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WINTER NEW MANAGER OF ELECTRIC CO-OP

Norman Winter, 41, for two and a half years sales coordinator of Taylor Electric Cooperative, assumed duties Wednesday as manager of the cooperative.

Winter, a native of the Noodle Community, succeeds Lester Dorton, manager since June 1951, who

UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

Everyone up the Canyon had an enjoyable Christmas. The weather was very nice.

The crops are all about harvested here. This was another good harvest year and there is ample underground moisture to start off again in 1962.

There is a song which says, "We do not know what the future holds." But we know who holds the future, and we face this New Year with the same faith and courage that our forefathers had. And in a few words let us say, "Let us work, let us serve and let us give of our best and receive the good things that the future holds for us in 1962."

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin McCoy and children of Morton visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seymore, the past weekend. Phil Seymore, student in West Texas State, Canyon, was also a visitor in his parents home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney had all their children home for the holidays.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray during the holidays were their children, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Steele and sons, Randall and Mikey, of Corpus Christi, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Ray, Mark, Martha and Douglas, and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Pyburn, all of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Ray and children, Kenneth, Don and Karen ad Bubba.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Clemmer and children spent Christmas with their parents in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russom and son, Don, and Mrs. T. H. Russom spent the holidays in East Texas. Tom's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ebb Bradshaw and daughter of Winnsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Rust of Abilene visited over the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Perry.

We regret to learn that Dewell McLean is a patient in Sadler Clinic Hospital. He hopes to be able to return to his home in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Pentecost of Merkel were weekend visitors in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Orsborn.

The Tom Russoms visited Saturday at Big Spring in the home of J. B. Sloan and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gary, family of the late Abbie Butman Sloan.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Anderson of Kansas spent Christmas with their parents, Mrs. T. H. Russom and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Anderson, all of Merkel.

McReynolds Host FTA Watch Party

Squirrel Inn Ranch, home of Mr. and Mrs. Judd McReynolds, was the scene for a Watch Party Sunday night for member of the Pat Neff Future Teachers Association of Merkel High School.

Entertainment included domino and card games and listening to stereo music.

At the stroke of midnight, President Kent Denton led the group in singing "Auld Lang Syne."

Refreshments were served by Mrs. McReynolds and Mrs. Eva Faye Denton to 15 guests.

Noodle P-TA To Meet Jan. 8

Dr. Don Warren will be speaker for the Noodle P-TA meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan 8 in the school auditorium. Warren will speak on "Effective Learning for Wisdom and Stature."

The Noodle FHA girls will be in charge of the nursery for small children.

Refreshments will be served following the meeting, according to Mrs. Ed Womack, president.

Mrs. W. B. Sawyer and daughter, Susan Kay, spent the Christmas holidays in Little Rock and West Memphis, Ark., visiting relatives and friends. Rev. Sawyer returned home with them.

submitted his resignation to the board of directors in a meeting Tuesday in the directors room at the Co-Op's headquarters building here.

Dorton will join the staff of Riggs Sheppard of Victoria. Sheppard executive director of a South Texas generating and transmission organization, was named an assistant to the administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration in Washington, D. C., in 1951 and is former manager of the Taylor Electric Cooperative.

Dorton became associated with Taylor Electric Cooperative in September of 1943. He was named manager in June 1951 when Sheppard took the assistant administrator's job with REA.

Winter joined the staff of Taylor Electric Cooperative in 1959 as sales coordinator. He previously had been employed for six and a half years by Geochemical Surveys.

He is the son of the late J. M. Winter and Mrs. Winter. He is married to the former Mildred West, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. West of the Stith community. They have two children, Mrs. Manley Denton, student at Hardin - Simmons University, whose husband is a student in McMurry College, and Frosty Winter, a student in Merkel High School.

Mrs. Harrison Hosts Annual Family Reunion

The annual Harrison family reunion was held Jan. 1 in the home of Mrs. W. A. Harrison, 206 Locust St.

Those present were Levi Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Fernon Harrison and son, Kenneth, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Baxter and son, all of Fort Worth; Mrs. Dewey Rodgers of Hawley; Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Rodgers and daughters, Vicky and Christy of Anson; Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Hrrison of Monahans.

Also Mr. and Mrs. John Swinney and Johnny and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Patterson and baby, all of Trent; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Powers of Abilene; the Rev. and Mrs. Lynward Harrison and grandchildren of Goree; the Rev. Alvis Cooley and family of Merkel; Mrs. Mrs. Donald Rutledge and Donna Lee of Abilene; Mrs. Elmer Harrison and grandchildren, Kay, Terri and Chris Harrison of Abilene; Mrs. H. M. Weston of Merkel, and Glen Payne of Trent.

Friends who called in the afternoon included Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Alexander of Abilene; Mrs. L. J. Renfro, Mrs. Minnie Jackson and Mrs. Dishman, all of Merkel.



Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Shaw announce the arrival of a 9 lb. son, James Harold, Saturday, Dec. 30, at Sadler Hospital.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson and Mrs. Doris Shaw.

Great-grandparents are Mrs. P. E. Harris, Mrs. Margaret Ervin and Mrs. Blanche Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Russom of Eunice, N. M., announce the arrival of a son, Joel Scott, Friday, Dec. 22. He weighed 9 lbs. 9 oz.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McLean and Mrs. Jess Russom, all of Merkel.

The Russoms are parents of another son, Mark, 5, and a daughter, Christie, 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Hicks of Trent announce the birth of a 7 lb. 2 oz. daughter, Tammy Dee, at 9:05 a.m., Saturday morning, Dec. 23 in Sadler Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Freeman of Trent and Mr. and Mrs. Vestal Hicks of Merkel are the grandparents.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Smith of Trent, T. C. Allen and Mrs. Minnie Hicks, both of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Hicks are parents of a son, Stan, and another daughter, Debbie.



Pictured above are children who had their photographs made in a contest held in Merkel recently. From left, top row are Kathy Mansfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Mansfield; Troy and Tresa Dean, children of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Dean. Second row, from left, Susan and Debra Turner, children of Mr. and Mrs. Ike Turner; Jerrell Don Regan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Regan.

GUARD SLAIN AT LAWN ATLAS MISSILE SITE

An investigation was underway Tuesday evening by the Taylor County Sheriff's department in the death of Gerald Elton Edwards, 40, American Security Ranger found shot to death at 7 a.m. inside the guard shack at the Atlas missile site three miles east of Lawn.

Justice of the Peace J. R. Reddell of Tuscola conducted the inquest with Sheriff J. D. Woodard and Deputy Sheriff Ray Trammell and representatives of Fry Funeral Home Tuesday afternoon.

Reddell's official ruling stated "Death was caused by a gunshot wound in the right temple by party or parties unknown at this time. A further investigation is to be made by the Sheriff's department."

Sheriff Woodard said the sheriff's office will "go ahead and investigate the matter all we can."

American Security Rangers are subcontracted by General Dynamics to guard the 12 Atlas sites ringing Abilene.

Edwards' body was discovered by another security ranger, LeRoy Sanders, when Sanders came to work.

Gregg Thomason, a General Dynamics Astronautics official, said Sanders was to relieve Edwards at 7 a.m. as gate guard. Edwards, who came to work at 6 a.m., was scheduled to work as a fire guard from 7 a.m. through the rest of his shift.

After Sanders, of Rt 1, Ovalo.

Fire Damages Trent Store

The Carrier Food Store at Trent was termed a ninety per cent loss after fire struck it at 8:30 p.m. Dec. 20.

The building, located on Highway 80, was owned by Mrs. L. E. Adriano. Mr. and Mrs. Dub Carrier operated the store. The building and contents were partially covered by insurance.

Fire units from Merkel and Trent battled the blaze which was discovered by Monk Stowe.

The Carriers, who have operated the store for the past two years, say they plan to reopen it as soon as necessary repairs are made.

View Grocery Hit By Burglary

Tools, tobacco, gloves and a small amount of cash were reported taken in the burglary of English Grocery at View during the weekend.

Deputy Sheriff Fred Ownby said he was notified of the burglary late Sunday.

The owner reported a set of tools valued at \$150, six pairs of leather gloves, cigars and cigarettes and about \$8 cash were missing.

Entry was believed gained through a garage attached to the business.

Cemetery Fund

The following persons made contributions to the Merkel Cemetery Association fund: Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cox in memory of Mrs. L. P. Liles Mrs. J. B. Pinckley and family in memory of Mrs. L. P. Liles. Carl Cary.

Trent High Band Sets Top Record During 1961

Trent High School Band has compiled one of its best records ever during 1961.

The band, which has already presented 14 public performances during this school year, placed 12 of its 33 members in the all-district band during competition earlier this month at Colorado City.

Fifteen bands participated in the all-district band event. Trent's percentage record of students named to the honor group was the district's best.

Trent students honored include Jane Steadman, Brenda Tittle, Joyce Scott, Ruth Ann Christ, Diana Lewis, Candy Higgins, Betty McAninch, Beverly Hallford, Sallie Carter, Marilyn Wilks and Susan Scott.

Kaye McWilliams is drum major with Lynne Wyatt and Beverly Hall as twirlers. Band officers include Ruth Ann Christ, captain; Elton Payne and Joy Byron, first lieutenants; and Dub Goodwin and Beverly Hallford, second lieutenants.

Judy Mathis is band director.

Gorillas Lash Old Glory, 68-40

Eugene Kegan's 20 points paced a balanced Trent attack Tuesday night as the Gorillas boxed Old Glory, 68-40, to successfully launch District 17-B play.

Buddy Tredemeyer led Old Glory with 16 points.

Old Glory won the girls game, 37-31, as Peggy Pringle pumped through 23 points. Delores Barnes led Trent with 19.

OLD GLORY (40) Levertt 6-2; 14; Tredemeyer 6-4-16; Bowles 3-0-6; Lawson 1-1-3; Jennings 0-1-1; TOTALS 16-8-40.

TRENT (68) Lawlis 0-3-3; Barnes 4-2-10; Lanning 5-5-15; Swinney 4-0-8; Kegan 7 6 20; Healy 4 1 9; Kiser 1 0 2; Tittle 0 1 1; TOTALS 25-18-69.

Tax Collector To Be In Area

Burl King, Taylor County Tax Assessor - Collector, will be in the area on Jan. 9, 10, 11 for the convenience of the taxpayers.

On Jan. 9 he will be at the Home State Bank in Trent and on Jan. 10, 11 he will be at the Merkel City Hall. Hours each day will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Poll taxes may also be paid at this time and according to Mrs. Flossie McKeever, Merkel City Secretary, they may be paid at the Merkel City Hall all during the month of January.



PVT. G. DURAN ... ends course



PVT. KENNETH HANCOCK ... course completed

2 From Merkel Complete Course

CAMP PEDLETON, Calif. (FHTNC) — Marine Pvt. G. Duran, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Duran, Jr. of 100 Lois St., Merkel,

Anson Beats Merkel, 61-57

Led by Mike Blackman with 20 and Larry Cox with 19, the Anson Tigers thumped Merkel, 61-57, here Tuesday night.

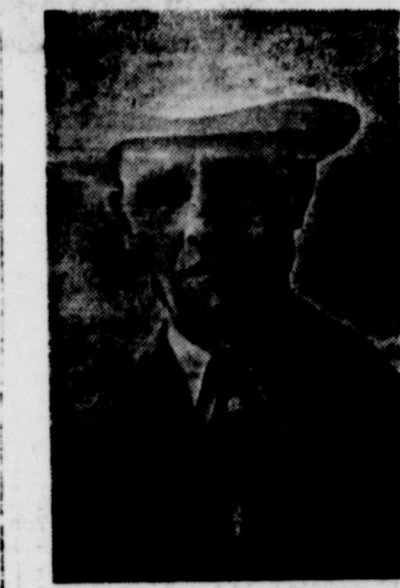
Merkel had two similar but lower scorers, James Bible with 18, and Roger Moore with 17.

In the girls' game, Anson won 50-40, led by Linda Bennett with 27. June Orvas was high for Merkel with 18.

Tex., and Marine Pvt. Kenneth D. Hancock son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hancock, also of Merkel, completed the four-week individual combat training course, Dec. 22, at the Second Infantry Training Regiment, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Every new marine undergoes this training in combat formations, weapons, individual protection and fire and maneuver, supporting safe movement during day and night.

The training program emphasizes the teamwork and self-reliance required in assaulting a fortified position, combat in towns, vertical envelopment by helicopter and coordinating tank and infantry attacks.



JAKE McMILLON ... named to help



FLOYD TATE ... assists in drive

MERKEL MAN NAMED TO ASSIST IN DRIVE

Three Taylor County Commissioners were named Wednesday by Grover Nelson, chairman of the Taylor County Heart Association fund-raising drive to be held in February, to assist him in the campaign.

The co-workers will be Joe Cypert of Merkel, Jake McMillon of Lawn and Floyd Tate of Buffalo Gap.

Cypert is commissioner of Precinct 2, has lived in Taylor County 52 years, has been county commissioner for three years. He is a member of the Merkel Lions Club, president of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, was in the grocery business in Merkel. He and his wife, Maurine, have one son, Danny, 14. They are members of the Church of Christ.

McMillon is commissioner of Precinct 4. He has lived in Taylor County 46 years and has been county commissioner 10 years. He is a member of the South Taylor Lions Club. He and his wife,

VFW Auxiliary Has Yule Party

The Merkel V. F. W. Post 5683 held their annual Christmas party for members and families at the Post Home.

Needy families and their children were present for dinner served by the Auxiliary. Santa presented gifts and candy of the children.

The Post also gave groceries to needy families.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Tucker and children of Beaumont visited his grandmother, Mrs. Etta Tucker, en route to their home after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Tucker, of Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver and son, Jimmy, were weekend visitors in the home of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Oliver and children, of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Buford visited her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Allday of Lubbock, the first of the week.

Mrs. Burney White of Abilene attended funeral services for Mrs. L. P. Liles here the past week and visited in the Liles home.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Robertson had as holiday guests all their children and grandchildren Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sliger and daughters, Joan and Nancy of Pecos, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wigham and daughters, Dina and Pam, of Perryton, Mr. and Mrs. Zerk Robertson and children, Larry and Lynn, and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Robertson and son, Rusty, all of Abilene.

Mrs. Ada Higgins returned to her home here after visiting with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Lamb of Lovington, N. M., a son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Higgins and children, of Roswell, N. M., and at Clovis with her grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Etzel Farmer and sons, Billy and Ralph, of El Paso spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adren Farmer, and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Durlee Farmer and children.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Warford and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Roundtree, all of Lawn, were Sunday visitors in the home of their children, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walker, Jeff and Paul.



JOE CYPERT ... co-worker

Euna, have twin sons, Ronald and Donald, 17.

Tate is commissioner of Precinct 3. He lives at Buffalo Gap, has lived in Taylor County 55 years and has been a county commissioner for 17 years. He is a member of the South Taylor Lions Club, is vice president of the Old Settlers Reunion and a member of the Taylor County Welfare Board. He and his wife, Edna, live at Buffalo Gap. They have one son, Coy, 1602 Bridge St., Abilene. They are members of the Methodist Church.

Trent Wins Own Tourney

Jerry Barnes scored 27 points Thursday night to guide host Trent to a 64-26 success over Moran in the first round of the annual Trent Holiday tournament.

The victory boosted the Gorillas into the semifinal round against Robert Lee, which bounced the Merkel B team, 53-36.

The Trent and Robert Lee girl teams, also advanced into the semifinals in the other opening-day action. Trent, paced by Delores Barnes' 17 points, topped Moran, 43-30, and Robert Lee beat the Merkel B Team, 51-22.

Curtis Higginbotham's 23 points fueled Robert Lee to its first-round victory, and Charles Danheim paced Merkel with 14 points.

Fat Stock Show Slated At Trent

The FFA and 4-H Club of Trent will sponsor a fat stock show at the stock barn west of Trent Friday and Saturday, Jan. 5-6.

Rabbit and poultry judging will take place Friday at 4 p.m. The hog and cattle show will be held Saturday beginning at 9 p.m. There will be a total of 191 entries in the show.

Lunch, available on the grounds, will be provided by 4-H Club girls and their mothers.

Jersey Herd In Abilene Classified For Breed Type

The herd of registered Jerseys owned by R. A. Crowell and T. W. Colby of Abilene, has been classified for breed type by an official classifier of the American Jersey Cattle Club, Columbus, Ohio.

This herd now has one excellent, 23 very good and 15 good plus animals giving the herd an average score of 88.46 per cent. The ratings are based on an official score card which allows 100 points for the ideal Jersey animal.



ENDORSE THIS CHECK, PLEASE

Most people today have checking accounts. As negotiable instruments, checks allow you to transfer money easily.

Two main ways to negotiate checks: by delivery or by endorsement and, now and then, by assigning them.

For checks made out to "cash" or "bearer," delivery alone negotiates them. It's not a good idea to make out checks this way. Any holder can cash the check without endorsement—a thief, a finder or some other unauthorized person. A merchant, however, may still have you sign the check for identification.

You negotiate checks made out to named payees by endorsement. There are several kinds:

1. A blank endorsement: The endorser just signs his name, usually a poor idea. Anyone getting hold of it can negotiate it by delivery. As the endorser, you may have to pay if it bounces.

2. Special endorsements say who gets the money. On the check's back, you may write "pay to the order of John Jones," followed by your name. If Jones cashes it, he

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Reserved seats, Monday thru Thursday afternoon and Saturday morning, January 27, \$2.50 (Rows 1 thru 9) and \$2.00 (Rows 10 thru 15). All nights and Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoon, \$3.00 (Rows 1 thru 9) and \$2.50 (Rows 10 thru 15). Prices include admission to Stock Show Grounds. Send check or money order. Specify exact performance. Address mail orders to Southwestern Exposition and Fair Stock Show, P. O. Box 130, Fort Worth 1, Texas.

88th Livestock Exposition 10,000 HEAD FINE LIVESTOCK Ranch and Farm Show

Annual Stockholders' Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

That the annual meeting of the stockholders of Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said bank on the 9th day of January, 1962, at 7:00 P.M., for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

BOOTH WARREN, President

Rock 'n' Resp. Agronomists Conclude After 42-Year Study

Farmers who apply rock phosphate to increase crop yields are helping to build the soil's supply of phosphorus, as well, according to a long-term study conducted at the Oklahoma Experiment Station, Stillwater.

On a plot where 500 to 1,000 pounds of rock phosphate per acre was applied every four years, crop yields were as much as 30 per cent higher than fields on which no phosphorous fertilizer was applied. And the amount of available phosphorous in the top six-inch layer was almost 300 pounds per acre higher than the unfertilized area.

The fertilizer test program covered a 42-year span. A third showed an increase over the unfertilized plot, but results fell short of the rock phosphate area. Superphosphate was applied at the rate of 125 to 150 pounds per acre per year.

Crop yields of sorghum flax, for example, totaled 5,697 pounds per acre on the unfertilized plot; 6,843 on the superphosphate area and 8,035 pounds

per acre on the rock phosphate area. The phosphorous is found in soils from any of the



other two major plant nutrients, the build-up figures are particularly important. For available phosphorous, the three plots had analyses totals of 15, 86 and 314 pounds per acre respectively, while the total phosphorous contents were 383 pounds per acre in the unfertilized plot; 522 pounds in the superphosphate-treated area and 754 pounds in the section where rock phosphate was applied.

must sign it, a way to show that he got the check.

3. Some endorsements cut off further negotiations: You sign a check, "for deposit only" for collection only, "Pay to Joe White only." This means no further negotiation.

4. Qualified endorsement remove endorser's liability if the check bounces. Here you write "without recourse" on the check's back and sign your name.

When would you use such check? Suppose you are collecting funds for your club, a debt for a friend, or a business associate. The debtor makes out the check to you. You have no stake in the check; you just want to pass it on to its rightful owner. But you may have to endorse it, though you don't want to guarantee it. Should the check bounce after negotiation to other people you don't want to hold the bag as an endorser. The qualified endorser solves this problem.

5. A conditional endorsement limits the rights of the person getting the check. "Pay to the order of John Jones, upon completion of my home." It calls upon John Jones to honor this condition. But such an endorsement does not always work. Jones can still negotiate it or cash it at any store or bank. Only he is subject to the condition, not the store or bank. Such an endorsement may at least fix your rights between you and Jones.

When you endorse a check (except "without recourse"), you guarantee that it is good, even though the first maker may make a stop payment or deny that the reasons for making the check exist.

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

VETERANS INFORMATION

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q—May creditors seize proceeds of a GI insurance policy to get money owed them? My veteran husband owed a few bills at death which I fully intend to pay.

A—Proceeds of GI insurance policies are exempt by law from any claims of private creditors, they may not be seized nor attached to pay your husband's debts.

Q—Does the Veterans Administration administer the unemployment pay program?

A—No, unemployment benefits are administered by the U. S. Department of Labor through their offices in each of the 50 states. In addition, state offices of the U. S. Employment Service offer job finding assistance including counseling and placement where employment is available.

Q—My father, a World War II

veteran died recently from non-service-connected causes. Since I am not yet 18, what service requirements must my father have met to make me eligible for pension? A—Your father must have had at least 90 days service, part of which was between December 7, 1941, and December 31, 1946. He must have been discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. In addition, you must be unmarried as well as under 18.

Q—I was divorced from a veteran a short time ago. He is now in the hospital and is unable to make his payments to support our two children. Can I get VA payments toward the support of these children?

A—If your husband has more than a 30 percent service-connected disability, and if he is receiving compensation payments because of it, you should contact the nearest Veterans Administration office and discuss your case with representatives there.

gabby doodle from noodle says

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

It's mighty bad to start the New Year off on a sad note but a feller has got to put history down like it happens. U. S. Senator Beall of Maryland says it's now official that cows in England is giving more milk since dairymen has put television sets in their barns.

This one item, if it would stop there, ain't so bad. Fellers like me that can't afford but one television can still go out and set in the barn with the cows and enjoy the programs together. But this is part of a plot going on amongst them science fellers all over the world to undo what it has took nature a million years to work out.

The Japs is perfected a wingless chicken and the Russians is at work on a barkless dog. Here in this country we're working on a plan to git square eggs, and the next step, I reckon, will be to de-hoot the owl and de-whinny the horse.

But it's them Czechs that has

science fellers git through with it. It's a sad thought for 1962, almost as sad as them cartoons you see in all the papers showing a new-born baby with a 1962 halo around his head. The pore little feller don't know it but he's gitting it rough right from the start. They spanked him to git him breathing, then they stuck a \$1,800 assessment of the national debt on his head.

Well, Mister Editor, I got to quit now and go feed my pigs. I hear some of 'em grunting and that's a shore sign they is hungry. It could be that all the grunting makes their hams tough, and them science fellers is probably already working on a "harmonie" to de-grunt 'em afore another New Year.

Yours Truly, Gabby

of Mexia and Oscar Patterson of Wortham were here the past week to attend funeral services for Mrs. L. P. Liles. They visited in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hudson and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Patterson.

Larry, Mike and Diane of Slaton were recent visitors in the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hudson. Holiday visitors in the Hudson home were Mr. and Mrs. Lester Williams and Kathy of Abilene.

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MAY '62 BE A GOOD YEAR FOR YOU

The year just past turned out to be better than most people predicted and we hope 1962 will top 1961 in all respects for you and our community. Below we present our year-end Statement of Condition which reflects the general well-being of this area. We anticipate a continuation of growth and progress in the year ahead. Naturally a bank grows only as its community and the individuals in the community make financial progress. So if 1962 is a good year for you, it is a good year for us, too. We hope not only for you — we predict it!

And in the year ahead, remember the Farmers & Merchants National Bank is here for one purpose — to serve you for your financial progress and security. Come in often, use all of our services. Let us help you "Make '62 a good year for you."

STATEMENT OF CONDITION

Close of Business December 30, 1961.

RESOURCES

Table with 2 columns: Resource Name and Amount. Includes Loans, Overdrafts, Stock Federal Reserve Bank, Banking House, Furniture & Fixtures.

AVAILABLE CASH:

Table with 2 columns: Cash Item and Amount. Includes CCC Certificates of Interest, Cotton & Grain, Bills of Exchange, U. S. Gov't Bonds, Municipal Bonds & Warrants, Cash and Due from Banks.

LIABILITIES

Table with 2 columns: Liability Item and Amount. Includes Capital Stock, Surplus, Undivided Profits and Reserves, Dividend Payable Dec. 30, 1961, DEPOSITS.

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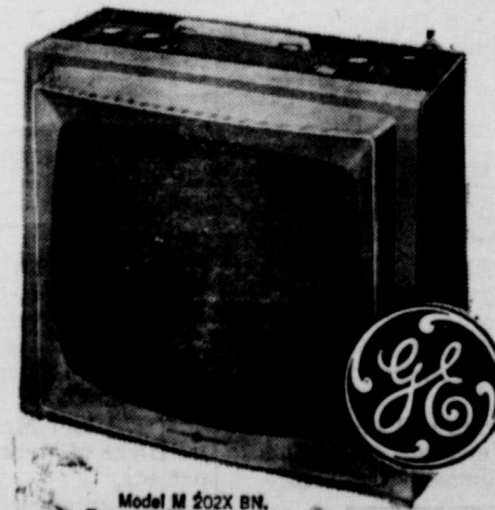


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SPECIALS FOR THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, JAN. 4, 5, 6

SNOWDRIFT

KIMBELL'S

COFFEE

GI ADIOLA

FLOUR 5-Lb. Bag

YELLOW BOW

APRICOTS

SNIDER'S

CATSUP

HORMEL

CHILI

HONEY BOY

SALMON



GOLDEN

BANANAS Lb. 10c

RUSSET

SPUDS Lb. 7c

CRISP

CARROTS Cello Bag 8c

CHOICE CALIFORNIA

ORANGES Lb. 15c

CRISP GREEN

CABBAGE Lb. 4c

3-Lb. Can **69¢**

Lb. **53¢**

49¢ 25-Lb. Bag **1.89**

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No. 2 Can **59¢**

Tall Can **69¢**

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3 Cans **25¢**

18-Oz. Jar **35¢**

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Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE

Visitors in the John Browning home during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning and children of Tuscola, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harris and John of Midland, the Rev. and Mrs. Jack Bedford and baby, Lonnie Harris, Ona Pence of Abilene and the Rev. O. B. Tatum of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. James Strong and Melinda Lee of Odessa spent Christmas with Mrs. J. E. Swindell and the Rev. and Mrs. Jess Swindell.

Holiday visitors in the home of Mrs. F. J. McDonald Jr. and children, Pat and George, were Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Burns and Martha of Jacksboro, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Harris and Cathy and Mrs. Mamie Hardie, all of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Burns, Judy and Sammie of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Beard, Jana and Larry of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns and Mrs. Nora McDonald.

Rose Mary Jones of Trent had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn, J. R., Brenda and Rodney.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dayton during the holiday were Capt. and Mrs. M. B. Moore and sons of Denver, Colo., Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Miller of Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dayton Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Givens, all of Abilene.

Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Babe Tarpley and children were Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Gregory of Denver City, Mr. and Mrs. Ino Gregory, Hobbs, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. Troy Gregory, Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gregory and Lisa of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Maxwell, D. V. and Starlene, Abilene, Rob Fincher of Merkel. Other visitors in the Tarpley home during the holidays were Mrs. Louise Gregory and Mrs. Bob Fincher Debbie and Jennie, all of Merkel.

Mrs. A. T. Powell and daughters of Odessa visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hudson. Wednesday visitors in the Hudson home were Mr. and Mrs.

March of Dimes Helps Dry Youngster's Tears of Pain

Anthony Ryan wasn't normally a crybaby. But at 10 months he began crying almost incessantly, and at times even screamed.

His loving parents in Philadelphia were nearly out of their minds. With four other small children, the household was pandemonium. No one appeared to know precisely what was causing the infant's dreadful paroxysms of pain.

Eight months and countless tears later, the cause of Anthony's agony was at last diagnosed as rheumatoid arthritis, seemingly afflicting every area of his tiny body.

It's 11 years now since Anthony was stricken. He will limp the rest of his life; he cannot play baseball today with the other boys in the block, and he is still in a great deal of pain. As a matter of fact, until just a short time ago he couldn't even turn his head.

Science has not yet licked the problem of Anthony and of thousands of children like him. There is still no simple, accurate test for the early diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis, although the outlook is hopeful. But many rheumatologists would agree today that had modern diagnostic tools been available to him, and had Anthony been examined immediately by a "team" of specialists in the medical and allied professions—the group of orthopedists, pediatricians, laboratory research scientists, physical therapists and others now available in March of Dimes-financed treatment centers in many parts of the nation—Anthony today might be skating with the other kids on the frozen pond at the bottom of Prince Circle where he lives.

Although much of the injury done to Anthony in past years is irreparable, doctors at a new arthritis treatment center at Philadelphia Children's Hospital, sponsored by five March of Dimes chapters in the area, check him regularly to ease his pain and avoid further damage. This same "team approach" is also employed by the ever-growing number of National Foundation-March of Dimes chapter-sponsored clinics for treatment of birth defects, another area in which the health organization is concentrating. Infants with any of hundreds of major birth defects are now examined by as many as 12 specialists at each clinic, working together as a team that might include a pediatrician, neurosurgeon, urologist, orthopedist and internist as well as others.

For instance, consider the perils from one birth defect



ON EAST COAST, Dr. John D. Bridgers, director of March of Dimes Arthritis Treatment Center at Children's Hospital, Philadelphia, examines Anthony Ryan, 12 years.



ON WEST COAST, identical twins Cathy and Carol Gile, 7 years, are greeted at March of Dimes Congenital Defects Clinic in University of Washington Hospital, Seattle.

that surrounded Cathy and Carol Gile, identical 8-year-old twins of Vancouver, Wash. From birth, the children have been seriously ill with a succession of maladies—pneumonia (each six times), ear infections (again, each six times) and other disorders which have meant prolonged hospitalization. Both were found to be afflicted with an inherited lack of antibodies, the substances in the blood which combat bacteria.

At the University of Washington Hospital, Seattle, where 86 March of Dimes chapters in Washington, Idaho and Alaska have financed a birth defects clinic, the attractive little girls twice monthly are given injections which literally keep them alive.

The Seattle "team" at the March of Dimes clinic watches over the twins devotedly. There are tens of thousands of Anthonys and Cathys and Carols in the United States today. One reason The National Foundation-March of Dimes turned to these diseases three years ago is that almost 700 babies are born each day in this country with significant birth defects, accounting for more than 21,000 deaths each year. Crippling rheumatoid arthritis affects 30,000 children and adolescents—apart from the overall toll of 11 million American victims of rheumatic diseases.

An increasing number of sufferers from these two cruel handicaps are receiving treatment from the specialist "teams" at March of Dimes-financed chapter clinics. As more funds become available, additional centers will be established to provide medical care for even more victims of chronic crippling disease.

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Turden from Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Berry of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Olin Potts and Sharon Beth of Anson were holiday guests in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones. On Christmas Day all were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Truett Jones of Cross Plains.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

CARD OF THANKS
We want to thank the men in the Trent and Merkel Volunteer Fire Departments and the Merkel city policemen for their splendid work the night our store burned. We are deeply grateful for all that they did.
Mr. and Mrs. Dub Carrier

FOR SALE — 1 F-20 Farmall tractor with cultivator planter. Bill Sandusky. 43-3tp

WANTED — A good reliable man to live in my farm house rent free to care for a few head of sock and check fences. Will be paid by my son for tractor work or any field labor. See me at an early date. Mrs. E. A. Click, Lois Street, City. 43-3tc

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

LET'S MAKE AMERICA LITTER CONSCIOUS!

By MRS. CLYDE BINGHAM
This litter problem is not a new one. The first reported protest against litter in public places appeared in a Boston newspaper in 1784. Following an Independence Day celebration, an editorial in the Boston Post commented that the dirt, filth and clutter left behind by the crowd created a public nuisance and a health menace. Now, nearly 200 years later we are still fighting the "battle of the litter. No one has found the magic formula to cure the problem—but there are many working on the project.

The three principal objectives of this program are: (1) to create a public awareness of litter (2) to stimulate public participation in cleaning up existing litter (3) to prevent future litter by education, public opinion, pressure and law enforcement.

In this campaign YOU hold the key to its success. Personally practice the habits of anti-litter, and preach the value of anti-litter at every opportunity. Carry a litterbag in your car at all times and empty it in a proper place. Keep your lawn, home grounds and business places neat. It will encourage others to do likewise. An old phrase says:

4-H Gives Fruit

The Merkel Junior and Senior 4-H Club girls prepared a box of fruit for patients in the Rest Home. Officers of the clubs took the gift to the Home.

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Children home alone, the youngest ones especially, would be helpless to escape if fire should strike while you're away.

This tragedy happens every day and actually is the cause of one out of every three child fire deaths.

Never leave small children alone. Even if it is necessary to leave the home for only a few minutes ask a neighbor to stay with the children. And whenever you must go out for a longer time, leave the children in the care of a lady neighbor who not only has been told what to do in case of fire but who is also physically and mentally capable of carrying out such instructions.

DON'T GIVE FIRE A PLACE TO START!

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WANTED — Pasture for sheep. Lease basis or on halves. Write to Box 428, Merkel. 18-tfc.

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Abilene, Texas Phone OR 3-8881

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FOR RENT — Good late model typewriters. Tel. 246-M after 5 p.m. 25-tfc.

FOR RENT — Apartments with utilities paid. Rooms, weekly or monthly rates. Merkel Hotel. Phone 107. 36-tfc.

FOR RENT — Large 5-room unfurnished house at 312 Edwards. \$45 per month. Call Robert Smith at 49-J after 5 p. m. Anytime Saturdays and Sundays. 38-tfc.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: William Donald Roots, Defendant. Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County at the Court-house 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 5th day of February A. D. 1962, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 25th day of September A. D. 1961, in this cause, numbered 9579-B on the docket of said court and styled Mary Martha Roots, Plaintiff, vs. William Donald Roots, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: plaintiff and defendant were married on the 7th day of September, 1957 and became permanently separated on the 25th day of August, 1961.

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.

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 the 19th day of December A. D. 1961. (Seal)

Attest: R. H. ROSS, Clerk
104th District Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Irene Crawford, Deputy 42-4t

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:*

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:*

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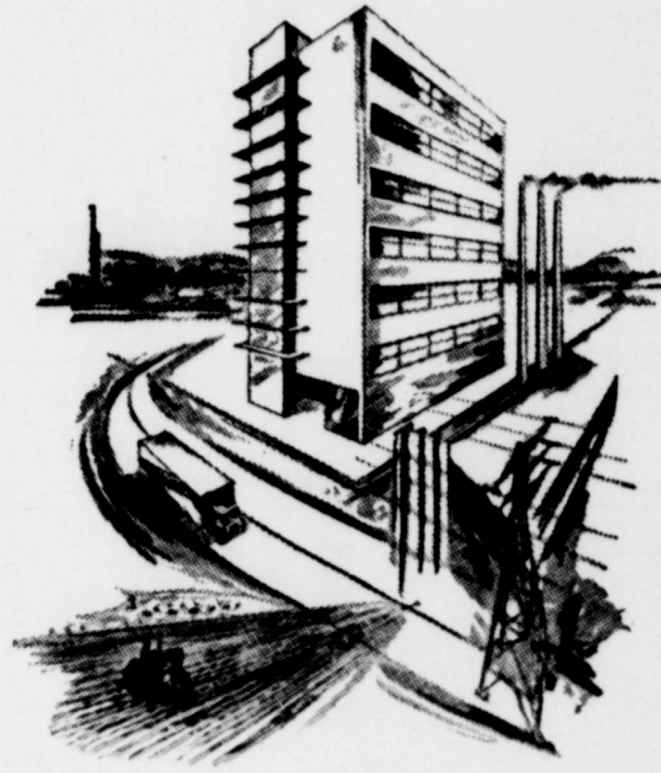
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Highlights AND Sidelights

by Vern Sanford

AUSTIN, Tex. — "Escheat" is a word you'll hear often during the next 30 days.

With the fourth session of the 57th Legislature under way the most important item on the agenda is "escheat." Governor Price Daniel called this third special session because he believes the more than 1,500 banks and savings and loan associations should be sub-

ject to escheat. But just what is "escheat?" It's a process as ancient as Roman history; written in Old England's feudal law; described by Webster as, "Reversion of land to the crown, or to the state in the United States, by failure of persons legally entitled to hold same." Escheat provisions were incor-

republic of Texas, and enacted as a state statute in 1885.

Texas law always has stated that when anybody dies without heirs, or disappears and can't be found, his property shall be turned over to the state, after seven years. But the law has lacked a provision by which persons or institutions holding property of missing persons were required to report it.

Governor Daniel started pushing for a revision three years ago, and last summer the Legislature finally passed a reporting provision. But the bankers have fought it long and successfully. They are still exempt from the reporting law, although all other businesses and public agencies must comply.

During the interim between legislative sessions, a special house committee has been investigating enforcement of escheat laws applicable to banking institutions. Committee discovered that much of the \$4,000,000 escheatable accounts lying dormant in Texas banks is being dissipated through service charges and recommended that:

1. The Legislature add banking institutions to the escheat enforcement law without delay, and require banks to advertise for lost owners after seven years.
2. That this matter receive prompt attention in the January session, because the committee estimates a year's delay would mean the loss of \$1,000,000 through the procedure of service charges on accounts that don't require service.
3. That the committee keep on working to see if there are any other considerations which should be brought to the attention of the 58th Legislature.

LOAN SHARK LEGISLATION — Although the Governor hasn't said he'll introduce loan legislation at the special session, it's considered a safe bet that the uproar over "loan shark" practices of sky-high interest rates will prompt him to place this issue on the January agenda.

The Legislative Council had a heated debate, and voted 9-2 to commend a loan bill backed by Representative Criss Cole of Houston.

Cole's bill sets a 10 per cent ceiling on interest to be charged on loans.

A lender would be able to charge more than 10 per cent on loans under \$1,500 only if he got a state license, paying \$200 for investigation and \$200 a year license fee. To get the license, he'd have to hold \$15,000 in liquid assets for each loan office, and post a \$20,000 surety bond, plus \$5,000 for each branch plus the \$200 annual fee for each office.

Cole's bill calls for creation of a Consumer Finance Commission which would examine each lender's books annually, at the expense of the lender.

Interest charges would be limited to: 10 per cent per annum on the amount of cash advance; plus a "service and availability charge" of 3-4th of one per cent per month for each \$1 of the first \$400 of the loan on loans over \$100.

On loans under \$100, the charge would be \$1 for each \$5 borrowed, with at least 15 days to be allowed to repay each \$5 of the loan.

If excessive charges are made, the lender would have no right to collect principal or charges, and would be fined from \$100 to \$1,000, and confinement to the county jail as long as six months.

The dissenting votes in the Legislative Council were from Senator Charles Herring of Austin, who calculates the minimum rate on loans of \$1,500 to be 45 per cent, and Rep. Don Kennard of Fort Worth, who figures a \$5 loan for 15 days would cost the bor-

ger the Cole bill.

TOURIST BOOSTERS REACH 1,000 — The 600 who decided to organize a Texas Tourist Council at the November "Texans for Tourists" conference here, have swollen to an estimated 1,000. They will gather in Austin on January 10 for the first Council meeting.

After the group approves a constitution, it will host a "dutch lunch" for all representatives and senators.

Luncheon will feature a presentation urging that money be made available from the General Fund to the Texas Highway Department for tourist advertising purposes.

W. Price Jr., chairman of the Tourist Council's executive committee, writes, "We have every reason to believe that the Governor will submit in his call appropriations for the tourist attraction program before our meeting on January 10."

Earlier, the committee estimated that \$3,000,000 would be needed from General Revenue to get the advertising program underway. The Council hopes to augment this amount with \$2,000,000 in private subscriptions.

PRESIDENTIAL TASK FORCE — National interest in Texas' program of work with the mentally retarded resulted in the appointment of Charles S. Eskridge, director of the Division of Special Education of the Texas Education Agency, to the President's Task Force Committee on Education and Rehabilitation.

Eskridge will serve with physicians, scientists, educators and rehabilitation specialists selected from other sections of the country.

Approximately 5,000,000 Americans are mentally retarded, of whom four per cent reside in institutions at an annual cost of almost \$300,000,000.

The Texas Education Agency has been notably successful in a cooperative school-work program of local school education of mentally retarded children between the ages of six and 17.

HOUSING FOR THE AGED —

for those men and women among Texas' 745,000 old folks who need either specially - built small homes, apartments priced within their limited incomes or institutions that offer nursing care, the Governor's Committee on Aged has prepared a guide to federal building programs.

Guidebook outlines procedures and requirements for obtaining building loans from seven federal agencies, some of which are virtually unknown to the average citizen or organization.

Response has been so great that the original order of 3,000 copies is just about depleted. Committee Chairman Senator Crawford C. Martin has ordered a second printing.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Henry had as guests for the Christmas holidays their children, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Derden and sons, Gary and Lynn of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brunson and sons, Timmy, Ronny and Darryl of Lawton, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ramsey of Sacramento, Calif.

Hospital Apprentice James Scott Arnold, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Arnold is home on leave from the Navy. He will report to U. S. Navy Hospital, San Diego, Calif., Jan. 5 for corpsman school.

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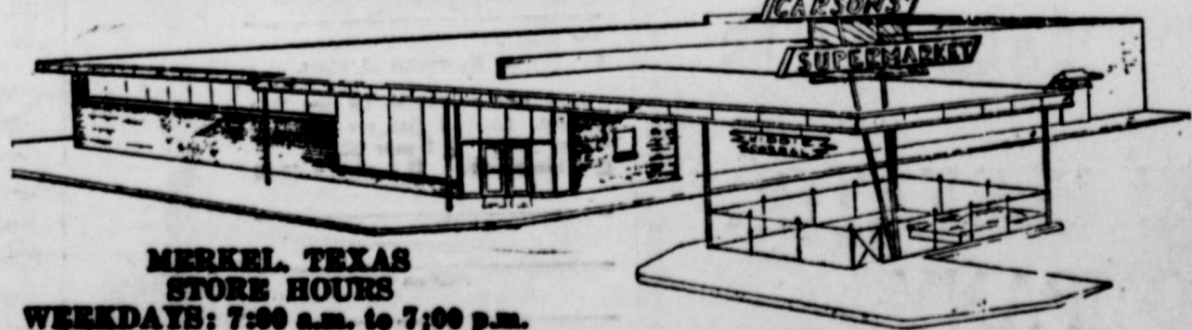
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