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T. G. BRAGG, MERKEL BUSINESSMAN, DIES

Thomas Granville Bragg, 84, longtime Merkel businessman, died Monday at 2:20 p.m. in Sadler Clinic-Hospital after an illness of about four weeks.

Funeral was held Tuesday at 3 p.m. in the Merkel Methodist Church with the Rev. J. Alvis

Cooley, pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. H. A. Nichols of Abilene.

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

Mr. Bragg was born Feb. 16, 1877 in Peoria, Tex. He was in the mercantile business from 1904 to 1917 when he moved to Merkel and purchased the Woodruff Bros. Dry Goods Store, which became known as Bragg's Dry Goods Store.

His son-in-law, the late Dee Grimes, came into the business in 1920 as co-owner and manager, and was manager until his death in 1954.

Mr. Bragg was associated in business with his daughter then until 1959.

He had been a member of the Methodist Church since 1909, serving as a steward until his retirement. He was a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge and Woodmen of the World, and was a former Merkel city councilman.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Wallace of Chillicothe; two daughters, Mrs. Paul Marr of Stephenville and Mrs. Dee Grimes of Merkel; one brother, Ben of Hillsboro; one sister, Mrs. Lillie Stockton of Stephenville; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Dept. Commander Meets Here With WWI Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary to Veterans of World War I, Post 2248, met in the Merkel Girl Scout Hut April 27 with Roger T. Evans, department commander of Texas WWI, Baird, as special guest.

Evans explained legislation of interest to all WWI veterans and widows.

New officers of the local auxiliary who have been elected and installed are Billie Hartley, president; Parlee Gibson, senior vice president; Anna Lou Ferguson, junior vice president; Faye Brown, secretary; Madge Crain, treasurer; Mary Mosier, chaplain; Ruth Cox, conductress; Maggie Renfro, guard; Lena Reeder, Irene Strawn, Blanche Smith and Ruby Fulton, color bearers.

Lucy Bonneaux was named patriotic instructress; Maude Bryant, musician; Altha Reynolds, banner bearer; Lizzie Gouge, assistant conductress and Turia V. Cox, flag bearer.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Evans of Baird and Mrs. and Mrs. Haile of Abilene.



JAYCEE OFFICERS — New Merkel Jaycee officers, elected at a meeting in Ira's Cafe April 22, are, front row, left to right, Bobby Jones, treasurer; Earle Rutledge, director; Johnny O'Dell, second vice president; Larry White, president. Standing, from left, are Jimmy Dean, director; Franklin Myrick, state director; Buddy Martin, first vice president; George Fatheree, secretary; Bobby Dye, publicity chairman. D. C. Hendrix, not pictured, is also a director.

TUMBLEWEED EVENT SCHEDULED AT C-C

The Clown Princes of recorded musical comedy — Homer and Jethro — will headline the entertainment at the Second Annual Tumbleweed Festival in Colorado City, Friday night, May 5.

Sharing top billing with the zany duo will be the Four Aces, singing stars of stage, screen and television, who appear Saturday night for the Tumbleweed Queen finals.

Other attractions of the festival will be carnival rides and concessions, tied in with a retail merchants promotion; a Dignitaries Luncheon, featuring state and national officials; and a parade complete with tumbleweed floats, beautiful girls and marching bands.

Tickets for both the Friday and Saturday night shows are available from the Chamber of Commerce, Box 242, Colorado City. Prices are \$1.50 for each show.

Intermission at the Homer and Jethro show Friday night will feature the preliminaries of the Miss Tumbleweed of 1961 contest. Nineteen Mitchell County beauties are in the contest.

Homer and Jethro joined the National Barn Dance on Chicago's WLS in 1948 and have been radio headliners ever since then. They take such pop hits as "Doggie in the Window" and turn them into guitar-plucking parodies.

Their other 2 best known recordings are "Don't Let the Stars

Get in Your Eyeballs" ("I cocked an eye at her, she cocked an eye at me. And we just sit there cocked as could be.") and "You Belong to Me" ("Bring me pawpaws in a paper poke, Send me money, darlin', when I'm broke, Make your will out to me when you croak. You belong to me").

Homer and Jethro teamed up as boys around Knoxville, but only after each has served 4 years in the Army in World War II did they actually begin their professional career.

Success after success has followed them in their chosen field ever since and they have been rated as the top Country and Western comedy singing team in the country by trade papers for the past 6 years.

Piano Students To Have Recital

Mrs. T. T. Earthman and Mrs. R. J. Miller will present a group of their pupils in a piano recital at 7:45 p.m., Tuesday, May 9 at the First Baptist Church.

Students who will participate are Mike Warren, Sandy Hogan, Karlen Gamble, Vickie Robertson, Tara Dea Brubaker, Ann Walker, Janice Braune, Patricia Moore, Kaye Lynne Conley, Debra Black, Roger Beard, Nancy Evans, Dorothy Torrance, John Read, James Lewis, Ava Jean Patton, Deleta Rodgers, Sherry Martin, Sheila Hamner, Bronwyn Gamble, Rae Lynn Brubaker, Hayden Griffin, David Hammond, Jean Read, Suzanne Howard, Gloria Moore, Minyon Beard, Nancy Teaff and Bob Hammond.

Noodle Students Attend FHA Meet

Margaret Hunter and Diane Carter represented the Noodle-Horn FHA chapter at the annual state meeting held in Dallas Thursday through Saturday. They were accompanied by Mrs. W. L. Easley, chapter advisor.

Theme of the meeting, held at the State Fair Music Hall, was "Stepping Stones to Happy Homes." Both Miss Hunter and Miss Carter were hostesses at the Friday night fun meeting when the program was "Those Wonderful Years," based on the happenings of the 15 years of FHA.

Miss Hunter was voting delegate at the Saturday morning business session.

The girls attended a coke party given by Beth Simmons, new Area 4 president, at the Sheraton-Dallas Hotel.

Mrs. Laney Feted On 80th Birthday

Friends and neighbors surprised Mrs. W. H. Laney at her home on her 80th birthday Saturday. A covered dish luncheon was served at noon.

Present were Mrs. Joe Gregory and daughter, Lisa, granddaughter and great-granddaughter of Mrs. Laney; Mrs. Homer Laney of Tye, a daughter-in-law; Mrs. Jim Spurgin, Mrs. Clay Satterwhite, Mrs. Johnny Cox, Mrs. Denzel Cox, Mrs. Vernon Simpson, Mrs. J. A. Milliken, Mrs. John Wheeler, Mrs. J. A. Witcher and Mrs. Hallie Burden.

Trent Grade School Honor Grads Named

Honor graduates of Trent Elementary School are Barbara McAninch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cal McAninch, and Susan Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott Jr. of Sylvester.

Miss McAninch has a grade average of 95.5 and Miss Scott's was 94.6.

Graduation exercises will be held at 8 p.m., May 11, in the Trent school auditorium.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Moore of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Meeks and Dr. Jack Lewis of Sweetwater spent the weekend in Junction fishing and visiting the Odell Crow and V. B. Sublett families.

Merkel Jr. High Places Second In Dist. Track Meet

Albany won the district conference track meet in Anson on April 22 with 113 points. Merkel Junior High came in for a close second with 111 points.

Other teams participating were Anson, Hamlin and Haskell.

In the 50-yard dash, Johnny Hardesty won first and Mack Dorton, fifth. Hardesty and Dorton also placed in the 100-yard dash, winning second and fifth, respectively.

In the 220-yard dash, Jacky Reynolds won first and Gary Adecock, third. Reynolds also came in first in the 75-yard dash.

Merkel won first in the 440-yard relay with time of 50.5. The team was composed of Dorton, Hardesty, Adecock and Reynolds.

The 120-yard low hurdles saw Charles Danneheim coming in fourth. Weldon won third in broad jump and in high jump three Merkel boys tied for first—Weldon Tittle, John Keifer and Danneheim.

Robert Shouse placed fifth in discus throw and Danneheim was fourth in shot put.

Mrs. Sinah Jones Rites Here Today

Mrs. Sinah Jones, 89, a longtime resident of Merkel and Taylor County, died Tuesday at 2:40 p.m. in the Sunny Dale Rest Home. She had been a patient there since March 1959.

Funeral will be held Thursday at 2:30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church at Merkel. Burial will follow in the Rose Hill Cemetery beside the grave of her husband, J. B. Jones, who died two years ago.

Officiating will be the Rev. Harry Sables, pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, assisted by the Rev. Mart Hardin, Merkel Baptist pastor.

Born Jan. 23, 1872 in Roopville, Ga., she married J. B. Jones in 1893 at Franklin, Ga. They moved to Merkel in 1906, and farmed about five miles southwest of Merkel until 1958 when they moved to Abilene to make their home with a son, Emory Jones, 837 Jeanette. Mrs. Jones fell and broke hip in February 1959.

Mrs. Jones was a member of First Baptist Church of Merkel.

Survivors include two sons, Emory of Abilene, and Everett B. of Fort Worth four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

FHA Girls Attend Dallas Meeting

Sherry Hull and Nancy Teaff, accompanied by Mrs. Dale Gooch, Merkel High School home economics teacher, attended the state FHA convention last Thursday through Saturday in Dallas.

While in Dallas the girls attended a fashion show, sponsored by Revlon products at Titcher-Gettinger's, where Barbara Britt, Revlon's TV model, was guest star. The also attended a furniture and tower show, sponsored by the Dallas Garden Clubs.

NOTICE

The Merkel Parent-Teacher Association will meet for a social and installation of officers in the high school auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 4.



HONOR STUDENTS — Laura Carter Cooley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alec Carter of Noodle, is valedictorian of Noodle High School graduating class. Salutatorian is Ronny Crumpler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ottis Crumpler of Route 2, Anson. Commencement exercises will be held at 8 p.m., May 14 in the school auditorium.

SPRING BAND CONCERT SLATED HERE MAY 5

The annual spring band concert, presented by bands in the Merkel schools, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 5 in the school auditorium.

The program will be approximately two hours long with boys and girls from the third grade through high school participating.

W. G. Reed, band director, said the concert will enable parents and friends of students to note the improvement and progress of band members since football season.

Admission will be 50 cents for

adults and 25 cents for students. Children accompanied by their parents, will be admitted free.

Texas Students Get Fellowships In Atomic Energy

Six graduate students from Texas Colleges and universities have been awarded summer fellowships in atomic energy by the Texas Atomic Energy Research Foundation and the General Atomic Corporation. It was announced today by Cal Young, Foundation President and President of West Texas Utilities Company. WTU is one of the 11 Texas power companies who comprise the membership of the Foundation.

Recipients of the research fellowships are: Miss Margaret Ann Brennan of Terrell, Dwight L. Cole of Raymondville, Edward J. Dowdy of San Antonio, Worth E. Hurt, Jr. of Houston, Mark D. Kregel of Denton and Eddie Regna of Huntsville.

The summer fellowship program was inaugurated in 1960 by the Foundation and General Atomic, who have, for the past five years, jointly sponsored the world's first and largest privately financed program of controlled thermonuclear research. The research is directed toward finding a way of controlling and sustaining a fusion reaction. If nuclear fusion — the energy process of the sun and stars — can be brought under control for the production of electrical power, the world will have an almost limitless source of fuel to meet its future energy requirements. This is because the fuel for fusion, deuterium, is present in abundance in the oceans of the world.

The recipients of the six fellowships were selected by a committee composed of representatives of Texas educational institutions, General Atomic and the Foundation. They will assist in theoretical and experimental research at the General Atomic laboratory in San Diego, California this summer. All of the recipients intend to pursue their studies toward advanced degrees in atomic science or mathematics.

Jay McCartney Of Tye Succumbs

Jay McCartney, 52, died at his home near Tye at 11:20 p.m. Friday after a long illness.

His right leg was amputated above the knee in January, 1960, due to cancer, and he had been seriously ill since November.

He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McCartney of the Tye area. He was born May 5, 1908, near Tye.

He was a member of the Baptist church and married Anna Pearl Burns at Stith in 1928. Mr. McCartney was a farmer and had lived all his life in the Tye community.

Funeral was held at 3 p.m. Sunday at Elliott's Chapel of Memories with the Rev. Arthur Teaff, pastor of the Moran Baptist Church, officiating, assisted by the Rev. David Hartman, pastor of the Tye Baptist Church. Burial was in the Tye Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Floyd Kamey, Lucian Gilbreth, Bailly Lollar, Walter Keys, J. C. Rister, Pete Morris, Maurice Askins and Leroy Teaff.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Willie J. of 859 Butternut St., Abilene; a brother, Billy of Tye; six grandchildren.

Noodle Gin Meet Slated For May 5

Two directors will be elected at the annual meeting of the Noodle Co-Op Gin which will be held at 7:30 p.m., May 5, at the Noodle School.

All members are urged to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Moore, Gloria and Pat spent the weekend with the Jay Greenfield Jr. family in Odessa.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Admissions:

Pete Neill
Johnny Berry
Phillip Seymore
Alvin Wozencraft
P. B. Cooper
Mrs. Gene Cochran
Mrs. M. G. Holloway
Mrs. Minnie Campbell
Master Bradley Lanier
Mrs. J. D. Couch
James Keith
Mrs. J. M. Kerby
Mrs. Roy Baccus
Mrs. G. F. Woods

Dismissals:

Mrs. R. T. Jones
Mr. Dan B. Smith
Mrs. D. W. Mayhugh and baby
Mrs. Kenneth Vancil and baby
Mrs. Weldon Steen
Mrs. O. B. Boden
Alton Baker
Baby Logston
Mrs. O. D. Bland, Jr. and baby
Mrs. Clarence Horton
Wm. Nolte
Mrs. Jay Gregory
Mrs. D. H. Vaughn
W. T. Howard
Roy Herron (Transferred to Temple)

Seymore, Stallo Sign With Buffs

Two all-district footballers from Merkel High School have signed pre-enrollment applications with West Texas State College in Canyon. Head Coach Joe Kerbel has announced.

Signing with the Buffaloes are Jack Stallo, a center, and Phillip (Tut) Seymore an end-fulback.

Stallo, a 6-2, 175-pounder, made all-district and all-area for the Badgers last year. Seymore, 6-1, 180, was named to the all-district lineup and earned three letters in football and basketball.

Parents of the students are Mr. and Mrs. Ben Stallo and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seymore.

Pre-Schoolers To Meet Friday

Pre-school children and their parents will meet in the school auditorium at 9 a.m. Friday, May 5, according to Leon Walker, principal of Merkel Elementary School.

Purpose of the meeting is for children who will enter first grade next fall to be orientated, Walker said.

NOTICE

There will be an all day cemetery working at the White Church Cemetery Tuesday, May 9.

BADGER TALES

By RUTHIE CORDER

Monday morning cheerleader election was held in ole' Merkel High. Out of all of the fair young ladies these five were elected—Sandy Hale, head cheerleader; Joy McWilliams, assistant head; Barbara Gilmore, Jean Woodard, and Mabinee Seymore. It is common knowledge that they will make the very best of cheerleaders. May they have our very best wishes when they cheer the Badgers on, next year.

What's this about a bug biting Roger Moore?

Carolyn Anderson has developed a phobia. She actually turns bright red when someone mentions a spot light.

Everyone has been wanting to know when the end-of-school picnic will be. For the benefit of Robert Higgins, (so he won't have to go ask Mr. Read, everyday) it is the day after the junior and senior banquet—I think?

Sharon Cybert has discovered a hidden talent—catching turtles.

Sherry Hull, Nancy Teaff, and Mrs. Gooch had a nice little vacation in the form of a Future Homemakers of America trip. Although they were kept busy they all enjoyed it.

Band concert for the Merkel bands will be Friday night. Everyone in the community should come.

Janie Breaux Attends May Queen Coronation

Janie Breaux, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beaux of Merkel, represented her social club, Metah Moes, at the annual coronation ceremonies for May Queen of Lubbock Christian College, Monday, May 1.

Ella Ruth Jackson of Hollywood, N.M., was crowned LCC "Queen of May" by Pat Boone, popular young singer and film star. Boone was in Lubbock to "kick off" the first annual Southwestern Freedom Forum sponsored by LCC this week.

'IMPROVE MAIL BOX' WEEK IS SCHEDULED

The annual mail box improvement program will be observed this year during the week of May 15-20. During this period, patrons are urged to check their boxes and make necessary improvements.

The Post Office Department asks patrons to provide suitable mail boxes, erected and maintained for easy and safe accessibility, presenting neat appearance and affording protection to the mail.

Persons living on rural routes are required to provide mail boxes of the standard approved type. Boxes should be painted with aluminum paint and the name of the owner should be painted on the side visible to the carrier as he approaches, or on the door if the boxes are grouped. The box number may also be inscribed on the box if desired.

STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights

by Vern Sanford

AUSTIN, Tex. — Capitol hands are engaged in a legal and dead-end type of "numbers game."

Object is to figure out how much money certain tax bills will bring in. Also what the legislature needs to round up in order to meet the state's obligations. Then, find out how much additional cash is necessary to foot all bills. Any number of persons can play this game—and a good many are. Looks like all Texans will be affected.

Gov. Price Daniel, who takes a dim view of the House-passed 2 per cent sales tax, said it still would leave the state \$50,000,000 short of needed revenue. Rep. Charles Wilson of Trinity, sponsor of the sales tax, offered it as a means of raising \$127,000,000 a year.

Texas Research League, which has made a continuing study of state finances, estimated Wilson's bill would raise \$265,000,000 in the next two years, with \$22,000,000 more coming in late because of a two-months collection lag. This would take care of the general appropriations bill as passed by the Senate, says the League, leaving some \$106,000,000 to pay for teacher raises and medical care for persons on state welfare rolls.

Wilson has also put forward another bill that would repeal the corporation franchise tax and substitute a 4 1-2 per cent corporation income tax on a net gain of \$50,000,000 a year in state revenue.

Gov. Daniel has proposed a new eight-point compromise plan designed to add \$73,316,000 to the general revenue fund over a two-year period.

His plan calls for (1) passage of the twice-defeated escheat bill, (2) doubling tuition at state colleges, (3) shifting the \$15,000,000 farm-to-market road spending from the general fund, (4) requiring county school superintendents to show a receipt for payment of school taxes as a requirement for getting license plates. Watson's proposed amendment also would authorize the Legislature to increase vehicle registration fees by one-third to create a fund for improving county roads and city streets.

If passed by both houses of the Legislature, the amendment would have to be voted on by the people.

GARNISHMENT APPROVED — Another proposed constitutional amendment approved by the House would allow courts to garnish (take over) 50 per cent of a father's salary for child support payments.

Rep. Ben Jarvis of Tyler, sponsor, said the measure would result in a lightened load for the State Welfare Department. Frequently, said supporters, fathers ignore court orders to pay child support, causing the children to become a public welfare problem. Opponents called the measure too severe.

ELECTION CODE IS TARGET — Changes in future balloting and candidate filing procedures continue to be a prime legislative topic.

A bill introduced by Senators George Parkhouse of Dallas and Robert Baker of Houston would raise substantially the filing fees for legislative candidates in Dallas and Harris counties. A senatorial candidate would have to pay \$1,000 and a House candidate, \$500, compared to the present \$100 for each.

Another bill by Senator Parkhouse would limit each political party to one poll watcher per precinct and require that the watcher be a resident of the precinct in which he keeps his vigil.

A bill that would allow voters to check the candidate they favored rather than scratching all others has been approved by House committee and sent to the floor. Committee also approved a bill that would require that the boxes containing ballot stubs be turned in after the election with unbroken seals.

WATER STORAGE RIGHTS URGED — Gov. Price Daniel has written President Kennedy urging his support for a pending congressional bill that would spell out the right of a public agency (such as the state) to buy permanent water storage space in reservoirs constructed by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Daniel pointed out that the present Legislature already has approved a constitutional amendment that would authorize use of state funds to buy such water storage.

Clarifying legislation from the federal end, said the governor, would clear the way for "federal-state partnership in the vital field of water resources."

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Extra money would be used to hire more state inspectors, upgrade barber college standards, said Rep. Ben Jarvis of Tyler, sponsor. He said barbers favored it.

Jarvis' bill also would eliminate very small barber colleges by setting a 20-chair limit for schools. SHORT SNORTS

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KEY LEADERS in the nationwide civil defense Operation Alert 1961 center on preparations for the annual training exercise to improve America's military readiness. (seated) of the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization, who will lead the Alert, receives a report on arrangements from J. Borwyn Ullstrom, (standing) Executive Assistant Director. (OCDM Photo)

dent expenses to be paid from local funds, (5) collecting \$3,000,000 from families able to pay for care of relatives in state hospitals and schools, (6) diverting one per cent (\$12,000,000) a year from the permanent school fund for current expenses and (7) revising or shifting several other school fund allocations.

HOUSE PASSES BUDGET BILL — House passed a general appropriations bill calling for the spending of \$2,520,000,000 during the next two years.

House bill is about \$20,000,000 higher than the appropriations bill passed by the Senate in late March. It is about \$130,000,000 more than is provided for present two-year period.

One of the biggest increases would be for education, which would be boosted by \$36,000,000 a year under the House bill.

Other provisions by the House would allow: \$15 per month raise for state employees making less than \$200 a month; 40-hour work weeks for employees of state hospitals and special schools; raises for State Liquor Control Board inspectors.

"UNIVERSITY" BATTLES — "University" has become a "fighting word" in the Senate, one that held up regular business for almost two weeks.

A determined group of Senators has opposed creating any more state-supported universities on grounds it will put Texas in the position of the "old woman who lived in the shoe."

Nevertheless, Sen. Tom Creighton of Mineral Wells obtained final passage of a bill that would change the name of North Texas State College to North Texas State University. Opponents scoffed at the prospect of having two universities in Denton (pop. 27,000). Other is Texas Woman's University (formerly Texas State College for Women).

Sen. Robert Baker of Houston had more difficulty with his bill that would admit the University of Houston to the state college system. Senators Hubert Hudson, Wardlow Lane, Charles Herring and W. T. Moore teamed up to "talk the bill to death."

CAR TAX END SOUGHT — City and County property taxes on automobiles and trucks would be abolished under a proposed constitutional amendment passed 102-35 by the House.

School district property taxes on vehicles would be retained.

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spot under a bill proposed by Rep. Collier Adams of Lubbock. Texans would begin their days an hour later use an extra hour at the end of long summer days under a daylight savings time bill introduced by Rep. Joe Ratchiff of Dallas.

Texas' general revenue fund deficit would be taken care of by a commission empowered to issue bonds to raise money to cover the shortage under a measure proposed by Rep. Ben Lewis of Dallas.

People who move from Texas would be allowed to vote absentee in Texas until they qualify for a vote in their new residence under a constitutional amendment proposed by Rep. Reed Quilliam of Lubbock. This privilege would last for only 24 months and would apply only to presidential elections.

Rep. Grainger McIlhenny of Wheeler has introduced a new bill to exempt farm trailers from licensing requirements. It is a substitute for a similar bill vetoed by Governor Daniel. New bill includes a number of safety, weight and speed limitations.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller Jr., and daughter, Stephanie, who have been residing at Booneville, Ark., arrived the past weekend to spend the summer with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller Sr., and Mrs. Ellis Harris.



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UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

The cloudy cool weather we have had this week certainly has been a boost to the wheat.

Farmers are going over their land again. That is what makes farming so expensive.

There's some talk about wheat making ten bushels to the acre without any more rain, and should the rains come, the yield could be much more than that. However, it is hard to tell at this time just what the wheat can or will do.

Sheep shearing is well under way up the Canyon and in the surrounding areas. So far there is no shortage of shearing machines, not as much so as the past year.

Allen King, Tom Russom and Joe Swinney are among those who own sheep who have made a deal to shear their sheep on the 15th of this month.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Scott were in Plainview Sunday visiting their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Payton Scott and daughter.

Mrs. Luther Dunn who recently underwent surgery, is reported improving satisfactorily.

We thought the fine words expressed by Joe Nalley at the Fifth Sunday singing about Uncle

Tom Spears were very appropriate and fitting.

W. T. Perry, stockman in Mountain Pass area, says it is getting very dry in that area.

We understand the well being drilled on the Murrell Riggan place in the west end of the Canyon is down to 5,000 feet. This is almost the contract depth and no show of oil as yet.

Phil Seymour has been a patient in Sadler Clinic the past few days. We hope he will soon be well.

Many old timers who attended funeral services for P. R. McLean at White Church the past week told us how much they enjoy reading our column.

White Church is the oldest community in the Canyon, and not a one of the old timers are there any more.

People like Uncle Charlie Brown, Mose Brown, the Shuffles, the Coats, Uncle Bill Snow and others. In most cases the families have all died or left this part of the country. The same thing almost is true of the IXL community and the Blair and Butman communities.

Forty years ago this was quite different. There was a family living on almost every 160 acres up the Canyon. Good homes and plenty of entertainment in the communities. Plenty of pretty girls and ugly boys.

Mrs. Sam Butman has been visiting in the home of her brother, Johnny Latimer of Arizona. Mr. Latimer has been ill for almost a year.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Clemmer, who was thrown from her horse a few years ago, sustained painful injuries.

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STITH NEWS

By MRS. FRITZ HALE

The Fifth Sunday singing was well attended at the Stith Baptist Church Sunday afternoon. Singers came from Abilene, Anson, Hamlin, Hawley, Merkel, Truby and Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jones visited the past week with their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Billy C. Jones of Monahans.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry spent several days in Vernon the past week with her sister, Mrs. Effie Nash. Mrs. Nash who is past 80, was doing nicely following surgery.

Mrs. Horace Kelso of Hodges visited Mrs. Ina Kelso Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley were visitors the past week in the home of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Heubert Row and children of Grand Prairie.

Visitors attending services at the Stith Baptist Church Sunday were Mrs. Ona Pence and Martha Wright of Abilene, Mrs. Bess Jackson, Nancy Malone and Joy McWilliams of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Bryon Hickerson of Belton.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Saffel of Petersburg spent the weekend with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Mesbourn.

Mrs. Ona Pence of Abilene was a guest Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Browning.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Clyburn and children of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn and children Sunday.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Tom Spears.

Sandra Hale attended the revival at the Calvary Baptist Church in Merkel the past week.

The Gospelteen quartet sang for the young people's revival at the New Live Oak Baptist Church Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones attended open house at the Baptist parsonage at Hodges Sunday afternoon. The Rev. Gorsline is pastor of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryon Hickerson of Belton spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pick Payne.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. West were weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Manley Denton of Stillwater, Okla. Mr. West returned home Sunday. Mrs. West remaining for a longer visit.

Mrs. Henry Smith and Noble Womack of Lawn visited Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones Friday.

Nancy Malone and Joy McWilliams were Sunday guests of Pat McDonald.

The Stith Home Demonstration club met Wednesday, April 26, at the community center. Mrs. Fletcher Jones brought the devotional. The program on "Low Calorie Foods" was presented by Mrs. Mary Mayberry, county agent.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Jones to 11 members and five children.

Mrs. Earl Hughes Hosts Study Club

"Colorful Figures of the Southwest" was the study topic for members of the Fortnightly Study Club when they met Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Earl Hughes. Mrs. Wren Durham, program chairman, introduced the program.

Mrs. Buddy Nail discussed "The Story of the Cowboy," paying tribute to his many fine characteristics as a man. In telling the story, the speaker proved the cowboy to be a principal factor in building the Southwest—never without his bridle, his saddle, and his horse, his real "home."

Mrs. W. R. Cypert used "The Story of the Indian" as another phase in the development of Texas and her neighboring southwestern states. Mrs. Cypert paid tribute to much of our civilization which may be traced back to the Indians, including art, farming, and their secrets of "getting along." She closed her discussion by showing colored pictures of the Indian in various fields of his democratic life.

Mrs. Homer Patterson sang "Pale Moon"—a veritable picture of life in the Southwest.

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MAIL FILES

20 YEARS AGO

For the first time in the history of Merkel High school, the band won the state contest at the state regional contest held in Abilene April 24, 25 and 26. The band not only placed first in concert competition, but won a superior first rating in the marching competition.

Miss Sue Bird, student at Draughon's Business college, Abilene, has accepted a position with the Security Investment company, Abilene.

Max Swafford and family left Sunday for San Antonio where Max assumed duties as aircraft radio technician at Duncan field. He had previously passed civil service examination for the post and his wife and sons have gone to San Antonio to reside during the time of his service.

Dorothy Barbee, junior of No. 10 high school will be crowned queen Saturday night, May 8. As her king, Miss Barbee has

picked Leon Adkins, a senior. Her other attendants will be Juanita Morgan and Clarice Fay Blair, also juniors. Mernell Hudson, the other contestant for queen, will also have her king and attendants.

Edgar Bradley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar H. Bradley of Merkel, will play in the orchestra during the three-day Bach festival to be presented at North Texas State Teachers college May 2, 3 and 4. A sophomore music major, he is a member of the North Texas Symphony orchestra.

Cherry Lynn is the name of the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Royce Eiland of Snyder, born at Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, last Saturday morning. Mrs. Eiland is the former Frances Largent, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Largent. The baby's parental grandmother is Mrs. Ethel Eiland of Snyder.

40 YEARS AGO

Our good friend and splendid citizen, Mr. T. R. Lassiter, is boasting that he can show up the largest hen egg in this part of the country, and as evidence of the fact brought to this office with him, a hen egg that measured eight inches around the long way and about four inches the short way. The egg was from an ordinary Rhode Island Red hen, and take it from us, it was the same egg too.

A. Morton and wife returned first of the week from Morgan Mills, Texas, where they had been to attend the funeral of Mr. Morton's grandfather, who had passed away at the ripe old age of 87 years.

Contractor A. V. Dye reports having contracted with Cotton buyer G. J. Jones for the erection of one of the most modern and best bungalow houses in the city; work to begin immediately. The new home will be built on the site of Mr. Jones' present home on Oak Street, which is among the best locations in the city.

As evidence of the prosperity, growth and development of Merkel and surrounding country, Postmaster Shirley H. King has this week received notice from the Post Office Department at Washington, that the Merkel office would on July 1, 1921, become an office of the second class. This advance is made from the reason that during the past year ending January 1, the receipts of the office had advanced to the point required for the establishing of an office of Second Class.

Lambda Betas Plan Projects For New Year

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in Taylor Electric auditorium Tuesday, April 18 with Mrs. Vernon Mansfield, president, presiding.

Members discussed the club's activities, past and future. Suggestions and changes, which will be taken into consideration by the executive committee, were made for the coming year.

A letter, asking for support of one of three suggested state projects, was read. The three under consideration, to be voted on by Texas BSP chapters, are the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Camp Sweeney and Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation near Livingston. Last year the group contributed to the Association for Retarded Children.

A local project supported by the Lambda Beta Chapter in the past was the Learn-to-Swim program which they will continue to do so if the Merkel pool opens. They also have an "adopted" child at Abilene State School.

Other possible projects mentioned were contributing to Texas Rehabilitation Center and helping to repair the swimming pool in Merkel.

Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Mansfield and Mrs. Charles Eager.

ABC'S OF SOCIAL SECURITY

(Continued)

Many persons of retirement age may be missing some income from social security because they haven't checked the effect of the 1960 Amendments.

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Home Demonstration Notes

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Agents



Mrs. Ridens and I were real proud of Taylor County 4-H girls and their leaders Saturday, because they did a real good job of their demonstrations in the District Elimination Contests in San Angelo.

Seniors: Poultry Marketing & Method Demonstration — Linda Smith and Carolyn Moore, 1st — "Egg and Mushroom Scramble." Electric — Gayle Dominy and Mary Jane Griffith, 1st — "ABC's of Proper Lighting."

Safety — Kay Holloway and Rita Wagner, 1st — "Fire, Friend or Foe." Dairy Foods, Individual, Carolyn Kay Ford, 2nd — "A Summer Breezezer."

Share-the-Fun — Sue King, 2nd — "The Hat of Other Days."

Public Speaking — Betty McAninch, 2nd — "What Junior Leaders Do for 4-H."

Farmer Cooperative Activity Method Demonstration—Suzanne Orr and Richard Stanley, 2nd — "Building Better Cooperatives."

Juniors: Public Speaking (girl) Jo Ann Black, 1st — "What 4-H Means to Me."

Dairy Foods Team — Phyllis McAdams and Janie Rutland, 2nd — "Fudge Mallow Ice Cream."

Dairy Foods, Individual—Janet Sue Lander, 2nd—"Dotted Swiss Delight."

Electric — Becky Griffith and Sandra Hermann, 2nd—Electrical Ghost."

Safety — Betsy Orr and Peggy Hermann, 3rd — "Watch Your Step."

Poultry Marketing — Linda Smith and Linda Hampton, 3rd—"Egg Salad Sandwich Boats."

Share-the-Fun — Nancy Evans, Cathy Derington, Wynona Doan, Ann Whisenhunt, Sue Pinkley, Phyllis Newby, Mamie Patterson, Brown Gamble, 3rd — "The Wishing Stream."

How is your garden growing? We are having spinach, onions, radishes, lettuce, endive, and asparagus. The English pea vines are covered in pods and blossoms. Mother and I enjoy our garden very much.

With warm weather already starting, this is a good time to get outdoor furniture in condition for summer use.

If you have nonanodized aluminum outdoor furniture that has

started to pit rub with 20 steel wool and oil hinges carefully; then rub on a coat of exterior clear penetrating tung oil sealer.

Freshen iron furniture by removing soil with warm soapy water, a brush and cloth. Rinse with warm water and dry. Remove rust with 20 steel wool and apply a metal paint or an exterior sealer.

To repair loose bindings on rattan furniture, soak them in warm water, rewind carefully and tack. Coat with clear varnish or a clear penetrating oil sealer.

Redwood furniture can also be finished with a tung oil sealer. The kind designed for outdoor furniture will dry in the presence of moisture, according to the specialists.

Replacements of sail cloth and canvas covers for director chairs and butterfly chairs can be found ready-made, or you can make them yourself if you are fairly skilled at sewing jobs. Plastic backed vinyls, webbings and easily washable fabrics are available by the yard for use on different kinds of outdoor furniture.

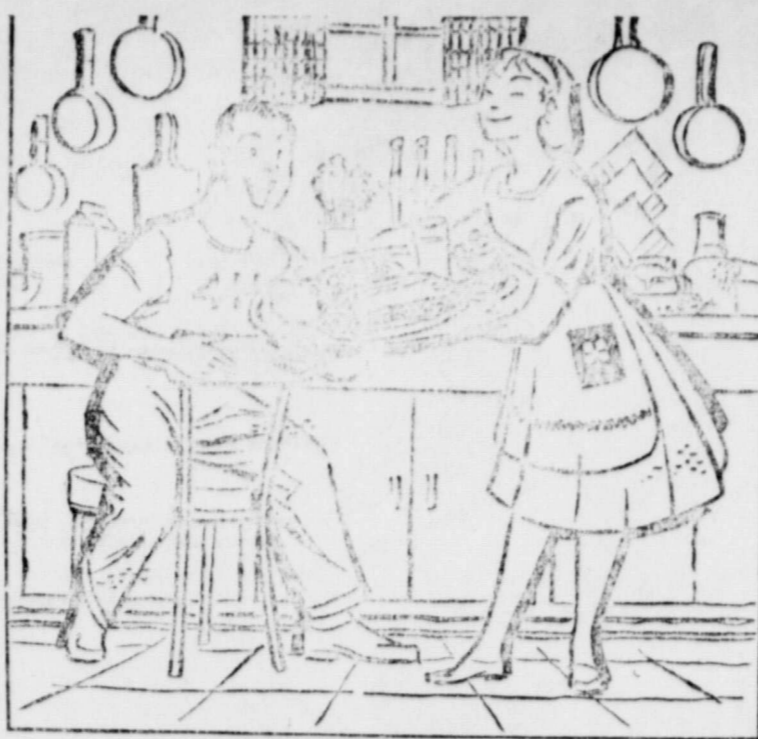
While you are resting in the back yard, you can enjoy looking at pretty flowers and plants.

Fancy-leaved caladiums in planters or pots add color and interest to indoor furnishings. They also can be used to brighten summer gardens.

Recommended varieties, ranging in color from snow white with green to deep red with green, include: Camdidium, Lord Derby, Crimson Wave, Porcile Auglais, Red Ensign, Spangled Banner and Thomas Tomlinson.

The elephantear (Colocasia esculenta) is easily grown outside. If heavily mulched, it will survive winters in Central Texas. Further south, it needs less winter protection. The large green elephantear leaves make a pleasing contrast with the texture of most shrubs.

Information on planting care and insect control are given in the extension leaflet, "Caladium Add Color to Home and Gardens." Ask for a copy at your Home Demonstration Agent's office, Miss Loreta Allen, 317 Pecan Street, Abilene, Texas.



Prepared by National 4-H Service Committee, Chicago

SURE I MADE IT! says Miss 4-H'er. And she can make many more goodies guaranteed to please any young male's appetite—and female, too. She's learning all about foods and nutrition in a 4-H Club project of the same name.

At least three-quarter million 4-H Club members are participating in the project this year which has a new name and a new awards sponsor. It's called the 4-H Foods-Nutrition program and offers incentive awards for best project achievement at county, state and national levels, the National 4-H Service Committee has announced. The new awards donor is General Foods Corporation of White Plains, N. Y. While local 4-H support is already established in some areas by GF people, the foods program marks the firm's first national 4-H educational program sponsorship.

The Cooperative Extension Service supervises the work done in fulfilling the program's eight objectives. Local volunteer leaders teach the young cooks. Beginners start a project with simple, familiar things such as listing what they like to eat, what they don't like, and foods they've never tasted. They apply the same technique to cooking know-how, and try to enlarge and improve both areas. The more advanced members practice meal planning, cooking, serving and efficient shopping, the Extension Service reports.

Outdoor cooking and party fare, and the three-meals-a-day routine are examined and explored, making the entire project an exciting experience. The member who does the best job will be named state winner, and will be a delegate to the 40th National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago next fall. All expenses will be paid for by General Foods.

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Mrs. Sherrill Gives Program

Mrs. Charlie Sherrill, a member of the Merkel Garden Club, conducted a workshop on arrangement of permanent flowers and driftwood when the Hodges Community Club met at the Club Center.

Mrs. Sherrill used various kinds of flowers and containers brought by club members to make the arrangements, the most outstanding of which was a long spray of pink roses twined around a mesquite stump.

Mrs. Fred Horton, hostess, served refreshments to nineteen members and guests.

Girl Scout News

Slumber Party

Girl Scout Troop 101, with leaders, Mrs. Jack Whisenhunt and Mrs. David Gamble, met for an evening of fun Friday at the Scout Hut. The girls engaged in a cook-out for their evening meal and then remained at the Hut

overnight for a slumber party.

Day Camp

Mrs. Vaughn Doan, Mrs. Ben Rich, Mrs. Jake Martin, Mrs. Woodrow Wilson and Mrs. Dave Gamble have finished the training sessions for Day Camp to be held at Camp Tonkawa May 29—June 21.

All Merkel girls will be going at this time. Fees for camp should be sent as soon as possible. There

is a charge of \$2 for camp and \$1 for transportation.

Established Camp

Folders on Camping have been issued to all Merkel Brownie and Girl Scouts. There will be four sessions at Boothe-Oaks in Sweetwater — two 2-week sessions (\$29) and two one-week sessions (\$15). Established camp is for all who have finished fourth grade and over.

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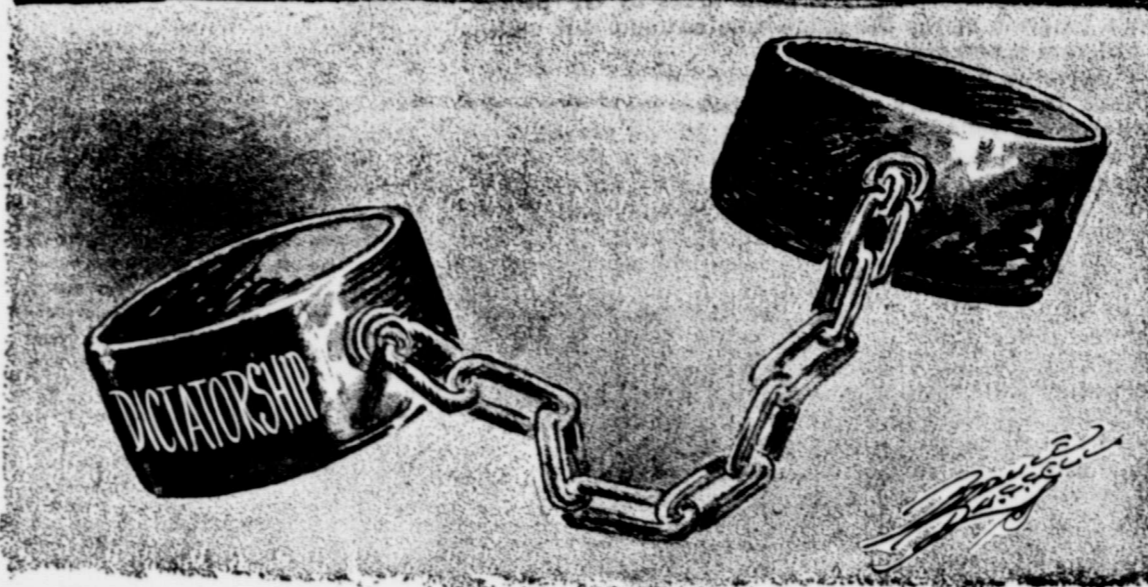
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To: Floyd A. Roberts, Defendant. Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 15th day of May A.D. 1961, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 3rd day of February A.D. 1961, in this cause, numbered 25,678-A on the docket of said court and styled Anne F. Roberts, Plaintiff, vs. Floyd A. Roberts, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married on or about August 15, 1937 and became permanently separated February 1944. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and unkind treatment 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 10th day of April A.D. 1961.
Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas By Irene Crawford, Deputy. 6-7-8-9

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married on the 8th day of January, 1960 and became permanently separated on December 4, 1960. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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Mrs. Joe Hartley visited her mother, Mrs. J. W. Welch of Sweetwater Saturday.

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DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

The fellers at the country store Saturday night was discussing a letter from the Government saying that the Government was costing American farmers millions of dollars every year. Ed Doolittle put in a good word

for the crows, allowed as how the crows wasn't costing him half as much as the Government. He figured the crows hadn't cost him more'n \$4 annual and he wished he could say the same for Government.

Zeke Grubb said he was glad the subject was brung up on account of him not taking that crowd deduction on his income tax report. He said he aimed to go home and write it on the barn door, along with his other records, so's he wouldn't ferget it next year. On second thought, said Zeke, since it was deductable, he figgered the crows was a little worse at his place than over at Ed's, maybe about a \$6 deduction annual.

From crows the fellers natural got to talking about corn. One thing about a session at the country store the various problems at home and abroad is took up in logical order and solved before adjournment. In the Congress, they is apt to go from crows to the Congo in the same meeting and hold the whole problem over for the next administration.

Bug Hookum brung up the idea, come next Fall, of having a old fashioned corn shucking in Washington. Bug claimed that a corn shucking at the national level would do more for good will between the farmers and Congress than a new Amendment to the Constitution.

It was agreed by all that the farmers should have charge of this national corn shucking. If the Congress handled it, claimed Bug, the cost would raise taxes. The farmers could handle it economic and without any long debates on protocol. If the Congress was in charge, said Bug, the Senator from Indiana would want to set at the head corn pile, the Senator from Iowa would challenge the distinguished Senator from Indiana and by the time they got this settled, the crows would have done eat up the corn.

Zeke's idea was to string a pile of corn around the Washington Monument, and in places around them Government buildings that would be convenient, then invite all Government officials from the President on down. When the gale affair was over, Zeke said, a delicious barbecue chicken dinner prepared with crows would be served. Them Congressmen, allowed Zeke, would never know the difference.

If you're in favor of this national corn shucking event, Mister Editor, we'd appreciate a little publicity.

Yours truly,
Gabby

gin Ritchie Chess Cox, and Maxwell.

Three children present were Patti and Marilyn Maxwell and Myra Matheny.

British bird lovers have chosen the robin as their national bird, through the correspondence columns of the London Times. The red grouse finished second in the voting and the wren, third.

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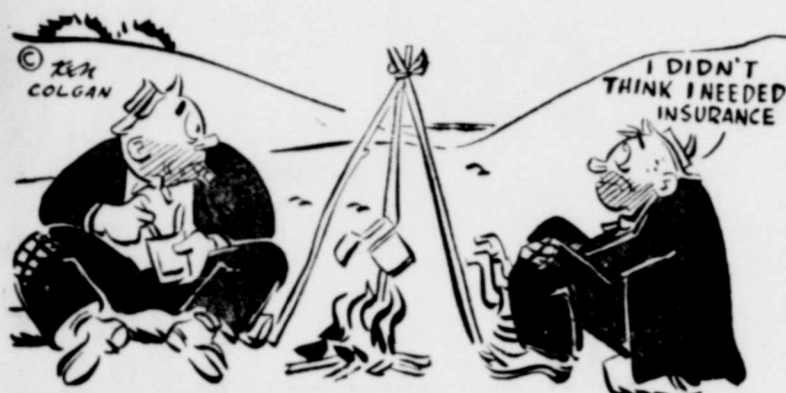
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Increase 4-H Awards in Expanded Junior Leader Training Program

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12 Scholarships,
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For the first time in its 37 year history, the 4-H leadership program in 1961 will offer 12 national \$400 college scholarships to outstanding 4-H Club members.

Previously two \$400 college scholarships were granted, and the top eight winners nationally were brought to the 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. Gold-filled medals of honor for county champions will be increased from two to four.

Norman C. Mindrum, director of the National 4-H Service Committee, announced that the new expanded awards program also provides an all-expense trip to the national 4-H Congress for first-place winner in each state.

Awards this year will be provided for the first time by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation, he said, which also sponsors the national 4-H home improvement program.

To be eligible for a state or national award, the club member must be over 14 years of age and have satisfactorily

completed three years of club work with emphasis on leadership projects.

The state Extension staff will name state winners. A committee of 12 Extension workers will judge state winners' records to determine those worthy of national awards.

From the outset of organized club work in the 1920's, junior leadership training has been recognized as a vital component of 4-H growth, according to Mr. Mindrum. Definite leadership projects were offered by a few states as early as 1923.

The present leadership awards program is being amplified, Mindrum said, and it is expected that current enrollment will exceed the 170,000 boys and girls who participated in 1960. Of this number, approximately 109,000 served as assistant or project leaders.

Leader training is directed by the Cooperative Extension Service and carried out by volunteer adult leaders in each club.

It is estimated that 25 percent of the 302,500 adult volunteer leaders now serving 4-H were former junior leaders, Mindrum declared.

Additional information regarding the 4-H leadership awards program can be obtained from county Extension agents, local leaders, or the state Extension office, he said.



Medal Award

Both Punxsutawney, Pa., and Sun Prairie, Wis., claim to be the official residence of the ground hog.

Noodle HD Club Meeting Held

The Noodle Home Demonstration Club met April 25 in the school cafeteria with the president, Mrs. Hubert Sullivan, presiding.

Mrs. Clayton Dillard led the group in the opening prayer and Mrs. D. J. Ritchie directed a drawing game.

Mrs. Dillard read the minutes in the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Louise Parham. Mrs. Sullivan brought the council report for Mrs. Alma Hill, council delegate, who was absent.

Mrs. Mary Newberry, county demonstration agent, presented the program on "Low Calorie Diet." She pointed out that there is no easy way to reduce. The one accepted way, she said, is to eat less. Reduced consumption of food should be planned very carefully. Smaller amounts of a large variety of foods should be eaten to insure getting enough of all the nutrients for good health. She suggested taking up an interesting hobby or activity as a diversion for eating.

Mrs. Dillard and Mrs. Parham served sandwich squares, olives and ice tea to the following members: Mmes. Sullivan, Callaway, Justice, Boaz, Olive, Vancil, Campbell, Ueckert, Spurgin, Will Spur-

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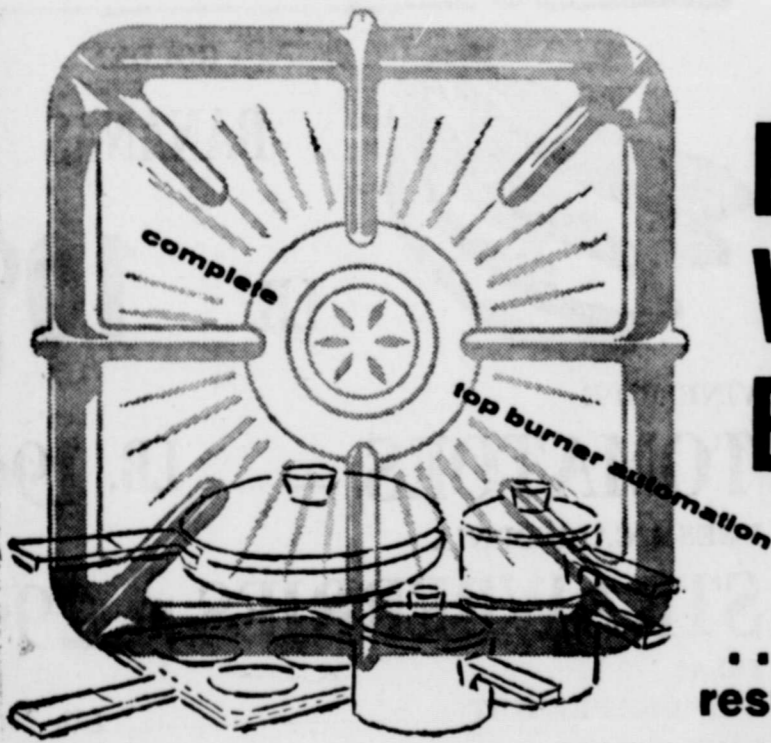
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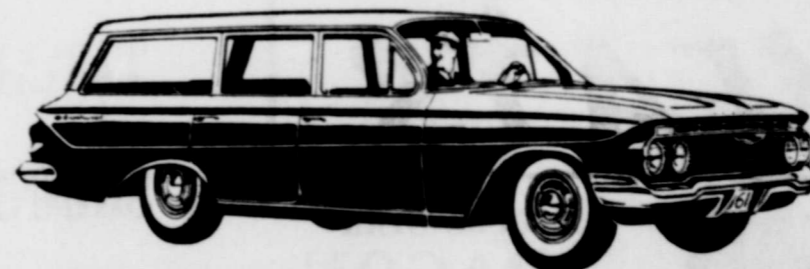
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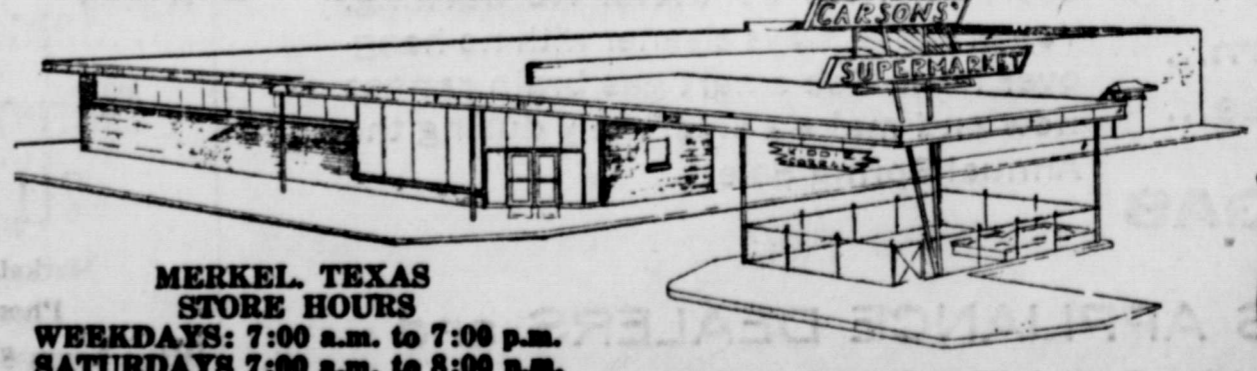
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