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## Merkel Pageant

It's a long ways from Merkel to El Paso where the state Democratic convention was held this week.

It's an even longer ways to the F Paso I knew when I was a boy.

For instance, El Paso in the 1920's and 30's was a clean town, clean smelling. But that was when the sprawling quarter of a million population city had less than 60,000 people.

The Plaza in downtown El Paso was a wonderful place of green trees and a fountain with huge fountains basking in the sands on the banks of the waters. And there were turtles almost as big as any pre-teen-aged boy. But the alligators and turtles have disappeared. The Plaza is still there. But it's been modernized. Now, it's just a good place to wait for the bus. What is there to thrill a boy that compares with one of those alligators twitching an eye when you daringly poked out your hand at him?

Today, El Paso — certain sections of it — has an odor that makes you keep looking at your shoe to see if you've stepped in anything. But perhaps the smell and the bigness and loneliness of El Paso today is just the distance between Merkel — and the longer distance between a fat man and a boy.

Members of the Merkel Optimist Club are sponsoring the third annual friend of the "Boy Day." All area boys, ages 12, 13, and 14, are invited to attend the football game between the Dallas Texans and Buffalo Bills in the Cotton Bowl Stadium in Dallas Sept. 30 at 1:30 p.m.

The Optimist Club will furnish transportation to and from the game and feed the boys after the game. Each boy is to bring a sack lunch for the noon meal which will be eaten at a roadside park. The group will attend church services. Boys interested should register at Carson Supermarket by September 25 and pick up tickets good for any home game of the Texans.

Leaving time and place will be announced at a later date.

Jack Thomas athletic director and head football coach of Hardin - Simmons University, will speak to members of the Merkel Booster Club, Monday night, Sept. 24.

Thomas played freshman football at Baylor, he was a member of the Tulsa team that played in the Sugar Bowl. He played in the Orange and Oil Bowl and then was with the Los Angeles Rams in 1947.

Mr. Lee W. Cox of Merkel was celebrating his 80th birthday Wednesday, September 19, around at the Merkel Drug Co. Mr. Cox was having himself a ball passing around his candy and cakes that different people brought to him, and enjoying all his happy birthday congratulations and believe me he was getting lots of them.

Mr. Cox has been in Merkel for 73 years. He moved here at the age of seven with his parents. They moved here from Robinson County and settled south of Merkel where Mr. Cox farmed and ranched before retiring and moving to Merkel in 1947, 15 years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox live at 404 Locust St. They have three children, Denzil, Mrs. Irene Sandusky and Mrs. Earl Stevens. Mr. and Mrs. Cox will have been married 63 years the 26th of this month.

Mr. Cox is now employed by Merkel Drug Co. where he has worked for eight years.

## FIFTH GRADE ELECTS OFFICERS FOR '62-63

Mrs. Helen Benson's fifth grade has selected the following as class officers for the 1962-63 school year.

President, Brenda Boden; secretary, Christi Lucas; treasurer, Terry Doan; reporter, Jackie Whisenhunt; doctor, Wayne Holloway; nurse, Melba Seymore; Hospitality Committee, Scotty Higgins and Laurel Loflin; librarians, Barbara Higgins and Pat Moore; Red Cross, Gary Bigbee and Helen Hernandez; annual staff, Kathy Mansfield.

There are 28 pupils in the room.

## Mrs. Murray Dies Sept. 12

Mrs. L. C. (Nora) Murray, 86, of Merkel died at 11:25 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, in Simmons Memorial Hospital in Sweetwater.

Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Sept. 14 in Starbuck Chapel in Merkel, with the Rev. Bill Sawyer, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

A native of Williamson County, Mrs. Murray was born April 30, 1876. She had lived in Merkel since 1946, and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

She was married to the late L. C. Murray in 1893 in Anson.

Surviving are a number of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Bill Brown, Jake Barnes and Robert Malone of Merkel and Carlton McLeod, Ronnie Freeman and Othell Barnhill of Trent.

## MRS. WEST FUNERAL HELD IN MERKEL

Mrs. H. C. West, 77, longtime Merkel resident, wife of former mayor H. C. West and mother of United Press - International columnist Dick West, died at 1:20 p.m. Saturday at Sadler - Clinic Hospital here after an illness of three weeks.

Born Grace Sheppard, March 3, 1885, at Bremond, she moved to Merkel with her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Sheppard, in September of 1890. She was married to H. C. West on May 21, 1905.

A longtime member of the Merkel Presbyterian Church, she was a Sunday school teacher and was

## Dist. 18 P-TA Will Conduct Workshop

"Citizenship — Your Responsibility" will be the theme of the annual district workshop of the District 18 Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Sessions will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 25, in the Abilene Woman's Club, with registration beginning at 9 a.m. The workshop will be concluded at 2:30 p.m. the same day.

McDonald W. Held, acting dean of Howard Payne College, will be principal speaker, exploring the theme, "Citizenship."

In connection with the theme a panel of foreign-born citizens will compare their former homes and fellow citizens with their new homes, and discuss what this country means to them. Dr. Donald McDonald of Abilene will be moderator.

Following a luncheon in the club building at noon, A. E. Wells, superintendent of the Abilene public schools and the district citizenship chairman, will introduce workshops and leaders.

Mrs. D. W. Boren of Abilene is president of the district, which is comprised of Cottle, Dickens, Fisher, Foard, Haskell, Jones, Kent, King, Knox, Motley, Scurry, Stone-wall and Taylor counties.

## Fortnightly Study Club Begins 29th Year Sept. 15

Amid the cheerful and beautiful surroundings of the outdoor living room of Mrs. W. T. Sadler, the Fortnightly Study Club of Mesquite District met Saturday, Sept. 15, to begin its 28th year of study and service.

The president, Mrs. Don Dudley, welcomed the members, and Mrs. Ray Wilson, yearbook chairman, gave the theme and highlights of study for the year.

The program, based on the goal, "The enrichment of life through a better adjustment of human relations," will project "Journey Into Friendship—Looking South." With South America, a key country in the light of ideologies, the members of the club hope to

## BADGERS SEEK WIN OVER CROSS PLAINS

If the Merkel Badgers play the rest of the season as they did the third quarter in the game against Albany, Merkel will not lose another game.

The next team on the Merkel ledger is Cross Plains in Merkel. The Merkel team is pointing for victory after two losses.

After an ineffective two quarters against Albany, the Merkel Badgers came back after half-time activities to show the Albany Lions, powerhouse for so many seasons, how football could be played. This shining third quarter came too late after Albany had scored 12 points in the first half and the light went out too soon.

Merkel ran into trouble after trying the score 12-12 when tailback Roger Moore wrapped things up by touchdown runs of three and 60 yards.

Two second half pass interceptions on the Albany goal line were as downheartening to the Badgers as were the three Albany touchdowns.

Merkel had driven from its 29 to the Albany 10, paced by 11 and 12-yard runs by fullback Don Parmely and Moore. Quarterback Charlie Russell's first pass, intended for wingback C. B. Brown, was intercepted by Wood, who returned it to the Albany 23.

Two plays later, Wood fumbled on the 18, with end Mack Mansfield recovering.

On third down and 15, from the 23, Russell's pass to end Charles Dannheim was plucked off by fullback Larry Bartee in the end zone.

An earlier pass interception, by Stapp early in the second quarter, thwarted a Badger drive which began on the Merkel 46. Two plays earlier, Russell passed to Moore for an apparent score, but a Merkel offside nullified the touchdown.

Moore led the Badgers in rushing with 148 yards in 18 tries. The Lions' Stapp picked up 76 yards on 12 carries.

Among the outstanding defenders for Albany were Stapp, tackle Bob Oliver, and end Larry Brewster. Top defenders for the Badgers were Mansfield and center Frosty Winter.

The win gave Albany a 1-1 record, while Merkel dropped to 0-2.

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Surviving are her husband; two sons, George of Midland and Dick of Washington, D.C.; one daughter, Mrs. Sidney Foy of Baird; four brothers, Judd Sheppard of Big Spring, A. T. of Merkel; J. D. and R. C., both of Dallas; two sisters, Mrs. F. P. Hamm of Merkel and Mrs. Elma McFarland of Merkel; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Jack, who died in 1950, and Weston, who died in 1953; one daughter, Mary Grace, who died at the age of 4.

Pallbearers were Jimmy Russell, Harry Barnett, Holis Taylor, Sidney West, Freddie Foy and Larry West.

**HUFFMAN FAMILY HOLDS REUNION**

Members of the late Thomas J. Huffman family gathered at Buffalo Gap Sunday, September 2, for a family reunion.

Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Will Smith, Ora Vee Smith, Mrs. Annie Smith, Reuben Smith, Jack Huffman, Mrs. Melissa Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Butch Moynihan and children, all of Merkel.

Mrs. M. M. Sellers, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ballinger and children of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. William Smith and sons of Oklahoma City, Miss Evelyn Chamberlain of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Smith and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Huffman, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Griffith and children, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Midkoff, all of Abilene.

The family agreed to meet on the second Sunday of August each year.

get a better understanding of the cultures and problems of 11 neighbors to the south.

Autumn flowers in variegated colors of the fall season formed the centerpiece for the serving table, which was overlaid with a cloth of gold and white linen. Refreshments of frosted fruits, sausage rolls, and coffee were served to the following members:

Miss Christine Collins, Mesdames Carroll Benson, Johnny Cox, W. R. Cybert, Don Dudley, Bryan Dunagin, Mack Fisher, David Gamble, Comer Haynes, Ben R. Hicks, Homer Patterson, W. T. Sadler, Andy Shouse, Ray Wilson and Howard Marcom.

## Announcement

A gospel sing will be held Thursday night at 8:00 p.m. at the Community Center in Tye. Everyone is welcome.

## Letter to Editor

To the Editor:

We, the Democrats, will not stay at home this time. We will not run the risk of another political accident. We will search the highways, the byways and beat the fence rows and get out the vote. We will vote like our daddy and granddaddy voted.

R. T. MANUEL, Democrat  
Colorado City, Texas

## COUNTY DELEGATION NOT 'ONE VOICE'

By DAVE BRUMBEAU  
Merkel Mail Publisher

EL PASO, Sept. 19 — Taylor County and 24th senatorial district delegates completed their part in the well-oiled Democratic Convention that placed the name of John Connally on their standard for governor and packed to return home.

But the well-oiled convention had a few squeaks and the 24th district was the one of highest note.

Members of the Howard County delegation were most disgruntled and vociferous about not receiving a spot on the platform-writing committee. In pre-convention caucus, the Howard Counties became disgruntled when they learned they did not have sufficient votes to gain and would not be given a voice in writing the platform.

Roscoe Cone stalked from the caucus. And from then on nothing went to suit the Howard County group.

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He will succeed Earl Hughes Sr., who resigned Sept. 1 because of ill health. The new mayor is an insurance man.

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Mrs. F. Y. Gaitner served as election judge.

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## JUNIOR GARDEN CLUB OFFICERS INSTALLED

In a Japanese setting Mrs. Mack Fisher installed officers of the Gay Gardeners, Junior Garden Club, Thursday afternoon at the Merkel Elementary Library.

As the officers received their duties they were presented gifts symbolic of their office. President is Mary Lee Noster, first vice president is Chandra Tarpley; second vice president is Ann Carson; third vice president is Debbie James and fourth vice president is Angie Lerma.

Ann Walker is secretary; Terry Wozencraft, treasurer and reporter is Kathy Mansfield.

Mrs. Robert Hicks, dressed in Japanese costume spoke to the club on "Planting of Fall Bulbs" and presented each girl with a package of bone meal.

Oriental orange trees were door prizes. Marylee Noster and Barbara Higgins were the winners.

Frosted punch and cookies were served from a Japanese tea table by the sponsor, Mrs. Carroll Benson. Umbrellas were favors.

Nineteen members were given iris rhizomes.

Mrs. Sallie Horton is visiting her son and wife at Edinburg, Texas.

## Noodle Church of Christ To Hold Revival Sept. 23-30

Noodle Church of Christ announces a gospel meeting for Sept. 23-30, with Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Speaker for this special series will be Norman Hogan, a member of the social science faculty of Abilene Christian College. A graduate of Freed-Hardeman College, Henderson, Tenn., and Bethel College, McKenzie, Tenn., Mr. Hogan has engaged in graduate study at Memphis State University and the Harding School of Bible and Religion in Memphis, Tenn.

For 10 years prior to moving to Abilene in 1961, Mr. Hogan served various west Tennessee Churches of Christ as local preacher, and conducted several gospel meetings each year. He is presently serving as minister of the Noodle church in addition to his teaching duties.

The song services will be under the direction of Kent Denton of Merkel, a student at ACC.

A warm welcome awaits those who attend this meeting, and a cordial invitation is extended to the public to be present for these services.

Sermon subjects will be: Sunday morning: "We Would See Jesus." Sunday evening: "What It Means to Preach Christ." Monday: "Who Is a Christian?" Tuesday: "Why One Should Desire To Be a Christian." Wednesday: "Why Many Are Not Christians." Thursday: "The Journey of Life." Friday: "Salvation by the Blood of Christ." Saturday: "Coming to God With an Idol in Your Heart." Sunday morning, Sept. 30: "Are You Ready for the Coming of Christ?" Sunday evening, Sept. 30: "Thou Art Not Far From the Kingdom of God."

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

AUSTIN, Tex.—Texas' new sales tax was one year on in September 1.

First year's income averaged some \$2,870,000 a week, or a total for the first 12 months of approximately \$149,000,000.

Robert S. Calvert, State Comptroller, says "I think the general public has accepted it quite well."

Despite years of pro and con arguments in the legislature and by political candidates, concerning the sales tax, the first year's operation was generally harmonious.

One of the exceptions is a

court ruling that Calvert cannot collect the 2 per cent tax on total receipts from sales less than 25 cents. This ruling is on appeal.

Another court has ruled that natural gas and electricity used in laundry and dry cleaning businesses should not come under the sales tax. This too is on appeal.

Calvert says that even though the collections for the first year are some \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000 shy of the expected \$160,000,000 he was pleased with the success of the first year's program. "We ended with a cash balance of \$21,851,594.00 in the general fund, anyhow," he pointed out, "but we were back in the red within a few days."

Rason was that the very next day \$40,000,000 went into the Teacher's retirement fund—and the state's main bank account went into the red again. This time to the tune of \$19,459,359.

He indicated that audits of the various businesses responsible for collection of the tax would be in full swing before long. Then auditors would help clarify a lot of misconceptions.

TEXBOOK CONTRAVERSITY—Texas State Teachers Association has broken its silence on the textbook controversy to warn that the next session of the legislature may bring at-

tempts to put the burden of school book purchases back on the individual parent.

Some school leaders regard the attacks on textbooks as essentially an attack on the public school system, says TSTA.

Texas furnishes textbooks at a cost of less than \$4 a year for each child. If parents bought the books, the cost would be approximately \$30 for each child.

NEW AUTO STICKERS — Col. Homer Garrison Jr., director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, says the new car inspection stickers released this week are of a new type.

Garrison described that as "dry-mount decals which we believe will adhere regardless of wather condons."

More than 5,000,000 vehicles will need safety inspection between now and April 16, 1963.

DRY TIMES—The U. S. Department of Agriculture and the Weather Bureau hailed the rains which finally came to some sections of Texas last week.

Searched pastures in East Texas, the Northern Blackland and Low Plains counties got a drink, and some greenness was seen again.

But the range situation is described as "critical" throughout South Texas, the Edwards regions, where it remains very dry.

POLIO FIGHTERS — There are signs that the polio epidemic is abating.

Only three new cases of paralytic polio were reported last week. They were in Cameron, Harris and Lubbock Counties.

Anti-polio treatments continue to be applied on a mass scale, with the opening of schools, in an effort to completely wipe out this scourge.

However, there have been 193 cases in Texas this year. During the first eight months of last year there were only 50 cases.

WILSON SAYS NO—Published reports that Atty. Gen Will Wilson would run in 1964 for the Railroad Commission, against Commissioner Ben Ramsey, were scotched.

The man who should know—Wilson himself—said he plans to open a law office in Austin. He said he had no future political plans, and that he positively will not be a candidate for railroad commissioner.

MORE MACHINES—If you don't like the way your new highway is built, there's nobody you can blame it on.

A machine probably figured it out.

State Highway Department has added a computer to work sign, hydraulics, earth work, out problems of highway demand measurement and traffic signalization.

The gadget can read and interpret 8,000 cards a minute from a tape.

Things were simpler in Austin when people ran the government.

EXPERT SPEAKERS — Austin MacCormick of New York, the expert on penitentiaries whose recommendations led to reform of the Texas Prison Sys-



Don C. King, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association field inspector for this area, right, was awarded a graduation certificate by Col. Homer Garrison, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, following the successful completion of a Criminal Investigations Seminar in Austin, Sept. 14. King lives in Graham. Looking on is Joe S. Fletcher of Fort Worth, TSCRA secretary-general manager.

tem a decade ago, came to Texas to take a look at the Texas Youth Council's reorganization.

He headed for New York full of praise for improvements at Gatesville and Gainesville State Schools.

MacCormick particularly praised the new Mountain View School at Gatesville where the tougher boys are separated from the first offenders. He said it was not an "Alcatraz", but a place where the boys with more problems can be given special attention. At the same time, their influence is removed from the younger boys.

But the expert warned that Texas needs a place for boys who are dependent and neglected, but not yet delinquent, to save them from becoming delinquent.

Too many boys who belong in foster homes are being committed to schools for delinquents, giving them an undeserved stigma, MacCormick said.

He particularly urged the establishment of a State home for Negro boys in this category.

SEED LAB—A third official seed testing laboratory has been established in Texas.

John C. White, Agriculture Commissioner, reports that the State Department of Agriculture and Stephen F. Austin College jointly have set up a new laboratory on the campus in Nacogdoches.

Other laboratories for testing seeds to determine purity and germination time are operating at the Agriculture Department's main office in Austin and at Lubbock.

More than 60,000 samples of seed are tested yearly by White's agency, as a means of assuring Texas planters that they are getting what they pay for when they buy seeds.

Tags on the bags show the content in weed seed and the

percentage of the seeds which germinate.

TREASURY AUDIT — Although one part of the state treasurer's office in the Capitol has bars on the entrances, the state does not keep its \$2,500,000,000 annual income there.

Jesse James, State Treasurer, has sent an audit to Gov. Price Daniel showing that the state's money is on deposit in 1,619 separate accounts in 840 banks.

Capitol vault contains only petty cash and time warrants held by the treasurer.

LAW OVERHAUL—A State Bar of Texas committee is recommending to the 1963 legislative session the first full-scale revision of criminal court procedure in Texas history.

If the Legislature proves receptive, the state's criminal law, as well as procedure, may undergo extensive legislative scrutiny as a result of scandals which have shaken the state this year.

STILL UNDER FIRE—Five top state officials are still under fire from Giles E. Miller, Dallas attorney, who seeks to stop payment of their salaries.

Miller says he will appeal an adverse state court decision in his effort to compel more equal legislative redistricting in Texas.

DEMO FUND-RAISER — Clyde Johnson, executive director of the State Democratic Executive Committee, has announced the appointment of Marvin Watson of Daingerfield to head the party's fund-raising dinners in El Paso on September 17.

Watson is a member of the SDEC.

SHORT SNORTS — State Parks Board has approved working drawings of an amphitheater planned for Palo Duro Canyon State Park. Legislators looking to the

work of the next regular session says prospects are favorable that the 1963 Legislature will ratify the proposed constitutional amendment to eliminate the poll tax as a requirement for voting.

A tour by Texas insurance officials, to study other state's automobile coverage plans, may pay off in helping Texas draw up a new plan soon, says the

A 1963 option by Attorney State Insurance Board. General Will Wilson that taxing agencies cannot seize a family car for delinquent taxes, on the ground that the car is part of the homestead, has been reaffirmed by his office.

Texas collected \$9,056,161 in cigarette, liquor and wine taxes during August, reports Jesse James, State Treasurer.

Attorney General Wilson has announced the resignation of two of his top staff aides. Both Henry G. Braswell, head of the echeat division, and Houghton Brownlee Jr., executive assistant, will enter private practice of law.

Texas residents should check financial statements of insurance companies not licensed in

Texas before buying from them. William Harrison, Texas Insurance Commissioner, has warned.

Predictions are that Sen. Charles F. Herring of Austin probably will be chairman of the important Senate Finance Committee next year if Sen. Preston Smith, the Democratic nominee, wins the Lieutenant Governor's race in November.

The much "shaken up" State Insurance Department is now experiencing a case of nerves for different reasons. Sonic booms from supersonic jets have generated pressure waves which have blasted out several glass panes in the modernistic new buildings near the Capitol.

As of now, not considering the possibility of some Republican victories in House races next November, there will be 59 new members of the lower branch of the 58th Legislature which convenes in regular session next January.

Governor Daniel appointed Roy H. Cullen of Houston to the Texas State Historical Survey Committee, to replace Stuart McGregor of Dallas who resigned.

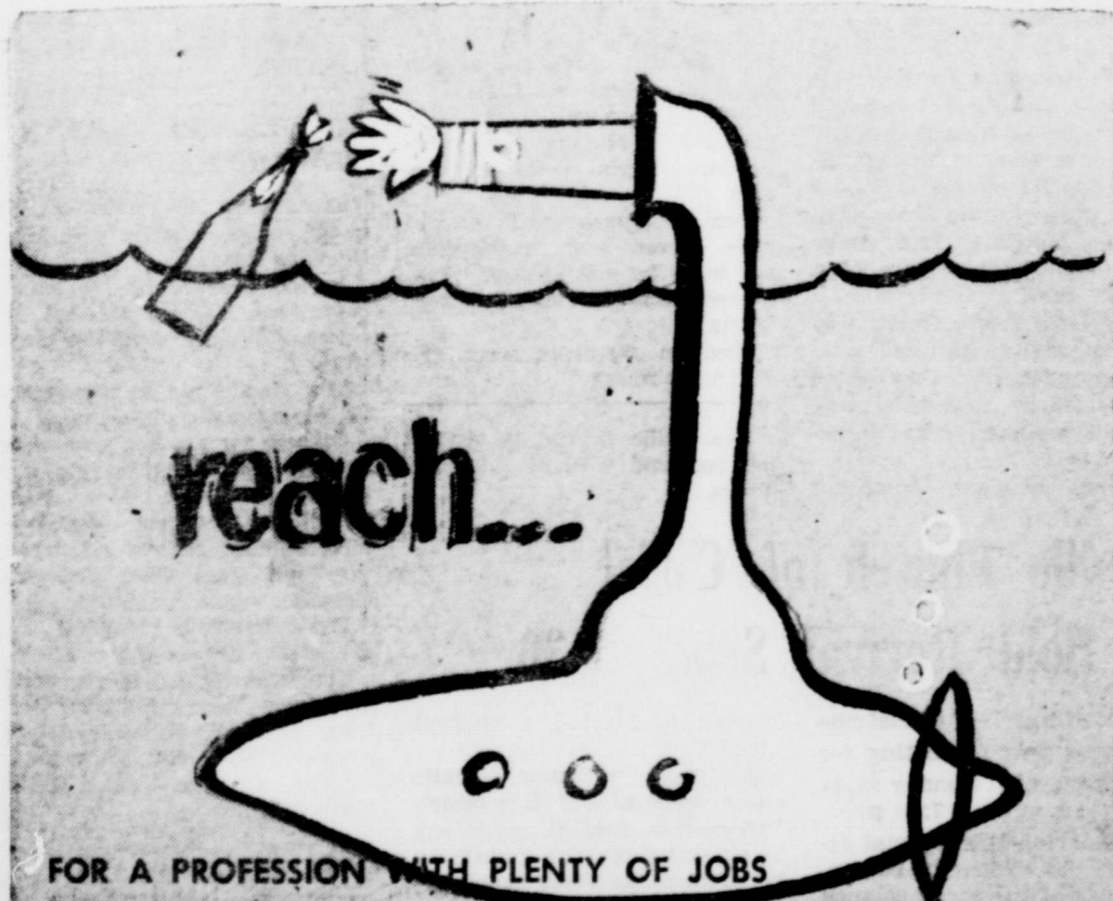
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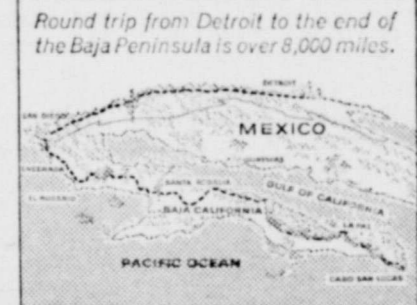
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## LIGHT DESCENDANTS

### HOLD REUNION SEPT. 1-2

Descendants of the late Ueatch Dellingham Light met for their annual reunion Labor Day weekend, Sept. 1-2, in Richard Park at Llano.

## Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE

This area received around seven inches of rain last week. A lot of sunshine would be appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mashburn returned to their home Wednesday of last week. Mrs. Mashburn spent several weeks in a Lubbock hospital, and in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Toombs. She is feeling better.

W. S. Burton is still very ill in Hendrick Memorial Hospital.

Delbert Corning entered Hendrick Memorial Hospital Tuesday of last week. He is feeling better, and is expected to come home this week.

Mrs. Dewey Ramsey and C. S. Childress attended services at the Stith Baptist Church Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Pick Payne visited over the weekend with relatives in Lubbock. They were Minnie Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dean and Dorothy Wilson.

The WMU ladies from Hawley, Noodle and Hodges Baptist churches will meet with the ladies of the Stith Baptist Church Thursday for an all-day meeting. Each church will bring a program on missions. Dinner will be served.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vantrees returned from Rogers, Ark., last week, where they visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Walsh. Roy Kelso made the trip with them.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Smoot of Anson visited Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hudson, Louise, Bob and Hollis Hudson, and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Hudson of Levelland spent the weekend at Lake Brownwood.

Hettie West of the Starr Nursing Home visited Sunday, Sept. 2, in the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. West.

The two-day program included visiting, picture taking, and revival meeting. Relatives enjoyed camping out at Buchanan Dam and sightseeing at Longhorn Caverns, dancing and plenty of string music furnished by Otis and Ben Lights on fiddles, Edgar James and Irvin Light on the bass fiddles, and Willis Ratliff and Carl Light on guitars.

Dr. John A. Lomax of the University of Texas came to Llano to record folk music by this band in 1937. Copies of the records are now in the Library of Congress.

The late James Light drowned in the Mississippi River since the reunion last year.

Approximately 148 descendants and families enjoyed the gathering. Beans, sweets and barbecue were prepared by members of the family, supervised by June Grider.

Descendants and families represented were from Brady, Kerrville, Midland, Merkel, Colorado City, Odessa, Baytown, San Antonio, Dallas, Austin, Fort Stockton, Floresville, Snyder, Houston, Killen, Pecos, Llano and Abilene.

## PERSONALS

Mrs. M. Dokey, Edward and Finis of Merkel, and Mrs. Ida Gamberger, Trudy and Terry Joe of Abilene visited in the home of Mrs. Dokey's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Green and family, and her aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Blue, all of Gordon. While there Mrs. Dokey saw lots of old friends and visited the cemetery where her parents are buried.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Stout, Sherri, Shelle, and Darrell Kevin of Abilene spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Stout. Also Sunday visitors in the Stout home were Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Spurgin of Abilene.

Mrs. C. B. Hewitt of Big Spring visited her aunts, Mrs. Ada Johnson, Mrs. Della Kuykendall and Mrs. Mattie Billingsley of Merkel last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray's daughter and family, who formerly lived in Springfield, Mo., have moved to Fort Worth. Mr. Rudd was a preacher in Missouri, and Mrs. Rudd was a school teacher there. The Rudds have moved to Fort Worth, where Mr. Rudd came to get a higher degree, and Mrs. Rudd is teaching school in Fort Worth in South Junior High School. They were visitors in the Ray home, along with their two small sons, David and Donny.

Other visitors over the week end in the E. C. Ray home were Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Ray and children, Martha, Mark, and Doug, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ray and children, Kenneth Don, Daren and Michel.

Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris had as their guests for the week Mrs. D. E. Miller of Lubbock, Mr. J. O. Miller, brother of Mrs. Harris, Bill Harris of Ballinger, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Harris of Amarillo. Others visiting the Millers in the Harris home were Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Canady and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. William Sharp, all of Abilene, Mrs. Liryl Black and daughter of Coleman, and Mrs. W. M. Elliot of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Holman West of Fort Worth were visitors of their cousin, Mrs. Charlie West, over the week end.

Mr. P. F. West and son, Loyd, of Santa Anna, were the guests of their cousin, Mrs. Charlie West, Thursday.

Mr. J. A. Scott of Tahoka was the house guest over the weekend of his son, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Scott and daughter, Lara, of Phoenix, Ariz., spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chenault and daughter, Vickie, of Irving were house guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan, over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Clark visited the past week in the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Jones of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Halbert of Sonora visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swann Wednesday and Thursday.

# HOUSEHOLD HINT XCHANGE



PLANNING on closing your summer home for the season soon? If so, you'll be wise to follow the advice of veteran "home-closers" who suggest that you try to resist the temptations of the carefree life (i.e., the hammock) soon enough to tend to a few important chores before "moving day".

If you do, the chances are good that you'll find your home in good shape when you open it again in the spring.

Here are some pointers to remember:

Notify telephone, light and gas companies so they can discontinue service before you lock up. Also, have the water company shut off service; then drain plumbing so the pipes aren't empty. Other people to notify of your departure — the post office, so you'll receive your mail without interruption, and the police, so they can keep an eye on your grounds (or, if you prefer, hire someone to look around once a week and let you know if anything out of the ordinary takes place).

As for the house itself, make a checklist of the following to be sure nothing is left undone:

1. Pour one gallon of kerosene into toilet bowl to prevent it from rusting or breaking.
2. Coat metal tools, lawn mower blades, guns, fishing tackle and other sporting equipment with Vaseline petroleum jelly to prevent rusting.
3. Pack linens and bed-covers away in closets and bureau.
4. Cover all furniture.
5. Cover the burner-unit of the kitchen stove and chrome fixtures in kitchen and bathroom with a coat of Vaseline petroleum jelly as a protection against rust.
6. Close and lock all windows and shutters.

## Star Nursing Home News

By MARY OUTLAW

This still leaves all our folks well.

Mrs. Irene Strawn of Trent visited her mother, Mrs. Steen, Monday.

We want to thank Mr. and

Mrs. Olive Webb for bringing the wheel chair to Mr. Grayson.

Thanks to Thelma Hughes for the nice watermelon she gave the home.

We want to thank one of our day nurses, Janice Mingo, for fixing the woman's hair every week.

Thanks to W. R. Blair for the nice watermelon.

We are sorry to hear about our relief cook, Lizzie George's

Here's why Martha puts laundry in the freezer



A woman's work, especially the ironing, is never done. Sometimes Martha just has to take time out for shopping or visiting during the day. But sprinkled clothes can't be left to sour or mildew! So Martha pops them into a plastic bag and into the freezer they go. When she gets back, they'll be ready for her to start ironing again. Isn't it amazing how many ways women have learned to use flameless electricity to make living better... and, it costs so little, you can use lots of it.



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This ad was suggested by Mrs. Russell E. Womack, Commercial and Public Service Division, Abilene, Texas

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husband, Charlie, being sick and in the hospital.

We want to thank the Church of Christ for bringing the beautiful flowers to the home and Mrs. Sharp.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. Steen's son-in-law is improving after his illness.

Aunt Nan Cannon got a new permanent Wednesday.

Mrs. Jones of Abilene and Mrs. Young of Hamilton visited their sister, Mrs. Roy Nall Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burks and daughter of Abilene visited W. Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jerdens of Colorado City visited Mrs. Cora McKee and took her out to lunch Tuesday.

Mrs. T. M. Brown of Abilene visited Mr. Brown Monday.

We have been canning tomatoes and putting up sweet relish.

Ernest Hughes of Abilene visited his mother Annie Hughes Tuesday.

The First Baptist Church pastor filled his appointment here Sunday. We had a nice service and invited him back again.

Next Sunday the First Baptist Church of Trent is scheduled to fill their appointment here.

Also visitors in the Ray home recently were another daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Force Field, and two children, Randall and Mikie, of Corpus Christi.

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"At last! Those canine candies are really good. I don't want to wolf it down, though. Not in front of all these people."

"And now some nice cold water. From my own clean Dixie Cup, too. He's not so bad after all, the boss isn't. Couldn't treat me better, really, if I were Lassie."

**HOME DEMONSTRATION NOTES**

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent

Mrs. Riley Miller, Mrs. Edgar Holly, Potosi Home Demonstration Club, Mrs. Wilbert Vance, Wylie Club, Mrs. J. A. Moore, Pleasant Hill Club, are in Dallas attending the state meeting of the Texas Home Demonstration Association. Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Vance, and Mrs. Moore are delegates representing the club women of Taylor County. Mrs. Hokey is on the State Family Life Committee and will participate in this committee's workshop.

We are proud of the way Taylor 4-H Girls presented their demonstrations at West Texas Fair. In the Junior Individual Demonstration, first place went to Mary Johnson with her talk on "Learning Through 4-H." Second place went to Janell Griffith of Taylor with her demonstration of "Strawberry Float." Third place went to Janet Landers of Taylor County with a safety demonstration called "The Careless Family."

The first place in Senior Individual went to Debra Sparks of Coleman County with a demonstration titled "Dairy." Barbara Brady of Taylor County won second with her demonstration on "cheese Dip." Twyla Talley of Brown County was third with a demonstration called "Strawberry Whing Ding."

Kay Griffin and Sandra Adkisson of Taylor County won first in the Junior Team Demonstration with "Fluffy Strawberry Pie." Vickie Shelton and Beverly Wilson, Coleman County won second on "Potato Salad." Caroline Throgmorton and Carolyn Stoup were third place winners with a demonstration on Safety.

In the Senior Team Demonstration Carolyn Moore and Linda Smith, Taylor County, won first with their demonstration on "Smoked Egg Dip." Mary Elaine Joiner and Patsie Frierson, Taylor County, were second place winners with an illustrated talk on "The Story of Our Electric Cooperative."

Dolores Cox and Linda Kay Ervin of Brown County were third with a demonstration on "See Yourself in a New Light."

I have been shopping and noticed the many beautiful knit material available by the yard. Women are asking if they are hard to work with. Here are a few hints that might help.

Knit fabrics available by the yard can be sewn into sweater-type separates for fall wardrobes, reminds Mary Routh, clothing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The new knits have more bulk but are supple and easy to sew.

New gauzy woollens have a lacy pattern, are wonderfully warm, and weigh next to nothing. One of these may be your choice for a dress or costume.

Both knits and gauzy woollens need an underlining, Miss Ruth explains. This should be of china silk or other light weight underlining fabric.

"When you stitch either of these fabrics, fold a strip of tissue paper over the seam and stitch through it. This will prevent loopy yarns in the knit or weave from catching in the machine," she explains.

If seams in knit fabric roll, catch edges down, being careful not to let stitches show on outside. Before making fabric button holes or inset pockets in either fabric, stabilize the areas with strips of press-on interfacing. Follow directions with this type of interfacing for fusing it to underside of fabric where needed, the specialist suggests.

For the right fashion effect, knits should fit smoothly but not taut. The look of gauzy woollens is essentially easy and relaxed, Miss Routh says.

Mrs. Zedie Johnson has returned from a week's visit with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Glyn Johnson and family of Ponca City, Okla.

**Noodle News**

Guests Sunday in the home of Mrs. Zenobia Lucas were her niece, Mrs. Nancy Burdine of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Pursley and Brad, and Mrs. D. L. Bowen, Melinda and Craig from Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Calloway spent from Tuesday to Friday in Snyder with Mrs. Calloway's son, Garvis Tarpley, and family. Mr. Calloway spent Thursday night with his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gary, also of Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hogan of Abilene were dinner guests of the Troy Sloans on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Poplin and Phillip were week-end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vessie Justice.

Martha Lou Cochran spent Saturday night with Marilyn Maxwell.

Think the Noodle folk believe the saying, "When it rains, it pours," for they got 10 inches of rain last week. Farmers will soon be sowing grain for winter grazing. Can't say what effect so much rain will have on the cotton. The insects have already been bothering to the extent that they had been poisoned.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dillard returned home on last Thursday night from St. Louis, Mo., where they had been visiting with their son, Dr. Burl Dillard and family.

If this cool weather continues, people are going to wonder what went with their summer wages.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Jones of Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Earl Smith and son, Gervey, of Cross Plains visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell, Sunday.

Mrs. W. D. Clement, another daughter and the boys visited the Cadwells Friday.

Rev. and Mrs. Jessie Swindell were dinner guests Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Benningfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Irvin and baby of Abilene visited Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Irvin.

Cleve Jefferys has returned home from Sadler Hospital, after a lengthy stay.

Mrs. Sallie Farrier and Mrs. Grace Wynn of Anson visited in the home of their sister, Mr. and Mrs. Nath Maxwell, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hendon and children Sunday visited her father, W. H. Bailey, in Rotan.

Those visiting Mrs. Callie Williams over the weekend were her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stanley, Larry and Marsha of Midland, and niece, Sherry, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Williams and daughter, Mrs. Delma Wilson, and her two children, Steven and Susan, of Abilene.

**Future Farmers**

The Future Farmers of America, Merkel chapter, elected the following officers Sept. 12:

President, Bob Benson; vice president, Joe Higgins; secretary, Rodney Robertson; reporter, Bill Holloway; treasurer, Jack Reynolds; sentinel, Larry Hargroves; parliamentarian, David Scott; second vice president, Gary Adcock; third vice president, Danny Malone.

Mr. and Mrs. Eulan Hatfield, Charles and Penny Loyce, of Abilene, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Dokey Friday night. Also week-end visitors in the Dokey home were Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Spurgin of Abilene.

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## Behind The Scenes In U. S. Business

NEW YORK, Special to Merkel Mail—The "fad" of sneakers and canvas shoes, most of which are made outside the shoe industry, has cut deeply into conventional leather shoe sales in recent years. Canvas footwear accounts for about 17 per cent of all U. S. shoe sales, according to one estimate. That is nearly double the sales of five years ago, and—despite the contention of many shoe manufacturers that sneakers are a fad—sales show no signs of let-up.

Despite these inroads, shoe manufacturers expect to sell about \$4 billion in leather shoes this year, a five per cent jump over 1961. They are introducing new styles for both men and women and strengthening retailing outlets in an effort to attract more customers. In addition, shoe prices have stabilized at somewhat higher levels recently.

**COLD WAR GOOD WILL**—With tension rising in Berlin over the wall and the recent withdrawal of the Soviet commandant of troops in East Berlin, many American corporations are remaining satisfied and continuing to foster international goodwill in West Berlin.

An example of forwarding U. S. goodwill by an American company was the role the F. W. Woolworth Co. played in the recent West Berlin Volksfest. This year's theme was the history of America's West and focal point of the festival grounds was a replica of a typical frontier town. Woolworth set up and stocked a frontier store with all the paraphernalia of the "wild west" that children enjoy.

Rudolf Jahn, managing director of Woolworth in Germany, said the greatest satisfaction in the company's participation came when it distributed its stock of sixshooters, bows and arrows, cowboy hats and Indian headdresses to thousands of Berlin orphans and other children attending the Volksfest as guests of the U. S. Army, Berlin.

"The pleasure those kinds had playing cowboys and Indians, even though none of them have been withing thousands of miles of America's West, was invaluable in terms of goodwill," Jahn said.

**COLLEGE CREDIT** — "Pay-as-you-learn" financing will achieve new prominence as a fact of campus life this fall when the largest crop of college freshmen in U. S. academic history enters the ivy-covered halls of higher learning.

Mr. J. Keir, president of The Tuition Plan, Inc., oldest and largest of the institutions specializing in the instalment financing of academic costs and fees, says more than half of this year's 1,110,000 freshmen will use credit of one sort or another to pay their college bills.

When The Tuition Plan—now a subsidiary of C. I. T. Financial Corporation—was founded 24 years ago it had 28 student customers on its books. In the past three years it has helped more than 100,000 students finance their education.

Mr. Keir says the trend toward using credit to finance college expenses has been accelerated by the higher cost

of higher education. Tuition fees and other costs will keep on rising, he predicts, but average family income should rise just as fast.

Another factor is the increasing number of high school graduates who go to college each year, he comments. Despite the increase in costs, he says, scholarships, instalment financing and other available aids should continue to make it possible for every qualified student who really wants a college education to obtain one.

**TINGS TO COME**—Painted aluminum nails and fasteners designed for use with colored building panels have been introduced by a major aluminum producer. . . . Another push-button camera is on the market; this one focuses the camera, sets the exposure, fires the flash, snaps and advances the film—all with one push of a button. . . . For business-minded gamblers, a real estate game that requires development of raw land into housing projects or industrial parks on a starting capital of \$100,000 has been offered by a Massachusetts firm.

**PHILATELY BOOM** — The gentle art of philately—stamp collecting—is bruising big business. Leisure time and higher personal incomes have swelled the ranks of stamp collectors to past the 13 million mark, and expenditures by the group for stamps and related equipment are expected to reach \$40 million this year, according to one business survey. Biggest gainers of the boom are stamp dealers, but even the Post Office Department has done well: last year, it made a \$2.7 million profit from sales of stamps that went uncanceled into the albums of collectors.

**AUTO PREDICTIONS** — The nation's auto manufactures, in the midst of retooling their plants for the 1963 models, were kept busy last week making predictions about 1963 auto sales. Estimates of sales varied from between 6.3 to 7 million, but the general tone was obvious: '63 will be as big or bigger than this year (which has been the best since record-breaking 1955). What's in store come October? A return to "luxury" models and greater strain on maintenance-free performance, the auto makers hinted.

**BITS O' BUSINESS**—Housing starts fell slightly in July after a sharp decline in June; other business indicators showed a small gain last month. . . . The national debt passed the \$300 billion mark for the first time in the nation's history.

**BITS O' BUSINESS**—Consumers prices rose to an all-time high in July, according to a recent government report; living costs are 5.5 per cent higher than in 1957-59, the base period of the consumer price index. . . . Nearly 500,000 auto workers will get wage increases ranging from 6 to 9 cents per hour starting this week, under terms of present contracts. . . . The growing popularity of menthol cigarettes has created a demand for menthol; natural menthol imports for the first six months this year are exactly same period in 1960, a reported to be double the level for cent trade report indicated.

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FOR YOUR HEALTH'S SAKE

Much less is known concerning the possible dangers of air contamination other than from heavy occupational exposures and tobacco smoke. Studies in England, Wales, New Zealand, South Africa, and Denmark suggest that general air pollution and occupational exposures may be responsible for many cases of lung cancer in certain industrial areas in countries other than the United States.

Certain types of air pollution, particularly from auto exhausts, have increased in the past several decades and will continue to increase. Dr. Hammond recommends extensive research into the problem to determine the possible serious effects on health if such exposure is continued.

Cancer is often spoken of as the "silent" disease. This is because in many cases cancer grows without any symptom. And pain, which is most often thought of as accompanying diseases, is not generally present until cancer is far advanced.

Most cancers can be cured when detected in the early stages. The difficulty in cancer control, then, lies with the detection of the disease.

Only a physician can tell if

cancer is present. Any suspicious symptom should always be examined by the family physician. But often, by the time any symptoms of cancer show up, it is too late. Treatment of advanced cancer is difficult.

The only insurance against this silent growth is a regular at least yearly, physical examination.

All physician's offices should be cancer detection centers, so the family doctor is most often the front line against cancer. For a physical check-up, whether cancer is suspected or not, the personal physician is the person to see.

If cancer is suspected, the family doctor may refer his patient to one or more specialists to confirm or rule out the possibility of cancer.

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## More Emphasis Urged For Drivers Education Courses

There is an urgent need for greater emphasis on driver education courses in Texas schools, J. O. Musick, General Manager of the Texas Safety Association, said Wednesday.

"If we are to succeed in training drivers tomorrow, then we must instill in our youth today the better driver education courses available to them," Musick said.

The safety director pointed out that of the 1,402 public schools in Texas, there were only 671 offering driver education courses during the past year. Of the 105 non-public schools, 29 offered driver education courses.

"This is less than a 50 per cent participation in driver education courses by Texas schools," Musick said.

Total enrollment for grades nine through 12 in public schools during the past year was 472,873 students. Non-public schools had an enrollment of 14,882 students.

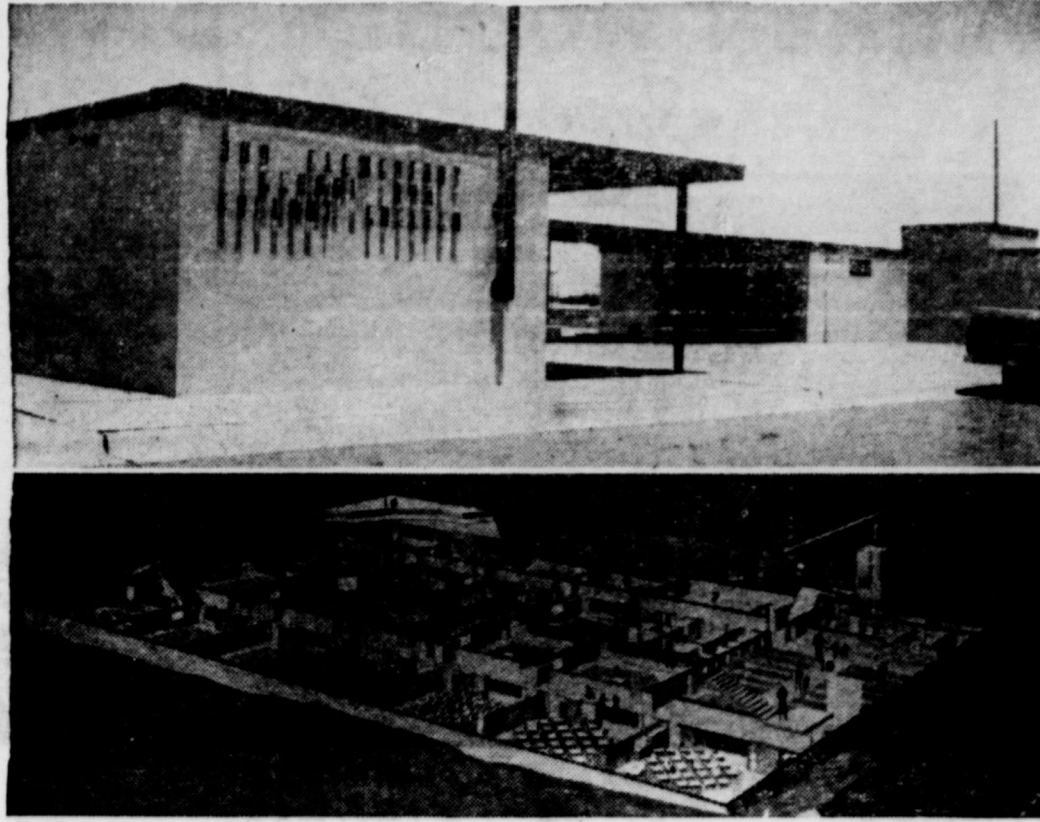
"In state supported schools 49,421 students completed the basic driver education course which requires 30 clock hours of classroom instruction, six clock hours of observation and six clock hours of practice driving," he said.

"In non-public schools, 1,735 students received the basic driver education course including the observation and practice driving."

He explained these figures do not mean that only this number of students have received driver education, some of the number included in the total enrollment have already had instruction in driver education.

"However, we figure there were at least 130,320 students of eligible age who would have taken driver education if it had been available to them," Musick added.

The 130,320 figures repre-



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sents the number of students enrolled in the tenth grades in all Texas schools. It is also the figure that the Texas Education Agency has used in determining the percentage of students receiving driver education in our schools last year.

This percentage is approximately 39 per cent.

Musick said safety experts agree that driver education is the key to traffic accident prevention.

"If we can reach drivers before they form bad habits, we can prevent many accidents that take their toll in death and disabling injuries and cause an economic loss to our country," he said.

The Texas Safety Association director says the schools are the best place for training safe drivers.

"There are more than five million drivers in Texas today and this number is increasing. We are killing ourselves at the average rate of seven persons each day, besides injuring 305 or more persons in approximately 625 motor vehicle accidents," he continued.

"The population of Texas is nearing the 10 million mark. With at least 50 per cent of the population driving, we can assume that at least the same per cent of our students of today will become tomorrow's drivers."

"Certainly we cannot afford to instruct less than one-half of the students in our schools in traffic safety."

The Texas Safety Association urges all students to take available driver education courses whether or not they plan on becoming drivers.

"If students learn the concept of traffic safety, they will become better pedestrians and passengers as well as better drivers," Musick noted.

While citing the need for greater emphasis on driver education courses in Texas schools, Musick commended school administrators for their efforts in making the course available.

"We recognize the difficulty school administrators have in working the laboratory phase of the driver education courses into their curriculum," he said. "One teacher can instruct

about 30 students successfully in a classroom for the required 30 clock hours instruction, but the instructor can take only three students with him at one time for observation and practice driving."

Some school administrators have solved part of the scheduling difficulty by including the laboratory phase in the summer school curriculum.

"This way students receiving the classroom instruction during the regular school year, but having no opportunity to complete the remaining combined 12 hours of observation and practice, can finish the full course and be eligible to take the state driver's license test for an unrestricted driving license," he explained.

TSA has noted some students are taking the classroom instruction during the academic year, then completing the observation and practice driving phase by taking private driving lessons. This may cost the student \$20 to \$30, depending on the number of lessons, but it is one way students may satisfy the requirements to take the driving license examinations.

In Texas, students may be granted a driver's license after they reach the age of 14 if they have successfully completed

driver education courses that meet the requirements of the Texas State Department of Public Safety, and if they make a passing on the DPS examinations.

The only other way for anyone under the legal driving age of sixteen to obtain a driver's license is in a case of hardship where it is necessary for the person to drive. He still must pass the DPS examinations and be at least age 14.

In addition to including driver education laboratory courses in summer school, some schools allow students to use one of their study periods to complete the course. Some also offer the laboratory before the regular school hours and after school.

"One of the brightest spots in the driver education field is the response of the students," Musick said.

"Our youth are eager to learn to drive and are very conscientious

about the classroom instruction as well as the driving phase. In addition to this, they have better driving records than the untrained student driver."

Musick, who has been managing the promotion of safety in Texas through the Texas Safety Association since 1949, said the need for safety-conscious drivers, pedestrians and passengers can be met by making more driver education courses available through the schools.

"If we put more emphasis on training students in traffic safety during the formative years—between the ages of 14 and 16—we will have drivers on our roads who have a knowledge of the concepts of driving

and who are skilled and self-enforcing drivers. We will have fewer deaths, less disabling injuries and save millions of dollars," he concluded.

Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Sadler says the University of Texas leasing board is considering an oil and gas lease auction early in December if demand is sufficient.

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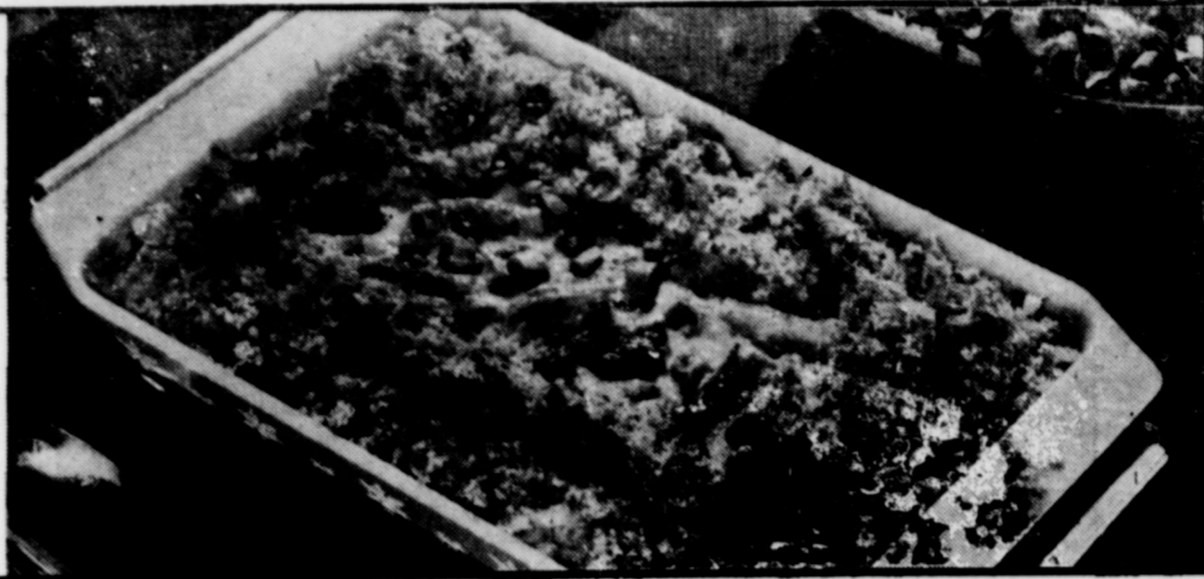
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- 1/2 cup fresh bread crumbs
- 1/2 cup finely cut green pepper
- 2 Tablesp. melted butter or margarine

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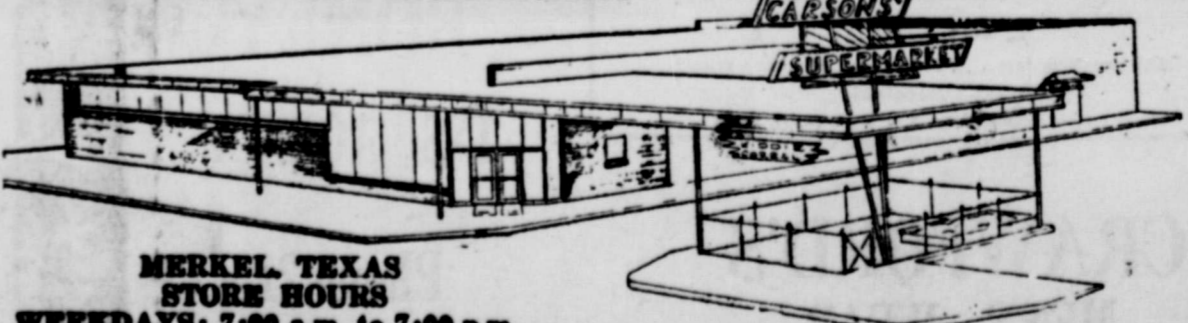
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