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## BRIGHT FUTURE SEEN BY CO-OP DIRECTORS

In a two-hour session behind closed doors Thursday morning, the board of directors of Taylor Electric Cooperative drafted a statement regarding operations made by some of the co-op's shareholders.

Also, President H. R. Roberts told the board that the cooperative is three and a half years ahead of schedule on payments of its loan.

"The cooperative netted \$150,608.54 last year. January and February of this year were the best months in the 21-year history of the cooperative," said Roberts.

"We have more consumers than ever before and the morale of our personnel is at an all time

high. We have new management, new ideas, and we expect new growth. All the co-op personnel are cooperating wonderfully and we expect a very bright and constructive future."

The board chairman made these statements, he said, to clear the air for several inquiring consumer members. He also pointed out that these same members have been invited on numerous occasions to board meetings or to the cooperative's business office to discuss any piece of business they might see fit.

Later, he revealed that a recent audit for the firm by a Sweetwater CPA had shown that all funds had been properly accounted for and that this information also was available to consumer members. Other areas of controversy include the town of Impact, and an Oak Creek Lake cabin that had been built three years ago.

"Erroneous reports concerning these subjects had been circulated," he said.

Concerning the town of Impact, Roberts said, "There is not now nor has there ever been any connection between the town of Impact and the cooperative."

"The public relations firm of Impact with offices in the 100 block of Cypress in Abilene was engaged to prepare brochures, mailing pieces, literature, advertising, public relations to help secure new customers over a period of more than four years at a cost of approximately \$28,000.

"The expenditure was authorized by a former manager and not by the board and the board on being advised about it unanimously voted to eliminate it."

Roberts went on to say: "Taylor Electric Cooperative never engaged in any attempt to serve the town of Impact with electricity and it is now being served by another company."

"Concerning the Oak Creek Lake cabin," Roberts said, "it's all a matter of record and it's open to anyone to look at any time. It was built and disposed of in 1959 and before the board knew that the cooperative had any to its funds invested in it. The board was informed that it was contemplated it would be built and paid for by the employee's out of the employees' fund but it developed that they were not able to go through with it. The cabin, including equipment and furnishings, cost \$24,606, and was sold for \$16,500."

The board chairman said: "We purchased our motor vehicles from four different firms, 1959 through 1961, and the purchase price of the vehicles is on record and open to anyone who is willing to come and look at them."

"Contrary to those rumors being circulated, the board is not holding back information and the meetings are for any member that would attend them. All members who are interested in clearing the air to come and ask for information, may attend any meeting; there is nothing to hide; mistakes have been made, which is normal in a business firm this size; but, remedies have been taken to see that those do not occur again."

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## Easter Seals

### Sent To Texas

### Homes This Week

A million and a half sheets of Easter Seals were placed in the mails this week by the Texas Society for Crippled Children and Adults, and its 84 local county affiliates.

This year's colorful messenger for crippled children will reach into homes in every community in Texas.

The Seals have become so identified with the Society and its work, that all over America it is known simply as "The Easter Seal Society."

Many probably would not recognize its official name of The National Society for Crippled Children and Adults. The Texas Society is one of the 52 associated state and territorial units.

Offering the first organized aid to America's physically handicapped, the generous public support given to the Society's work since its founding has accomplished more for the crippled in the last 41 years than in all past generations of man's civilization.

Seals are not sold; no specific donation is expected from those who receive them. The Society feels that each individual knows his pocketbook best, and being told of the need, will give as generously as he can. School children often contribute dimes, quarters, half-dollars and older citizens send contributions ranging from a dollar to several hundred dollars.

Contributions to the Appeal will be used in Texas to support the Society's program of treatment, rehabilitation, education and research for crippling conditions of all types; the Society has founded 32 treatment centers in Texas. Ninety percent of the funds remain in the state for direct services and ten percent supports a nationwide program of education, organization, and the national Easter Seal Research Foundation.

## Easter Parade

### To Be Sponsored By Garden Club

All children, even those who need assistance from the Easter Bunny, are eligible to participate in an Easter Parade of Flowers and Fashions to be sponsored by Merkel Garden Club April 20 in the high school auditorium beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The evening is planned to show off the Easter finery of any age group against a background of flowers and music. Beginning with the "sugar and spice" pre-schoolers through the fifth grade, any child may enter. From the sixth grade on each room will select three girls and three boys as representatives. Only requirement is an "entry blank" which can be obtained at school and pre-school entries to Bragg Dry Goods.

## R. D. AYERS SERVING ON SHIP IN CARIBBEAN

CARIBBEAN (FHTNC) — Marine Cpl. R. D. Ayers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus J. Ayers of 911 Oak St., Merkel, is serving with Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 264, a unit of Marine Aircraft Group 26, aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Thetis Bay, conducting routine maneuvers in the Caribbean.

## CEMETERY FUND

The following persons made contributions to the Merkel Cemetery Association fund: Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Bird, Goldie Malone



JAYCEE CAGERS — Pictured are members of the Merkel Jaycees who will play in the tournament they are hosting March 22-23-24 in the high school gym. From left they are, Buddy Martin, D. C. Hendricks, Jerry McWilliams, John O'Dell, manager Clinton Spurgin, Joe Doan, Dickey Danhien, Vernon Wade, Authur Bagby and Bobby Jones. (Photo by Elliott Studio)

## CO-OP BOARD ADMITS MISTAKES; STOCKHOLDERS INQUIRY DROPPED

An investigation into the affairs of the Taylor Electric Cooperative, with particular emphasis on some heavy expenditures, has been dropped.

The action to halt the inquiry followed a two-hour open meeting in Merkel Thursday afternoon in which mistakes were admitted by the Co-op's board of directors.

David Hooper, Abilene attorney for Lucian Gilbreth of Tye, a complaining consumer and shareholder, told the nine members of the co-op board of directors and about 70 other interested citizens that he and his client were ready to end their probing into company affairs now that their questions had been answered.

Gilbreth added that "a lot has been accomplished here today for the simple reason that some of the details of operations have been brought out in the open."

Buck Leach, Merkel farmer, told board members that there is no question as to their honesty, but that he thought they had been lax and negligent. He said he thought the problems had been straightened out and now we can get to work for our cooperative.

Board President H. R. Roberts, of Guion answered questions from Hooper and others during the open session in the afternoon which developed these facts:

1. That Dallas Perkins of Impact, Inc., an Abilene advertising firm, had been paid a total of \$28,192.85 during a period from 1957 to 1961 for services which the board said it did not authorize and was not aware of until Oct. 31, 1961. Further such advertising, promotion and public relations activities were ordered stopped at that time, Roberts said.

2. That a cabin, constructed on Oak Creek Lake near Blackwell by a Sweetwater firm, cost the co-op \$24,606, including furnishings and a heating and cooling unit. The cabin was sold to Permian Abstract Co. of Midland for \$16,500 — a loss of \$8,106 for the co-op. Roberts said the board did not know of the sale until it had been completed.

Roberts said the cabin was reported at first to be for the employees and to be paid for out of the employees' fund, but that it later was determined that the employees' fund was unable to pay the cost.

3. That four three-quarter ton trucks, "loaded with everything," were purchased in 1960 for \$15,889 in cash and \$700 allowed as trade-in on each of the four co-op trucks.

4. That connected with the truck transaction were two television sets for the co-op office and one \$1,500 wooden, cabin-type boat, brought over and above the \$15,889 truck deal.

Loan to Merkel Mail

5. That a loan had been made and was still in effect to the Merkel Mail, a weekly newspaper, and that the loan is secured by a lien on the business.

6. That a "section 5" loan (which is authorized by REA regulations) is in effect to the operator of an auto racing plant west of Abilene.

Hooper explained at the outset that neither he nor his client, Gilbreth, was interested in bringing any charges against any members of the board or any employee of the cooperative.

Co-op Manager Norman Winter assured the group that the policy hereafter would provide proper checks and balances, that any questions that consumers may have are invited.

All members of the board were present.

They included President Roberts, Vice President Hill, Secretary Morrow, Sam Butman Jr. of Merkel, Elmo Jones of Tuscola, Jeff Anderson of Trent, Oma Thomas of Maryneal, Comer Haynes of Merkel and O. S. Moore of Divide.

In regard to the payments to Impact Inc., Hooper asked Jack W. Harris, Sweetwater CPA whose firm of Farris, Harris Chapman & Marsh audited the co-op's books, why these expenditures escaped the attention of the board.

Harris explained that in the auditing, no specific checks were examined over any other, that his firm did not attempt to point out particular expense items, but did recommend a reduction in advertising and promotion.

C. F. Hill of Hamby, vice chairman of the board and Jack Morrow of Hawley, secretary-treasurer of the board, both contacted Perkins that the services for which the expenditure, they explained, Hill said they were assured by Perkins that the services for which the payments were made were actually rendered. Perkins also is mayor and a major landowner of Abilene, but Roberts stressed that the Taylor Co-op had had no dealings with the controversial town and was not providing it electrical power and had not offered to do so.

In the matter of the cabin at Oak Creek Lake, Morrow explained that the cabin was practically finished before the board was aware that it was being built. He said the board was assured that "Taylor Electric Cooperative was not putting a penny of its money into it."

"We (the board) were told that

employees were paying for it."

Morrow also stated that the cabin was sold in 1959 to the Midland purchasers without the board's knowledge or approval.

Hooper presented figures which he said he obtained from reports supplied by the U. S. Department of Agriculture on the operation of the Taylor County Electric Cooperative, Mid-West Electric at Stamford; Coleman Electric Co-op and three others of about comparable size. His figures, he said, disclosed that while Taylor Electric had a good net return per - mile record, its net operation income in comparison to operating costs was less than that of the others in the area.

Hooper said many of the other cooperatives showed no cost outlay for advertising and sales promotion. He said he favored the advertising but felt that perhaps "40,000 was rather a high figure."

The attorney got back to the four trucks. He asked if it was not the practice of the board to purchase trucks on a bid basis. Morrow said it had been the practice to consult the board members on vehicle purchases, "until about the last two years. Then some of us were contacted individually by telephone. I thought, and I'm sure other board members did too, that no change had been made in the previous policy. We were not aware of it until we began checking," he stated.

It was found, Morrow said, that the boat that was reported a part of the truck deal was paid for by a separate check.

Norman Winter, who only recently became manager, was asked what disposition had been made of the boat. He said it was destroyed in a storm at Lake Fort Phantom Hill and that insurance of \$1,500 was paid the co-op. The money was applied on a second boat which, Winter said, is now at Lake Fort Phantom and is for sale.

Winter also explained that the loan to the purchaser of the Merkel Mail is secured by a lien on the business; that the borrower is making regular payments. He also said that the loan to the auto race track owner is secured by a lien made by the firm selling the lighting equipment to the oper-

## LATIMER CAMPAIGNS FOR STATE SENATOR

Truett Latimer of Taylor County, who has served 10 years in the Texas Legislature, has begun his active campaign for State Senator of the 24th District. Latimer is a Democrat and the senior Representative from West Central Texas.

He is a staunch advocate of the free enterprise system, local self government, and states rights with the corresponding burden of state responsibility.

As a member of the Legislature he has held many committee posts, including chairmanships and vice-chairmanships of important committees. He has served on twelve (12) committees including two on Water, three on Agriculture, and four on Insurance.

In 1955 he helped re-write the Texas Insurance Code. In 1957 he was author of the Texas Water Planning Act, the Texas Feed Control Act and also sponsored legislation calling for study of the state's constitution.

He was a house author of the bill creating the Water District which is now constructing a reservoir on Hubbard Creek for the cities of Albany, Anson, Abilene and Breckenridge. As a member of the Water Committee he has helped many local areas through the creation of water districts.

In 1959 the Departmental Appropriations Subcommittee with Truett Latimer as chairman, cut the departmental budget requests 37 million dollars. He also conducted an investigation of the State Health Department. The information he uncovered caused the Health Commissioner to resign, and the entire department was re-organized to cut out waste and duplication.

He has successfully sponsored many pieces of legislation with local and statewide significance.

During his five terms in the Legislature, Latimer has been an effective leader who is responsible and conscientious. He is a hard worker who has become well-known for taking positive stands on issues confronting the Legislature.

In asking for a promotion to the Senate, Latimer said he believes his broad legislative experience fully qualifies him for the job. He is seeking the office based on his record of legislative accomplishments.

Latimer believes the 2% sales tax should be reduced to 1% straight across the board. This plan will simplify matters for the taxpayer, the retail merchant and the Comptroller who collects it. Latimer said water will always be in the forefront as one of our major problems in West Texas. "To insure an adequate water supply, we must explore every possible source and work together for the orderly development of our water sources," Latimer stated. Latimer will help each area in every possible way with their particular water problems.

In the Senate Latimer will continue to support agricultural research which has meant so much to the agricultural economy of this district.

He believes we should have an effective small loan law. This legislation always passes the House and is consistently killed by the Senate. During the recent special session the House passed a bill that would have been the strongest loan shark law in the nation, only to be killed by a 14-16 vote in the Senate.

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## Pre-Schoolers

### To Visit Class

### Rooms At School

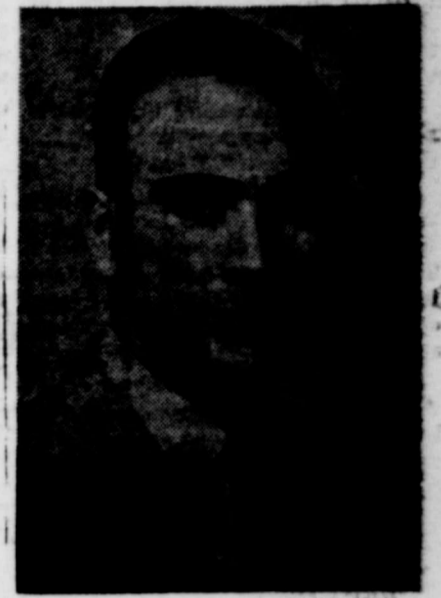
Children who will enter the first grade of Merkel Primary School for the first time next fall will visit the first grade rooms at the school March 30 between the hours of 9:00 and 11:45 a.m.

The children will be conducted through the building to acquaint them with surroundings that will become familiar to them next year.

The visit will be climaxed with lunch in the school lunchroom. Each child is asked to bring 30 cents for his lunch.

Letters of invitation will be sent to those children who are known to be entering the first grade next year. However, if parents fail to receive a letter for their preschool child, they should call the school and make arrangements for the visit.

A meeting for parents of the children is tentatively planned for May 4.



TRUETT LATIMER ... starts campaign

a stronger lobby control law, deletion of traffic tickets from the present insurance plan; retention of the number one highway system in the nation; and a 70 mile speed limit on four lane divided highways.

He believes we should continue to upgrade our schools and colleges and his support of education is a matter of record.

"We must develop an aggressive program designed to bring more tourists, businesses, and investments, as well as to new industry to Texas. Through this type of program our state can grow on a sound basis without increasing taxes," Latimer stated.

He is opposed to a city sales tax and a state income tax.

Latimer was born in Albany, reared at Lueders and received his B. A. degree from Hardin-Simmons University in 1951. He is married to the former Judy Johnson of Morton and they have two children; Jeff, 3 years old and Laura Gail, 7 months old.

He is a member of the First Baptist Church in Abilene, a Republican, and a Jaycee. Latimer operated his own business and since 1955 has directed Ex-Student activities at Hardin-Simmons University.

His widowed mother, Mrs. Zora Latimer, still resides at Lueders.

## Merkel Puts

### Two Players On 6-A Squad

District champion Merkel and Wylie placed two players each on the 6-A All District team selected by the coaches.

Merkel landed rugged James Bible and Roger Moore and Wylie put Tom Hollowell and Charles Rouse.

Other first team honorees were Maurice Cutwright, Coahoma; Wayne Wash, Roscoe and Bill Ashton, Rotan.

The second team was composed of Wade McLeod, Warren Haney and Clifford Jones of Roscoe; Mack Mansfield of Merkel and Howard Van Loon of Rotan.

Making up the honorable mention list were David Scott, Danny Doss, Merkel; David Baugh, Steve Heron, Rotan; Ronnie Cunningham, Frankie Firenze, Jim Lindsey, Coahoma.

Wylie and Coahoma dominated the all-district girls team. Forward Strickland and Glenn and guard Bynum were first team honorees for Wylie and forwards Mason and Nichols and guard Richters for Coahoma.

Rounding out the team were Owen of Merkel and Henderson and Perry of Rotan.

The second team selections were Mattingly, Seymore, Riney, Buntin, Hale and Armwine, all of Merkel; Head and Strickland of Rotan; Poor and Parker of Wylie and Bennett, Hodnett and Clanton of Coahoma.

## Starbuck Named

### Retailer of Year

Fred Starbuck was named Furniture Retailer of the Year and Frank Edward Grove of Lubbock was named Wholesale Furniture Salesman of the Year at the District 12 spring meeting of the Retail Furniture Assn. Thursday night at the Holiday Inn.

Edward Nolmer of Abilene was installed as a district director.

Speakers on the program were Kenneth Tolliver of Dallas, regional director of Pan-American Life Insurance Company, and A. S. Waldrop of Abilene, state president. Also attending were Floss G. Moore of Dallas, executive vice president of the association.

Starbuck owns and manages the Starbuck Furniture Co. in Lubbock.

## STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights by Vern Sanford

AUSTIN, Tex. — Capital newspapermen quizzed candidates for lieutenant governor at a Sigma Delta Chi dinner and found wide variety in the answers.

At a prior meeting the professional journalism society had quizzed the gubernatorial candidates.

Big news of the session was the unanimous opposition to legalizing pari-mutuel betting on horse races. Texas voters will have an opportunity to express their own views on this subject at the May 5 primaries.

Rep. V. E. "Red" Berry of San Antonio got this issue listed on both the Democratic and Republican

primary ballots by presenting both political party headquarters with petitions signed by more than 200,000 persons. Petition asked the legislature to give the people an opportunity to vote on pari-mutuel betting.

Further questions to the candidates at the newsmen's dinner revealed diverse opinions on repeal of the poll tax as a prerequisite for voting. Four favored repeal; two opposed it. Senator Preston Smith and Bill Hayes were the opponents.

Candidates present at the meeting were Senators Preston Smith, Jarrard Secrest, Crawford Martin and Robert Baker, all democrats, and Bill Hayes and Kellis Dibrell, republicans. Speaker James A. Turman, the seventh candidate, was absent.

Former Lt. Gov. Ben Ramsey moderated the discussion. He closed the session with a comment that most people underestimate the importance of the job of lieutenant governor. Because all state policy is made by the legislature, the lieutenant governor is of prime importance. He presides over the Senate, names the Senate Committees, and decides which committees will handle bills. Thus he has almost absolute control over the course of legislation — which is state policymaking.

**POLL LISTS HIGH** — It seems like there's a record number of candidates running for state and national office this year. There also appears to be a record number

## Word Games Aid School Performance



**DIFFICULTY IN EXPRESSING IDEAS** clearly is a prime stumbling block in the way of achieving good marks, from primary level to college, teachers report. Here parents can be of tremendous help in encouraging their children to improve their ability to say what they mean effectively, according to Dr. Philip B. Gove, editor-in-chief of the Merriam-Webster dictionaries. A basic key to this vital phase of home education, he notes, is a good dictionary, positioned for daily use in an easily accessible spot.

A new recreational way to look up words is provided by Webster's Third New International Dictionary which primarily quotes publications and people well known today to illuminate most of the 200,000 examples of word usage. This contemporary approach interests young people in adventuring with new words and varied meanings of familiar ones.

There are 100,000 new words and new word meanings to spark interest and challenge the imagination in this new Merriam-Webster unabridged, notes Dr. Gove. If children make a habit of daily forays into its pages, they, automatically, will improve their skill in self-expression—a prime essential to success in school, careers and human relations.

ber of potential voters.

A recent count showed 2,373,857 Texans paid poll taxes or filed for exemptions this year. That's 218,212 more eligible voters than last year.

With 15 county totals still due at the State Comptroller's office, including some big cities, the list may exceed the record-setting 2,594,254 who paid to go to the polls in the 1960 presidential election.

All poll-tax payers who show up at the May 5 primaries will answer the big question: Do they want to keep the poll tax as a voting requirement?

Their answers on primary tickets of both parties should be a representative decision on the long-battled subject.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL RULES** — Angellina County Attorney Dan Brazil asked Attorney General Will Wilson whether a precinct chairman who is elected in a May primary can take office immediately.

He was told that even though a man becomes precinct chairman without a run-off he must wait until Saturday after his county runoff election before he assumes his new duties.

Attorney general also ruled that the "banking escheat" law calls for bankers to advertise for missing depositors in May of this year.

He also interpreted the criminal code to read that a justice of the peace cannot collect a \$4 trial fee if the case at hand is dismissed.

**EGG STANDARDS UPGRADED** — Benefits of the crackdown on egg grade violations in 1958 were reaped by Texas housewives. Number of below-quality or inedible eggs reported for the last quarter of 1961 was only 1.2 per cent.

Agriculture Commissioner John White said this incidence is "the lowest in history for Texas and probably as low a level as ever attained by any state."

When the Egg Law became effective in 1958, violations were uncovered at the rate of 16 per cent. State Department of Agriculture spent \$39,902 in fiscal 1961 to see that the law was enforced.

At a meeting of the Texas Egg Advisory board, White commended the state's egg industry for its cooperation in the egg "clean-up." Board includes G. F. Siebel of Burton; Marvin Gilbreath of Wel-

mar; Jack Dubose of Gonzales; T. D. Craddock of Hamilton; Tom Boothe of San Antonio; D. W. Reneau of Seguin and F. Z. Beaublanc of Texas A&M.

**A HALF MILLION MILES TO SCHOOL** — Texas Education Agency clocked school bus mileage in the state's 1,453 districts. They found that 8,240 bus drivers drive almost a halfmillion miles daily to take 420,000 children to school.

Some West Texas school buses travel as far as 229 miles a day.

**INDIAN RAID ON CAPITOL** — Dressed as Ani-Waya, Latonkawa, Neep, Caddo, Kiva, Sotso, Po-Hebeto-Quasho and Ogilewanagi Indians, some 50 school children raided the Capitol.

Whooping it up for the Brenham Indian Festival to be held April 14, the youngsters danced and chanted to the beat of a giant drum for 30 minutes around the Capitol rotunda. Then they invaded Gov. Price Daniel's reception room to invite him to their April show.

Brian W. Schenk, Austin school teacher in charge of "Indian Affairs," said the children came from Dallas, Houston, Mexia, Denton, Port Arthur, San Antonio, Snyder, Lubbock and other points. They're members of an organization that's trying to preserve old Indian traditions. Some have visited tribes

all over the Southwest.

**TEXAS DAY AT THE FAIR**—Seattle World's Fair officials have invited Governor Daniel to come to the fair on April 27. Billed as "Texas Day," the state will be saluted in a special program in which college, high school and other units can take part.

Schools that are interested in sending representatives should contact the governor's office. The Cheralettes of Lamar High School in Houston already have been booked to sing April 26-29.

## 30 YEARS AGO

Sunday morning Lee Baker came over from Abilene with his family to spend the day with Grandma Baker and Aunt Molly. Then in the afternoon, J. L. Baker, Grandma's son, and his wife, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ingram came from Mt. Pleasant, which made the day a pleasant one indeed in the Baker home.

Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Rhodes of Overton, who were weekend guest of Mrs. Rhodes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Reagh, were accompanied on their return trip by Chester Rhea.

Mesdames Ernest Higgins and Jimmie Roe, accompanied by Mrs. Dorothy Allen and children returned Wednesday from a visit in Fort Worth.

Rev. and Mrs. J. T. King accompanied by Miss Mary King, returned Saturday from a visit with another daughter in Del Rio.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Hamilton and little daughter, Janice Lea, former Merkelites now residing at Loriane, were Sunday guests in the J. E. Richardson home. They also spent a March the second holiday with friends here.

Mrs. Ed J. Leeman and son, Terry Leeman of Duncan, Okla., former residents of Merkel, were weekend guests of Mrs. Lemay's sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Shepard.

Dean Higgins returned Saturday from Austin where he had gone to take the barbers examination. He was accompanied on the trip by J. T. Darsey, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Allday and little son left Sunday for Silverton where Tom has accepted employment with Ira Shaffer in railroad work.

**"Local Postmasters Birthday Occasion For Dinner Party"**

O. J. Adecock, Merkel's postmaster, was 52 years old on Thursday of last week. So, instead of closing the banks and the postoffice for the occasion, his better half invited a number of guests to surprise him when he came home for dinner. There was no surprise about the menu, however, for it showed most careful preparation, including as it did a variety of good things to eat, beginning with dressed chicken and baked ham, many vegetables, salads, etc. and wind-

ing up with pies and cakes of various brands and peaches and cream. Besides those of the immediate family, friends who gathered for the occasion an extended many happy returns to Mr. Adecock were Wren Durham, Castle Ellis and

Clark Munday, from the post-office force, O. R. Rodden, J. S. Stalls and family, Elder L. E. Carpenter, wife and little daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Black, Miss Pearl Elliott, Mrs. J. Willie Moore and H. H. Toombs.

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  - Codes to guarantee election counts
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## POLITICAL Announcements

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**Truett Latimer**
- DISTRICT CLERK  
**W. L. McDonald, Anson, (reelection.)**
- TAYLOR COUNTY JUDGE  
**Roy Skaggs**
- STATE SENATE  
**David Ratliff (reelection)**
- COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT  
**Clive Pierce (reelection)**
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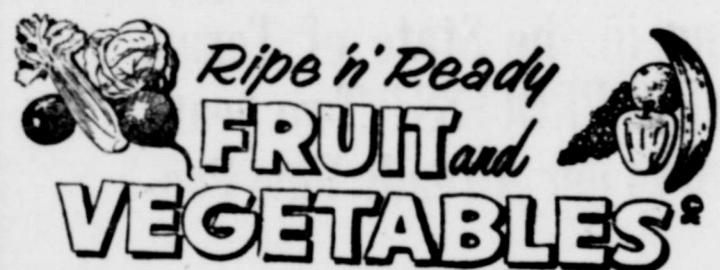
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## Trent Gardeners Hear Program On 'Arranging'

Mrs. W. B. Wetzel Jr., national flower show judge and flower arranger from Sweetwater, conducted a flower arrangement workshop, featuring the principles of art in flower arranging with figurines, at a meeting March 19 of the Trent Community Garden Club.

Mrs. Weldon Beasley, president, presided at the business session.

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when reports were given by the committee chairmen. Plans were completed for the Spring Flower Show to be held April 28. Plant material grown by club members will be featured.

Visitors present were Mrs. Verda Scott, Mrs. Curley Edwards, Cindy Beasley and Linda Barnhill of Trent.

Hostesses were Mrs. Lesley Beasley and Mrs. C. C. Stribling.

Members attending were Mmes. Stella Cutler, Ola Beasley, Jack Bright, Dick Fuller, Odell Freeman, Geta Williamson, Bobbie Barbee, Mark Williamson, Othel O'Kelley, Erma B. Black, J. M. Stowe, B. B. Strawn, Tom Williamson, J. E. Stevens Jr., B. J. Graham, Hollis Jones, O. V. Barnhill and Foy Steadman.

The next meeting will be April 16 when Mrs. Ronnie Freeman will be in charge of the program on "Flower Show Know-How." The club project—Water and Weed—planting at the cemetery, city council and elementary school, will be discussed. Each member is asked to bring horticulture specimen of an unusual plant growing in her garden to encourage members to try the "hard to grow" plants.

## OES To Honor Masons, Wives

Masons and their wives will be guests of the Merkel OES Chapter for a covered dish supper at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 24 in the Masonic Hall.

A comedy program "The Masons Meet" will be presented. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish.

## DUPLICATE BRIDGE

### WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Meyer Mellinger and Roy Dalziel won first place in the Merkel Duplicate Bridge Club session held Thursday at the Country Club.

Other winners were Mrs. Bea Fleisher and Mrs. Catherine Vaughan—second; Pat Dalziel and Connie Kirkendall—third; and Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler—fourth.

Club members decided to meet every week on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Merkel Country Club. If there is adequate turnout, weekly meetings will be continued indefinitely. The next session will be March 22.

## District Head Guest Speaker For Study Club

Mrs. John Ward of Aspermont, Mesquite Federated Club District president, was guest speaker at the Fortnightly Study Club meeting Tuesday in the home of Mrs. W. R. Cypert.

Introduced by Mrs. W. T. Sadler, Mrs. Ward spoke on "Together We Progress," giving information on Federated Club work.

Mrs. Homer Patterson, president, presided at the meeting which had as its theme "Texas Heritage."

Representatives of the Fortnightly Club at the District Convention in Sweetwater recently included Mrs. Patterson, Christine Collins and Mrs. Sadler.

## Noodle HD Club Meeting Held

The Noodle Home Demonstration Club met March 13 in the school cafeteria with the president, Mrs. Vess Justice, presiding.

Mrs. Mary Newberry, County HD agent, presented the program on "Working With Plaids."

Roll call was by Mrs. Henry Ueckert. Mrs. Hubert Sullivan led in prayer and Mrs. Bill Maxwell was in charge of game time.

Members voted to entertain the Noodle 4-H Club and to visit the older people in the community.

Mrs. Will Spurgin and Mrs. Dock Callaway served refreshments to Mmes. Newberry, Justice, Sullivan, C. A. Cox, Ueckert, Less Cox, Clayton Dillard, Lawrence Olive, Earl Palmer, Jim Boaz, Billy Maxwell and daughter, Patti.

Mrs. Olive won the hostess gift.

## WSCS Circles Have Meeting

Mrs. Jarrett Williams presented a play, "Stretch Out Thine Hand," when the two WSCS circles of the First Methodist Church met Tuesday at the church.

Opening prayer was led by Mrs. Alvis Cooley. Mrs. John Shannon gave the closing prayer. There were 16 members present.

## Pictures Shown At Club Meeting

Mrs. Dale Litton, national flower show judge, was in charge of the program for a "no hostess" meeting of the Merkel Garden Club in the elementary school library.

Mrs. Litton showed pictures of flower shows she had judged in area towns and past flower shows sponsored by the Merkel club.

## BAKER - CUTLER ENGAGEMENT TOLD

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew A. Baker of Merkel are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Letha Ann, to Tommie Franklin Cutler, son of Mrs. Stell Cutler, also of Merkel.

The couple will be married at 7:00 p.m. April 7, at Merkel First Methodist Church. The Rev. Alvis Cooley, pastor, will officiate.

Miss Baker, a graduate of Merkel High School, attended South West Texas State Teachers College. She is employed by an insurance company in Abilene. Cutler graduated from Merkel High School and is employed at Taylor Electric Cooperative in Merkel.

## CO-OP

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ator. The operator is making regular payments on the loan, the manager said.

### Differences Resolved

At the conclusion of the discussion, questioning and statements by Attorney Hooper and Bryan Bradbury, representing the cooperative, Buck Leach, a farmer living northwest of Merkel told the group that:

He was glad the questions concerning the cooperative had been brought out into the open, that differences were resolved and that some questions were answered.

"I have told the members of the board individually and privately that there was no question as to their honesty, but that they were lax and negligent in the operation of the cooperative affairs.

"I'll tell them that here. But I

do not question the honesty of a single one of them, nor the ones who are working with them.

"I think we have straightened out all our problems and now we can get to work for our cooperative."

### Gilbreth Statement

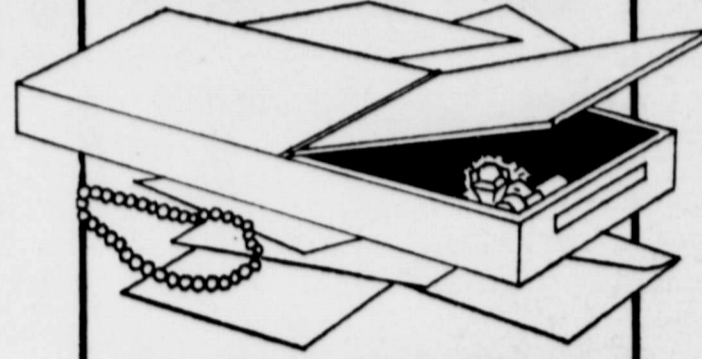
Lucian Gilbreth requested permission to make a statement:

"I did not mean to jeopardize the position of anyone connected with the cooperative. I felt like there were some questions to be asked and answered. I feel that a lot has been accomplished here today, for the simple reason that some details of operations have been brought out in the open.

"I feel like this is the way to work out our difficulties. I believe the shareholders will be more cooperative.

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## MISS SHEPPARD WEDS LOU DAVID ALLEN

Rhonda Sheppard became the bride of Lou David Allen in a candlelight ceremony at 8 p.m. Saturday in Galena Park Church of Christ, Houston.

The double ring ceremony was read by Mark McElhoney, minister of the Galena Park Church of Christ.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. O. Sheppard Jr. of Galena Park and Mr. and Mrs. Beauford Allen of Merkel.

Wedding music was presented by a vocal group from Abilene Christian College.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of white imported chantilly lace fashioned with long sleeves which tapered to points over her hands. The back of the dress had satin covered buttons and the bouffant skirt extended to a chapel train. Her fingertip veil of silk illusion fell into

four tiers from a crown of pearls. She carried a bouquet of four white orchids showered with pearls atop a white Bible.

Linda Sheppard was her sister's maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Patricia Archibald and Marvile Chumley. They wore identical dresses of red peau de soie. Their headresses were crowns of matching material holding short circular veils. They carried heart shaped bouquets of white carnations.

Ronnie Tombs of Merkel was best man. Groomsmen were Nedom Means of Pasadena and Wendell Thomason of Galena Park.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the church annex where the bride's table was laid with a floor length gathered lace cloth of white with silver threads. Centering the table was a four-tiered wedding cake flanked by silver candelabra. Appointments were in silver and crystal.

Aloha Cravens, Brenda Kembrell and Barbara Cordena presided at the refreshment table.

The bride is a graduate of Galena Park High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society, the student council, was class favorite, most popular, homecoming queen and Miss Galena Park High School. She attended Abilene Christian College and Lee College. She is employed as secretary by Hess Terminal Corporation, Houston.

The bridegroom, a 1953 graduate of Merkel High School, received his Bachelor of Science Degree at Abilene Christian College in January of this year. He was a member of the Knights Social Club and the Science Club. He is teaching in the Houston public school system and going graduate work at the University of Houston.

The couple will reside at B-9 Buckingham Apts., Pasadena.

The bridegroom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner Friday evening at the Green Parrot.

### STITH HD CLUB HAS PROGRAM ON 'HATS'

The Stith Home Demonstration Club met Wednesday, March 4, at the Community Center with Mrs. Roy Molsbee as hostess.

Mrs. Buck Leach presided in the absence of the president. Mrs. Orville Ely presented the program on "Hat Making," demonstrating each step, from the molding of the form to the finished product. She displayed several hats that she made.

The next meeting will be March 28 when Mrs. Mary Newberry, county HD agent, will demonstrate working with plaids.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Oliver and girls of Midland, Mrs. Bobby Owens and baby of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Whisenhunt and children. Mrs. Oliver received word that her brother, who was severely burned recently, is doing better now.

Mrs. M. H. Jones of Crowell is visiting in the home of her sisters, Mrs. Lucy Ford and Mrs. Daisy Dwiggin. Mrs. Jones has been ill but was able to come with her sister.

Mrs. W. A. McCandless visited her sister, Mrs. N. H. Roberts in Anson last week.

## Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE

Stith Community received about five inches of snow last Wednesday. There was enough moisture to help the grain.

The Rev. and Mrs. Hubert Howe and children of Edmonson visited a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley.

Mr. and Mrs. James Strange and Melinda Lee of Odessa spent the weekend with the Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Swindell and Mrs. J. E. Swindell. Mrs. Swindell returned home with them for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry were shopping in Anson Saturday.

Curtis Clyburn visited Sunday in Bangs with Johnny Carroll.

Lonnie Harris moved Sautrday from Midland to the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Browning. He is working at H-SU in Abilene.

Mrs. Billy Dunagin and Mary of Tye were dinner guests Sunday of M. and Mrs. F. S. Hale and Sandra. Mrs. Bryon Curb and Mrs. Claire Hale and Steve visited them Monday.

The Rev. and Mrs. Moore and daughter were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. West Sunday night.

Sam Burns and Sammie of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns Sunday.

Mrs. Dewey Reddin attended the funeral of her sister at Oklahoma City Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker of Sweetwater visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vantrees Sunday.

**MISSIONARY FAMILY TO PRESENT PROGRAM** America, the Waggoners, will visit the Assembly of God Church Sunday, March 25 at the evening service. The group, who play five different accordions, will present a musical program. The service, which will begin at 6:30 p.m., is open to the public.

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## Miss Whisenhunt Jim Wilson Wed

Wedding vows were exchanged by Barbara Whisenhunt and Jim Wilson Friday evening in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Whisenhunt.

The Rev. M. A. Randolph, pastor of the New Live Oak Baptist Church, read the double ring rites.

The bridegroom is the son of Warren Wilson.

The bride wore a dress of white lace over white satin, matching lace gloves and a fingertip veil.

She is a senior student at Merkel High School where she plans to continue her studies.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Wylie High School and is employed at Swift Packing Co. in Abilene.

## Cake, Coffee Sale Slated

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will sponsor a coffee, cake and pie sale Friday, March 23, at the Chamber of Commerce office.

The homemade cakes and pies may be purchased whole or by the slice.

## MERKEL COUPLE'S SON RECEIVES PROMOTION

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Clemmer have received word that their son, Woodrow Clemmer, has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force.

Clemmer and his family, who have been on a three year assignment in Bermuda, will return to the States in May of this year.

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Suit in trespass to try title by Plaintiff against Defendants to recover the title and possession of the following lands and premises situated in Taylor County, Texas, to-wit:

A part of W. P. Scott Survey No. 93, and being all of Lot No. 9, Block No. 5, of R. L. Over and Joe Coll's Subdivision of Block No. 4, Over Place, an addition to the City of Abilene in Taylor County, Texas, as shown by Plat of said Subdivision Recorded in Vol. 1, Page 252 of the Plat Records of Taylor County, Texas, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 1st day of March A. D. 1962.

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## THE NATIONAL OUTLOOK

Fifteen months ago President Eisenhower appointed a committee to study and report on the problem of railroad employment and work rules. The committee consisted of five from railway unions, five management members, and five representing the public. The long report has just been issued, and the unions say they will have none of it. Management, also, is not too happy, but has "accepted" the report as a whole. This means, of course, that fundamentally only public members were able to arrive at an agreement.

That there should be such a difference of opinion is not surprising. No other industry has such a messy employment situation. Unions long have been extremely strong in railroading and all of them have been adamant in fighting for the rights of their members. These rights have been interpreted to mean that no one could have his job abolished and also that if a man was hired to do one thing he could not be assigned to do anything else.

Management must also accept part of the blame for the present situation. For too long management gave in to the demands of the unions and when it started to object and ask for changes it meant that there would be fewer jobs— which no union could be expected to accept.

Government is a third party that deserves substantial responsibility for the present sad plight of the railroads. This is the result of its archaic regulation. Such regulation is found at both the federal and the local level. This system of rules and powers was developed when railroads had a monopoly of land transportation in the nation, and at that time the regulation was essential. But long ago the railroads lost this monopoly position through the growth of truck fleets, airplanes, and so forth. No basic changes have been made, however, in the rights of the management of the railroads.

Here are some of the recommendations of the commission: Instead of the present system of pay being based sometimes upon seniority and sometimes upon hours worked, and sometimes upon a combination of these two factors, there should be a standard formula worked out for all employees.

Hours should be brought into line with other industry practices. At present some railroad employees work more than 70 hours a week but in inter-city passenger traffic the average day for calculating the pay of engineers and foremen is 4 hours.

Set a definite retirement age and make it mandatory. At present the workers may retire at 65, but 5 percent of the engineers are over 70 and 22 percent are over 65.

Gradually eliminate firemen on freight diesel locomotives. This has been a point of bitter controversy between management and unions. It is not recommended that there be wholesale discharging of these men, and it is said that when a fireman is released he be given a liberal dismissal allowance, plus two years of job retraining at company expense.

Readjust the wage scale by lifting the pay of those now earning the least. Judge Rifkind, chairman of the commission, estimates that the total wage bill would be increased by 2 percent, if no allowance is made for the elimination of the diesel firemen.

When management and labor cannot agree on a change, it is suggested time after time that the issue be submitted to binding arbitration.

Submission of this report, of course, does not mean anything. But it is a real contribution. The public can now see the facts and with luck we may be able to work through these serious problems.

Almost everyone is discussing the slight downturn in business during January, and perhaps continuing into February. Was it a mere pause or does it indicate that this recovery is over? Here are some of the data which reflect the decline:

Total personal income dropped by 1.5 billion. This is after making a correction for normal seasonal behavior of this item.

In manufacturing the seasonally adjusted hours worked per week declined from 40.4 in December to 40.0 in January. Average weekly earnings fell from \$96.93 in December to \$94.96 in January.

Total industrial production as measured by the index of the Federal Reserve Board, slid from 115 in December to 114 in January.

Private housing starts were down for the third consecutive month.

Preliminary estimates for retail trade in January revealed a slight decline. The estimates have now been revised and show a slight increase.

Various other important statistics such as gross national product, per-

sonal consumption expenditures, corporate profits, expenditures for plant and equipment, etc., are compiled only on a quarterly basis and we have nothing on them so far.

Now obviously this is not the manner in which statistics should behave during a recovery period. But Administration spokesmen are not disturbed. Two of them expressed their views a few days ago and they reflected complete confidence in the outlook.

Secretary of Commerce Hodges, in a news conference, said that he expects continued expansion in the months ahead, and forecast that gross national product will rise to more than \$560 billion in the second three months of the year. (It was \$542 billion in the fourth quarter of 1961.)

Walter Heller, chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisors, just shrugs off the January figures. He has been predicting that gross national product would be above \$550 billion in the first quarter; and he sees all kinds of facts which will assure a continued upward trend for business the remainder of the year and into 1963. And he still holds to \$570 billion for gross national product for the year as a whole.

Is such optimism justified? Secretary Hodges appears fairly reasonable, but Dr. Heller, in our judgement, is going too far.

The January decline was not serious, and a major portion of it can be accounted for by weather. But granting this, it still remains true that there were setbacks and these must change total estimates

for the year 1962. For example: Our original estimate for gross national product was \$560.565 billion. This now definitely appears on the high side and we would be inclined to have the figure at \$551.569.

Industrial production, we said, should be up 7 percent. That figure probably should be shaded to not more than 5 or 6 percent.

We estimated that employment would be up 5 and 5.5 percent. It is possible that the force will be up 6 percent, but the growth of the labor force.

Our forecast for housing starts was 1,275,000. That was a low figure, and still reasonable.

We objected in the Administration's estimate of corporate profits, and used it as an important element in insisting that the proposed balanced federal budget would not be realized. There now is no question but that we shall have a deficit for the fiscal year which starts next July 1.

But the recovery is not over. We experienced a pause in January, and we may find that some of it was continued into February. But the business trend basically still is upward, and should remain so for the remainder of this year.

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### The story of WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE and The Church Bell

"I don't need to advertise," an established merchant in Kansas once told William Allen White, renowned publisher of The Emporia Gazette. "Everybody knows me and knows what I sell."  
"In that event," replied the thoughtful publisher, "we can dispense with the oldest advertising medium for the oldest institution in the world. See that church down the street," continued Mr. White, pointing to one of Emporia's oldest and most beautiful structures, "That church has been established here for many years. Everyone knows what it is and what it does. In the tower of the church is a bell and every Sunday it rings out to remind folks to come to church."  
"Shoppers go where they are invited and stay where they are well treated," concluded the publisher.

"Regardless of how well established a firm may be, newspaper advertising is a repeated invitation and a reminder to come and do business with that store."

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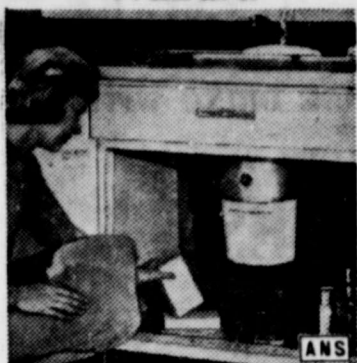
DEAR MISTER EDITOR:  
I was raised in a small town in Texas. I was invited to the White House. He don't know if he ought to hold his head still and move his ear of corn, or move his head and hold the corn still. This proves a couple of things about Washington column writers. They has run out of something to write about and they ain't had much experience with eating corn on the cob. I ain't shore if proper at the White House, but this feller will find that moving the head in one direction and the ear in the other at the same time is the best for greatest speed and efficiency. It is also very proper at my house.

Incidental, it seems to me the human race is paying more attention to this eating business than ever before in my life time. About half the stuff you read in the papers and magazines these days, especial the sections for women in the big dailies, is about eating.

For instant, I see in the paper today where a child expert says if you have company and ain't got room for everybody to eat at once, to feed the youngsters afore the adults eat. That's a heap different from the way I was raised. When we had company to eat, which was about all the time, the youngsters had to wait till the grown-ups got their fill afore we got a mouthful. That's why I was 16 year old afore I knowed a chicken had anything but neck and feet.

And I was reading a magazine piece the other day where them science fellers with the National Institute of Health has come up with a food made out of coal and water that is so concentrated

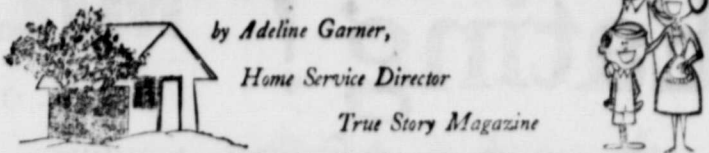
Solve Health Hazard



SUMMERS are usually pleasant with many enjoyable things to do—active sports or just sitting in the old rocking chair on the patio. Along with the fun, there are some unpleasant tasks. High on the list is dealing with food wastes and cleaning the garbage can—an imperative chore since heat speeds decay of food wastes which breed germ-carrying flies.

The modern answer to this problem is a handy electric food waste disposer such as the General Electric Disposal. Installed under the kitchen sink, this small appliance grinds all types of food waste before it turns into garbage and washes it to sewer or septic tank. Fast and efficient, a Disposal makes all-year-round living healthier and cleaner with unsightly garbage cans banished forever.

HOME FARE



by Adeline Garner,  
Home Service Director  
True Story Magazine

**Grimy Collar Care**  
If your wash-and-wear raincoat has a grimy ring around the collar, soak the collar in pine cleaner full strength. This pre-wash treatment will get rid of the ring without harsh rubbing.

**Perfect Rice Everytime!**  
Remember the magic combination 1-2-1 (1 cup rice, 2 cups water and 1 teaspoon salt) when cooking regular rice? Combine 1 cup rice, 2 cups water and 1 teaspoon salt in a 3-quart saucepan that has a tight fitting lid. Bring to a boil, stirring once or twice as water comes to a boil. Lower heat to simmer. Cover pan and cook about 14 minutes without stirring. The April issue of TRUE STORY reader recipes features rice in main dishes such as tempting Texas Hash, Spanish Rice Creole, and Corned Beef Casserole.

**Mildew Stains**  
Readers are always asking how to remove mildew stains. Here is one method which is effective on washable garments. Pre-treat with detergent and launder. If stain remains, sponge with hydrogen peroxide. Launder using bleach safe on fabrics.

**Something Sweet for Lunch Toters**  
Everyone loves a surprise! Especially when it is sweet 'n' nice 'n' covered with spice. Try packing dried apricots, prunes, peaches, figs, dates or raisins which have been dusted with sugar and cinnamon.

**Wall Cleaning**  
A solution of 1 cup ammonia, 1/4 cup vinegar, and 1/4 cup baking soda added to half

pail of warm water and your favorite household cleaner should make the wall washing job an easier one.

**Ice Cream Cone Magic**  
Super special for the small fry. Fill cone with favorite ice cream, use after dinner colored candies for eyes and mouth, and top with big round cookie for hat!

**Weekly Watering**  
Water your house plants from the top and at the soil level once a week to wash down harmful fertilizer salts through the bottom and porous walls of the clay pots, so no excessive amounts of these salts will accumulate within the soil ball to weaken or kill your plants.

**Emergency Shelf Meals**  
With all the wonderful canned foods on the market that extra guest or two never a problem. Try keeping a few cans of canned tuna, cream of mushroom soup, your favorite vegetables, and hand. As the guests talk, combine 2 cans of tuna with 1 can of mushroom soup and 1 soup can of water. Add one can drained peas. Bake in greased baking dish. Serve over heated Chinese noodles which also come from a can!

**Laundry Lore**  
• Always make sure that your washer is completely empty before you put the soiled laundry inside.

• A good substitute for a laundry cart is to line a bushel basket with washable plastic and place it on a "dolly" with wheels or on a child's cart.

• To retard scorching, wash a cotton ironing board cover before use to remove sizing. Return it to the board while wet and allow it to dry.

• If you hang a plastic tablecloth after washing, weight the lower edge with spring-type clothespins. This keeps the cloth from flying in the breeze and sticking to itself.

visited over the weekend with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Colmother, Mrs. Nannie Glenn and line of Breckenridge.



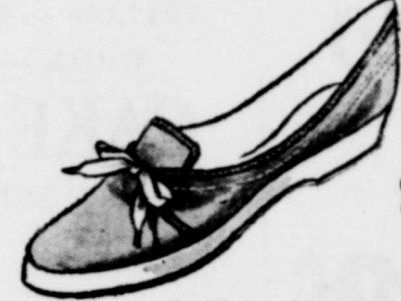
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substantial real estate taxes and mortgage interest. However, there can be many other situations where the itemization method will benefit you taxwise.

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Fred Baker Jr. from Slaton visited his sister, Mrs. Buck Leach this weekend.

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The basic exemptions are those for the taxpayer and his spouse. You are entitled to one exemption each, plus an additional exemption of \$600 for each of you who reaches the age 65 during the taxable year or who is blind.

In addition to exemptions for you and your spouse, you may claim a \$600 exemption for relatives who receive less than \$600 gross income during a taxable year and who receive more than one-half of their support from you. Non-relatives also can constitute dependents which will entitle you to a dependency deduction where they satisfy the

same rules, and when they live in your home.

Your child, if under 19 or a student, can be a dependent for which you will be entitled to an exemption, whether or not he or she earns in excess of \$600 gross income, where you provide more than one-half of the actual cost of supporting the child. Amounts received by the student child as a scholarship are not counted.

The standard or optional deduction is available to you if you do not desire to itemize your personal deductions authorized by law such as real estate taxes, charitable contributions and medical expenses.

These personal deductions are deductions from a figure called Adjusted Gross Income. Adjusted gross income is gross income less exclusions, such as the sick pay exclusion, and deductions for business expenses incurred in connection with property which you hold for the production of rents or royalties.

The standard deduction is 10 per cent of this adjusted gross income figured up to a maximum deduction of \$1,000. It is a substitute method allowed as a measure of presumed personal deductions and is given to you whether or not you keep records of deductible expenses or actually have these expenses.

The determination of whether or not you should use the standard deduction should be made by comparing the net tax which you will pay under both methods of filing your return. The final method used should be based upon a consideration of the relative cost of filing under either method, the amount of personal deductions you have incurred and your ability to sustain the burden of proving the accuracy of your itemized deductions.

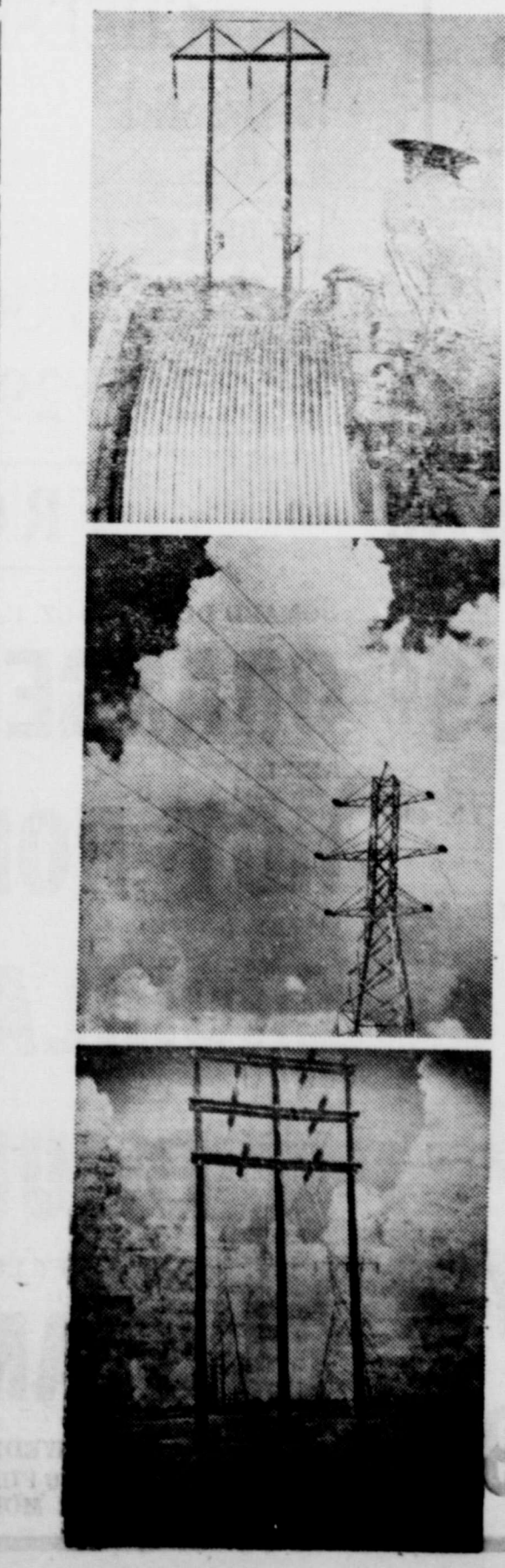
A general rule of thumb would indicate that you will pay less tax by itemizing your deductions where you own your own home and pay

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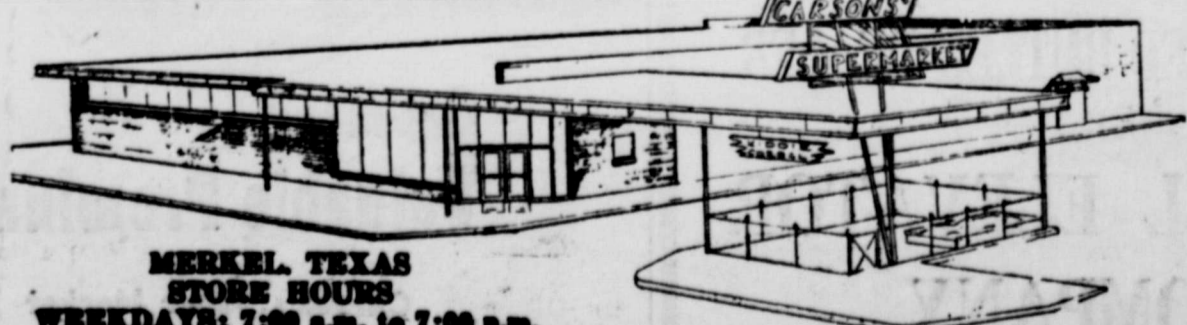
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