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## LOCAL 4-H MEMBERS PLAN FOR IOWA TRIP

A tentative schedule of the trip for Taylor County 4-H Clubbers who will make an exchange visit with 4-H'ers in Jones County, Iowa, June 28 - July 6, has been decided.

Members of the 4-H Exchange Trip committee met with George Clark of Abilene, district supervisor of Central-Southwestern Grayhound Lines, and Mrs. Louis Adams, AHDA, and Duvern Menzies, ACA last Thursday morning for an outline of the proposed trip.

The two assistant Extension agents said 17 girls and nine boys have signed up. There will be space for two more. Several alternate trippers are desired.

The charter movement requires

## Salt Pollution On Area Farms Seen On Tour

Thirty one, including most members of the boards of supervisors of the Middle Clear Fork, Runnels and California Creek Soil and Water Conservation Districts, accompanied Cong. Omar Burleson recently on a tour of farms in the immediate Merkel area where salt water pollution conditions have developed in recent months.

The field day program, almost a tradition at Easter for Cong. Burleson and the soil and water conservation districts supervisors in the 17th Congressional District, was devoted to a study of salt water pollution conditions.

The subject was selected at the suggestion of Cong. Burleson.

C. N. Webb, Tennyson, District 2 director of the Texas Assn. of Soil Conservation Districts, had charge of the brief program in the assembly room of Taylor Electric Cooperative following the tour and lunch.

Webb explained that the purpose of the field day program was not to level criticism at anyone, but to study a serious problem and try to work out a cooperative effort to solve it.

Among those present to comment on the pollution problem was A. C. Humphrey, Stamford business man, land owner, civic and industrial leader.

Humphrey explained that salt water pollution became such a threat to some of his land and that of his neighbors in Jones County that they made up a pool and hired an independent geologist and water engineer to make a study and determine the cause.

Humphrey said the engineer reported the findings Under existing state regulations, there is not a great deal the landowners can do to get relief. Part of the trouble, he said, was blamed on a rising water table.

Humphrey concluded by suggesting that the Soil and Water Conservation Service might add another technical department to its program, that of a water engineer to study and make recommendations in such matters.

Otto Vogelsang, Winters, chairman of the Valley Creek Water Control and Improvement District, reported that salt water pollution had ruined a number of wells in his section of Runnels County, including two on his home place.

He said part of the pollution, he was sure, came from salt water pit at a well on adjoining property. Finally, he said, the pit owners corrected the situation and water in one of his wells is beginning to clear up.

County Judge Reed Ingalsbe suggested that the pollution problem is a matter for the state legislature to handle and the citizens need to place the problem before members for proper action.

Cong. Burleson explained that he was present not to make suggestions, but to learn of the problems.

In regard to the expansion of the SCS, any request in this direction would have to come through the governor's office.

He said he concurred in Judge Ingalsbe's suggestion that the first approach is through the state law-making body; determine what is causing salt water pollution and if there is no authority to take care of the condition, then create it.

The group visited the farms of Holland and Nim Teaf, northeast of Merkel; the A. L. Rogers farm, northwest of Merkel; the Comer Haynes and Morris Smith farms, southeast of Merkel; where visible evidence of salt water pollution was observed.

minimum of 33 passengers, Clark said. Since the route passes through Missouri, the maximum will be held to 35, since the state has a 35-passenger limit in buses.

The tentative 2,137 mile round trip begins in Abilene at 6 a.m. June 28, via Dallas, to Fort Smith, Ark., for an overnight stop.

The next overnight stop would be in St. Louis. In addition to the Ralston Experiment Farm at St. Louis, another feature of the stop would be a night baseball game between the Pittsburgh Pirates and the St. Louis Cardinals, for those who would be interested.

Some time will be spent the following day in Springfield, Ill., in a visit to the Lincoln Memorial. Lunch stop is slated at Deavenport, Iowa, with the bus due to arrive at its destination in Anamosa about 4 p.m.

The group will spend the night of June 30, July 1, 2, 3 and 4 with host 4-H'ers in Jones County.

The return trip will start at 8 a.m., July 5, and will be by way of Sedar Rapids, Des Moines, and overnight stop in Kansas City, with a possible side trip to Independence for a visit to the Truman Library.

The tourists will leave Kansas City at 6 a.m., with a lunch stop in Oklahoma City, probably in the State Capitol.

From Oklahoma City the group travels to Wichita Falls, with a possible side trip to Clairmore, Okla., and a visit to the Will Rogers Memorial.

Abilene arrival time is set at 10 p.m., July 6.

Total cost of charter, including federal tax, is \$1,175.35, if kept within the minimum time, which includes an extra 24 hours beyond the tentative schedule. It is estimated the cost to the trippers will be about .65 per person, not counting any incidentals.

Plans are to carry group trip insurance in addition to that carried by Greyhound.

Signed up for the trip are: Sharon Dudley, Merkel; Betty McAninch, Trent; Pamela Jean Smith, Merkel; Bill Holloway, Merkel; Del Davis, Merkel; Leroy Shafer, Trent; Farris Neill, Merkel; Ruddy Wayne Miller, Jim Ned; Ricky McElmurray, Trent; Bob Benson, Merkel; and Strawnie Seago, Trent.

## First Honor Court For Scout Troop 18 Set Sunday Night

Merkel Boy Scout Troop No. 18 will hold its first Court of Honor and Troop Charter Presentation Sunday at 7:15 p.m. in the First Methodist Church.

Second class badges will be presented to Tim Beasley, Randy Bond, Paul Carson, Joe Dixon, Wally Knight, Ronnie McKeever, Tommy Springer, Russell Stock, Walter Tompkinson, Kenny Wade and Pat Warren.

Troop 18 is a new one with 18 boys in regular attendance. Any boy of Scout age desiring to become a Scout, is invited to attend any Monday night at 7:30 o'clock at Fellowship Hall, at the First Methodist Church.

W. G. Reed is Scoutmaster.

## Clean-Up Drive Set Next Week

The Merkel Garden Club, City Council and the Chamber of Commerce will sponsor jointly a clean-up, paint-up, and plant up campaign in Merkel May 7 to 12. Additional pickup service for trash is planned.

Anyone wishing to enter the contest must sign an entry blank either at Bragg's Dry Goods Store or at the Office of the Chamber of Commerce. A member of the Garden Club will visit the home entered in the contest before and after improvements are made. Prizes will be given by the Chamber of Commerce. Members of the Merkel Garden Club will be ineligible for prizes.

The Merkel Garden Club is sponsoring a beautification contest for filling stations which will begin May 7 and continue until July 31. Station owners desiring to enter this contest may call any member of the Merkel Garden Club or Mrs. Bryan Dunagin, the chairman of the Beautification Committee. Prizes will be given.

## Mr., Mrs. Neill, Grandson Die in Highway Accident

Funeral for Mr. and Mrs. William Baxter Neill of Munday, former Merkel residents, were held at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Merkel Methodist Church with the pastor, the Rev. J. Alvis Gooley, and the Rev. Rex L. Mauldin, pastor of the Munday Methodist Church, officiating.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Funeral for their 6-year-old grandson, John Carol Gunn of San Antonio, was to be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Abilene with the pastor, the Rev. James Donoghue, officiating.

Burial was to be in a San Antonio Cemetery. Starbuck Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

The three died in a car-moving accident north of Anson Sunday. They were trapped inside a 1960 Rambler when a front tire on the moving van blew out and the van swerved into the path of the station wagon, forcing it into the borrow ditch and overturning on top of the car. The accident occurred on U. S. Highway 277 five miles north of Anson Sunday afternoon.

Driver of the North American Van Lines truck, Ernest E. Reiter, 34, of San Diego, Calif., received a broken leg and multiple cuts and bruises.

Mr. and Mrs. Neill were Trent natives. Mr. Neill was born Aug. 21, 1909, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Tom Neill. Mrs. Neill was born Nov. 24, 1903, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sherman.

Following their marriage, the couple settled in Sweetwater. Later they moved to Merkel where they lived three years before moving to Munday about six years ago.

Mr. Neill was a mechanic for an equipment firm in Munday.

The grandson was the son of Sgt. and Mrs. John Gunn of San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Neill are survived by three daughters, Mrs. J. D. Sanduskey Jr. of Merkel, Mrs. Charles Dunifer of Roswell, N.M., and Mrs. Gunn of San Antonio, a son William L. of Torrance, Calif., and eight grandchildren.

Mr. Neill also is survived by a sister, Mrs. Robert O'Neal, and a brother, Pete Neill, both of Trent.

Mrs. Neill also is survived by a brother, Milton Sherman of Modesto, Calif., and four sisters, Mrs. Florence Ratliff, Mrs. Jack Southland and Mrs. Sallie Mathews of Los Angeles, Calif., and Mrs. H. D. Cogburn of Mendota, Calif.

The grandson is survived by his parents and a sister, Debra Ann, of San Antonio.



ANDRIA ADCOCK



SHERRY HULL

## LOCAL GIRLS ATTEND STATE FHA MEETING

Sherry Hull, president of the Merkel FHA Chapter and Andria Adcock, yearbook chairman, attended the state meeting held in Dallas April 26, 27 and 28. The girls were accompanied for their stay at the Statler Hilton Hotel by the local chapter advisor, Mrs. Dale Gooch.

## Merkel Bands Set Spring Concert For Friday Night

The Merkel Instrumental Music Department, under the direction of W. G. Reed, will present its annual spring concert Friday, May 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Four bands, the Beginners, Elementary, High School and Stage bands, will participate in the program.

The program will be varied enough to suit every listener, from the classics to novelties, from marches to swing and everyone is invited to the free concert, Reed announced.

## Merkel Democrats To Vote at Gym

Merkel Democrats will vote Saturday at the high school gymnasium, not at the welfare office as announced earlier. County Demo Chairman Tom Webb announced Tuesday.

All Merkel Voters this year will vote in Precinct 24. The old Merkel Precinct 26 has been abandoned.

Merkel Republicans will vote at the Community Center.

In Abilene, Precinct 1 Democrats will vote in the county court-at-law room on the third floor of the courthouse. Precinct 1 Chairman J. T. (Jess) Blanton has announced someone will be on hand to assist in elevator service for the Democratic voters who must find their way to the third floor.

## Schedule of Little League Games, 1962

Tuesday, May 8	Willies vs. Starbucks	Supers vs. Kilowatts
Thursday, May 10	Kilowatts vs. Willies	Bankers vs. Cardinals
Friday, May 11	Cardinals vs. Supers	Starbucks vs. Bankers
Tuesday, May 15	Starbucks vs. Cardinals	Supers vs. Bankers
Thursday, May 17	Willies vs. Supers	Bankers vs. Kilowatts
Friday, May 18	Kilowatts vs. Starbucks	Cardinals vs. Willies
Tuesday, May 22	Supers vs. Starbucks	Cardinals vs. Kilowatts
Thursday, May 24	Kilowatts vs. Willies	Starbucks vs. Bankers
Friday, May 25	Cardinals vs. Supers	Bankers vs. Willies
Tuesday, May 29	Bankers vs. Kilowatts	Starbucks vs. Cardinals
Thursday, May 31	Willies vs. Supers	Bankers vs. Cardinals
Friday, June 1	Willies vs. Starbucks	Supers vs. Kilowatts
Tuesday, June 5	Kilowatts vs. Cardinals	Supers vs. Bankers
Thursday, June 7	Kilowatts vs. Starbucks	Cardinals vs. Willies
Friday, June 8	Starbucks vs. Supers	Willies vs. Bankers
Tuesday, June 12	Bankers vs. Starbucks	Supers vs. Cardinals
Thursday, June 14	Kilowatts vs. Supers	Starbucks vs. Willies
Friday, June 15	Cardinals vs. Bankers	Willies vs. Kilowatts
Tuesday, June 19	Starbucks vs. Kilowatts	Willies vs. Cardinals
Thursday, June 21	Bankers vs. Supers	Cardinals vs. Starbucks
Friday, June 22	Kilowatts vs. Bankers	Supers vs. Willies
Tuesday, June 26	Cardinals vs. Kilowatts	Bankers vs. Willies
Friday, June 28	Supers vs. Starbucks	Teams listed first will be the home team and take the west dugout.
First game will start at 8:25 p.m.	No inning will start after 7:55 p.m.	Last game will start at 8:05 p.m.
No inning will start after 8:30 p.m.		

## ROBERTS RE-ELECTED TAYLOR CO-OP HEAD

Those attending the annual meeting of the Taylor Electric Cooperative Inc. last Thursday afternoon, expecting to hear shouting and name-calling prior to the election of three directors for three-year terms, were disappointed.

In a quiet, orderly but extended election, H. R. Roberts of Guion, charter member of the board and president since March 9, 1961, was re-elected and two members of the "insurgent ticket," Ray Osborn of Rt. 4, Merkel, and R. C. (Sonny) Watts Jr. of Star Route, Blackwell, were elected to the board.

In the board re-organization meeting following the election, Roberts was unanimously re-elected as chairman. C. F. Hill of Hamby was re-elected vice chairman.

In the election, which was expected to produce some fireworks as a result of investigation into the operation of the cooperative under a former manager, nine candidates sought the three posts to be filled.

The nominating committee, appointed in March and headed by Weldon Edwards, Clyde banker and rancher, submitted the names of Roberts, Sam Butman, Jr., and Oma Thomas for re-election.

Four candidates, named in petitions, were nominated. They included Watts, Osborn, H. T. Fleming of Potosi and Lucain Gilbreth of Tye.

Bryan Bradbury of Abilene, attorney for the co-op, opened the meeting to nominations from the floor. O. B. (Buck) Leach of Merkel and Weir Joiner of Tye were nominated.

On the first ballot, Roberts re-

ceived a majority. Fleming, Gilbreth, Leach and Joiner were eliminated.

In the runoff, Watts and Osborn defeated Thomas and Butman.

Both Warren, president of the F&M National Bank here, had charge of the auditing committee tabulating the votes.

Butman, a charter member of the "insurgent ticket," Ray Osborn of Rt. 4, Merkel, and R. C. (Sonny) Watts Jr. of Star Route, Blackwell, were elected to the board.

Thomas had been on the board 13 years.

President Roberts expressed gratitude to members for his reelection. He said he had worked hard for the cooperative ever since it was organized "but I'll work still harder."

Roberts, in his brief report earlier, said the cooperative had netted \$60,870 for the first quarter of 1962 and that a \$38,000 payment would be made to the government. The co-op is three and a half years ahead in its repayment.

He said a transmission line from Bradshaw to Valley Creek, including construction of a substation was being built and the final cost will be around \$126,000.

Secretary Morrow, in his report, said the cooperative had assets totaling \$4,886,789.30, including the net value of property of \$3,607,857.59.

The co-op has \$259,225.08 in its patronage capital credits fund, which may eventually be distributed to members in the next 18 years he said.

Manager Norman Winter reported that the Taylor Electric Cooperative was above the average of electric cooperatives in Texas in the energy used by consumers, the amount of commercial power sold, the number of miles of transmission lines and the number of patrons per mile of lines.

## Farmers Co-Op Gin Contributes \$500 For Cemetery Care

The Farmers Co-Op Gin Society No. 1 of Merkel at its annual meeting April 28, authorized a \$500 donation to the maintenance fund of the Merkel Cemetery Association.

At the same time, a committee was named by the directors to investigate ways and means of eliminating, as much as possible, the lint situation which has caused some protest from cemetery lot owners. Named to the committee were Joe Higgins, Hob Robertson and Morris B. Smith, manager of the gin.

The cemetery association has expressed its thanks for the contribution to the cemetery maintenance fund and especially for the interest indicated by the directors and members in a genuine effort to control the lint problem.

In other business at the annual meeting, members were paid a substantial dividend for the past season's operation.

## Hospital Patients

The following were admitted to Sadler Clinic - Hospital the past week:

- T. H. Hudson
- Leija Bentura
- Mrs. Sam Swann
- Mrs. Geta Williamson
- Pamela Lawrence
- Mrs. W. J. Bicknell
- C. C. Boyd
- Mrs. Theo Newton
- J. H. Gregory
- Mrs. Ida Estep
- Mrs. Sam Mashburn
- Mrs. Tommy Cutler
- Mrs. John Scott
- Dismissals the past week were: Mrs. Joe Coffee and baby
- Mrs. Viola Schultz
- Mrs. David Tarpley
- Roy W. Lawson
- Kay Higgins
- Andy Pruitt
- Mrs. Leonard Smith and baby
- Mrs. Sam Swann
- Mrs. Geta Williamson
- Lepia Bentura
- Pamela Lawrence
- Mrs. W. J. Bicknell
- Mrs. Theo Newton
- J. H. Gregory
- Mrs. J. H. Campbell

## Notice

The annual Lions Club Broom and Mop Sale will be held next Tuesday from 1:30 to 8:30 p.m. Items will be on sale from a truck downtown across the street from Carson's Store and there will be a house-to-house canvass. Proceeds will be used to repair the Community Center.

## \$800 Contributed In City's Annual Cancer Campaign

The house-to-house cancer crusade conducted here was estimated to be the most successful on record, bringing the amount collected thus far to approximately \$800, according to Mrs. David Gamble, chairman of the drive.

Women and Girl Scouts participated in the house-to-house drive. Mrs. Horace Hargrove, secretary of the crusade, said she expects more funds to be turned in.

The drive included Trent, where Mrs. Othell O'Kelley and Mrs. Mark Williamson conducted the drive.

Mrs. Gamble said those who have not yet contributed and wish to do so may leave their donations at Merkel Drug, Wilson Food Store, Carson's Super Market or Merkel Chamber of Commerce.

Johnny Cox, Merkel general chairman, expressed appreciation to all workers and contributors. Johnny Cox, local chairman, reported that in the house-to-house canvass quite a few people were not at home. In order that all can contribute to the 1962 Cancer Crusade, especially those who have not been contacted, Cox said that donations can be left at Merkel Drug, Wilson Food Store, Carson's Super Market and the Merkel Chamber of Commerce office.

Cox said that he hopes to conclude the drive Monday.

He also said that he would like to take this opportunity to express his sincere appreciation for those who worked and those who gave to make the drive "a grand success."

## CEMETERY FUND

April - Supplement  
Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Sheppard  
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sheppard  
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swann.

Sunday visitors in Mrs. W. H. Elliott's home were her nephew, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Shuman of Samsboro, and her niece Mrs. Lloyd Dean of Livingston, Louisiana. They all attended the homecoming of the Methodist Church Sunday.

Twenty-two U. S. congressmen have been invited to take part in a panel discussion at the May 17 convention of Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association in Houston.



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TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN, Tex. — Next week some 2,500,000 Texans will make up their minds whom to cast their ballots for among a huge list of candidates for local, district, state and federal offices.

Prime interest is in the governor's race, where five democrats and two republicans are hoping to replace Gov. Price Daniel. The governor is working hard to see that they don't.

Down the list, to the office of precinct chairman, there are more candidates than in many years. This is due primarily to the "open races" for the major state offices — namely those of attorney general and lieutenant governor. These openings have allowed those down the line to try to move up while at the same time leaving lesser offices open.

Also on May 3, the two parties will hold precinct conventions. They will name delegates to county conventions. County delegates, in turn, will name delegates to state conventions to be held in September. This is where party platforms will be written.

Big side-bar issues on May 5

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**SCHOOLS** — A Texas law that says that public school authorities can suspend or expel a student who solicits members for a fraternity, or other secret society, also prohibits other organizations from doing so. Attorney General Will Wilson has so ruled.

The law allows the formation in schools of Boy Scouts, Hi-Y, Girl Scouts, DeMolay, Rainbow Girls, Pan-American clubs, scholarship societies, and other "kindred education organizations sponsored by state or national education authorities."

But any "public welfare" group which isn't on the list of specifics is forbidden.

**BOAT TRAFFIC BIG PROBLEM** — As warm weather inspires the owners of 177,082 motor boats to launch their crafts on Texas' lakes and streams, the problem of boat safety comes to the fore. The boat safety committee of the Sportsmen's Clubs of Texas plans to study the matter with Rep. Ben Atwell on April 27.

Atwell has been directing questionnaires to all sportsmen's clubs to determine where and how boating accidents occur. Survey is to see if the Boat Safety Act passed by the 56th Legislature contains practical plans for accident prevention.

Henry J. DeBlanc Sr., president of SCOT, called a meeting of the board for the same day in Fort Worth. There members will review the McGee Bend Dam project and other U. S. Corps of Engineers' plans which relate to impoundments on drainage systems in the State.

**NEW HIGHWAY MARKERS** — The 57th Legislature failed to appropriate funds for advertising Texas' tourist attractions out of state. But the Texas Highway Commission has come up with a dazzling device for pointing out places of interest to travelers once they get in the State.

Historic sites and other spots of unusual interest will be pointed out by big cast-aluminum markers, such as those used in Virginia. These markers will be erected at roadside parks and turnoffs, so drivers can pull over and read the

legends at leisure.

Markers are three feet wide and four feet, 10 inches, high and look like they're made of Swedish steel. They'll be mounted on six-foot aluminum poles.

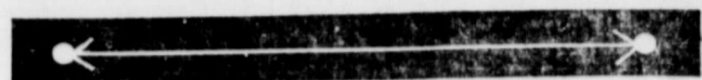
Two already have been erected at a cost of \$1,000 each. One, placed two miles northeast of Tyler, marks the site of the largest Confederate Army prisoner of war camp west of the Mississippi. It was paid for by the grandson of a Union soldier who spent some

time there. The other was purchased by the Odessa Chamber of Commerce to point to the famous Meteor Crater near Odessa.

On May 4, a third plaque will be set up at McCamey. It will mark Castle Gap — the old Butterfield State pass.

Attorney general ruled that such markers are necessary for maximum use of modern highways, and thus okayed the expenditure of state funds for future plaques.

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## Modern Feeding Operation Open House Set May 5

Edgar Davis Enterprises Inc., headed by Edgar Davis, Abilene rancher and oil man, has converted 4,300 acres of land that once was a part of Camp Berkeley into one of the largest meat producing plants in West Central Texas.

Saturday, May 5, Davis will hold open house at the ranch, about 8 miles south of Abilene on U. S. Highway 277.

It will be an all-day event. In the morning there will be livestock judging contests for Taylor County 4-H Club and FFA members and in the afternoon there will be barrel racing for girls, beginning teenagers on to adults.

Coffee, iced tea and donuts will be available throughout the day, courtesy of Davis. An Abilene catering service will make food available from 11:30 a. m. to 1:30 p. m.

Around 20 trophies are to be presented to winners in livestock judging and barrel racing, about 10 in each division.

County Agent H. C. Stanley will

be in charge of the livestock judging which will include judging of beef cattle, sheep, wool and mutton lambs.

Barrel classes, open to girls from everywhere, Davis said, will be as follows:

For girls, 12 years old and under, 13 through 15 year of age, 16 through 19, and 20 years old and over. Contestants will compete only in the class for their age group.

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DALLAS PERKINS

## Dallas Perkins Tells Reasons For His Candidacy

I am running for the State Senate because I feel that the people of this district want and need someone in that office who is not just a perennial politician with a closed mouth. They want someone who will represent them and not just a little group in Abilene.

There are three candidates in this race. My two opponents are running on their records because they have been serving in Austin a total of 22 years between them. They have served with other such notable politicians as Allan Shivers and Bascom Giles. (They served in Austin with Bascom Giles — not Huntsville.)

They always call themselves conservatives when they are running for re-election, but when you look at the record, you will see that the state had a surplus in the treasury when they first went to Austin. Today, we are 86 million dollars in debt, and the state is writing hot checks to pay bills. If that's conservatism, I'll eat my hat.

In the past when these perennial politicians have been running for re-election, they always said they would oppose a sales tax. But this last session when the heat got turned on and the pressure was brought to bear, they fouled up like they always do when the lobbyists go to work on them. And now we have a sales tax that we will pay the rest of our lives. Your children will pay it; all their sons and generations yet unborn will pay it. I think we need a senator that is pressure proof.

Something needs to be done about the highway robbery that goes

by the name of "merit rating system" for insurance premiums. There was a time in Texas when people would not go from one town to another for fear of being robbed in those days, the man that stopped you was the same man who robbed you. But today, a highway patrolman stops you with radar, and your insurance company robs you for the next three years on the amount of premiums they charge you. This is costing the people of Texas 30 million dollars a year in excess premiums. And that money is not going into the state treasury to build schools and highways. It is going into the left hip pockets of a bunch of insurance companies who have high connections to the senate. I will nail lobbyists in Austin. When I stop this highway robbery.

There is an old saying that everyone complains about the weather, but nobody can do anything about it. Everyone talks about these issues in this campaign. They are mad about them. You can vote for Dallas Perkins for state senator.

However, if you like this sales tax with all its inequities, if you like the state being bankrupt and in debt, if you like this highway robbery that goes by the name of merit rating system, then you should vote for one of my opponents because they brought these things about. And if you vote for them, then you owe it to yourself and to them to quit complaining about the way your state is being run.

I feel that I have the ability and the energy to represent you well in the state senate. Try me, I'll make you a good hand.

## Latrelle Bright, Rodney Joy Plan June 15 Wedding

**CROSS PLAINS** — Mr. and Mrs. Zed H. Bright of Cross Plains are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Latrelle, to Rodney Joy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oral L. Joy.

Vows will be said at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains on Friday, June 15, at 7:30 p.m.

The bride will be a May graduate of Cross Plains High School. The groom graduated from Abilene High School and Tarleton State College and is employed by the First National Bank in Brownwood. He and his bride will enroll in Texas Tech in Lubbock this fall.

The bride to be is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Scago of Merkel and Mrs. Zelian Bright of Trent.

All friends are invited to the wedding.

## VETERANS INFORMATION

Q—Are those who fought in the Mexican Border campaign against Villa in 96 eligible for veterans benefits?

A—They are eligible to receive a burial flag at the time of death. Although other benefits have been proposed in Congress, no legislation for benefits has resulted.

Q—Must an eligible war orphan attend college to take advantage of the War Orphans Education Assistance act?

A—No. Vocational training and other subjects that will help toward a career are permitted. All subjects must be above the high school level, however.

Q—Can inductees and draftees entering service now secure GI life insurance?

A—No. GI insurance in any form is no longer available.

Q—What is the maximum length of pre-bed care for patients at VA hospitals?

A—This has just been increased from 7 to 14 days. The VA hopes the step will enable its hospitals to treat even more patients, without increase in number of beds or staff members.

## TRENT JUNIORS SET CHICKEN DINNER

**TRENT** — The junior class of Trent High School is sponsoring a fried chicken dinner at the Trent HS gymnasium Sunday. Serving time will be from 11:30 a. m. to 2 p. m. Plates will cost \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children.

Mrs. McCandless, daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Boswell and son, Billy Mack of Abilene were Sunday visitors also.

## Karen Hood Engagement Told; Wedding May 25

**TRENT** — Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hood of Trent are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Karen Yvonne, to Larry Preston Ridgway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ridgway of 1855 Beechwood, Abilene.

The couple will exchange vows May 25 at 7:30 p. m. in the Belmont Baptist Church.

Both are attending Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene and the prospective groom attended Texas A&M College for two years and plans to return to A&M this fall.

## Garden Club Wins Several Awards At State Meeting

At the state spring meeting of the Texas Garden Clubs, April 24-26, at the Shamrock Hotel in Houston, the Merkel Garden Club received Advanced Rating for the second year and third place in the state on their yearbook with a grade of 97.

First place was won by the Blue Bonnet Club of San Antonio; second went to the Arts and Flowers Club of Houston and Merkel was third. Honorable mention went to Paris.

In the Junior Division for the best programs, the Gay Gardeners of Merkel won first place. The Gardenia Junior Garden Club of Del Rio was second and the Big Spring Junior Garden Club was third.

In the Junior Yearbook Division Merkel received honorable mention. First place was won by the Gardenia Junior Garden Club of Del Rio; second by Big Spring Junior Garden Club, and third by Junior Hillis Garden Club of Fort Worth.

Mrs. E. H. Jones was a delegate to the meeting in Houston.

Hallford and Johnny Heatley, seniors, are annual queen and king. Class favorites include Bob Lawlis and Brenda Hartline, seniors; Bruce Luttrell and Joy Byrom, juniors; Keith Claborn and Brenda Little, sophomores; Ricky McMurray and Sue Dickerson, freshmen.

Roy Elliott of Dallas visited with his mother, Mrs. W. M. Elliott last Wednesday.

Mrs. W. A. McCandless had her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Harry L. McCandless of Lubbock from Thursday til Monday visiting her. She attended the homecoming at the Methodist Church Sunday.

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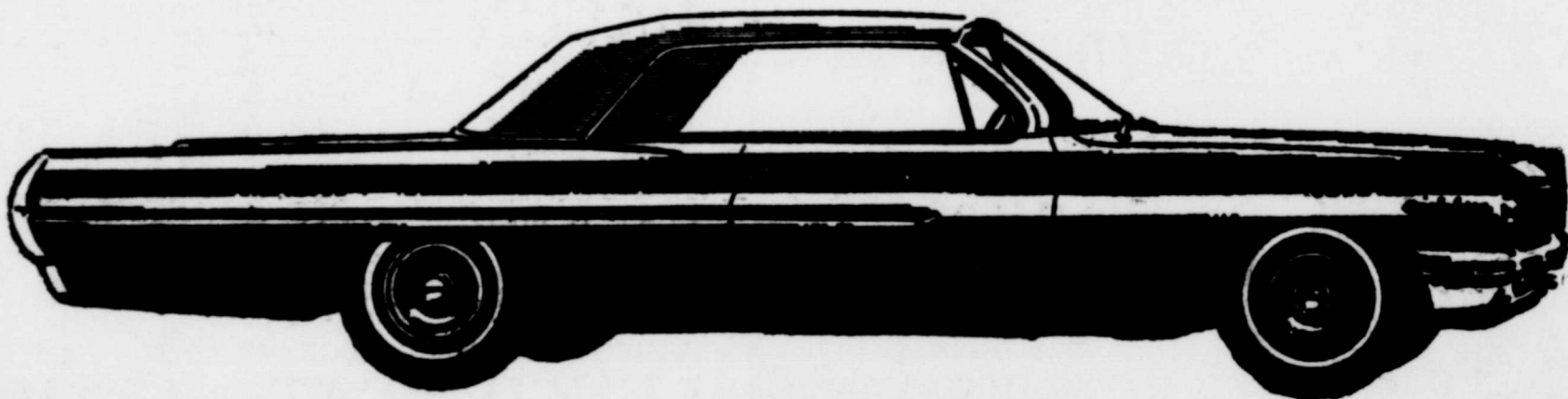
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Bullock Hardware

Bill's Garden Shop  
Humble Service Station  
Merkel Co-op Service Station  
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Roy Skaggs

**STATE SENATE**  
David Radtiff (reelection)

**COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT**  
Clive Pierce (reelection)

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To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas — GREETING:

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

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO: Dewey A. Tessier, Jr., Defendant, Greeting:

**YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED** to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Court house thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 21st day of May A. D. 1962, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 26th day of February A. D. 1960, in this cause, numbered 24,722-A on the docket of said court and styled Edna Tessier, Plaintiff, vs. Dewey A. Tessier, Jr., Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff sues for a divorce on the grounds of harsh and cruel treatment, and prays for care and custody of minor children; 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 6th day of April A. D. 1962.

Attest: R. H. ROSS, Clerk  
42nd District Court  
Taylor County, Texas  
By Janie Martin, Deputy 5-4t

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THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO: W. G. Williams, Sr., Defendant, Greeting:

**YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED** to appear before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 28th day of May A. D.

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## TIPS for OUTDOORSMEN

A message from Mercury prompts this story. Not the planet Mercury — for this isn't a space-age story.

We mean the Mercury outboard people. They remind us that down Texas way, the time is nigh when the "bow hunting" fisherman can have a ball.

There is a group of sportsmen (and women) in this world who think nothing is more fun than to combine hunting and fishing, using the weapons of ancient times to harvest one of the most ancient of fishes.

In states where it is legal (and it is in most counties in Texas), they take a bow and arrow and go fishing (or hunting for carp, impaling the fish with an arrow when the fish come into the shallows of rivers or lakes to spawn.

## It's Time For... EYE CARE

**Dr. Newton K. Wesley**

Here are some questions about eye care with my answers: "Can too much reading or close work injure the eyes?" "With an occasional rest, no permanent damage can be done to the eyes through such activity."

"Is television viewing harmful to the eyes?" "Not if the room is properly lighted; a mild indirect light should be moved around occasionally; and, for the average size screen, the viewer should sit from six to ten feet away from the screen."

"Can a child outgrow crossed eyes?" "No, a child cannot. Crossed eyes can be corrected through surgery, eye exercises. Contact lenses may also be utilized, however there may be some discomfort until the wearer is fully adapted."

"What determines whether one is able to wear contact lenses?" "Your desire, your determination, your ability to fully adapt to the lenses, plus the skill of your contact lens practitioner are the important factors in determining your ability to wear contact lenses, although some people never can wear them."

"Do contact lenses require changes in prescription as often as regular spectacles?" "No, they do not. According to the National Eye Research Foundation in many cases, prescriptions in contact lenses rarely change. It is safe to assume that such a change is not necessary until several years have passed."



Wesley

1962, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 30th day of March A. D. 1960, in this cause, numbered 9089-E on the docket of said court and styled Lilia Williams, Plaintiff, vs. W. G. Williams, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married Nov. 27, 1947 and became permanently separated January 1, 1957.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment and for custody of their minor children as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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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 10th day of April A. D. 1962.

Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk,  
104th District Court  
Taylor County, Texas  
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Bids on five acres, more or less, the F. W. Strip of land. Sealed bids should be mailed to the Merkel City Hall. Bids will be acted on at the first meeting of May 7. All bids can be rejected.  
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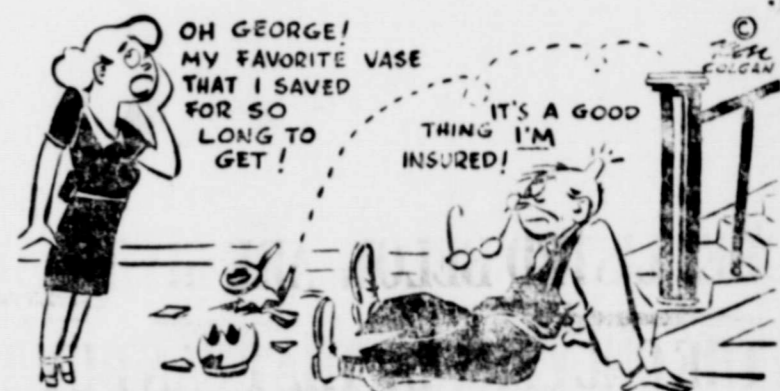
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## gabby doodle from noodle says:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

I see by the papers where President Kennedy and our lawmakers is engaged in the usual sparring contest over a number of bills up for debate. I been thinking fer a long time we ought to quit calling it our Capitol and refer to it as our Bowling Alley On The Potomac.

In ever administration as long back as I can recollect, the President has been setting 'em up at one end and them Congressmen has been trying to knock 'em down at the other.

Ed Doolittle says the way the President and the Congress tries to sneak up on each other with certain legislation reminds him of a feller getting ready to throw a brick at a cat. The feller makes like he don't see the cat, the cat makes like he don't see the feller, but the feller is watching the cat like a hawk watching a chicken, and the cat is watching the feller like Zeke Gruubb's preacher watching the collection plate.

With all this hawling and pulling going on, it's no wonder the voters back home has a hard time separating the statesmen from the politicians along the Potomac. Somebody said once the difference between a statesman and a politician was the statesman tries to make history and the politician tries to rewrite it. It seems to me what

we been gitting lately is mostly a rewrite job.

Fer instant, I was reading last week where one Senator told the Congress taxes has gone as high in this country as it's safe fer them to go. Now I'd call that Senator a statesman. If he can peg taxes permanent at any level, he has made history. But, fer advocating such treason, he'll get thrown in the dog house by the politicians afore Congress adjourns.

We was discussing these matters at the country store Saturday night and the fellers was all agreed that television has spoiled our politicians. Clem Webster allowed as how, when he was a boy, a politician would git up at the meeting and give you some old fashioned, long-tail oratory, put on a spell-binder fer two or three hours. Like the hoop skirt of them days, says Clem, his speech covered everthing and touched nothing, but nowadays, he claims, they git up and give you 10 minutes between soap commercials. And the speech still don't touch nothing, says Clem.

Well, Mister Editor, I see where things has got so big in the Pentagon building that the Government Printing Office has had to put out a special telephone directory fer that one building. The piece said the directory had 290 pages and listed over 10,000 telephones. And I'll bet they ain't a party line in the house.

Yours truly,  
Gabby

It's the Law



The Declaration of Estimated Income Tax, form 1040-ES, is overlooked by many taxpayers who regularly file income tax returns. The purpose of this return is to put you on a pay-as-you-go basis as income is earned, where either the income you earn is not subject to withholding taxes, or the withholding taxes are less than the net tax which you will have to pay upon filing your return.

The failure to file this return might result in a 6 per cent charge on the underpayment of installments which you should have paid. It is also to your advantage to file the return and pay your taxes on an installment basis so that you will not have a large amount of tax due at the time that you file your return.

Generally, an estimate must be filed if you expect to earn more than \$200 in income not covered by withholding taxes. In addition, you must file this return if you are single and expect to earn more than \$5,000 in 1962 or are married and expect to receive more than \$10,000 in 1962. However, no estimate

## THE NATIONAL OUTLOOK

President Kennedy finally has sent his message on transportation to the Congress.

No mention is made of the recent report on railroads by the special commission which was discussed in this space a few weeks ago. That is logical. That analysis considered only the problems of the railroads. This message looks at the entire transportation industry, and its basic purpose is to develop an over-all policy for every element involved in this part

of our economic life. It is the first time that this has been attempted by the Chief Executive.

In laying the foundation for the recommendations the President says: "A chaotic patchwork of inconsistent and often obsolete legislation and regulation has evolved from a history of specific actions addresses to specific problems of specific industries at specific times. This patchwork does not fully reflect either the dramatic changes in technology of the past half-century or the parallel changes in the structure of competition."

Those may appear to be harsh words, but actually they are mild in view of the present situation of our transportation industry. Scores of recommendations are made by the President. They fall under four main heads: intercity transportation; urban transportation; international transportation; and labor relations and research. By far the longest of these is that on intercity transportation. This is as it should be because here we have railroads, trucks, airlines, buses, and the inland waterways. The present complexity of the competition and regulation of these various systems is almost beyond comprehension. Some of them are and some are not, and the methods by which they are taxed are recipients of government subsidies about as varied as human ingenuity can devise. To bring order out of this chaos will take the wisdom of Solomon and the patience of Job, but it has to be attempted.

tax liability is expected to be less than \$40. If you are in the class of taxpayers required to file this return, your estimate is due not later than April 15, 1962, on form 1040-ES. With the return you must pay 25 per cent of the difference between your estimated tax and the amount you estimate will be withheld in 1962 by your employer. Similar quarterly payments are due on June 15, 1962; September 15, 1962, and January 15, 1963.

By filing this return and estimating your income tax to be the same or greater than the tax which you paid for the previous year, you will avoid all potential liability for interest penalties under the previous year, you will avoid all potential liability for interest penalties under the provisions of this section. However, if you attempt to estimate your exact amount of tax for the coming year, and estimate incorrectly, you should file an estimate or amend your estimate on the date the next quarterly tax payment is due and pay your amended estimated taxes over the remaining installment periods.

Farmers who earn at least 2-3 per cent of their gross income from farming have until January 15, 1963, to file their declaration of estimated 1962 income tax. At this time, the entire estimated income tax is due. However, if he prefers, a farmer may file his final 1962 income tax due at that time instead of filing an estimate on or before January 15, 1963.

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tempted.

The second longest section of the message is devoted to recommendations or urban transportation. This involves the whole gamut of public systems, and in addition the problem of private cars, taxis, and so forth. Some cities have done a reasonable job in meeting their difficulties, but others have made practically no progress. And by and large all of them want federal financial assistance for their programs. The President wants "a long-range program of federal aid to our urban regions for the revitalization and needed expansion of public mass transportation."

In the international field the main transportation problems, as seen by the President, are whether our ships and aircraft are adequate to meet "probable military emergencies" and why, even with federal building subsidies, our merchant marine does not grow more rapidly and be better able to compete with foreign ships. No specific recommendations are made in the field, but the Secretary of Commerce, and various other government officials, are directed to

make surveys with a view of finding out what should be done.

On labor relations, and research the message has little to say. The main burden of the comments is that labor must not be hurt; that collective bargaining must be used to "promote efficiency" and that we must have a "vigorous, continuous and coordinated program of research."

Obviously this is a really long-range program. Its strength lies in the fact that it is an attempt to correct some of the disgraceful rules now in force. Its weaknesses are that it will involve still more federal spending, that it does nothing to eliminate the many bad labor practices, and that it injects the central government still further into problems which can and should be solved at the local level.

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Also thanks to the 12 out of town businesses  
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NORMAN WINTER, Manager  
TAYLOR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

## ROY SKAGGS IS BEST QUALIFIED FOR COUNTY JUDGE



ROY SKAGGS is qualified for the job. His Experience includes:

- District Clerk of Taylor County.
- Teaching and school administration.
- Private businessman.
- Abilene School Trustee.
- Government lecturer at H-SU at present time.
- Served in Texas State Guard 3½ years.
- Active Baptist Layman.
- District judges selected Roy Skaggs in June, 1961 to serve as Taylor County's first Adult Probation Officer.

ROY SKAGGS WILL REPRESENT  
ALL TAYLOR COUNTY

NO SHORTENING! NO FRYING! NO TURNING!  
**Corn-Crisp Cooking**  
 JUST DIP... ROLL... AND BAKE!

- TAKE:**  
 CENTER-CUT PORK CHOPS.....Lb. 59c  
 OR CUT UP, BROILER-FRYER  
 CHICKENS.....Lb. 33c
- DIP IN:**  
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- ROLL IN:**  
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**FROZEN FOODS**

- KEITH'S FISH STICKS..... 2 for **49¢**
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 DOUBLE AUCTION MONEY  
 BUILD A PILE**

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 BISCUITS  
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- LUCKY WHIP TOPPING MIX  
 With 7c Coupon Box 13c

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- MIX NUTS** CHEF'S Jumbo Can **59¢**
- COFFEE** MAXWELL HOUSE 2-Lb. Can **1.15**

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WITH EACH \$1.00 IN TRADE  
 BE SURE TO CALL FOR IT  
 FIRST AUCTION FRIDAY, MAY 18TH  
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**HOT DOG SAUCE** ... 2 for 33c
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**BEEF STEW** ..... 2 for 59c
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BANANA  
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