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## ACC DEAN WILL SPEAK TO MERKEL GRADUATES

Paul B. Faulkner, Dean of Men of Abilene Christian College, will be speaker for Merkel High School commencement exercises to be held in the school auditorium at 8 p.m., May 29.

Faulkner, a native of Fort Worth, is a graduate of ACC where he excelled in the pole vault and javelin events setting school records. He also served as president of his freshman class.

After graduation, he preached for the Church of Christ in Fayetteville, N.C. In the fall of 1957, he and his family returned to the ACC campus where he served as dormitory supervisor and assistant Dean of Men before assuming his present duties. In addition to his work as Dean Faulkner teaches Freshman Orientation and Bible classes at ACC, and preaches for the Putnam Church of Christ.

Dwight D. Holland, minister of the Merkel Church of Christ, will give the sermon for baccalaureate services to be held at 8 p.m., May 28.

Music for both services will be by Mrs. Edwin Read, violinist, and Mrs. Comer Haynes, pianist.

Thirty-seven seniors will be



PAUL FAULKNER commencement speaker

presented diplomas by Mack Fisher, superintendent of schools.

Class officers are Lester Dorton Jr., president; Lola Loflin, vice president; Carolyn Windham, secretary; Penny Gardner, reporter and Dewell Burden, parliamentarian.

The complete class roll is as follows:

Felix Garcia Acuna, James Wesley Ayers, Betty June Bulat, Dewell Pike Burden, Jimmy Don Carey, Rutha Lew Corder, Sharon Kay Cypert, Beth Ann Doan, Jerry Don Doan, Lester F. Dorton Jr., Lupe Duran, Penelope Sue Gardner, Frances Gillham, Melba Faye Glasscock, Robert Graves Graham, Walter William Harris, Robert Jess Higgins, Billy Everett King, Lela Dee Loflin.

Venita Jean McLean, Brenda Lou Mashburn, Sandra Fay Merritt, Mary Beth Mewborn, Maxine Vera Patterson, Jack Wrennon Petty, Sylvia Anne Pickett, William Ronald Reeger, Donna Lou Riney, Philip Weldon Seymour, Jack Eldon Stallo, Billy Tittle, Betty Lou Watson, Jimmy Paul West, Donald Wayne Williams, Carolyn Sue Windham, Bobby Leon Womack and Pedro Moreno Ybarra.

Survivors include his parents; a brother, Yates of Trent; three sisters, Mrs. Bert Caffey and Mrs. Rex Cox, both of Abilene, and Mrs. Kenneth Crow of Sweetwater.

Funeral was held at 3 p.m. Thursday at the Trent Methodist Church with the Rev. Darrell Gleghorn, pastor of the Merkel Calvary Baptist Church, and the Rev. John Rosenburg, pastor of the Golan Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in Trent Cemetery with Starbuck Funeral Home in charge.

Pallbearers, all schoolmates, were Gerald Richie, Tommy Hunter, Ronnie Crumpler, Darrell Ueckert, Clinton Spurgeon, and Tommy Hogan.

## Mrs. O. B. Tatum Dies Here At 83

Mrs. O. B. Tatum, 83, a resident of the Merkel area since 1909, died at 10:05 a.m. Monday in the Sadler Hospital in Merkel after a critical illness of two weeks.

Funeral was held Tuesday at 3 p.m. at the Starbuck Chapel, with the Rev. Mart Hardin, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Merkel, and Dr. Truett Walton of Hardin-Simmons University officiating.

Burial was in the Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel.

Born Rena Boles on March 27, 1878 in Philadelphia, Pa., she moved to Mart, Tex., in 1896, and married O. B. Tatum in March of the same year.

She had been a member of the First Baptist Church in Merkel since 1920, moving to Merkel in December, 1919 after living in the Merkel area prior to that time.

Survivors include her husband, the Rev. O. B. Tatum, a retired Baptist minister; one son, H. O. Tatum of Boston, Mass.; two daughters, Mrs. J. B. Browning of Stith, and Mrs. Ona Ray Spence of 1018 N. 17th, Abilene; six grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Grandsons served as pallbearers.

## Swimming Pool Manager Needed

Plans to make repairs necessary to put the Merkel Swimming Pool in condition to open are underway, according to Don Warren, chairman of the association.

Anyone interested in managing the pool is asked to contact Dr. Warren or Mrs. Horace Hargrove, Chamber of Commerce secretary.

## Musical Play Presented By Fourth Grade

Fourth Grade pupils in Mrs. Comer Haynes' room were hosts Wednesday morning for a program honoring their parents and grandparents. Other special guests were Superintendent Mack Fisher and Principal Leon Walker.

Mrs. Horace Childers, Room Mothers' chairman, greeted guests and introduced the musical play, "A Spring Day in the King's Court."

The story of the play depicted the worthwhile life carried on in a kingdom governed by a devoted king, who sent his son out into the world to find worthy ideals to add to the throne. When the prince returned, he brought famous characters to appear in a "Command Performance." With their help, the prince announced his discovery, "Love is the greatest force needed throughout the world."

The cast included Bob Hammond, the good King; Debbie Norton, the Queen; Ann Walker, Princess; Scotty Childers, Prince; Debra Black, the Jester; Steve Williams, Prime Minister; Rodney Mashburn, Lord of the Treasury; Brenda Barnett, narrator; Ronnie Bigbee, Whizzer; Carol Bransford, Old Woman in the Shoe; Tony Biera, Pinnocchio; Carl Cliff, Heidi; Carl Collier, Mr. Popper; John Turner, Robin Hood; Sharon Doan, Cinderella; Lee Roy Myrick, Huck Finn; Frankie Gilmer, Tom Sawyer; Alyce Whisenhunt, Alice-in-Wonderland; Debbie Plank, Jo; Nancy Rich, Amy; Lou Holmes, Beth; Suzanne Duran, Meg; Henry Biera, Boy in the Court.

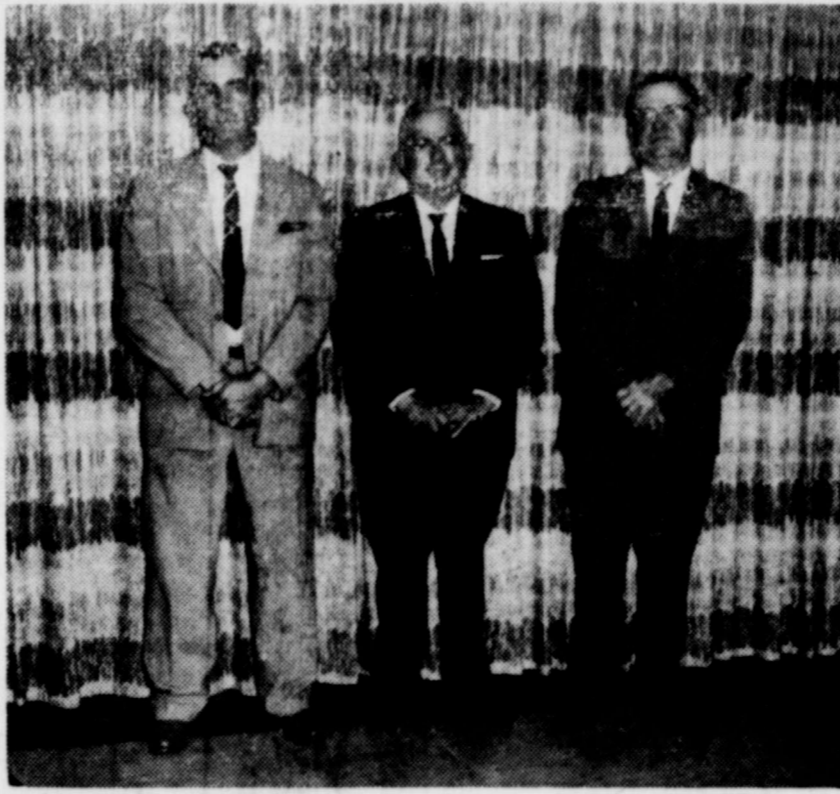
Ice cream was served to the class and thirty guests.

Throughout the day the class opened their "Little Theater" to the other ten rooms in the Primary School.

## HOSPITAL NEWS

**Admissions:**  
Joe Dell Gregory  
Mrs. H. C. West  
Mrs. Jerold Butman  
Andy Pruitt  
John McKinney  
Mrs. Emma Swafford  
Miss Harla Bess Russell  
Ira Cros

**Dismissals:**  
Mrs. L. C. Murray  
Mrs. S. B. Gordon  
Mrs. A. C. Windham  
W. T. McAninch  
Mrs. Louella Campbell  
Mrs. Gladys Ayers  
Mrs. Charles Reddin and baby  
Mrs. Nolan Palmer  
H. B. Robertson  
R. T. Smith  
P. R. Wright  
Mrs. V. H. Lindsey and baby  
Mrs. Sam Hill  
Ed Reece  
Mrs. W. E. Coop  
Mrs. Betty Rhile and baby  
Mrs. Margaret Ervin  
Brenda Hartline  
Mrs. Dee Teaff  
Mrs. E. R. Everts  
Mrs. W. A. Cate  
Mrs. Lloyd Weeks  
Grover Gilbert  
D. C. Hammond.



DIRECTORS RE-ELECTED — Re-elected directors of Taylor Electric Cooperative at its annual meeting Thursday were, left to right, Jack Morrow, Hawley; Odus Moore, Nolan, and Comer Haynes, Merkel.

## CO-OP MEMBERS WILL DIVIDE \$38,689.60

A total of \$38,689.60 in dividend checks will be mailed later this year to members of Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., it was announced at the annual membership meeting of the organization held last Thursday.

H. R. Roberts, president of the board, told members it is the first time in the history of the co-op for this to be done. The refund checks will go to those who were members during 1951, the year this amount in operating margins was accumulated.

Roberts said to show the progress of the cooperative in the last 10 years, "I would like to give some comparison of what has been absorbed in the way of expenses while keeping member electric bills at the same rate and still being in position to refund cash to our members."

He gave examples of these comparisons as labor per hour has increased 55 per cent; taxes, 171 per cent; transportation equipment, 69 per cent; wholesale power cost, 37½ per cent; and some construction materials, 30 per cent.

Roberts said members receiving refund checks will be declaring this money on their income tax forms.

Principal speaker for the meeting was J. R. Cobb, general manager of Texas Electric Cooperatives, Austin, who reminded members that "This cooperative is owned by you and your neighbors and only you. The federal government has no control except as a banker."

Cobb was introduced by Lester Dorton, general manager of the co-op here. Dorton noted that this

## NOTICE

The Bookmobile will be at the Chamber of Commerce office from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 27, instead of the welfare office. The change is being made for the one time only due to the election.



GRAND PRIZE — Mrs. O. E. Morris, Rt. 2, Clyde, won an electric range given away at the annual meeting of Taylor Electric Cooperative last Thursday. Shown with Mrs. Morris are, left, Earle Watts, electrification advisor, and Norman Winter, sales coordinator for the co-op.

## MAYOR PROCLAIMS BUDDY POPPY DAY

WHEREAS: The sale of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is authorized by an act of Congress, and endorsed by the President; and

WHEREAS: The major portion of funds so raised will be used in the local community, the remainder being utilized to help maintain the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Home for veterans' orphans and widows at Eaton Rapids, Michigan, and to insure the continued highly efficient functioning of this fine organization's national rehabilitation and welfare service; and

WHEREAS: Bringing aid to those who have suffered from war that this nation might live is a most fitting tribute to those who died for us; now therefore,

I, Earl Hughes, Mayor of the City of Merkel, do hereby authorize and recognize this noble cause as one most worthy of the support of all our citizens, and do here and now proclaim May 27th as BUDDY POPPY DAY in this city, and I call upon all to wear a Buddy Poppy as evidence of our gratitude to the men of this nation who helped America when her need was greatest.

Done at the City Hall of Merkel this 23rd day of May, A.D., 1961.

Attest: Flossie McKeever  
City Clerk

Signed: Earl Hughes  
Mayor

## GARDEN CLUB SLATES ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW

"Romance With Flowers" will be the theme of the Merkel Garden Club's flower show to be held in the school cafeteria Friday, June 2.

Mrs. Carroll Benson is chairman of the annual show which will be open to the public from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

There will be two divisions—"Artistic" and "Junior." Classes in the first will include "Budding Romance," "Engagement," "Bride Comes the Bride," "Honeymoon" and "At Home."

The junior division will feature "Flower Girls," "Ring Bearer," "Catching the Bride's Bouquet," "Candlelighters" and "Old Snow and Rice."

Mrs. W. T. Sadler is president of the club.

## Hubert Beckham, Longtime Trent Resident, Dies

Hubert W. Beckham, 71, resident of Trent since 1907, died at 3 a.m. Sunday in Sadler Clinic in Merkel where he had been a patient a week.

Mr. Beckham, a bachelor, had been ill since suffering a stroke 16 months ago.

Funeral was held Monday at 3 p.m. in Trent First Baptist Church. The Rev. Milo Arbuckle, pastor of Lamesa First Baptist Church, officiated, assisted by the Rev. B. J. Swindler, pastor. Burial was in Trent Cemetery under direction of Elliott's Funeral Home of Abilene.

Mr. Beckham was born April 22, 1890 at Mountain View, Ark. He moved to Texas in 1893 with his family, settling in Bell County. A retired farmer, he was a member of Trent First Baptist Church, where he had been a deacon and served as church secretary-treasurer for many years.

Survivors include a brother, W. J. of Lamesa; two sisters, Mrs. Geta Williamson and Mrs. C. C. Stribling, both of Trent; five nephews, H. H. McCloud and Mark Williamson, both of Trent, C. T. Beckham of Lamesa, Josh and Dr. Pat Hubert Beckham, both of Houston, and two nieces, Helen McCloud of San Antonio and Patricia Beckham of Lamesa.

Pallbearers were R. O. Parker, Wright J. Boyd, Ernest L. Moody and W. W. Weaver, all of Lamesa, Comer Haynes of Merkel and Garnett Wilks, John Strawn and John Crain, of Trent.

## Cub Scout Pack Has Wiener Roast

Some 60 parents and Cubs of Cub Scout Pack 20 had a wiener roast when they met for the monthly pack meeting at the Scout Hut Monday night.

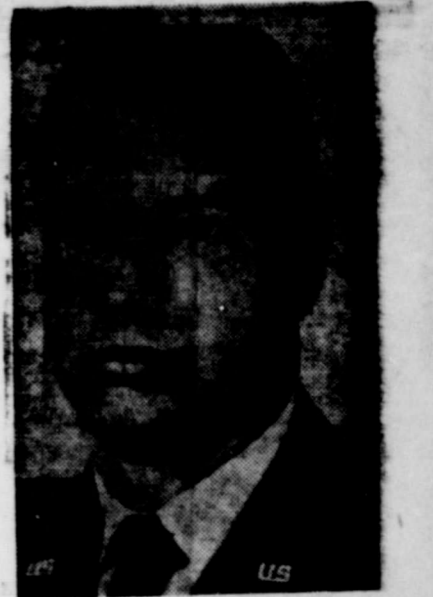
W. G. Reed, cubmaster, demonstrated the technique of fire building without matches, using flint and steel to ignite the council fire.

Carrying out the theme for the month, Cubs from Den 1 dressed in Indian costumes they had made and demonstrated several Indian dances.

## Mrs. Brandon Wade To Get BS Degree

Mrs. Brandon Wade will receive a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education from McMurry College on May 29.

Mrs. Wade is president of Kappa Delta Phi, national honor society.



CAPT. BOBBY GILBERT training commander

## Bobby G. Gilbert Commands Flight At Webb AFB

Capt. Bobby G. Gilbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Gilbert of Merkel, is flight commander of Hatcher Flight, the first class going through primary flying training at Webb Air Force Base.

Gilbert graduated from Merkel High School in 1948 and majored in education at Abilene Christian College before entering the Air Force in 1951 as an enlisted man. Six months later he entered officer training as an aviation cadet.

Class 62-F, the first class going through the new undergraduate pilot training program at Webb, completed preflight and started primary flying training in the T-31 twin-engine jet trainer last month.

The 61-man class is assigned to Hatcher Flight in the 3560th Pilot Training Squadron commanded by Lt. Col. Clifton L. Bray.

According to Gilbert, the first trip for the students was a 30-minute flight to get acquainted with the local flying area and learn the land marks.

The 132-hour course in the T-31 will be conducted during the next 26 weeks.

Gilbert flew F-86Ds while going through the 10 week gunnery school at Nellis AFB, Nev. During his three-year tour with the 325th Fighter Interceptor Squadron at Hamilton AFB, Calif., he flew F-86Ds and Es. He continued to fly the F-86D while assigned with the 431st F.I.S. at Wheelus AFB, Tripoli, Libya, from March 1956 to 1958.

Gilbert and his wife, Donna, have three children, John & Bobby, 3, and Christy, 1.

## CEMETERY FUND

The following persons made contributions to the Merkel Cemetery Association fund:

Jack P. Sublett in memory of Mrs. B. T. Sublett  
Mrs. M. O. Martin  
Mr. and Mrs. John Crain in memory of T. G. Bragg.



# STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights by Vern Sanford TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN, Tex. — Legislature goes into the final stretch of the regular session with the possibility of a photo finish. Individual lawmakers alternated between hope and despair about the prospect of getting all a sound agreement on a tax plan by May 29. Many expressed fear of home district criticism if mat-

ters are allowed to drag through the summer, as happened in 1959. In the final, chips-down stage, it looked like a Governor vs. Legislature battle. A majority of both houses has gone on record for tax plans which have a fairly general 2 per cent sales tax as the major revenue source. Gov. Price Daniel says, in effect, that he

doesn't want to be hard to live with but he isn't about to back down now on his 25-year anti-sales tax stand.

Senators re-worked the two major tax bills sent them by the House—the 2 per cent sales tax and the all-purpose "loophole bill"—into a combination package. In the package was a 2 per cent sales tax on items of 25 cents and more (with exemptions on food, drugs, etc.), an increase in the natural gas production tax from 7 per cent to 8 per cent, and a hike in the corporate franchise tax. They also jacked up the driver's license fee from \$2 to \$3.

Senate sponsors estimate that it would raise \$327,000,000 in the next two years.

Sen. A. M. Aiken Jr. of Paris, made an effort to get the senate to substitute a bill favored by the governor that would limit new general sales taxes to items costing \$10 or more. It also would have levied selective taxes on motor tools and appliances, building materials, stock sales, restaurant meals, etc.

Senate turned down the governor's substitute, 17 to 14, then gave final passage to its own bill, 19 to 12.

**LOAN BILL DELAYED** — Tax matters delayed Senate progress on legislation to regulate the small loan industry.

A re-worked version of the loan bill passed by the House was prepared by a special subcommittee of the Senate State Affairs Committee. In general, the Senate subcommittee's bill appears to allow for higher charges on smaller loans and lower charges on larger loans. It sets up a schedule of "service charges" that are not to be considered interest.

Whatever the outcome, hopes for passing a loan bill that will satisfy interested groups are nil. If charges are low, the bill will be criticized for "putting loan companies out of business so poor people can't borrow money." If rates are high, it "legalizes the sharks."

**DRIVER LAW TIGHTENED** — House passed on second reading a bill that would put more pressure on drivers who do not carry liability insurance or have the means to pay for an accident.

Reps. Ben Lewis of Dallas and Robert Fairchild of Center, sponsors, pointed out that only 60 per cent of Texas drivers carry insurance.

Among provisions of the proposed bill is one that would cause a driver to lose his license if convicted of two moving traffic vio-

lations within a year and he did not carry insurance.

**REDISTRICTING APPROVED** — Despite disappointments and conflicts, a legislative redistricting bill has passed both House and Senate.

Sen. Jep Fuller carried on a nine-hour filibuster against the Senate portion of the bill. Mulule Senate portion of the bill. Fuller protested that Jefferson County (Beaumont-Port Arthur) has more than enough population to be a one-county district. In the bill Jefferson is placed in a district with Orange County, as before.

Nor is all good cheer in the House where a number of members face the prospect of running against each other. Many rural areas with dwindling populations were enlarged or combined with other districts.

Rep. Will Ehrle of Childress, who is placed in the same district with veteran Rep. Bill Heatly of Paducah, has announced that he has given up the idea of running for speaker next term.

**CLUB REGULATION PASSED** — A bill to license and regulate clubs serving liquor by the drink gained final House passage.

Rep. Tom James of Dallas, sponsor, declared it was a law enforcement measure needed by the Liquor Control Board in order to halt saloon operating in the guise of private clubs. Opponents declared it would legalize liquor by the drink.

Under the bill, clubs would pay annual license fees ranging from \$500 to \$10,000. James noted it would bring in some \$2,500,000 a year.

**"SIT-INS" ARE TARGET** — A bill aimed at outlawing "sit-ins" and "stand-ins" has received preliminary House approval.

Rep. Lloyd Martin of Normangee is author of the bill. It would provide a fine of \$200 for persons who refuse to leave a business establishment after being asked to do so.

**TAX REFUND ORDERED** — State must return to several Dallas liquor stores \$89,246 in liquor taxes paid under protest, says the State Supreme Court.

These are taxes paid by the stores on liquor in stock before the effective date of an increased tax passed by the Legislature in 1959.

Not involved in this suit is another \$73,937 in liquor taxes paid under protest under the same circumstances.

**DPS EXAMS ANNOUNCED** — Young men between 21 and 35 may make application through June 9 to attend the next school for state highway patrolmen. Department of Public Safety has announced that men meeting the patrol's standards will take exams in several cities June 13, 14 and 15. Prospective applicants may write to the Department of Public Safety at Austin for information.

**FLOOD OF BILLS** — With the clock running out on this session a larger volume of bills is being moved at a swifter pace. Riding in the flood are bills that would:

1. Take the University of Houston into a state-supported college system. Bill finally passed the Senate after nearly a month of delays, but must be passed again in the House.
2. Provide up to \$12 a month for medical, hospital and nursing care for persons on the state welfare rolls. Passed by Senate.
3. Recodify the school laws and

cut the number of hours future teachers must spend in courses on how to teach. Passed by the House.

4. Allow for payment of state aid to school districts on the basis of the present year's attendance rather than the previous year's. Passed by the Senate.

5. Outlaw sale of obscene pictures, books, magazines or phonograph records. Passed by House. Penalty for violation would be a fine up to \$2,500, a prison term up to two years or both.

6. Increase the annual barber's license fee from \$5 to \$10 and set higher requirements for barber colleges. Passed by House.

7. Allow the Veterans Land Board to sell forfeited lands to persons other than veterans. This is a constitutional amendment and would have to be voted on by the people. Sponsors said the measure was aimed at providing a way for the state to get back money involved in the "block deals" that erupted into the "land scandals." Passed by Senate.

8. Require registration of pest extermination services with the State Agriculture Commissioner. Given preliminary Senate passage.

9. Reorganize the State Water Board as the Texas Water Commission with a three-man board for policy making and a chief engineer to administer the department. Passed by the House.

10. Set filing fees for candidates for state office in general or special elections at 5 per cent of a year's salary. Passed by House.

11. Require cities whose firemen are in the state pension plan to contribute more to the pension fund. Given preliminary House passage.

**SHORT SNORTS**  
Texas Railroad Commission has ordered the present eight-day production pattern for the oil industry continued through June. But since June has only 30 days, compared to 31 in May, the daily allowable for June will be up by 48,013 barrels a day for a daily

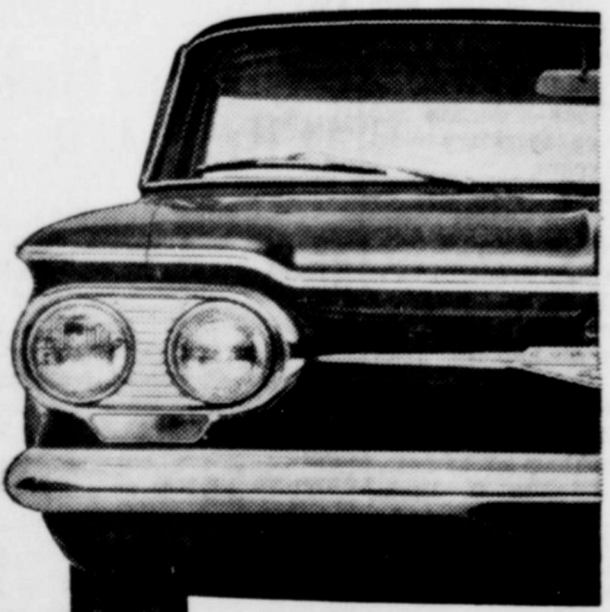
flow of 2,702,699 barrels. Texas Employment Commission has launched a "hire now" drive in an effort to take up the slack in the Texas labor supply. Employment in Texas has increased in the past few weeks, says TEC spokesman, but is still lagging behind this period last year.



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## Happy Fingers Have Luncheon, Learn New Recipe

The Happy Fingers Club met in the home of Mrs. W. W. McMurray on May 10 for a covered dish luncheon.

A new member, Mrs. John Hamner, was introduced. Mrs. John Popaleo was a guest.

Each month one of the club members bring a new recipe to the meeting. The following "recipe of the month" was brought by Mrs. Hamner.

**Baked Ham With Sauce**  
1 canned ham, sliced  
1 small can pineapple, crushed  
1 small bottle cherries  
1 1/2 cups water  
1/2 cup brown sugar  
2 tablespoons flour

Cook ham for a few minutes in the water or long enough to get flavor from ham. Drain water from ham and make a sauce by adding to it the flour, pineapple, sugar and cherries. Pour over ham and bake about 20 minutes, uncovered.

## Wesleyan Guild Meets In Chapel

Mrs. Johnny Cox was in charge of the pledge service for Wesleyan Service Guild at a meeting in the chapel of the First Methodist Church Monday evening.

She was assisted by Mrs. Junior Clark, Mrs. Patsy Hunter and Betty Tittle.

Mrs. Alvis Cooley installed the following officers: Betty Jane Tittle, president; Mrs. Lynn Knight, vice president; Mrs. Patsy Hunter, recording secretary; Mrs. Johnny Cox, treasurer; Mrs. Don Dudley, christian social relations; Mrs. Cyrus Pee, literature and publication; Mrs. Junior Clark, missionary education and service; Mrs. Raymond Ferguson, promotions; Mrs. Hallie Burden, spiritual life; Mrs. Andy Shouse, supply work and Mrs. Denzel Cox, coordinator.

Mrs. Knight served homemade ice cream and cake.

## UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

Wheat harvest is getting underway up the Canyon. Some of the wheat is good and some not so good, according to A. D. Scott and T. J. Neill, who are harvesting theirs this week.

Planting of row crops, cotton and milo, is underway at this time.

The Canyon has received about 2 1/2 inches of rain which will be ample moisture for planting.

Quite a number of acres of the land in the Canyon has been signed up in the grain program to be plowed this summer and sown to small grain this fall. Some of the land will be planted in summer peas as cover crop for the soil.

Pastures are already greening up after the rain that fell the past week. Many stockmen report good grass on their places.

E. C. Ray, who is operating a hay bailer for the public, reports baled oats selling for \$1.25 per ball. Not many farmers are selling.

Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Blair of Lubbock were here over the weekend visiting in the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Riney, and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Blair.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Blair, managers of the Butman youth camp, report the camp will open about June 5 and continue through the month of August, which is a heavy schedule.

Mr. and Mrs. Jet Riney of Slaton were visitors in the home of his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Riney, the past weekend.

The rig for drilling a well on the Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russom's place has been set up. Depth calls for 5800 feet.

We talked to L. A. Dudley of Merkel the other day. He told us rains had been fine there and planting and cattle grazing would start soon. He formerly ranched in the Mountain Pass area and now operates a stock farm near Merkel.

The former Daisy Bankhead, who was attending a family reunion the past week in Merkel for the Bankhead family, called Mrs. Tom Russom, who was a school chum of Daisy's when they lived in Canyon. There was a family living on every 160 acres at that time and four community school houses. Now there isn't any.

## Lambda Betas Have Last Meet In Litton Home

Members of Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Mrs. Dale Litton Tuesday night for their last meeting of the year.

Mrs. John Mason and Frances Carey were hostesses.

The Examaral Degree was conferred on Mrs. Homer Patterson, Mrs. R. B. Dayton, assisted by Mrs. Litton and Mrs. Horace Hargrove, conducted the ritual.

Mrs. Vernon Mansfield, outgoing president, installed the following new officers: Mrs. Joe Lister, president; Mrs. Newt Logan, vice president; Mrs. W. W. Wade, treasurer; Patsy Hunter, recording secretary; Frances Carey, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Almeda Bullock, director and Mrs. W. T. Sadler, sponsor.

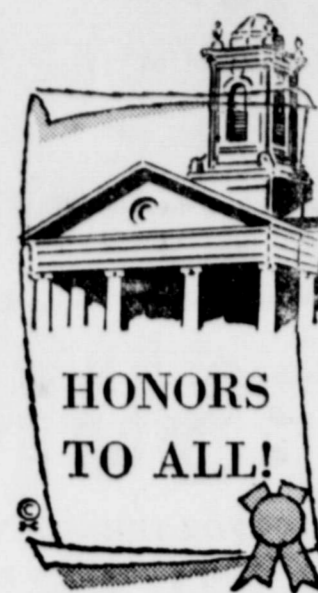
The new president appointed the following committees: social—Mrs. Carroll Benson, Mrs. Luther Reeger and Mrs. Dale Litton; program—Mrs. Dayton, Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Mansfield and Mrs. Chas. Eager; ways and means—Mrs. Wade, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Hargrove and Mrs. Bob Gardner; scrapbook—Mrs. Dayton; membership—Mrs. Logan, Mrs. Carey and Mrs. Lynn Knight; service—Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Patterson; telephone—Mrs. Edna Earl Robertson, Mrs. Marie Derrick and Mrs. Carey; publicity—Mrs. Gardner and Mrs. Dayton.

A picnic to celebrate Founder's Day, will be held at the Sadler cabin at Lake Sweetwater on June 5.

## Watch Your Step

This is snake season. Be careful when you get into the woods or along creek and river banks. This is the warning of Capt. E. M. Sprott, director of law enforcement of the Game and Fish Commission. The poisonous snakes of Texas are the rattler, moccasin, copperhead and coral.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cox spent four days last week at the Lost Valley Dude Ranch near Bandera. They, with six other couples from different towns, were guests of Westinghouse managers of Dallas.



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# LUNCHEON ENDS YEAR FOR FORTNIGHTLY CLUB

The Fortnightly Study Club of Women's Club and the met for a luncheon at the West Texas Utilities Lytle Shore club house Saturday for their final meeting of the year.

Roll call at the "Achievement Day" program was answered with "A meeting or project I remember best."

Following a review of the year's programs on "American Panorama" by Mrs. Ray Wilson, outgoing president, four charter members of the club presented the program. They were Mrs. S. D. Gamble, Christine Collins, Mrs. Elma McFarland and Mrs. W. T. Sadler. A fifth member who has been with the club since its organization in 1934, Mrs. Henry West, was unable to be present because she was ill.

Mrs. Gamble led the group in the club collect; Christine Collins mimicked a typical club woman when she read humorous verses written by Mrs. Sydney Foy, daughter of Mrs. West; Mrs. McFarland told of the "Texas Fed-

Merkel clubs part in it; Mrs. Sadler spoke on "New Attitudes of Leadership" and Mrs. Wren Durham, speaking for Mrs. West, told of "things we think, say or do to become a better person."

During a short business session, Mrs. June Hogan was voted on and accepted for membership.

The meeting concluded with the installation of new officers by Mrs. Durham, vice president. Officers installed were Mrs. Homer Patterson, president; Mrs. Don Dudley, vice president; Mrs. Homer Newby, recording secretary; Mrs. Durham, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Andy Shouse, treasurer, and Mrs. S. D. Gamble, parliamentarian.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. McConnell have as their guests Mrs. McConnell's mother, Mrs. A. C. La Croix of Fort Worth, and an aunt and husband, Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Russell of Santa Monica, Calif.

## Peggy Maberry Honored At Tea

Peggy Maberry, bride-elect of Sidney Wayne Ross, was honored at a gift tea in the home of Mrs. C. L. McMurray in Trent Saturday night.

Receiving guests with the honoree and Mrs. McMurray, were Mrs. Albert Maberry, the bride-elect's mother, and Mrs. L. W. Ross Jr., mother of the prospective bridegroom.

Guests were registered by Mrs. Onis Graham and Mrs. Lena McWilliams.

Musical entertainment was by Mrs. Jimmy Hobbs Jr., vocalist, and Mrs. John Hamner, pianist. The tea table was covered with a white net cloth over pink, the bride-elect's chosen colors. Centering the table was an arrangement of Bells of Ireland and Queen Ann's lace flanked by pink tapers in candelabra.

Hostesses were Mmes. Graham, McWilliams, F. W. Fields, Hamner, Hub Keagens, Melvin Thompson, Newt Goodwin, Ora Taylor, W. T. Lawlis, Othel O'Kelly, Horton, Red Shafer, Yates Sipes, Sherman Driggers, Oran Robinson and Eldon Hicks.

Guests were registered from Trent. Hamlin, Sylvester, McCaulley, Merkel, White Flat and Sweetwater.

## Shower Honors Miss Maberry

Peggy Maberry was feted with a lingerie shower May 19 in the home of Mrs. Sam Poteet, 901 Burger, Abilene. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Horace Bailey of Abilene and Mrs. F. W. Fields of Trent.

Miss Maberry is the bride-elect of Sidney Wayne Ross.

Mrs. Poteet, the honoree and her mother, Mrs. Albert Maberry, received guests.

The tea table was covered with a blue linen cloth and centered with an arrangement of white daisies and Bells of Ireland. White candles in stereophone tied with white satin bows completed the decor.



MARIE FOSTER  
... bride-elect

## Marie Foster, Donald Hines To Wed June 2

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Foster of Merkel are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Marie, to Donald A. Hines, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hines of Tulsa, Okla.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Merkel High School and attended Texas Technological College. She is employed by the City of Abilene.

Hines attended school in Tulsa and served four years with the U. S. Navy. He is manager of B.I.C. Loans of Abilene, Inc.

The wedding will be in the home of the bride-elect's parents at 8:30 p.m. June 2.

## Girl Scouts Fete Mothers, Leaders

Girl Scouts of Troop 101 honored their mothers and leaders of Brownie and Scout troops at their last meeting held in the home of Mrs. David Gamble May 12.

Before refreshments were served from a table decorated with Girl Scout colors, Mamie Patterson led the group in the Scout grace. Punch was poured by Bronwyn Gamble.

Folders with certificates of recognition from Girl Scouts, U. S. A., were presented to Mrs. Wallace Doan and Mrs. Kenneth Browning. Mrs. Doan is the only Merkel leader ever to lead a troop from second grade Brownies through eighth grade Scouts. Mrs. Browning, who is the wife of an Air Force Sergeant, has been a Scout worker during the years her husband has been stationed at Dyess. They are being transferred to Washington.

Other leaders who received token gifts from Mrs. Gamble were Mrs. Jake Martin, Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, Mrs. A. D. Dickey, Mrs. Vaughn Doan, Mrs. Ben Rich, Mrs. Alvin Smith, Mrs. Jack Whisenhunt, Mrs. Jim Torrance and Mrs. Esther Luke.

A highlight for the girls was their receiving second-rank badges along with badges for needlecraft, seamstress, cooking and skating.

Be sure to check your fishing license before leaving on your summer vacation. You'll need a current license, whether you fish on fresh or salt water.

Watch your step. Snakes are moving, wasp nests are hanging low and it's chigger time.

## Girl Scout News

### Leader Leaves

Mrs. Kenneth Browning, a dedicated Brownie leader while living in Merkel, has moved with her family to Washington State. Brownies and scouts regret losing her.

### Troop 101

Girls of Troop 101, under leadership of Mrs. Jack Whisenhunt and Mrs. David Gamble, met with the Fortnightly Study Club Tuesday, May 9, to present "A Salute To Our Flag." Girls participating were Mamie Patterson, Cathy Derrington, Wynona Doan, Nancy Evans, Diane Knight, Ann Whisenhunt, Linda Jacobs and Bronwyn Gamble.

### Day Camp

All girls going to Day Camp will meet at the Scout Hut Monday, May 29, at 9 a.m. Each girl is to bring a "sit-upon," a cup and lunch. All who have not paid the \$1 ride fee may do so at that time. The girls will have time to pick up their report cards at school before going to the Hut, Mrs. Gamble said.

## Merkel Woman's Grandson To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Robertson of Fort Worth have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Eugenia Lenora, to Midshipman James Sharp Bourn, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bourn of Winters and nephew of Mrs. O. M. Sharp of Fort Worth who reared him.

Miss Robertson and her fiancé will be married June 23 in the First Congregational Church in Fort Worth.

Miss Robertson attended the University of Denver and is a graduate of Texas University. She is a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority and Reagan Literary Society.

Her fiancé attended Rice Institute and will graduate from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis this June. He has been appointed to Flight Training School in Pensacola, Fla.

Bourn is a grandson of Mrs. J. P. Sharp of Merkel.



MERKEL MOTORS

## Senior 4-H Girls Have Annual Tea

Merkel Senior 4-H Club girls held their annual achievement tea in the school cafeteria on May 12.

Each 4-H member had five or more exhibits on display. Cherry Davis, president, was in charge.

A Mother's Day program was presented by the girls. Corsages were pinned on each mother by Karen Ray and Ann Smith. Mrs. Leona Ridens, assistant County Home Demonstration Agent was also presented a corsage.

Mrs. Ridens presented pins to the following members: First year—Linda Kay Wade, Karen Ray and Nelda Doan; second year—Margaret Jean Richev, Lucky Patton, Beverly Marie Honde, Sherry Lyn Martin and Gloria Irene Moore; third year—Yolinda Marie Carey, Cherry Fay Davis, Shiela Diann Holland, Carolyn Sue Holloway, Judy Ruth Agnew, Irene Marie Honde, Aleta Dale Scott, Linda Beth Windham, Gayle Gladden, Linda Biera and Gloria Buntin; fourth year—Jo Lynn Buntin, Lois Marie Givens, Martha Ann Tipton, Nancy Rebecca Watts, Juanita Moreno and Patricia Ann Smith.

Mother leaders who received first year pins were Mrs. L. S. Tipton, Mrs. Earle Watts and Mrs. Dwight Holland. Mrs. Ford Smith Jr. received a four year pin.

The tea table was covered with pink net and centered with an arrangement of larkspur and fern

made by Mrs. Charlie Sherrill. Cookies, made by 4-H members, mints and frosted green punch were served to approximately 75 guests.

Special guests were members of the elementary primary faculty. Mrs. West Fisher and Principal and Mrs. Leon Walker.



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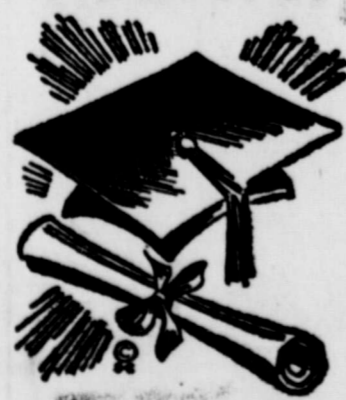
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Our heartfelt thanks to all who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. We especially appreciate the untiring efforts of Drs. Sadler and Warren and staff and Starr rest home. For the beautiful service, floral offerings, food, and other kindnesses, we are deeply grateful. May God bless each of you.  
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## Farm Facts

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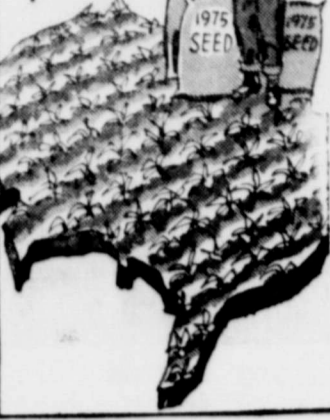
"But we don't have 200 million more and won't need them because of rising productivity on farms."

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At the 1956 yield rate, we would need 200,000,000 more acres for crops by 1975.



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To: Charles Guy Campbell, Jr. 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 26th day of June A.D. 1961, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 8th day of March A.D. 1961, in this cause, numbered 25,770-A on the docket of said court and styled Wanda Fay Campbell, Plaintiff, vs. Charles Guy Campbell, Jr., Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married on the 1st day of August 1958, and became permanently separated on the 1st day of February, 1961. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment and sues for custody of the minor child, 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 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 12th day of May A.D. 1961.

Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas  
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.  
10-11-12-13

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Oliver and children of Midland were Sunday visitors in the home of his parents, Mr and Mrs. John Oliver.



We want to take this opportunity to say "well done" and to extend our very best wishes.

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## Stith News

Stith received a good rain the past week. Wheat harvesting has started in the community.

Speakers for the youth revival at the Baptist church here the past week were George Kung of Formosa Friday night, Steve Ateek of Nazareth, Israel Saturday night and on Sunday Gerald Tidwell of Abilene. Mrs. Tidwell accompanied her husband and attended services.

The Stith Baptist church vacation Bible school will start Monday, June 19. Preparation day will be on the Saturday before that date.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dobby and son moved to Indiana Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dunagin and Randy of Big Lake visited in the Stith community Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pick Payne spent Mother's Day in Guymon, Okla., with their son, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Payne and children.

We regret to hear of the death of Nowell Sipes and extend our sympathy to the family.

Mrs. O. B. Tatum, mother of Mrs. John Browning, passed away at the Sadler hospital Monday. We extend sympathy to the family.

Mrs. John Brown attended the Merkel High School picnic at State Park Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. West spent the weekend in Stillwater, Okla., with Mr. and Mrs. Manley Denton and their new son. The baby is the first great-grandson of the West. Mrs. West will stay with the family for awhile.

Mrs. Minnie Chapman of Odessa spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Payne. Home: D. Payne of Lubbock was also a visitor in the home of his parents. On Sunday the group visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dean of Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harris, Lonnie and Johnny, Mr. and Mrs. Fat McDonald and Pat and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry and Martha attended a singing at Hamlin Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones attended graduation exercises at the Anson High School Friday night. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Berry of Abilene Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn and children spent the weekend in Austin visiting friends.

Visitors in the home of Mrs. A. M. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Evans and Nancy the past week were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Evans of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Clark of Nacogdoches, Mr. and Mrs. Hub Evans of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Dedman of Tye.

## Seniors Offered Army Schooling

All seniors who may be interested in pre-qualifying for enlistment in the United States Army may now do so without obligation to enlist, and at no expense to the individual.

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In Abilene you would receive the mental and physical examination required for entrance into the services. All students would return home on Saturday afternoon. Remember, you are under no obligation whatsoever to enlist although fully qualified, and you have no cost to defray. Plus, you can receive your written guarantee for the schooling you desire. Act now, enlist later if you so desire.

## THURSDAY

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DEAR MISTER EDITOR:  
It looks like things is both good and bad around the country at this writing. I see where some company in Detroit is making wimmen-sized lawnmowers fre this summer. That's good. Then I see this piece in a mag-

azine where they has about quit making desks, chairs, typewriters and such things in anything but fancy shades to match the color of the walls. That's bad. If a company wants pink adding machines and yellow typewriters to match the paint job

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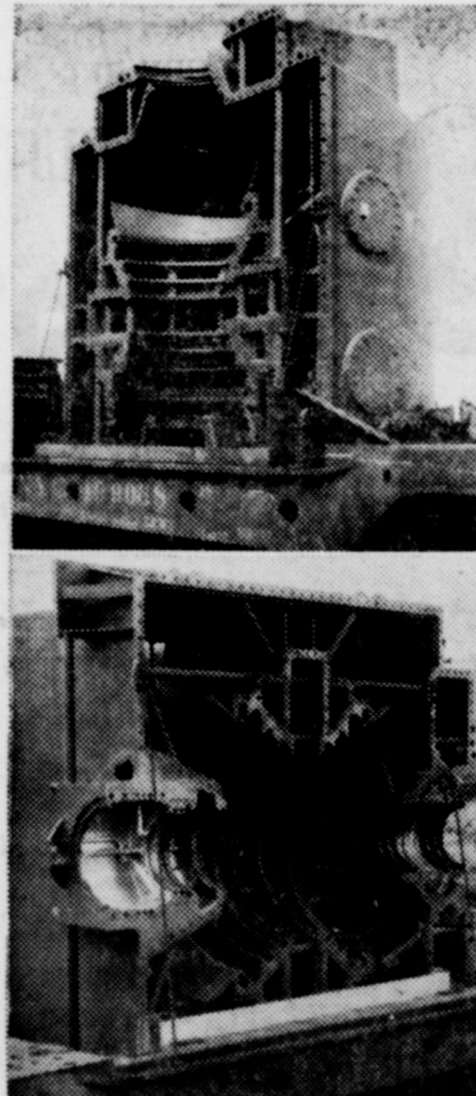


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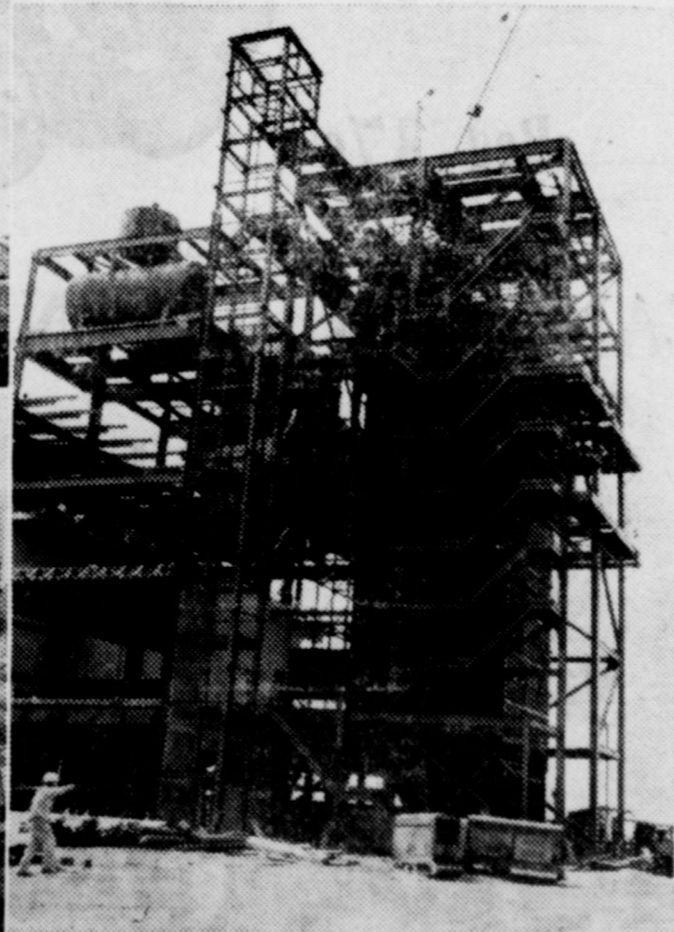
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on the walls, there is going to be complications. There ain't no female stenographer or secretary that's going to work on these things without having clothes to match. That situation could upset the national economy.

The country was getting along pritty good back yonder when we didn't have nothing but two-toned Democrats and two-toned Republicans, but them car manufacturers come out with the two-toned automobile and everybody started going two-toned crazy. Fer instant, I was over in town Saturday and saw a teen-ager wearing a pair of yellow pants and a red shirt. But I reckon folks will gradual git used to pink stenographers just like we got used to two-toned politicians and automobiles. I recollect when the boys come home from the first World War wearing wrist watches and everybody thought they was crazy.

The papers say unemployment is still pritty bad in this country, and in the next column I see where the Government is asking fer \$350,000 to import Mexicans to help on the farms. I reckon we got a heap of peo-

ple out of work that would rather stay out of work as work on the farm. And just between me and you confidential, Mister Editor, after plowing in this salt mine 40 year, I got a heap of sympathy fer 'em.

Naturally they ain't no unemployment in the Government. I see where the Army, fer instant, is increasing its civilian employees by 35,000, giving 'em 547,000 civilian workers, or one fer ever two soldiers. And I see where this column writer claims employment will pick up a heap when the Government sits started on its multi-billion dollar Federal road program. Knowing how the Government does things, I reckon it'll take several thousand employees just to work on the detours. A heap of them Congressmen, Mister Editor, don't live on the main road.

But it's a comfort to know, employed or unemployed, a feller don't have to set somepun aside no more fer a rainy day. The Government is now furnishing a umbrella fer them occasions.

Yours truly,  
Gabby

#### Home Demonstration Notes

By LORETA ALLEN

Faylor County Home Demonstration - 4pm



Today's fabrics include so many different fibers, blends of fibers and finishes that homemakers are often puzzled about temperatures suitable for the different ones.

The best general rule when pressing blends of fabrics is to set the iron so that it is suited to the fiber requiring the lowest temperature, according to extension clothing specialists of the A&M College of Texas. However, when using a damp pressing cloth and a dry iron, the moisture in the cloth reduces the temperature.

Because the synthetics call for lower temperatures, blended fabrics of synthetic and natural fibers complicate the pressing problem. In the case of wool blends, they may be pressed successfully with a steam iron or with a dry iron and a damp pressing cloth.

Cotton blends are a different story. Combinations of cotton with synthetics can be a difficult problem because cotton will not always press smooth at a low temperature, yet many synthetics are damaged at high temperatures. One answer to this problem is to check each garment individually by ironing on a sample of the fabric or on an inconspicuous place like the edge of a wide seams.

A quick, easy way to prepare the main dish for a picnic or outdoor meal is to cook on skewers. "Shish-Kabobs" are delicious and different.

There are many possibilities, according to extension foods and

nutrition specialists of the A&M College of Texas. You may have all vegetables such as tomato wedges, chunks of carrot, mushrooms, pieces of green pepper, onion, etc.

A basic "shish-kabob" is made with boneless meat, cut in 1 1/2 or 2-inch cubes. Beef, lamb, ham or pork may be used.

With lamb or veal, use the shoulder or leg; with beef, use the round, chuck or rump. Allow 1/2 to 3/4 pound per person.

Prepare the meat by simply brushing with lemon juice and olive oil, or marinate from 2 hours to 2 days in the following mixture: 1 part of lemon juice to 3 parts olive oil seasoned with crushed garlic, salt and pepper, and if you wish, add some thyme, oregano, bay leaf or cumin.

Now string the cubes on your skewers. . . . If you like the meat

rare, push the cubes closely together. For all-around crispness, separate the chunks on the skewer.

Broil over coals. It will take from 10 to 16 minutes, depending on how well done you want the food.

Serve immediately.

Mrs. Nannie Glenn of Breckenridge who has been visiting the past month in the home of her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stockbridge returned to her home the past weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Stockbridge drove her home and visited with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Mashburn of Fort Worth spent the weekend here in the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Patterson.

Mrs. Effie Rider of Fort Worth spent the weekend here with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Olthof Jr., and son, Russ, of Lubbock were weekend guests of their grand-

mother, Mrs. Howard Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Thaxton and children of Dumas were weekend visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Thaxton.

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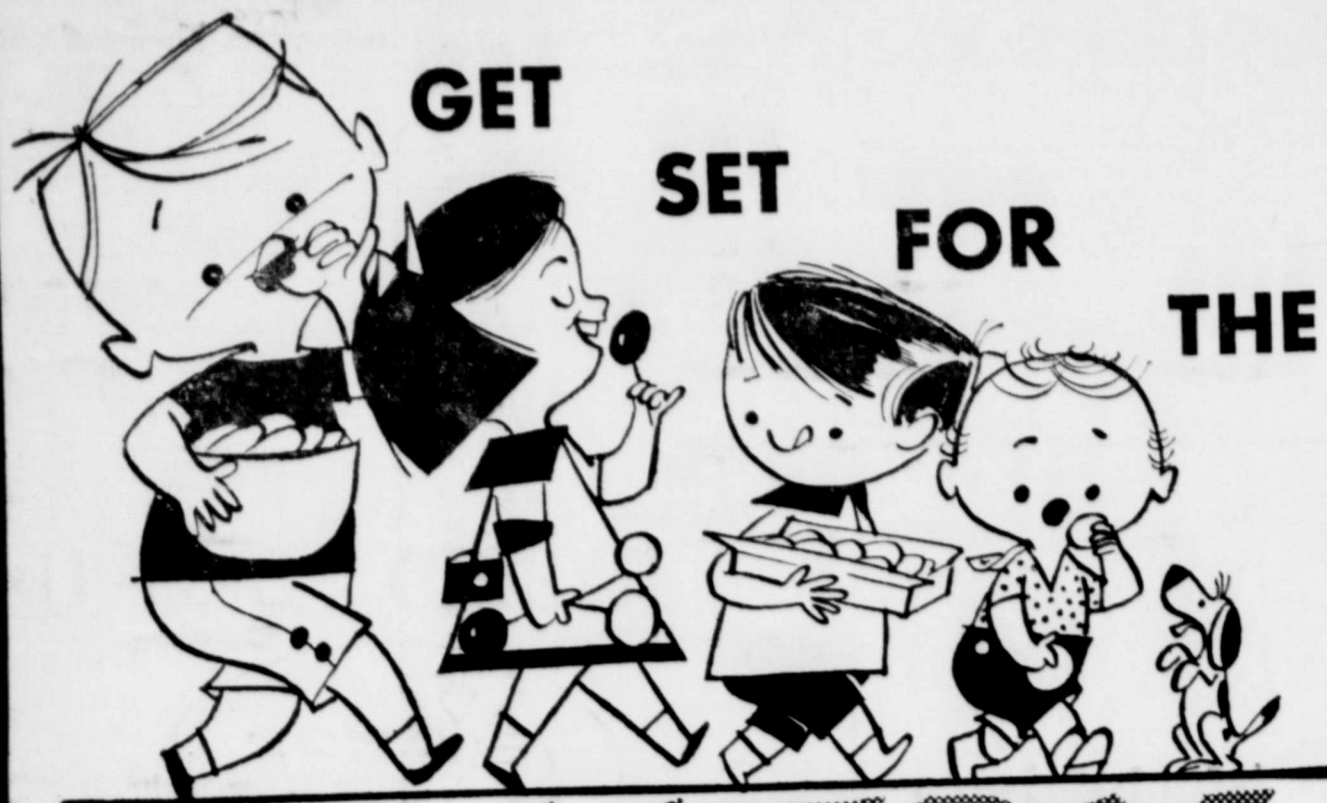


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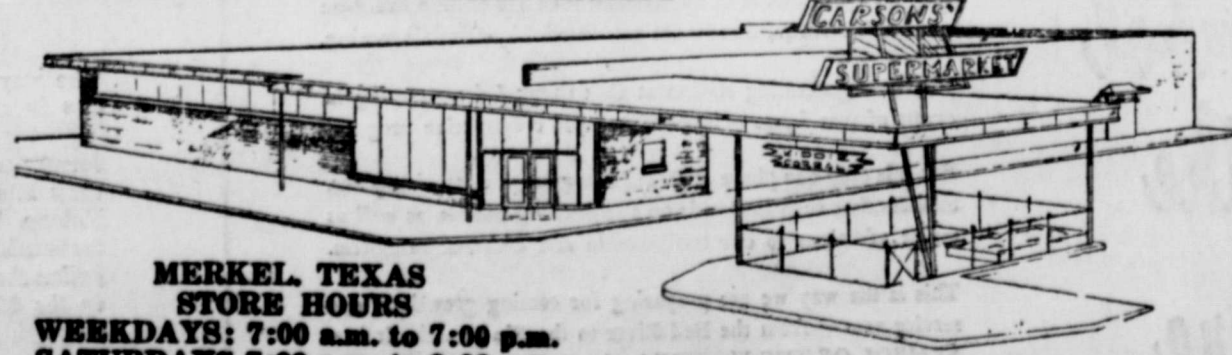
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