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Merkel Pageant

... by Dave

Horace Boney, lone candidate for mayor, passed a left-handed compliment the other day. He said, "you're making great improvements with the Merkel Mail. I can read half of it now."

And speaking of the Merkel Mail, which is about all we do nowadays, the regular pressman Johnnie Wayne Johnson, decided he had better find a pasture a little greener, so Terry Gardner, former publisher, will make the "brute" work this week.

And speaking of former publishers, Mr. and Mrs. H. White have been in town visiting with friends and saying hello to former customers.

Brother, was there ever a torrid campaign on the political field. Howard and Herman Carson were nominated for secretary of the Merkel Boosters Club. Both claimed the other or a third man was best for the job. After a campaign speech by Norman Winters, Herman won the office.

The Merkel Lions Club, under the quite persuasion of Lion President Onus Crawford, have voted one hundred per cent to maintain their civic activities. Committees are being formed for work projects and membership. You can look for renewed activity from this long-time active civic group.

Folks in Earl Watts' office reports that he was back in the office the other day and looked "just like his old self." I suspect that that is high compliment, Earl.

Don't know who was responsible for the fine program at the Lions Club last week. It was a safety program presented Department of Safety. Most thought provoking portion was when the Lions wearing wrist watches were asked to stare at their ring or the place where they would have a ring if they wore one. Without moving their eyes the Lions were then supposed to tell what time it was. Moral: keep your eyes moving and alert when driving.

Probably Onus Crawford had something to do with getting the program. But whether he did or not, it was still a good program.

Received a "press release" about the sale of Series E and H U. S. Savings Bonds. Couldn't find anything directly about Merkel in the release but Taylor County as a whole has a 1962 goal of \$1,350,000. July sales were \$107,212 for a year's total of \$845,314 or 62.2 percent of the yearly goal. Dan Jones Castles is district chairman and Sam Hill is county chairman. Sam Hill is with Abilene's First State Bank and Dan Castles is with West Teas utilities.

Speaking of WTU, brings up another release in the week's mail. It's about the election of R. W. Hardy as a new member of the WTU board of directors.

TUSCOLA STUDENT HEADS IBM GROUP

Russell Atwood Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Atwood Sr., of Tuscola has been recently elected as president of the first organized Student Council of Fort Worth "IBM" College.

The other council officers are: Larry Adams, vice-president of Levelland; secretary, Miss Tona Novick of Hobbs, New Mexico; and Miss Olivia Worthen, Treasurer and reporter of Petersburg.

Cemetery Fund

The following persons have made contributions to the Merkel Cemetery Association fund: Brook Callaway, in memory of Ordis Sosebee

Mrs. H. O. Eoff and Naylor Bettye Wallace, Garland Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Merritt,

COME ON

MERKEL



BEAT

STANTON

Amateur Gardener Is Exposed To Many Dangers In Yard

Almost 12 per cent of all home accident deaths occur in the yard, according to the Texas Safety Association.

"According to Texas Safety Association findings," Lone Star Gas Company Manager J. D. Holbrook said Wednesday, "careless handling of rakes, hoes, ladders and the power lawnmower represent the principal dangers to the amateur gardener."

Lone Star is sponsoring a home safety program in Merkel for the second straight year. Co-sponsors are the Texas Safety Association and The Merkel Mail and Bill's Garden Shop.

The Texas Safety Association recommends that hoes, rakes, and other similar yard tools be turned downward when momentarily laid aside. These yard tools, as well as ladders, should be stored properly when not in use, thus preventing falls.

These safety rules should be observed when operating the power mower:

1. Be sure of your footing and balance at all times.
2. Keep children and pets at a safe distance when you use the mower.
3. Do not reach under the mower to push it over obstructions. Tip it by manipulating the handle.
4. Do not use electric mower when ground is wet.
5. Do not use mower until the lawn has been cleared of stones, wires and other articles.
6. Stop engine before removing objects from reel or rotary blades.
7. Disconnect plug wires when working on underside of mower.
8. Keep fuel out of reach of children. Store fuel in closed metal container.
9. Shut off mower before leaving it unattended.
10. Keep flame away from mower while refueling.

There are other causes of fatal falls in the yard in Dallas in 1960, for example, nine people died in falls reported as follows: stumbled over chicken wire chasing chickens, 1; slipped on patio, 1; fell down steps, 3; fell en route to garage, 1; fell entering house, 1; fell off porch, 1; and lost footing on ladder or roof, 1.

"Vigilance," Holbrook said, "is required at all times if these preventable accidents are to be eliminated."

NOODLE HDC SETS ELECTION

Election of officers for the Noodle Home Demonstration Council is scheduled for Sept. 11.

Announcement of the coming election was made at the August 28 meeting.

Those present included Mmes. Ruth Vanell, Eleta Sullivan, Wana Justice, Elvarie Dillard, Louise Parham, Earl Palmer, Doc Callaway, Chester Cox and Hazel Spurgin.

TO RECENT WACO HOUSE PARTY

Those from the First Baptist Church in Trent who attended the WMOU House Party at Waco included:

Mmes. J. B. Chick, C. C. Stebbin, Lenord Robinson and John Wynn.

The Trent group met with a Caravan from Calvary Baptist Church of Stamford in Abilene.

Those from Stamford included: Mrs. Alva Skiles, Donnie Johnson and Mrs. South McKinley.

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NOODLE P-TA TO HOLD MEETING

Members of the Noville P-TA will hold their first meeting of the new school term September 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Everett Beavers, county school superintendent, will be the speaker.

New officers are Mrs. Billy Holmes, president; Mrs. Tom Hagan, vice president; Mrs. Jean Cockern, secretary; Mrs. Ed Wornack, treasurer; and Mrs. R. D. Ely, reporter.

Refreshments will be served.

Optimist Club to Have "Friend of The Boy" Day

The third annual Optimist Club "Friend of the Boy" Day will be held in Dallas at the Cotton Bowl on September 30. Junior high school age boys from all over the Southwest will be at the Cotton Bowl to see the Dallas Texans meet the Buffalo Bills.

Howard Carson has been named Chairman of this project for the Merkel Optimist Club. Assisting Mr. Carson will be M. E. Randolph and Vincent Barnett. Admission to the pro football game will be free and the Optimist Club of Merkel will plan and promote the trip. Any junior high school age boy interested in making this trip should contact one of the aforementioned committee members for further details.

Coach Carroll Benson has been scheduled to meet with the Optimist Club for their regular noon meetings on this Thursday Sept. 6. He will discuss the Merkel Badgers' schedule, team and prospects.

Golf Tourney Winners Told

Lloyd Robertson and Jo Ann Smith were winners of first place in the Women's Golf Association Scotch Foursome Labor Day Tournament.

Second place winners were Dena Higgins and Faye Robertson.

Third place winners were Horace Boney and Jackie Doan. Jackie Doan and Lloyd Robertson were first place winners in the driving contest.

Sammy Doan and Fannelle Boney won second place.

Horace Boney and Jo Ann Smith won first place in the chipping contest. Ted Cooper and Becky Knipe won second in chipping.

The golf club members meet each Wednesday morning at 8:30 and all women members of the Country Club are eligible for membership.

JR. HIGH FOOTBALL GAME TUESDAY

Merkel Junior High football team plays their first game on Tuesday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m. Admission will be 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for students.

MERKEL TEAM FACES HEAVY OPPOSITION IN STANTON

Merkel Badgers, hungry for their first victory of the season, meet a tough heavy Stanton team.

Coach Carroll Benson told members of the Merkel Boosters Club Tuesday night that the Stanton team is probably the heaviest team Merkel will meet this year.

Game time for the Merkel - Stanton conflict is 7:30 p.m. at Budger Stadium at Merkel.

It will be the first time the new Merkel Field House will be used.

Coach Benson introduced his squad to the members of the Booster Club, after which the Booster Club held an election of officers and a short business meeting.

E. A. Conley was elected Booster Club president. Arthur Moore was named vice president and Herman Carson was named secretary - treasurer.

Coach Benson introduced the following squad members:

Mack Mansfield, LE; David Loffin, LT; Mike Doan, LG; Van Gauthie, LG; Frosty Winters, C; Keith Wilson, RG; David Scott, RT; Wayne Hester, RE.

Charles Dannheim, RE; Charlie Russell, QB; Don Parmelly, FB; Roger Todd Moore, TB; C. B. Brown, WB; Johnny Whisenhunt, LE; Robert Shouse, LT; Donald Rich, LG; Rodney Robertson, C; Joe Higgins, RG.

Freddie Mewborn, RG; Larry Teaff, C; Larry Hargrove, RT; Howell Cooper, RE; Craig Litton, RE; Bob Benson, QB; Welton Tittle, FB; Jon Ford, RB;

Glenn Shaw, FB; Jack Reynolds, TB; Jack Mansfield, WB; Gary Adcock, WE; Jimmy Crawford, QB; Douglas Barnhart, C

MERKEL COUNCIL RACE DRAWS THREE

Three men have entered the race for a vacant Merkel city council post in a special election set for Sept. 18. The candidates are Joe Crain, J. L. Fisher and J. L. (Jake) Massey.

They are seeking the post vacated by the resignation of O. H. Griffin, who is building a home outside the city limits and will not be eligible to hold the city office.

Horace Boney, Merkel insurance man, is unopposed for the post of mayor, an office also being vacated.

Earl Hughes Sr., mayor, has resigned effective Sept. 1 because of ill health.

Voting in the two-part special election will be at the welfare

office from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sept. 18. Mrs. F. Y. Gaither will be election judge.

Star Nursing Home News

By MARY OUTLAW

We have been busy shelling, canning and deep freezing peas, we have four big deep freezers and two boxes at the locker plant full of fruits, vegetables and meats.

Among the things frozen are 10 bushels of peaches, 10 bushels of beans, 10 bushels of squash and 29 bushels of black-eyed peas. Also some frozen beef, pork and fish.

We want to thank Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Cross of Noodle for the nice okra and tomatoes they brought the home. They certainly went well with the peas.

The Rev. E. M. Borden Jr. filled his appointment here Sunday. We had so many from the church, including Burl McCoy, Kent Denton, Brian Allanson, Eva Denton, Cathy Derenigton, Liz Ragan, Fran Borden, Audrey Roagan, Christie Lucas, Rebecca Bell, Mrs. C. B. Gardner, Mrs. Burl McCoy, Mrs. Eva Hobbes, Mrs. Cleo Putman, Mrs. Newell Lucas and Mrs. Bryan Frazier of Haskell. We appreciate these good and kind people. They brought a wonderful service.

Mrs. Ross Jones of Abilene visited her sister, Emma Ray Nall, Saturday.

Mrs. J. M. Beasley of Trent visited her mother, Minnie Ashford, Saturday.

Mrs. Irene Strawn of Trent visited her mother, Mrs. Steen, Friday.

I forgot to mention last week that my daughter is an employee here. She is administrator of the nursing home, also bookkeeper. Brenda her daughter, has worked all summer on the day shift, but is back in school now. However, she still runs errands for the patients as well as the home.

Mrs. Lela Caudle visited her son, H. R. Caudle in Abilene over the weekend. She came back with a new permanent.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bryant of Abilene visited his father, Mr. Bryant, Sunday.

Hetti West visited her brother, Elbert West, at Stith Sunday.

Mrs. C. E. Whitaker of Cisco visited her father, J. A. Lollar, this week.

Mrs. Brown and son, T. M. Brown Jr. visited Sunday.

Bill and Berton Etheredge of Maryneal visited Mrs. McKee last week.

Mrs. Lynn Perdue of Trent visited her grandmother, Theodosia Bilbet.

Mr. W. B. Lollar from Tye visited Mrs. J. A. Lollar Monday.

Mrs. McKeever and Mary visited Mrs. Groane Monday.

Mrs. Annie Hughes has a new permanent.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Burks visited Isom Saturday.

Mrs. Clay Wylie of San Angelo visited her husband, Clay, Friday.

Olivia Del Crez left us, Mrs. Massey took her place as day nurse.

Mrs. McMinn visited her daughter, Mrs. Blanche Teaff Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Winter of Lubbock visited Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Delmer McLeod.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Shagula and family of Abilene visited Mr. Burks Monday.

gabby doodle from noodle says:

I see by the papers where Secretary Dillon that carries the keys to the money box in Washington has final got around to fixing the official shortage for the 1962 fiscal year. He says we come up 6 billion short this time around.

On account of this being the 26th time we been short in the last 29 years, I reckon some papers didn't even mention it. I'm just sitting the figers down in case my banker thinks I'm the only one short around here.

For quite a spell now the most popular thing coming out of Washington news stories is the words "billion dollars." It's a billion dollars here and a billion dollars there and a billion dollars everywhere. It's got so it's hard for them Washington reporters to get through the first paragraph of anything without saying sompuns about a billion dollars.

They ain't many folks, including me, that's got any idea of how much a billion dollars is and we got used to taking this item for granted ever morning like we take our coffee. Well, Congressman Frank Bow come out not long ago with some figers that the taxpayers back home can understand. He says, fer instant, if you give your old lady a billion dollars and tell her she can't spend but \$1,000 a day of it, she won't pester you fer money no more for another 3,000 years. Low that is language, Mister Editor, that I can understand, and it's the first

time I've had me a good idea of how much the money is flowing in Washington.

But the best item I've sew come out of Washington on the situation come from Senator Cotton. He allows as how things is "always a riot of colors along the Potomac." He says the lawns is green, the sailors is dressed in white, the Pentagon boys is wearing gold uniforms and the Government is running around in the red. Yep, I reckon things is right colorful along the Potomac.

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YEA, BADGERS, FIGHT!

EDITORIAL

Home Accidents Also Kill, Maim

Three decades ago there was hardly a Texas County that did not annually report numerous cases of smallpox, diphtheria, typhoid fever and scarlet fever. Today we rarely hear of these diseases.

Records show that good medical and public health programs, in the intervening years, have saved the lives of tens of thousands of Texas mothers and infants. But other records ask: "Have we really saved them? What about the annual home accident toll?"

Is it more terrible to die from diphtheria than from burns? During 1960, the most recent year for which complete figures have been released, only 20 Texans died from the former while death came to 465 from the latter.

Is it more terrible to die from smallpox than from poisoning? Not a single person died from smallpox in 1960, but the year's toll from accidental poisonings totaled 74.

Is it more terrible to live with a leg crippled from Poliomyelitis than with a leg, back or hip severely injured by an unnecessary home fall? During 1960, there were 382 deaths from falls in Texas homes.

Is it more terrible to die from typhoid fever than from an accidental gunshot wound? Typhoid, once a dread killer, took the lives of only four Texans in 1960. Accidental gunshot wounds inflicted in Texas homes took 102 lives.

Is it more terrible to die from scarlet fever than from suffocation? Scarlet fever killed 14, while 92, mostly children under four years of age, died from suffocation in the home.

These diseases are not as troublesome as they once were because over the years a lot of money and a lot of effort have gone into prevention and cure. The problem of the tremendous home accident toll, on the other hand, has received far too little attention, although today it is a bigger problem, a greater menace to life and limb, than any of these and many other diseases. There were 1,279 home accident deaths in 1960. Home accident injury cases totaled 193,079, of which 5,116 were of a permanent nature. The combined death toll from diphtheria, smallpox, poliomyelitis, typhoid fever and scarlet fever totaled 52.

The home accident problem will not be easily solved. There is no penicillin or Salk vaccine to use on this killer. There is no pill to be taken, no shot that can be given, such as are used in the control of communicable diseases. The solution to the problem lies with the individual and can be stated in a single sentence: Use common sense and seek out and eliminate home hazards.



Do You Know?

Before our civilization had made any impression upon the natives of the North Pacific Coast, these original settlers maintained tribal and family pride.

They possessed an aristocracy—the noble families taking some kind of fish, bird or animal as their name or title, which also furnished a motif for their family crest, an idea not confined to the Pacific Coast alone. It has its counterpart in the lion of Great Britain, the American eagle, the thistle of Scotland, the shamrock of Ireland and the arms of noble families. The practice can be traced indeed throughout all history, among the greatest empires and the most savage tribes.

Probably the most photographed totem pole in the world is the one standing in the center of the open square at the Canadian National Railway station at Jasper Village in Jasper National Park, Canadian Rockies.

The colorful Jasper pole was acquired from the Haida Indians from the Queen Charlotte Islands.



An outstanding example of totem pole art, it stands 65 feet high and it took the Indians three years to complete the carvings.

Farmers Gross Sales Increase But Net Profit Goes Downward

15 Farmers, like other businessmen, in recent years have increased their gross sales but have received less net income, reports C. H. Bates, extension farm management specialist.

The nation's farmers have increased gross sales since 1945 by 6 percent but their net income has declined more than 9 percent. Bates adds. Gross income in 1945 was \$25.7 billion and production expenses were \$12.9 billion. Net income equaled \$12.8 billion. By 1960, gross income was up to \$37.9 billion but expenses had jumped to \$26.3 billion, leaving a net of only \$11.6 billion.

Farmers have sought to improve their situation, says Bates, by shifting the inputs or "mix" of production resources. They have substituted machinery for labor. In 1940, U. S. farmers spent \$1.75 on machinery and buildings for each dollar spent on hired help. By 1960, they were spending \$2.77 on those items for each dollar spent for hired labor.

Another effort to boost efficiency is reflected in the amounts spent for fertilizer and lime. By 1960, U. S. farmers were spending 4.8 times more for these items than was spent in 1940. This means a great increase in quantity since prices for fertilizer and lime have increased only 50 percent.

Although comparable figures are not available on farmer expenditures for pesticides and herbicides, the trend has been sharply upward, says the specialist. These inputs have tended to keep down the cost of food to consumers, he adds.

The question is often raised, points out Bates, why do farm units continue to increase in size? A major factor behind the pressure

for larger units is the use of machinery and the narrower margin received on products marketed, explains the specialist. Today's farmer must invest three to four times as much capital in fixed assets as was needed in 1940 to obtain net returns on a comparable level and the price-cost squeeze is continuing, he adds.

STITH NEWS

By MRS. FRITZ HALE

Crops are needing rain.

Visitors attending services at the Stith Baptist Church Sunday morning were Martha Wright of Red Springs, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Anderson and Bruce and Dorell of Abilene, Mrs. Dewey Ramsey and C. S. Childress.

W. T. Burten is seriously ill in Hendrick Memorial Hospital. Henry Burns and Johnny returned Tuesday of last week to their home in Idaho and Mrs. Mamie Hardie and Kathy Harris returned to Amarillo. They had all been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns and the F. J. McDonald family.

Mrs. Jesse Swindell is visiting her parents in Oklahoma this week.

The Rev. and Mrs. T. E. Moore and Fay visited at Muleshoe last week with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Truitt Jones spent a few days last week at Ruidoso, Cloud Craft and White Sands in New Mexico.

Mrs. Margaret Foster of Big Spring visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley spent Friday in San Angelo with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cleary.

Mr. and Mrs. Pick Payne spent the week end in Guymon, Okla., with their son, W. C. Payne and family. They attended the wedding of their grandson while there.

Rickie Swindell of Athens spent last week with his grandmother, Mrs. J. E. Swindell, and his uncle, the Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Swindell.

Mr. and Mrs. James Strong and Melinda Lee of Odessa were also visitors in the Swin-

SEYMORES HOLD ANNUAL REUNION

Decendents of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Seymore held their annual reunion this year and there were 84 present. They were from Abilene, Lubbock, Big Spring, Tye, California, Arkansas, Merkel, Morton and Sudan.

New officers were elected, Joe Seymore, president; Tom Seymore, vice president; Nina Seymore, sec. - treasurer; Becky Knipe, reporter; Joan Smith, Coletta Toland, Ida Seymore, Becky Knipe, food committee.

X-RAYS AND YOU—2
New Diagnostic Method Combats Heart Disease

Every step forward in the fight against heart disease offers additional hope to thousands of Americans. Heart disease, and specifically the dreaded heart attack, is a major killer among our most productive people during their most productive time of life.

Such a step forward was reported recently by Dr. John A. Evans, of the New York-Cornell Medical Center, a leading radiologist and specialist in the uses of x-ray. The new technique Dr. Evans discussed involves x-ray visualization inside the heart itself and of the vessels around the heart. This visualization or view of the heart provides crucially important information to the doctor—information that can be used to forewarn of an attack or information that can be used for possible surgical repair.

"This technique has been proved now clinically feasible," Dr. Evans reported. This means it will be used more and more among patients who have, or are suspected of having, heart disease.

By way of explanation, the radiologist pointed out that the coronary arteries are the canals which carry blood from the heart. These canals can become hardened or grow narrower, diminishing the heart's ability to pump blood through the arteries. Or an actual clot can occur in the canals

when the blood supply is cut off, means a heart attack and possible death.

This is the second in a series of reports on recent advances in the diagnostic and therapeutic use of medical x-rays. Today's report discusses a new technique for diagnosing heart ailments. Subsequent articles will deal with advances in cancer treatment and the use of television techniques in fluoroscopic examination.

The new method used to visualize the heart involves the use of a hollow tube, called a catheter, inserted through the blood vessels into one side of the heart. Opaque liquid is injected into the tube. This liquid is dense enough to "stop" an x-ray beam so that when x-ray films are taken, the vessels and structures of the heart filled with the fluid are outlined on film. The radiologist interprets these films and reports the vitally important information to surgeons who can begin surgical correction.

Dr. Evans and his surgical colleagues believe this new advance indicates that we may be able to eventually control heart attacks.

dell home.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ledbetter of Abilene was honored with a wedding shower at the Stith Community Center Saturday night. Dian Smith and Sharon Ledbetter registered guests. Mrs. Roy Mashburn served the cake and Mrs. Floyd Wallace served the punch. Hostesses were Mmes. Paul Bradley, Orval Ely, Fletcher Jones, W. M. Loflin, Fred Perry, Frank Ledbetter, Truman Holloway, Marvin Holloway, J. J. McDonald, Ray Mashburn, Floyd Wallace and Pat McDon-

ald and Brenda Mashburn.

The Rev. and Mrs. T. E. Moore and Fay were dinner guests Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley.

Martha Wright of Red Springs spent the weekend with Martha Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Chaney of Grand Prairie, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs and Mr. and Mrs. Benak Hobbs and children.

Mildred Harris of Merkel visited her parents Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry

surprised his brother, Johnny Berry with a birthday dinner in his home in Merkel Thursday August 23.

ANDY SHOUSE.
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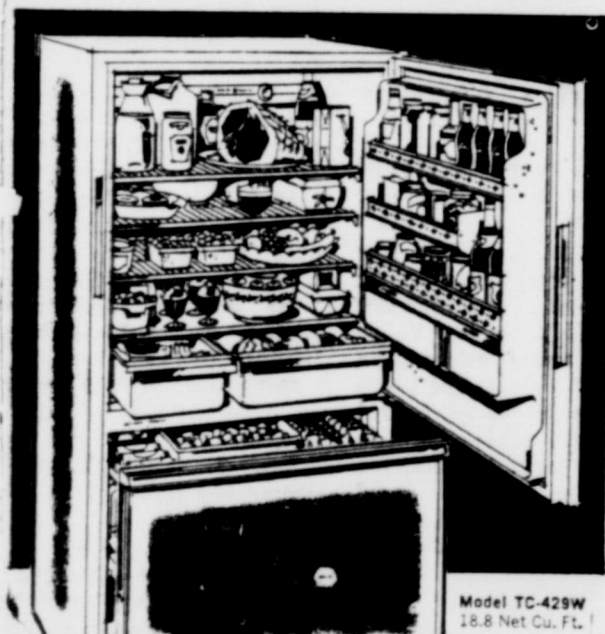
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FOR SALE — Girls size 8-10-12 outgrown blouses, dresses and two new coats. Boys white linen jacket. 704 Locourt after 5:00 p.m.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our many thoughtful friends for the kindnesses shown during my recent illness. For the letters, cards, cash donations, your prayers and expressions of concern. We are deeply grateful. May God richly bless each of you.
Ortha and Patsy O'Kelly Melenda and Owen.

CARD OF THANKS
OUR Heartfelt Thanks to all who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the beautiful service, moral offerings and other kindnesses, we are deeply grateful.
Mrs. W. Clyde Reid
H. C. Reid and family
J. M. Reid and family.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Robinson have had their grandchildren with them all summer. Terry, Bobby, Joe Dell and Ryan Stevens returned to their home in Wink Saturday.

Mrs. W. A. McCandless visited the Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Weathers at Canyon last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Maloy and two boys from Laural, Miss., visited her mother, Mrs. Emma Wheatley over the weekend.

Mr. R. B. Horton of Abilene was a visitor in the home of his mother, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason Wednesday.

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Mrs. G. D. McConnell and Mrs. Vernon Mansfield left Merkel Tuesday for Waco where they will attend the Woman's Missionary Union houseparty.

Mr. Robert Curtis, owner of Merkel Motors, attended the funeral Tuesday of last week of his grandfather, H. L. Davis of Coleman.

The Curtis family are all home now and David is feeling much better.

David Johnson returned to his home in Waco Saturday after an extended visit with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller.

Dr. and Mrs. John B. Davidson, Waco, were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller, last week.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
City Council of the City of Merkel hereby gives notice of City Election.

The following vacancies to be filled Mayor one (1) for an unexpired term until April 30, 1963, Alderman one (1) for an unexpired term until April 30, 1964. Candidates will have until 12:00 a.m. September 1, 1962, in which to file for place on Ballots. The Election shall be held September 1, 1962, at the Welfare Office and shall conform as nearly as possible to the General Election Laws of Texas governing such election. The polls shall open at 8:00 A.M. and close at 6:00 P.M.

Mrs. F. Y. Gaither, is hereby appointed Election Judge.
(Seal)
Given under my hand and seal this 21st day of August A.D. 1962.
City Council, City of Merkel
FLOSSIE W. McKEEVER
Flossie W. McKeever,
City Secretary.

of Waco, were guests of her parents, Mrs. R. J. Miller, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Harper and children, Robert and Nancy of Odessa, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. James Nelson of Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. John Blay, also of Snyder, were visitors in the John Oliver home Sunday.

Mrs. W. M. Elliott of Merkel was visited by her son, Roy Elliott, Tuesday and Wednesday of last week as he travelled from San Angelo to Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Coats and Johnny of Austin spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Hai.

Mr. and Mrs. Whit Farmer of Snyder were visitors in the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer, and sister, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Doan Sunday.

Col. and Mrs. Frank Mathews of College Station were weekend guests of his mother, Mrs. R. I. Mathews, and attended the revival at the First Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stockbridge visited with her mother, Mrs. Nannie Glenn of Brockenridge last weekend.

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ayin of Merkel visited Sandra Hale Tuesday night.

Mrs. Bud Lilly of Abilene spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bridges and children of San Antonio spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mashburn Jr.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. West during the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Willard West, Dallas Mrs. Jessie Dillon, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jones, Miles West, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Winters and Frostie Mr. and Mrs. Manley Denton and Dent and Jack Chancey.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Malone and Bobby of Merkel and Sandra Hale spent the weekend in Ruidosa, N.M.

Mrs. Jesse Swindell spent several days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fuller of Cushing, Okla. They brought her home Thursday.

The Rev. and Mrs. T. E. Moore and Fay were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Audrian Berry of Amhurst are here visiting Mrs. Ina Kelso, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry and the Roy Kelso family.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hindon of Noodle spent Monday with the Swindells and helped the Rev. Swindell sheetrock his kitchen.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vantress and Roy Kelso are visiting in Rogers, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs and Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie Hobbs spent the weekend in Grand Prairie, where they saw Jasper Hobbs, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Fowler and Mrs. Ollie Fowler of Lubbock were visitors in the Hobbs home Monday.

Labor Day guests at the Ollie Fox reunion came from Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. They included:

Weekend guests of Mrs. Zenobia Lucas were Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Warren and Steve, Micky and Teri along with their friends Mr. and Mrs. Dave Porter, Jeff and Scott and Mrs. Knowles, all from Richardson. Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Billy Maxwell, Marilyn and Patti visited Mrs. Lucas. Visitors also included Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Pursley and Brad.

Mrs. Inez Warren from Abilene spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Billy Maxwell.

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Baxter and granddaughters, Katherine and Margaret, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Karl Bonneaux.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll East and family visited with his mother in Ovalo Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bails and boys and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sloan and children were Sunday visitors of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Sloan.

AUSTIN - LEDBETTER WEDDING ANNOUNCED

Rennice Austin became the bride of William Ledbetter at 8 p.m. in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Austin, near Baird.

Kenneth Vinson was best man and Jeannie Austin, twin sister of the bride was maid of honor.

Those attending from the Stith Community included the W. T. Ledbetter family and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Finch.

The couple will be living at 1928 Walnut in Abilene. He is employed by the Firestone Co. She attended school in Baird.

63 ATTEND REUNION

The descendants of J. F. Cox family held their reunion at Lake Brownwood starting the 16 to the 19th of August. Nine children attended. They were Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Cox of Merkel, Gertrude Mitchell, Abilene, Lela Ford, Azele, Maggie Stockton, Corpus Christi, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brown of Midland, Manson James of Sweetwater, O. H. Cox of Sylvester, E. A. Lowlis of Hamlin, S. P. Cox of McCaulley, and grandchildren and friends. There were 63 present.

Bridge Club News

Winners at the August 30 meeting of the Merkel Duplicate Bridge Club were as follows: 1st—Bill Wood, Merkel, and Lt. Al Waxman, Dyess AFB. 2nd—Mrs. Sammy Doan, and Mrs. R. E. Dayton of Merkel; 3rd—Mrs. Raymond Fleisher and Mrs. Catherine Vaughan, both of Abilene.

The next session will be on this Thursday night, Sept. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Merkel Country Club. Starting this Thursday night will be the first session of a six weeks series A trophy and fractional master point award will be made for the best performance throughout the six week series.

Visitors over the weekend in the homes of the Ralph Miller Sr. and the Johnny Teafis of Tye were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller, Brad and Michelle Diane of Odessa.


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Texas Beats National Level In Building Highway System

AUSTIN, Texas—The cost per mile of building the Interstate Highway System in Texas is running large states revealed these figures: California, \$1.7 million per mile; with that of some of the other states, \$1.7 million per mile; Ohio \$1.7 million per mile; and Pennsylvania, \$1.7 million per mile. The Texas Highway Department says the national average is 40 per cent below the national figures compiled by the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads show that Texas will complete its portion of the Interstate System at an estimated \$610,000 per mile — as compared with the national average of approximately \$1 million per mile.

(The Interstate System is a 41,000-mile nationwide network of super highways scheduled to be completed in 1972. Texas' portion of the system will total 3,027 miles.)

Comparison of the Texas cost varies, \$1.5 million per mile.

Since the beginning of the Inter-

state Program in 1956, Texas has consistently led the nation in miles open to traffic and work in progress. The latest quarterly report of the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads, dated August 3, reveals that Texas maintains this lead. Texas now has 1,018.5 Interstate miles open to traffic and 1,322 miles of work in progress.

(Texas also leads all other states in highway building under the Federal aid primary and secondary systems. Since 1956, Texas has built 11,089 miles under these programs.)

VETERANS INFORMATION

Q—Can an eligible U.S. veteran get medical care at Veterans Administration expense while he is temporarily living in a foreign country? If so, where would the treatment be given?

A—He might receive outpatient treatment or hospitalization at VA expense by applying at the nearest American embassy or consulate. The medical care might be from physicians of the foreign country or at the nearest United States overseas military hospital.

Q—My NSLI term insurance policy is becoming much more expensive because of periodic increases in premiums. I would like to convert to permanent plan insurance but cannot afford to convert the entire policy. Can I convert part of it and keep the rest as term insurance?

A—Yes. You may convert as little (but no less than) \$1,000 at a time to a plan with fixed premium amounts in order to avoid the periodic increases of the term insurance.

Q—Will my mother's re-marriage bar me from war orphan benefits?

A—No. You are still an "orphan" as far as being eligible for this benefit is concerned not bar you. Only your increasing age will bar you. The customary deadline is 23 years, but in certain instances this may be extended. See the nearest VA office.



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FOR YOUR HEALTH'S SAKE

Planning a trip to the mountains to get away from the heat for a week or so? So are several million other American families.

If you're headed for some really high mountains, above 7,000 feet, it would be wise to make the change gradually if you wish to avoid "high-altitude sickness."

Try, if you can, to make the ascent over a span of days so that your body can adjust to the oxygen-poor "thin air" at higher elevations. cautions Today's Health, the magazine of the American Medical Association.

Symptoms of high-altitude sick-

ness are drowsiness; headache, blueness of the nails, lips, nose and ears; a feeling of warmth and flushing of the face soon after arrival; troubled sleep; dizziness, irritability, and shortness of breath.

There are some precautions that may help prevent distress if you have to make a fast trip from a low level to high elevations. Before the trip, get a good night's rest and avoid alcoholic beverages and heavy smoking. A good breakfast an hour or so before departure is all right but no food should

be taken during the rest of the trip.

Reduce physical activity during the trip. Sit quietly as much as possible. After arrival in the high altitude area, go to bed for a few hours and eat very lightly. Indulge in only light physical activity during the first 24 hours. Walk, don't run, if you have to climb steps to a hotel or lodge.

Patients with certain heart and respiratory conditions may encounter more serious trouble by abrupt change to high altitudes. However, physicians have noted that most patients with cardiac or pulmonary disease who move around and engage in moderate activity at sea level often can tolerate altitudes of 7,000 to 8,000 feet without serious effects.

If you have any doubts as to whether you or someone in your family may suffer from a trip

to the high mountains, consult your physician in advance.

TURNER REUNION SET FOR MERKEL IN '63

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ensminger attended the Turner reunion Sunday at MacKenzie State Park in Lubbock. Others attending were from Big Spring, Ackerly,

Lamesa, Cleburne, Lubbock, Sparenberg and New Mexico.

Mr. S. T. Martin was elected president and Mrs. S. T. Martin was elected secretary treasurer. Mr. and Mrs. Martin live at Big Spring.

Reunion next year will be held in Merkel at the Community Center the second Sunday in August.

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Commission on State and Local Tax Policy proposes that something be done about it.

An Amendment to the constitution is their recommendation. They suggest an amendment exempting motor vehicles from the property tax, but allowing the Legislature to tax them.

Plan is to have the Legislature set up a procedure by which a state board would determine the value of all makes and models of motor vehicles. Then the county tax assessor-collector would collect a tax at the rate of \$1.50 per \$100 of

market value when license tags are purchased.

Under this "suggestion," 40 per cent of the \$52,000,000 annual take would be divided among the school districts of the counties. Balance would go to the cities in accordance with their populations. County's share would be that portion represented by population outside cities.

Counties and cities would be required to spend money only on road and street work.

Before the commission decides whether to recommend this procedure to the Legislature, a public hearing will be held sometime this fall.

supposed to meet and redistrict, if the Legislature failed to do so.

Miller's suit departs from procedures used in 31 other states in that it is aimed at getting state, rather than federal court action.

He contends that the redistricting law passed by the last Legislature was not fair and that it therefore is unconstitutional.

Dallas County is limited to nine representatives and one senator under a state constitutional provision designed to limit representation of the big counties. It would be entitled to three senators and about 15 representatives if the state was divided evenly.

NEW TARGET DATE—Construction on the 3,027-mile Interstate Highway System in Texas is progressing so rapidly that the completion target date has been moved up a full year to 1971.

Texas Highway Department points out that the state now has completed and opened to traffic 1,090 miles, or 36 per cent of the total.

FUDGIN FOR BEER — Minors who fudge on their age are the biggest headache to Texas Liquor Control Board agents and the beer industry in Texas.

They "qualify" themselves as beer purchasers by changing birth dates on drivers license and raising ages to 21 on other identification. But the tight liquor control act is unrelenting.

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says the Liquor Board agents. It punishes both the seller and the buyer when they are detected.

Liquor Board agents reportedly nab most beer buyers by watching for unusually large gatherings of the youngsters at taverns and drive-ins where the beverage is sold.

POWER POLITICS — Although the Texas Legislature is not scheduled to meet until next January, capital talk is that Sen. Galloway Calhoun of Tyler is in line to be chairman of the powerful State Affairs Committee in the next Senate.

Predictions are contingent on Democratic nominee Preston Smith winning the lieutenant governorship over his Republican opponent O. W. Bill Hayes.

BATTLE CLOUDS—Legislative battle clouds already are looming on the horizon, anticipating an early combat baptism for the many new members of both houses.

Hearing before various state agencies and legislative committees are forerunners of pitched battles over the proposed consolidation, under a separate agency, of overlapping services now being rendered by numerous departments.

For example, the Texas Highway Department carries on the tourism effort. State Parks Board attracts tourists by providing recreational facilities for them. And the Game and Fish Commission lures visitors to fields and streams. The Highway Department supervises pleasure-boating activities of a million people, while the Game and Fish Commission regulates and taxes shell used as road building material.

At least six agencies lease state oil and gas rights, yet the Railroad Commission deals with oil production.

Suggested as possible solutions: expand and consolidate the Game and Fish Commission and the State Parks Board; or make it all a division of the Highway Department.

Political repercussions may surpass all previous legislative battles combined.

Economics and efficiencies, in opinion of some legislative committee members, would justify the effort.

FLU SHOTS URGED—Health department has issued a warning to pregnant women and persons over 45 that it's Asian flu time.

Department is urging adults over 45 (particularly senior citizens over 65), pregnant women and persons of any age with heart trouble, lung, kidney, or metabolic diseases to make immediate arrangement for flu shots.

Widespread outbreaks of Asian influenza are predicted for the coming winter.

A-strain flu occurs every two to three years.

Two doses of influenza vac-

cine, two months apart, are urged for people not previously immunized. Both should be administered prior to December, starting point of the cyclical onset.

TEACHERS-TO-LEARN — This Fall, 2,300 public school teachers, of physics, mathematics and foreign languages, will attend classes Saturday mornings, or after their own teaching hours, to learn the latest developments in their subjects.

This is part of a program instituted by the Texas Education Agency to help beef up the state's instruction in these subjects.

Citrus shipping season in the Lower Rio Grande Valley opens October 1, State Agriculture Commissioner John White announced.

A report of Uvalde County ground water resources was released by the Texas Water Commission showing adequate supplies for future development there.

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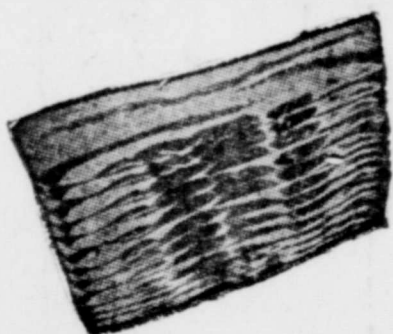
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