter from the state president, headed by Charles Spier, was also present.

Gears and Lewis Timberlake, national director and candidate for state president, will attend the Dec. 12 meeting.

All men enrolled prior to charter night are entitled to special charter membership. Myrick urged interested men to contact him at 43-J or William Stevens, 328-J, or attend next week's meeting.

Membership in the Merkel Junior Chamber of Commerce is open to all young men between the ages of 21 through 35 regardless of occupational or professional classification.

Major purpose of the Jaycees are community improvement and personal development of its members.

Robert Mathews Dies Here At 83

Funeral for Robert H. Mathews, 83, was held at 2 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church here with the pastor, the Rev. Mart Hardin, officiating.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mr. Mathews, a resident of Merkel since 1925, died Wednesday afternoon in Sadler Clinic-Hospital following an illness of two weeks.

A native of San Augustine, Mr. Mathews married Sarah Catherine Veach in Kaufman County in 1899. They lived in Dallas for several years, then moved to Buffalo Gap in 1915 where Mr. Mathews farmed for two years before they moved to Butman, south of Merkel.

Mr. Mathews was a senior deacon in the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Col. Frank H. Mathews of College Station and Roy H. Mathews of Abilene; three daughters, Mrs. Era Blair of Santa Rosa, Calif., Mrs. William A. Reeves of Chandler, Ariz., and Mrs. Noel D. Addy of Newport News, Va.; a sister, Mrs. Lizzie Nichols, San Augustine; two half-sisters, Mrs. Era Williams and Mrs. Pearl Mathews, San Augustine; three half-brothers, Henry, Herman and Ben Mathews, San Augustine; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Merkel Hotel Has New Manager

Mr. and Mrs. Olen Christopher, formerly of Palestine, took over management of the Merkel Hotel on Dec. 1.

The Christophers have three married children and a son, Ronnie, 16.

Lone Star Gas Employees Get Hike In Pay

Employees of Lone Star Gas Company and Lone Star Producing Company received a 5 percent pay increase effective December 1.

In making the announcement, Lone Star President L. T. Potter said the increase represents a direct additional payroll cost of \$1,200,000 annually.

He noted that the pay hike applies to almost all regular and full-time employees. The two companies employ about 6,000 people in Texas, Oklahoma and other neighboring states.

The Lone Star head said individual and collective work performances by Lone Star people was a major factor in the decision to authorize the pay rate adjustment.

Mr. Potter pointed out a portion of the employees are represented by a union and the increase in such cases cannot become effective until accepted by the union.

Cemetery Fund

The following persons made contributions to the Merkel Cemetery Association fund for week ending December 3, 1960:

A. G. Seago



Among 34 students at West Texas State College named to represent the college in the 1960-61 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" were, left to right, William Kernek of El Paso, Minta McAninch of Merkel, and Lewis Newell of Big Spring.

JR. HIGH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT SLATED HERE

A junior high basketball tournament will be held in the Merkel school gym Dec. 8-9-10.

The schedule will be as follows:

THURSDAY

5 p.m.—Albany vs. Anson (girls)

FRIDAY

5 p.m.—Trent vs. Roby (girls)

6 p.m.—Trent vs. Roby (boys)

7 p.m.—Merkel vs. Noodle (girls)

Consolation games will begin at 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

BADGER TALES

By Ruthie Corder

Last Thursday night ended up the Dyess basketball tournament that the girls were playing in. Although the team didn't win a trophy, everyone went home feeling pretty good—especially Sandy Hale—she was presented a trophy and proclaimed a princess of the tournament.

Our little story of Sandy doesn't end on last Thursday night. Monday morning she got a letter from her escort.

Student Council elections were held last week and the following students were elected as officers: Jerry Don Doan—President, Kent Denton—Vice President, Carolyn Windham—Secretary, Carolyn Anderson—Reporter.

Monday night the F.T.A. discussed presenting a talent show in the spring. They are really trying to think up some new ways of raising money. A hobo day was also considered. In any case everyone is pretty tired of selling nuts, candy, and cakes.

The speech class will present a Christmas play this year for the student body. That's a break in the regular schedule to look forward to.

Thursday afternoon at the downtown drawing the senior class will have a bake sale. Please go around in front of Mellingers and buy about four cakes—or pies.

There's only two more weeks before the holidays.

Jim Ned Beats Merkel, 52-44

Jim Ned scored a 52-44 school case victory over Merkel here Friday night, with Ronald McMillon leading the Indian attack with 18 points. High for Merkel was Ronnie Reeger with 12 points.

The Jim Ned girls won, 50-41, as Bobbie Powell scored 20 for the winners and June Owen hit 20 for the losers.

9 24 36 52

Jim Ned 12 25 30 44

Merkel

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan on Thanksgiving were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Criswell Doan and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Doan and family of Stamford.

Minta McAninch In 'Who's Who' At WTS College

Minta Lue McAninch of Merkel has been chosen as one of the thirty-four juniors and seniors to represent West Texas State College in the 1960-61 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges," according to Dr. Ima Barlow, chairman of WT's student honors committee.

Nominations for "Who's Who," one of the top honors awarded each year at WT, are made by departments of instruction and campus organizations. Top students in scholarship and activities on campus are named and approved by the organization which publishes the volume. Students named are also honored by Le Mirage, WT yearbook, in its personality section.

Miss McAninch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis McAninch of Merkel, is a junior Physical Education major. She has been president of the PE Majors Club, reporter for Buffalo Gals, a member of Alpha Chi, Kappa Delta Pi, SEA, and member of the women's Tennis Team. She received the Buffalo Gal Scholarship during the first semester of her sophomore year.

Trent MFT Slates Christmas Party

The Mother-Father-Teacher Association will have a Christmas party instead of their regular meeting on Dec. 12 in the school gym at 7 p.m.

Each person is asked to bring an inexpensive gift or toy which will be given to some worthy organization.

Committee in charge of arrangements for the program includes Mrs. W. B. Williams, Mrs. Lonnie Mrs. Ruth Higgins is president of the Trent MFT.

Student Council Delegates Named

The Student Council of Merkel High School elected officers Dec. 5 when they met for their first meeting of the year.

Elected were Jerry Don Doan, president; Kent Denton, vice president; Carolyn Windham, secretary-treasurer, and Carolyn Anderson, reporter.

Other members of the council are Pat Harris and Keith Wilson, sophomores, and Barbara Gilmore and Larry Howard, freshmen.

Projects for the year were planned with one of the first to be a Christmas tree for the school. The group will sponsor the annual citizenship awards and various assembly programs.



C. B. GARDNER HOME ... ruined by fire Saturday

\$16,000 FIRE DAMAGE TO DR. GARDNER HOME

Fire caused an estimated \$16,000 damage to the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner, 302 Oak St., here Saturday about 3:50 a.m. while the couple was attending a medical meeting in Fort Worth.

After Police Chief Pete Petty turned in the alarm just before 4 a.m., Merkel's volunteer fire department rushed to the scene and doused the fire by 5:30 a.m. The fire was restricted mostly to the roof and ceiling, Fire Chief Wayne Adcock said.

The room and ceiling collapsed, he said, leaving only a shell of the home. Damage to the contents of the home was estimated by Adcock at "over 50 per cent." He said the hardwood floors were ruined by water. The Gardner home was one of Merkel's nicest.

TRENT FHA AND FFA HOLD JOINT BANQUET

Mothers and fathers, parents of FHA and FFA members of Trent High School, and guests heard a report Friday night from their sons and daughters on the farming and homemaking accomplishments achieved and to be achieved this school year.

It was the joint banquet of the homemaking and vocational agriculture departments, held in the high school cafeteria. Mrs. Debbie Fish, homemaking teacher, is advisor of the FHA chapter.

Albert Maberry, VA teacher and advisor of the chapter, explained

to the more than 130 present that the event was staged early in an effort to stimulate greater interest on the part of students and adults in some major projects, notably the community livestock show.

Maberry said every student enrolled in VA has some sort of a program set up and that the total number of projects has reached an all time high.

The VA teacher announced names of students who had qualified for the Greenhand chapter as Lee Lanning, Mike Carraker, Bobby Williams, Ronnie Scott, Stephen Kiser, Douglas Barnhart and Keith Claborn.

Chapter Farmers are Jess Acuna, Jack Horton, Eugene Kegama, Ronnie Lawlis, Al Maberry, Strawnie Seago, Leroy Shafer and Delma Reed.

State Farmer is Robert Williams, a 1959-60 graduate.

Honorary Chapter Farmer degrees were presented to M. (Red) Shafer and Clovis McElmurray.

The Trent chapter is reputedly the only one in Texas to confer an honorary Chapter Farmer degree on a woman. The woman so honored is Mrs. Goldie Malone, a widow who farms southwest of Merkel.

Leroy Shafer, vice president of the chapter, told the group that it is possible that if Mrs. Malone would enroll as a student in Trent High School that FFA members would consider seriously electing her chapter sweetheart.

Johnny Healy, who with Gary Douglas was a chapter delegate to the National FFA convention in Chicago in October, reported on activities at the KC meeting. Douglas, also a delegate to the state convention, gave a report on that meeting.

Douglas was presented by Judy Claborn as the FHA Chapter's 1960 "Romeo." Jerry Dickerson presented Paula Dudley as the 1960 chapter sweetheart. A sweetheart's jacket was presented to Jennifer Sweetheart.

Miss Dudley, who reached her 18th birthday anniversary Thursday, is presently "Miss Taylor Electric Co-Op" and was runnerup in the Texas Electric Cooperative's beauty contest as "Miss Rural Electrification of 1959-60" at the state convention in Austin recently. Miss Dudley is a senior in Trent High and plans to attend San Angelo College upon graduation. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Dudley.

Miss Graham was Abilene District and Area IV FFA sweetheart for 1959-60 and was runnerup in the state FFA sweetheart contest.

Carolyn, also 18, is a former queen of the West Texas Fair, Abilene. She is a senior at Trent High and plans to enroll in Abilene Christian College upon graduation. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Graham.

President of the FFA chapter is Rudy King. President of the FHA chapter is Ann Barnhart. They presided at the banquet program.

Rites In Slaton For Mrs. Jarman

Mrs. Carrie Jarman, 84, stepmother of Mrs. J. W. Mansfield of Merkel, died Tuesday, Nov. 29, in Starr Rest Home.

Mrs. Jarman was a pioneer Slaton resident, having lived there since 1921.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, in the Slaton First Baptist Church. The Rev. Ted Gaze, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Englewood Cemetery.

Survivors, besides Mrs. Mansfield, include a son, W. B. Fleming, Amarillo; a stepson, H. V. Jarman, Slaton, and six grandchildren.

Merkel Rolls Winters, 47-35

Merkel built its season mark to 2-1 here Tuesday night with a 47-35 victory over the Winters Blizzards.

Phil Seymore scored 15 for the Badgers with Little tallying 12 for Winters.

Merkel also won the B game, 44-31. Dunnam scored 19 for the losers and Johnny Harris sank 14 for Merkel B.

WINTERS 9 16 24 39

MERKEL 13 21 36 47

Dr. Judson McRee of Longview was the guest of his sister, Miss Mable McRee, the past week.



TOM REAVLEY
... Austin attorney



J. R. COBB
... Co-Op head

ELECTRIC COOPS TO HONOR LEGISLATORS

Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., in conjunction with nine other West Texas rural electric systems, will honor members of the Texas Legislature with a dinner at the Sands Hotel in Abilene at 7 p.m. Dec. 12.

More than 500 rural electric leaders from throughout mid-West Texas have made reservations for the event which will feature guest speakers, Tom Reavley, Austin attorney and former Texas Secretary of State, and J. R. Cobb, general manager of Texas Electric Cooperatives, Inc.

Johnny Ammons, manager of Midwest Electric Co-Op in Roby, will be master of ceremonies.

Reavley, a native of Nacogdoches, attended Stephen F. Austin State College, the University of Texas Law School and Harvard Law School. He was assistant District Attorney in Dallas County from Sept. 1, 1948 to Sept. 1, 1949 when he also served as vice

president of the Dallas Junior Bar. He was elected County Attorney of Nacogdoches County in 1950 and appointed Secretary of State by Gov. Allan Shivers in Oct. 1955. He served in that capacity until Jan. 1957.

A pioneer in rural electrification in Texas and the South, J. R. Cobb is a native of Louisiana. He received degrees in agricultural and electrical engineering from Louisiana State University. He was with the Louisiana State Agricultural Extension Service in 1936-37 and helped develop the first electric co-ops in Louisiana.

His success in co-op organizational work came to the attention of officials of the Rural Electrification Administration, and they secured him to work in the agency's utilization division. In this position he worked with co-ops throughout the Southeastern United States. He became general manager of Texas Electric Cooperatives in March, 1958.

20 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Higgins and daughter, Betty Lou, and C.

S. Higgins spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Corpus Christi. Gerald Derrick, Claude Smith and Bessie Boaz were a trio from Noodle to go to Austin for the Texas-Aggie game Thursday. Home from the Southwest Tex-

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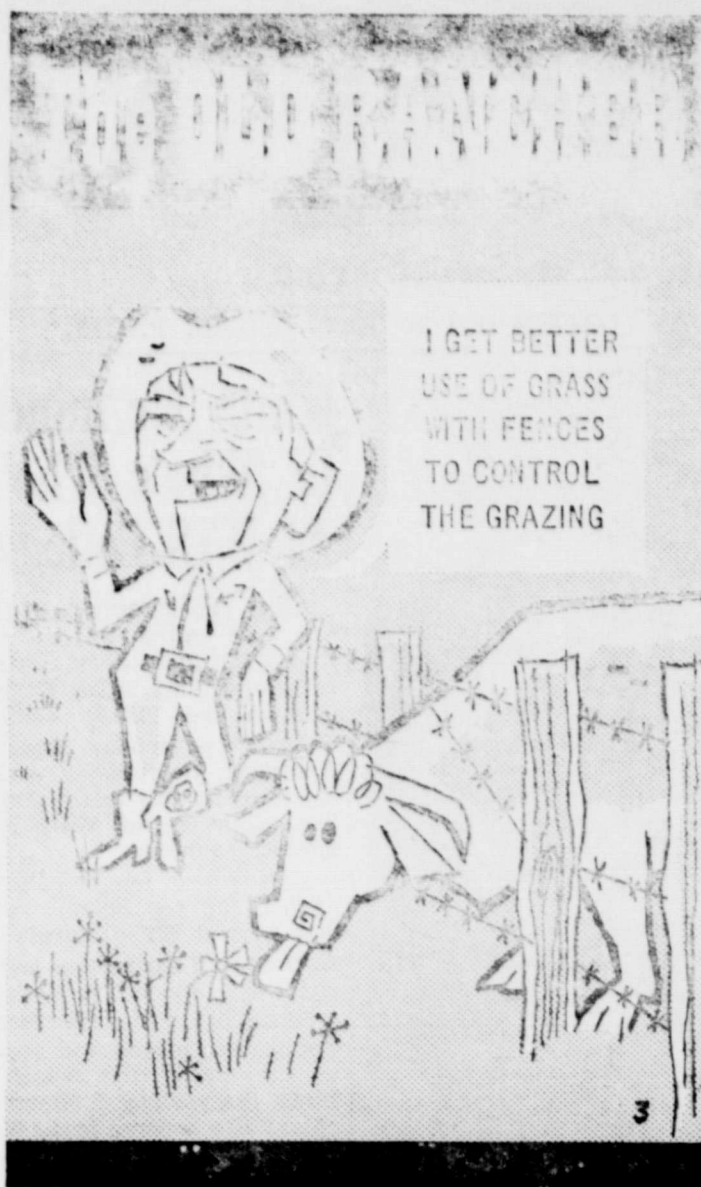
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as Teachers College for the Thanksgiving holidays were Misses Mary Jo Garland, Jannell Black, Elizabeth Elliott and Evelyn Ensminger.

There were 126 names on the honor roll of the Merkel Public schools for the second six-weeks' term, it was announced Tuesday by Supt. Connor Robinson. Of this number, 73 were in Grammar school and 53 in High school.

Announcement was made Tuesday by draft board No. 2 that out of the 121 registrants classified, only 15 were placed in class 1 and ordered to report to a doctor for physical examinations. First Merkel boy in the list is Herman Jerrell Carson.

One of the successful deer hunters, overlooked the past week, was Tom Coats, who bagged an 8-point buck down in Brackett County, where he and Joe Higgins hunted with a friend, Joe Daniels.

The Ralph Walkers have moved to Abilene and are residing on North Second Street. Ralph is bookkeeper for the Sinclair Refining Company, with which he was connected for so long.

Miss Earnestine Massey of Denton, who was the house guest of her aunt, Mrs. Twyman Collins, was complimented with a small party on Tuesday evening by Mrs. Collins.

40 Years Ago

Messrs. Preston Guthrie and Jack Durham who are attending Midland College, returned to that city Sunday after spending Thanksgiving week with home folks and friends here.

Constable W. H. Laney, Deputy Ed Blackburn and two deputies from Abilene, went out on a farm near here Tuesday of this week and found in a Negro cabin a small still, one pint of corn whiskey, and after a little investigation took a couple of Negroes to Abilene, one charged with selling booze and the other as a witness against the first.

Honoring Miss Bess Tucker, who will leave the latter part of the week for Comper, where she has been employed as principal of the school of that place, the Leaguers met in the Philathea-Baracca rooms last Friday evening and were royally entertained.

Miss Lillie Pratt Sears, who is attending Kid-Key College at

Sherman, was here last week to spend Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sears.

The remains of Frank Tipton, former Merkel citizen, who was crushed to death by a freight train at Wichita Falls, where he was working, were laid to rest here Wednesday, Elder W. G. Cybert, pastor of the Northside Christian Church, conducted the services. Deceased leaves a wife and three children.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Toliver and Steve of Alpine were Thanksgiving visitors in the homes of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Toliver and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Spurgin, Route 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Toliver and children, Larry and Gayla Sue of Odessa spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Toliver and Mrs. Edna Horton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller Jr. and daughter, Stephanie of Booneville, Ark., visited the past week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stockbridge and her mother, Mrs. Nannie Glenn spent Thanksgiving day with Mr. and Mrs. Angie Glenn of Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Baylor Amason and daughter, Linda of Graham were Thanksgiving day guests in the home of his father, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason.

Mr. O. K. Barnett of Brady was a weekend visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. King.

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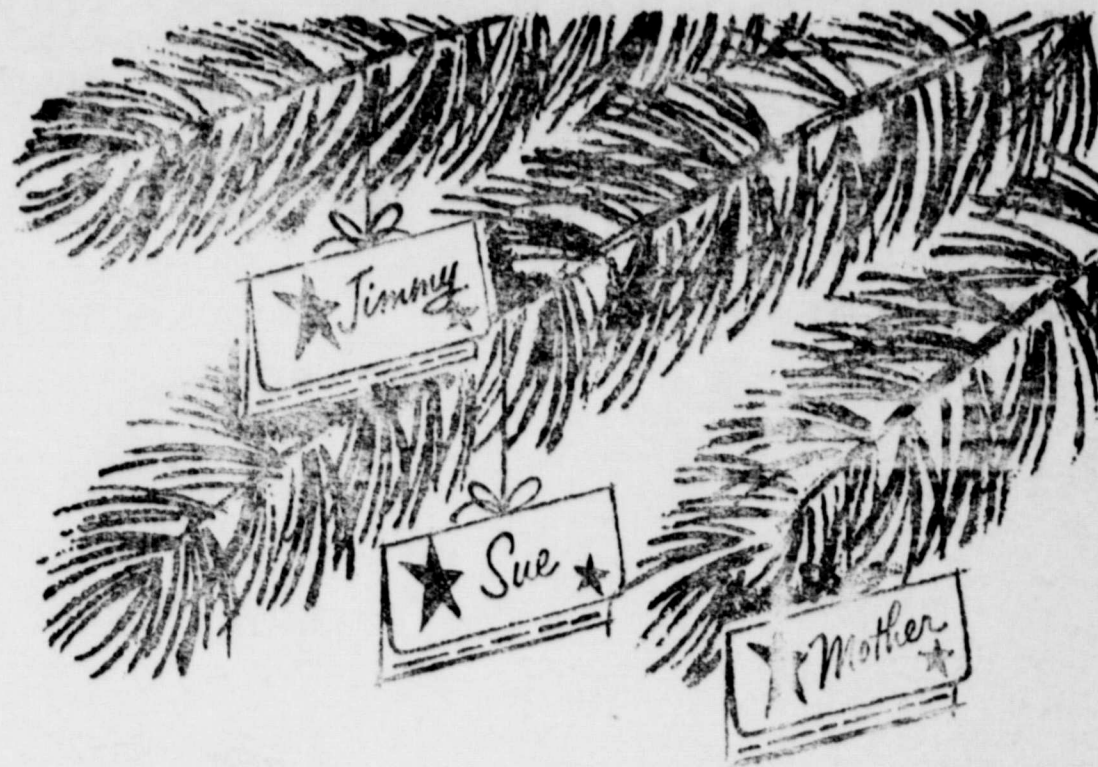
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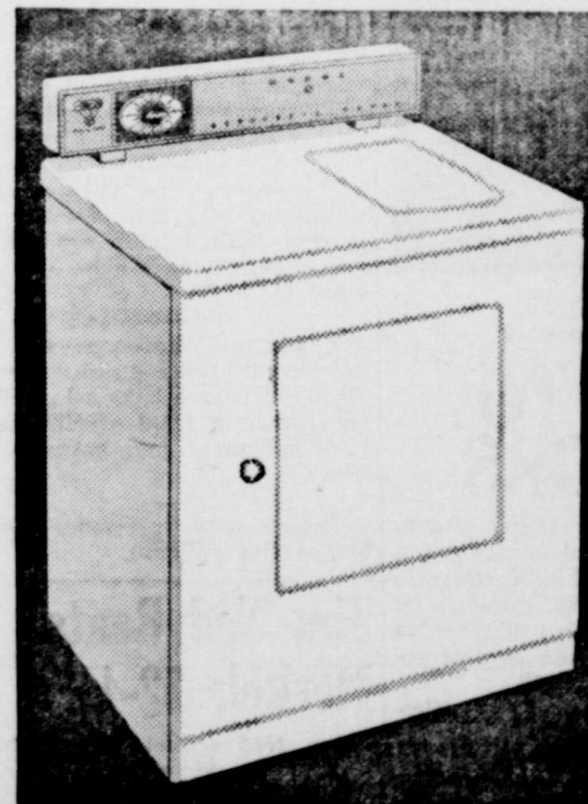
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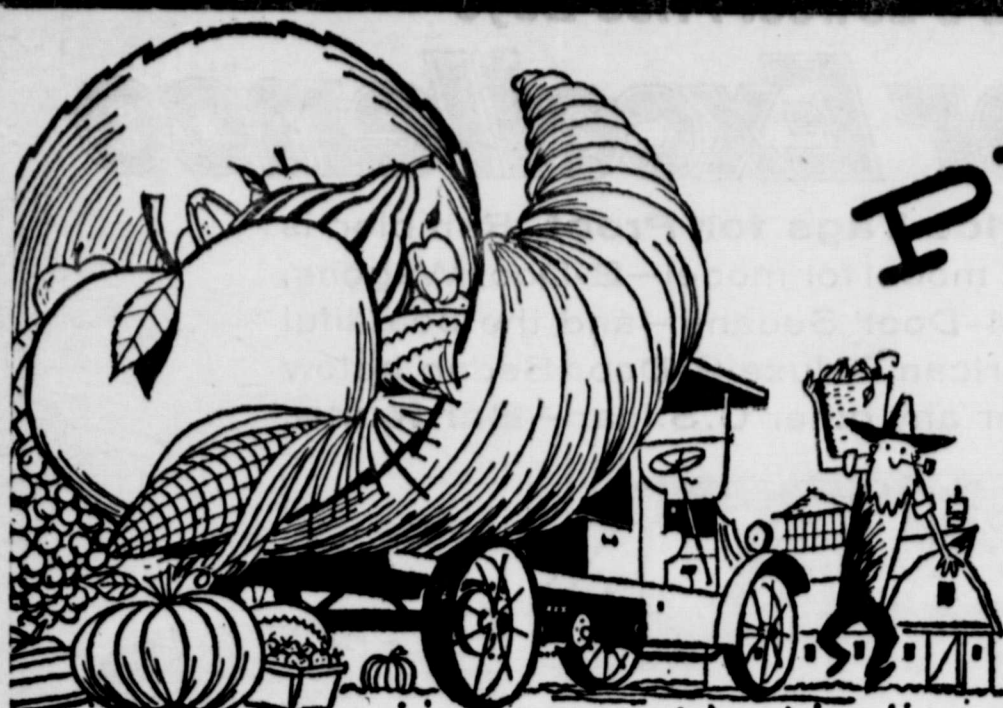
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We're gitting bigger and they is no doubt about that. I see where our population has increased 20 per cent in the last 20 year. But the cost of federal, state and local taxes has increased 591 per cent during the same time. Is that growing or swelling?

And Bug Hookum was bragging at the country store Satur-

day night that he now owes more'n \$3,000. He was as proud of it as a kid with a new speckled puppy. It used to be that when a feller owed anything he considered it bad and didn't want nobody to know about it. What a feller owed was discussed in his own house with the doors locked. Now everybody is bragging about how much they owes.

And I see by the papers where the Federal Reserve Board says that today one out of ever three bills is a \$20 and that half the paper money in circulation in this country is in \$20 and \$100 bills. Me and you, Mister Editor, was raised up on the \$1 bill and

you'll have to admit that things is gitting bigger.

Senator Byrd of Virginia said the other day that the Congress is now spending \$40 million dollars ever four and one-half hours around the clock, or about \$150,000 a minute fer ever minute in the calender year. I figger we're swelling a heap faster than we're growing in the spending department.

And the way they give it out from Washington, you'd never suspect it was costing the folks back home a dime. Fer instant, I saw the other day where the Navy paid the Army \$63,400 fer the use of a Army dredge boat fer some sort of operation. The Navy pays the Army. Git it, Mister Editor? It didn't cost the taxpayers nothing. The Navy just paid the Army.

I worry a heap about this growing or swelling business. My old lady says if I'd worry more about keeping my fences patched up and looking after 'things here at home and less about what's going on in Washington I'd git along better. I reckon that would do it alright, just like pitting red pepper in your eyes is apt to cure your toothache.

Seems like a heap of things in this country today is crazy and upside down. I saw where a feller in Maryland, charged with escaping from a jail, told the Judge they was a hole in the ceiling and he fell through it accidental. If I'd been the Judge I'd turned him loose. It fits.

Yours truly,
gabby

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1956	PONTIAC 4 door with automatic transmission, radio, heater, white tires and AIR. Color black and white. A NICE ONE. WAS \$895. REDUCED TO	\$79500
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WILLIAMS HOME SCENE OF GARDEN CLUB TEA

The suburban home of Dr. and Mrs. Jarrett Williams, north of Merkel, was the setting Thursday for a tasting tea hosted by Merkel Garden Club. Approximately 125 guests attended.

Mrs. Williams played Christmas selections on the organ during the serving hours. More than 30 delicacies, suggesting the coming Christmas season, were available for guests to "taste."

The house was decorated throughout with autumn flowers grown and arranged by club members. The table displaying the food was centered with a mounted pheasant and autumn flowers. Tea and coffee were served from a table laid with a mauve Christmas cloth and centered with a huge silver centerpiece of orchid mums flanked by silver candelabra hold-

ing burgundy candles. Recipes for food served were given to guests as they departed. Mrs. W. T. Sadler, president, expressed her appreciation to all who helped make the tea a success.

Visitors registered from Anson, Abilene, San Angelo, Trent, Midland, Houston and Cedarvale, Colo.

Windham Children Home For Holiday

Mrs. R. E. Windham of 405 Runnels St. had all of her children "at home" for Thanksgiving. Present were Mrs. Thelma Thomas of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Windham and children, Larry, Linda and Kathy of Merkel; Mrs. Alta Hobbs of Grand Prairie; Mr. and Mrs. Hosea Windham of Trent; Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Windham of Las Vegas, Nev.; and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Moore and son, Roger, of Blair. A son, Norman, of El Paso was unable to be present.

Grandchildren present were Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hobbs and children, Buchie and Dane, of Grand Prairie; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams and children, Vickie and Stevie, of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Kenney Elliott and children, Cindy and Scottie of Sweetwater. Afternoon visitors were the Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Phillips of Cooper, and Mrs. Tom Russom.

UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

Not much to write about this week. A light shower fell over the Canyon this week. However, not enough moisture has fallen as yet to help much as it is very dry and small grain much in need of rain.

Livestock are doing fine so far, but as winter will be here soon, feeding will start.

Stockmen will start a check this week to see how much damage was done during the deer season. Tom Russom lost a fine cow the first of the season. It is believed she was shot in the center of the head by some night hunter.

Some twelve to 15 deer were killed on the mountain range that surrounds the Canyon.

Dee Moore of Merkel decided to try to kill a deer. So he tied a big red flag around his head and went out to the Butman camp land. Up jumped a deer, which he missed. We asked him why on earth he missed. He told us that the deer kicked gravel in his face and by the time he had decided between throwing his gun at the deer or shooting, it was gone.

Hyder Blackburn and grandson of Seymour were here two days during deer season to hunt and visit. Mr. Blackburn, who is nearing 80 years of age, climbed one of the highest mountains, sat down and looked over the old home place where he lived as a young boy. He said it looked a lot like it did 50 years ago. His father, the late Hayne Blackburn, sold the place to Sam Butman Sr. for \$11.50 per acre.

The land today would sell for between \$80 and \$100 per acre. The place is now owned by Mrs. E. C. Ray. It is better known to many as the R. H. Mathews place. The Clemmer Brothers have moved in a hundred head of light weight calves to be wintered on their place. They bought the calves in Louisiana.

Will Butman had a load of cattle on the Abilene market this week.

Joe Swinney also had a load of cows and calves on the market. W. H. Ensminger of Merkel, who owns a stock farm in the Canyon, has an abundance of good bundle feed stacked at the farm to feed his cattle this winter.

The old Uncle Tom Toombs farm house, a big two-story frame on the bank of the creek at Nubia, is being torn down. It looks like a lumber yard with a lot of good lumber, the kind you could not find or buy today.

Morice Johnson, stockman of the Canyon, salvaged the building for half the lumber.

There has been plenty of history written around the place, back when Nubia was a town of several stores, a bank and cotton gin.

The entire Canyon community extends sympathy to the R. H. Mathews family in the loss of their husband and father. The family lived here many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Swinney of Abilene visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney, Sunday afternoon.

Lloyd Seymore of Amherst spent the weekend in the homes of his uncles, Tom Seymore and family

L. C. PATTONS MARK GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Patton, former Merkel residents, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with an open house at their home in Comanche, Nov. 24.

Hosts for the occasion were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Patton and Mr. and Mrs. Neal Monroe of Odessa, and Mr. and

Mrs. A. V. Henderson of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Patton have eight grandchildren. Six were present for the celebration.

Mrs. Henderson greeted guests and presented them to her parents. Miss Barbara Patton, a granddaughter, registered the eighty persons who attended.

The party room was decorated with gold chrysanthemums and other floral arrangements. The refreshment table, covered with a lace cloth over gold, was centered with a three-tiered wedding cake, decorated with gold chrysanthemums and gold bells.

Mrs. Monroe, Mrs. Patton and Mrs. Holt, a granddaughter, Mrs. Walter Keys and Mrs. Truman Bruce, nieces of the honorees, presided at the serving table. Other grandchildren also assisted.

Mrs. Patton is the former Effie Case. She and Mr. Patton were married Dec. 15, 1910, in Merkel, where they resided until eleven years ago.

Mrs. Thompson Hosts Reunion

Mrs. E. H. Thompson hosted a family reunion at her home on Thanksgiving Day. Eight of her children were present.

Those attending were Mrs. Lloyd Thompson of Lamesa; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Barker, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Mason Barker, Hodges; Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Barker and son, Colton, Calif.; Mrs. Vera Burdell of Highland, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Barker, Anson; Mr. and Mrs. Omer Bishop and children, Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Truett Thompson and Wayne of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn and children, Stith; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mitchell and children, Big Spring; Mrs. Jerry Ray and children, Knox City; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Barker, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barker, Anson, and Mrs. Ada Higgins, Merkel.

Warrens Host Annual Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Warren hosted the annual December reunion for their brothers and sisters over the weekend.

Present were Mrs. Mary R. Hines, Brownwood; Mrs. Delia McAllister, Cross Plains; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hill, also of Cross Plains; Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Warren, Clyde; Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Slough, Eola; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Slough, Fort Worth. One brother, B. G. Slough of Houston, was unable to attend.

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FOR RENT—3-bedroom house in Trent. Plumbed for washer. A. V. Boyd. Phone Trent 2-2491. 39-2tc

FOR SALE—English style bicycle in A-1 shape. Also Cushman motor scooter, a bargain. 612 Locust, E. L. McLeod. 39-1tc

FOR SALE—2-bedroom, den home with nice back fence. Located on Herring Drive. Can be seen by appointment only. Cyrus Pee, agent. Phone 171. 39-1tc

FOR SALE—Relaxacolor (reducing machine), Big Boy Deluxe Barbecue, 7½ H.P. Clinton Outboard Motor at one-half price. Would trade for enlarger or encyclopedia. Nubia 4185. 39-3tp.

FOR SALE—Hereford Bull Calves, \$125. Subject to register. Louis Butman. 39-3tp.

CARD OF THANKS

Our heartfelt thanks to all who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the food, beautiful floral offerings and other kindnesses. May God bless each of you.

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Trent Student Named To H-SU Social Club

Karen Hood Trent was one of fourteen new pledges accepted in Hardin-Simmons University's Delta Social Club. Initiation was held at the Holiday Inn in Abilene.

Debbie Hicks Feted At Party

Mrs. Eldon Hicks honored her daughter, Debbie, with a party in the Trent school cafeteria on her 7th birthday Nov. 29. Refreshments were served to 43.

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FRIDAY

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Corn

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Milk

Cookies

Mrs. Cox's Students

Elect New Officers

Students in Mrs. Johnny Cox's

sixth grade room met Monday,

Nov. 28 to elect officers for the

next six weeks.

Officers named were Joe Dixon,

president; Raul Lerma, vice president;

David Seymore, secretary;

Ronnie Gilmore, treasurer, and

Paul Brown, reporter.

of Merkel, and Joe Seymore and

family of the Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Martin of

Sweetwater visited her parents,

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Butman Sunday.

Mrs. Oswald Everett of Crosby-

ton attended funeral service for

R. H. Mathews.

Morice Johnson, who ranches

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MISCELLANEOUS

STATED Meeting Merkel Lodge No. 710 Sat., Dec. 10, 7:30 p.m. Truett Thompson, W.M. W. R. Cypert, Sec.

CALLED Meeting of Merkel Chapter 212 Order of Eastern Star Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m. Purpose—initiation.

Carol Britton, W.M. Sarah Salter, Sec.

WANTED—Some mesquite plowing done. Brooks Patterson, phone 335-J. P. O. Box 551. 39-tfc

If you miss your paper call Ed Lewis, Dealer, Abilene Reporter-News. Phone 411-J at 1412 Stewart, Merkel. ttf

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FOR RENT — Bedroom with private bath and private entrance. Mrs. Ina Hunter. 301 Oak. Phone 63-W. 38-3tc

FOR RENT — 3-room furnished apartment. Private bath. Mrs. Bert Melton 1412 South 5th. 35-tfc

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FOR RENT—3-room furnished garage apartment. 509 Yuca. Unfurnished 3-room rock duplex. 509 Yuca. 31-tfc

FOR RENT — 2-bedroom unfurnished house. Bills paid. Contact Mrs. Minnie Hunter. 3151 Lamesa, Abilene. 36-3tp

FOR RENT — Four-room and bath house in Trent. Call Mrs. W. J. Bicknell at Trent 2-9475. 39-tfc

FOR RENT—Unfurnished house —\$25, furnished apartments, 1 or 2 bedrooms, bills paid. Call 320 or see at 1421 N. 2nd. 39-tfc

FOR RENT—5-room house. First house west of Merkel Hotel. David Tarpley. 35-tfc

FOR RENT—3-room house. Rex Martin. Phone 343-W. 37-3tp

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FOR SALE — Mouton coat like new. Size 9-12. 1012 Oak or phone 109-W. 36-3tp

FOR SALE—See me for Knapp shoes. Peck Eager, K & E Service Center. Phone 208. 34-tfc

FOR SALE—2-bedroom and den home, 1 3-4 baths, patio, fenced yard. 1405 Sunset Drive. Call 235-J after 6 p.m. 34-tfc

FOR SALE—One used Singer Sewing Machine. Good condition. Call 107. 27-tfc

FOR SALE — 4 1-2 room house, attached garage. In south Abilene, near school and churches. See Jack South. 23-tfc

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FOR SALE—'52 Mercury automobile. Loyd Gunter, Rt. 2, Merkel. 39-1tp

CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank each one who helped us in our hour of sorrow, in the passing of our dear aunt, Pearl Wiggins. Thanks to Dr. Warren, Mr. Starbuck, Cecil Wagner, her pastor, our Rest Home staff, to the ones who sat at the funeral home, those who brought food to Joyce's home and for all the comforting words. We also want to thank those who went to Morgan Mill with us for her burial.

Mary and Wiley Outlaw
J. W. Louise and Carolyn Cole
Wallace, Joyce and Brenda Doan

CARD OF THANKS

We, the family of Robert H. Mathews, wish to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to our many friends and neighbors for all the wonderful things they did during his illness and death. For the food, the flowers and especially the time spent helping to care for him, we are deeply grateful. To the doctors and the rest of the hospital staff, we want to say "thank you." May our Heavenly Father bless and keep each one of you.

Mrs. R. H. Mathews
Mrs. Era Blair
Frank H. Mathews
Roy H. Mathews
Mrs. William R. Reeves
Mrs. Noel D. Addy

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas —

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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Claude Burdine, 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 26th day of December A. D. 1960, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court on the 10th day of August A. D. 1960 in this cause, numbered 25183-A on the docket of said court and styled Novella Burdine, Plaintiff, vs. Claude Burdine, Defendant.

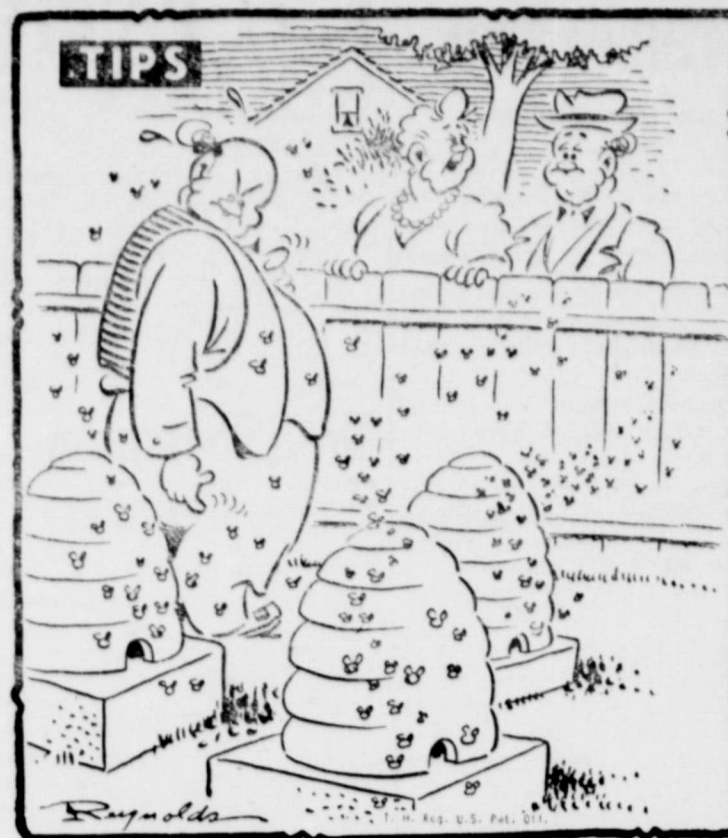
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married Nov. 12, 1955, and became permanently separated on or about January 1, 1960. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment and asks for custody of the minor child of plaintiff and defendant 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 16th day of November A.D. 1960.

Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk,
42nd District Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Irene Crawford,
Deputy.

37-38, 39-40



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Home Demonstration Notes

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent

Now that Thanksgiving is past, we need to get ready for the Christmas holidays. Have you made your fruit cakes?

They need time to age... to develop mellow, spicy flavor and good texture. Extension foods and nutrition specialists of Texas A&M College suggest four weeks or longer for the aging process... You had better get yours baked soon.

Why not get together with a neighbor and make fruit cake this year?... One of you might bake the light kind, and the other the dark, spicy one. Then divide the cakes so each will have variety. Extra ones might make fine Christmas gifts.

Prepare all dried and candied fruits, dates, peels and nuts one day, and make the batter and bake the second day. It's less tedious that way. Long, slow baking is a must to make a fruit cake with a tender crust.

Recipes for light and dark fruit cake, and for uncooked fruit cake are given in the colorful extension bulletin "CHRISTMAS TIME AT HOME." Also, directions for decorating, glazing, canning and storing fruit cakes.

I will be glad to give you a copy

VETERANS INFORMATION

Q—I am eighteen years old, the daughter of a veteran who served in the armed forces in peacetime and who died of injuries sustained in maneuvers of an extra-hazardous nature. Doesn't a new law entitle me to training under the War Orphans Education program?

A—Yes. A law passed recently broadened the scope of the War Orphans Education program to include children of deceased veterans of peacetime service. The death of the peacetime veteran parent must have been caused by the actual performance of military or extra-hazardous duty. Eligible children must generally be between 18 and 23 years of age.

Q—I live in an area that has been declared a direct loan area for GI loans. Wasn't this direct loan program of VA recently extended for both World War II and Korea veterans?

A—Yes. VA's direct loan program which formerly had a deadline of July 25, 1960, was extended by law to July 25, 1962.

Q—I hold a GI insurance policy for \$10,000 and want to change the beneficiaries I put down a long time ago. Do I have to tell them I am making the change?

A—No. Your designation of beneficiaries is entirely your own affair and need not be notified if you wish to make a change.

Q—Is it true that the VA is still paying pension to some veterans of the old Indian Wars?

A—Yes. There are 39 old Indian War veterans on VA's pension rolls.

the wardrobe, or add some needed pieces.

Here are some tips offered by specialists for analyzing the situation before you buy a certain fabric or clothing item on sale or otherwise:

Keep your total wardrobe in mind... Buy only those items that fit in with your budget, color plan, accessories and activities.

Consider lines, color and texture of the garment. Are they really suited to your type? Are they extreme or high fashion—likely to look wrong next season?

Look at the label carefully

... Get as much information as possible on care and cleaning.

Other suggestions for stretching clothing dollars are given in the extension bulletin, "WARDROBE DOLLARS AND SENSE." Principles given in the publication apply to all family members.

Ask for your copy at my office at 317 Pecan Street, Abilene, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Gaither spent Thanksgiving holidays with her sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Davis of Elk City, Oklahoma, and Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Chandler of Carter, Okla.

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We were sorry we had no news last week due to the passing of our dear aunt, Pearl Wiggins. She took sick Sunday morning with a blood clot in her foot and it went to her brain and caused a stroke and she passed away at 6:15 Sunday evening. Our loss was heavy. We will miss her very much as she helped raise and school me and has lived with me the past four years.

Rev. Wayne Reid of Abilene visited Uncle Bob Reed last week. Mr. and Mrs. John Bruno of Denver, Colo., visited Mrs. Stella

Miller recently. Mrs. Miller will undergo eye surgery at St. Ann's the 7th of this month. We wish for her a successful operation.

Mrs. Jim Pardue and Mrs. Bob Pardue, Abilene, visited Mrs. Vaulandingham.

We wish to thank the young Adults Class of the Noodle Baptist Church for the large box of fruit juices they brought the home for Thanksgiving. Thank you Mrs. W. B. Hendon and Mrs. Billy Maxwell for bringing them.

We had a nice Thanksgiving. Had turkey and all the trimmings. Several of the patients got to go home for lunch. Granny Massey, Tom Burks and Mrs. Hicks we thank you for making it possible for them to spend Thanksgiving at home. It is nice for a child to come and get their mother and take them home on special occasions, but we think it is extra nice when a daughter-in-law invites her mother-in-law home on holidays. We especially want to thank Mrs. Bob Hicks for her kindness

on making Thanksgiving a nice day for our Mrs. Hicks.

We want to thank Mrs. W. E. Gregory for the eight nice hens she gave the Rest Home. They were appreciated.

We want to thank the Jr. Red Cross Council, Class of Merkel High School sponsored by Mrs. Ellen McReynolds for the very tall box they brought the home for Thanksgiving. It contained apples, oranges, bananas, grapes, peaches, a pumpkin, canned fruit of all kinds and soups. It was a very nice box and three very nice gentlemen who brought it. Thank you Jim Martin, Don Parmelly and Bob Benson for bringing it. We sure have been having lots of good fruit salad.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith visited his father G. C. Smith last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Ashford of Westbrook visited his mother last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Joplin of Spur visited Jennie Joplin Thanksgiving.

We would like to express our thanks to Mrs. Carroll Benson's 5th grade for the Thanksgiving basket of fruits, nuts, candy and canned goods. Thanks Mrs. Johnny Cox, Bruce Allamon, Alma Barnes, Shelia Holland, Nelda Doan, Donald Russom and Vickie Doan for singing for the patients.

Mr. and Mrs. Ozro Steen of Abilene, Keelie and Robin Ridgeway of Fort Worth, visited Mrs. Steen Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wrenn, Levelland, visited Mr. Popham and Mrs. Ashford Thanksgiving day. Thank you good people of Hebron Baptist Church for the large box of fruit brought to the home the night before Thanksgiving. It was a project of the Intermediate Class. Thank you Rev. Dale Windham, and Mrs. Windham and Joan Black for bringing it.

If you wanted to see something real cute you should have seen the four and five-year-old Training Union Class who came before Thanksgiving and brought fruit and candy for the patients. They said they had come to pray and sing for the "kin folks" and that they did. The singing was good and the prayers were out of this world for children that age. Mer-

kel should be proud of their younger generation for they are of the best. Those present were Ronny and Bobby Logan, Bill Hardin, Tonja McAninch, Tim Wozencraft, Gregg Doan, Rocky Stevill, Cindy Davis, Robbie Sparkman, Marsha Thompson, Dallas Dayton, Bobby Whitehead and David Robertson and Mrs. Bill Alexander and Mrs. James Sherrill. We invite them back again, they were just wonderful, and the old folks enjoyed them.

We have a new patient, Mrs. Willie Mae Hock of Monahans, Texas. We hope she will be happy in our home.

We extend our sympathy to Mrs. John Mansfield, on the loss of her mother, Carrie Jarman, who passed away in the home Tuesday of last week. She suffered so long with cancer and it was a relief to her when God called her home. She was a dear person, loved by all and she will be missed by all who knew her. Thank you Mrs. Mansfield for the gift to the nurses. It was appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Shugart of Fredericksburg visited Mr. Tom Shugart Sunday.

We thank the Carr's for filling their appointment Sunday at 10. Thank you Mrs. Brooks Patterson for helping them sing.

Reiner Kallus, Church of Christ minister from Trent, filled his appointment in the home Nov. 27 at three o'clock. Mr. Gold Hamner, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton McLeod, Mr. and Mrs. Garnett Wilks helped with the song service. It was a very good service.

Rev. Jessie Swindell, pastor of Noodle Church filled his appointment here Sunday. His mother, Mrs. J. E. Swindell, visited in the home where she met every patient. We had a real nice service. We thank the nice ladies of

Trent, Mrs. Dennis Butler, Mrs. John Hamner, Mrs. Jack Riley, Mrs. Othell O'Kelly, Mrs. Mark Williamson, Mrs. Tommie Beck, Mrs. Clovis McElmurray and Mrs. H. A. Holt for bringing your church program to Mrs. Steen. We appreciated it very much.

Mrs. Lutie Steen went to Trent to her home Oct. 29 and celebrated her birthday on the 30th. She was 91 years young. We wish for her many more birthdays. We appreciated the nice birthday cake she brought back for the patients.

The Jr. High School Dept. of the Methodist Church, Merkel, sponsored by Mrs. Bud Haley, Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mrs. Jack South, came to the home Sunday at 10 o'clock and sang for the patients. They brought a sack of candy for each patient furnished by the W.S.C.S. of the church. Space won't permit the naming of all the boys and girls but I'll tell you there was a house full of them. We certainly appreciated their kindness.

Larry Hargrove brought the patients some of that deer that he killed last week. We want to congratulate him on his shooting be-

cause it is not always everyone that goes deer hunting brings one back. Thank you, Larry, for remembering our home because it will be the first deer meat this season. We want you to know we appreciated it.

We have a new nurse, Mrs. Rogers from Trent. She is a very nice person and a good nurse. We hope she will like us as much as we like her.

We were sorry to hear of Mrs. Bruce Hughes mother falling Sunday and breaking her hip. We hope she will soon be better and

that she will soon be back to work. Mrs. Stella Hatten, Cisco, lifetime friend of Pearl Wiggins, was here to attend her funeral.

Mrs. Mary Tittle and daughter, Mrs. Catherine Jones of Trent spent Monday with Mrs. Tittle's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hamp Campbell.

Mrs. Bobby Toliver and children, Larry and Galasue, of Odessa visited in the home of her grandmother, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason, and Mrs. Sallie Moore, the past week.

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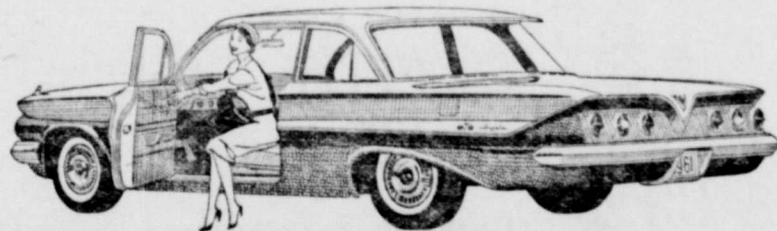
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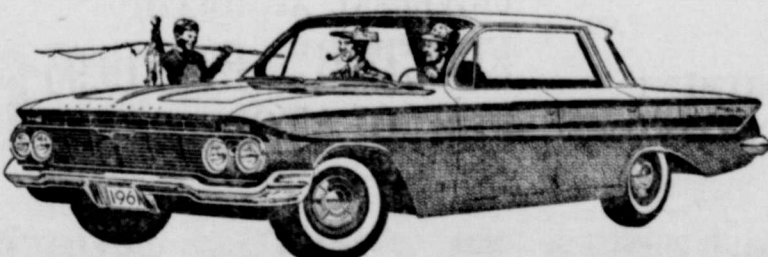
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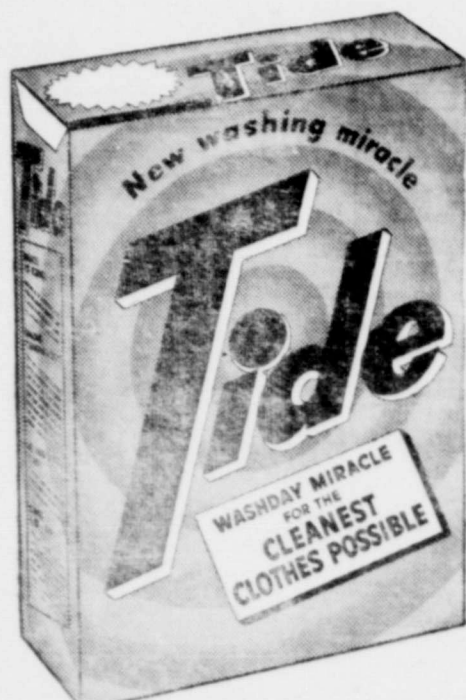
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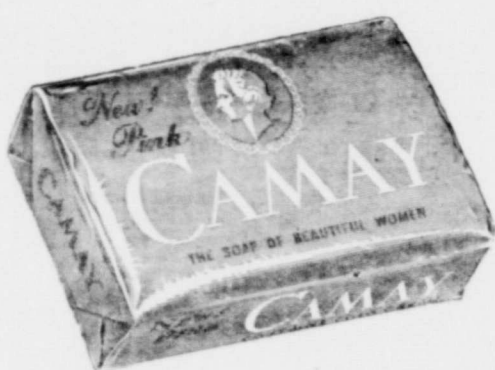


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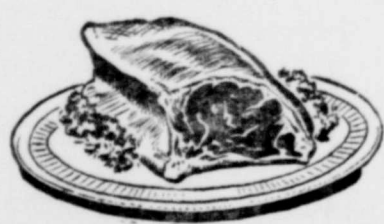
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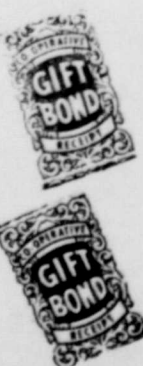
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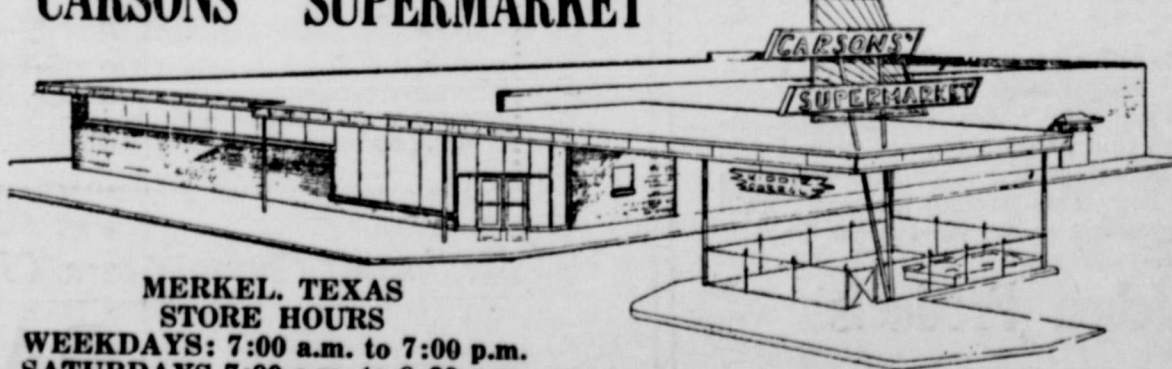
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