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ONIS CRAWFORD BUYS BRAGG'S MEN'S SIDE

Onis Crawford, former Merkel Chamber of Commerce manager, has purchased the Men's Wear and Shoe Department in Bragg's Dry Goods Co., according to an announcement this week by Mrs. Dee Grimes, co-owner and manager. The sale was effective Jan. 27. Crawford moved from Merkel to Dalhart in 1956 where he has

been Chamber of Commerce manager since that time. Before going into C-C work he was in the dry goods business in Hamlin and Stamford for ten years.

Helping him in the store will be his wife, the former Lucina Morris of Hamlin, and his son, Jimmy, 16. Other children of the couple are Robert, 12, and Mignon, 9. The family live at 1413 Stewart St. and are members of the First Baptist Church.

Bragg's located for many years on the corner of Edwards and North First Streets before it was moved to its new location at 213 Edwards St., is the oldest store in Merkel. It was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg some 45 years ago when it was known as Woodruff - Bragg.

Mrs. Grimes, who will continue to operate the ladies' wear side of the store, expressed her appreciation to her former customers in the men's department and said she hoped they would continue to trade with the new management. Crawford said he will add to the stock and carry a full line of top quality merchandise, in both men's wear and the shoe department.

NEWS BRIEFS

Farris and Katie Neill Frosty Winter and Tom McAninch of Merkel have entered eight Fat Lambs in the Junior Division in the 1962 Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo. The show will be held Feb. 21 through March 4.

Visitors in Mrs. Charlie West's home Jan. 25 to wish her a happy birthday included the following: Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason, Mrs. Homer Finch, Mrs. Stuard Mrs. Jay Greenfield, Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Head, Mrs. Sam Swann Mrs. A. R. Booth, Mrs. Emma Wheelley, Mrs. Ada Higgins Mrs. W. A. McCandless and Mrs. Junior Clark.

Leroy Shafer of Trent Texas, has entered one steer and one hereford in the Junior Division in the 1962 Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo.

There was quite a scurry around here Sunday when a load of clothes caught fire in a dryer at the coin operated laundry next door to the Merkel Mail. Cause of the fire was said to have been nylon clothing, according to Marion P. Rice, owner of the laundry. The M.M. on-the-spot photographer managed to take two pictures of fireman Chester McWilliams extinguishing the blaze. Unfortunately, it was learned later that the camera was empty. Inefficiency in the photography department, so it seems.

This is "National Salesmen Week" so lets all be nice to those hard-working, joke-telling, come-at-the-wrong-time individuals known as the salesmen. Give them (especially the newspaper ad salesman) a little of your valuable time — you can make up for it next week.

FM Road Contract To Cage Brothers

A contract for 5.2 miles of construction on F. M. 613 in Taylor County has been awarded to a San Antonio firm, it was announced in Austin this week by the State Highway Commission.

Cage Brothers submitted the low bid of \$281,296 on the project. Rebuild grading, structures, base and surfacing from F. M. 707 to Buffalo Gap is expected to take 135 working days, according to J. C. Roberts District Highway Engineer at Abilene.

C. W. Westbrook, Resident Engineer at Abilene will be in active charge of the project while it is under construction.

(For additional information concerning this project, please contact C. W. Westbrook, Resident Engineer, Texas Highway Department, Abilene, Texas.)

Moreno Passes Physical Test

GONSENHEIM, Germany (AHTNC) — Pfc Hijino G. Moreno, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Moreno, 102 Lois St. Merkel, recently passed the Army's new physical combat proficiency test in Germany.

The test based on skills which require agility, coordination, strength and endurance, is designed to evaluate a soldier's physical capabilities and to determine whether an individual possess the stamina which would be needed on a battlefield.

The 19-year-old soldier, a driver in the 8th Infantry Division's 16th Transportation Company in Gonsenheim, entered the Army in January 1960 and completed basic training at Fort Riley, Kan. He attended Merkel High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker visited last week in El Paso with their son, Jimmy and his family, Jimmy, enroute to Austin, accompanied them home.

Trent Firemen Express Thanks

The Trent Volunteer Fire Department expressed their appreciation this week for the wonderful response to the dinner held in their behalf Sunday, January 28 in Trent.

Proceeds from the dinner will be used to buy needed equipment for the new department which held open house Saturday.

Vita Ross, fire chief, expressed special appreciation for his organization of the people of Merkel and other surrounding towns for their gifts, to those who donated food and to the ladies who worked in the kitchen and brought the pies and cakes served for dessert.

Cage Tournament Here Feb. 1, 2, 3

Merkel freshmen boys will host a basketball tournament Feb. 1, 2 and 3 in the high school gym, according to Coach Bob Byerly.

Games will start each day at 4:30 p.m. with the first game played Thursday to be between Anson and Roscoe. Merkel's first game will be at 3:5 p.m. Thursday when they meet Baird.

Teams to participate include Merkel, Anson, Roscoe, Baird Hamlin, Hawley, Colorado City and Stamford.

MRS. PINCKLEY HONORED ON HER 80TH BIRTHDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett Pinckley honored his mother, Mrs. J. S. Pinckley, with a dinner on her 80th birthday Saturday, Jan. 27.

The table was laid with a pink cloth and centered with a decorated birthday cake.

The honoree wore a pink corset presented to her by her granddaughters, Sue Pinckley and Judy Castle.

Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Collins of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Otha Castle, Perryton.



WINNER — Linda Gail Perkins is winner in Noodle-Horn High School in the 1962 Betty Crocker Search for the American Homemaker of Tomorrow. She achieved the highest score in the examination on homemaking and attitudes taken by senior girls Dec. 5. She became eligible now along with winners in other state high schools, for the title of State Homemaker of Tomorrow.



COWGIRL SWEETHEART — Mrs. Walter Earl (Barbara) Whisenhunt is shown on her quarterhorse filly, Miss Boots, which she will ride in the grand entry of the rodeo at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth Saturday night, Feb. 3, as Merkel's cowgirl sweetheart, Mrs. Whisenhunt, who has participated in rodeos throughout the area for the past 10 years, is a member of the West Texas Barrel Racing Association and the Brush Stompers Riding Club. She is being sponsored in the rodeo by the Merkel Chamber of Commerce.

Motorists Urged To Get Stickers Before April 15

The Director of the Texas Department of Public Safety Col. Homer Garrison Jr., today urged motorists to secure their 1962 vehicle inspection stickers as soon as possible prior to the April 15 deadline.

After that date, hevciles not displaying the new inspection sticker will be operating in violation of the law and the operators of those vehicles will be subject to arrest, he said.

Garrison said approximately half of the inspection period has expired and only about one-fourth of the vehicles in the state have been inspected. Unless the number of inspections is increased appreciably soon, he added, long waiting lines will be forming at inspection stations as the April 15 deadline approaches.

"There are some 4,809 authorized inspection stations in the state and they are ready and capable of handling the inspection of all vehicles without delay if owners of the uninspected vehicles do not wait until the last few days before the deadline," Garrison said.

He pointed out that vehicles inspected so far this year have fewer defects than have ever been noted heretofore. He said vehicle defects contributing to motor vehicle accidents in Texas is the lowest in the history of the state.

School Nurse Is P-TA Speaker

Mrs. Thomas Whitt, newly appointed school nurse, presented a film on "Related Health Standards" for the Merkel P-TA meeting Thursday night in the high school auditorium.

Mrs. Whitt, whose duties also include student instruction and welfare along with her duties as school nurse for eight schools in the area, told the group that "enjoying good health is more important than merely being healthy."

Leon Walker, principal of the elementary school, gave the invocation. Mrs. T. I. Hewitt, vice president presided at the business session.

The next meeting will be Feb. 15 in the school auditorium.

Band Club Sets Pancake Supper

The Merkel Band Booster Club will sponsor a pancake supper Feb. 10 in the school cafeteria.

Serving hours will be from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Price of tickets will be 50 cents for all you can eat. They may be purchased in advance from band students or club members.

Joe Cypert Reelected Head Of Merkel C-C

Joe Cypert was reelected president of the Chamber of Commerce at a meeting of the directors held Thursday morning in the C-C office.

Other officers named were Jack South, reelected vice president, and Mrs. Almada Bullock secretary-treasurer.

Other directors are David Gamble, Earl Hughes, Ray Wilson, Paul Woods Bobby DuBose and Mrs. W. T. Sadler.

Officers will be installed at the annual banquet which will be held Thursday night Feb. 22, in the school cafeteria. Tickets for this event, which will feature Delbert Downing, manager of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, as speaker will be on sale in the near future for \$1.50 each.

District WSCS Meet Feb. 2, 3 At Butman Camp

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Abilene District Methodist Churches is planning its annual district retreat at Camp Butman for Feb. 23.

The theme of this year's retreat will be "Jesus Is Lord."

Mrs. Cecil Mathews of Lubbock, jurisdictional secretary of spiritual life, will be principal speaker. Also speaking will be Mrs. Charles Bailey, a marriage counselor, from the First Christian Church in Ballinger.

Registration will begin at 9:15 a.m. Feb. 2 and closes with the noon meal Feb. 3.

First Aid Class Scheduled Here

The Merkel Civil Defense chapter will offer a first aid class here beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, in the old West Texas Utilities Co. building at 921 North Second, according to Fred Starbuck, civil defense director.

Meetings will be held at 7 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. The only expense involved will be a 75 cent charge to the Red Cross for the "Monval" which is the text for the course.

The Standard first aid course will be taught and those completing it will receive the Standard first aid card. Instructors will be Bob Godwin and W. G. Reed, both of Merkel.

Anyone interested in the class are asked to contact Goodwin or Reed as early as possible. The course will include practical first aid for the home or business which will be of value to all.

Merkel Youth Shows Champ

Del Davis of Merkel has shown the reserve champion Hereford steer of the Junior Show of the 1962 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show held Jan. 26 through Feb. 4.

Significance of the honor is underscored by the fact that 5,397 cattle, sheep and swine—topping last year's record total—were entered in this year's show. The entry list in all departments neared 10,000.

New Car Tags On Sale Here

Vehicles may be registered at the Merkel City Hall from Feb. 1 to March 1 according to Mrs. Flossie W. McKeever, city secretary.

Office is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday. Persons purchasing the car tags are requested to bring their car title and license receipts.

F & M BANK DEPOSITS AT ALL-TIME HIGH

Deposits in the Merkel Farmers & Merchants National Bank have reached an all-time high, according to figures released this week by Booth Warren, president. The local bank deposits have increased more than \$450,000 since January 1, 1962 for the new high of \$4,280,769.45.



EUDORA HAWKINS files for Legislature

Abilene Woman Is Candidate For Legislature

Eudora Hawkins of Abilene has formally announced her candidacy for the Texas Legislature, 84th District, Place 1, subject to action of the Democratic Party primary election May 5.

Miss Hawkins recently retired after 31 years with the West Texas Utilities Company the latter years in the Public Service Department, working with clubs and service and civic organizations over West Texas.

A native of Austin, Miss Hawkins has lived in Taylor County for 31 years.

Jones County HD Clubs Have Meet

Jones County Home Demonstration Clubs met Jan. 17 in the county agent's office in Anson for the first meeting of the year.

Mrs. H. H. Windham, beginning her second year as chairman, presided. Mrs. Cal McAninch acted as secretary in the absence of Mrs. Homer Hutot.

Twenty-five members and six visitors were present, with eleven clubs giving reports.

Mrs. Mary Newberry, county HD agent, gave a talk on the three main objectives of council for the benefit of new members. The standing rules of council were read by the secretary and were accepted with one amendment concerning number present to have a kurozum since there are two clubs less than in the past.

Mrs. Noel Weaver, county T. H. D. A. chairman told the group that all contributions to the All-Faith Chapels can be sent to Tom Johnson, Bx 7883, University Station, Austin.

Nominees for new T. H. D. A. chairman are to be brought to council next time as Mrs. Weaver's term expires this summer. Also nominees will be brought, from which delegates will be elected to the district meeting to be held in Wichita Falls April 19 at Midwestern University.

Joyce Returns To Germany

2nd Lt. Larry E. Joyce, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest C. Joyce, 1514 Josephine Sweetwater, is a member of the 8th Division's 1st Battle Group, 18th Infantry, which recently returned to its home station in Mannheim, Germany, after some four months of bolstering the Allied garrison in West Berlin.

A platoon leader in the 19th's Company B, he was last stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., and arrived overseas in February of last year.

The lieutenant is a 1956 graduate of Merkel High School and a 1960 graduate of Hardin-Simmons University. His wife Gail, is with him in Germany.

Merkelite's Son Enlists In AF

Robert N. Touchstone, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Touchstone, 508 Locust Merkel, enlisted in the Air Force on Jan. 15, according to S-Sgt. Sid Harp of the Air Force Recruiting Office Abilene.

Touchstone, a 1961 graduate of Texas Tech College, is taking his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio. Upon completion of basic training he will be assigned to one of the Air Force Technical Training bases for training in the General Field.

Basketball News

Merkel-Roscoe

The Merkel Badgers pulled from behind here Friday night, Jan. 26, to trip the Roscoe Ploshboys, 55-46, in District 6-A competition.

Merkel now has a 3-1 conference record, and Roscoe stands 2-2.

Warren Haney was high for Roscoe with 19, and James Bible was high for Merkel with 19.

Roscoe was ahead until just at the end of the third quarter, when the Badgers pulled ahead by one point, then zipped ahead during the final quarter to win by 9 points.

Roscoe won the B game, 45-31. High man for Roscoe was Claude Jones with 15. High for Merkel was Charles Dinneham with 11.

ROSCOE — Wash 4 6 16; McLeod 2 2 6; Graham 1 1 3; Haney 7 5 19; Young 1 0 2. Total 15 16 46.

MERKEL — Bible 7 5 19; Doan 3 0 6; Mansfield 3 1 7; Moore 4 5 13; Scott 2 3 7; Higgins 1 1 3. Total 20 15 55.

Merkel-Wylie

Merkel rolled past Wylie, 55-40, here Tuesday night, Jan. 23 to improve its District 6-A record to 2-1. Wylie is 0-2.

David Scott's 16 paced Merkel but Tommy Hollowell scored 17 for Wylie.

Doris Glenn's 24 points led the Wylie girls to a 48-39 triumph. June Owens of Merkel was high in the game with 28.

MERKEL (55): Bible 6 1 13; Dogin 1 1 3; Mansfield 4 0 8; Moore 5 2 12; Scott 8 0 16; Higgins 9 4 4. Total 24 8 55.

WYLIE (40): Hollowell 5 7 17; House 3 4 10; Boyd 1 0 2; McMahon 1 3 5; Raughton 1 4 6; Totals 11 18 40.

MERKEL 11 25 49 53

WYLIE 8 19 20 40

Trent-Noodle

Trent with three starters hitting in double figures, ran its District 17-B record to 5-2 Thursday night, Jan. 25 by clipping Noodle, 60-53.

Jerry Barnes paced the Trent attack with 22 points, and Eugene Kegans and John Swinney added 16 and 11 respectively. Darrell Ueckert led Noodle with 24 points, and Carol Spurgeon had 12.

Caron Carter's 43-point output paced the Noodle girls to a 71-65 victory in the preliminary game. Barbara Mcaninch was high for Trent with 26 points.

NOODLE (53) — Enslay 3 0 6; Ueckert 10 4 24; Adams 4 1 9; Spurgeon 6 0 12; Campbell 1 0 2; Totals 24 5 53.

TRENT (60) — Lawlis 3 1 7; Barnes 10 2 22; Lanning 1 0 2; Swinney 4 3 11; Kegans 7 2 16; Healy 1 0 2; Totals 26 8 60.

NOODLE 15 24 41 53

TRENT 17 37 48 60

Trent-Old Glory

Trent, behind the 18-point scoring of Eugene Kegans, banded down the Old Glory Pirates, 51-44, at Old Glory last Tuesday night in a District 17-B encounter.

Alden Lowack of Old Glory was the game's high scorer however, with 21.

Peggy Pringle's 22 points led the Old Glory girls past Trent, 50-48.

TRENT (51): aBrnes 5 5 15; Thwils 2 0 4; Lanning 0 1 1; Swinney 3 6 12; Kegans 8 2 18; Heathy 0 1 1. Totals 19 13 51.

OLD GLORY (44): Leverett 4 3 11; Tredemeyer 1 5 7; Boles 2 1 5; Lowack 8 5 21. Totals 15 14 44.

Noodle-Lueders

Noodle edged Lueders, 58-57 at Noodle Tuesday night behind Darrell Ueckert's 23 points. Bob Wylie counted 20 for Lueders.

The win evened Noodle's District 17-B mark at 3-3 and left Lueders at 0-6.

Lueders won the girls game 64-22.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Baylor Amason of Graham visited in the home of his father, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Doan of Bellflower, Calif., were guests in the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Scott last week.

CEMETERY FUND

The following persons made contributions to the Merkel Cemetery Association fund:
Jno. R. West
Ada Mae Johnson.

Garden Club Hears Panel On "Herbs"

The Merkel Garden Club met Thursday in the home of Mrs. W. S. J. Brown with Mrs. Dee Grimes co-hostess.

panel, composed of Mrs. Johnny Cox, Mrs. S. D. Gamble, Mrs. Rex Reddell and Mrs. C. D. Bingham discussed "Culinary, Aromatic and Medicinal Herbs."

Christine Collins and Mrs. Gamble discussed planting of trees on the elementary school grounds on Arbor Day.

Three new members were introduced. Mrs. Raymond Ferguson, Mrs. Mary Click and Mrs. W. L. Brown.

Others present were Meses. Carroll Benson, Bingham, Collins, Cox Mack Fisher Odell Freeman, Gamble, Robert Hicks, John Hughes, Dale Litton, Eunice Massey A. H. McElmurray, Reddell, Herbert Patterson W. T. Sadler, John Shannon Charley Sherrill, and Williams.

Next meeting will be Feb 1 in the home of Mrs. H. N. Odum, 512 Locust St. when Mrs. Shannon will be co-hostess.



BETTY J. RICHARDSON
... homemaker winner

Merkel Winner In Contest Told

Betty Jo Richardson is winner in Merkel High School in the 1962 Betty Crocker Search for the American Homemaker of Tomorrow. She achieved the highest score in the examination on homemaking knowledge and attitudes taken by senior girls Dec. 5. She becomes eligible now along with winners in other state high schools for the title of State Homemaker of Tomorrow.

The girl named State Homemaker of Tomorrow is provided a \$1,500 scholarship by General Mills, sponsor of the program. The state runnerup will receive a \$500 scholarship.

In addition, the State Homemaker of Tomorrow and her school advisor will join with their state winners in an expense-paid educational tour of New York City, Washington, D. C., and Colonial Williamsburg, Va. At the latter, the 1962 All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow will be named.

The national winner will have her scholarship raised to \$5,000 with second, third and fourth place winners being granted scholarships of \$4,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000 respectively.

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HISTORY OF WILLS

Courts see that your intention or "will" as to property is carried out after you die. Before then you may revoke or change it any time.

The passing of property to heirs is one of man's oldest transactions. As far back as the Egyptian, Assyrian and Jewish civilizations, we have wills written and witnessed on papyrus, clay tablets, etc. In one will an early testator left some of his property to his wife and named a guardian for his children.

The Hammurabi code (2100 B. C.) permitted a father by deed to favor his son.

Under early Roman law the head of a house could tell the patrician assembly his wishes, but later Roman law favored a written will to keep the testator's plans secret until death. I also favored having a firm record of his wishes, not resting on memory.

By 2100 A. D. England, where we got our law of wills, was quite well advanced: The church courts (like our probate courts) supervised disposition of property according to a "testament" of how the testator wanted his property to go.

Church courts supervised personal property (movables like armor or personal effects); land was passed on by wills which the King's court handled. Hence today we speak of "last will and testament" since English courts came to pass on both real and personal property, so that one court could handle the whole estate.

English church courts had "executors" who carried out one's testament. To die "intestate" (without a testament) was almost like dying unconfessed. Sometimes the church in the interests of a man's soul could give some of the man's goods to others besides his family. Then, as now, some prop-

gabby doodle from noodle says:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

A teller in town was telling me yesterday he's got a teen age grandson that claims to be a "shook up" condition most of the time. This teller says he can spot the symptoms of the disease in his grandson real easy, but he can't got no idea what causes it. The boy told him that teen agers usually gets shook up following a "delightful disaster."

I don't know what's going to happen to this country with such bobby hatch attack going on amongst our younguns. When taxes and inflation finally get 'em in the next generation, I reckon they'll cad it a "splendid panic" or "comfortable starvation."

If delightful disasters can get a feller shook up, some of the news items lately has been mostly of the shook up variety.

For instance, I see the Army now owns 8,000 miles of rope, enough to stretch across the country twice. They bought it during the last war and now they can't use it and they can't sell it. They're paying \$200,000 a year for storage space on it. If that feller will dig a little deeper he'll probably find about 30,000 miles of red tape tied round the rope. And he'll probably uncover a couple milennial opticians that's in hte rope business.

It ain't been too long ago that I saw where one Government agency bought 50 million pounds of some sort of surplus material for 87 cent a pound and sold it to the Army for 35 cent a pound. I reckon the War Department was mighty glad to get wholesale like that. The fact that the taxpayers lost 41 million dollars on the deal don't worry them fe-

erty had to be left to the surviving wife and children.

By the time of the American colonies, the laws were well settled, and law courts, rather than church courts administered and distributed estates here.

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to a rancher or farmer. The piece didn't deduct nothing fer depreciation or upkeep and I ain't starting no argument with my old lady on the subject. And a piece here says the Retail Clothiers Association is "featuring jet blues, atomic greys, rocket browns, and cosmic greens" fer men's clothes this winetr. It was mighty thoughtful of 'em not to include "calamity black."

Yours truly,
Gabby

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HOME DEMONSTRATION NOTES

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent

Taylor County Home Demonstration Council met Thursday with representatives from all clubs. Officers for the new year are Mrs. Edgar Holly Chairman, Mrs. Charlesmith, Vice-Chairman Mrs. Manse Mitchell secretary and Mrs. ol-

man Hamon, Treasurer. Mrs. Holly announced the following committees for another year.
I. Finance
Chairman—
1. Mrs. B. J. Gist — Route 1, Abilene, Texas

2. Mrs. Herman Hamon — Goldsboro Texas
3. Mrs. Ethel Bowles — Route 5, Abilene, Texas
- II. Yearbook
Chairman —
1. Mrs. Frank Saling — Route 1 Tuscoia, Texas
2. Mrs. Harry Franklin — Route 2, Abilene, Texas
3. Mrs. J. A. Moore — 1001 Lillus St. Abilene, Texas
- III. Three E Committee
Chairman —
1. Mrs. R. E. Clemmer — Route 4, Merkel, Texas
2. Miss Mable McRee — Route 2 Merkel, Texas
3. Mrs. G. S. Billingsley — Lawn, Texas
4. Mrs. George Granthom — Rt. 1, Box 425, Abilene Texas
5. Mrs. L. A. Groene — Route 5, Abilene, Texas
- IV. Recreation
Chairman —
1. Mrs. Eldon Landers — 494 E.S. 11th St. Abilene, Tex.
2. Mrs. Roy Manahan — Route 5, Abilene, Texas
3. Mrs. Lance Smith — Lawn Texas
- V. 4 H
Chairman —
1. Mrs. Charles Smith
2. Mrs. Eldon Landers
3. Mrs. R. J. Griffith

These committees have met and worked on things they would like to recommend to the clubs to work on during the year. It seems the club women will be a busy group if they get all the things done as these committees have outlined for them.

How safe from bacteria is the sparkling clean family wash? While many bacteria can be killed in the washing machine, staph and other drug-resistant bacteria survive the warm, rather than boil hot, washing machine temperatures that most homemakers use.

The need to find a way to disinfect the home laundry—short of returning to the old method of boiling clothes—is particularly important for families who use coin-operated machines and for those with diseases caused by the staph bacteria Mrs. Elsie P. Short, extension home management specialist, reminds.

Two disinfectants which kill staph bacteria when added to wash water have been discovered following a three-year research project conducted by Dr. Ethel McNeil of the clothing and housing research division of the Department of Agriculture Mrs. Short said.

The disinfectants also can be used to disinfect bath tubs, floors and other parts of the house and its furnishings.

Thus far, it has not been easy to find the disinfecting agents in a form usable in the home. Products containing one of them are Roccal, found in janitor and dairy supply houses, and the recently introduced Sanitizer a washday product sold in cooperative stores only. Pine-Sol which contains the other disinfectant, are being prepared for sale by manufacturers.

A disinfectant skin soap is helpful against staph, although none of them will do more than temporarily reduce the number of bacteria on the skin.

Main reservoirs of staph bacteria appear to be the nostrils of carriers. They spread first to anything that touches the nose, hands, skin, clothing.

The bacteria are likely to be found in the home around bedside tables in the bath tub, the commode, lavatory and on clothing and bedding.

Noodle HD CLUB Meetings Held

The Noodle Home Demonstration Club met Tuesday afternoon in the school cafeteria with the president, Mrs. Vessie Justice, presiding.

All call was answered with "One reason I like to live in Texas." Mrs. Doe Callaway led the opening prayer.

The program on "Glove Etiquette" was presented by Mrs. Mary Newberry, Jones County HD agent.

It was announced that the game night held to benefit the March of Dimes recently netted \$28.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Earl Palmer and Mrs. Ernest Spurgin to 10 members and one guest, Mrs. Easley.

Next meeting will be the second Tuesday in February. Committee chairmen were appointed at a recent meeting of the Noodle Home Demonstration Club in the school cafeteria.

Compere HD CLUB Meeting Held

The Compere Home Demonstration Club met Thursday, Jan. 25 in the home of Mrs. J. E. Touchstone with Mrs. W. D. Ramsey, president, presiding.

Mrs. Mary Newberry led the opening prayer. Game time was under direction of Mrs. I. B. Ray. Roll Call was answered with "Tips On Good Grooming."

Mrs. Newberry, Jones County Home Demonstration agent, presented the program on "Etiquette On Gloves." She told the group that cloth gloves are always good and that longer gloves are especially good for this time of year but the short ones are good for summer wear.

Stith HD Club Meeting Held

The Stith Home Demonstration Club met Jan. 24 at the Community Center with the new president, Louise Hudson, in charge.

Roll call was answered with "How someone gave me a lift when I was down."

Mrs. Fletcher Jones presented the devotional and led in prayer. Mrs. Orval Ely gave the council report.

Members voted to donate \$5 to the March of Dimes.

The program on "Cancer Education" included "Seven Danger Signals" given by Mrs. Ely, and articles from magazines and newspapers brought by Mmes. Jones, Buch Leach and Wesley Mashburn.

Mrs. Jones, hostess, served refreshment to one visitor, Mrs. A. M. Evans and the following members: Mmes. Paul Bradley Wesley Mashburn, Orval Ely, Curtis Clyburn, Buck Leach, Oddie Fikes and Miss Hudson.

STITH NEWS

By MRS. FRITZ HALE

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Hudson of Levelland visited last week with Bob, Lohise and Hollis Hudson, and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hudson.

Mrs. J. E. Cwindell returned home Sunday after several week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. James Strong and Melinda Lee.

Visitors in the R. C. Tyler home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Travis Tyler, Mr. and Mrs. James Tyler and Holly, Paul Norman and Mary Alice Tyler, of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hudson and Mrs. Jessie Lenior visited Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Willingham in Albany Sunday.

E. L. Berry is on the sick list. Pick Payne was able to attend church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn have a new 1962 Ford. Those from the Stith Community attending the football banquet at the Sands Motel in Abilene Saturday night were Pat McDonald, Sandra Hale and David Loflin.

Lola Loflin, student at Texas Tech, Lubbock, was home last week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Loflin.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Daniels in Abilene Sunday.

The Rev. and Mrs. Harold Churchill and children of Abilene were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fletch Jones Sunday.

Mrs. Fritz Hale and Sandra visited Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Smoot in Anson Thursday evening.

Pick Payne was brought home from Sadler Hospital a week ago and is doing well as expected. His sister, Mrs. Bess Jackson of Merkel, spent several days with them, returning to her home Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Perrin of Anson visited the Paynes Sunday.

"Pruning Shrubs and Trees" for port. Mrs. Clyde Newton directed the recreation. Mrs. Leona Ridens, assistant HD agent, was a guest. The next meeting will be Feb. 2 in the home of Mrs. O. E. Har-Well.



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FOR SALE—See me for Knapp shoes. Peck Eager, K & E Service Center. Phone 208. 34-tfc
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Clive Pierce (reelection)
TEXAS LEGISLATURE,
84th Dist. Place 1.
Miss Eudora Hawkins

TIPS for OUTDOORSMEN

BY VERN SANFORD
Fishing techniques have been in constant evolution during the past decade.

While spinning tackle still is trend is marked by the determined comeback of casting and fly-fishing outfits.
Probably the foremost reason is that those who started fishing with spinning rigs now want to try something new and more demanding.
At first it was thought that spinning was a cure - all for fishing. Now that the picture is clearing it is evident that spinning tackle has a definite place in fishing, just like fly - fishing and casting tackle. But it isn't the all - round tool that will do everything.
Often an angler can take fish

on fly tackle when everything else fails. There's something about the colorful little cork bugs and the enticing flies that really appeal to fish.
This type of tackle is particularly effective when fished on small, fast - running streams.
But there's one overlooked fact about bass bugs. They WILL work effectively on Texas' deep, man - made reservoirs. And a fisherman hasn't really lived until he duels a pugnacious bass on a delicate little wand of a fly rod.
Many people have the misconception that learning to use a fly rod is a difficult assignment. Actually, the basics are quite simple. Usually a person becomes proficient enough to go fishing after an hour's practice in the backyard.

FOR SALE — Good used bathroom fixtures including 20-gal. hot water heater. Also 7 ft. metal cabinet. Phone after 6 p.m. 9036-WI. 47-2tp

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Margie Maxine Guthrie, Defendant.
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd 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 29th day of January A. D. 1962, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 18th day of October A. D. 1961, in this cause, numbered 26,445-A on the docket of said court and styled Oliver Guthrie, Plaintiff, vs. Margie Maxine Guthrie, Defendant.

Unlike spinning or casting outfits, the fly fisherman casts the line rather than the lure. With this type outfit balance is all important, particularly correct balance between line and rod.
All fly rods come marked with the type line they require. However, it has been my experience that these are usually a mite on the light side. It is better to go to the next largest line than the one designated on the rod.
The reel on a fly rod is simply a device to hold the line. The type reel, either automatic or single - action, is purely a choice of personal preference.
Fly rods today are priced within the budget of anyone's pocketbook. In years past the custom - made bamboo rods were quite expensive, but nowadays fiberglass rods not only are relatively inexpensive, they also are dependable and cast adequately.
A basic rig includes a fly rod and a level line. But the more

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TO: Conway King, Defendant.
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 12 day of March A.D. 1962, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 23 day of Nov. A.D. 1961, in this cause, numbered 26,540-A on the docket of said court and styled Eunice King, Plaintiff, vs. Conway King, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: 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 15th day of December A. D. 1961.
(Seal)
Attest: R. H. ROSS, Clerk
42nd District Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Irene Crawford,
Deputy 46-4t

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE
The Board of Education, Merkel Independent School District, will receive bids for construction of afield house until 7:30 p.m. Feb. 15, 1962, at which time the bids will be opened and read publicly. Plans and specifications for the project may be obtained from the office of the architect, Richard Buzard, 2842 South 7th, Abilene, Texas, upon deposit of \$25 per set. 46-3tc

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 24 day of January A.D. 1962.
Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk
42nd District Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Mrs. Jesse R. Swindell,
Deputy. 47-48-49-50-4tc

expensive tapered lines are easier to cast and therefore easier to learn to use. The difference in price is well worth the money.
A bass bug line, for example, is a forward taper, with the heavier portion of the line being out on the end.
A line to be used in the northern states for trout fishing is a double taper slim at both ends with a heavier belly in the middle, made to put a fly more delicately on the water on the cast.
Long, tapered leaders, at least six to nine feet in length, are less prone to spook wary fish. A typical one tapers from about four to six pound test where it attaches to the line, down to about two pound test on the tip end.
In fly casting the one important thing to remember is timing.
Some loose line is stripped off the reel and laid out in front of the caster. Then the rod is brought back smoothly to the 1

o'clock position, where the caster pauses until the back cast completely straightens out, before he starts forward smoothly. It is best to watch the back cast at first to make sure it completely straightens out before coming forward.
If the line strikes the water before the bait does, then the caster is not allowing the back cast to bring the rod forward.
To become a real good fly fisher requires practice.
But it is one of the most rewarding and satisfying ways to fish. Many times also it is the most productive.
There's something about those little topwater bugs and those imitation flies that sunfish and bass can't resist. Probably because they so closely resemble the fish's favorite food.
Anyway, it's fun to fly fish.
WHAT'S NEW? — First to hit the 100 hp bracket with an outboard motor is Mercury. Kiekhafer's 1962 line includes the all - black "Phantom" rated as the most powerful outboard

motor ever built. It's known as the Merc 1000. Despite the new high in horsepower it boasts a new low in weight.

Penny Durham, Donnie Jones Exchange Vows

Mr. and Mrs. Wrenn Durham are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Penny Susan, to Donnie Ray Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Jones Rt. 2.
The couple exchanged marriage vows on Jan. 7 at Anson Texas. The bride is attending Merkei High School where she is a senior. Her husband is a graduate of Trent High School and is now employed by the United States Gypsum Plant at Sweetwater.
The couple will make their home at Merkel.

Quarterly Report of Taylor County Treasurer

On January 8, 1962, The Commissioners Court met in regular session, compared and examined the report of Mrs. Bob Haile, County Treasurer, for the quarter ending on December 31, 1961, and found same to be correct and the respective amounts received and paid out to be correct since the preceding report.

Funds	Bal. Last Qtr.	Rec'd This Qtr.	Paid Out This Qtr.	Bal. This Qtr.
Jury Fund	\$ 9,111.08	\$ 17,115.51	\$ 10,639.82	\$ 15,586.77
Precinct No. 1 Fund	38,463.29	14,836.60	22,584.44	30,714.85
Precinct No. 2 Fund	58,540.65	12,765.82	23,520.65	47,785.82
Precinct No. 3 Fund	56,150.09	10,146.20	15,218.86	51,077.43
Precinct No. 4 Fund	12,790.47	12,780.47	16,864.69	8,706.25
General Fund	113,244.02	128,330.01	110,181.70	131,392.33
Pauper Fund	1,057.64	32,662.08	26,850.56	6,869.11
Road Dist. No. 1 Fund	230.00	.00	.00	230.00
Bookmobile Fund	9,288.90	.00	2,631.40	6,657.50
Perm. Imp. Fund	12,684.27	52.39	.00	12,736.66
Spec. R. & B. Fund	1,286.00	.00	.00	1,286.00
Co. Wide Mach. Fund	2.70	.00	.00	2.70
Withholding Tax Fund	5,236.89	18,194.55	15,562.44	7,869.00
Officers Salary Fund	60,996.06	92,745.27	109,728.17	44,013.16
Rd. Dist. No. 1 Skg. Fd. 47-53	41,112.82	9,502.33	3,512.25	47,102.90
Perm. School Fund	543.55	220.00	196.30	567.25
Lateral Road Fund	87,088.42	320.50	29,966.14	64,442.78
F. I. C. A. Tax Fund	11,472.55	8,049.01	7,720.07	11,801.49
Road Bond Series 1953	24,607.40	.00	.00	24,607.40
Library Fund	5,611.68	1,102.00	266.16	6,447.52
Perm Imp. Skg. Fund	28,342.26	17,103.83	6,877.50	38,568.59
Rd. Dist. No. 1 Bond Series 1955	2,186.40	.00	.00	2,186.40
Rd. Dist. No. 1 Skg. Fd. S. 1955	13,060.59	6,083.22	2,655.00	16,488.81
Ref'd Bond Skg. Fd.	6,881.88	14,153.14	.00	21,035.02
Road & Bridge R. O. W. Fund	75,823.60	25,335.57	27,372.34	73,786.83
	\$675,813.21	\$421,497.85	\$425,348.49	\$671,962.57

BANK BALANCES AND TIME DEPOSITS

BANK BALANCES	TOTAL DEPOSITS & TIME DEPOSITS
First National Bank	\$243,711.93
Citizens National Bank	248,062.19
First State Bank, Abilene	89,774.33
First State Bank, Tuscola	90,414.12
	\$671,962.57
	—Total Deposits
	—Time Deposits
	\$671,962.57

SECURITIES OWNED BY TAYLOR COUNTY -- PERM. SCHOOL FUND

Precinct No. 3 Fund	\$ 5,000.00	—Perm. School Fund	\$ 5,800.00
Jury Fund	10,000.00	—U.S. Gov. Bonds	8,000.00
General Fund	24,000.00	—Everman Ind. S. Bonds	1,000.00
Rd. Dist. No. 1 Skg. Fd.	13,492.20	—Buffalo Gap S. Bonds	4,700.00
	\$52,492.20		\$19,500.00

SECURITIES OWNED BY REFUNDING BOND SINKING FUND AS FOLLOWING—

Perm. Imp. Bonds	\$5,000.00
Government Bonds	1,868.00
Buffalo Gap, School Bonds	3,200.00
	\$9,568.00

BONDS AND WARRANT INDEBTEDNESS

Issues	Original Issue	Bonds Redeemed	Bonds Outstanding
Bond Series 1947	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 330,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Bond Series 1953	350,000.00	80,000.00	270,000.00
Bond Series 1954	850,000.00	225,000.00	625,000.00
Bond Series 1955	350,000.00	125,000.00	225,000.00
Bond Series Ref'd S. 1957	397,000.00	130,000.00	267,000.00
	\$ 2,297,000.00	\$ 890,000.00	\$ 1,407,000.00

The Requirements of Atr. No. 401 P. C. have been complied with, and a tabular statement has been filed as required.

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Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
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* Commissioner Floyd Tate's name is missing due to the fact he is ill in the Hendrick Hospital.

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Lambda Betas Hear Program On "People"

A program on "People" was presented by Mrs. Luther Reeger and Mrs. Vernon Mansfield for members of Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi when they met Tuesday evening in Taylor Electric Auditorium.

Mrs. Reeger gave the Biblical version of the creation and life of Adam and Eve and then the modern version taken from "It All Started With Eve" by Richard Amour. Mrs. Mansfield presented life from childhood, through teenage and adulthood.

Mrs. Joe Lassiter, president, read a letter from the Texas Association of Mental Health announcing the state project for Beta Sigma Phi as Mental Health. This includes research, printed matter, education, training of personnel, rehabilitation, etc.

A new member, Peggy Womack, a transfer from Hereford, was introduced.

Members made plans for a pie,

Gay Gardeners Hear Program On "Birds"

cake and coffee sale to be held Jan. 26 at the Chamber of Commerce office.

Mrs. Mansfield was hostess.

Mrs. Otha Hillyard of Abilene was speaker for the Gay Gardeners, Merkel junior garden club, when they met Thursday in the elementary school library.

Mrs. Hillyard spoke on "Birds." She discussed the nature and habits of birds native to our locality.

Books, feeders and bird houses were on display.

Ann Walker, Debbie Seymore, Brenda Barnett and Nancy Rich were winners of a bird feeder which they presented the school.

Two skits were presented by the fourth and sixth grade members.

Mrs. Dale Litton was senior garden club hostess. She served refreshments to 24 members and the sponsors, Mrs. Carol Bensin and Norah Foster.

Merkel Garden Club News

By Christine Collins

With the new decade comes a new PROJECT as virtually important and necessary to our future health and happiness as any we have worked for in the past. It is a project which concerns each of us: P E P—"Preserve, Enjoy, Protect" our scenery and natural and historic objects and wildlife therein! This we can do with Good Outdoor Manners to Prevent Vandalism.

Hon Projects Begin

The seed for this new project was sown when a request for assistance was received from the Mountaineers of Seattle, Wash., who have been working during the past year to develop a major campaign to combat the increasingly serious problem of vandalism. Included in their material was this comment by Lawrence C. Merriam, Director of the National Park Service, Region 4: "we can pick up litter, but we cannot replace a mutilated natural feature, and the cost of repairs to physical structures is enormous."

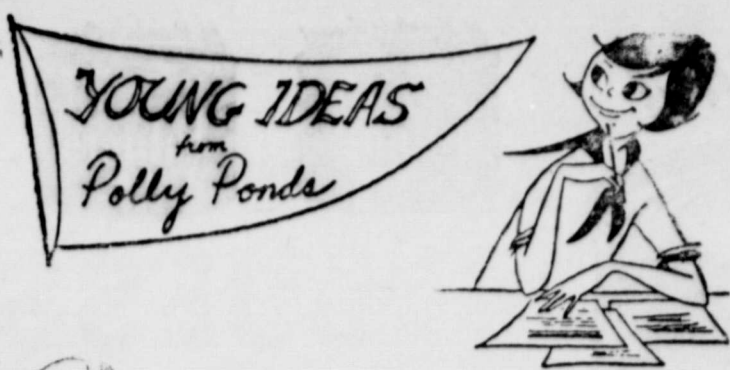
Examples Cited

The following are excerpts from official letters from both the National Park and Forest Services: "breaking into remote patrol cabins and the wanton destruction of emergency food catches that might prove the difference between life and death to persons lost in the winter wilds of a Park. In Yellowstone National Park: a number of geysers and pools permanently plugged by visitor-tossed trash. From Grand Canyon National Park: photos sent showing Rangers roping down over the Canyon wall to pick up litter.

Vandalism problems are even worse for the Forest Service which has fewer men, per square mile. They report signs stolen, shelters damaged beyond repair, tables, stoves, latrines destroyed and receptacles stolen. Officials of the Forest Service feel that annual structural losses may easily average \$250,000.00.

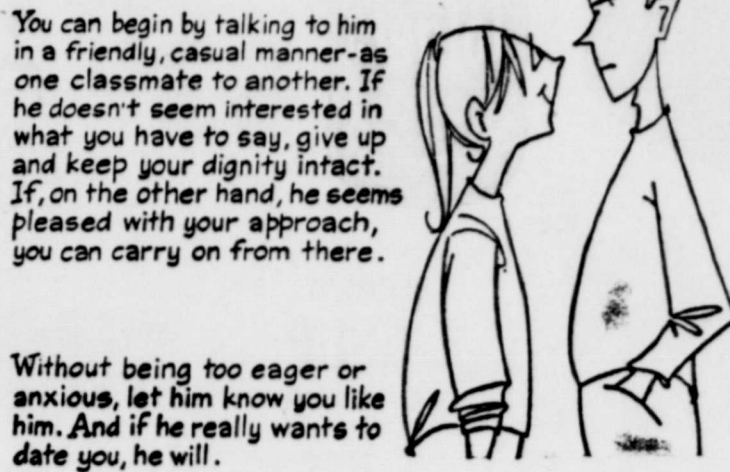
HOW THE RESULTS AFFECT US

Wildwood vandalism not only results in increased tax rates, fewer services and facilities, desecrated scenery, and generally reduced public pleasure—but human safety is often endangered. Once it was common practice of both the National Park and Forest Services to stock all field stations with emergency supplies and leave the cabins unlocked. Today, both services must keep their patrol stations locked in order to have them usable for Rangers and trail crews. Thievery and hoodlumism force the patrols to carry their supplies with them at all times. With the



Q: "There's a very cute boy in my class at school and I'd really like to go out with him. How can I let him know I'm alive?"

A: "Unfortunately, there isn't any magic formula that will make a boy like a girl just because she wants him to. However, you might scatter a few hints in his path—and hope for the best."



You can begin by talking to him in a friendly, casual manner—as one classmate to another. If he doesn't seem interested in what you have to say, give up and keep your dignity intact. If, on the other hand, he seems pleased with your approach, you can carry on from there.

Without being too eager or anxious, let him know you like him. And if he really wants to date you, he will.

increasing wilderness travel, particularly snowshoe touring and skiing, emergency victims may suffer seriously as a result.

As simple a thing as the removal or destruction of adirection or warning sign may have serious consequences, may easily result in death or injury.

Public Would Be Alerted

Both Services are just now setting the wheels in motion to bring the problem of wildwood vandalism to public attention but manpower is short and they cannot do the job alone. They will need continued public cooperation and support. Until good outdoor manners becomes a byword, delays and stumbling blocks will mean that just that many more scenic natural features will be irreparably damaged or destroyed and many more tax dollars and man-hours will be wasted in repair of structural damage.

HOW CAN INDIVIDUALS HELP?

How can each individual member be of service? We know many offenders are thoughtless some are careless; a few are actually malicious destructionists. We must find a means of controlling all of them.

First, by "policing" our own outdoor manners, we set a good example for our families and others. We can help by tactfully explaining the results of their actions to thoughtless offenders, and by speedily reporting to the nearest person in authority any obstinate or malicious violators we see.

Always Be Tactful

Again we stress the word TACT. Use it whenever possible—in presenting the problem to others and especially in confronting offenders. Antagonizing people will only defeat the purpose.

Let's work with the word TACT—letting each letter express idea: T—teach, A—act, C—cooperate, T—talk.

TEACH your children proper appreciation and use of the outdoors, and they in turn will become the most effective teachers of all.

ACT—don't meditate. Write your Congressmen. Offer your help to various agencies in distributing anti-vandalism materials, etc. Use your camera to obtain slides and photos of vandalistic damage and get them before the public. Write the Pennsylvania Forestry Association and join forces with their "Howdy, the Good Outdoor Manners Raccoon."

COOPERATE—with all organizations and agencies interested in this most worthwhile endeavor. Get permission to collect damaged trail markers, etc., and make into a window display for sporting goods stores. This would make a good Scout project. Make a photo display and or slide file.

TALK—just talking to relatives, friends, neighbors, business and club associates can be very effective. Cautious and skillful handling of the subject will be necessary where youngsters are concerned. We must not give them destructive ideas. Tell them "how-to" instead of "how not to."

The more this problem is brought before the traveling public, the more they are made aware of the tremendous cost involved. The more they realize the irreparable damage wrought to the heritage which is everyone's, the sooner we shall be able to concentrate on our real purpose—that of maintaining the areas for the benefit and enjoyment of the public."

subject.

A crowded house greeted him. Many were supporters of Clark and when Bryan rose to speak, meant that the heckler had struck tone. "Tell us about the Baltimore someone called out in a hostile convention."

There was a murmur which a favorable chord. Bryan flushed and said:

"Ladies and gentlemen, if you do not object to such topic on Sunday, I will be happy to oblige the gentleman."

He then launched into a justification of his position and soon the entire audience was standing and cheering.

Patrick Henry—Wbester—Pren-

tiss—Ingersoll—Grady—Bryan — such is the roll of American orators.

Heywood Brown, who chronicled the Dempsey-Carpenter fight, said that when Carpenter—older, lighter, conceded no chance—entered the ring, he was cheered but Dempsey was not. To have done so (Brown declared) would have been like cheering Niagara Falls when a man was about to go over it in a barrel.

The Rev. Harold Churchill of Abilene preached at the Stith Baptist Church Sunday night. His wife and children attended the services. He will bring both messages next Sunday at the Stith church.

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