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MERKEL NATIVE NAMED MATERIAL OFFICIAL

Major Oscar C. Shouse Jr., a native of Merkel, has been assigned as Material Staff Officer of 343rd Fighter Group, Duluth Air Force Base, it was announced recently. He reported to his new assignment from Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany.

Major Shouse entered active duty in Nov. 1942 and completed pilot training in 1944. He was then

assigned to the China - Burma - India theater of operations as a C-47 Troop Carrier pilot, where he flew numerous missions over the famous "Hump."

In 1949 he was sent to Germany and served as a supply officer and pilot during the Berlin Airlift.

During the next three years Major Shouse was stationed at Ashia, Japan, where his primary duties were supply officer and pilot. On his return to the United States he was assigned to the Continental Division of the Military Air Transport Service at San Antonio, Texas, as Training Officer.

Various assignments in the United States followed the major's tour at San Antonio until he was assigned to Rhein-Main Air Base in 1958. He remained there as Housing Services Officer and Operations Officer until his recent transfer to Duluth Air Base.

Military decorations held by Major Shouse include the Distinguished Flying Cross with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Medal, with five Oak Leaf Clusters, Occupation Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Korean Service Medal and the United Nations Service Medal.

Major Shouse is married to the former Iris Eoff, also from Merkel. The couple has two children, Iris Ann, 16, and Richard, 7.

J. Lynn Knight Rejoins Taylor Electric Co-op

J. Lynn Knight, who has been associated with Abilene Business Equipment Co., and formerly employed in the power sales department of Taylor Electric Cooperative, Merkel, has rejoined the cooperative as electrification advisor, according to Norman Winter, manager.

Knigh succeeds Earl Watts of Merkel.

The new electrification advisor resigned from TEC in 1959.

He is a past chairman of the board of stewards of the First Methodist Church of Merkel; is president of the Merkel Band Booster Club; member of the Merkel School Board, the Merkel Optimist Club and takes part in other civic affairs.

He and his wife, Margarie, live at 605 Haynes Street, Merkel. They have two children, Wally, 11, and Diane, 13.

Annual Merkel School Trustee Election Set

The Merkel School Board has set the annual school trustee election for Saturday, April 7.

Terms expire for W. R. Cypert, De Laverne Moore, and Ford Smith Jr. Each has filed for re-election. Deadline for filing for places on the ballot was set for Wednesday, March 7, 3:30 p.m., in the office of Merkel superintendent of schools.

WTPA Completes 13th Convention

The West Texas Press Association ended its 13th annual mid-winter meeting Sunday with a record attendance of representatives of 50 newspapers.

Directors accepted the resignation of Curtis Sterling as first vice president. Sterling recently sold the Brownfield News of which he was publisher.

James Cornish, publisher of the Post Dispatch, was advanced from second to first vice president and Gene Dow, publisher of the Van Horn Advocate, was named second vice president.

Dr. Joseph Smiley, president of the University of Texas, told a luncheon meeting that the "future of education rests in an awesome degree in the hands of education."

He said that newspapers have an obligation to keep students aware of the opportunities that are present.

MOD Nets \$69.03 From Noodle Drive

A total of \$69.03 was collected in the Noodle Community for the March of Dimes, Mrs. Hubert Sullivan, chairman, has reported.

Assisting in the drive was the FHA in the Noodle school which had charge of coin cards in the school from which \$14.03 was collected.

The Noodle Home Demonstration Club netted \$36.75 from a game night and members.

The remainder of \$18.43 was collected in a door-to-door canvass and coin collectors.

GOES INTO SERVICE

Travis Swinney, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Swinney, Rt. 3, is currently undergoing basic training in the Army at Fort Carson, Colorado. He entered service two weeks ago.

Easter Seal Sale Drive Discussed

ABILENE — The West Texas Rehabilitation Center here was the site for the third annual Easter Seal Workshop for communities in the Abilene area recently.

Easter Seal plans for Taylor County and thirteen surrounding counties were discussed by Shelley V. Smith, executive director of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

2nd Grades Present P-TA Program

Mrs. Lawrence Huett Vice President presided at the Parent-Teacher Association, which met Thursday night Feb. 15th at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Leon Walker led the invocation. A program was presented by the 2nd grades. There were also a presentation by the Jr. Garden Club.

It was announced at the meeting that there will be no meeting of the P-TA in the month of March due to the semi-annual Parent-Teacher Conference at each school.

Pancake Supper By Trent Fire Dept.

The Trent volunteer fire department is sponsoring a pancake supper Friday night Feb. 23rd from 5 p.m. till 8 p.m. in the Trent School Cafeteria. All you can eat for 50c. Games will be provided for those wishing to participate.

Ladies in charge of arrangements are: Mmes. Hollis Jones, Chock Huttichens, George Byrom and James Candy.

Men of the Department will be in charge of cooking and serving.

Putnam Resident On Price Is Right

Upon leaving Wed. for New York City to appear Friday on the TV Program Price is Right, Andy Rutherford of Putnam remarked "Oh they won't put up anything of value Friday, they never do."

He missed a car but won a hi-fi set. Reports to Mrs. Joe Nalley say eyes of all residents of Putnam and surrounding areas were glued to T.V. at 10 a.m. Friday. School turned out and all business closed except one grocery store and the Post Office. Mr. Rutherford had previously won a boat, motor, and trailer and also won an electric blanket.

Both he and his wife were given the New York trip.

MERKELITE IN TRAINING

Pvt. Kermit Rutledge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rutledge, 402 Manchester St. Merkel, finished Basic training at Ft. Carson, Colo. Jan. 20th.

Now in 142nd Signal Battalion, 2nd Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Typist and clerk in Battalion Headquarters.



TRENT'S NEW CITY HALL... first one ever



NEW TRENT POST OFFICE lacks only equipment

NEW TRENT CITY HALL OPENED JANUARY 27

The City of Trent is proud of its new look.

City dads showed off their new city hall to the public Jan. 27, and Postmaster Foy E. Steadman is waiting only for final installation of equipment before moving into the new Trent Post Office.

The new city hall is the first one ever for Trent. It provides a place for the city commission to meet, houses the volunteer fire department, and is the office home for school and city tax collector W. C. Mathews.

Before it was opened for use early in January, commissioners conducted city business from a meeting room in the Trent Public Schools.

The modern-styled city hall was built without the benefit of municipal bonds or public subscription. It cost approximately \$8,500 to construct and was financed partly by funds from the city treasury and partly from funds borrowed from Home State Bank of Trent.

Dean Williams was contractor. Trent's new post office building will replace one which has been in use since 1927. old-timers say. It is of tile construction with face brick and contains 1,000 square feet.

It is air conditioned. When the last equipment is installed, the post office will have 191 boxes and will serve between 375 and 400 patrons in the Trent area. The post office serves one rural route.

Jack Bleakley of San Angelo and H. A. Beaver of Austin were contractors for the building, which cost approximately \$12,000 to construct. The construction work has actually been completed for several months, with the only hold-up the wait for arrival of a Post Office Department expert to install various postal equipment.

Mayor Cecil Taylor credits "a wonderful group of commissioners" for what he calls "our best

progress in many years." "We also have a fine group of businessmen in Trent," the mayor says.

Trent folks are also still mighty proud of their water system, although it has been in use for several years. When Honolulu Oil Co. brought water from Lake Sweetwater to its facilities near Trent, city officials plunked down \$25,000 pipe the water on to their town.

The move was with the full blessing of oil company officials. Since then, Trent has had an abundant municipal water supply.

Members of the Trent City Commission, who spearheaded the city hall construction program are Thurman Jones, Hollis Jones, Ronnie Freeman, Weldon Beasley, Billy Wayne Hamner and Dow Williamson.

Mrs. J. T. Downing Honored on 90th Birthday Recently

Mrs. J. T. (Zora) Downing was honored on her 90th birthday recently with a dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Downing.

Mrs. Downing was born in Hopkins County, but lived most of the time at Paducah and Childress before coming to Ralls to make her home with her youngest son, H. H. She is the mother of nine children, six sons and three daughters. Two daughters and her husband are deceased. She also had 30 grandchildren, 80 great-grandchildren and 24 great-great-grandchildren.

Children present were Almer, Kirkland, Elmer, Muleshoe; Byron, Levelland; W. L., Lubbock; H. H., Ralls; and Mrs. B. H. Bahanon, Childress Her oldest son, Virgil, Winston, Ore., was unable to attend.

Approximately 80 guests registered from Amarillo, Anton, Merkel, Midland, Canyon, Clarendon, Wichita Falls, Childress, and Clovis, N.M.

Noodle HDC Club Members Hear Talk On Cancer Study

The Noodle Home Demonstration Club met Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria with the president Mrs. V. R. Justice, presiding.

Prayer was led by Mrs. Sullivan. Roll call was answered with hints for washday.

The following members were present. Mmes. Ruth Vancil, Bennie Anderson, Jim Boaz, Doc Callaway, Billy Maxwell, Vess Justice, Earl Palmer, Will Spurgin, Ernest Spurgin, Henry Ueckert and Hubert Sullivan.

Mrs. Ethel Rowell educational chairman for cancer research, gave the program on cancer and showed a film on the need of a cancer check-up.

The lucky lady gift went to Mrs. Justice.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Ueckert.

Five visitors, Mrs. McLauren, Mrs. Rowell, Mrs. Mayberry, Mrs. Easley and Miss Patti Maxwell, were present.

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ANNUAL C-C BAQUQUET BEING HELD TONIGHT

Principal speaker for the annual Merkel Chamber of Commerce banquet tonight will be Delbert Downing, former manager of the Midland Chamber of Commerce. The banquet will be held in the Merkel High School Cafeteria at 7:30 p.m.

A feature of the evening will be the introduction of Mrs. Walter Earl Whisenhunt of Merkel, the chamber's "cowgirl sweetheart."

A western theme will be used in the banquet decorations this year. Downing served as manager of the Midland Chamber of Commerce from 1946 until recently, when he resigned, he is a past president of the Chamber of Commerce Managers Association of West Texas and has held numerous offices in the state C-C organization.

His office walls are almost covered with citations, plaques, honorary memberships in various organizations and other evidences of service that he has rendered.

He teaches one of the largest Sunday School classes in Midland. His oldest son is an Air Force Chaplain. His youngest son is a student in Texas Christian University and the Downing daughter teaches school in Lubbock where her husband attends Texas Tech.

Mrs. Whisenhunt and her quarterhorse filly, Boots, are known all over the rodeo circuit. This year, she rode in the grand entry at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show's rodeo in



DELBERT DOWNING... C-C speaker

17 FTA Members Attend Recent Austin Meeting

Seventeen members of the Future Teachers Club of Merkel attended the recent meeting of the state organization held at the Driskill Hotel in Austin.

Gov. Price Daniel was the keynote speaker and his subject was "Teachers. The Guardian of Tomorrow."

Dr. John McFarland, superintendent of schools in Houston, also spoke during the two-day convention on the subject of "The Teacher's Challenge."

Those attending were Kent Denton, FTA president, Del Davis, secretary Farris Neill treasurer, Nancy Jack Teaf, Sharon Buntin, Malinee Seymore, Elizabeth Tuckey, Betty Richardson, Andria Adcock, Dick Leach David Scott, Mary Jane Horton and Jill West.

Mother-sponsors making the trip were Mrs. Beauford Buntin and Mrs. Eva Denton. Teacher-sponsors were Miss Joy Marton and Mrs. Ellen McReynolds.

Pancake Party Successful

The Merkel Band Boosters Club served approximately 280 persons at a pancake party recently.

The club will sponsor a talent show on March 13 at 7 p.m. at the school auditorium.

Club officials have expressed their thanks to all who contributed in any way to the success of the pancake party. They also wish to thank Wilson's Grocery and Carson's Grocery for their contributions.

RETIRED SERGEANT DIES: RITES HELD

Master Sgt. Claud C. Taylor (retired) of Wellington died Monday morning at Fort Sam Houston Army Hospital from burns he received January 31. He was burned while lighting a stove.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Farmer visited him in the hospital and attended the funeral held Wednesday.

Sgt. Taylor was a native of Collingsworth County.

APPRECIATION TOLD ABOUT COOKIE SALE

The Merkel Brownies and Girl Scouts appreciated the fine response of the people of Merkel for helping them thru their annual cookie sale January 26 to February 3. The girls sold their full quota of one carton per girl and will soon receive their profit to be used by their troops. The troops use part of the profits and the remainder goes for the upkeep of the established camps.

Fort Worth. She is a member of the West Texas Barrel Racing Association and the Brush Stompers Riding Club. She has participated in roccos for the past ten years.

Isadore Mellinger, a past president of the Chamber of Commerce, will serve as master of ceremonies. Others assisting in making plans for the annual event include Mrs. W. T. Sadler, general arrangements. Mrs. Almeda Bullock and Mrs. Horace Hargrove, food; Band Boosters Club, decorate tables; and Jack South, Herman Carson and Ray Wilson, members of the speaker's committee.

New officers of Merkel Chamber of Commerce include Joe Cypert, president; South, vice president; Mrs. Bullock, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Horace Hargrove, office secretary; and David Gamble, Earl Hughes, Ray Wilson, Paul Woods, Bobby DuBose and Mrs. Sadler, directors. They will be introduced tonight.

Norman Winter, manager of the Taylor Electric Co-op, is in charge of advanced ticket sales. The banquet is open to the public. Tickets may be purchased at the door as well as in advance.

Mrs. Z. V. Moore, 83, Rites Tuesday At Levelland

MERKEL — Mrs. Z. V. Moore, 83, former Merkel resident, died at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Levelland.

She was born Feb. 5, 1879 in Fannin County, a resident of Taylor County 48 years, she moved with her husband to Levelland in 1939. Mr. Moore died in 1959.

Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Merkel Church of Christ with the minister, E. M. Borden, and O. J. Adcock of Merkel officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

The body lied in state at Levelland until 4 p.m. Wednesday, then was brought to Merkel.

Survivors include six sons, Rodney of Portland, Ore., Raleigh of San Diego, Leonard of Somer Point, N. J., Otis of Whiteface, Tex., Monte of Levelland, and Hardy of Monahan; three daughters, Mrs. Gladys Mayberry of Pocheco, Calif., Mrs. R. E. James of Lubbock and Mrs. John M. Ivey of Honey Grove, Tex.; 26 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Blue, Gold Cub Scout Banquet Slated Monday

The annual Cub Scout Pack 20 Blue and Gold Banquet will be held Monday, Feb. 26, at 7 p.m. in the Merkel School Cafeteria.

Awards and advancements will be made. New pack leaders will be selected and re-registration of boys for the new year will be completed. Parents of boys who are already Cubs and for those who would like to become Cub Scouts are urged to attend. Boys 8 to 10 years of age are eligible.

Each of the five dens will furnish a portion of the entertainment program.

Further information can be obtained by contacting W. G. Reed, Cubmaster, at 531-W before Monday night.

STATE CAPITAL
Highlights
AND
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by Vern Sanford

AUSTIN, Tex. — Texas newsmen quizzed seven candidates for governor at a session of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism society, and fanned early-season campaign sparks.

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from nearly all the other candidates, both democratic and republican. All candidates took part except John Connally and Edwin Walker.

A little fire even developed between the three republican candidates. Harry Diehl of Houston said Jack Cox of Breckenridge was "not a Republican — just a conservative candidate."

But two days later, Diehl withdrew from the race, leaving Roy Whittenburg as the only republican primary opponent for Cox.

Don Yarborough and Marshall Formby attacked the Daniel administration as "tired" and "lacking vigor." Daniel came back with a recital of his five-year accomplishments in education, industrialization and other fields.

Will Wilson's approach was that Daniel's entry collapsed the Connally handwagon by splitting Vice Pres. Lyndon Johnson's organization and that the only way to get an uncontrolled candidate was to elect Wilson.

Candidates got in more punches in answering tough questions posed by nine newsmen. All of Daniel's opponents made the Governor's unprecedented four-term try a central issue. In the course of questions Daniel came out for a two-term limit, but with four-year terms for governor instead of the present two.

FRIENDLESS INSECT — A big-battled crowd of ranchers gathered at an Austin hotel to get more facts on the stockman's dream — the elimination of the screwworm.

There was no one there to defend the insect. Ranchers learned from Floridians how that state was swept free of this costly scourge by a dramatic program. Florida ranchers covered the state with sterile male screwworm flies thus wasting the female flies' single mating period. First airplane distribution of flies in South Texas started the day of the Austin meeting.

Texas stockmen are raising \$3,000,000 by voluntary contributions to match an equal amount of Federal money put up by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The ranchers an estimated \$40,000,000 screwworms cost Southwestern a year in losses.

LIVESTOCK RAISERS GET HELPERS — A committee of five legislators held its first meeting after hearing plans of the Southwest Animal Health Research Foundation.

Speaker James A. Turman appointed Representatives Ray Bartram of New Braunfels, Steve Burgess of Nacogdoches, Stanley Boyson of Yoakum, Glenn Kothmann of San Antonio and Gus Mitchner of Brenham to assist the SWAHRF in planning its attack on the screwworm fly.

HORSE OF ANOTHER COLOR Stamford oilman Keith Wheatley seemed to get off the track in his campaign for Railroad Commissioner when he told Austin pressmen that Texans should be able to cast a vote on the return of horse racing to the state.

Wheatley said he is neither for nor against racing, but believes "tax profits from horse racing could do much to aid the old people and the children of Texas."

Gubernatorial candidates are interested in regulating another kind of race. They think limitations should be set on the number of

LITTLE COLONEL By Bob McKinley



"I can lick any angel in the house."

times a governor can run for reelection.

Marshall Formby based his objections to the present lack of limits on the fact that most state projects are operating by commissions whose members are appointed by the governor on a rotating basis. Formby figures that by the end of a second term, a two-time governor has made every state commission appointment and it's time for him to take a rest.

John Connally seconded the charge of commission domination and said that by the end of a third term, every one of the more than 800 commissioners have been appointed by a three-time governor. He promised that he would ask the Legislature to limit a governor's tenure to two terms if he's elected.

MIGRANT STUDY SET UP — State Board of Education appointed R. P. Ward of Edinburg to head a study on the education of children of migrant parents, after Commissioner J. W. Edgar called this "one of the critical problems facing the Texas public school system."

Ward, former president of Pan American College, will develop a guide for teaching these children, who form a large percentage of the enrollment in Rio Grande Valley schools.

TEACHER'S TIME TABULATED — State Board of Examiners for Teacher Education and the Texas Education Agency sent out about 30,000 questionnaires, asking how Texas educators spend their time on curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities.

So far, more than 20,000 answers are in. Agency researchers are anxious for the other replies. They

want to feed them to computing machines. Purpose is to get an analysis to help the Texas Legislative Council prepare a full report on teacher certification and the status of education in Texas.

Other facts of a report to be presented to the 58th Legislature in January will include the public view of education; a history of teacher education and certification in Texas; personal characteristics and social and economic data of teachers; a look at the current class of education majors and an analysis of their college course work.

When the "portrait of a Texas teacher" is completed, educators think it will represent the most comprehensive study of public education ever undertaken in this state.

A teachers' pay survey revealed that the West Texas towns of Crane and Kermit pay the highest

salaries to new teachers — \$4,900 a year and that practically all districts with 2,500 or more students pay more than the \$4,014 legal minimum.

GOP PRIMARIES UNDER FIRE — State democratic committeeman Walter Sterling opened another argument in the inter-party battle when he accused republicans of lodging their responsibility by not holding a primary in every precinct in the state.

Sterling and the State Democratic Executive Committee question the legality of a republican primary nominee who has not been voted on by every republican Executive Director Clyde Johnson said "The republicans should not be able to avoid local and general responsibility in these primary elections."

Republicans counter-argued that democrats failed to hold primaries in 24 counties during the 1960 special election. But Johnson promised the party will "follow the law as usual" and hold primaries in all 254 counties this May.

SHORT SNORTS
Governor Daniel has appointed

Thomas H. Stillwell of Palestine as judge of the 3rd District Court, to succeed Judge V. M. Johnston.

A report from State Auditor C. H. Cavness showed the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers made a transfer of \$225,000 to help pay for the new State Office Building No. 2, where it will office.

Board of Corrections and Highway Department have purchased more than \$350,000 worth of steel, which state prison inmates will use to fashion auto license plates for 1963.

Republicans have appointed Mrs. Robert McCord of Dallas to handle publicity for the 10th Annual Republican Women's conference in Washington, D. C. on April 15.

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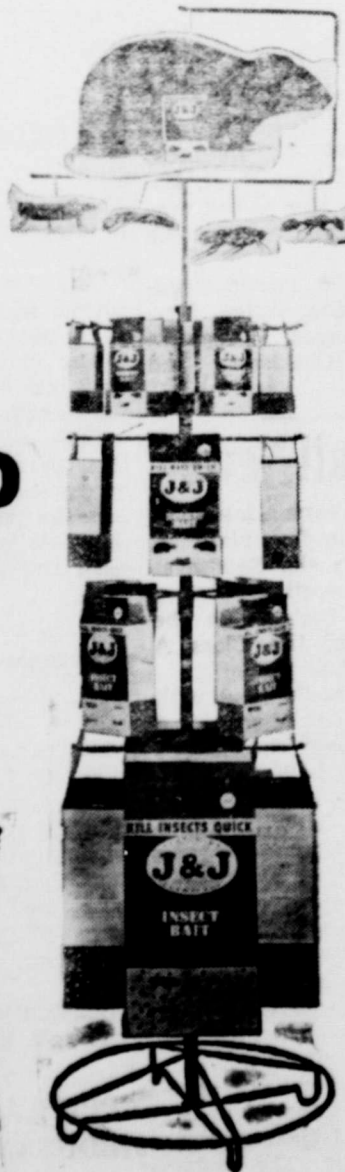
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He claims things is worse now than they was back when the OPA was regulating prices. He recollected that back in 1949 when the OPA removed price ceilings on cowbells, bullrings, horseshoes and cocktail shakers, he wrote 'em that he didn't have no cocktail shakers. They told him to sit some.

He said things has went from there to worse and today he

don't know whether the tax folks owns his business or he owns it. All he knows fer shore, he claims, is that he waits on a customer now and then when he can find time from tending his tax books.

He allowed as how he was voting agin all candidates in the next election and aimed to shoot the first one that tried to leave any cards or literature in his store. He claimed the only political propagander ever left at his store that was worth reading was a handbill a feller running fer Sheriff come by and left him about 30 years ago. It seems a drunk printer was trying to set a patent medicine ad and the handbill at the same time. He got the handbill out of a bottom drawer and read it to the fellers:

"I wish to announce to the voters of this county that for 25 year I have suffered from ashma and lumbago on the Democratic ticket and thought they was no cure fer me until I heard of the office of county Sheriff, for which my doctor advised me to run.

"I have never held county office, but have been troubled with nervousness and handshaking, so feel I am well qualified. I was operated on 2 months ago fer appendicitis, so feel I am cut out fer the duties required. I have had 14 teeth pulled to see if it would help me pull in the votes I have gained 40 pounds and hundreds of votes and am feeling like a new man.

"While it has been impossible fer me to see all the voters personal, I will say that this has been a Godsend to me and I will appreciate your vote and 2 bottles of your magic tonic."

Ed Doolittle said the storekeeper made him recollect the country editor that run the paper over in his county when Ed was a boy. According to Ed, the paper come out occasional and sometimes oftener. It come out only when the editor got riled up about somepun.

Yours truly,
GABBY

McWilliams - Petty Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. Chester McWilliams are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Joy, to Jack Wrennon Petty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Petty of Merkel.

Miss McWilliams attends Merkel High School where she will be graduated in May. The prospective bridegroom graduated from Merkel High School in 1961. He attends Texas Electronics Institute in Abilene and is presently employed at Merkel Farm Machinery.

The wedding date is set for June 8 at the First Baptist Church in Merkel.

NOODLE NOTES

Noodle FHA Club Entertains Merkel Freshman at Tea

The Noodle FHA Friday entertained the Merkel freshmen FHA members with a tea and a program about the degrees of achievement.

A Valentine theme was carried out in decorations and refreshments.

Diane Easley presided at the meeting and a film, "FHA in Action" was shown with comments by Margaret Hunter, Linda Perkins gave the devotional and Delores Carpenter gave a talk on "Is It Worth It?" concerning the state degrees.

Mrs. Dale Gooch is the sponsor of the Merkel FHA Chapter and the group was accompanied by some third year girls. Mrs. W. L. Easley is FHA sponsor at Noodle Horn High School.

Margaret Hunter, Rojean Perkins and Charlotte Alexander served at the tea table.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Oliver and children of Midland spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver and sister Mrs. Jack Whisenhunt, all of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan of Mineral Wells Texas were house guests of their son Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Doan and family Wednesday and also visited his sister Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason.

Bagby-Bright Wedding Planned

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bagby of 105 Orange Street, Merkel, are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Kay Lynn, to Charles J. Bright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Zed H. Bright of Cross Plains.

The couple will exchange vows May 31 at the New Live Oak Baptist Church in Merkel.

Miss Bagby is a senior at Merkel High School where she will graduate in May.

The prospective bridegroom graduated from Trent High School He attended San Angelo College and is presently enrolled in North Texas State University where he will graduate with a bachelors degree in education in August.

Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE

The Gin closed down February 14. Around 1,100 bales of cotton were ginned this season.

The farmers are busy getting the ground in shape for another crop.

There was a good attendance at the Stith Baptist Church Sunday. Rev. Moore of Abilene brought the message. A duet was rendered by Sandra Hale and Martha Perry, with Pat McDonald at the piano.

Rev. Moore will hold services at the church again next Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Royce McDonald of Taft visited here last week with relatives. His mother, Mrs. Nora McDonald returned home with them for a visit. She will visit another son, Mr. and Mrs. Noel McDonald while there.

Charles Ledbetter had his tonsils removed at the Sadler Hospital Friday. He is doing fine.

Sandra Hale spent Tuesday night with Mary Dunagin at Tye.

Mrs. Mike Dedman of Tye visited her mother Mrs. A. M. Evans Friday.

Bert Harris died at his home in Merkel February 1 and was buried in the Stith Cemetery Tuesday afternoon. He formerly lived in the Stith community.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Malone of Abilene were visiting in this community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mashburn spent the weekend in Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. Murray Toombs and Tommy.

Martha Perry of H-SU spent the Ethel Canida returned home weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry, Sunday from Midland after a weeks visit with Mr. and Mrs. James Hale, Shriley and Mike and Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Kennedy and children.

ATTENTION VOTERS

Local voters will have their first opportunity to vote in the newly constructed City Hall of Trent April 3rd. The regular city election has been called for Tues. April 2, 1962 to elect 3 city councilmen. Those whose terms expiring are: Billy Wayne Hamner, Dav Williamson and Hollis Jones.

Names or candidates for the posts must be filed with the city secretary 30 days prior to the election.

Election Judge will be W. C. Matthews.

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Travel Program Presented During Sorority Meeting

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Feb. 6 at home of Mrs. Jack South, Mrs. Luther Reeger, vice president presiding in absence of the president.

The club voted to send \$25 to International Endowment Fund. Also voted on Valentine Sweetheart to be revealed at the Valentine Party to be held at the Country Club on Feb. 13.

Nominating committee elected Margarie Knight, chairman; Billie South and Mary Hargrove.

A program on "Travel" was presented by Dorothy Wade and Mrs. John Mason.

Dorothy Wade gave a brief talk on "You Can Afford a European Vacation" with helpful tips on road to travel, choice restaurants and hotels.

Mrs. Mason showed an interesting film and some selected color slides covering most of the United States, parts of Canada and Old Mexico.

Mrs. Jack South was hostess for the meeting.

The service committee composed of Mrs. Mason, chairman, Margarie Knight, Patsy Hunter and Peggy Womach attended the West Texas Rehabilitation Work Shop and luncheon at the Center in Abilene on

February 7.

Mr. Knight also attended the Dinner and Lecture held at Abilene State School and gave a report on this affair to the sorority.

Gleaners Class Meeting Held at Stamford Home

The Gleaner Sunday School Class of the First Methodist Church met February 14 in the home of Mrs. Buelah Stamford. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Herbert Patterson and Mrs. Forest Gathrey.

Mrs. Denzel Cox gave the devotion "What Is That in Thine Hand?" taken from Exodus.

Prayer by Mrs. Tom Largent, Mrs. Len McElmurray presided over the business session. The Valentine motif was carried out in decorations and refreshments.

Guests were Mmes. Jewell Hudleston and C. K. Russell.

Members present were Mmes. Tom Largent, Ross Ferris, Denzel Cox, W. S. J. Brown, Lon McElmurray, Forest Gathrey, E. Harwell, M. L. Douglas, John Shannon, Ford Smith, Herbert Patterson, Doc Vaughn, Buelah Stamford, Lou Petty, Mattie Billingsley, Sally Moore, Lizzie Latham, Winnie Cypert, Ruby Grimes, Mary Click, Lee Tipton and Miss Mabel McRee.

GARDENING NOTES

By MRS. A. H. McELMURRAY

Have you seen the roses and bulbs that have been set at Starr Rest Home or perhaps the flower arrangements in the rooms of the residents?

Whether you have or not, you may find it interesting to know that they are a project of the Merkel Garden Club. The project is known as "Garden Therapy," one of the new major programs of garden clubs throughout the United States. Interest in garden therapy is growing very fast.

In New Jersey in 1960 over 95 per cent of the local clubs had such a project, and in Texas the state organization sponsored 444 therapy programs and collected the material for a new book on the subject of garden therapy.

Clubs over the nation report that they are finding it one of their most rewarding experiences.

Garden therapy operates on the theory that Garden Clubs can bring some joy into the lives of unfortunate people, whether the aged, the crippled child, or patients in a hospital. Besides, getting the unfortunates interested in participating in garden work themselves is good for their health.

In some communities the handicapped have been encouraged to form their own garden clubs, grow their own flowers, make their own

arrangements, and participate in clubs and shows.

The Merkel Garden Club has assisted in starting the flower garden at Starr's Rest Home. It carries flower arrangements to the home and to the hospital on special occasions, and makes a special effort to place one in the rooms of the shut-ins on their birthday.

The joy of bringing a little more happiness to the unfortunate is not only a rewarding experience to Club members but it provides them with practical experience in cultivation and arrangements.

Union Ridge HDC Meeting Conducted

Mrs. O. E. Harwell presented a program on "Our Youth" when the Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club met Friday, February 2 in the home of Mabel McRee.

Mabel McRee, the club president, gave the council report. Refreshments were served to six members and one visitor.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Andy Baker on March 16. The 4-H Club will give a demonstration for the club.

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HOME DEMONSTRATION NOTES

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent

Need help in planning or buying your spring wardrobe?

Then two bulletins prepared by clothing specialists of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service may provide just the assistance you are seeking.

The information bulletins are L-481, "For Clues to Clothing Care—Read Your Fiber Label," and MP-454, "Sewing Today's Fabrics."

Besides the information included in the bulletins special sewing instructions should be followed when using stretch and laminated fabrics. The County Home Demonstration Agents have these special sewing instructions.

Fiber identification is an important clue to the use of modern fabrics. Each textile fiber product, such as clothing, carries a label which gives the generic names and percentages by weight of the fibers in the products.

The natural fibers—cotton, linen, silk and wool—are familiar to everyone. Some of the manmade fibers have unfamiliar generic names, however.

The generic names are useful to the homemaker and the dry-cleaner in caring for the clothing. They are clues to proper washing, drying and pressing temperatures and to spot removal and storage.

Reliable manufacturers base performance claims and care recommendations on yarn construction, fabric weave or knit, textile finish, and finally on garment design and trim, in addition to the fiber content.

So look for performance and care information on the labels of fabrics by the yard as well as ready-to-wear when you look for the generic name of the fiber.

Besides the assistance in fabric selection the bulletins also provide help in pattern selection, cut-

ting, marking, pressing and sewing.

Are you planning to buy or build a new home soon?

This year, medium-priced homes are being shown in several new designs with eye-catching features.

Here are some features that you will be able to select from:

A larger number of more spacious rooms.

Greater separation by zones such as sleeping, living and recreation.

The split level is being used to accomplish this most effectively.

Inner courts enclosed on three or four sides.

Patios accessible by glass doors from two or more rooms.

Closer link between inside of the house and the outdoors. This is accomplished through greater use of picture windows, sliding glass doors and patios or courts.

A more intelligent use of land contours and existing trees in both house design and landscaping.

Fortnightly Club Slates Fashion Show for Tuesday

Cottons for all occasions, featuring the newest fabric finishes and the latest McCall's patterns, will be presented in a fashion show Tuesday, February 27 in the home of Mrs. W. T. Sadler, 602 Oak, by the Fortnightly Study Club.

The fashion collection, "Cavalcade of Cottons, 1962," is made available as a loan service co-sponsored by the National Cotton Council, Memphis, Tennessee, and the Pattern Division of McCall Corporation, New York City. Round-the-clock apparel ranges from housecoat to formal and includes several styles for children. Thirteen well-known American fabric houses are represented by cottons—summer sheers to winter corduroys—washable wrinkle-resistant and easy-to-care-for.

The fabric and fashion story of 1962 is highlighted by color notes such as the patriotic red, white and blue look in gingham and sports cottons, the sun-drenched citrus shades in prints, and the neutral tones of toast, beige, camel, black and white for town and travel.

Patterns follow designers' choice of the soft silhouette for suits, coats and dresses. A short, demi-fitted jacket is the shape that tops skirts as well as dresses.

Both fabrics and patterns are available in fine stores throughout the country.

Plans for the show were announced by Mrs. Don Dudley. Mrs. Ben R. Hicks will serve as commentator.

YOUNG IDEAS from Polly Ponds

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Ask your mother to amend the system so that your sister must ask your permission before she helps herself to your possessions. It will be up to you to say 'yes' or 'no'.

You'll probably find that there will be fewer squabbles and better feeling all around, if you volunteer to share some of your things with your sister—even before she asks. This might help curb her tendencies to take more than you are willing to spare.

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SENATOR YARBOROUGH'S REPORT

Dear Fellow Texans:

One of the major and most pressing legislative matters to come before the 87th Congress is S-1241, a bill to provide increased college academic facilities and more scholarships to students.

One part of this bill authorizes the appropriation of \$50 million for each of five years, a total of \$250 million, for matching grants to states to assist in the building of public junior colleges.

Texas has 30 of the nation's 331 public junior colleges. These 30 Texas schools served a total of 30,377 students working for degree credits in 1961. This was an increase of almost seven per cent over the 1960 enrollment in public junior colleges in Texas, a growth percentage that is impressive evidence of the need of these community schools.

The cost of getting a higher education is the biggest single road-block of high school graduates in Texas, as well as the rest of the United States. Community junior

colleges allow a student the opportunity to live at home instead of moving to a distant city with all the extra expense involved of room and board and transportation. Community colleges open the doors to higher education to thousands upon thousands of young Texans who otherwise would be unable to advance beyond high school.

Of the \$50 million annually that would be authorized for grants to the 50 states, Texas would qualify for \$2,401,135. To get this amount for its junior colleges, Texas would invest \$4,044,476 in matching funds.

Leading education authorities have testified before the Senate Education Subcommittee of which I am a member, that the American technological economy requires an increasing number of persons trained at an intermediate level—not full-fledged engineers or scientists, but high-level technicians or semi-professionals.

Junior colleges provide two years of training that can lead to further study, or preparation for employment immediately on completion of the two years. These community colleges perform a vital role in upgrading the personnel demanded by industry, either by advanced technical, scientific and managerial training, or through advanced general education.

These community colleges are relatively inexpensive to build, since they do not require massive expenditures for graduate and post-graduate training facilities. Their primary concern is education, which in my opinion is one of the primary concerns of our nation at a time when knowledge is a source of national strength.

The education bill before Con-

gress includes a provision that the matching funds agreements would be carried out without any impediment to the control of the schools by the local elected administration. This bill passed the United States Senate this week with an overwhelming vote. It now goes to the House of Representatives for its action.

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TIPS ON TAXES

The preparation of income tax returns requires that you do a little thinking, a little reading of rules, and a little searching for the books and records you should have been keeping during the taxable year. This is the first in a series of articles designed to assist you in accomplishing your task.

Generally, you must file an income tax return if you are a calendar year taxpayer. However, if you are a fiscal year taxpayer, you must file a return if you have reached 65 years of age by the end of the calendar year for which you are filing your return, you need not file a return unless you received over \$1,200 in gross income. These rules apply whether you are married or single, a minor or an adult.

Gross income refers to all income which you receive, whether or not you perform any services in connection with it, and also includes income and profits which you receive from any source, and also includes income from any source, and also includes income from any source.

of the old form. If your income is only from salary or wages and not more than \$200 of dividends and interest, you need only file pages 1 and 2.

The appropriate separate Schedule B (Supplemental Schedule of Income and Credits), C (Profit or Loss from Business or Profession), D (Gains and Losses from Sales or Exchanges of Property) or F (Schedule of Farm Income and Expenses) should be used if your income is not all of the type described.

Our tax laws are self-assessing in nature. This means that you, as the taxpayer, have a duty and obligation to report the facts and circumstances surrounding your receipt of income. The majority of simple tax returns can best and most properly be prepared by you, the taxpayer, after studying the instruction booklets available to you.

The Internal Revenue Service also makes available a booklet entitled "Your Federal Income Tax" to help you understand more complicated problems and more adequately submit the required information. Any problems which you might encounter should properly be referred to the various offices of the Internal Revenue Service or your lawyer for advice.

(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.)

Mr. R. B. Horton of Abilene was a visitor in the home of his mother Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amazon Thursday.

T. E. L. Class Meeting Held In Booth Home

The T. E. L. Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. A. L. Booth Wednesday with Mrs. Dave Anderson as co-hostess.

Mrs. Eunice Massey president, presided and Mrs. Sam Swan led the opening prayer.

Mrs. Booth gave a talk on visitation and witnessing.

Refreshments of whipped cream cheese pie and coffee were served the following class members.

Mmes. Booth, Earl Foster, Dave Anderson, Sam Swan, John Mansfield, R. Y. Buchanan, Satterwhite, Sam Hill, Selena Teoff, Kuykendall, Moore, Massey, Walker and Robertson.

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Store hours Tues., Fri. & Sat. from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Other hours by appointment. 907 Ash, Merkel. Phone 356-W, Jackie Doan. 46-tfc.

WANTED — Home repair work. We specialize in repairing homes, roofs and concrete work or live add a room. Phone OR 3-6535, Abilene.

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LOST — In Merkel. Brown billfold with driver's license and photos of small boy. Contact Ora Lee Farmer Cook (Name on driver's license) at VA 4-1031, Anson. \$3 reward. 50-1tc.

NOTICE

Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710 Thursday, February 22, 1962 at 7:30 p.m. Members urged to attend. Visitors welcome. Annual George Washington Birthday Celebration on Friday night, February 23, 1962, at 7:30 p.m. at Merkel School Cafeteria. L. A. Sargent, W. M. Fred L. Norwood, Secy.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ELECTION
City Council of the City of Merkel hereby gives notice of CITY ELECTION:
The following vacancies to be filled Alderman three (3) places two (2) years each. Candidates will have until 12:00 A.M., March 3rd, 1962, in which to file for places on Ballots.

The Election shall be held April 3rd, 1962 at the Welfare Office and shall conform as nearly as possible to the General Election Laws of Texas Governing such Elections. The Polls shall open 8:00 A.M. and Close at 6:00 P.M. Andy Shouse is hereby appointed Election Judge.

Given under my hand and seal this 5th day of February A.D. 1962. (SEAL)

City Council, City of Merkel
Flossie W. McKeever City Secretary

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas — GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: W. J. Cunningham Jr., his wife if he is a married man, Myrtle May Chandler, J. M. Chandler, Florence Irion and M. R. Irion, their heirs, successors and assigns, and any and all persons claiming any interest whatsoever, defendants.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 26th day of March A. D. 1962, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court on the 8th day of February A.D. 1962, in this cause, numbered 26,737-A on the docket of said court and styled City of Abilene Plaintiff vs. W. J. Cunningham.

FOR SALE — 2 Ford tractors with planter and cultivator. In good condition. See Mrs. Jess Russom at 505 Ash Street, Merkel. 50-2tc.

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POLITICAL Announcements

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David Ratliff (reelection)

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ningham Jr., his wife, if he is a married man, Myrtle May Chandler, J. M. Chandler, Florence Irion and M. R. Irion, their heirs, successors and assigns, and the names and residents of any and all persons claiming any interest whatsoever, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:
Suit to have a frame structure located on Lot Numbers 4 and 5, Block 155, Original Town, City of Abilene, Texas, in which Defendants hold an undivided fee simple interest, declared a nuisance and to have said structure demolished, 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 8th day of Feb. A. D. 1962. (Seal)

Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk, 42nd Dist. Court Taylor County, Texas By Grace Jenkins, Deputy

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: Herman L. Holder, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 19th day of March A. D. 1962, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court on the 21st day of November A. D. 1962, in this cause, numbered 26,526-A on the docket of said court and styled Dorothy Holder, Plaintiff, vs. Herman L. Holder, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of abandonment of more than three years as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court at Abilene, Texas this 31st day of January A. D. 1962. (SEAL)

Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas By Irene Crawford, Deputy.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: Conway King, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation same being the 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: Suit for divorce as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served

VETERANS INFORMATION

Members of the armed forces on active duty may be protected from lapse of commercial insurance policies by the VA under terms of the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act. Just what does it mean?

Once your commercial insurance policy is protected by the VA under these terms, it will not lapse or terminate for non-payment of premiums while you are on active duty and for two years after your discharge, unless you request withdrawal of the protective provisions. If you do not pay the premiums and interest to your insurance company during the protective period, the amount due will be treated by the VA as a loan. If the cash surrender value of your policy at the end of the protective period is less than the amount guaranteed, the policy will terminate and the government will pay your insurance company the difference. Any sum paid the company by the VA will become your debt to the United States.

I am a World War II veteran. Since I designated the beneficiary for my GI insurance, I have married and have two sons. How can I change my beneficiary and perhaps the option for payment to my beneficiary?

Write your VA Regional Office for form 9-336, "Change of Beneficiary and Election of Optional Settlement." Fill out the form and mail it to the insurance office to which you pay your GI insurance premiums.

Will the VA guarantee a business loan whereby a veteran may purchase a boat to use in

business, either fishing or the transportation of sightseeing tourists?

Yes, if a veteran can negotiate a loan to buy a boat as a business venture the VA is authorized to guaranty the lender against loss up to 50 percent of the loan with a maximum guaranty of \$2,000 on non-real estate loans.

Why does the government pay dividends on GI life insurance?

The annual GI insurance dividends are primarily a return to the policy holders of part of the premiums they have paid since the death rate of veterans continues to be less than estimated in the mortality tables upon which the premium rates were set by law.

I am a veteran who was discharged for a service-connected disability. Because of that, am I entitled to a special deadline date for a GI home loan?

Yes. Veterans discharged for service-connected disabilities are eligible for home loans until the maximum deadline, regardless of the time they left the service. This date is July 25, 1967, for World War II veterans and January 31, 1975, for Korea veterans.

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TIPS for OUTDOORSMEN

BY VERN SANFORD

"Like to fish where fish bite the year 'round?"

When Alcoa Lake was opened to public fishing in July of 1951, there were many skeptics who claimed that fishing there wouldn't stand up for two years. Fishing pressure, they said, would kill off a lake that small in nothing flat.

However, by the fall of 1960, more than 215,000 game fish had been taken from Alcoa. Today it still shows no sign of wilting under the pressure.

Where is Alcoa Lake? Alcoa is located about 60 miles east of Austin. Built by the Aluminum Company of America, it serves as a giant "radiator" for the firm's big plant near Rockdale.

Actually, the lake is in two parts, separated by a dike and connected by a mile-long canal. Water from the "cool" side is pumped through the plant to keep the machinery from overheating. It comes out in what is called the "hot" side.

In total, Alcoa Lake is about

850 acres in size. Only the cool side, or about 650 acres, is available for public fishing.

No fee is required to fish at Alcoa. You can fish from sunrise to sunset. But for safety reasons no fishing is allowed at night.

This is one lake strictly for fishermen! No motor larger than 15 hp. is permitted. Water skiing is banned.

There is no natural inflow of water in Alcoa. That's one reason why Alcoa usually remains clear and fishable, even during the hardest of downpours.

Water for the lake is pumped through a pipeline some 12 miles from the junction of the San Gabriel and Little Rivers.

Although only the cool side is opened to fishing, biologists point to the hot side as the real key to Alcoa's success. They believe that fish spawn in the hotter side the year round, and that many fish migrate down the canal to be caught by fishermen in the cool half.

Actually, one of the most popular spots to fish is where the blockade cable is stretched across the mouth of the canal at the cool end. The cable is there to keep boats from moving up the canal and disturbing the fish.

There are two public fishing barges at Alcoa. Many people fish off these barges, which have baited waters beneath them. But many more go out in boats to probe the shoreline weeds for catfish, bass and crappie.

Alcoa is one lake that doesn't fit the pattern of others. It offers fishing spring and fall, summer and winter. It stays good! Perhaps the flow of cool and warm water between the two parts has something to do with it.

Crappie fishing at Alcoa reaches its peak during the summer's two hottest months, July and August.

Many big bass are caught during the dead of winter, especially near the mouth of the canal.

To date the largest catfish taken from the lake is a 44 pounder. Several flathead (yellow) cats in the 30-plus class have been taken all on sport-tackle. No trolling fishing is allowed.

Thus far, no really big bass have come from Alcoa. However, a couple of seven-pound-plus specimens have been caught. Ironically, both these were taken the same day.

Jack Lewis of Rockdale has the distinction of having caught the largest bass to come from Alcoa to date. But he admits that his record won't stand up for long.

I GIVE YOU TEXAS

By Boyce House

I like "corn."
Most people do
What is "corn"? It's just sentiment and humor that are based on fundamental ideals, memories and hopes.

Liking what a few condescendingly call "corn" means that you are genuine.

Breakfast, dinner and supper are "corny" but nobody has been able to devise a satisfactory substitute for them.

When Italy was under the dictatorship of black-shirted, black-hearted Mussolini, Il Duce was in Naples one day, incoquino, and he attended a picture show. A news reel was flashed on the screen and there was Mussolini reviewing the troops. Everyone else in the theater arose and saluted the dictator. He didn't know what to do. To remain seated was to show disrespect to the ruler of Italy; to arise would be the height of egotism. His better nature, for once, triumphed; he remained seated. The scene changed and all took their seats. The man next to Mussolini leaned over in the darkness and said, "That's the way we all feel about the blankety-blank but we don't have the courage that you have!" I like "corn" and have the

nerve to say so. Nearly everybody else like sit to, if they would just own up.

Should some Pharisee happen to read this and feel inclined to jeer from the heights of his intellectual superiority, let him remember the first night of one of Shaw's plays. At the final curtain, the audience cheered and cheered; then shouted, "Author! Author!" The pink-whiskered playwright appeared and was given an ovation. Just as the applause subsided, however, someone gave a lusty "Boo!" Shaw smiled and said, "I agree with you; but who are you and I to hold out against all these other people?"

According to the Ph.D.'s, anything that plain folks like is "corny." By that standard, Dickens was corny; so was Mark Twain, Will Rogers and Abraham Lincoln—yes, and Homer chanting the Iliad to a crowd on the street and Shakespeare writing plays for working people to watch in the yards of inns.

Just enroll me with Twain and Rogers, Lincoln and Homer and Shakespeare: I'm not proud.

We folks who like genuine sentiment and homespun humor are like that troupe of strolling players who arrived, broke, in a West Texas town and, just before curtain time, the leading man peeped out at the audience. "How is it?" another actor asked. The star replied, "It's the biggest crowd we've had yet—but we've got 'em outnumbered."

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In a heavy 2-qt. saucepan mix sugar, butter, milk and marshmallow creme. Cook and stir to a full, all-over boil. Boil and stir over medium heat 5 min. Take off heat. Stir in chocolate pieces. Stir until chocolate is completely melted and blended into mixture. Pour into buttered 8 or 9-in. pan. If desired, press shelled nuts into top of fudge. Cool thoroughly. Cut into about 2 to 3 dozen pieces. Makes 2 lbs.



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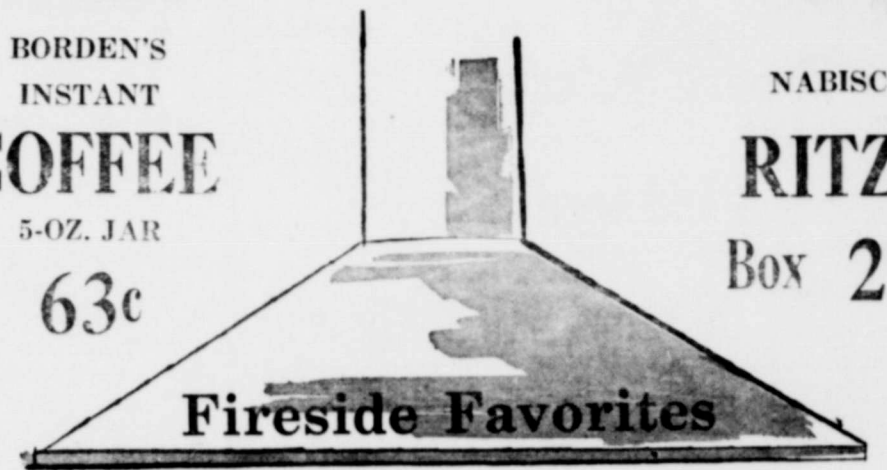
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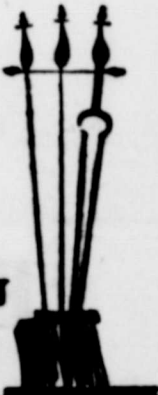


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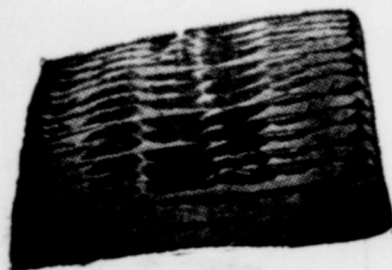
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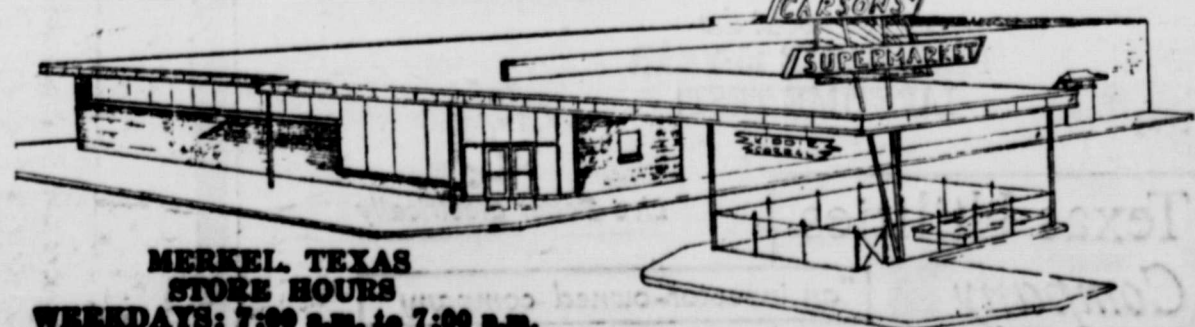
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