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## NOODLE NEWS

Mrs. Mildred Johnson and Mrs. Edith Johnson of Midland, were guests of the former's mother, Mrs. Lee D. Williams last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell visited in the home of their daughter Mr. and Mrs. D. Wood at Big Spring last week.

Charles Williams of Abilene spent Sunday with his grandmother, Mrs. Lee D. Williams and also visited with Mr. and Mrs. Dillard of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell and Ruby and Paula and Willie Earl Smith were Midland visitors Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Clements.

Mrs. Clayton Dillard entered Hendrick Memorial hospital in Abilene Sunday and will undergo major surgery this week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Calloway and Keith Tarpley were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Garvis Tarpley Tuesday night.

Recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dixon were Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dixon and children of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sontlehen of Abilene visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Spurgin, Sunday. Jeanette Lucas of Abilene spent last weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Lucas.

Mrs. D. C. Caloway and Mrs. Ann Forshey were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stanley last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Nath Maxwell and children, Jean and Bill, spent Sunday with their son and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Maxwell of Aspermont.

## Sorority Gives Over \$650 To Needy Children

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, who met in the home of Mrs. Earl Hughes January 21, has paid \$86 for school lunches for needy children so far this year, according to a report made by the treasurer, Mrs. Bonnie Dayton. This makes a total of more than \$650 paid for lunches in the past seven years by the sorority.

Another project the club is sponsoring this year is the Mental Health Program. Mrs. Eldon Hicks, chairman of the hospital project committee, reported on the visit they made to the Abilene State Hospital to find out the needs of the patients.

A program on "Nature" was given by Mrs. Vernon Mansfield and Mrs. Dale Litton.

Mrs. Mansfield gave a review on an article titled "Nature's Great Gift." Mrs. Litton spoke on flower arranging and made a line arrangement using stock, glads and leaves.

Lonelle Beasley presented a box of chocolates to the sorority—a tradition when a member is planning to marry. She will marry Glenn Teaff on February 7, 13.

Mrs. Val Patterson was co-hostess for the meeting. Twenty-seven members were present.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stockbridge visited her mother, Mrs. Nannie Glenn, and sister, Mrs. B. T. Collins, in Breckenridge over the week-end.

## HOSPITAL NOTES

### ADMITTED

Onis Graham  
Troy Gregory  
Mrs. Wesley Gregory  
Mrs. E. P. Collier  
Mr. and Mrs. Bob McCoy  
Holland Teaff  
Lee Cox  
L. W. Dudley  
Maurice Davis  
Mrs. G. A. Kegans, Jr.  
Claude Brown  
Mrs. E. A. Patterson  
Miss Jennie Keny  
Lon Stephens  
Mrs. J. D. Bowles  
Mrs. Gene Lockhart

### DISMISSED

Mrs. Jack Button  
D. B. Duboce  
Mrs. Myrtle Byrum  
Onis Graham  
Mrs. B. D. Williams  
Mrs. Wayman Hicks & baby boy  
Mrs. Willie Mae Derrington  
Mrs. Franklin Mashburn & baby girl  
G. C. Smith  
Mrs. Dickey Pack & baby boy  
Mrs. J. B. Sedlack & baby girl  
Troy Gregory  
Mrs. M. C. Graham  
A. L. Farmer  
Brenda Combs  
Mrs. T. R. Smith  
Mrs. Wesley Gregory  
Mr. and Mrs. Bob McCoy  
Lee Cox

## Have You Paid Your Poll Tax?

If you have not paid your poll tax you may still do so—for two more days. Mrs. Eldon Hicks will have a booth at the Merkel Drug or she can be reached at her home 820 Oak St.

Poll tax payments are lagging behind in Merkel and in the entire county. At least four important elections will be held this year and unless your poll tax is paid you will not be eligible to vote.

Young men or women who become 21 on or after January 1,

1957 are entitled to a free vote and persons who will become 21 this year are entitled to a free vote but cannot exercise the right until 30 days after they become 21, but in both cases they must have an exemption certificate.

All men in active service and amputees with 40% disability may secure poll tax for \$1.

Mrs. Hicks is selling poll taxes as a public service intended to generate interest in voting in the coming elections. Remember, January 31 is the deadline.

## Mothers March On Polio Scheduled For January 31

The closing event of the local March of Dimes Campaign will be the Mother's March on Polio to be conducted at 7 p. m. Friday night, January 31.

Mothers of the local school, under the direction of Mrs. Horace Boney, will make the door-to-door canvass. Residents who wish to contribute to the March of Dimes should leave their porch light on, if they have one.

This is the "big" event of the

local campaign, as it usually nets about \$400.00.

The Union Ridge drive, directed by Mrs. Jeff Chancey brought in \$21.93 and the pupils of the Merkel Public Schools donated \$41.16.

## Sixth Grade Elects Officers

Mrs. Roy Osborn's sixth grade met Jan. 22, to elect officers for the fourth six-weeks period.

The following were elected: Jil West, president; Jack Chancey, vice-president; Johnny Whisenhunt, secretary; Karl Irvin, reporter.

## UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

Cool and cloudy weather has been the picture weather wise over the Canyon the past few days with prospects for more rain.

Our country is in fine shape. Winter passing by at a rapid pace and farmers and ranchers not having to feed their stock very heavy yet. However, livestock has lost some weight as is usual for this time of the year.

Mack Seymore, who is in service and stationed in Germany, writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seymore, that he is well and playing quite a lot of basketball these days. It is always good to hear from the boys who are away from home.

Mrs. Cook, mother of Mrs. Elmer Ward, who has visited in the Ward home for several weeks, plans to return to her home in Higgins, Texas this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Randall of Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Toombs of Merkel were Sunday dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Demerit. The Randalls are parents of Mrs. Leon Toombs Jr., of Farmington, N. M. daughter-in-law of the Toombs. The group took pictures Sunday afternoon.

Saturday night, Feb. 1, is community night at our community center. Joe Seymore, president extends an invitation to all to be present. Mrs. A. D. Scott is program chairman.

Jerry Frank Patterson of Merkel attended church at Pioneer Methodist Sunday.

Herbert Swinney of Colorado City spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney.

Payton Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Scott, stacked up another victory for our area boys. He is one of six boys on the Texas Tech Juggling team which captured first place at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth. They were presented a plaque from Armor and Company and each team member received a billfold from the Western Feeders Company of Ft. Worth.

There were 22 teams representing 17 states which took part in the contest, which included the judging of hogs, beef cattle, sheep and quarter horses. All the teams were honored with a banquet at Hotel Texas Sunday afternoon and the placings were announced. Payton had previously won Showmanship at Lubbock in the Little International contest.

There has been quite a lot of land changing hands the last few weeks up in the Canyon. The Jack Smith place north of Pioneer Church sold to Loyd Gilmore of Merkel. The Pribble place across the road from K. Blackburn's farm sold last week. This is the third time the Pribble place has sold since it was purchased from the Pribble estate.

The price on some of these farms has been reduced ten or fifteen dollars per acre.



C-C Banquet Guest Speaker—Dr. W. R. White, president of Baylor University will be guest speaker for the annual C-C Banquet here Thursday, Feb. 6.

## Badgers Scott, Denton and Neill Honored At Quarterback Banquet

Three Badgers were honored here Thursday night at the annual banquet of the Merkel Quarterback Club.

Manley Denton, junior quarterback, was the recipient for the second year of the Most Conscientious Player Award.

Senior tackle Barry Scott was named Most Valuable Lineman and senior tailback Joe Neil, Most Valuable Back.

The three awards are made by the Quarterback club, whose members vote by secret ballot each Monday night during the season.

Scott presented the District 6-A trophy to Supt. Mack Fisher on behalf of the Badgers and Sylvan Mellinger, secretary-treasurer of the Quarterback Club, presented gift certificates to Coach Benson and his assistants, Buddy Nail and Don Loyd.

Loyd Roberts, vice-president, presented the three awards to the Badgers and J. Lynn Knight, program chairman, introduced Coach Moser, speaker for the evening.

Moser, Abilene High Coach told the 37 Badgers and those who came to honor them and their coaches, of the five essentials of a champion—a goal, enthusiasm, work, determination and an humble spirit.

Coach Carroll Benson introduced the Badgers, pointing out that

## Badgers Win Sixth Straight, 48-40

The Badgers wrapped up their sixth straight victory in 6-A play Tuesday night when they beat Roccoe by 48-40. Manley Denton paced the victory with 16. Louis Kerby had 14 for the losers.

They rolled up their fifth win here Friday night when they won from the R. Ten Yellowhammers, 79-36. Manley was high pointer with 23 with Bubba Edwards of Rotan having 22.

## First Baptist Have Teachers Banquet

The officers and teachers of the First Baptist church met Monday night, Jan. 27, at the church for a banquet.

Perry Davis, superintendent of the Sunday School, presided. R. B. Hall Jr., directed the singing, accompanied by Mrs. C. G. Sewell at the piano.

L. H. McAden led the opening prayer.

"If I were a Teacher" theme of the program, was presented under the following topics: Sunday School Organization, Rev. C. G. Sewell; The Ideal Teacher, Mrs. L. Robertson.

Sewell showed a film on the Sunday School. Mrs. Graham of Hardin-Simmons was closing.

## Baylor University President To Speak At C-C Banquet

A well-known Texan, Dr. W. R. White, will speak at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet in the school cafeteria at 7:30 p. m., Thursday, February 6.

Dr. White has been president of Baylor University since 1948 with his responsibility extending to the administration of the Baylor Col-

lege of Medicine in Houston and to the Baylor College of Dentistry and the Baylor Hospital at Dallas.

A native of East Texas, Dr. White did pre-college work in Rusk Academy at Rusk, Texas. He graduated from Howard Payne College in 1917. He received the Master of Theology and Doctor of Theology degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

He has held many notable pastorates in Texas as well as serving in larger denominational capacities several times. He was president of Hardin-Simmons University at Abilene from 1940 to 1943.

Dr. White has served on the International Development Advisory Board under both President Harry S. Truman and President Dwight D. Eisenhower, and has served on the boards of numerous educational, philanthropic, and civic organizations.

Tickets for the banquet are on sale at the Merkel Drug and the Chamber of Commerce office.

## Holloway Steer Grand Champion At Ft. Worth

After several years of trying for the grandchampion of the steer division of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth, a 4-H Club feeder from the R. L. Holloway family, Buffalo Gap, made it Monday.

Kay Holloway's 950 pound Hereford Jumbo, from the Gene Pickard herd at Albany, was named grand champion of the steer show at Fort Worth Monday afternoon.

The steer was shown by Kay's 13 year old sister, Jane who exhibited the junior steer show champion in 1936 and was ineligible to compete this year except in the open show. Both girls are members of the Wylie 4-H Club and both students in the Wylie school.

## Merkel Scouts Net \$279 For Polio Fund

The Merkel Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts collected a total of \$279.18 for the March of Dimes last Saturday.

The Girl Scouts netted \$77 by selling miniature tin crutches on the streets throughout the day. The Boy Scout Troop garnered \$202.18 with their blockades on several down town streets.

The Girl Scouts were under the direction of Mrs. Woodrow Patton Neighborhood Commissioner, Mrs. Wallace Doan; Mrs. Buddy Derington; Mrs. Alvin Smith; Mrs. Torliff Hanson; and Mrs. Louis Luke.

The Boy Scouts were led by Scoutmaster Joe Earl Lassister, Committeeman Lynn Knight and City Marshal Pete Petty.

"Our Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and their leaders did a splendid job last Saturday and we are very proud of them for taking part in this Community Good Turn," stated C. A. Farley, local campaign director. "We appreciate very much the cooperation which was given to these two youth organizations."

## Rufe To Seek Re-Election

Rufe Tittle has announced that he plans to seek re-election for County Commissioner of Prec. 2 and will make formal announcement at a later date.

Mr. Tittle has been County Commissioner for the past ten years.

## Explorer Scouts Visit Dyess AFB

Explorer Scouts from Troop 20, Merkel, were among the 14 Chisholm Trail Council units represented at the training session at Dyess AFB January 24-25.

Those attending from here were Glenn and Lynn Melton, Bob Ward and Scoutmaster Joe E. Lassister.

The event was designed to acquaint the explorer aged scouts with the various techniques of advance scouting and to show them some of the opportunities open to boys 14 years of age and older who want to continue in a Scouting program.

Included in the training were a flight, a briefing, map reading, weather, training with mockups of the B-47 and C-97 planes, and radar.

The Scouts attending said the experience was well worth their time and effort.

"The Explorer Crew has some vacancies left for boys 14 to 18 years of age who are interested in advanced Scouting," Scoutmaster Lassister reported.

Mrs. Mac Springer and children and Mrs. Bobby Tom Hodge were guests in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hodge of Odessa last weekend.



## Couple Celebrate 50th Anniversary

More than 130 people paid tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Clifton L. Smith of Rt. 3, on their golden wedding anniversary Sunday at a reception in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Marvin Freeman of Trent.

Visitors were present from Abilene, Hawley, Anson, Noodle, Merkel, Sweetwater, Longworth, Roby, Snyder, Colorado City and Illinois. Congratulations were received from Houston, Tokio, Texas, Kansas, Oklahoma, California and Georgia.

Five of the Smith's six children were present. A son, Millard of Powell, Wyoming was unable to attend.

The serving table, which was laid with a gold linen cloth, featured a three-tiered wedding cake flanked by gold tapers in crystal candle holders and yellow carnations around the base of the punch bowl.

Mrs. Eldon Hicks greeted guests and Mary Smith, Sweetwater, presided at the register. Sandra Freeman displayed gifts.

Janie Yoes, Brenda Williams, Barbara Canady, Barbara Freeman all of Trent served refreshments.

Readings titled "Ma to Pa" and "Pa to Ma" were given by Linda Gay Hale and Gary Smith of Roby.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith were married in 1908 at White Flat. They are members of the Methodist church in Roby.

Children of the Smith's present were Mrs. Freeman; Mrs. Hale, Roby; Charlie, Sweetwater, Roby; and C. L. Smith of Bellville, Ill.

A supper was held in the man home for members of the Smith family; Mr. and Mrs. Freeman of Trent; and L. Murry of Merkel.

**Boy Scouts, on 48th Birthday,  
Begin National Safety Good Turn**



OFFICIAL BOY SCOUT WEEK POSTER

More than 4,700,000 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorers, and adult leaders throughout the nation will observe Boy Scout Week, February 7 to 13, marking the 48th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. Boy Scout Week sees the launching of a yearlong Safety Good Turn suggested by Pres-

ident Eisenhower, Honorary President of the Boy Scouts of America. In cooperation with other organizations giving leadership in safety, the Scouts will promote traffic safety in March, April, and May; outdoor safety in June, July, and August; and home safety in September, October, and November.

**OUTDOORS IN TEXAS**

By Vern Sanford

Ever build a brush cover in your favorite fishing lake? Right now is just about the best time of the year to do it.

If you like crappie or bream fishing, then a brush cover has a great deal to offer.

Biologists are agreed that a good brush cover offers a definite advantage in catching fish. And a good one can be built in a couple of hours. It is hard work, however, especially if you are a desk man.

Generally brush covers don't work too well in a running stream. They must be firmly anchored. In relatively still lakes they can be tied down with heavy rocks. However, if they can be built around an old tree trunk it is even better.

To build a brush shelter you'll need a sharp axe or pair of pliers, and plenty of baling wire. A good tow-rope will be helpful too. It is best to work with two boats, or a boat and some type of barge or raft.

The process of building the shelter is in itself relatively simple. Cut an armful of brush, such as willow, tie it together, and attach a stone so that it will sink to the bottom of the lake. Select a suitable spot where the shelter will not be a hazard to navigation or get in the way of deep trawlers.

It doesn't have to be too far from shore. At least a dozen large bundles of brush should be transported to the spot. Some of it should consist of fair-sized brush, such as mesquite trees.

In lowering the brush into the water, it is well that the brush be stacked, so that it will be in a pile at the bottom of the lake. A brush shelter a dozen feet around and some five or six feet through is ideal.

Some builders find it profitable also to anchor a bale of alfalfa hay in the center of the pile.

To be most effective the brush should not be matted together. Fish must be able to swim around freely among the branches. At the same time, some shelter builders prefer a brush pile that big fish cannot get into... one that furnishes a refuge for smaller fish.

When big fish chase the little ones into the brush pile, they'll hang around nearby. That's a pretty good time to lower a minnow in the vicinity. For that reason the perimeter should be well marked. Plenty of hooks can be lost fishing in brush shelters, if the bounds are not known.

Some fishermen use poultry netting to hold the brush together. In that event the entire project must be completed on land and then towed to its resting place.

We once heard of a fisherman who made an unusual, yet ideal, shelter in a lake that had just been lowered. He found a couple

of old outhouses, filled them with heavy brush, then hauled them to a spot that would be just the right depth when the lake was re-filled. There he anchored them down to stay. They were left flat on their sides, with the door open.

Needless to say, he had an ideal cover for fishing and caught more than his share of crappie and bream.

Another good plan is to build the shelter directly under the end of the boat dock or pier. In this instance it is necessary to use heavy wire to keep the brush from washing out, and to keep hooks from snagging. To build you a brush shelter. Just be careful where you cut your brush and where you put it. Do the job right and you'll have a good fishing spot.

**What About the Man Overboard?**

Ever so often I wonder just what I'd do if a sudden and wholly unexpected need for a life preserver existed. This thought hits me whether I'm just plain fishing or pleasure-boating. And I'm not afraid of the water either.

Fact of the matter is, my concern is over what I'd be able to do to help someone else. Chances are I'd be paralyzed with fear. Apparently that's why I always carry a surplus of buoyant cushions, in addition to the familiar old-style, round shaped life preserver, with a long rope attached.

In my book you can't overdo the safety angle. The law requires every approved life preserver for every passenger in your boat. Don't forget it! Better yet, see to it that your guests wear life preservers. Insist that children do. The wise outdoorsman will never take a chance, especially on or near rough waters.

Speaking of life preservers, now comes the Muter Company of Chicago with a Res-Q-Pak that's

an easy addition to any safety kit. This inflatable emergency life preserver comes in a pocket-sized package, no larger than a pack of cigarettes. Should be a part of every tackle box.

Res-Q-Pak inflates instantly. A gentle squeeze on the package... and presto, you have a two-foot float, shaped very much like the old-style water wings. Manufacturers say it will support a 250-pound man for hours in the water.

**Learning to Cast**

To spin cast or bait cast with accuracy takes practice. An old-timer's method of mastering the trick is to place an empty beer can under the casting arm, then practice casting without dropping the can. This makes it necessary to use only the wrist for action which is the secret of successful casting.

And, by the way—if you have trouble dis-assembling your casting rod at the end of a day of fishing, here's an idea. Next time you get ready to put your gear together, wipe the male ferrule against your nose a few times, rolling the ferrule over and over as you rub. That will put a base of oil from your skin onto the ferrule and make the connection easy to assemble, and most important

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Clydel Young John Landers

The 16-year old winners are Clydel Young, of Cameron county, and John Landers, of Menard county. Clydel was a state delegate to the National 4-H Club Congress held recently in Chicago. Her trip as well as other achievement awards were provided by Ford Motor Co.

Clydel participated in clothing and leadership. She organized and led a clothing club and was an officer in the 4-H Junior Leaders Club.

At the age of 16, John began 4-H work with a flock of sheep. He has since shown several grand champion animals. Helping younger members learn how to shear sheep has been one of the important contributions to his local 4-H work.

The Cooperative Extension Service directs the 4-H Achievement program.

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CAKE MIX Box	RUBY RED GRAPEFRUIT lb.	8c
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	HARD GREEN CABBAGE lb.	4c
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Giant Size <b>TIDE</b> box	67c	FRESH COUNTRY EGGS dozen	39¢	KRAFT'S VELVEETA CHEESE 2 lb. box	79¢
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Home Demonstration Notes

By LORETTA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent



LORETTA ALLEN  
SOME INCREASES IN CLOTHING COSTS PREDICTED FOR '58 . . . Prices are heading upward on some clothing items in the field. However, because of competition in the field, manufacturers and retailers are drifting away from the across-the-board increases to pricing by item. Another hopeful note is the fact that this competition will produce a greater variety of clothing in the medium and better priced lines. More than ever before, careful shopping will help to cut clothing costs.

Competition in a price field sets the level of quality you get. At a given price the product must include one or more such features as: fit and comfort, workmanship, strength and durability, resistance to age, color fastness, special features such as washability, crease resistance etc. All this makes

label information very important.

Some of the women in the county are going to get more for their clothing dollar by making their own clothes. Fifty women have registered for clothing workshops that I will conduct during the remainder of this month and February and March. The first workshop started Monday at Ovalde with 17 attending. The one at Merkel started Tuesday with 10 attending.

Mrs. Frank Brnovak, Mrs. R. E. Clemmer, Jr., Mrs. Albert Maberry, Mrs. Curtis McAninch, Mrs. Leon Toombs, Mrs. Tom Russom, Mrs. Marvin Douglas, Miss Mable McKee, Mrs. O. E. Harwell, Mrs. John Hughes.

I guess all the Christmas fruit cakes are gone by now. I like this prune cake for a change and thought you might like to try it.

Legal Column

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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

GREETINGS:  
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 hereof, 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: James Walter Miller, Defendant, Greetings:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse in Abilene, Texas, by filing an answer at or before the expiration of the term of this citation, to-wit: the 18th day of March A. D. Plaintiff's Petition filed in court, on the 31st day of December A. D. 1957, in this cause, numbered 22,697-A on the docket of said court and styled LELA BELL MILLER, Plaintiff, vs. JAMES WALTER MILLER, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married on August 12, 1946 and separated on December 8, 1956. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment.

Plaintiff alleges that there are no children of this marriage and no community property to be adjudicated, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 28th day of January A. D. 1958  
(SEAL)  
Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas.  
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.

- PRUNE CAKE
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
  - 3 eggs
  - 1 cup sour milk
  - 1 teaspoon soda
  - 2 cups flour
  - 1 teaspoon cloves
  - 1 teaspoon cinnamon
  - 1 cup nuts
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt
  - 1 cup unsweetened cooked prunes
  - 1 teaspoon vanilla
  - 1 cup salad oil
  - Cream sugar, eggs; add soda to milk, add flour and spices; add oil last and bake at 350 degrees F. in greased loaf pan.
  - 1 cup brown sugar
  - 1/3 cup top milk
  - 5 tablespoons butter
  - Let boil three minutes and thicken with powdered sugar.

Garden Club Plants Tree

The Merkel Garden Club observed Arbor Day and Doctors Day with a tree-planting ceremony on Jan. 17, when they planted a ten-foot native tree on the grounds of the Sadler hospital.

With March 30 designated as Doctors Day and a fitting tribute "To plant a tree in appreciation of our doctors" suggested, the Garden Club observed both days with the planting ceremony.

Officers were elected at the regular meeting held in the home of Mrs. Clyde Bartlett. New officers are Mrs. John Hughes, president; Mrs. B. H. Jones, vice-president; Mrs. Dale Litton, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. A. B. Allen, 3rd vice-president; Mrs. Carol Benson, 4th vice-president; Mrs. Clyde Bartlett, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Alma Collins, recording secretary; Mrs. A. H. McElmurray, treasurer; Mrs. W. T. Sadler, parliamentarian; and Mrs. Jack Wallace, reporter.

Christene Collins gave the program on "Origin of Arbor Day" and sang "Trees" and "Redbuds." Refreshments were served to 25 members.

Neal Dickey of Palski, Tenn. is here for an indefinite visit with the following: his niece, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Cochran and son Larry; and cousins, Mr. and Mrs. John Rosson, Mrs. Sallie Campbell, Mrs. Eula Provine, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Campbell, John Campbell and Mrs. Blanche Campbell.

Local WSCS Members Attend Meet In Caps

Approximately 35 women attended the Lula Bell Sub-district meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service at Caps Methodist church, Tuesday, Jan. 28. Theme of the meeting was "The Master Calls."

Reports from the District officers were heard, and announcement of the district spiritual meeting to be held at Bullock Camp Feb. 7-8 was made. Mrs. Ray Johnson, spiritual life leader, will be in charge of the program. Dr. Hubert Thomson spoke on the woman's part in "Tell Texas About Christ."

The Trent society, as its part on the program made a pretend Univac. The mechanical brain was asked questions and gave answers on the study, "Christ, the Church and Race," which all the societies have studied.

There were six ladies from Merkel and five from Trent among those attending. Mrs. W. R. Cypert is leader and Mrs. Ray Wilson is secretary-treasurer of the sub-district.

Carole Dunagin Is Feted At Tea

Bride-elect Carole Sue Dunagin was honored with a gift tea in the home of Mrs. W. T. Sadler Saturday, Jan. 18.

Receiving guests with the honoree were Mrs. Sadler, Mrs. Robt. J. Criswell of Plainview, sister of the bride-elect, Mrs. J. A. Berry of Abilene, aunt of the groom-to-be.

Mrs. Jack Boone of Abilene registered guests while Mrs. Dwain Jones and Mrs. W. Robertson, also of Abilene, presided at the tea table.

The entertaining rooms were decorated in the bride's chosen colors of red and white. She wore a tulle dress of silver and black trimmed in velvet.

Mmes. Norman Winter, Robertson, Jones and Bill C. Haynes played the organ during the afternoon.

Hostesses for the party were Mmes. Sadler, Lucy Ford, C. L. Sherill, Carroll Benson, Franklin Mashburn, Irvin Shields, A. R. Booth, Judd, McReynolds, M. E. West, H. W. Norman Winter, John Cox, Ed Sandusky and Alvin Woosenraft.

Miss Dunagin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Dunagin, and Claude Donald Whitaker, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Whitaker of Cisco, will be married in the Merkel Methodist Church on Sunday, Feb. 1.

Mrs. John Elam and daughter of Longview were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Merritt. Mrs. Merritt and Mrs. Elam have been friends for many years.

Charter No. 129028

Mrs. Jim West Hosts Luncheon

Mrs. Jim West was host to the Sewing Workers class of the Grace Presbyterian Church, of which she is teacher, when she entertained with a luncheon in her home Wednesday, Jan. 22.

The guests joined in the singing of a number of hymns, following which Mrs. L. L. Henry read the scripture from 1st Peter.

Mrs. J. R. Walling, offered prayer.

Each member gave a verse of scripture or a poem. The song, "West Be The Tie That Binds," was sung after which all repeated the Lord's Prayer in unison.

Those present were: Mmes. Jim Spargin, Etta Tucker, W. M. Ellett, Walling Murry, West and Mrs. Pearl Harris, a guest.

Union Ridge HD Club Meets

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. Denzel Cox Friday January 17, with Mrs. Cox, president presiding.

The T.H.D.A. creed and club prayer was read by the members and roll call was answered with "Problems in Sewing."

Miss Mable McRee gave the Council report and T.H.D.A. recommendations for 1953, which were approved.

Miss Loretta Allen, County agent, gave a demonstration on "Colors for Individuals."

Those present were Miss Allen, Mrs. Gordon Pursley, Mrs. Wright Dishman, visitors: Mmes. Wynona Scoggins, M. L. Douglas, J. H. Clark, O. E. Harwell, Mrs. Cox, and Miss McRee.

McElmurray's Return From Extended Trip

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McElmurray returned to their home here Friday after a six-weeks visit with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Snow and children, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

While they were there the McElmurray's report that the weather in the southern tip of Florida was extremely cold, however the citrus fruits and shrubs in this section were not injured by the cold.

In the central part of the state they experienced a hurricane which lasted for fourteen hours with winds reaching velocity of 72 miles per hour. The orange groves in the lowlands were greatly damaged.

The return trip was made by the west coast through Fort Meyers, Sarasota, Saint Peters-

Official Statement of Financial Condition

of the Key-Western Investment Corporation  
State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1957.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$ 1,481.18
Bonds, Stocks, Warrants and other Securities	
Not Pledged (Itemize Schedule A)	199,980.00
Cash on Hand and Due from Banks	745.60
Other Resources: (Specify)	
Organization and Prepaid Expenses	51,176.60
Key Deposit	1.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$253,384.38</b>

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock Paid In	\$350,935.50
Surplus (Operational Deficit—1955-56-57)	—97,840.82
Reserved for (Payroll and Stock Transfer)	289.70
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$253,384.38</b>

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF TAYLOR

We, Jack McQueen, as President, and Frances C. Johnston as Secretary of said Company, each of us do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Signed,

Jack McQueen  
President

Frances C. Johnston  
Secretary

CORRECT-ATTEST

Frances C. Johnston  
Paul H. Cowling  
Jack McQueen  
Directors

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of January, A. D. 1958.

(SEAL)

Jean L. Robbins  
Notary Public  
County, Texas

burg, Tampa and on to Mobile, Alabama, then to New Orleans, La. The cold weather had really taken its toll here, where at this season of the year, in this section of the country, the grass is usually green and flowers in full bloom.

Mrs. Young Hosts Guesso Circle Meet

The Guesso Circle met in the home of Mrs. Loretta Young Wednesday, Jan. 22.

Wall plaques, picturing an old fashioned man and woman, were made from plates. What-not-helves were also made.

Refreshments were served to the following: Sue Tucker, Sonja Tolliver, Jo Ann Smith, Betty Lou Scatterwhite, Rojean Hicks, Louise De Rose, Mary Boone, Bobbie Tarpley, Billie Moore, Bonnie Douglas and the hostess.

Mrs. Patterson Attends Church Sponsored Film

Mrs. Virgil Patterson, conference director of children's work for the Methodist Church, attended the premiere showing of the film "Run Away From Home" in Fort Worth recently.

The film is one of a series being planned by the Methodist Church in cooperation with the National Council of Churches to be presented on television. The purpose of these dramatic shows is to help people realize that the Christian faith gives meaning to their lives.

Bishop William Martin issued invitations to the conference leaders of his area to the premiere showing.

The film will be shown on station KRBC-TV within the next two weeks, according to Mrs. Patterson.

Mrs. Touchstone Presents Study To Service Guild

Mrs. L. M. Touchstone, study leader, was in charge of the program when the Wesleyan Service Guild met in the Chapel of the First Methodist Church Monday evening, Jan. 27. She presented two chapters from the book, "Cross and Crisis in Japan," a mission study.

The meeting was opened with

prayer led by Mrs. Hallie Burden. Mrs. Johnny Cox, president, presided at the business session. The Guild voted to pay a three-year pledge to the Conference Daughters Fund which is used to help support missionaries who have gone into the mission field from the Northwest Texas Conference.

Miss Betty Campbell, who is serving in Cuba, and Miss Peggy Campbell, a missionary to Africa, both daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Campbell of Lamesa former Merkel residents, are in this group.

Mrs. Cox announced the District Guild meeting, theme of which will be "What Shall the Harvest Be," to be held in the local church here Sunday afternoon of Jan. 16. The Merkel Guild will be responsible for the welcome, devotional, music and refreshments for this meeting.

The following committees were appointed: registration, Mrs. L. M. Touchstone; program, welcome and devotional, Mrs. Lynn Knight; Mrs. Cyrus Pee, Mrs. Andy Shouse and Misses Betty Tittle and Mary Collins; refreshments, Mrs. Earl Hughes, Mrs. Raymond Ferguson; table arrangement, Mrs. Don Dudley, Mrs. Patsy Hunter, Mrs. Hallie Burden; collection, Mrs. Charles Hogsett, Mrs. Don Dudley, Miss Betty Tittle; publicity, Mrs. Hallie Burden.

Mrs. Alvin Lemens said the closing prayer.

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## THEATRE PHONE 248

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- 55 CHEVROLET 2 Door, Radio and Heater ————— \$995
- 54 PONTIAC Station Wagon, Radio and Heater ————— \$895
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| <b>Mack's Cleaners</b>                      | <b>Badger Chevrolet Co.</b>              | <b>Wilson Jewelry</b>             |
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# WANT ADS

## MISCELLANEOUS

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**WANTED**—We need listings. If you have a home in town, a farm or land to lease for oil—call us. We have buyers. Dowdy & Toombs. Phone 134 44-f

**IRONING**—Will do your ironing in my home. Mrs. Robert Carey, 820 Rose Street. 45-3tc

**WANTED** — to buy a used gas cook stove and refrigerator. Mrs. W. W. Toombs. Tel. 360. 46-1tc

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**HELP WANTED**—Mayfield Employment service has opening for experienced stenographers. 306 Mims Building in Abilene. 46-3tp

**WANTED**—House painting. Repairing. Remodeling. Building. Big or little jobs. Hour or contracts. Lee Ward, Phone 195-J, 511 Ash. 23-tfc

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## NOTICE MASONS

Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710. A.F. & A.M. Saturday, Feb. 1 7:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited. T. J. Bird Sr. W. M. C. B. Rust, Secretary.

## FOR RENT

**FOR RENT** — 2-bedroom unfurnished house. Drapes included. John Shannon 41-tfc

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**FOR RENT**—2 large rooms unfurnished. Prefer elderly couple. Rent very reasonable. Mrs. Bert Melton. 1412 S. 5th St. 44-3tc

**FOR RENT**—4 1/2-room unfurnished house with bath. Garage attached. Own water system. John Brown. 1402 S. 11th. Tel. 9012-M 44-tfc

**FOR RENT** — 3-room and bath furnished apartment. Bills paid. R. T. Smith. 318 Yucca St. 44-3tp

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**FOR RENT**—5 room house at 802 Locust. Call Vivian Davis. Ph. 232 46-777

**FOR RENT** — Furnished garage apartment. 112 Oak. Tel. 140 46-tfc

**FOR RENT**—Farm in Blair community. Write 333 Santos, Abilene, Texas. 46-1tp

## FOR SALE

**FOR SALE**—Fresh dressed Frozen Hens. Call 9013-M2. R. M. Ferguson. 46-tfc

**FOR SALE** — Late model used automatic washers. Palmer Motor Co. 24-tfc

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## AMERICAN WAY

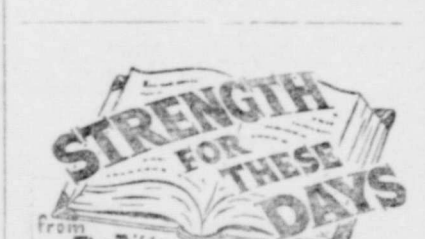
By the time this appears in print the 2nd Session of the 85th Congress will be in full swing. This is a time for all citizens to come to the aid of their country. It is not enough that we may have exercised due care and judgment in electing those legislators who are legislating, or getting ready to legislate at Washington—we must follow through. Freedom will not be kept if we rest on our oars by being politically dormant.

We voters concerned with the good of the nation must express our positive words and actions to our representatives at Washington that they must confine government to its only legitimate role—that of protector of the rights and freedoms of the individual.

We must not encourage these legislators to have government assume more of our personal burdens, because that will bring us closer to the day when the rulers will be stronger than the ruled, and self-government as we have known it, will disappear.

So, keep in touch with your Congressman and two United States Senators. Your having sent them to Washington was just the first step—the second and more important step is to insure that they fulfil their election campaign pledges. And the one and only way to accomplish that is to let them know again and again that you are watching their every move. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," is an old maxim, more true today than ever before.

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## NATIONAL CROCHET CHAMPIONS



Reading from left to right: Miss Nancy Lally, Teen-Age Crochet Champion of Woonsocket, Rhode Island, Mr. Carlon W. Pryor, Men's Champion, Tallahassee, Florida and Mrs. F. A. Richardson, Grand National Champion of Homestead, Oklahoma.

America's Crochet Champions, selected by a panel of leading needlework authorities, were honored recently at presentation ceremonies in the Waldorf-Astoria, New York, climaxing the 16th annual Nationwide Crochet Contest sponsored by the National Needlecraft Bureau. Almost 100,000 pieces of crochet were entered in the Contest through 869 State and County Fairs throughout the country during the past year. Geographically, the 368 national winners in the Contest represent a good cross section of the country. 39 states had one or more winners, with California taking top honors with a total of 54. Iowa was second with 37 and Ohio third with 25. Idaho, Indiana, Minnesota, Nebraska and Washington were next with 15 winners each. Illinois, Oklahoma and Oregon followed with 14, 13 and 11 respectively. Each Champion received a free, all-expense paid trip to New York for two, plus substantial cash awards. In addition, Mrs. Richardson won an 8-day cruise to Bermuda for two as Grand National Champion, and a special cash award as First Prize Winner in the Original Design group. Her winning entry was a beautiful centerpiece. Miss Lally won her title with a group of crocheted dolls and Mr. Pryor's championship piece was a handsome crocheted bedspread.

## CHURCHES

### Noodle Church of Christ

Paul Forshey, Minister

Sunday —  
Bible Study ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday —  
Prayer Service ..... 7:00 p.m.

### Noodle Baptist Church

John Hamilton, Pastor

Sunday —  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Training Union ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 7:15 p.m.  
Monday —  
W.M.U. .... 2:30 p.m.  
Wednesday —  
Prayer Service ..... 7:00 p.m.

### Merkel Grace Presbyterian

Ben Neill, Pastor

Sunday —  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.

### Merkel Assembly of God

William S. Agnew, Pastor

Sunday —  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Booster Band ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Evening Service ..... 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Service ..... 7:30 p.m.  
W.M.C. Thursday ..... 2:00 p.m.

### Tye Methodist Church

Jarrell Tharp, Pastor

Sunday —  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Church Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Fellowship ..... 7:00 p.m.  
M.Y.F. .... 7:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 7:30 p.m.

### Tye Baptist Church

Rev. Armstrong, Pastor

Sunday —  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Church ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Training Union ..... 6:45 p.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 8:00 p.m.  
Tuesday —  
W.M.U. .... 2:30 p.m.  
Wednesday —  
Prayer Meeting ..... 7:30 p.m.

### Merkel Methodist Church

Cloy Lyle, Pastor

Sunday —  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Service ..... 10:55 a.m.  
M.Y.F. .... 6:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday —  
Choir Rehearsal ..... 7:30 p.m.

### Pioneer Memorial Chapel

Elmer Ward, Pastor

Sunday —  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Jr., Sr. Young People ..... 7:00 p.m.  
W.S.C.S. .... 7:00 p.m.

### Evening Service ..... 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday —  
Prayer Service ..... 7:00 p.m.

### Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church

South 5th and Trundy

Palletine Fathers

Thomas Leahy, SCA, Pastor

Patrick Wheelan, SCA

Sunday —  
Confessions ..... 10:00 a.m.

Mass ..... 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday —  
Legion of Mary ..... 8:00 p.m.

### Merkel Church of Christ

Bob Cannon, Minister

Sunday —  
Bible Study ..... 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship ..... 10:45 a.m.

Evening Classes ..... 6:00 p.m.

(Classes for all ages)

Evening Service ..... 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday —  
Ladies' Bible Class ..... 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday —  
Evening Service ..... 7:00 p.m.

### Trent Church of Christ

Lowell Williams, Minister

Sunday —  
Bible Study ..... 10:00 a.m.

Regular Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.

Night Service ..... 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday —  
Midweek Service ..... 7:00 p.m.

### Trent Methodist Church

Carl Nunn, Pastor

Sunday —  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.

Morning Service ..... 11:00 a.m.

M.Y.F. .... 6:30 p.m.

Evening Worship ..... 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday —  
W.S.C.S. .... 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday —  
Prayer Service ..... 7:00 p.m.

### Merkel Calvary Baptist Church

Wayne Davis, Pastor

Sunday —  
Radio Program, KXOX 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.

Morning Service ..... 11:00 a.m.

Prayer Service ..... 7:00 p.m.

Evening Worship ..... 7:30 p.m.

### Merkel First Baptist Church

C. G. Sewell, Pastor

Sunday —  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.

Training Union ..... 6:30 p.m.

Evening Worship ..... 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday —  
W.M.U. .... 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday —  
Prayer Service ..... 7:30 p.m.

### Comper Baptist Church

Ross Merritt, Pastor

Sunday —  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.

Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.

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Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.

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Wayne Pemberton, Pastor

Sunday —  
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Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.

Training Union ..... 6:30 p.m.

Evening Worship ..... 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday —  
Prayer Service ..... 7:00 p.m.

### Trent First Baptist Church

A. H. Williams, Pastor

Sunday —  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.

Preaching Service ..... 11:00 a.m.

Training Union ..... 6:30 p.m.

Evening Service ..... 7:30 p.m.

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# P.T.A.'s to Celebrate Founders Day

## 11-Million Members Mark Organization's 61st Year

On February 17 the world's largest voluntary service organization will celebrate its 61st birthday.

This is the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, whose nearly eleven million members are active today in P.T.A.'s throughout the 48 states, the District of Columbia, Alaska, and Hawaii. They will mark the organization's Founders Day with a variety of activities aimed at strengthening and expanding parent-teacher work in their own communities.

Mrs. Rollin Brown, of Los Angeles, president of the National Congress, points out that these 43,000 P.T.A.'s have set the pattern for parent-teacher associations in areas where U.S. armed forces have established American communities overseas. And parents of school children in other nations have sought help from the National Congress in forming similar groups to promote education in their countries.

Founders Day activities, scheduled for February 17, will honor two women whose imagination and concern for children planted the seed for this still-growing organization.

It was in 1897 that Alice McLellan Birney and Phoebe Apperson Hearst conceived the idea of a National Congress of Mothers to promote the health and welfare of children by helping their parents learn more about how to fulfill a child's physical and spiritual needs.

They worked hard to interest other women in their aims and approached the date they had set for the organizing meeting with hopes of seeing a hundred or so delegates arrive at Washington's Arlington Hotel. But "if only twenty-five are there," admitted Mrs. Birney, "I shall be satisfied."

More than two thousand men and women turned out! Their enthusiastic reception of the aims, as outlined by the Founders, and of the lectures, discussions, and conferences that made up the first meeting set the pace for a great national movement. Soon state congresses were founded, and before long the original "mothers' congress" was broadened to include the

concept of parents working with teachers.

Since that founding meeting, the National Congress of Parents and Teachers has written an impressive record of achievement. It includes these activities in behalf of children:

Donated hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships to students planning to enter the teaching profession.

Initiated a program for the periodic health appraisal of well children from birth through high school—an extension of the Summer Round-Up campaigns under which nearly three million pre-school children have received physical examinations.

Promoted successfully thousands of school building projects, including preliminary surveys, educational campaigns, and school bond issues.

Alerted the public to violations of child labor statutes, stressed the need for improved juvenile detention facilities, and supported sound adoption laws.

Helped establish child-care centers for children of working mothers and worked to raise the standards of all child-care establishments.

Established and supported public kindergartens until public support could be secured.

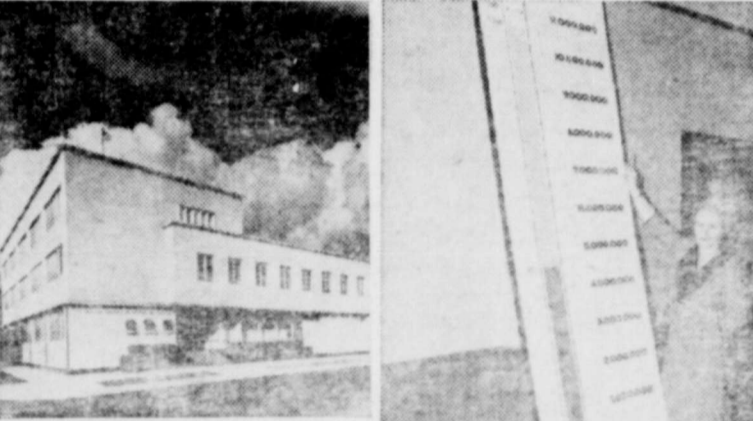
Pioneered in establishing and maintaining thousands of hot school lunch programs long before the public in general became aware of their importance.

Helped to keep the schools open during the years of war and depression—an achievement for which it received a special citation from the National Education Association.



The first Board of Managers of the National Congress of Mothers (the National Congress of Parents and Teachers since 1925). Left to right, seated: Mrs. John R. Lewis, vice-president; Mrs. Adlai Stevenson, vice-president; Mrs. Theodore W. Birney, president and Founder; Mrs. Phoebe Apperson Hearst, vice-president and co-Founder; Mrs. William L. Wilson, chairman of the Reception Committee; and Mrs. F. Benjamin Johnston.

Standing: Mrs. Henry J. Finley, chairman of the Press Committee; Mrs. James H. McGill, chairman of the Entertainment Committee; Mrs. A. A. Birney, chairman of the Committee on Arrangements; Mrs. H. W. Fuller, chairman of the Transportation Committee; Miss Mary Louisa Butler, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Harriet A. McLellan, chairman of the Literature Committee.



Headquarters of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers stands today at 700 North Rush Street, in Chicago. The building, dedicated in 1955, won an award from the Chicago chapter of the American Institute of Architects and the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry for excellence in architecture.

Mrs. Rollin Brown, president, uses giant thermometer to illustrate how membership in the National Congress has more than doubled since 1947.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

The Merkel Future Farmer Chapter won the Abilene district chapter conducting contest held at the Abilene high school building Wednesday, Jan. 25. The Merkel Chapter will receive a felt banner as a trophy. By winning the district contest the Merkel Chapter will represent the Abilene district in an area contest to be held at John Tarleton College in May.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent, both native Texans and pioneers of Taylor county, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, Jan. 23, at the home of their (eldest son, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent, which had just been completed. All of their children, four sons and a daughter, are living and were present at the celebration with their families.

On last Friday Grandmother Armstrong celebrated her ninetieth birthday in the home of Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong, where she has made her home for most a

quarter of a century. Grandmother Armstrong is a native Texan and in excellent health, despite her ninety years, in evidence of a life well spent.

Last Friday night, the Badgers displaced Loraine 28-14, and the Merkel girls won two straights at volleyball. The games were played there. Loraine will come again Friday night of this week for both basketball and volleyball.

C. A. Hudson, 68, who had farmed in this section the past twenty years and who had moved to Sweetwater some two months ago, died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. J. A. Brown, in Sweetwater. He had been ill for about two weeks. Funeral services were held at the Methodist church here at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon, with the Rev. J. H. Crow, the pastor officiating, assisted by Howard Hallowell of McMurry College. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery by the side of his wife, who died Aug. 10, 1934.

## Army Strengthens Reserve In Texas

Major General Robert G. Gard, Chief, US Army Military District, Texas, announced today the start of an intensive recruiting campaign to strengthen the Army Ready Reserve program in Texas.

Many worthwhile opportunities exist, he said, for prior-service and non-prior service personnel to profit personally by joining Army Reserve units in their home communities.

Among the advantages of participation in the Ready Reserve program, he pointed out, are extra income, modern training, technical schooling, respect of the community, advancement, and accumulation of points toward a retirement income which can equal an investment of \$30,000.

General Gard added that participation in the Ready Reserve training program will not keep a reservist from changing civilian occupations or jobs, moving to another locality or going away to school, and engaging in any normal civilian pursuits.

Information concerning the Army Ready Reserve program may be obtained by contacting the local Army Reserve unit commander, the Army Reserve unit advisor, or the US Army Recruiting Station.

## MERKEL 40 YEARS AGO

Alfred Costephens has been here for a few days stay. He belongs to the sanitary department of the 8th Cavalry and is stationed at Marfa. He says they have been having some experiences with the Mexicans but likes his work fine.

Mr. and Mrs. James West have returned to Merkel from Dalhart. They ran into such a sandstorm that they had to leave their car at Plainview.

Miss Agnes Powell of Leonard, Texas has accepted a position with the Farmers State Bank.

Miss Louise Warren has been sick for the past week.

Miss Bess Touchstone has just returned from a six weeks visit to Dallas and Strawn.

Private C. J. Hodges, 27, in Co. E, 111 Engineers, was killed by a street car in Fort Worth at 4:30 last Sunday afternoon. Alighting from the car he stepped directly in front of another one. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Hodges of the Shiloh neighborhood. His wife has lived in Fort Worth since he has been stationed

there. This is the third boy from the Merkel country to meet death since the first enlistment.

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Here man, I am painfully aware, is treading on dangerous ground when he presumes to discuss women's fashions, but I feel compelled to register at least a mild protest against the advent of the so-called sack look. I realize, of course, that my feeble outcries will be one of utter futility as virtually every male objection to the Will of Woman.

One fashion writer presumed to call the new loose lock the "sack shape"—and I concede here is basis for the comparison. I went on to justify this by saying that it is entirely logical that men should feel the influence of the Space Age.

By the same token, I suppose we might contemplate what could have been the Rock Look of the Stone Age. And no doubt women heralded the advent of the Machine Age by dressing to resemble cultivators and threshing machines.

One designer defended the sack silhouette by saying that it hides a multitude of figure problems including the not-so-waspish waists, the well-known "roll" and the too-much and too-little departments. I maintain this is like trying to outlaw smiles because some people have ugly teeth.

Besides that, it tends to take the pressure off the gal-folks to

count calories, take exercises, and what-not to keep in trim for their favorite fans—namely us men. Why should they try to keep from acquiring an ape-shape if they're going to drape it with a tent anyway?

But like I said, Sacks Fifth Avenue will doubtless prevail in spite of my protests. The shift seems to be on.

At the Gonzales Warm Springs Rehabilitation Foundation we are grateful for financial aid given by the State of Texas for the care provided at the Foundation to many Texans. This help comes from the Division of Crippled Children's Services of the Texas State Department of Health and the Vocational Rehabilitation Div-

ision of the Texas Education Agency.

The State, because of financial and other limitations, can pay only about 40 per cent of the actual cost of this treatment, throwing the additional costs on the Foundation's Welfare Fund. For example, the Foundation's share of the costs for 7,626 days of treatment afforded State patients in 1957 was over \$130,000.

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### Win 4-H Awards

Kay Botard, 15, of Jim Wells county, knows how to make a house a real home. Proof of her ability is that she won the 1957 state award in 4-H Girls' Home Economics. Rewarding this future Texas homemaker with a \$150 scholarship is Montgomery Ward, donor of awards for the 34th consecutive year.

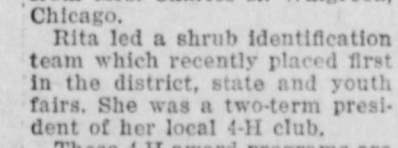
In six years as a 4-H'er, Kay compiled a long list of achievements. She sewed 250 garments and articles for her home, prepared and froze several hundred pounds of food; cooked 250 meals; completely redecorated her bedroom.

Since 1955, Kay has served as 4-H Junior leader. A year ago she organized the Lucky Clover 4-H Club for girls between 9 and 11 years old.

A green thumb and a willing hand proved a winning combination for Rita Stewart, 15, of Brown county who won the state 4-H Beautification of Home Grounds award.

Rita led a shrub identification team which recently placed first in the district, state and youth fairs. She was a two-time president of her local 4-H club.

These 4-H award programs are conducted by the Cooperative Extension Service.



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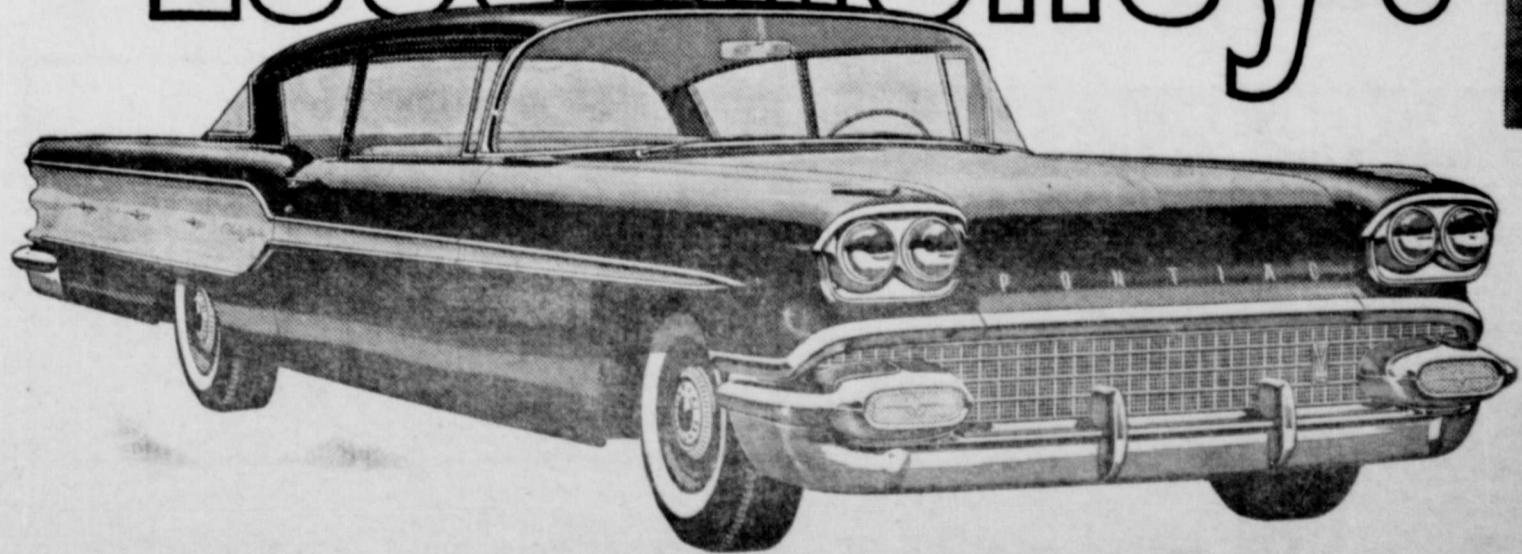
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