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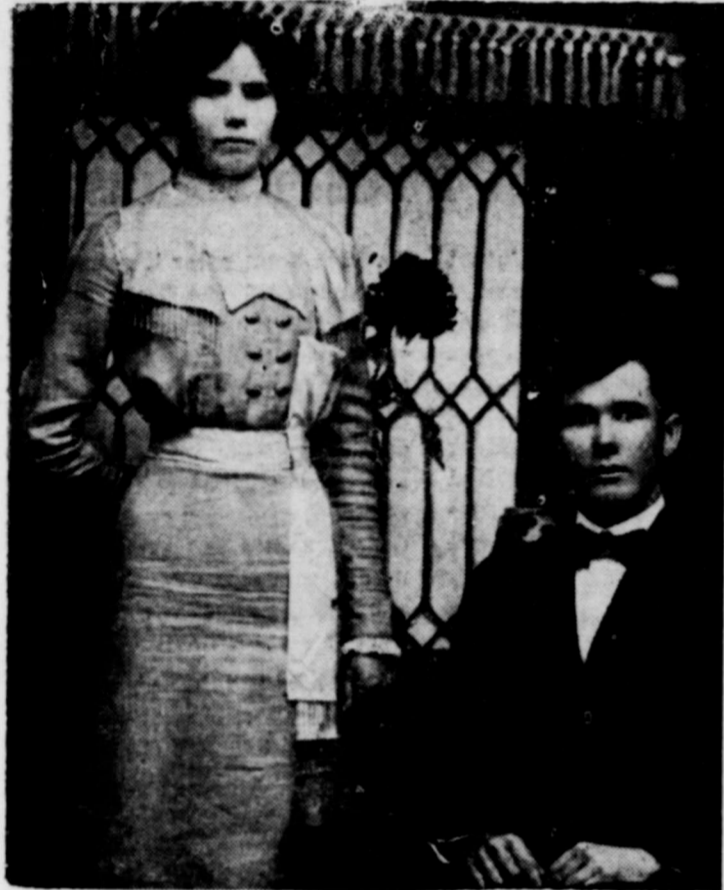
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MR. AND MRS. C. E. SHOUSE
... today



MR. AND MRS. C. E. SHOUSE
... 50 years ago

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Shouse Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Shouse will commemorate their Golden Wedding Anniversary Sunday. The 50th anniversary will be marked by an open house at 501 Marion Street in Merkel.

Austin Robertson Funeral Sunday

Austin Robertson, 69, pioneer farmer of the Salt Branch Community near Merkel, died Sunday, November 18, at 1 p.m. Mr. Robertson became ill at a dinner for the John L. Jones family at First Baptist Church and was pronounced dead on arrival at Sadler Clinic.

Mr. Jones' funeral was held Sunday. Mr. Jones and Mr. Robertson reportedly were cousins. Funeral was held Monday at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Sam Tullock of Gatesville officiating, assisted by the Rev. W. B. Sawyer, pastor. Burial was in the Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born in Bell County, Jan. 24, 1893, he moved to Taylor County in 1901. He married Oma Taylor June 28, 1914 at Salt Branch. He was a member of First Baptist Church for many years and taught a businessmen's Sunday School class. He was an ordained deacon.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Zerk O. Robertson and William T. Robertson, both of Abilene; two daughters, Mrs. Howard Slinger of Pecos and Mrs. J. B. Whigham of Perryton; two brothers, Houston Robertson, a twin brother, and H. B., both of Merkel; two sisters, Mrs. Claude Patton and Mrs. C. M. Lyles, both of Floydada; 7 grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Booth Warren, Sam Swann, W. S. J. Brown, Comer Haynes, Bryan Dunagin, A. L. Cunningham.

Announcement

Masonic Lodge will meet the second Saturday and the fourth Thursday of every month.

The Martha Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. W. I. Boynton last week for a brief business meeting. Members present were Mrs. E. Teaff, Humphrey, Hartley, Co'vins, Bartlett, Fox, Walker and Spratlin.

Christmas Parade Slated at Merkel

Area Bands To Participate

By CAROLINE GOOD
The Merkel Chamber of Commerce has set Friday, December 14 for the annual Christmas parade.

Youths will be invited to participate in one of the following: cycle or pet.

Prizes will be given. Businesses are being encouraged to enter floats in the parade.

Bands from neighboring towns are being asked to participate. The parade will form at 2:30 p.m. on North First and Ash Streets to the West.

The deadline for entries in the parade will be December 8. The Christmas decoration for the downtown district will be turned on the early part of next week.

Herman Carson, chairman of the trade development committee, has appointed several committees to organize the parade.

Committee chairman, committees and members will be published in next week's edition.

Seniors of '51 Hold Meeting

The senior class of 1951 met Saturday November 17 at 4:00 in the Methodist Church Fellowship hall.

Officers for next year are Brandon Wade, president; Patsy McDuff, secretary; Maxine Bacaus, treasurer. The time and place for next year's meeting will be decided at a later date. Motion was made to have a class supper each year during homecoming. There were 14 adults and seven children present.

Those attending were Brandon and Jane Wade and children Cindy and Brad; Joe and June Gregory and daughter Lisa; Patsy McDuff and daughter Patricia; Annette Clark and daughter Janie; Glenda Smith, who will soon leave for Germany to be with her husband Jimmy; Bobby Tarpley, all from Merkel; Johnny and Jean Teaff of Tye; Idell Selmon of Odessa who traveled the longest distance. Doris Van Cleave and daughters Christy and Janeau of Hawley; Dudley and Martha Farr of San Angelo.

Refreshments of cookies and coffee were served.

Swinney Child Buried Saturday

Joseph M. Swinney, age 4 months, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Swinney of Rt. 5, Abilene, was found dead in bed early Friday.

Justice of the Peace Silas E. Clark of Abilene ruled death resulted from natural causes.

Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church, with the Rev. Wendel Leach, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in White Church Cemetery about 15 miles southwest of here, Starbuck Funeral Home of Merkel in charge.

The infant was born July 26 at Merkel.

Survivors include the parents; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe F. Swinney of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mitchell of Stamford; two brothers, Michael Joe and Tommy Marvin, both of the home; two sisters, Cathy Sue and Lesa Dawn.

NOTICE

TO THE OWNER-DRIVER OF THE ROYAL BLUE MOTOR VEHICLE WHICH WRECKED A PORTION OF THE CEMETERY FENCE THE PAST WEEK-END.

If you have Public Liability Insurance the Merkel Garden Club will appreciate your coming forward with this information in order that claim may be made for cost of repairs.

The Garden Club has funds on hand sufficient to do this but these funds should be used in the construction of additional new Cemetery fence instead of our having to spend it for repairs to the existing fence.

The assistance and cooperation of the general public will be most appreciated.

CHRISTINE COLLINS
MERKEL GARDEN CLUB

HORTON FUNERAL HELD AT MERKEL

Funeral for Joseph A. Horton, 77, who died at 9:05 p.m. November 15 in the Sadler Clinic Hospital, was held at 3:30 p.m. Sunday in the First Baptist Church.

Officiating were the Rev. W. C. Ashford of Abilene and the Rev. C. G. Sewell of Sweetwater.

Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery was directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Brush Stompers Match Roping Slated Sunday

The Brush Stompers did not ride last week as the weather was too cold.

The official meeting of the riding club will be on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. weather permissible.

Club members who wish to ride on Sunday afternoons may do so, as long as their riding does not interfere with the roping club.

The Merkel Brush Stompers Roping club will sponsor a match roping Sunday, November 25, at 2:00.

Oris Reynolds and James Powell of Abilene will match Wade Parmely and Ralph Russell of Merkel on six head of Mexican steers. There will also be a \$11.00 jack pot calf roping and a \$22.00 jack pot team tying and a \$.60 junior and senior barrel race. The admission will be 50 c for adults and children free.

Mrs. Mashburn Buried Sunday

Mrs. Sam Mashburn, 64, longtime Merkel resident, died at 1:20 a.m. November 17 in Sadler Clinic Hospital after an illness of several months.

Born July 30, 1898, in Grayson County, she married Mr. Mashburn here April 22, 1917, and they had lived here ever since. She had worked for Grissom's Department Store in Abilene the past 10 years.

A member of the Merkel Methodist Church, she formerly taught a Sunday school class.

Funeral was held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Merkel Methodist Church with the Rev. Howard Marcom, pastor, and the Rev. Bob Butler of Sweetwater officiating. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery was directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Surviving are her husband; one daughter, Mrs. Murry Toombs of Lubbock; her mother, Mrs. A. J. Canon; one sister, Mrs. Weldon McAninch of Merkel; and one grandson, Tommy Toombs of Lubbock.

William Bryant Funeral Monday

William S. Bryant, 90, a resident of Abilene for the past four years, died at Starr Rest Home November 17.

Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Monday at Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Darrell Gleghorn, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Merkel, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill.

Born March 12, 1872 in Alabama, Mr. Bryant was married to Dycie Boles in 1895. Mrs. Bryant died in 1911. Mr. Bryant had spent the last four or five months at the rest home.

Surviving are two sons, A. W. of Phoenix, Ariz., and Joe H. of 1209 Palm, Abilene; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Cleo Reeves, Dale Hilden, John A. Bell Jr., Jack Owens, Nelson Owens, Bud Briles, all of Abilene.

NOTICE

Poll Tax can be purchased at the City Hall.

Pallbearers were Haword Redding, Bill Hays, Jarrett Pinkley, Buck Leach, Buster Hester and Cramer Reynolds.

The body was in state at the church from 2 p.m. until service time.

Mr. Horton was born Dec. 1, 1884, in Horton Gap, Ala., and came to Mulberry Canyon in 1902 where he married Pearl Hunter in 1903. To them a son, Fred was born in 1905. Pearl passed away in 1906.

Mr. Horton married Lavenia Martin on May 25, 1908, who survives.

He was one of the original directors who formed the Farmers Co-op Gin here in 1932. Mr. Horton also was a trustee of the Mulberry School District before it consolidated with the Merkel district.

Survivors include the wife; three sons, Fred L. of Hodges, and Buster and Joe A., both Rt. 3, Merkel; two daughters, Mrs. Euel Mashburn of 1602 Marshall in Abilene and Mrs. Joe Hester of 3010 Buffalo Gap Road in Abilene; two brothers, Henry of Okemah, Okla., and Roscoe of California; one sister, Mrs. Ruby Rogers of California; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

John L. Jones Funeral Held

John L. Jones, 57-year old former Merkel resident, died Thursday at Freeport following a short illness.

Mr. Jones became ill on the job and died a short time later. Born June 4, 1906 in Balmorhea, he moved to Merkel when three months old and was reared by Mrs. W. B. Robinson. His mother died when he was an infant.

He joined the Baptist Church while young and lived a Christian life. He was a Sunday School teacher at the time of death.

He was employed at the REA while in Merkel.

He married Fannie Mae Reeves December 15, 1927.

At beginning of World War II he moved to Houston to begin defense work. He has lived there since.

Survivors include his wife; two brothers, Amos J. and Atlas A., both of McNary; two sisters, Mrs. Lee Baker of Lowell, Ark., and Mrs. Elsie Roland of Merkel; one son, Clifton of Clute; one daughter, Mrs. Tommy Tucker of Louisiana; one grandchild.

NOTICE

The Merkel Garden Club had their regular meeting Thursday, November 15.

Chester Collinsworth presented the program on Soil Analysis. He made a demonstration of a soil test. Testing the soil to determine if it is an acid or an alkali.

LOST 27-0

BADGERS HIT ROTAN HARD

The Merkel Badgers didn't emerge as giant killers in their struggle with Rotan's Yellowhammers.

But the Badgers did a fine job against the giant, even if he did take the 6-A championship.

The Badgers fought the mighty Yellowhammers skull and skull for the first 22 minutes of the game with Frosty Winters and David Scott and Weldon Tittle and Don Parmely bottled up the men from Rotan until minutes before the half.

Before a homecoming crowd of approximately 3,500 at Badger Field, Rotan's Steve Herron hit end Joe Frank Garcia for a 40-yard gain. Another pass to Boll Ashton and Rotan was in the lead at the half.

But Merkel was still in there fighting and at the half Rotan



MERKEL QUEENS CROWNED — Nancy Johnson, left, was named Merkel Homecoming Queen, and Mrs. Ruth Pangle, right, was named Coming Home Queen at the Merkel-Rotan game. Miss Johnson, a 17-year-old senior, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Johnson. (Photo Courtesy Abilene Reporter-News)

LASSITER ELECTED EXES PRESIDENT

Joe Lassiter was elected president for the coming year of Merkel's Ex-Students.

He was vice president for 1961-62.

Mrs. Ruth Pangle was named Coming Home Queen and Nancy Johnson was named Merkel Homecoming Queen.

Mrs. Pangle was named Coming Home Queen by a committee chosen by former Homecoming President Herman Carson.

Lassiter said this was a new method followed this year but from now on it is planned to have a committee name the Coming Home Queen from among those who have helped to make a success of other homecomings.

Lassiter said more than 250 registered for the homecoming and that "there was a nice turnout at the business meeting."

Other officers elected at the meeting included Joe Dell Gregory vice president Mrs. Pete

Housing Panel Releases Notes

The board of commissions of the Housing Authority of Merkel met at 12:00 Tuesday November 20 to open bids for the sale of temporary notes in the amount of \$231,000.

The Morgan Guaranty Trust Company bought the note at the rate of 1.70 per cent with a \$15 premium.

The Housing Authority board consists of Ray Wilson, chairman; Johnny Hammond, vice chairman.

Those present were Dr. Sadler, Howard Carson and recently appointed Ben Robert Hicks.

Johnny Hammond was in charge of the bid opening as Mr. Wilson is out of town.



D. M. DUNN

Senior Student To Preach Here

Doyle Maultsby Dunn, senior student at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, will be guest pastor at the Merkel Presbyterian Church on Sunday, November 25.

Mr. Dunn received a bachelor of arts from Austin College in Sherman where he has president of the student body and listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

Before entering the Seminary he served three years with the U.S. Army in Germany. He has served as summer assistant pastor at Monte Sano Presbyterian Church in Baton Rouge, La., and the Canal Street Presbyterian Church in New Orleans.

He has his church membership in the Belton Presbyterian Church.

Merkel Band Wins 3rd Place

Merkel High School Band took part in the Region II University Interscholastic League band marching contest Saturday at Abilene's Fair Park Stadium.

Fifty-two bands from the region attended.

The Merkel twirlers competed for honors in the Interscholastic League twirling contest. Merkel received a third rating.

STORY IN FIGURES

Rotan	First Down	10
Rotan	Rushing Yardage	75
Rotan	Passing Yardage	49
Rotan	6 of 8 Passes Completed	5 of 13
Rotan	Passes Intercepted	0
Rotan	4 for 37.2 Punts, Avg. 5 for 33.6	
Rotan	7 for 90 Penalties, Yds. 2 for 5 1/2	
Rotan	Fumbles Lost	1

EDITORIAL

Why We Give Thanks: We're a Free People

Is there any American holiday quite like Thanksgiving as an expression of the way we live?
What are we thankful for? For our churches and temples where we can worship according to our conscience and convictions? For our schools and colleges and universities, for our newspapers and magazines and books, our radio and television, our movies and theater?
Certainly. And thankful for the Constitution that guarantees them free expression of ideas and opinions.
Modern housing, sleek cars, television sets, a wonderland of household appliances and comforts—thankful for them? Sure thing. And for the free competitive society that puts them within our reach—not the reach of a ruling elite but of the average American.

Some people think we put too much emphasis on material blessings in our observance of Thanksgiving. Actually it is a curious fact that in 1621, when the Pilgrims celebrated their abundant harvest with their first Thanksgiving feast, they held no religious service—at least the official records of the period make no mention of one. Their second Thanksgiving two years later, however, was religious as well as festive.
But on the matter of materialism—Americans really aren't guilty of overstressing this aspect of the fourth Thursday in November. They give thanks not alone for the good life but for the way of life—their free society—that makes it possible. And did you ever see a church empty of worshippers on Thanksgiving Day? (AFPS)

Leave Policies Are Outlined for Personnel

Approval of ordinary leaves in limited numbers, delay en route on permanent change of station and delay en route on temporary duty to schools have been approved by Strategic Air Command Headquarters, effective Nov. 15, according to a letter from the base director of personnel, Lt. Col. James S. Hislop.
Current leave policies are:
COMBAT CREWS — Requests for ordinary leaves cannot be approved at this time because of the present posture. It is intended if at all possible to provide a limited amount of delay en route on PCS and TDY to schools; however, each case must be considered individually.
MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL — A limited number of ordinary leaves may be granted on an individual basis. Each request will be evaluated against the essentiality to the unit mission and requirements at the time of the request.
LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL — Requests for ordinary leave cannot be approved at this time because of the critical manning situation in the air police and combat defense force field, and the requirements of our present posture. When adequate personnel become available a leave schedule will be implemented.
Generally, all requests for ordinary leave, other than those specifically mentioned above, will be evaluated on an individual basis against the essentiality of the individual to the unit mission. All bona fide emergency leaves will be approved.

OWC NEWS

Fall Fashion Show Will Highlight Luncheon

By FLORENCE DEWEY
The Officers' Wives Club luncheon Wednesday, Nov. 14, will be highlighted by a fall fashion show. Commentator

for the event will be Mrs. George Lindstedt. Models include Mmes. William E. Campbell, James T. Butcher, James R. Vandergrift, Allen L. Myler, Charles G. Hancock Jr., Norman R. Esh and Jock C. H. Schwank.

A social hour at 12:30 p.m. will precede the luncheon in the Ballnesian Room of the Officers Club.

The House and Garden Club will meet at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, in the Ballnesian Room of the Officers Club. Dr. George Steinman of McMurry College will give a program entitled "Fantasy in Tin."

The 338th Bomb Squadron will hold its monthly coffee at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, in the Officers Club. Hostesses will be Mmes. William Clay, Alvin Mather and Traverse Read III.

Wives of the 578th Strategic Missile Squadron held their monthly coffee in the Ballnesian Room at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 2. Hostesses were Mmes. Charles Anderson, Alfred English and Allen Curtis. Mr. J. Bryant Reeves from a local florist was the guest speaker. He showed table decorations for Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons.

The officers' wives of the 18th Troop Carrier Squadron held a morning coffee and business meeting Thursday, Nov. 1, in the Orbit Room. Dolls that had been dressed for the Goodfellows were returned. A farewell gift was presented to Mrs. John Gardner, who will be leaving for Pope AFB, N.C. Hostesses were Mrs. Lloyd Blasdel and Mrs. Paul Castanza.

HANCOCK SERVING WITH MARINE CORPS

WESTERN PACIFIC (PHT-NC). — Marine Pfc. Kenneth D. Hancock, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hancock of Route 1, Merkel, is serving in the Western Pacific with the Marine Corps.

Graduates of Texas A&M College serve with distinction in such diverse fields as medicine, business and industry, the sciences, agriculture, the military and engineering.

gabby doodle from noodle says:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

I see where one of them column writers says it's going to cost about \$600,000 to repair some leaks in the Capitol dome. That's a heap of money to fix up a few leaks, but what surprises me is that they still got a dome on the Capitol. From what I been reading about them grain storage, fertilizer and stockpiling boys, I thought they'd stole the dome off the Capitol and was taking the door knobs off the privies, at least the ones that was brass.

I ain't got no patience, Mister Editor, with folks that is stealing from the Government. They is too many ways these days to turn a honest dollar with them Government agencies in Washington. Fer instant, take this feller Dr. Howell, a dentist from Alliance, Ohio.

I see by the papers where he has wrote to the agriculture committee of the Congress and made 'em a fair proposition. He says his only income is from the manufacture of false teeth and he reports he has now got a big excess of false teeth.

He admits it ain't in the best interests of the taxpayers fer the Government to buy his excess and store it with the surplus crops on account of the added storage costs. Farthermore, he writes, it would complicate our foreign policy to ship his excess overseas. The people over there would get to eating more corn on the cob, and while this might help the corn surplus problem, he figgers them foreign dentists would get mad and they would turn to Communism if we didn't anchor 'em down heavy with more foreign aid.

He told the agriculture folks

he has got several false teeth customers that is getting paid fer not producing corn and wheat and other things, so it would be a heap more simple if they would just send him the money and he would go into the non-producing false teeth business.

Now that's a good, honest proposition, Mister Editor, one that not only fits in perfect with our foreign aid policy, but also with our farm policy and I predict they'll take him up on the deal.

Well, the candidates around the country fer the U. S. Senate and House is coming down the home stretch and about all of them has took to the newspapers, radio and television. Most of 'em looks and sounds pritty good and I'm shore, no matter who wins, wonderful things is in store fer all of us in Washington come the next session of the Congress. The trick to politics, Mister Editor, is to git contributions from the rich, votes from the pore and promise perfection to both agin

each other. Personal, I'm going to drive to the polls Nov. 6 mighty slow, sorter like I was going to see the tax collector.

Yours truly,
GABBY DOODLE

Turnover Completed

The Air Force added more Atlas "F" intercontinental ballistic missiles to its rapidly growing mixed force of intercontinental missiles and manned bombers last week when the Atlas F squadron at Dyess was declared operational by the Strategic Air Command.

The Atlas F missiles, accepted by SAC from the Ballistic Systems Division of the Air Force Systems Command, increase the nation's deterrent arsenal by another significant step.

Col. H. B. Manson, com-

mander, Site Activation 1 Force, Dyess AFB, turned the 12 Atlas complexes over to Col. William L. McDowell Jr., commander, 96th Strategic Aerospace Wing. The 578th Strategic Missile Squadron, a unit of the 96th SAW, will operate the new Atlas F complexes under the command of Col. Ray M. Cole.

Research development and construction of the Atlas weapon system is the responsibility of Air Force System Command's ballistic systems division commanded by Maj. Gen. W. Austin Davis.

Atlas F ICBMs are deployed in "hard" steel and concrete silos sunk 175 feet in the earth where the missiles are protected against all but a direct blow. In minutes a missile can be fueled, raised to the surface by an elevator launcher and fired at targets more than 6,300 n. away.

Other operational Atlas sites are located near Schilling AFB, Kan., Altus AFB, Okla., and Lincoln AFB, Neb.

CUBA - - MOMENT OF TRUTH

Series Explains Whys of Present Crisis



TROUBLE SPOT — Encircled area shows the island of Cuba from which the United States is barring the shipment of Soviet-supplied offensive military weapons. (AFPS)

The following is the first in a series of MERKEL MAIL articles on the Cuban crisis and its effect on the military. Materials used are taken from DoD Pam GEN-2.

The United States and its allies are responding to a sudden, sinister threat to world peace and security. The USSR has attempted to upset the delicate balance of world power by secretly introducing its offensive weapons into the Western Hemisphere, using Cuba as a strategic base.

Members of the U. S. armed forces and U. S. citizens everywhere have a vital interest in the freedom, safety and well-being of themselves, their families and their country. Therefore, you owe it to yourself to understand clearly the basic issues and actions relating to Cuba. You can expect to be asked many questions concerning Cuba, its relations with the Soviet Union, the seriousness of its threat to the Western Hemisphere, the reasons why the United States took its course of action and what the outcome may be.

CASTRO GAINED control of Cuba by enlisting the support of Cubans against the Batista dictatorship, and the majority of the Cuban people supported his revolution when he assumed power in January, 1959. Castro deliberately deceived the Cuban people until he was firmly in power, and then betrayed their trust by turning Cuba over to the Communists. Castro boldly admitted his deception of the Cuban people in a speech he delivered Dec. 2, 1961.

As early as 1957 the United States government expressed its concern over political unrest in Cuba. In 1958, we suspended arms shipments to the Batista government which, in disregard of an agreement with the United States, had used them to combat the revolutionary movement headed by Fidel Castro.

U.S. Accepted Castro Regime

When the Castro regime came to power in 1959, the United States looked upon it with sympathy, recognized it almost immediately, and welcomed its promises of political freedom and social justice for the Cuban people. We

Batista. Soon after it came to power in 1959, the Castro government turned away from its previous promises, permitted Communist influence to grow, attacked and persecuted its own supporters in Cuba who expressed opposition to Communism, arbitrarily seized the United States properties, and made a series of baseless charges against the United States.

It ignored, rejected or imposed impossible conditions on repeated United States offers to cooperate and negotiate. In 1960 Cuba established close political, economic and military relationships with the Sino-Soviet bloc, while increasing the pace and vehemence of its measures and attacks against the United States.

Countermeasures Taken

In mid-1960 the United States and its allies initiated a series of measures as a deliberate response to Communist efforts to establish a beachhead for subversion in this hemisphere. The United States prohibited the further import of Cuban sugar into this country. Exports, except for certain foods and medicines on humanitarian grounds were prohibited soon afterward.

In February, 1962, the President made the embargo substantially complete, extending the import prohibition to indirect as well as direct purchases.

NEXT WEEK: The war lesson of the 1930s and its relation to the Cuban crisis.



PRESIDENT KENNEDY
... ordered 1962 embargo

made clear our willingness to discuss Cuba's economic needs. Despite our concern at the Cuban regime's mounting hostility toward the United States, and its growing Communist tendencies, we attempted patiently and consistently from early 1959 until well into 1960 to negotiate differences with the regime.

ELEMENTS IN THE Castro movement were engaged in anti-American activities even during the revolution against

AFTER WAR WITH SPAIN Mutual-Consent Treaty Gave Us Guantanamo

A seeming paradox that has mystified many Americans is 45 square miles of hilly terrain and deep bay situated 800 miles from the Panama Canal. Here at the southeast end of Cuba the American flag flies proudly—while in Havana at the other end of the island Fidel Castro, the Soviet puppet, rants against U. S. "imperialism."

Guantanamo is Castro's own "bone in his throat," but for the U. S. Navy the sprawling, fenced-in base is a keystone of our Caribbean defenses. We acquired it by lease under treaties following the Spanish-American War which liberated Cuba from Spanish rule. The lease, which cannot be broken without mutual consent, provides for an annual rental of 2,000 gold dollars — \$3,386.25 today — paid by the United States.

Life at "Gitmo," as generations of Navy men have known it, was a pleasant affair in pre-Castro days when the base population mingled freely with the genial Cuban people. Long before President Kennedy ordered the evacuation of dependents, however, the hostility of the Communist regime had restricted the movements of American service people to base boundaries.

Guantanamo's security problem today is immensely complex. A seven-foot-high, chain-link fence extends over

some 24 miles of terrain, patrolled by Marines and sailors in jeeps and helicopter. At night German shepherd dogs accompany sentries at key points.

The base depends heavily for maintenance upon thousands of Cubans living in nearby towns. For them Castro's hate-America campaign has meant a double search as

they enter and leave the base — by Marines and also by Castro's militia at outside check points. The Communist regime, much as it dislikes this daily Cuban-American contact, is aware that the \$7 million these workers earn annually is a stabilizing factor in the island's piteous economy. (AFPS)



GUANTANAMO REINFORCEMENTS — Battle-ready U. S. Marines await briefing after being airlifted to the naval base. This Cuban Communist should they decide to invade "Gitmo." is only a small part of the "reception committee" awaiting (AFPS)

Cuba Arms Quarantine Vital to Our Security

United States relations with Cuba have entered a new phase with President Kennedy's announcement of "a strict quarantine on all offensive military equipment." The President, in his televised address to the nation, left no doubt that the situation calls for drastic measures if Cuba is not to become a base for a potential nuclear attack by the Soviet Union on nations in the Western Hemisphere.

It's as starkly clear as that. We're not a people to twiddle our thumbs while offensive intermediate-range missile sites are constructed 90 miles off Key West and jet bombers of nuclear capability are assembled. Moscow's past assertions that the Castro arms build-up was strictly defensive have been exposed as lies. The game the Russians are playing in their captive island is, in the President's words, a "clandestine, reckless and provocative threat to world peace."

What next? The best course for all Americans is to take heart from the Chief Executive's resolute words and share his hope that reason will prevail in the Kremlin. He has stated our case to the world. He has left no doubt that "this is a difficult and dangerous effort on which we have set out." And he has left no doubt that any lesser action would be inconsistent with our history. The nations of this Hemisphere look to us for leadership and protection. Now we've moved with grim determination to eliminate a deadly threat. A threat to them. A threat to us. A threat to the peace of the world. (AFPS)



CRATES FOR CASTRO — This Cuba-bound Soviet ship was photographed by U. S. reconnaissance planes patrolling the sealanes leading to the quarantined Communist country. The crates on the deck of the ship reportedly contain jet light bombers. (AFPS)



It's the Law in TEXAS

Joe Greenriver had been traveling to various cities selling magazine subscriptions. At each new town he would go from house to house selling subscriptions to the occupants.

He had been selling in Pleasantville for a couple of days when he was arrested and fined for violating a city ordinance which prohibited such door-to-door soliciting.

"You can't do this to me," screamed Joe. "This ordinance violates my rights of free speech, free press and my right to work. It's unconstitutional!"

Can a city pass an ordinance prohibiting uninvited peddlers or solicitors from going on to private property to sell goods or solicit orders?

Yes, said the Supreme Court. Persons seeking private gain cannot be permitted, under the guise of free speech or right to work, to infringe upon the rights of others. Such a case calls for an adjustment of constitutional rights in the light of the particular living conditions of the time and place. Different communities may well call for different laws and regulations as to methods and manners of doing business. Everyone cannot have his own way, but each must yield something to the reasonable satisfaction of the needs of all.

Communities can control such practices by ordinance. The court ruled that this ordinance was constitutional. Joe lost the case.

(Based upon a U. S. Supreme Court decision.)

STATE CAPITAL
Highlights
AND Sidelights
by Vern Sanford
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN. — The Republicans have turned Texas into a two-party state.

The heavy vote for Jack Cox against John Connally, election of two members to the national House of Representatives and seven members to the Texas house, plus substantial Republican votes in nearly all areas, are being interpreted by many state capitol observers as meaning that never again will the Democratic nomination be "tantamount to election."

Dallas County elected every Republican candidate for county and legislative office they had on their ballot, and gave Cox a 25,000-vote lead over Connally. Tarrant and Harris were close. Bexar, El Paso, Travis and Nueces, the next four of the big counties, went Democratic.

Unofficial and incomplete returns indicate that Connally carried 204 counties and Cox carried 50. But it was the substantial Cox votes in the 204 counties he lost which make this election significant.

Connally is conferring with legislators and with state boards and commissions. He will not make complete budget recommendations, since outgoing Gov. Price Daniel is required, under the Constitution, to make budget recommendations to the Legislature in January.

But Connally will make his own budget proposals in his message to the Legislature.

Industrialization, tourism, higher education and water conservation are the areas of state activity which Connally stressed most in his campaign. He will propose the creation of a bureau of commerce to take over tourist and industry attracting.

The new governor, with a

120,000-vote margin under his belt, said he holds no ill will towards areas which voted against him, that he will be governor for Republicans as well as Democrats.

CAMPAIGNS TOO LONG—After the longest political campaign in Texas history, there is a desire—on the part of many candidates, newspapers who travel with the candidates, and the voting public—to return to the shorter campaign periods.

The old late-in-July, late-in-August and early-in-November were far less strenuous than the present early-in-May, early-in-June and early-in-November dates.

Campaigning in the heat of the summer now is very much preferred over the cold winter months and the long, tedious battle period that extends from December to November.

Don't be surprised if there is a big demand to return to the old election dates. They consumed only about 120 days, compared with this year's long, drawn-out, pace-killing, man-killing, more-than-300-day battle.

Governor-elect Connally has been quoted as saying he favors moving the primary elections to August or September, as they are in most two-party states.

Under the present system the various party organizations close shop during the summer. Then it becomes necessary to reorganize and revitalize each setup for the general election campaign. Heretofore the momentum generated carried them all the way through to the November election. They got it all done in one fell swoop.

Another reason for reverting to the old dates is that the cost of maintaining a long

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campaign is much greater than the expense involved in a short one.

EMERGENCY RESOURCES—Gov. Price Daniel appointed Maj. Gen. James E. Taylor chairman of a 35-member Texas Emergency Resources Planning Committee.

In answer to a presidential request, the committee will plan for conservation and use of essential resources and services at state and local levels in case of nuclear attack, and a temporary breakdown of control of service operations.

James H. Garner, state co-

ordinator of civil defense and disaster relief, will serve as state emergency planning director. Other members of the committee include representatives of government, industry, commerce, consumers' services, labor and agriculture.

EMPLOYMENT UP—Unemployment in the state dropped in September to its lowest level since October, 1959. September showed 155,400 unemployed, compared to 170,100 in August.

Employment increased from 3,471,300 hired workers to 3,472,800. Texas Employment Commission predicted an ov-

er-all gain in employment between September and November, with a heavy concentration in non-factory industries.

TALKING BOOKS—Only about 10 per cent of the estimated 25,000 blind people in Texas are taking advantage of a free service just for them, said Dr. Dorman H. Winfrey, director of the Texas State Library.

Winfrey said that this 10 per cent "read" about 56,467 talking books last year. But he estimated that the books, which are recorded on phonograph records, would be read by 10,000 if they were told about them.

The state library circulates both talking books and Braille free of charge, including postage, to any eligible blind person. Inquiries about eligibility should be sent to the State Commission for the Blind, 201 E. 14th St., Austin.

OPTOMETRY RULE CHALLENGED—An attorney for Texas State Optical accused the state board of optometry examiners with passing a rule unrelated to optometry when the board met with the House Committee on State Licensing and Examining Boards.

The house committee is in the process of checking the efficiency of operations of each of Texas' 24 state licensing agencies.

The rule challenged by at-

torney Quentin Keith would prevent optometrists from practicing under a trade name, and force an optometrist to be in his office 50 per cent of the time he's open for business.

The disputed rule—approved in December, 1959—has never gone into effect because of a restraining order Lee Optical filed three days after its passage.

The injunction is still effective, since the suit has not come to trial.

FARM INCOME DOWN—Between 1929 and 1961, farmers' and farm laborers' incomes showed a percentage decrease of 12.8 per cent, according to the Bureau of Business Research.

Percentages are up in mining, contract construction, manufacturing and retail trade, but down in transportation, property income and proprietors' income.

TOURIST TRAFFIC RISING—Reports to the Texas Highway Department indicate that tourist traffic into the state is on the rise. Travel promotion is credited with ending the five-year decline.

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Life, like copy, needs editing.
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We wish to express sincere thanks and appreciation to our many friends for thoughtful kindness shown during the recent illness and passing away of our Dear Loved One.
For cards, letters, flowers, food and your loving prayers and expressions of concern. Especially do we thank Dr. Sadler for his devotedness to his patient, to the nurses of the Sadler Clinic and to Starbucks for a beautiful service.
The J. A. Horton family

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We would especially like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to Dr. Sadler and Dr. Warren and the hospital staff.
Sam Mashburn
Mr. and Mrs. Murry Toombs and Tommy
Mr. and Mrs. Weldon McAninch and family.

Mrs. Will Webster of Jal, New Mexico, attended the funeral of John L. Jones here Sunday. Mrs. Webster is the sister of Mrs. Irl Walker and Mrs. John L. Jones.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the partnership between Walter R. Bransford and Charles Locke under the firm name of ECONOMY APPLIANCE AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, was dissolved on the 23 day of October, 1962. All debts due to the said partnership are to be paid and those due from the same discharged, at 1021 North Mockingbird Street, Abilene, Texas, where the business will be continued by the said Walter R. Bransford, under the firm name of ECONOMY APPLIANCE AND ELECTRIC COMPANY.
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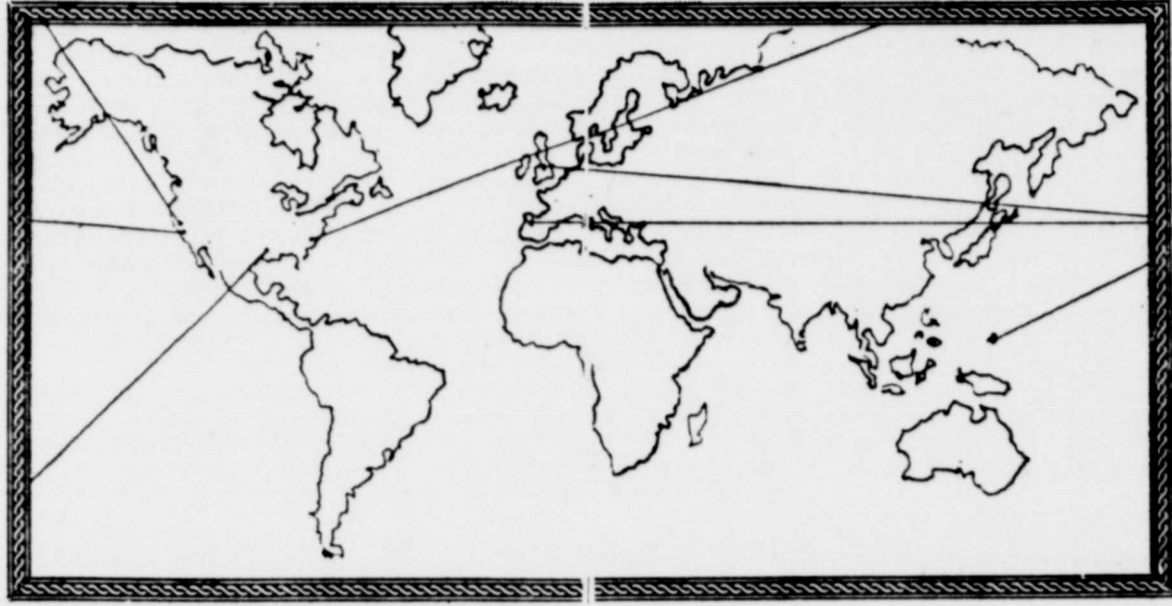
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THE First Missile Division, with headquarters at Vandenberg AFB, Calif., administers the organization and training of strategic missile units, which are being integrated into SAC's manned-bomber units.

THE Second Air Force, with headquarters at Barksdale AFB, Shreveport, La., commands SAC combat elements located in the central portion of the United States.

SAC's Organization



THE Eighth Air Force, with headquarters at Westover AFB, Chicopee Falls, Mass., commands SAC wings and bases in the eastern portion of the United States and in Canada, Newfoundland, Puerto Rico and Greenland.
THE OVERSEAS units are the Sixteenth Air Force in Spain, the 7th Air Division in the United Kingdom, and the 3rd Air Division on Guam. Each of these overseas units operates several advance bases in its area.

EACH OF the numbered air forces has a composite array of aircraft, making it more or less tactically self-sufficient. For example, the Fifteenth Air Force has heavy bombers at Spokane, Wash., medium bombers at March, and heavy bombers at Castle AFB.



SAC HAS ACHIEVED what has been described as the highest state of organized readiness ever known in time of peace by conducting training operations as nearly as possible like it plans to conduct combat operations. With

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GEN. THOMAS S. POWER
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Strategic Air Command

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SAC's mission is to maintain a force instantly ready to conduct strategic air warfare, and related operations, on a global basis. The primary objective of SAC's mission is to maintain strength in being with which to deter war — big or little war — on terms acceptable to the United States and its allies. Should deter-

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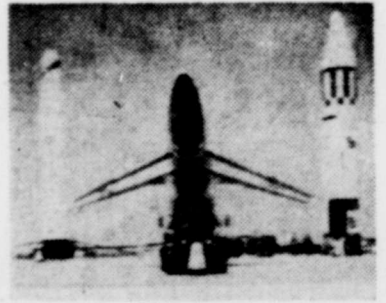


population of more than 25,000. Over 100,000 individual missions were flown last year as LAST YEAR long-range bombers of SAC theoretically destroyed industrial centers in almost every city in the United States with a

part of the command's combat training program. These missions totaled slightly more than 1,000,000 hours of flying time — all of it devoted to realistic readiness training.



AT ANY given moment of the day or night, long-range bombers from some of SAC's bases are speeding through the skies at high altitudes, headed for simulated bombing missions over American cities whose geographical patterns make them similar to targets SAC may one day be called upon to hit.



EXPERIENCED in global operations, communications and logistics, SAC logically was given responsibility for operation of intercontinental and intermediate-range ballistic missiles. SAC organized the First Missile Division at Vandenberg AFB, Calif., to supervise the manning and training of strategic missile units. These units are being integrated with SAC's manned-bomber units, giving SAC an even stronger and more flexible strike force.



Trent FHA Girls Display Foods

Get together can be a lot of fun especially when you bring good food and friends together. The Trent chapter of FHA had a salad supper Nov. 5.

Approximately fifty guests and FHA members were present to enjoy the interesting and unusual salads.

Each girl brought her favorite meat, vegetable, fruit or gelatine salad.

The theme for the program, Family Friendships, was presented through a panel discussion. Two of the parents, Mr. Garnet Wilks and Mrs. Winnie Dickerson, two students Diana Lewis and Brenda Tittle, two teachers, Ralph Newton and Edwin E. Winn answered the questions submitted by those present.

Some of the parents, members, and friends present were Donna Skarp, Mrs. Skarp, Mrs. O. V. Barnhill, Linda Barnhill, Kaye

McWilliams, Candy Higgins, Dolores Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Alton King, Mrs. Fred Barnes, Lena McWilliams, Diana and Vivian Lewis, Sue Dickerson, Mrs. Odell Dickerson, Mrs. L. W. Ross, Pat Brooks, Marinell Mason, Mr. and Mrs. B. Williams, Alton Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Newton and Zane, Edwin Winn, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilks, Brenda Tittle, Mrs. Alden Talburt and Cindy, Linda Sue Talburt, Marie Rhynes, Floyd Ross, Susan Scott, Mrs. Robert Scott, Mrs. Lola Winn, Bobby and Johnny, Mrs. Cal McAninch, Mrs. Ruth Higgins, Sue King, Barbara and Betty McAninch, Marilyn Wilks, Martha Childres and Anna Griffith.

SWEETHEART ELECTED

The Merkel Junior High Badgers elected Becky Gladden as Football Sweetheart for the 1962-63 season Frank Duncan was elected Football hero.

Chosen Most Valuable Pep Squad Member was Becky Gladden. Stanley Shaw was chosen Pep Squad Sweetheart.

Band Sweethearts were JoAnn Lassiter and Danny Wade.

P-TA Hears Mrs. Dudley

The members of the Merkel Parent-Teacher Association met in the high school auditorium Thursday night, November 15, for their monthly meeting. Leon Walker opened the meeting with the invocation.

A short business meeting was conducted by the president, Mrs. Jimmy Smith. The next P-TA meeting will be December 13.

The program chairman, Mrs. Comer Haynes, presented Robert Shouse and Tommy South who gave a trumpet duet. Three of our best loved songs played by the pair were: "America," "We Gather Together," and "Heralds of Christ." Mrs. Haynes then presented Mrs. Don Dudley who talked on the subject theme for the month, "Good Citizenship: Self-Development Through Personal Discipline and Integrity." The three second grades concluded the program with Thanksgiving songs and folk dances. The stage was decorated with beautiful Thanksgiving scenes which were drawn by Mrs. Roy Dalziel.

The second grade teachers who helped the children with the program are Mrs. Ted Paragament, Mrs. H. C. Reid and Mrs. Brandon Wade.

Merkel Scouts Receive Plaque

Henry McGinty, Scout executive for the Chisholm Trail Council, presented a plaque to Troop 18 at the special court of honor held at the First Methodist Church Sunday night.

The plaque was an award for winning second place in the council camporee which was held at the site of an old abandoned army post, Camp Colorado, northeast of Coleman, November 3rd and 4th.

Five hundred Scouts from all over the council took part in the activities. Twenty-one boys attended from Troop 18, accompanied by Glenn Reed, Scoutmaster, Lynn Knight, assistant Scoutmaster and Mr. S. C. Dixon.

Also receiving awards at the Court of Honor were Dale Shields, Second Class Rank; Joe Dixon and Tom McMahan, First Class Rank; Star Rank, Richard Walker, Paul Carson, Wally Knight and Alan Reed.

The following merit badges were awarded: Art—Richard Walker; Home Repairs—Walter Tomlinson; Music—Pat Carson; Music—Pat Warren; Cooking and Basketry—Wally Knight; Bugling and Dog Care—Alan Reed.

Trent Garden Club Meets

The Trent Community Garden Club met November 19 at the school cafeteria.

A flower arrangement workshop was held and several ar-

rangements were made.

The topic of the program was "It's Time to Apply the Art Principles of Proportion" by Mrs. Weldon Beasley. "Balance" by Mrs. Odell Freeman and "Judging" by Mrs. Erma Black.

The third grade pupils are making Litter Bug posters and the club will give a prize for the

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best posters. The five best posters will be put in local stores to observe Litter Bug Week.

A Christmas Flower Show and Bazaar is to be held December 1 at the school. The theme of the show is "Season Greeting."

Mrs. Erma Black is show chairman. The bazaar will have baked goods, permanent arrangements and needlework. The public is invited.

Hostesses were Mrs. Ola Lee Winn and Mrs. Jack Bright.

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58 PONTIAC 4-DOOR SEDAN — Automatic transmission, radio, heater, air conditioner, and white tires. Color blue and white \$1250

55 CHEVROLET 4-DOOR — With automatic transmission, radio heater. Color blue and white \$595

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BEHIND SCENES IN BUSINESS

By REYNOLDS KNIGHT
NEW YORK (Special to the Merkel Mail).—The extent of the coming pre-Christmas sales surge, measured in cold, hard dollars, will have much to do with determining the nation's economic health through the end of the year. Consumer spending is important year-round, of course. The fact that for 1960 and '61 it held up solidly both year-round and pre-Christmas helped greatly to soften the general slowdown of the economy in those years. But this year consumer spending has showed a tendency to weaken in some areas. Currently most observers are betting that the spotty signs of weakness will vanish, and that a burst of spending

will ring a merry tune on cash registers in the weeks ahead. They are heartened by an upsurge in department store sales, which are now at a rate four per cent ahead of 1961. And a recent roll of retailers of all types turned up more optimism: Seven out of ten in a national sample of 200 expect their pre-Christmas volume to top year-ago figures. A plus factor is that we will have one more shopping day than in 1961 in the Thanksgiving - to - Christmas period during which stores unleash their utmost in sales promotion firepower. Barring a bad turn in the international situation, retail sales should mount to at least near-record levels and thereby help the over-all

Games Score High As Gifts



GAMES HEAD THE HIT PARADE for everyone in the family. Popular brain challengers are Stratego, a game of maneuver with Napoleonic flavor; Broadside, a replay of the War of 1812 naval battles; Battlerey, the Civil War Game, and Summit, the game of global strategy. Or make a million dollars with Game of Life, or a fortune in real estate with Square Mile, where you improve raw land into housing developments, another Milton Bradley game hit. Just about everybody enjoys replaying at home such TV game shows as Concentration, Password, Camouflage, Make-a-Face, and Video Village. Candyland and Uncle Wiggily are a delight for the youngest game players.

economy hold on a high plateau as it enters 1963.

POLLUTION SOLUTION — Municipalities and industries with waste disposal problems that may contribute to pollution of the nation's natural water supply now can look for solutions with pilot "trickling filter" units being made available by the B. F. Goodrich Co.

James C. Richards, president of the company's industrial products division, explains that the test towers use honeycomb-like units of Koroseal vinyl core filter media and occupy less than two square yards of land area.

The installations are available in one, two or three units. Even the three-unit plant measures only 30 feet high and weighs less than three tons. Their light weight and vertical construction make the plants simple to install and operate, Richards said.

To make experimental studies even easier, BFG is mak-

ing the pilot plants available on either a sale or lease basis, he pointed out. Final filtration systems can be designed from the test data obtained.

The vinyl cores perform the same function as broken rock or tile in other types of trickling filters, he said, but have the big advantage of being sufficiently light to stack vertically, thus providing efficient filtration while occupying a land area much smaller than that required for filter beds of similar capacity.

BRIGHT SPOTS in the U. S. economic picture include the continuing boom in new and used car sales. It shows no signs of abating.

This is reflected in the experience of Universal CIT Credit Corporation, largest of the nation's automobile financing firms, which reports that its retail auto financing operations so far this year are running nearly one-third higher than in the same period of 1961.

During the first nine months of 1962, retail automotive paper acquired by the company totaled \$585,026,000—a gain of 32 per cent over the same nine months last year. According to a Universal CIT spokesman, the company's retail motor financing business in October continued to hold the same level of gains over the comparable 1961 figures that prevailed earlier this year.

"We foresee a continuing strong demand for both standard-size and compact cars," the spokesman added.

Universal CIT reports sizeable increases over last year in its other consumer installment financing operations, including the financing of farm equipment and low-cost homes.

The company is a subsidiary of the widely diversified CIT Financial Corporation, which reports "good results" for the whole range of its many-faceted operations. These include the financing and leasing of income-producing equipment and automotive fleets, factoring, commercial and accounts receivable financing, and tuition financing as well as motor vehicle financing.

THINGS TO COME — A new twist to the old game of rolling a barrel hoop with a stick is coming to market. Along with the basic equipment, youngsters also can obtain croquet-type wickets of the right size to permit a new variation (called "Ro-La-Wicket") on that ancient game. . . . A foam rubber cushion to ease auto driver fatigue on long trips is designed and shaped to help blood circulation and lessen

pinching of nerves in the legs; it's offered in a choice of five different colors. . . . Now you can convert a standard-size chair or wheelchair into a temporary desk, thanks to an invention called the "Redi-Desk." It's a lightweight lap-board that can be affixed to a chair arm, and has built-in receptacles and holders for writing instruments and other stationery equipment.

SILVERPLATE SALE — As many a railroad buff may have noted, the old-fashioned dining car with white linen tablecloth and silverplate eating and serving utensils is gradually vanishing. A big Eastern road recently decided to divest itself of a quantity of silverplate — about 4,000 items. For prospective buyers it turned to present and retired employees. At last reports 75 per cent of the supply had been sold, at such reasonable prices as \$3.50 for a coffee pourer, and 50 cents for sugar tongs.

BITS O' BUSINESS — A total of about \$80 million was spent by all political candidates on advertising and promotion in connection with the

recent elections, an advertising industry source has figured. . . . Housing starts in '63 are expected to hold steady at about the same levels as 1962.

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To my opponent and those who supported him, I give assurance of my good will also, for all of us cherish our American political system and the fervor and convictions which inspire us to work within it. I urge that we all work together now and in the future for the best interests of Taylor County.

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HOME DEMONSTRATION NOTES

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent

Do we really take time to stop in these days of rushing here and yon to look to see the many things we have to be "thankful for?" Do we think about the Pilgrims and how they were thankful for being able to worship God?

We should be ever grateful that we live in a country where we can worship God. It is good for families to be together to visit, perhaps for the only time during the year. Maybe to mother it means a lot of cooking.

While I was in Chicago I saw continental turkey pre-prepare in an electric skillet, and it was so good I wondered if you would like to use some of that leftover turkey this way.

CONTINENTAL TURKEY (With Chestnuts)

2 bunches green onions, chopped
1 large stalk celery, chopped
2 green peppers, chopped
1/2 lb. butter or chicken fat

1/4 cup silvered, salted almonds
1 No. 2 can water chestnuts (sliced thin)
4 cups diced cooked turkey
Salt and pepper to taste (May use season salt)
1 cup drained crushed pineapple

Saute green onions, celery and green peppers in butter or chicken fat. As vegetables begin to brown, add almonds, chestnuts and turkey. Blend together well. Add flour, paprika, curry powder and sweet basil. Allow to brown lightly, stirring constantly. Add chicken broth or bouillon cubes, pimientos and pineapple. Mix well. Cover and let steam. Season with salt and pepper or season salt. If a brown gravy is preferred a BV or chicken or beef concentrate may be used to darken the mixture. Serve with rice or hot parsley biscuits.

Construction To Start On Texas Drive

Road construction at the Capehart housing area on Texas Drive between Louisiana east and Georgia will begin Nov. 7, according to 1st Lt. Robert M. Ellington, construction engineer at Dyess.

Approximately Nov. 10, the mixing of lime with sub-base material will make it necessary to close the back gate.

The laying of asphalt from Nov. 22 through 25 will make it necessary to close the gate again for those three days.

Road work will be done by the Hawkins and Westbrook Construction Co. of Abilene, under supervision of the 96th Civil Engineering Squadron at Dyess.

The above approximate dates are subject to change due to weather conditions, according to Lieutenant Ellington.

YOUR HEALTH

Thousands of years ago the cave dwellers had a simple solution to the sanitation problem — when conditions became unbearable they simply moved to another cave. But this presented problems. There were only so many caves to go around.

As urban complexes developed, the citizens realized that dumping trash in the streets and hoping that it would rain and wash away soon turned the city into a huge dump.

Today the problem is still with us. Cities pay a major part of their annual budgets to pick up trash and dispose of it in a sanitary manner.

To better cope with this

Flavor Rich Cake...an Easy Dessert



A DESSERT RICH AND LUSCIOUS as this Fudge Mocha Delight is an easy to prepare treat when you use the convenience products available these days. Fudge coconut cake mix, with the addition of eggs and water, bakes to feathery texture and chocolate rich flavor. The topping is flavored with instant chocolate flavor mix and instant coffee. Shown here as an informal dessert, you could bake the cake in 8 or 9-inch layers and use the Mocha Topping between and atop for a fancy occasion.

FUDGE MOCHA DELIGHT
Prepare fudge coconut cake mix as directed on the package, baking in a 13x9x2-inch pan. When cake is cool place on serving plate and frost with Mocha Topping.

MOCHA TOPPING
1 cup whipping cream
4 tablespoons instant coffee
chocolate flavor mix
Dash of salt
Place whipping cream, chocolate flavor mix, coffee, and salt in a chilled bowl. Beat until cream holds its shape. (Do not overbeat.) Use as topping for cake or other dessert. Makes 2 cups topping.

problem the Texas Department of Health conducts a series of demonstration short courses on the proper disposal of refuse.

This year nine such one-day demonstrations are being conducted — one within easy traveling distance of every community in Texas.

Sponsored with the cooperation of refuse equipment manufacturers and the host cities, engineers from the departments sanitary engineering division organize and conduct the demonstrations as well as notify everyone in the area who should be interested in refuse disposal procedure.

Highlight of the meetings is a demonstration of collection trucks and sanitary landfill equipment and the correct method for using the equipment.

Sanitary landfill as opposed to other refuse disposal methods in Texas is one method which has considerable potentials in making sanitary refuse disposal practice economically feasible for many communities.

Trent Girl Elected LCC Cheerleader

Carolyn Graham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Onis W. Graham of Trent, was recently selected as a cheerleader at Lubbock Christian College, Lubbock.

Six cheerleaders were chosen to boost the Pioneers, the LCC basketball team. They were elected by the student body vote after tryouts.

Miss Graham, a 1961 graduate of Trent High School, is a sophomore at LCC.

Pararescue Volunteers Being Sought

The Air Force is looking for airmen to fill one of the most adventuresome and demanding jobs in the military, outside of the astronaut, it was revealed recently.

Needed are 62 candidates to train as pararescuemen for space capsule and astronaut recovery. These are being sought from airman third class to staff sergeant grades. Those selected will join the Air Rescue Service, one of the three technical services of MATS.

The pararescuemen are some of the toughest physical specimens in the armed forces today. They are trained to near perfection in a number of fields and are experts in survival under all situations. In addition, they are highly skilled as medical technicians.

Pararescuemen must be able to parachute down on all types of terrain and under all climatic conditions. They must also be adaptable to conditions under water where they use self-contained breathing

apparatus (SCUBA).

Pararescue applicants must be between 18 and 28 years of age, have at least two years left in the Air Force or be willing to re-enlist. They must be eligible for overseas duty, be physically qualified and recommended for pararescue operations. Finally, they must volunteer for hazardous duty, be swimmers, have exceptional physical stamina and be capable of doing two miles at dog trot, 30 pushups, 40 sit-ups, six pullups, 40 side-straddle hops and 30 deep knee bends upon arrival for initial training.

Applications should be submitted through channels for the basic airborne course.

This involves jump training at Fort Benning, Ga., with subsequent entry into an air rescue specialist medical course at Gunter AFB, Ala.

Applicants must possess AFSC 90250/70 (medical services specialist) or AFSC 991-30/70 (rescue and survival specialist).

The format specified in AFM 35-11, Part 2, Chapter 13, should be followed in making applications. A statement volunteering the applicant for hazardous duty must accompany the application.

While in pararescue work, the selectee will earn incentive pay of up to \$50 per month, depending upon the length of time in service.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF Merkel Independent School District

COVERING RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 1, 1961 TO AUGUST 31, 1962

RECEIPTS:

1. Federal Funds	\$ 6,920.00
2. State Funds	
Per Capita	58,278.39
Salary and Operation	89,664.46
Transportation	21,119.00
Vocational	1,174.81
Mathematics, Science, and Guidance Program	1,063.65
3. County Available	31.27
4. Local Taxes for Current Expenses	127,010.46
5. Miscellaneous Sales	9.85
6. Field House	8,000.00
7. Local Taxes for Interest and Sinking	26,250.35
8. Warrants, Field House	11,000.00

Total Receipts During the School Year . . . \$350,522.27
August 31, 1961 Balances Budgeted for 1961-62 Operational Costs . . . 16,920.32

Total Funds Available . . . \$367,442.59

Disbursements:

1. Administrative and Instructional	\$208,515.88
2. Vocational	3,350.95
3. Driver Education	709.28
4. Physical Education	4,304.18
5. Transportation	20,458.42
6. Operation of Plant	20,465.83
7. Maintenance of Plant	6,283.86
8. Insurance	3,307.51
9. Food Service	300.00
10. Student Activities	1,598.11
11. Capital Outlay	22,894.91
12. Debt Service	30,754.05

Total Disbursements for the Year . . . \$322,942.98
Closing Balances Budgeted for 1962-63 . . . 44,499.61

\$367,442.59

Signed:
MACK FISHER
Superintendent Merkel Schools

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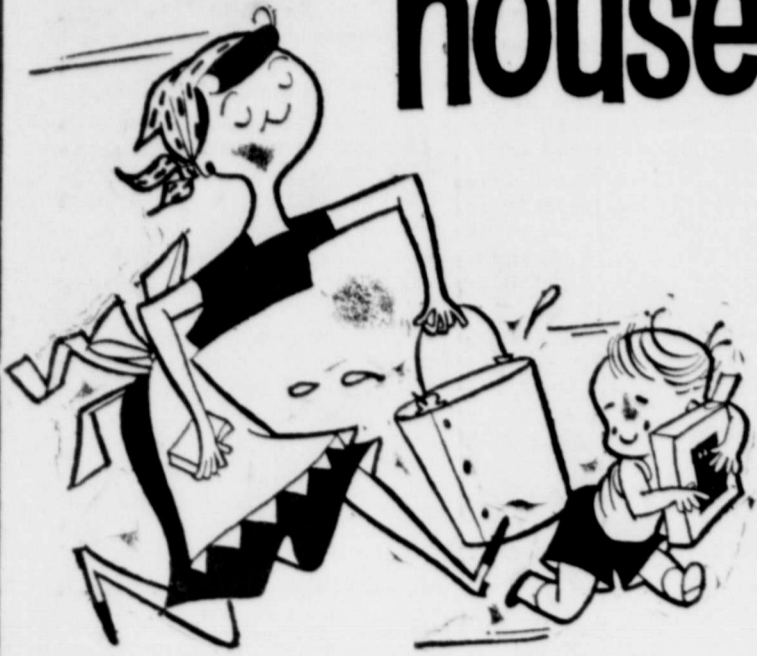
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KUNER'S 300 **BLACK EYE PEAS** 2 for 25c

KUNER'S 303 CUT **GREEN BEANS** 2 for 39c

KUNER'S 303 **GOLDEN CORN** 2 for 33c

KUNER'S 303 **GARDEN PEAS** 2 for 33c

LIBBY'S 303 **PUMPKIN** 2 for 25c

EVANGELINE NO. 2 1/2 CAN SWEET **POTATOES** 2 for 43c

LIBBY'S CRUSHED FLAT **PINEAPPLE** 2 for 29c

COMSTOCK NO. 2 CAN **PIE APPLES** 2 for 39c

SUNSHINTE **HYDROX** 1-Lb. CELLO PKG. 39c

SUNSHINTE **CANDIES** CELLO BAG 29c

3-MINUTE **POP CORN** 4-LBS. 49c

HAIR SPRAY **AQUA NET** ONLY Reg. \$2.00 **98c**

WELCH PRESERVES **FRUIT of VINE** 20-Oz. Jar **39c**

HUNT'S **TOMATO JUICE** Quart Jar **19c**

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GOLD COAST **PEACHES** NO. 2 1/2 CAN Whole 2 for 39c

PILLSBURY **FLOUR** -Lb.25 10-Lb. 79c Bag 1.79

ARMOUR'S **PEACHES** 12-Oz. Can 39c

ARMOUR'S **COFFEE** (ONE LIMIT) 1-Lb. Can 59c

ARMOUR'S **SHORTENING** 3-Lb. Can 53c

GOLD COAST **PEACHES** NO. 2 1/2 CAN Whole 2 for 39c

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FINEST QUALITY MEATS

GOOCH RANCH STYLE **BACON** 2 Lbs. ... **95c**

GOOCH COUNTRY STYLE **SAUSAGE** 2-Lbs. **79c**

GOOCH BLUE RIBBON **BOLOGNA** Lb. **39c**

FRESH LEAN **BEEF CUTLETS** Lb. **65c**

GOOCH SUMMER SAUSAGE Lb. 59c

GOOCH BLUE RIBBON GERMAN SAUSAGE Lb. 69c

CHOICE BEEF **SIRLOIN STEAK** Lb. ... **89c**

CHOICE BEEF **ARM or CHUCK ROAST** Lb. **53c**

FRESH **GROUND BEEF** Lb. **35c**

SUPREME **SALTINES** Lb. 27c

FROZEN FOODS

ALASKA BREADED **SHRIMP** 2 Pkgs For **39c**

Fancy 8-Oz. Pkg. ONLY **39c**

DONALD DUCK **ORANGE JUICE** 12-Oz. Can **29c**

KEITH'S — 24 IN PKG. **HOT ROLLS** Pkg. **23c**

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