



By Hugh Williamson
An outdoorsman, as you would expect, is more sensitive to the weather than other folks. And that doesn't merely mean that he is interested in whether it's hot or cold, wet or dry.
He watches the fishing calendar, the solunar tables, the barometer, and the weather predictions. He is aware of water temperatures at various depths, and he looks for the signs of nature.
All this goes for the hunter as well as the fisherman. As the dove hunter contemplated the season opening in the South Zone, Oct. 1, for example, he recalled heavy rains in the area late in September, and he thought about cooler weather.
His conclusions were that dove hunting around tanks would not likely be productive because there's water everywhere for the birds. And he figures that doves would be migrating southward in search of warmth.

erns who live in conditioned air and don't depend directly on agriculture for their livelihood.
The old folks didn't depend on gadgets to know whether the fish were biting. They understood that there is a rhythm in nature, and they watched for signs that they knew were reliable.
If the old cow rested quietly under a shady tree, if the dog slept by the front steps if there were no birds singing or flyin' — if all nature seemed at a standstill — that was no time to go fishing.
But when the cow got up and started grazing, the dog stretched himself and dug up a bone, and the birds suddenly appeared in the sky — that was fishing time. The system still works. One friend of mine keeps a bowl of goldfish and can tell by their action — or inaction — whether to head for the creek or not.
Solunar Tables
Another fellow tells me that by watching the solunar tables he can tell when the workers in his office are going to be the most alert, active, and industrious. These times coincide with the best fishing hours as indicated by the tables.
It has long been known that the weather affects the way we feel. Benjamin Franklin advised that we "do business with men when the wind is out of the northwest." That's because a northwest wind is a sign of fine weather.
Thus it's not surprising that anglers say "fish bite the best when the wind's from the west."
Barometer Readings
Many salesmen refuse to call on customers when the barometer is low. They know that the prospect is likely to be feeling depressed to such a time. Likewise, old fishermen know that the fish is best when the barometer is high or rising.
September rains were good for the angling situation. They washed food from surrounding land into the lakes and streams for the fish to eat.
Some big fat bass going to be caught in Texas during the next two months!
Incidentally, the better the tan along the shore line, the more

good washed into the water by rains. No lake surrounded by poor land can be rich in fish. Consequently, your earnest angler is a booster of soil conservation.
System for Bass
Getting back to black bass fishing for a minute . . . there's a fellow around here who catches them regularly from the Colorado River lakes. He gave me his system the other day, and I'll pass it on for you to try.
He gets in a boat at daybreak and moves slowly along, casting a surface lure to the edge of the weed beds, and into pockets among the weeds. He gives the lure plenty of time, twitching it ever so slightly at long intervals.
Recently he has scored one 5½ and two 4 pounders. His favorite bait is a Heddon SOS Silver Flash, a wounded minnow type with a spinner front and back. He ties on a red and white bucktail.
It's Exciting
Many's the black bass that has been caught by similar means — and many more will be. To most fishermen, there's nothing like a big black exploding out of the water, hitting the bait as if he were angry with it.
And that is his state of mind, sometimes. He stakes out an area and defies anything to trespass it. Particularly is this true during the spawning season when he is guarding his nest. (That's right. It's the male black bass that makes the home.)
At other times the bass is just

plain hungry — but you can't tell the difference by his charge. He always hits surface lures with the same ferocity. Usually he leaps two or three times before you get him to the boat, trying to throw the lure. And while under water he tugs hard and runs fast.
It's an old story to bass fishermen. But they never tire of it.
Try Under Trees
A bass often will make his home under trees along the bank. He likes the shade and the food that occasionally comes dropping down from above. Woe to the baby bird that drops out of the nest, or the mouse that tumbles into the water, or the grasshopper that makes a careless jump — if the bass is there.
An old trick is to cast a lure over a low-hanging tree branch, let it dangle down and splash

lightly on the water, then let it rest on top, and after waiting awhile, splash it again.
Once I had a bass strike three times on a lure worked that way. Missed it every time. Or maybe he was just bumping it with his snout for pure cussedness.
Finally I gave up and started to retrieve the lure. My partner cast over by the tree and immediately caught the bass, a three-pounder.
Some days you ought to give up, maybe, but you never do.
Mrs. W. J. Bicknell is visiting in the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Warren White, of Pittsburg, Pa.

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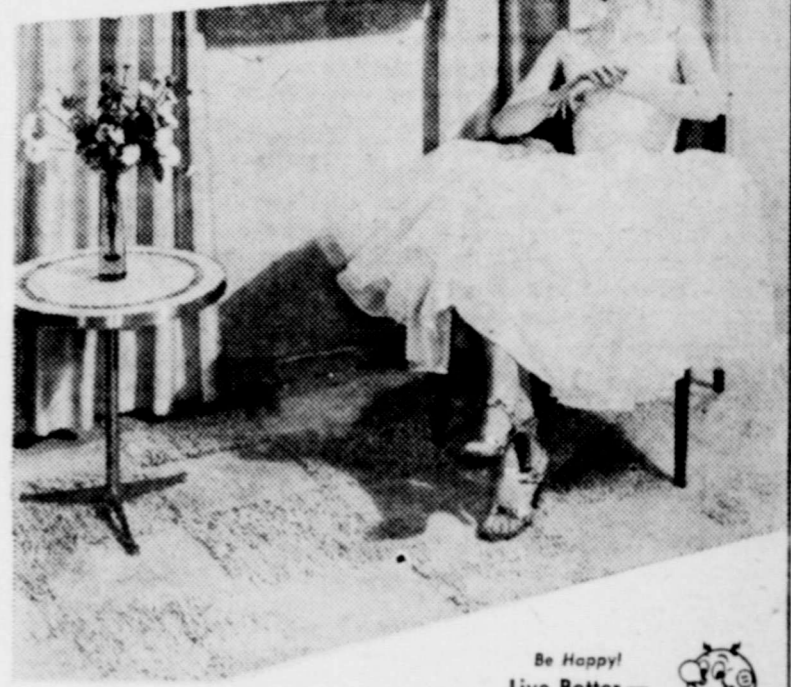
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Slides of room settings in Denmark, Spain, Austria and Asia, showing how the ancient customs, architecture and colors of these countries have been translated into American fabrics and furnishings of Celanese/Contemporary Fibers.

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The color slides showed how

fabric design is created—how an antique ornament or a lacy grill-work can become the motif for the design in different fabrics.

The door prize, material for a dress, was won by Mrs. Leola Shields.

Hostesses for the evening were Edis Lee Hardesty and Maxine Gardner.

The Model meeting is an open meeting for rushees. The rush season started with a Mexican supper in Abilene last Tuesday night. A tea honoring the rushees will be held Sunday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Lamoyne Hughes.

Rushees of the Lambda Beta Chapter are: Mmes. Helen Benson, Ann Palmer, Floydene Roland, Leola Shields, Neva Hicks, Ruth Lassiter, Patsy Hunter, Jane Watson, Dorothy Wade and Lonelle Beasley.

Gusso Circle Meets In Hicks Home

The Gusso Circle met in the home of Mrs. Rojean Hicks Oct. 9.

Lamps, planters and hot-plate holders were made by the group. A refreshment plate of hot-chocolate and cookies was served to two new members, Mrs. Lois Dean, and Mrs. Christene Diltz, and other members: Mmes. Jo Ann Smith, Billye Moore, Loretta Young, Mary Boone, Neva Hicks, Sue Tucker, Bonnie Douglas, and the hostess.

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To reverse Horace Greeley's advice, go East, young man, go East — if you want to be safe, that is!

That's where you'll find the states with the lowest motor vehicle deaths rates, according to the National Safety Council.

They are Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey and Massachusetts. Among the top five, too, is the District of Columbia. Motor vehicle mileage death rates for 1956 are listed in "Accident Facts," the Council's statistical yearbook.

Just published, the 1957 edition of the booklet reports that Rhode Island, with 2.3 traffic deaths per

100 million vehicle miles, had the lowest mileage death rate of any state.

It also led the previous year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gentry and two children left this week for Farmington, N. M., to make their home. J. D. was employed by the U. E. A. here, and there will be connected with El Paso Natural Gas Co.

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lion to \$47 million per year. The maximum payment out of State Funds to each needy aged person could be as much as \$25 per month, a \$5 increase over the present \$20 limit. But State payments could not rise above \$21 per month unless matched by Federal funds.

There is no individual limit on amounts paid to needy blind or needy children under our present constitutional provisions or under the proposed amendments. Under present laws, the maximum payment of old age assistance to any individual in which the Federal government will share

the costs with the State is \$60. The immediate effect of increasing the State's per person limit would be to provide this full \$60 amount, instead of the \$58 limit now in effect.

According to figures published by the Texas Industrial Conference for the fiscal year 1956, these three programs cost the State \$41,996,045, while the total State and Federal cost for Texas was \$130,669,700.

Under the proposed amendment, as under present laws, no payments may be made to needy aged or needy blind persons while an inmate of any state supported institution.

An additional requirement is that such persons must have actually resided in Texas for at least 5 of the 9 years immediately preceding the filing of an application for assistance. And they must have resided in Texas for 1 year preceding the application.

A needy child over 1 year old must have resided in the state continuously for 1 year preceding application. Or if the child is less than a year old, its mother must have continuously resided in Texas for 1 year preceding the application for assistance.

(This column, prepared by the State Bar of Texas, is written to inform—not to advise. No person should ever apply or interpret any law without the aid of an attorney who is fully advised concerning the facts involved, because a slight variance in facts may change the application of the law.)

UP THE CANYON

By Tom Russon

Saturday night dumped over two inches of rain in the Canyon. It was general all over the Canyon. W. T. Perry reported 3 inches at his ranch in the Mountain Pass area. The farmers are saying, "We don't want any more rain just now," while the stockmen are saying, "let it come, we like plenty of rain."

Our country, speaking from a moisture standpoint, is in better shape than it has been in several years. Some of the early sown wheat is nearly ready to graze now, and with such fine moisture it will last a long time and furnish a lot of grazing.

Due to early morning rains Sunday morning, the attendance at Pioneer church was down.

Herbert Swinney, who is working on a highway near Colorado City, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney.

Allen King had a load of sheep on the San Angelo market this week.

Louis Butman was in Ft. Worth this week. He attended the cattle sale to try to buy some good quality cattle, but he stated that

only young yearling cattle were offered at the sale and that they were too high to buy. He bought a truck load of shoats at Anson to run on the acorns that are falling from his oak timber in the mountains.

Joe Seymore, A. D. Scott, and Tom Russon attended the rally in Abilene Saturday night and heard Sen. Ralph Yarborough speak.

Mrs. Leon Toombs Jr., of Farmington, N. M., has been visiting in Merkel with Mr. and Mrs. Leon Toombs Sr. while her husband was attending a training school in Lovington, N. M. Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Demerie of the Canyon and the Leon Toombs Sr. accompanied her to Lovington, where they met her husband and all spent the night there.

Mrs. Fred Butman left Sunday for Dallas to visit her sister and mother for a few days.

Clarence Melton of the Canyon has sold a load of sheep to a Brohte buyer. No price reported. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seymore had their daughter, Beeky, and children from Brownfield in their home over the weekend.

Habeas Corpus literally means, "you may have the body."

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Campbell and children of Haskell visited in the homes of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hamp Campbell, and Mrs. Carrie Washburn, and with friends, Sunday.

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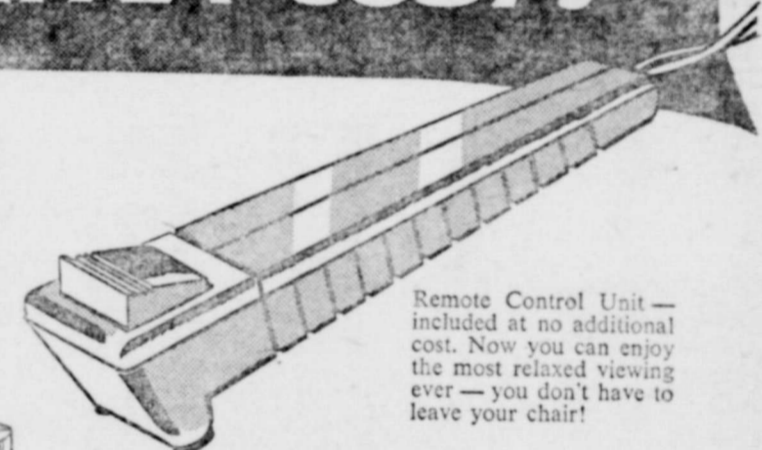
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Home Demonstration Notes

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent



Mrs. Frank Brnovak and Mrs. Riley Miller and I met Monday and worked on the yearbooks for 1958. The programs sound very interesting. Some of the workshops for next year include "Food Preservation, Clothing, Upholstery." If you are interested in any of these begin planning now to attend.

Mrs. Roland McAdams, Mr. Mac Bowyer, Harold Hohertz, Wanda Wilder, H. C. Stanley, Allen Turner, Sybil McDaniel, and I met Monday night and discussed problems in 4-H work and how the 4-H program might be strengthened in the county.

Tuesday the Potosi Home Demonstration club met and I gave a demonstration on making draw drapes. I guess one can expect flat tires occasionally, anyway I had one when I started home that day. I'll recommend Mrs. Dayton as a good one to help get those tight lugs loose.

Mrs. Edgar Holly gave a report of the State T.H.D.A. meeting at Lawn and I visited. She gave a little extra part of the recreation workshop and took us all on a bear hunt. If you haven't gone on a bear hunt with Mrs. Holly you don't know what you've missed.

Wybie and I visited the Lake Abilene Club to hear Mrs. L. A. Groene give her report of the State T.H.D.A. meeting. Now I've heard each of the delegates give their report and I feel like I've

been to the meeting as each one told the things that interested them most thus making each report different.

The remainder of this month the foods leaders are giving demonstrations on "Freezing Combination Main Dishes" to their clubs. They are using frozen Chicken a la King. It is very tasty and a good dish to prepare in a

hurry when you have unexpected guests.

The demonstrations will be given by the foods leaders as follows:

Mrs. Frase Demere, Blue Bonnet Club, Oct. 15; Mrs. B. J. Gist, Hamby Club, Oct. 24, Mrs. John Stockton, Lake Abilene Club, Oct. 15; Mrs. Carl Hothan Ovalo Club, Oct. 15; Mrs. Guy McCarty and Mrs. Fred Rucker, Pleasant Hill Club, Oct. 23; Mrs. Harry Franklin and Mrs. Leslie Lipham, Potosi Club, Oct. 22; Mrs. Frank K. Antilley and Mrs. J. N. Lawrence, Shep Club, Oct. 16; Mrs. Chas. Tisdale and Mrs. Eugene Graham, Tuscola Club, Oct. 16; Mrs. O. E. Harwell, Union Ridge, Oct. 18; Mrs. Theo Baack, Wylie Club, Oct. 21; Mrs. W. B. Payne

and Mrs. W. C. Taylor, Lawn Club, Oct. 23.

This week I've been to an upholstery workshop in San Angelo.

I started out with a beat up old platform rocker. I don't believe I'd ever tackled it if it hadn't been my grandmother's chair and I wanted to keep it for the sentimental value. Well to make a short story, I am going to have a real pretty, comfortable chair that I am really proud of. I didn't complete it at the school, because I had to leave early and come home to work on booths for the West Texas Fair. If you are interested in redoing some of your old chairs, watch for workshops that I will have early next year. You don't have to be a home de-

monstration member. Contact me for details if you are interested.

You might like to try this recipe to make green beans a little different and very good, too.

Tasty Green Bean
1-4 teaspoon garlic salt
3 tablespoons bacon drippings
1-2 pounds green beans
3-4 cup water
1-2 teaspoon salt
1-4 teaspoon pepper
Combine and bring to boiling. Reduce heat and simmer 45 minutes. Serves 6

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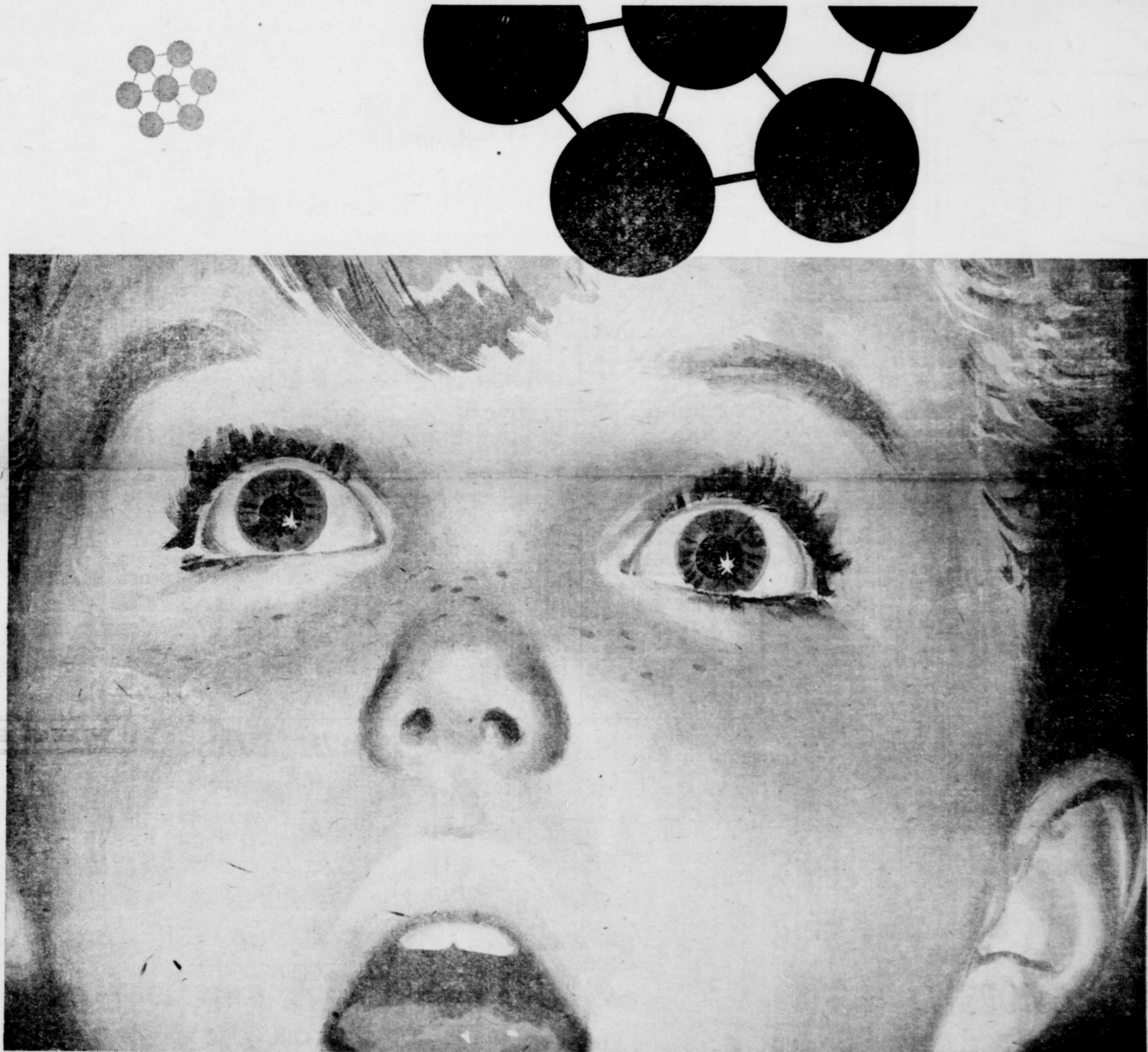
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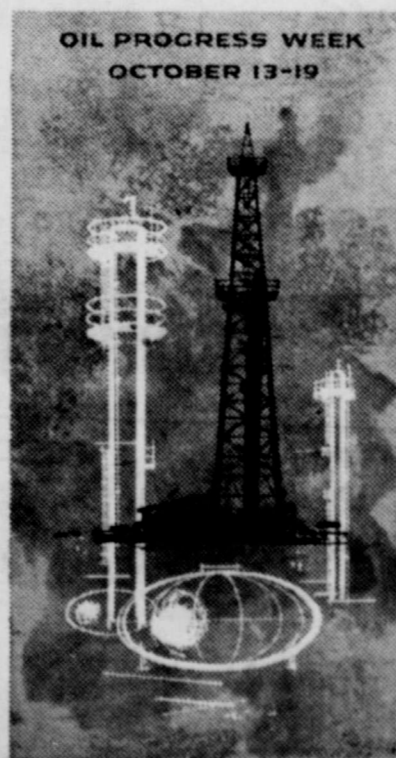
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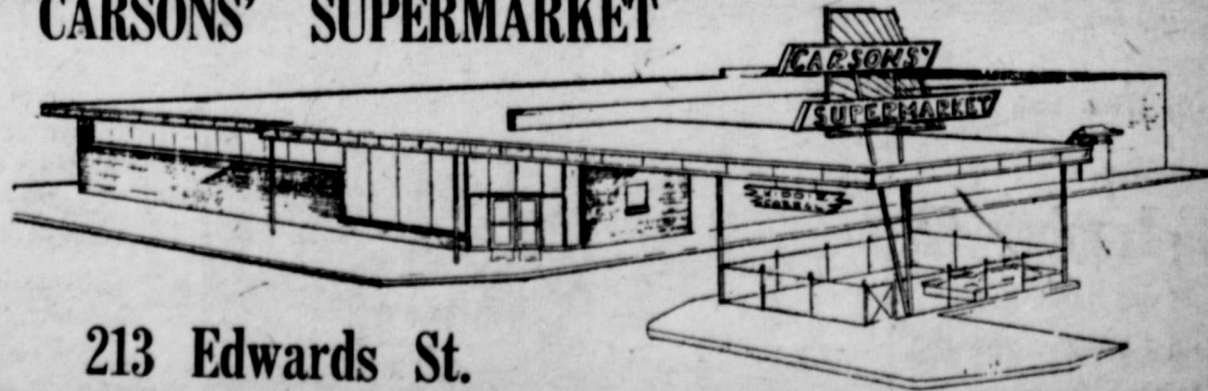
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