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## C of C Manager Attends Urban Renewal Clinic

Orville Roland (Chamber of Commerce manager, and Alex Easters attorney for the City of Merkel, attended the Southwest Urban Renewal Clinic in Dallas on May 5 and 6.

Merkel was one of 83 cities from 17 states represented at the meet and was the smallest populated city represented.

Purpose of the meeting was to show the importance of city planning, how to relieve congestion and to help business and industries to find better locations.

Andrew H. Eiskell, publisher of Life Magazine, main speaker for the event, told the group that small cities will have to compete with larger cities in the ever growing demand for convenience. He said, "Due to the stepped pace of our national growth, cities can either meet the demand by an organized plan or they will wither and die within the next five years."

Other speakers for the clinic, which was held in the Baker Hotel, included R. L. Tayloe, vice president of Sears, Roebuck Co., and James W. Rouse, Baltimore, Maryland, a member of the Action Board of Directors.

The clinic was sponsored by the American Council to Improve Our Neighborhoods, a non-profit organization, and the Greater Dallas Planning Council.

Business Leaders, elected officials, civic leaders and community improvement groups were invited to attend.

## Trent Students Visit Colorado

CANON CITY, COLORADO—May 2, 1958 — Members of the Trent High School visited Colorado's famed Royal Gorge on their recent tour.

It was a highlight of a trip that included points of scenic and historic interest in Colorado namely, Canon City.

At the Royal Gorge, they crossed the world's highest bridge (1,100 feet above the roaring Arkansas river), rode the world's steepest incline railway (100 percent grade) and viewed some of Colorado's most magnificent scenery.

Sponsor on the tour was Herl Geren, and Mrs. Herl Geren.

Students were Hilo Hntcea, Nelde Heatty, Lynda Dudley, Connie Code, Joel Cnais, Charles Bright, Don Potet, Bobby Yver, Buddy Byron, Tommy Young, Joe Christ.

## Sara Harris Wins Medal

Sara Harris, 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harris, won a first place medal in twirling at the Elementary School Band and Twirling contest held in Hamlin Saturday. This is the second time Sara has won a medal.

## Little League Schedule

Tuesday—May 20  
Starbucks vs. Supers  
Willies vs. Bankers  
Thursday—May 22  
Kilowats vs. Starbucks  
Cardinals vs. Willies  
Friday—May 23  
Kilowats vs. Cardinals  
Supers vs. Cardinals  
Team listed first will be the home team and take the south dugout. First game will start at 6:25 and must be finished by 7:55. The second game will start at 8:05 and must be finished by 9:30.

Mrs. Comorra Barrick and children of Arlington and Mrs. Laverne Elliott and children of Grand Prairie were visitors Mother's Day in the home of their mother and grandmother, Mrs. John Hughes.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Freeman of Trent for Mother's Day were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Freeman of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Hicks, Stan and Debbie of Merkel. Mr. Freeman's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Freeman, Lavaughn and Barbara of the White Flat community were also guests.



FARE, PLEASE . . . Said to be the only female bus driver in all Europe, Mrs. Margit Claesson pilots her vehicle through streets of Stockholm, Sweden.

## Brother Of Stith Man Dies At 62

Lawrence V. Vantrees, 62, brother of Walter Vantrees of Stith, died at 11:50 a.m. Saturday at his home in Abilene. He had been in ill health with a heart condition for several years and was suffering from a flu attack last month.

Mr. Vantrees was born in Ellis County April 13, 1896. He settled near Hodges Community in 1906. After moving to Abilene from Lawn in 1924, he worked for the city water department for 17 years.

Mr. Vantrees was married to Betty Holt in Hodges in 1917. He was a deacon in the First Baptist Church in Abilene.

Funeral was held at 3:30 p.m. Monday in Elliott's Chapel of Memories with Dr. Elwin Skiles, pastor of the First Baptist Church officiating.

Survivors include his wife; one son L. V. Jr. of Houston; two brothers, Ed of Hamby and Walter of Stith; three sisters, Mrs. Lizzie Williams and Mrs. Lennie Sloan of Abilene and Mrs. Ada Low of Mart; and five grandchildren.

## Little League Season Underway

The Little League season opened Tuesday night when the Starbucks with Bob Benson pitching were victorious over the Kilowats and the Cardinals defeated the Willies. Dub Goodwin pitched for the Cardinals.

Thursday's action was curtailed to one game; due to the power shortage. Carson Supers and the Bankers with George McDonald the winning pitcher.

In Friday's games the Kilowats won over the Bankers and the Supers outlasted the Willies.

Frosty Winters, Mac Mansfield and Mac Dorton have shown their ability to hit the ball. On Friday night Winters, with three trips to the plate, collected (ne single, a double and a triple).

In the opinion of Newt Logan, president, the boys are not as yet playing their best ball due to nervousness and over-excitement which seems to plague them but he believes as the season progresses and the boys develop the games will become real thrillers.

## Badgers Are District 3-A Champions Will Play Sanderson In Bi-District

The Merkel Badgers, District 3-A champions, will play a two out of three series with Sanderson, District 4-A winners. The first game will be in Sanderson at 2 p.m., Saturday, May 17, and the second game here at 3 p.m., Tuesday, May 20, according to Don Loyd, coach.

The Badgers won the District 3-A baseball championship when they defeated the Rotan Yellowhammers, 8-0, in Rotan Tuesday night.

Merkel went through the District schedule undefeated while Rotan wound up as runner-up at 4-2. Clyde and Throckmorton tied for third place with 1-5 records.

Barry Scott struck out 14 Yellowhammers while doing out two singles in the game.

Tokio Moreno led the Badgers with three for four and catcher Manley Denton added two for four to the Merkel 9-hit attack. The Badgers beat Throckmorton, 7-3, in a district game Monday to chalk up their fifth straight win.

Joe Neill struck out nine and Jerry Phillips whiffed six for the

## Merkel High School Graduation Plans Made; 26 To Receive Diplomas May 27

26 students will be awarded diplomas from Merkel High School at commencement exercises in the school auditorium at 8 p.m., Tuesday, May 27. Dr. Joe Humphrey, Academic Dean of McMurry College, will deliver the commencement address.

Baccalaureate services will be in the auditorium at 8 p.m., Sunday, May 25. Bob Cannon, pastor of the Church of Christ, will bring the sermon.

Highest ranking student in the graduating class is Charles Curb with a grade average of 97. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Curb, 1415 North 2nd.

Salutatorian is Minta Lue McAninch with a 94.5 average. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis McAninch of Rt. 4.

Officers of the senior class are Errol Rutledge, president; Lou David Allen, vice president; Charles Curb, secretary-treasurer; Joe Cunningham, reporter; and Ronny Tombs, parliamentarian.

Other class members are Mary Lane Anderson, Arthur Edwin Bagby, Suzy Beth Bird, Patricia Madge Butman, Cayron Kay Chaney, Chera Jane Corder, Johnny Ford Henslee, Patsy Ann Herring, Edwin Dean Higgins, Paul Clifton Higgins, Bobby Floyd Jones, Marilyn Ann Kelso, Kay Lynn Perry, Rebecca Annette Ray, Barry Doyle Scott, Riley Jack Seymore, Bette Flo Smith, Patricia Ann Smith, Buddy Winston Tittle, Ronny Deverl Tombs, Linda Ann Winter.

The class motto is "Virtus, Fortuna, et Honor Nobis Venuit." The class flower, blue Dutch iris, and class colors, blue and silver.



CHARLES CURB valedictorian



MINTA LUE McANINCH salutatorian

## Jacky Russell To Compete In National Meet

Jacky Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell, will compete with the 440 relay team from Tarleton State, Stephenville, at the National Junior college track meet to be held at Hutchinson, Kansas, Friday and Saturday, May 16-17.

He will also run in the 100 and 220 yard dashes.

Last year a 10 flat won the 100 yard dash and Russell has marked 9.9. He has also a time of 22.2 in the 220-yard dash over the 22.6 record of last year.

## Carroll Benson Heads Lions Club

Carroll Benson, high school football coach, was named president of the Merkel Lions Club at a meeting in the Community Center on May 6.

Other officers elected to serve for the coming year were: Earle Watts, 1st. vice president; Leon Walker, 2nd vice president; Don Dudley, 3rd vice president; Orville Roland, secretary-treasurer; Buddy Nail, tail twister; Joe Patterson, Lion tamer; and Chas. Hogsett, Meyer Mellinger, Bob Gardner and Herman Carson directors.

## Joe Christ Named Top Trent Grad

Top ranking student in the 1958 graduating class of Trent High School is Joe Christ and salutatorian is Lynda Dudley. High ranking senior boys are Charles Bright and Tommy Young.

Latrell Bright won high honors in Junior High with an average of 96.7 and Bobbie Howard is second averaging 94.5. Johnny Heatley and Jerry Dickerson are also honor students.

## Karen Irvin Is Top Noodle Grad

Karen Irvin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Irvin, has been named valedictorian of the senior class of Noodle Consolidated School.

Nancy Hunter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ab Hunter Jr., is salutatorian. Baccalaureate exercises will be held Sunday morning, May 18, in the high school auditorium. Jesse Swindell will be the principal speaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Williams and Mrs. W. C. Burleson of Tuscola and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Tucker and daughter Tommie Kay, of Abilene visited Mrs. Bob Williams in the Sadler Clinic here.

Jacky Russell of Tarleton State, Stephenville, was a week-end visitor with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell.

## Boling Infant Dies; Rites In Dunn Monday

Donald Boling, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis E. Boling of Colorado City, died at 4 p.m. Monday.

The child was born Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Burial was in Dunn Cemetery Monday at 4 p.m.

Mrs. Boling is the former Dixie Wade of Merkel. Survivors include the parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Wade of Merkel, and Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Boling of Dunn.

Those attending the funeral from here were Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Dubose, Mrs. D. C. Hendrix, Sue Sylvester and Jo Ann Johnson.

## Joe E. Lassiter To Be Main Speaker For Elementary Graduation, May 28

Joe E. Lassiter will be the speaker at the Merkel Elementary Graduation exercises in the school auditorium at 8 p.m., Wednesday, May 28.

Mr. Lassiter, who is associated with his father in business in Abilene, is a graduate of the University of Texas and was formerly connected with the State Comptroller's Department in Austin.

Mrs. Norman Winter will play processional and recessional music. Invocation will be by Kent Denton.

## Armed Forces Day May 17 At Dyess

DYESS AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS . . . "Power for Peace" is the theme and that power will be displayed to the public Saturday, May 17 at Dyess Air Force Base as Armed Forces Day is celebrated.

This modern Abilene installation of the Strategic Air Command will play host to visitors with activities ranging from a parade which begins at 9 o'clock to static displays of various types of aircraft and equipment. Flyers of all types of aircraft will be staged throughout the day starting at 9 a.m. and the gates will open for the Open House at 8 a.m.

Dyess aircraft will appear at bases throughout the southwest and jet bombers and fighters will be on display at Dyess. Visitors will see B-47 and B-57 jet bombers as well as World War II B-25 bomber; an F-100, F-86 and F-94 jet fighters; cargo planes including the giant C-124 Globemaster and a KC-97 refueling tanker. Even a helicopter will be exhibited and an unusual highlight will be a 1912 pusher type airplane which will make a short flight.

Displays in the hangars will include jet engines, survival equipment, ordinance, small arms, and parachute exhibits as well as gunnery systems, radio systems and specialized vehicles.

For safety's sake there will be a first aid and lost and found station and for hunger's sake there will be five hot dog stands.

This celebration promises to be the biggest Armed Forces Day celebration ever held and everyone is invited to attend.

## Boy Scout Drive Nets Over \$700

The people of Merkel contributed over \$700 to the Chisholm Trail Council Boy Scout Finance Drive, according to C. A. Farley, local campaign director.

The local drive got off to a flying start with an attendance of about 30 volunteer workers at a breakfast last Wednesday morning, May 7. Most of the drive was completed by noon.

The year's total of over \$700 is one of the highest figures on record for a local Boy Scout drive.

## Johnnie Tipton To Be TSC Grad

STEPHENVILLE, May 15, Special to The Merkel Mail—Johnnie E. Tipton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Tipton of Merkel, is a candidate for graduation at Tarleton State College.

Miss Tipton is a business administration major at TSC. Commencement exercises are set for Sunday, May 25, with SMU president Willis Tate as principal speaker.

## Community Clean-Up Off To Good Start; Parade, Auction Slated

A parade in downtown Merkel at 9 a.m. today will officially start the "special events" day in the community-wide cleanup campaign that got off to a good start here this week.

Invitations were sent to the governor and other dignitaries. In a telegram sent to Clyde Bartlett, general chairman of the campaign, Governor Price Daniel said, "Appreciate invitation opening of cleanup campaign. Regret impossible to be with you because I am leaving for Miami, Fla., to attend annual governor's conference. Congratulations and very best wishes on your project."

Stores in Merkel will be closed from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. today,

May 15, and a covered dish luncheon will be held in the Community Center at noon. The luncheon is open to the public and everyone attending is asked to bring a picnic lunch, paper plates and silver. Iced tea will be furnished.

The parade which will formulate at Palmer Motor on N. 1st. and go down Edwards to N. 3rd., will include the high school band, Boy and Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Brownies, queen candidates and a broom and mop brigade.

A Clean-Up, Paint-Up, Fix-Up queen will be chosen from the candidates who sell the most votes at a penny a vote. Candidates will be presented by the schools, one from each building, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, FFA Chapter, FHA and Girl Scouts.

A princess, from three to six years old, will be chosen from entries submitted whose parents have improved their property the most during the campaign, according to the judges. Both the princess and the queen will receive cash prizes.

The crowning of the queen and princess will be on May 22 when another parade and an auction will be held to climax the clean-up drive. The auction will be in front of Merkel Motors and will include everything from stove bolts to automobiles, according to Herman Carson, finance chairman. Anyone having any old furniture, lawn mowers, or anything else they would like to have auctioned off are asked to have them downtown by 3 p.m., May 22. The finance committee will keep ten per cent of the price brought for any article to help defray expenses for the campaign.

Tues., May 20, has been designated as official safety day. Cyrus Pee, safety committee chairman, urges everyone to clean out basements and attics and dispose of rags, waste paper and other rubbish accumulated that might be a safety hazard.

Starting May 26, the city will pick up all rubbish, weeds, or debris of any kind. Everyone is asked to have trash ready for the truck to pick up.

The garden club is giving cash prizes for the following: vacant lot improvement, best service station, alley frontage improvement, beautiful lawn, block or area improvement.

Committees from various clubs have looked the town over and have made recommendations as to what improvements should be made for cleaning up and painting up. Conditions of each street were reported and some of the things mentioned were trash on the side of the street, grass trash in alleys, old bricks in the school yard, a burned house, streets that need grading, a trailer house that obstructs view, a 2-wheel trailer that should be moved, weeds grown high along curbs, vacant lots all over that need the weeds burned or cut, and many places that could use a coat of paint.

## Parents Invited To Conference

All parents who will have children in the first grade of the local school next fall are invited to a pre-school conference to be held in the school cafeteria next Monday night, May 19, at 8:00 o'clock.

Parents will have an opportunity of getting acquainted with their child's teacher, find out what is expected of first graders, how they may help their children get off to a good start in school, and visit the classroom where their child will be located next year.

## Baptists To Have Guest Speaker

Carlos Gruber of Plainview, well known evangelistic singer, will be the speaker at the services of the First Baptist church Sunday night May 18.

The public is invited to attend according to the Rev. C. G. Sewell pastor.

Morris Wayne Claborn, student in North Texas State, Denton, was home for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Claborn of Trent Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Roland and two sons of Ft. Worth visited their parents Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Simpson and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Roland the past weekend.



BEKING GRANDMA . . . Mrs. Fern Woods, 60, of Spangdale, Calif., black-billed New York to New Orleans and back via San Francisco. Equipped with camera and showing her star's black-billed as far as Alaska.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

Louis Carson arrived Thursday morning from the United States Naval Training station at San Diego, Calif. on a ten days' leave of absence.

Sylvan Mellinger, University of Texas student, was home for a Mother's visit, also Isadore Mellinger was home from Clarendon.

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Sublett and son, Jim, drove to Lubbock Sunday to visit their sons, Ben and Jack, the latter a student in Texas Tech.

Truett Patterson and A. C. Sears, Texas Tech students, were home last weekend for a Mother's Day visit.

Leaving Monday for Lubbock, Bill Hamm assumed his new duties as salesman for P. Lorillard Tobacco company, with territory

embracing 20 counties. His place at the Merkel Drug has been filled by Bill Harris.

Karl Bonneaux, H-SU freshman class president from Merkel, will carry the lead role as Editor Kelly in the first annual All-University show to be presented in Hardin-Simmons auditorium Monday evening. More than one hundred students and teachers are included in the staff.

Miss Willie Evelyn Boaz, whose approaching marriage to Fern Scroggins has been announced, was named honoree for a pretty party on last Wednesday afternoon when Mrs. W. Roundtree, assisted by Miss Evelyn Horne, entertained for her in the Roundtree, home at Noodle.

## MERKEL 40 YEARS AGO

Eura Allen and Mother motored to Clyde Monday to visit relatives. Mrs. J. N. Watts returned with them and will spend the remainder of the week with the Allen family.

Dr. Armstrong reports a fine girl at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rome Whetsel of View. We have to be patriotic for some time, but been trying to urge the doctor he seems to be stuck on girls. If he don't change his report soon we certainly will have to report him to the army officials. If every doctor in the country reported girls all the time we do not know what Uncle Sam would do for an army after awhile.

Harry Barnett is in receipt of a letter from his cousin, Herman,

who is in the army stationed at Corpus Christi. He writes that bathing is grand now and says 'Come on in the water is fine'. He says says he is just in from a 14 mile hike, carrying the heavy marching order pack, and 'You don't know what work is until you get in the harness under them on a hit day.' He is delighted with the army and is ready to 'Go over'.

Sanders Drug Store wins the prize in a way of a patriotic Red Cross display. A great many favorable comments have been made on it. The red, white and blue is worked in admirably, the background being a picture of the 'Greatest Mother on Earth.' H. A. Sanders, Harry Barnett and Claude Riney got their heads together, and we have the results.

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## UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

The Canyon received 1 1/2 inches of rain Tuesday morning. It fell gently accompanied by very little wind.

Planting of feed was well underway and farmers were getting ready to plant cotton.

Crop and pasture conditions were never better than at this time, with plenty of good grazing, wheat and oats. Our fingers crossed, we would say 'One of the finest grain crops could be harvested than in many years previous.'

However, a large wheat acreage went into the soil bank.

Well Sunday was Mother's Day and as usual always brings sons and daughters home to see mothers and dads.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McLean of Dyess Air Base and Mr. and Mrs. Griff Barnett of Abilene visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dewell McLean.

Peyton Scott, student in Texas Tech, Lubbock, was home over the weekend to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seymore had all their children with them with the exception of Mack, who is in the service and stationed in Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weston visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere.

Misses Lottie Butman and Mabel McRee of Merkel attended church services at the Pioneer Methodist and were dinner guests of Miss Butman's sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray.

Mr. and Mrs. Frazee Demere of the Canyon and their daughter, Mrs. Leon Toombs of Merkel spent the weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Demere

of Putman. Enroute to their homes they visited with Aunt Mollie Brandon, who has a new home in Clyde where two of her sons also reside. She and her late husband, John Brandon, were among the first settlers in the Canyon.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Latimer, mother of Mrs. Sam Butman Jr., has been released from the hospital and is now at home in Merkel. She is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Whisen-

hunt say they are enjoying watching construction of the new Farm Road which passes in front of their house. Aunt Sallie said "When work is going on it looks like a town, there are so many cars and machinery".

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman J. Lane of Throckmorton and Abilene and Mrs. Edna Brown of Abilene were guests Sunday of their mother, Mrs. L. A. Watts, and other relatives here.

Mrs. W. L. Barger of McKinney was a recent visitor with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Vaughn.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Toombs and son Tommy, of Lubbock visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mashburn and Mrs. Daisy Toombs, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Melton of San Bernadino, Calif., are here for a week's visit with his mother, Mrs. T. T. Melton.



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Driver Education class is deeply appreciative and thrilled for the use of the beautiful Chevrolet Biscayne, 210, four-door sedan. We think the power and performance of the car is superb and want to say thanks to Mr. Hogsett for his generosity in loaning it to us."

Mr. and Mrs. Holt Vaughn and sons, Bill and Mike, of Rogers, Arkansas, were weekend visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Vaughn.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Collins were visitors with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pinkley, and his sister, Miss Mary Collins last weekend.

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**Home Demonstration Notes**

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent



Ed. Note: (Held over from last week)

This week has been a busy week for home demonstration club members. The upstery preworkshop was held Monday May 5. The real workshop starts next week.

The rains last week didn't keep the leaders from attending two leader training meetings on "Care and Storage of Clothing" and "Selecting and Framing Pictures." If you are interested in either of these, visit the club nearest you. The leaders will be glad to help you.

Mrs. Tom Russom, Miss Lottie Butman, Miss Mable McRee, Mrs. R. F. Migan, Mrs. W. C. Taylor, Mrs. Leslie Lipham, and I enjoyed a tour Saturday sponsored by Soil Conservation Service. Several of the speakers said conservation is everyone's business, and the home demonstration club members should do their part.

The 4-H Clubs are very busy having achievement teas. The girls exhibit things they have done through the year. The public is always invited, and I'll bet you'd learn a lot if you were to

go see what the girls are doing. The teas are as follows:

May 17—Hamby  
May 20, 7:30 p.m., Merkel Jr.  
Hope you too go to the tea nearest you.

If it doesn't hail this week, I'm going to have English peas out of my garden Saturday. (I have to find time to shell them.)

Mr. and Mrs. Criswell Doan and children of Waurika, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Don Doan and children and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schanult of Stamford were dinner guests in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan, Sunday.

Miss Edessa Kuykendall, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Kuykendall of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Roe Klepper and children were Mother's Day visitors with their sister and mother, Mrs. Josie Shanks.

**SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWS**



The Central Texas Polled Hereford Assn. began their annual tour Monday May 5 on the Sam Swann Ranch north of Trent. The weather was excellent and they had a large turnout to begin the tour which ended in Sabina on Tuesday.

Many fine Polled Hereford cattle were observed and Sam pointed out that he is improving his range by root plowing the mesquite.

The first annual conservation tour for teachers in the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District was held Saturday May 3, and several farms were visited. Mr. C. A. Farley, principal of Merkel Elementary Schools said he was well pleased with the number of teachers representing Merkel and said that the tour was very beneficial. Those attending from Merkel were Mr. and Mrs. Mack Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Dunnigan, Misses Don Estes and C. A. Farley and Mmes. Andy Shouse, Cmer Haynes, Johnny Cox, Norman Winter, Sam McLeod, H. C. Reed, Nora Foster, Elsie Nash, Lottie Butman, Mable McRee, Irvin Shields, Lydia Norcross and Bill Holloway.

The 7th grade class under the direction of Mrs. Andy Shouse recently made a visit to the Soil Conservation office to find out how the Soil Conservation Service and the Soil Conservation Districts work together to apply soil and water conservation. George Sparkman and Newton Goodwin explained to them the purpose of the Soil Conservation Service and operations carried on by the Service.



**IKE AND 4-H . . . National 4-H Club winners present Pres. Eisenhower 4-H Report to Nation. Left to right: Wendell Crites, 18, Albion, Mich.; Wilda Story, 19, Savannah, Ga.; Doran Bollman, 19, Middleboro, Mass.; Charles Pickering, 20, Taylorville, Mass.; Clyde Templeton, 18, Olin, N. C.**

**Are Satellites Worth The Money?**

By Charles Curb

(Ed note. The following is the composition that won first place at the Interscholastic League State Meet in ready writing.)

In order to determine the value of anything, it is necessary to establish a ratio between what is paid and what is received. First of all, what is paid for an earth satellite?

In terms of money, the sum would sound astronomical to the layman, as indeed it would be if it were the expenditure of a single person or a small group. Yet comparing it with the amount of money spent annually on defense, research, or even on liquor and tobacco; and considering that it is the outlay of a wealthy and powerful nation, the cost of a satellite is not great at all.

In terms of man-hours spent in the research, development, and launching of a satellite, the price would, at first glance, seem extravagant, and yet, the devoted rocket scientists and engineers such as Wernher von Braun and Edward Teller are more than eager to spend their hours on such a project, and are extremely thankful for a chance to do so. Probably if satellites were not sponsored by the government as an act of defense, these men would be going about seeking financial aid from other sources in order to reach upward toward outer space.

In terms of the strategic materials used in satellites which might be employed elsewhere for defense, the cost is again not outlandish, for the metals, chemicals, electronics equipment, and other apparatus used in a satellite are comparable in cost to a single nuclear bomb and are but a drop in the bucket compared to the vast resources already being used in other areas of defense.

Thus, it is apparent that satellites are not as expensive as is generally thought. However, no matter how small or insignificant the price of anything, it is no bargain unless the value received is greater. It is therefore necessary to know what benefit this nation and mankind can expect from earth satellites.

The chief value of satellites at present is for research. We now know far more about the moon than we do about some areas of earth, simply because we cannot view the earth clearly and from a distance as we can the moon. Satellites with telescopes and television equipment on board can quite possibly reveal startling and hitherto unknown facts about our polar regions, jungle areas, cloud formations, and weather which would be of untold usefulness. And from a military point of view, such satellites could easily report nuclear tests, troop maneuvers, and the massing of equipment for war.

Another great value of space satellites is for propaganda purposes. Approximately forty per cent of the world today is neutral. If all or most of these nations became pro-communist it is doubtful if we could win an

other world war. The United States must not lose the respect and admiration of these countries by lagging behind in the production of satellites. If we only launched a chunk of metal, it would have its effect in creating prestige for us abroad. How much more valuable, then, to have the whole world know that we have a laboratory in the sky, sending back useful information!

A third fact about space satellites is that they are not an end within themselves; rather, they are a means to an end. They are the keys which unlock the doors of the future; doors to the moon, to the other planets, perhaps even beyond our Solar System. The value of such excursions is still speculative, but it is not unreasonable to assume that other planets will have vital natural resources which will one day be needed by our aging earth, and it is possible that some planets may be capable of supporting a portion of earth's crowded population. For the United States to be left behind in this undertaking would be a fatal blunder.

The last value of space satellites is intrinsic. The missiles which are implied by their launchings are a virtual necessity for defense in the modern world. If Russia has missiles which can launch a satellite the size of Sputnik II, then she has missiles which can deliver a hydrogen bomb on Washington D. C. or New York City; and it follows that we must become capable of doing the same for Moscow or Leningrad if we are to survive.

No one should ask if we can afford to have satellites. It is the same as asking if we can afford to survive, when the obvious answer is that we can't afford not to. If we are to continue to make scientific progress in the future; if we are to continue to exist as a free and powerful nation, then we cannot be last in the race for space.

**Founder's Day Celebrated By Lambda Beta**

Founder's Day was observed by the Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi with the pledge ritual and a social in the Taylor Electric auditorium Saturday, May 3.

Receiving the pledge ritual were Mmes. Glen Teaff, Nolan Palmer, W. W. Wade, Roscoe Shields, Waymond Hicks, Orville Roland, Joe Lassiter, Patsy Hunter, Carroll Benson, and Jane Watson.

Husbands of the members were guests for the social held after the ritual. The social committee, Mrs. Charles Hogsett, Mrs. Brandon Wade and Mrs. Lester Dorton, served refreshments.

Wade Shaw of Hawley and N. J. Shaw of Big Spring visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan Sunday.

**Short Term FHA Loan Saves Buyer Money; Slight Payment Increase**

If a person is qualified from an income standpoint, it is definitely to his advantage to obtain a 20-year FHA mortgage rather than a 25-year, explained C. J. Hermann, Executive secretary of the Voluntary Home Mortgage Credit Program for Region XIII, covering the states of Texas and New Mexico. Mr. Hermann explained that the difference in the monthly payment is only 74¢ per thousand dollars, or \$9.88 per year. For this small increase in monthly payment, there is a saving of \$207.00 per thousand dollars of loan amount. For example, if an individual desired a \$10,000 loan and could afford to do so, he would save \$2,070.00 by making a 20-year rather than 25-year loan. It would increase his monthly payments only \$7.40.

Mr. Hermann stated that he had received numerous applications from individuals seeking 25-year loans who later refused a 20-year

offer from a mortgage lender, even though they were financially capable of making the increased payments. Although FHA in many instances was willing to insure up to 25 years, the lending institutions desired for one reason or another to limit the term of the loan to 20 years.

The Voluntary Home Mortgage Credit Program, which Mr. Hermann directs for Texas and New Mexico, is designed to provide the mechanism for private lending institutions to make available FHA loans in small towns and remote areas where they are not generally available. The VHMCP charges no fee or commissions, and simply seeks to serve as a clearing house to bring together the qualified applicants and the willing lenders.

Mr. Hermann stated that in spite of the still tight mortgage market, there are quite a few lending institutions still affording the Program their assistance. An individual seeking to buy an existing home, or those who desire to build under FHA specifications and who are unable to obtain local financing, may well find that VHMCP is the answer to their problem.

Mr. Hermann further explained that while VHMCP is certainly not the answer for every financing problem, it is available, who, without the assistance of the Program, would have been unable to do so.

The FHA rate of 5 1/2% is becoming more and more attractive to the lending institutions with the levelling off of interest rate on competitive investments. Unfortunately, the 4 1/2% VA interest rate has eliminated the lending institutions under VHMCP from the VA market entirely.

Those seeking further information or assistance may write for application forms by addressing the VHMCP at 1114 Commerce Street, Dallas, Texas.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris for Mother's Day were their children; Mr. and Mrs. James Harris of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Harris and s.p. Buddy, Ballinger, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harris, Robert and Sara, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell and son Jacky, and Mrs. Don Riney, Larry and Ann all of Merkel.

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**NEXT WEEK!**



by LYN CONNELLY

**BOB HOPE must be kidding!** He made the comment recently, in upholding slapstick on TV, that the viewers are tired of the sophisticated brand and that slapstick will have an upsurge of popularity . . . When did televiewers even get a taste of the sophisticated brand? No comedy show seems complete without the equivalent of a pie-in-the-face . . . It wasn't until the old "Thin Man" films, starring William Powell and Myrna Loy, were released that the public were treated to sophisticated humor and they're clamoring for more of the same . . . Slapstick is great for kids and it has a definite place on their shows, but it shouldn't be allowed to escape from there.

Joan Davis is busy filming a new TV series, "Joan from Arkansas" . . . There was a big deal going on in Hollywood during the past few weeks for Gary Cooper to star in a TV series but negotiations slowed to a complete halt when he asked \$50,000 per show just to host and narrate, no acting! And while on the subject of big money, Jerry Lewis wanted Elvis Presley for his TV show but when "The Pelvis" asked for \$100,000 that deal, too, collapsed . . . We remember the day (only a few years back) when Presley would have been delirious with joy to make \$100,000 in his whole lifetime . . . No wonder show people insist there's no business like show business . . . Where else can you make \$100,000 for 10 minute's work (and Presley does work with all that wiggle . . . he doesn't sing like much but he sure works)

**PLATTER CHATTER**  
CAPITOL—The original Broadway cast of that big, gay musical show "The Music Man," now in its second year on Broadway, has been put on wax in a tremendously great hi-fi . . .



**LAWYER MOTHER . . . Mother of ten-week old baby, Mrs. Marian Rosen, 23, criminal attorney of Fort Arthur, Texas, was admitted to practice before U. S. Supreme Court.**

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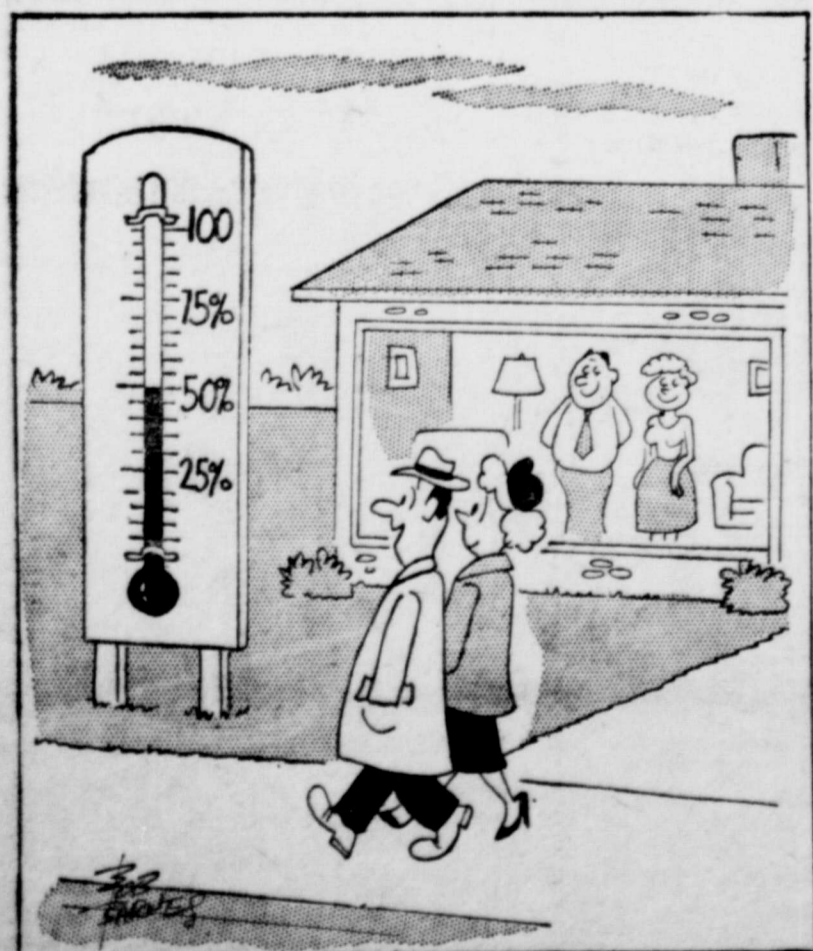


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### King's Daughters Meet For Social

Mrs. Brooks Patterson was hostess to members of the King's Daughters class of the First Methodist Church at its social meeting in her home Tuesday, May 6.

Mrs. J. S. Pinkley brought the devotional and Mrs. R. B. Johnson said the prayer.

The meeting was opened with the group singing several old hymns with Mrs. Tom Coats at the piano.

Mrs. Effie Martin, president, presided at the business session. Roll call was answered with a verse of scripture.

Mrs. C. K. Russell read a passage from Proverbs in honor of mother's and others gave appropriate Mother's Day readings.

Home made ice cream and cake were served to Mmes. Genia Graham, Lorinda Campbell, L. A. Watts, A. W. Bailey, Pearl Harris, Betty Sue Berryman, Allie Tombs, Gertrude Pee, Russell, Martin, Pinkley, Johnson, Coats, and Patterson.

The meeting closed with the singing of "Blest Be The Tie

That Binds" and the class benediction.

### TEL Class Meets In Jackson Home

Mrs. Bessie Jackson and Mrs. T. C. Satterwhite were hostesses to the TEL class of the First Baptist church in the home of Mrs. Jackson.

Mrs. E. W. King gave the opening prayer and Mrs. T. J. Bird the devotional from Luke: 2.

Mrs. Huston Robertson, president, presided at the business session at which time funds were raised for the encampment.

Refreshments of sandwiches, Angel cake with ice cream and punch were served to Mmes. Etta Moore, E. H. Thompson, Myrtle Walker, Blanche Campbell, A. R. Booth, Pick Allen, T. J. Bird, Satterwhite, Robertson, King, Jackson and Miss Selena Teaff.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Doan and children of Amarillo visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan and brother Alan, who underwent surgery in Sadler Clinic hospital last week.

### Mrs. McReynolds Is MCTA Prexy

Mrs. Ellen McReynolds was elected president of the Merkel Classroom Teachers Association at a meeting held in the school cafeteria Monday night. She will succeed Leon Walker.

Other officers elected to serve next year are: Mrs. Lena Dunagin, 1st vice president; Mrs. Jo Barnett, 2nd vice president; Mrs. Viola Shields, secretary; Mrs. Lucy Haynes, parliamentarian; & Mrs. Hazel Pargament, treasurer.

The board of directors, composed of three teachers to serve one, two and three year terms are, Mrs. Ouida Reid, Don Estes and Alf Walla. Leon Walker, outgoing president, will serve as advisor.

Mrs. Jo Barnett, program leader for the meeting, presented a group of high school boys and girls from the speech class and contestants in the Interscholastic League Literary Events Contest. Students taking part in the program were Dana Durham, Errol Rutledge, Katy Hunter, Mike Farley, Charles Curb and Chera Corder.

Tentative plans were made for a social to be held at the McReynolds home in June. A ranch

style meal of fried chicken, beans, pink lemonade and freezer ice cream will be served to the members and their guests.

### Compere HD Club Hears Speaker

Mrs. Mary Newberry, County agent, brought the program on "Managing the family income" to the Compere Home Demonstration club at its meeting in the home of Mrs. Ab Hunter Jr., Thursday, May 8.

Mrs. I. B. Ray opened the meeting with prayer.

Mrs. Hunter, president, presided, at the business session.

Mrs. J. E. Touchstone acting as secretary in the absence of Mrs. W. D. Ramsey, called the roll which was answered with "My most cherished keepsake".

Mrs. Newberry reported on the program for the National Home Demonstration Club Week which was held in Anson Wednesday, May 7.

Members voted to have their Achievement program and luncheon in the Fall at the home of Mrs. Touchstone.

Present were Mmes. Ray, Touchstone, Allred, Stanley Hunter, members and Mrs. Newberry.

Denise Conger, Chriti Touchstone and Stacy Stanley, visitors. Mrs. Touchstone will be hostess to the club at the next meeting in her home Thursday, May 22.

### Sandra Freeman Is Trent High Drum Major

Sandra Freeman was named drum major at a meeting held in Trent High School Friday. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Freeman.

Majorettes named for the coming year are Carolyn Graham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Onis Graham; Latrell Bright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zed Bright; and Judy Claborn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Claborn.

Cheer leaders are Telly McWilliams, daughter of Mrs. Lena McWilliams; Jo Dean Ponder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Ponder; and Karen Hood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hood.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Smith with their children had a family reunion in the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Smith of Sweetwater Sunday.

### Pupils Presented In Piano Recital

Mrs. T. T. Earthman and Mrs. R. J. Miller presented their pupils in a piano recital in the First Baptist Church on May 6.

Pupils who took part in the program were: Bob Hammond, John Read, Jean Read, Joyce Howard, David Hammond, Almer Barnes, Larry Logan, Carolyn Hanson, Bronwyn Gamble, Lana Kay Sewell, Sherry Martin, Linda Luke, Jane Steadman, Youlinda Carey, Gloria Moore, Karen Ray, Brenda Doan, Vickie Teaff, Minyon Beard, Hayden Griffin, Keith Wilson, Nita Williams, Audrey Reagan, Joy Wood, Lola Loffin, Linda Loffin, Sherry Hull, Sue Howard, Patsy Harris, Kay Wallace, and Linda Leach.

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### Cypert Family Have Reunion

A reunion was held in the home of Mrs. O. D. (Winnie) Cypert the past weekend when Mrs. Cypert's six children, their families and other relatives and friends gathered in her home at 802 Rose street, the first time all had been together in 23 years.

Guests were the children: Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Cypert, Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Swanke of Goddellow Field, San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Fritts, Kelley Field, San Antonio, Mrs. W. C. Moningo, Cleburne and Mr. and Mrs. William (Pinky) Cypert and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cypert all of Merkel; a sister, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Smith of Austin, a niece, Mrs. Jay Link, Ft. Worth, two nephews, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Harris, Ft. Worth and Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Green of Abilene, Mrs. Arch Rose, Merkel and nine grandchildren.

Mrs. Mildred Clemmer, Mrs. Joe McBride of Breckenridge, Mrs. Lu Heath, Mrs. Oma Gleen and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Veteto all of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stockbridge Sunday.

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**HIGGINS & MALONE** water well drilling, surface pipe set and shallow production. Phone 26, Merkel, Texas. 14-ft

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**NOTICE MASONS**

Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A.F. & M. Thursday, May 15, 7:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend. E. A. Degree, Visiting brethren cordially invited.  
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**POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(The Merkel Mail is authorized to make the following announcements of candidates, subject to the action of the Democratic party primary, July 26.)

County School Superintendent  
Clive Pierce (re-election)

County Commissioner Precinct 2  
Rufe Tittle

Commissioner Precinct No. 2  
Joe Cypert

Commissioner Precinct No. 2  
Joe Seymore

Senator 24th Senatorial District  
David W. Ratliff (reelection)

Senator 24th Senatorial District  
Robert R. Patterson

## FENCE LINES

TRUCK TAIL GATE

**ADJUSTMENT . . .** Pictured chain adjustment allows you to set tail gate of truck at any height. Chains are fastened to sides of truck and inserted through strips of flat iron bolted to the ends of tail gate. Iron is bowed out so chain runs freely through one side, catches at desired point on narrow side.

# SPORTS CORNER



**This An' That**

Earl Gillespie, baseball announcer for the Milwaukee Braves, didn't catch the foul ball—but he did catch something. Gillespie stuck a net out of the broadcast booth to grab at a foul ball. Someone from the upper box seats dropped a 10-pound walleyed pike into the net . . . Jackie Tiller, a British bantamweight boxer, died recently after being in a coma for 283 days. He was first taken to the hospital after a bout in which he was knocked down twice . . . Notre Dame's executive vice president has said the Irish would be interested in joining a truly national conference for athletic purposes. He believes the breakup of the Pacific Coast Conference has made such a league possible . . . Archie Oldham, coach and athletic director at Oswego (N. Y.) State College was named head cage mentor at Columbia to replace Lou Rossini . . . A quarter million dollar training center for Thoroughbred horses and steeplechasers is planned near Southern Pines, N. C., to be built sometime this summer.

**MARATHON CHAMP . . .** Yugoslavia's Franjo Mihalic, 36, won 62nd Boston Marathon by mile lead over Johnny Kelley. Time was 2:25:54 for 26 mile, 285 yard race.

## Letters to the Editor...

**Dear Editor:**

If the gentleman from over Dallas way who is running for the U. S. Senate is worth one hundred million dollars, why think it doubtful if he needs the job. It is also somewhat doubtful if Texas needs him in Washington. If he has to look after one hundred million dollars, he will have scant time to look after the interest of us "pore" folks in Texas.

R. T. Manuel  
Colorado City, Texas.

**Dear Editor:**

I am a sophomore at Merkel High School and I am writing this not only for myself but for lots of others.

I personally am getting tired of just a few kids running our school and getting away with murder, almost. I won't call any names because it is not a big stink I want to cause in our school. I am just trying to make things a little bit more pleasant at school.

It's the same old routine-going to school and seeing our big shots running things and all the rest of the kids just pushed into the background.

Let's talk about getting excuses when we are absent. You go in the office and tell our principal the truth about your absence. All he does is look at you and if you are not in the upper bracket you get an unexcused absence so fast it makes your head swim. This means three points off of your grade.

Believe me, mothers and fathers don't know what their child goes through when he or she starts off for school. It is disgusting to think about it, but it's a lot more than disgusting to be around it.

Name Withheld  
Sophomore  
Merkel High School

**Dear Editor:**

I would just like to know what your and the citizens viewpoint is on what may be a small matter to you but a large one to me.

It happened Thursday, April 24, 1958. Of course everyone

knew about Joe Rex McLean's funeral. A lot of children went to the funeral, a few kid just went to school that morning and a lot of them just stayed out all day.

The way I understand it is that anyone attending a funeral is supposed to get an excused permit. The next morning all the kids with permits from their parents got a minus three taken off anyway.

There were a lot of kids who played hooky that got an excused permit. We don't think that is fair, do you? I think all students who went to the home town boy's funeral should have been excused.

How do you feel about this and all the other happenings at Merkel High? I don't think that Merkel High School is run right, do you?

Name Withheld  
Sophomore  
Merkel High School

**Major Tarpley Makes Staff Visit To AFROTC**

Major Joe F. Tarpley, assigned to the Pre-Commission Branch Directorate of Personnel Procurement and Training, Headquarters US Air Force in Washington, D. C., was in San Marcos recently to observe the extent and quality of training of the AFROTC Unit at Southwest Texas State Teachers College.

He was welcomed upon his arrival in San Marcos by Lt. Col. Albert E. Hughes, Professor of Air Science. He made a similar staff visit to the AFROTC Unit at North Texas State at Denton.

Major Tarpley is a graduate of Noodle High School, took his Bachelor of Arts Degree at Howard Payne and his Master of Arts from Hardin-Simmons. He was formerly an instructor in the English Department at Hardin-Simmons in Abilene and at Tarleton State College in Stephenville.

He is the son of Mrs. D. C. Callaway of Merkel.

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## Arlan L. Harris Participates In Army Maneuvers

FORT POLK, La. (AHTNC)—Specialist Third Class Arlan L. Harris, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert H. Harris, 1114 S. Sixth, Merkel, is participating in "Exercise Strong Arm", a maneuver being conducted by the Continental Army Command near Fort Polk, La. The maneuver is scheduled to end May 10.

Upon completion of the exercise, which is designed to determine the combat readiness of Army units, he will return to his regular duties with the 1st Cavalry at Fort Polk.

Specialist Harris entered the Army in December 1956 and completed basic training at Fort Carson, Colo.

He is a 1953 graduate of Merkel High School. His wife, Bobby, lives in Leesville, La.

## High School Grads Offered Education In U.S. Army

Now is the time for 1958 high school graduates to make their plans and reservations for their future endeavors.

Many 1958 graduates have made reservations already at the college of their choice, and many others are learning that they can continue scholastic and technical training with the United States Army in a "Reserved For You" program that guarantees enlistees a place in one of the Army's technical schools.

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Graduates who make application to participate in the "Reserved For You" program will receive from The Adjutant General an official letter stating that the graduate has been accepted for the technical course of his choice. "Never before has any service guaranteed a graduate that he would receive technical training

in a course of his own choice", Williams, who is hospitalized in the Sadler Clinic here.

Mrs. Lucy Ford returned to her home here Friday after a two-weeks' visit with her daughter, Major and Mrs. R. T. Blair, Judy and Brenda, of Lawton, Okla., who accompanied her here for a weekend visit. While here the Blair's purchased a new Chevrolet.

Mrs. H. P. Alderman and children and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Shaw and children of Texas City are visitors in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan and attending the bedside of their brother, Alan Doan, who is a patient in the Sadler Clinic hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Melton and daughter, Debbie, of Anson visited their sister, Mrs. B. D. Wil-

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### Soil Stewardship Week Observed

By Donald A. Williams  
Administrator

icates not only man's feeling of kinship to the soil but also society's growing recognition of its dependence on soil and water resources. National Soil Stewardship week will be observed May 11 through 18. The event is sponsored by the National Association of Soil Conservation Districts and national



church organizations. The observance of man's responsibility as steward of our God-given soil and water resources has shown a steady growth. It started in scattered localities under various names before World War II. As the idea spread, organizations, churches, magazines, press, radio, and civic and professional groups adopted it. They found in it a mutual meeting ground — the universal love and respect for life-giving resources.

Throughout the ages the sun, the soil, and the rain have held an honored place in man's beliefs. His dependence on the soil for his very life gives man's use of this life-supporting resource a deep spiritual significance. It is appropriate that the clergy and churches join with farmers and soil conservation districts in emphasizing to all of us the importance of each doing a good job of stewardship.

### Starr Rest Home

By MARY OUTLAW

We had a nice day on Mother's Day. Every mother either received flowers or a gift from their children, some received both. We want to thank their children who made their mothers happy on this occasion.

Mrs. Mack Permenter and children of East Texas visited their grandfather Janey Smothers Sunday morning.

Mrs. Garnett Phillips and children and grandchildren and Miss Betty Dunlap of Hobbs, New Mexico, and Mrs. Ruby Barbeau of Abilene visited Mrs. Meyers Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Joplin of Spur, Tex. visited his mother Mrs. Jennie Joplin last week.

We want to thank Mrs. T. E. Morrison for the nice fresh lettuce she brought the home last week.

We want to thank Mrs. Jim Kuykendall for the lovely pink and red roses that she gave to the Rest Home Sunday for Mother's Day. The mothers and I want to express our appreciation.

Mr. A. L. Hill and sons of Rotan visited his mother Mrs. Hill Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cole and Carolyn visited in the Rest Home Sunday with his aunt Pearl Wiggins and Jennie Joplin.

Mrs. Sarah Carr spent Friday and Saturday in the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. T. Brown at Trent.

Mrs. Eleanor Anderson of Lawn visited her mother Granny Cade Sunday and brought her a treat, supper cooked by Mrs. Anshe says she is always hungry. Hope we have her appetite at that age.

Mrs. A. H. Hutchins of Dennis visited her daughter Sunday.

Mr. Allen Fowler of Stamford came by and took his mother for a ride Sunday afternoon.

Rev. W. S. Agnew filled his appointment at the Rest Home Sunday. Those helping with the services were Mrs. Agnew, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Gregory, Robert and Orva Vee Smith and Mrs. John Wheeler. We missed the quartet of Dr. and Ms. Chaney. M. and Mrs. Pat Cypert. Dr. Chaney was unable to be present on account of illness. We wish him a speedy recovery. We enjoyed the services and will be looking forward until their next services.

Mrs. C. B. Elliott returned back to work after a visit in Lorraine Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. Hugh Elliott of Jayton visited his mother Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Price of Rowden visited her father N. A. Smedley Friday.

We want to express our thanks to Earnest Griffith and the ones who made it possible for our new graveled road the ambulance drive also for grading in front of the Rest Home. I am sure the public who visits our Rest Home appreciates it also.

Mrs. Lucy Ford and Mrs. Vaughn Doan brought a large bouquet of white roses from the First Baptist Church for the old folks to enjoy. They were beautiful and we appreciate them very much.

The mothers weren't the only ones who received flowers. Mrs. Hazel Cochran sent Grandpa Smith a large bouquet of roses and honey suckle by her youngest son. Thank you Mrs. Cochran for remembering your neighbors.

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