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## gabby doodle from noodle says

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

Zeke Brubb's preacher come by the country store Saturday night, announced he was plum wore out from working on his report. Preachers in his Church, he explained, has to fill out a annual report by the end of March each year telling all the things they done during the past year. He says if they keep adding pages to it, pretty soon the only thing he'll have to report is that he has been busy filling out reports.

But the good Parson allowed as how his report was bringing to light some mighty interesting things. For instance, he said, it showed they had 309 Committee meetings last year and he is hoping they will get a certificate for this achievement. He figured them 309 Committee meetings come to around 1,342 man-hours and the Bishop might even award the congregation a bronze plaque.

Another thing his report showed, he told the fellers was how pore maw folks is in his community. He said the Good Book orders us to give according to how much the Lord has prospered us and according to his church records, they had one of the worst depressions last year since Noah and the flood. Fact is, he said, he was thinking about taking food baskets to some of his members. A bunch of families in his congregation didn't give a cent during the year, so he figures they must be in bad shape.

For instance, he said one member of his Chior ain't give a nickel to the church in three year. The Good Parson said he drove by the feller's house the other night to ask if he could help him out a little till he got on his feet, but he didn't stop because he saw in the driveway where somebody else had done beer by and give him a new car.

He told the fellers they was a chanse the Bishop might promote him to a bigger church on account of his fine annual report. He said his report showed he had not only preached 104 sermons and attended 309 Committee meetings, but he was serving as Athletic Director of the Sunday School and was head coach of the horseshoe and pingpong teams.

Country preachers, he allowed, don't have to worry this time of year about their income tax report. For that, he said, he was thankful. He claims he takes the report ever year, signs it at the proper places, and writes a note at the top saying he's a country preacher. In case that ain't enough, he puts down how much salary he was pledged, puts right under it how much he got, and subtracts. He says he's showed a loss for 30 year straight, ever since he took up preaching.

Yours truly,  
Gabby

## Abilene Market Steady to Strong

The market was steady to strong, and plain stocker yearlings were extremely high, on the estimated 1,400 cattle sold here Monday at Ranchers & Farmers Livestock Commission Co.

Fat bulls brought \$17.50 to \$19 cwt. Medium bulls brought \$17 to \$18; and heavy bulls sold \$18 and above.

Fat calves and yearlings brought \$23 to \$25; and medium calves and yearlings, \$20 to \$23 with the majority bringing above \$22.

Fat cows brought \$15 to \$16.50; and canners and cutters, \$12 to \$15.

Stocker steer yearlings brought \$22 to \$26; stocker steer calves, \$26 to \$30; and heifer calves, \$25 to \$27.50.

Stocker cows were selling at \$17. Plain cows and calves brought \$140 to \$185 a pair; and good kinds, \$190 to \$240 a pair.

## Rotan Play Wins In 6-A UIL Meet

Rotan High School's production of "Three Hills in a Bottle" won the District 6-A Interscholastic League one-act play competition Thursday night in Merkel High School Auditorium. Nancy Thibault scored 95.00 points. Rotan will represent the district of Lubbock in April at regional competition.

## LOCAL SCHOOLS SHOW ENROLLMENT GAIN

Seven Taylor County common and independent school districts, including Merkel, have shown enrollment increases for 1962-63 over last year.

Gains were reflected in a census report completed by County School Superintendent Clive Pierce's office.

Total common and independent census is 23,494 for 1962-63 as compared with 22,551 for 1961-62. The common districts have 860 in the new report as compared with 847 and the independents 22,634 against 21,704.

Pierce said the overall gain in school-age population is 943 with 889 of these students coming

from the Abilene Independent District.

Enrollment gains also are reported from Abilene State School, Merkel, Trent, Buffalo Gap, Elmdale and Tye. Decreases, most of them only slight, were shown by Hawley, Wylie, Butterfield and Jim Ned.

Common school districts showed a gain of 13 with 930 students gained, by independent districts.

Pierce explained the reports are taken Jan. 1 for the current school session. He added the increase applies to the school term starting next September.

Figures of the census reports are not official, Pierce said. The total county report will be forwarded to Austin next week for checking of duplications by the State Education Department's census division.

Pierce said the Austin check will provide the final official school census.

Complete district - by - district tabulations:

**COMMON DISTRICTS**  
1961-62 1962-63

Hawley	88	75	down 13
Buffalo Gap	81	88	up 7
Wylie	263	275	down 8
Butterfield	117	109	down 8
Elmdale	87	89	up 2
Tye	191	224	up 33
Totals	847	860	up 13

**INDEPENDENT**  
1961-62 1962-63

Abilene	9,923	20,792	up 569
Abilene St. School	371	385	up 14
Merkel	736	770	up 34
Trent	227	241	up 14
Jim Ned	447	446	down 1
Totals	21,704	22,634	up 930

**UP THE CANYON**  
By TOM RUSSON

Well, we have had lots of different kinds of weather the last few days. We had a nice one inch rain and Saturday we had one of those old time sand storms. It really did blow up and down the Canyon. Everybody alike, we hate to see the land blow, and too, it was rough on some wheat and oat fields.

The snow we received about two weeks ago really put a plowing season in the ground, and the rain on that sure did help things.

Up the hill side and down the Canyon is really a picture now. Mother sheep and their baby lambs grazing and the mother cows and baby calves likewise.

Boy, that is what I like. That goes with the saying you can take the boy out of the country, but you can't take the country out of the boy. Livestock is still in excellent shape, cows calving and sheep lambing.

Warm weather will make the weeds and grass grow.

The drilling crew is still working on the Ben Well out, trying to make a well out of it. We do not have any other report on it.

Cramer Reynolds and his son, Oris and family attended a live stock convention in San Antonio over the weekend. Cramer said all of the mesquite trees were leaved out and pastures looked good.

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Scott is spending a few days at his parents home. Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Scott: Barry said he had been helping his dad bed land, and after driving that tractor those red beans were really fine cooked mother's style.

Mrs. Mattie Addison of Blair, who is the oldest mother in Pioneers Church, has been on the sick list for two weeks, was able to be back at church Sunday.

Dr. Slaate, Professor at McMurry College will pastor Pioneer Church until annual conference in May.

We regret to hear of the illness of our good friend, L. A. Dudley of Merkel. Lem being raised in the hills just south of Merkel, here in our area is a good friend to many here. Lem, we hope this column finds you up and around when it reaches you.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Neill and children are sporting a new car at their place. T. J. said it is the family car, but when children reach teenage it could be the children's car, only for a little outing for pa and ma on a Sunday afternoon.

Margaret and Linda Perkins participated in the state degree ceremony during the morning session.

Mrs. R. D. Ely and Mrs. Ab Hunter Jr. accompanied Mrs. Lowell Easley and the group to Stephenville.

New spring styles, fibers and colors were shown and discussed by Miss Loreta Allen, Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent, during the recent meeting of the Union Ridge Club at the home of Mrs. E. O. Carson.

Mrs. Beauford Buntin gave the prayer.

Plans were made for the district Texas Home Demonstration Assn. meeting which will be held April 12 at Aldersgate Methodist Church in Abilene.

Recreation was directed by Mrs. Clyde Newton.

The next meeting of the club will be at 2:30 p.m. April 6 in the home of Mrs. Beauford Buntin.

Mrs. N. W. Williford of Dallas visited for two weeks with her sister, Mrs. E. H. Mathews, Mrs. Williford returned home Saturday.

## John Cason Dies; Funeral Conducted Monday Afternoon

John F. Cason, 60, was dead on arrival at Sadler Hospital here about 9 a.m. Sunday following a heart attack at his farm in the White Flat Community earlier in the morning.

Born January 20, 1902, at Alford, Texas, he married Pearl Iva Tomlinson at Decatur in 1934. The couple moved to Merkel in 1949. He was production superintendent for Crown Central and had been employed with the company for the past 25 years.

Funeral was held at 2:30 p.m. Monday at the Starbuck Chapel with the Rev. J. Alvis Cooley, pastor of the First Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Cason is survived by his wife; three daughters, Mrs. Donald Douglas and Mrs. Wayman Hicks of Merkel; Mrs. Jimmie Ray Jinkens of San Antonio; two sisters, Mrs. M. M. Barnett of Eureka, Calif., and Mrs. Lee Rose of Duncan, Okla., and four grandchildren.

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Other students attending from Merkel were: Robert Shouse; Johnny Hardesty; Larry Howard; Suzanne Howard; Ann Curtis; David Hammond and Ann Smith.

**GENERAL RAIN NEEDED TO AID AREA FARMING**

COLLEGE STATION — Some areas of Texas still are too chilly and dry for farming.

Moisture in many areas is short, says director John Hutchison of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Cold soils are delaying planting and holding back crops and range plants.

Livestock still are fed in many areas and water supplies are becoming a problem in many areas. Moisture is adequate in the east and short in the west counties of Central Texas. Oats made some

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## FROSTY WINTER HIGH IN STOCK JUDGING

Future Farmers of America chapters from Roby, Hawley, Benjamin and Patton Springs took top honors here Monday in the annual field day and judging contests sponsored by the agriculture department of Abilene Christian College.

Roby, coached by Jim Laurie, won the sweepstake award. The chapter's teams placed fourth in grass judging, fifth in land and seventh in livestock.

Hawley won first in the land judging with a total of 521 points.

Members of the team were Billy M. Cook, George Hicks, Edward Horton and James Wiebe. Past FFA was second, and Seymour FFA was third.

Taking first place in livestock judging was Patton Springs with 1,270 points. Team members were Jackie Bennett, Dean Willman, Ronnie Clay and Ralph Jones. San Saba FFA finished second, and Loraine FFA was third.

Benjamin won the grass judging on a team composed of Gary Conner, Robert Coffman, Ken Roberts and Bill Pierce.

Ronnie Aucutt of Highland FFA was the high individual in the land judging. James Small, Seymour FFA, was second, and Don Martin of Abilene FFA took third.

High individual honors in grass judging included Robert Coffman, first, and Bill Pierce, second, both Benjamin FFA members. Meredith Wright of Gatesville FFA was third.

Tops in the livestock judging were Frosty Winter, Merkel FFA, first; Bill Rhodes, Brownfield FFA, second; and Jackie Bennett, Patton Springs FFA, third.

The livestock and grass judging was held at the Taylor County Livestock and Exposition Center. The last judging was held on the ACC farm. Presentation of awards was made at the ACC stadium.

Fifty-nine teams competed in the livestock judging; 32 in the land judging, and 15 in grass judging.

Team and individual winners and number of points they recd. are listed below:

**LAND JUDGING**  
Teams — 1. Hawley FFA, 521. 2. Post FFA, 508. 3. Seymour FFA, 507. 4. Jacksboro FFA, 505. 5. Roby FFA, 495. 6. Benjamin FFA, 492. 7. Weatherford FFA, 487. 8. Patton Springs FFA, 479. 9. Highland FFA, 473. 10. Midland FFA, 471.

**LIVESTOCK JUDGING**  
Teams — 1. Patton Springs FFA, 1,270. 2. San Saba FFA, 1,254. 3. Loraine FFA, 1,241. 4. Abilene FFA, 1,239. 5. Canyon FFA, 1,228. 6. Tulla FFA, 1,229. 7. Roby FFA, 1,218. 8. Nolan County 4-H, 1,216. 9. Brownfield FFA, 1,213. 10. Highland FFA, 1,210.

High Individuals — 1. Frosty Winter, Merkel, 438. 2. Bill Rhodes, Brownfield FFA, 431. 3. Jackie Bennett, Patton Springs FFA, 429. 4. Linton Webb, Loraine FFA, 429. 5. Ricky Stok, Tulla FFA, 428. 7. Ernie McGreger, Benjamin FFA, 427. 8. Ronnie Clay, Patton Springs FFA, 427. 9. Bobby Holt, Kruma FFA, 425. 10. Danny Blanks, Clyde FFA, 425.

**Cleaning Up Little League Field Set For 7 Tonight**

Work night for cleaning up the Merkel Little League Field will be held starting at 7 p.m. Thursday, league officials have announced.

Officers and managers are seeking assistance from players, dads and others in helping with the "spring clean-up, paint-up" effort to get the field ready for the baseball season.

Dads are asked to bring something to work with such as lawn mowers, hoes, rakes, hammers, paint brushes and other equipment which can be used in the night's work.

Everyone is asked to be on hand promptly at 7 p.m.

**3 Trent Council Spots To Be Filled In Tuesday Voting**

Trent voters will select three city councilmen from a slate of three in voting April 3.

The candidates, unopposed, are Yates Sipes, Clark Hammer and Omis W. Graham.

Outgoing councilmen are Billy Wayne Hammer, Hollis Jones and Dow Williamson.

W. E. Matthews will be election judge. Voting will be at City Hall.

Four men are seeking the three school board vacancies: Clovis McMurray and J. M. Lanning, both present trustees, and Weldon Steen and Cal McAninch, Douglas Redding, present trustee, is not seeking re-election.

Bill Forrester will be election judge at the April 7 trustee voting at City Hall.

**Rotan Wins Cinder Competition Here**

Rotan's husky sophomore Howard Van Loon, heaved the shot 53-2 and the discus 135-0 Thursday of last week to place the Yellowknives to a narrow victory in a six-team track meet here.

Rotan scored 48 1-2 points to Merkel's 39 1-2 and to Wylie's 38 3-4. Rencoe finished fourth with 28 points, and Hawley and Abilene Christian High School were a distant fifth and sixth.

Mrs. R. H. Mathews had her dinner guests Saturday her husband and niece from Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Malone, John Voss and Mrs. Ross Bryan of Houston, and her son, Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Mathews of Abilene.

**Students, Workers Must File Income Tax Returns**



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

AUSTIN Tex. — Candidates for Governor now are quarreling over legislative redistricting . . . which would give the metropolitan cities more strength.

Poll tax payments indicate that these cities actually have the voting strength.

But final figures are not in on all counties. Official figures plus some estimates reveal 1,250,429 qualified voters in the 12 counties which contain cities of 100,000 or more. Offhand this would indicate that the 12 "big city" counties would have more than half the votes in the state.

But the "big 12" are not as well prepared to vote this year as they were in 1960. That year they had 1,362,173 voters. It was a presidential year. However, declines are reported for 1962 elections in all of the 12 big-city counties except Travis, where the State Capitol is located.

One notable thing about poll

tax figures is the growing number of those with exemptions from the poll tax because they are 21 years of age and vote free — or they are over 65 and don't have to buy a poll tax in order to vote.

Indications are that there will be more exemption certificates this year (those in cities of 10,000 or more) than ever before, even in record setting 1960.

Another fact to consider is that rural people go to the polls regardless of the weather, while inclement weather keeps many city folks home.

MOTORCIDE INCREASES — Texas Department of Public Safety statisticians figure an accident occurred in Texas traffic every 97 seconds last year, with someone killed every three hours and 47 minutes.

When the department closed its 1961 "death book," it reported a motorcide total of 2,314—60 more traffic deaths than 1960 held. Drivers of 324,149 motor vehicles

## Fish Chowder Is Good 'Chow'

FOR A FAMILY SUPPER ON SUNDAY NIGHT . . . or other night . . . a big bowl of Cod and Vegetable Chowder is hard to beat. Here's one to stick to the ribs, its principal ingredients Birds Eye frozen cod fillets and mixed garden vegetables and of course plenty of hot, heartening milk and cream. With a mixed salad and toasted English muffins this is a meal to remember.

### COD AND VEGETABLE CHOWDER

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 cup finely chopped onion
- 1/2 cup finely chopped celery
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 2 1/2 teaspoons salt
- Dash of pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon thyme
- 1/2 cup water
- 4 cups milk
- 1 package (12 ounces) quick-frozen cod fillets
- 1 package (10 ounces) quick-frozen mixed garden vegetables
- 1 cup light cream



Melt butter in large saucepan. Add onion and celery and saute until onion is transparent. Add flour, salt, pepper, and thyme; blend well. Gradually stir in water and milk. Cut fish fillets in half. Add to milk mixture along with the mixed vegetables. Bring to a boil, stirring occasionally. Then reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes, stirring occasionally to break up the fish. Just before serving, stir in cream and heat thoroughly. Makes 8 1/2 cups, enough for 8 servings, about 1 cup each or 12 servings, about 1/2 cup each.

Note: For a richer chowder, reduce milk to 2 1/2 cups, increase cream to 2 cups, and reduce salt to 2 teaspoons.

sustained 132,570 injuries.

December 22 was the most deadly day . . . 23 people were killed in 15 fatal accidents.

Col. Homer Garrison Jr., director of the DPS, remarked, "It is a sobering thought to realize that the number of persons killed (on Texas streets and highways was greater than the populations of most Texas towns."

Fourteen counties were free of fatal accidents in 1961—Borden, Brewster, Delta, Hansford, Hardeman, Kent, Lipscomb, Loving, Mason, Rains, Roberts, Somervell, Sutton, and Upton.

"WEL-KNOWD CART-DRIVER" —The State Highway Department is pondering a mysterious postcard that carries a request for a copy of the new 1962 highway travel map.

The return address reads: Bashir Ahmed Sarban (Wel-Knowd Camel Cart-Driver) 27, Corner Chambers, 181, McLeod Road Karachi, Pakistan.

Folks at the highway department are wondering if this is the same Bashir Ahmed who visited Texas and the U. S. last year as Vice President Lyndon Johnson's guest.

There was quite a furor when that "Bashir" retired his camel and accepted a gift of a new Ford. Could he be planning to return to America and motor through the Lone Star State.

HOPES RISE FOR HISTORIC PARK — Lawson Knott Jr., deputy administrator of U. S. General Services administration, informed Gov. Price Daniel that the government has granted his request for Lorenzo de Zavala's burial site to be bid on separately when San Jacinto Ordnance depot is put on the sale block.

Property contains the grave of de Zavala, a Mexican-Texan who signed the Texas Declaration of Independence and served as vice president of the republic.

General Antonio Castillo, "a galant foe" who died at San Jacinto, also is buried there.

Governor Daniel has been urging that the de Zavala homesite and cemetery acreage be set aside for state or country park purposes. He will delay the sale of this tract to give time for Sen. Ralph Yarborough to pass a bill transferring the 142 acres to the state or county, or pave the way for some other park arrangement.

MISREPRESENTED REPRIEVE REVOKED — Governor Daniel revoked a one-year reprieve for Johnny Will Ford after C. V. "Buster" Kern, sheriff of Harris County, revealed some new information about the case.

Ford had served one year of a three-year sentence in the Harris County jail for unlawfully carrying a pistol, as an habitual, when the Board of Pardons and Paroles made the customary recommendation for a reprieve and failed to get any objections from local officials.

After the reprieve was granted on March 9, Sheriff Kern advised the governor he hadn't had notice of the pending clemency application, and would have protested

if he had received it.

He said Ford was pursued for two years before he was forced to surrender, whereas the board had been told surrender was voluntary. Daniel stated his action did not reflect on the board, "because they acted upon factual representations made on behalf of the applicant and in the absence of protests from local officials."

LETTER OF THE LAW — The State Comptroller declared oil, gas and related well services are responsible for collecting a two percent sales tax when service involves any taxable, tangible, personal property sold or rented by a firm. Comptroller Robert S. Calvert further stated that receipts from the sale of tangible personal property a common carrier are exempt from the sale and use tax if the property is shipped out and used out of the state.

When democratic county clerks in Harris and Galveston counties said they would attempt to nullify the republican primary nominations unless GOP primaries are held in every voting precinct in their counties, GOP state chairman Tad Smith dug up a 1952 opinion on the matter by the then attorney general, Price Daniel.

The 1952 ruling states that a county clerk does not have the authority to determine questions of irregularity or illegality where a certificate of nomination is regular on its face. The opinion said the county clerk acts in a ministerial capacity in receiving the certificate.

and placing names of nominees on the general election ballot.

Members of the State Bar association voted 4,532 to 1,012 in favor of a proposed constitutional amendment for local option abolition of justice of the peace courts.

They also voted 4,506 to 966 for a proposal urging an amendment to authorize the Legislature to provide for interim county the state government during a disaster period.

Attorney General Will Wilson ruled that Morningside Manor, Inc., a Methodist-operated home for the aged in San Antonio, is exempt from ad valorem taxes, even though some residents pay for their care.

He also stated that a physician who is a notary public can acknowledge an application for an absentee ballot, and then as a physician, issue a disability certificate for the absentee.

WAR ON SCREW-WORMS — Governor Daniel promised to transfer \$25,000 from emergency funds to the Texas Animal Health Commission to buy materials and employ personnel for the fight against the screw-worm fly.

Contract has been signed for construction of a plant at Mission, where up to 75,000,000 sterile flies will be produced each week for use in the eradication program of the commission and the Southwest Animal Health Research foundation.

PARK REPAIRS APPROVED — Emergency repairs will be made to Carla-damaged San Jacinto Monument by San Jacinto Day, April 21.

A \$3,200 appropriation from the governor's emergency fund will be added to \$5,000 from the San Jacinto Park commission and \$5,000 from the San Jacinto Museum and History Association to meet the most urgent repairs of the estimated \$157,000 damage done by the hurricane.

### SHORT SNORTS

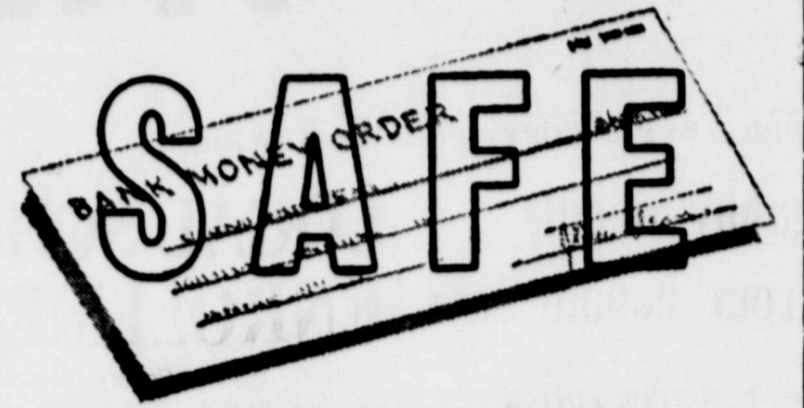
Speaker James A. Thurman named Representatives Murray Watson Jr., R. H. "Dick" Cory, Virginia Duff, Forrest Harding and Reed Quilliam to the House Interim committee on special districts.

Sixteen individuals and organizations already have been told they may appear at the March 30 hearing on proposed changes in the new sales tax, to be held in Dallas.

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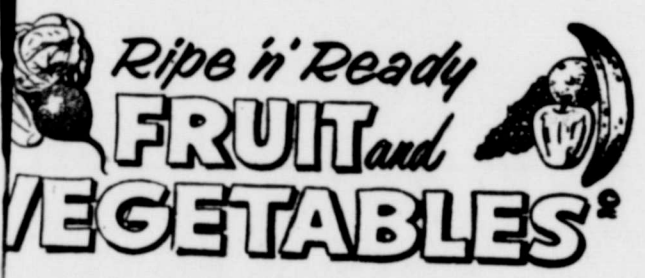
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**Stith News**

By MRS. FRITZ HALE

Stith community received one inch of rain last week. Farmers are busy plowing.

Those from the Stith Baptist Church attending the Workers Conference at the First Baptist Church in Anson Tuesday evening March 20 were: Rev. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Pick Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones, Delbert Corning, Pat McDonald, Sandra Hale, Mrs. W. J. Ledbetter, Sharon and Charles, Mrs. Paul Bradley.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley last week were, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Liles, Myrna and Janice of Fort Worth, Merwyn Liles and Pat Zaring of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hodges of Big Spring, Mrs. H. H. Spears of Wyoming.

Barbara Gilmore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert I. Gilmore, and Bobby Gilmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gilmer were married Friday night March 16 in the Methodist Parsonage at Tye, by Rev. William H. Wright. They are living in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Ely were guests for lunch of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning of Tuscola recently.

Visiting in the Ely home Sunday were Rev. and Mrs. William Wright and children and Mary Lee Smith of Tye.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Reddin and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns spent Sunday in Clyde with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burns and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burns.

Laurel Loflin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Loflin accidentally got her hair caught in the shaft of the Escalator at Thorntons store in Abilene March 17. Her hair was broken in two places and she received bruises on her head. The bones were wired together. It will take five weeks to heal. She is doing nicely.

Those on the sick list are Ira Smolek, who has the flu, Marsha and David Clyburn have the measles, E. L. Berry is sick.

Visitors in the Fritz Hale home last week were Mr. and Mrs. John Jones and Frank Bumpass of Truby, George of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. James Hale, Shirley and Mike of Midland, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hale, David and Steve of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Babe Tarpley and children visited Sunday in Colorado City with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Gregory.

Ghonda Tarpley gave a slumber party in her home Friday night. Those spending the night were: Debra Black, Valrie Buntin, Debbie Seymore, Mary Lee Noster, Terry Wozencraft, Ann Rinov, Brenda Barnett. They attended the show Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jones of Truby visited Mr. and Mrs. Pick Payne Monday of last week.

Rev. Moore, pastor of the Stith Baptist Church, was called to Muleshoe Saturday to conduct a funeral.

Mrs. Bud Lilly and children of Abilene visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry, Sunday.

**Home, Children Program Given At Club Meeting**

The Fortnightly Study Club met at the Merkel school cafeteria March 27 for a program on the home and children.

Mrs. Bryan Dunagin discussed children and the home.

Mrs. Comer Haynes presented a program of music and readings by children in which the following participated: John Dixon, Karlan Gamble, Reba Cooley, Gary Hicks, Mark Dudley, Betty Hicks, Cindy Wade and Pam Newby.

The participants are children of study club members.

Mrs. Haynes' fourth grade class presented a program, "The Proud Little Train," with the following children participating:

Jerry Barnes, Roger Beard, Wayne Cypert, Rañdy Doan, Charles Fikes, Manuel Garcia, Gary Hicks, Betty Asencio, Bonnie Bailey, Barbara Higgins, Elaine Hill, Angie Lerma, Blake Kohutek, H. L. Lindsey, Larry Ramirez, Andrew Rivers, Troy Walters, Don Warren, Jackie Whisenhunt, Kay Ayers, Brenda Boden, Gale Little, Dayna McAnnick and Kathy Mansfield.

Visiting in the home of Bro. and Mrs. J. A. Cooley over the weekend were Mrs. Coloey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Ryan and sister and son, Mrs. Madra Eason and Kenneth, from Paducah.

**VETERANS INFORMATION**

Q—Who handles the financial affairs of incompetent veterans?

A—The VA Guardianship Service administers the estates of incompetent veterans and their dependents, as well as dependents of deceased veterans. During Fiscal Year 1961 the service managed the monies of 460, 184 wards which involved a total of \$750,169,156.

Q—How many days of treatment did the Veterans Administration provide sick and disabled veterans last year?

A—The Veterans Administration provided a total of 40,643,000 days of patient treatment during Fiscal Year 1961, which ended June 30, 1961.

Q—When did the World War II and Korea GI Bills become law?

A—The World War II GI Bill was signed into law June 22, 1944, and the Korea GI Bill was signed July 16, 1952.

Q—I read that Mexican Border veterans are now entitled to free bags to drape their caskets following their death. How many persons did serve on the Mex-

ican Border prior to World War II?

A—Approximately 157,000 members of the Federalized National Guard served on the Mexican Border in 1916-1917. About 75 percent of these also served later in World War I.

Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver and Jimmy visited Mr. and Mrs. John D. Oliver of Midland last weekend.

R. B. Horton of Abilene was a visitor in the home of his mother, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason Friday.

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## SENATOR YARBOROUGH'S REPORT

Dear Fellow Texan:  
One of the most gratifying experiences of this session of Congress has been the way so many of the best known newspapers have spoken out strongly this year in favor of a National Seashore

Recreational Area on Padre Island, off the South Texas Gulf Coast.

I first introduced the bill to create a national park on Padre Island in 1958 and have been fighting for it ever since. This year the bill, S. 4, has advanced out of the Senate Committee and is now before the full United States Senate for action.

I'd like to see what some newspapers are saying about the Padre Island bill. First, let's take this recent comment from the Houston Chronicle, "Congress should pass Senator Yarbrough's bill, the President should sign it and the park service should get busy. When it has finished there will be a magnificent park close to Houston — a treasure that can slip away if we fiddle."

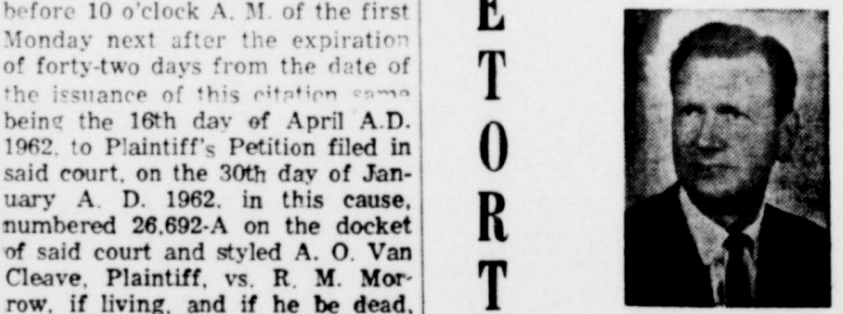
Now let's move upstate to Abilene, in Central West Texas, where the Abilene Reporter-News had this to say in an editorial on March 8th: "A national seashore on Padre Island would become a major tourist attraction with more than local appeal."

And the Abilene paper added "Only national development can achieve this, and there is no reason to back off from it on any political philosophy of federal intrusion into state affairs." The Abilene Reporter-News then pointed to the success of the National Parks Systems in other places and said that the appropriations for Texas State Parks have always been meager.

The Corpus Christi Caller-Times summed up the state vs. national development argument in these words, in an editorial on March 9th: "... the alternative to the national park is NO park on Padre Island."

The Texas Observer, published in Austin, said in an editorial on March 9th: "The time for a show-

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down on Padre Island has arrived." The Observer has been one of the staunchest, earliest advocates of a Padre Island national park, as have been The Houston Press and The Corpus Christi Caller-Times.

The Big Spring Herald, in Howard County, West Texas commented on the Padre Island bill on March 8th in an editorial, and paid special attention to Texas' lagging tourist trade. The Big Spring Herald said, "Padre Island, if preserved for future generations, could be one of those major attractions that would draw heavy tourist traffic. Those coming into Texas to it would have to traverse almost the full length of the state and thus every town and city would benefit."

The New York Times, in an editorial on March 11th said of the Padre Island Bill: "Here is one of the finest of our undeveloped shoreline areas that can yet be saved for the public. Senator Ralph Yarborough is sponsor of a good Padre Island bill that has now been cleared by committee and is ready for Senate action. The plan advocated by the Texas Senator is sound and in line with the Park Service recommendations. It deserves prompt approval.

Fellow Texan we are gaining in our fight for a Padre Island Park. Let's keep working and keep fighting. I urge all of you supporters of the Padre Island National Seashore Area to be of good cheer. You see from these editorials and from radio and television news coverage and support that your good work is bearing fruit.

As the Beaumont Journal stated in an editorial on the Padre Island Park last March 2: "Congressional approval is a long step nearer."

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THE NATIONAL OUTLOOK

Business investment in plant and equipment is one of the factors which has been counted on to keep the recovery going for the remainder of 1962. We have just had released the government's estimate for the year and it is significant because, while it forecasts an increase, the rise is not as large as had been anticipated. The data on this item are collected by the Department of Commerce and the Securities and Exchange Commission. Companies are requested to make an estimate of what they will invest in plant and equipment, and these are then "blown up" by the government agencies to cover the entire economy. For the past several years McGraw-Hill, the publishing firm, also has been making surveys by means of questionnaires and issuing the results. Necessarily there has been such duplication in the companies covered by the two projects, but the results have been remarkably close, and, in the aggregate, quite accurate. The government survey was made in February and covers investment plans for the rest of this year. It reveals an increase quarter by quarter and an aggregate investment in plant and equipment of \$37.2 billion during 1962. This is 8 per cent above 1961, and exceeds the previous high of \$37.0 billion in 1957. This is a fairly substantial increase, but the Administration had anticipated a much larger rise in its forecast of a gross national product of \$570 billion for the year. Decisions to make an investment in plant and equipment, or not to make it, are a function of the managements of the individual companies. Of course many elements are involved, but the likelihood of making a profit must be given great weight. The availability of funds is also a matter which may be controlling. And always there is the question of whether it is the correct time to make further investments in the business. At present there is no shortage, over-all, of funds. The cash-flow of business is high. Depreciation



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now amounts to over \$26 billion, and that, while well below what it should be to cover the actual value of the capital used up each year, still goes into cash flow. Profits for the economic system as a whole still are on the upgrade, and provide further funds that could be used for investments in plant and equipment. And wages are at a level which provides a strong incentive for the substitution of machines for manual workers wherever it is possible. Why, then are we not getting more business investment in plant and equipment? The answer varies from industry to industry and from company to company. In some instances there is so much unused productive capacity that there is little or no justification for further expansion. In other cases it is impossible, or expensive, to substitute machines for manual labor. In some companies, and some industries, there is such strong labor union objection to the elimination of workers through further investment that management dare not make the move. Over-riding all these individual situations, however, is the fact that business profits are becoming increasingly difficult to make. And there is widespread belief that after the second quarter we shall see the beginning of a profit decline. The drop is not expected to be sharp, nor to apply to all companies. But the broad, and longer term, outlook is not such as to provide real encouragement for exceptionally heavy investment in plant and equipment. One should add, perhaps, that this does not mean that the recovery is on its last legs. But it does indicate that the Administration's forecast was too high and that the upswing will be less rapid than it said.

VETERANS INFORMATION

- Q—Are the widows of Confederate veterans eligible for pension from the United States government?  
A—Since July, 1958, widows of Confederate veterans have been eligible for pensions.
- Q—What educational benefits have been provided for peacetime veterans?  
A—Although Congress has considered several types of educational benefits for peacetime veterans, none have passed into legislation as yet.
- Q—Are peacetime disability compensation payments the same as those received by wartime veterans?  
A—Peacetime disability compensation rates are paid at 80 percent of the corresponding wartime rates.
- Q—As a World War II veteran with GI term insurance, can I convert part of my \$10,000 term insurance to a permanent plan?  
A—You may convert as little as \$1,000 or more in multiples of \$500 . . . such as \$1,500 or \$2,500 . . . at one time.
- Q—I am the widow of a World War I veteran. In January, 1960, I was told I was not eligible for VA pension because my husband did not have a compensable service-connected injury when he died. I have heard that requirement has been changed. Is that true?  
A—Yes. Since July 1, 1960, you are eligible for pension if your husband had 90 days active service in World War I, and was discharged under other than dishonorable conditions.
- Q—Must a \$10,000 GI term insurance policy be converted to permanent plan type insurance all at once?  
A—A veteran may convert as little

- as \$1,000 (or more of course) to a permanent plan while retaining the remainder as term insurance. In this way, he can stretch the conversion over several years in keeping with his own financial condition.
- Q—How many veterans have thus far taken advantage of the VA home, farm or business loan program?  
A—More than 6 million veterans had made such loans up to December 31, 1962.
- Q—Are any survivors of the Mexican War still alive?  
A—No, since this war ended in 1848, more than 110 years ago. However, there are still two widows of Mexican War Veterans alive in the United States.
- Q—Does the VA set standards for prosthetic devices in this country?  
A—The VA has a leading role in supporting and conducting research and development of prosthetic and sensory aids, in cooperation with other Government

agencies, universities, industrial organizations, and private agencies. Also, the VA is the largest single purchaser of prosthetic devices in the United States. Thus the VA exercises considerable influence on the quality of appliances and services furnished by the prosthetics industry not only to veterans but to all disabled persons. Primarily as a result of this influence, prosthetic devices have been greatly improved in the past 16 years.

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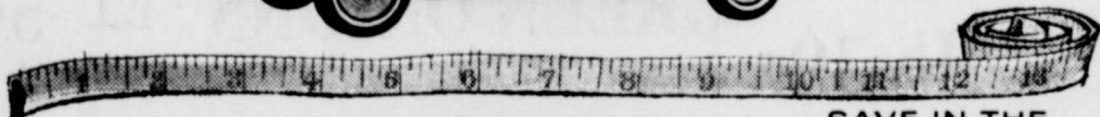
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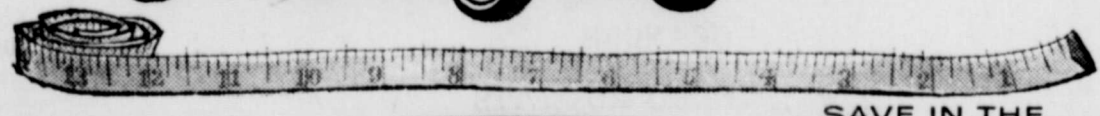
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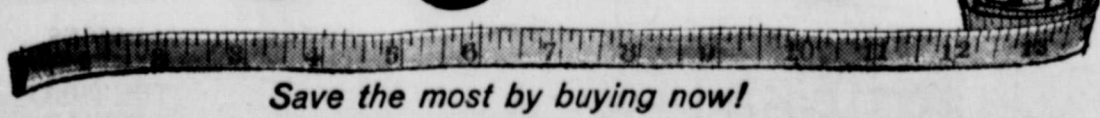
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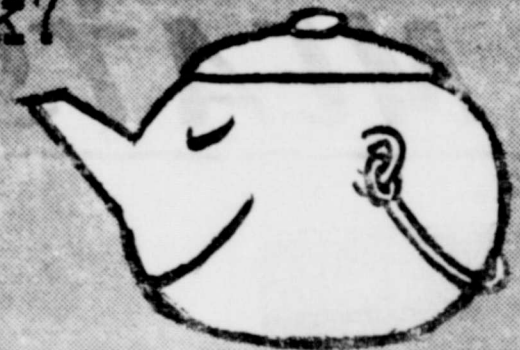
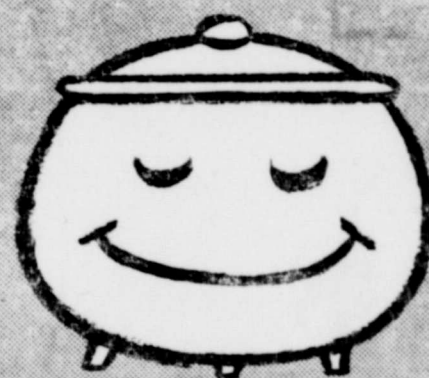
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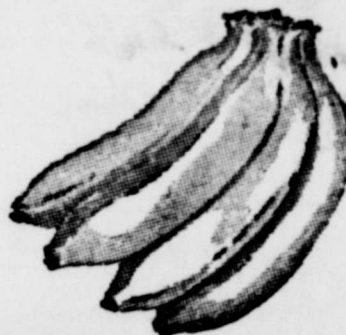
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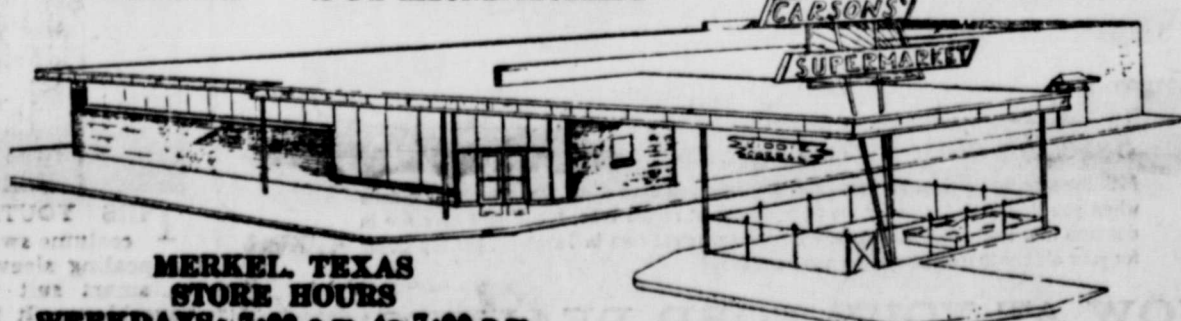
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