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MASONS LEVEL HIGH SCHOOL CORNERSTONE

Prominent Texas Masons met in Fort Worth recently to level the cornerstone for a \$350,000 high school and auditorium at Masonic Home and School of Texas. The structure is part of an expansion program which already includes a new chapel and an infirmary.

Among participants were, left to right: Dr. J. D. Tomme Jr. of Fort Worth, president of the Masonic Home Independent School District board; G. R. M. Montgomery of Fort

Worth, Past Texas Grand Master and president of the Home's board of directors; G. R. M. Montgomery II of Fort Worth; John G. Kemmerer of Fort Worth, Past Texas Grand Master and a Home director; Robert L. Dillard Jr. of Dallas, Grand Master and vice president of the board of directors, who leveled the cornerstone; Jim W. Weatherby of Kerrville, Deputy Grand Master; John R. Collard Jr. of Spearman, Grand Senior Warden, and J. Carroll Hinsley of Austin, Grand Junior Warden.

MERKEL PAGEANT

By DAVE

Newspapering has changed. For instance, the newspaperman today, when it comes time to write an obituary, writes that the deceased died. No matter how close the dead may have been to the writer, style today calls for the writer of the obituary to say the deceased died. But 75 years ago when someone died it was a different matter. For instance, Mrs. C. B. Gardner came across an obituary that probably appeared in the Indianapolis Star some 75 years ago. Notice how the writer approached the fact that a good woman had died.

The obituary opened: "We are often called upon to chronicle the death of some person that swift winged messenger in its unexpected course deals out the bitter draught often when the sad fate seems cruel and the soul of some loved and cherished form takes its flight to the sweet home in the realms of heaven. And there has been none that seemed more cruel and unexpected than that of Clara A. Hendricks, daughter of Sam K. Hendricks, who died Monday evening . . ."

"Taken in the springtime of life, when the sweet flower of vitality had just begun to eject sweet perfumes and happiness . . ."

Well, newspapering has changed. But not necessarily for the better.

It was very thoughtful of Mrs. Gardner to bring the clipping to The Merkel Mail so that we could share the nostalgia of the past.

But if obituaries were different in those days, so was the actual coverage of news.

On the back of the long forgotten clipping were stories about shipping, fires and crime. The greatest of these did not have a headline or any of today's modern means of drawing the reader's attention.

For instance, without any fanfare the following event was quietly reported:

Mrs. Boxalana Drust, who brutally murdered her husband in December, 1884, was hanged on the 28th ult. at Herkimer, N.Y. for the crime."

And see how this little bit of thievery was handled:

"Charles N. Aven, a confidential clerk for T. C. Bugbee of Putnam, Conn., a hardware merchant, left for parts unknown on the 27th ult. with \$20,000 belonging to his employer."

Other bits of "big news" today did not receive more than a few lines. And none had a headline.

"Paul McAlvon, aged one hundred and one years and Rose McGuire, aged one hundred and three years, died on the 28th ult."

"Governor Lee of Virginia issued a proclamation on the 25th calling for an extra session of the Legislature March 16."

"The sudden death of Commodore William T. Truxton, United States Navy retired, occurred on the 25th at Norfolk, Va."

Well, so much for journalism of a by-gone era. We've got enough trouble with trying to keep abreast of what's happening today.

MHS IN SPECIAL STUDY PROGRAM

Merkel students along with junior and senior high school students in more than 800 Texas schools are participating in a three-year testing program sponsored by the Texas Education Agency to evaluate current

standards of education in the state and to determine the possible need for revision of the state curriculum outlines.

Mack Fisher, superintendent at Merkel, said the local school has been participating in the study since its conception and that he believed it "to be a very fine program."

An estimated 200,000 students in grades seven, nine, ten and eleven are being given a series of standardized tests published by Science Research Associates, Inc., Chicago - based educational publishing firm, in an effort to measure their educational ability in the natural and social sciences, mathematics and English, and their aptitudes in the job skills, interests, reasoning ability and language usage areas. Tests of other publishers are also being used in the state-wide program.

The TEACH Battery, a specially constructed combination of tests designed to meet Texas Education Agency curriculum specifications, is being used in ninth grade. Other SRA tests used in the study are the company's Tests of Educational Ability (TEA) and Achievement Series in seventh grade; the Flanagan Aptitude Classification Tests (FACT) in ninth and tenth grades, and the Iowa Tests of Educational Development (ITED) in eleventh grade.

These tests are administered by local school officials and sent to McHenry, Ill., for scoring by the company's DocuTran Service (T.M.), an unusual high-speed, high-accuracy data processing system that operates without need of special electrographic pencils or punched cards. Score reports, including class, grade and system composites which can be used for comparing performance locally with national norms, will be returned to each school for evaluation.

The current fall test period, the first in the three-year study, will end December 15. Another test period has been scheduled for Spring, 1963.



C. R. BAUGHMAN

Austin Student To Preach Sunday

C. R. Baughman, senior student at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin will be guest pastor at the Merkel Presbyterian Church Sunday, December 2.

Mr. Baughman attended the University of Texas and received a bachelor of science in psychology from the University of Houston. Before entering the Seminary he worked as assistant supervisor of the Traffic Department for John's-Manville, Inc. in Houston.

He is married to the former Marjorie Pribble of Houston. They have two children. Mr. Baughman has his church membership in the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church of Houston.

IN BIG TOWNS

WHO DELIVERS THE NEWSPAPER

Editor's Note: The following article released by a wire service was written by Dick West, whose father "Mr. Henry" is a hardware dealer in Merkel.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — My father lives in a small town where for more than half a century he ran a hardware store.

The merchants in that town have a quaint old-fashioned way of doing business. They sell what the names of their stores imply that they sell. My father, for instance, sold hardware.

When my father comes to visit us, as he is doing now, he has some trouble adjusting to the merchandising practices found in the suburbs of a large city.

The other afternoon my wife heard my father say he was going over to our neighborhood drug store to pick up a bottle of aspirin tablets.

"Why don't you go to the

tailor shop?" my wife said. "That's closer."

My father gave her a funny look. When she was out of earshot he asked me if she had been feeling all right.

Sensing the reason for his perplexity, I explained that the tailor shop had a drug counter where he would be able to buy aspirin.

"Okay," he said. "While I'm out, I might as well drop off my suit to be cleaned and pressed."

"Don't do that," I told him. "Our drycleaning is picked up by the milkman."

"The milkman?"

"Yes, the milkman also has a laundry and drycleaning route."

"I see," my father said. "Where do you buy your milk?"

"Oddly enough we get most of it from the milkman," I replied. "When we run short we can pick up an extra quart down at the gasoline station on the corner."

My father said that if we

Santa to Participate In Christmas Parade

Kiddie Parade Shaping Up

Tra-la-la-la — Santa Claus is coming to town! And that's not a 't', either — there'll be a big parade with all the trimmings.

WHEN? — Friday, December 14.

And Santa Claus will be right in the midst of all this parade.

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

Get ready to see one of the biggest and best Christmas parades! For your committee has been making some mighty interesting plans, according to Carson.

Instead of forming the parade at North First and Ash as was previously announced, the participants are asked to gather out on the corner of North Second and Runnels.

Letters are being placed in the mail now to organizations and business to encourage entries in the Christmas Parade.

Prizes will be given for the most decorated tricycles, bicycles, baby buggies — pets. Weather permitting, we hope to see lots of youngsters in the parade with their favorite mode of transportation or their pet.

Bands from the neighboring towns have been invited to participate in the parade.

Deadline for entries will be December 8th. For further information concerning the Christmas Parade call Bullock Hardware, the Chamber of Commerce or The Merkel Mail.

Delbert Corning Funeral Held

Funeral was held at 2 p.m. November 27 at Kiker - Warren Chapel for Delbert Corning 61, a native of Merkel who died at 1 a.m. Monday in Hendrick Memorial Hospital after a two-month illness.

Officiating was the Rev. J. E. Moore, pastor of Stith Baptist Church, of which Mr. Corning was a member, assisted by the Rev. Melvin Byrd, pastor of Temple Baptist Church in Abilene.

Burial was in Clyde Cemetery. Pallbearers were Fred Perry, Ray Perry, F. J. McDonald, W. T. Ledbetters, Paul Bradley and Fletcher Jones.

Mr. Corning was born Sept. 13, 1901, at Merkel and had farmed at Shep, Winters, Beulah, Hamby and Stith. He married Lola DeSpain April 25, 1936, at Clyde.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Clarence of Fort Stockton; two brothers, George of Gould, Okla., and Mark of 1042 S. 10th; three sisters, Mrs. Susie Bryant of Blackwell, Miss Clara Corning of Sweetwater and Mrs. Iona Fine of 1325 Grape, Abilene, and one grandson.



ST. NICHOLAS

... planning trip to Merkel

Funeral Held For Ex Merkel Woman

Mrs. Birdie Ann Kelley, 82, died November 23 at the residence of a daughter, Annie Akens, in Sumnerland, Calif.

Mrs. Kelley was born June 6, 1880 at Comanche, the daughter of the late Andrew and Caroline Coker Stewart. She married Sam A. Kelley August 4, 1901 in Comanche. Mr. and Mrs. Kelley were former Merkel residents but for the past 2½ years have lived with their daughter at Sumnerland, Calif.

Survivors include her husband, Sam A. Kelley; three daughters, Oma Russell, Littlefield; Dovie Adair, Montecito, Calif.; Annie Okens of Sumnerland, Calif.; two sons Emmett Kelley, Woodland, Calif.; Stewart Kelley, Sumnerland, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. Ona D. Coker of Santa Barbara, Calif.; 7 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews. Six brothers preceded her in death.

Funeral services were Monday, November 26 in the Welch-Ryce Chapel. Burial was in Carpinteria Cemetery, Carpinteria, Calif.

HOME LOANS TO AID SENIOR CITIZENS

L. J. Cappelman, State Director, Farmers Home Administration, advised the local County Supervisor, John D. Wolf, Jr., that recent legislation amends Title V of the Housing Act of 1949 by adding new provisions which authorize loans and grants for moderate cost housing and related facilities for elderly persons and families in rural areas.

It liberalizes some regulations on rural housing loans now being made by Farmers Home Administration and sets up new direct and insured loan programs.

This new legislation will be administered in Taylor County by USDA's Farmers Home Administration. Rural housing loans are made by this agency to farmers and other families living in rural areas who need improved housing and cannot qualify for credit from other sources.

One new provision will give those people, who are 62 years of age or over, special advantages not available under the earlier loan program. First, they can buy previously-occupied existing housing as well as improve their homes. Second, they can finance the cost of the building site as well as the dwelling with the loan proceeds; other families must own the land on which to build the homes before they can

MERKEL SCHOOLS ARE BIG BUSINESS

The Merkel Independent School District is pretty big business. That's the conclusion that may be drawn from a financial report released by Superintendent Mack Fische.

For instance, for the year from September 1, 1961, to August 31, 1962, the district:

1. Disbursed \$322,942.98.
 2. Had a balance budgets of \$44,499.61.
- Of this \$322,942.98 a good chunk went for payroll, administrative and instructional. This total was \$208,515.38. That's a pretty sizable piece of money to spread over the Merkel economy.
- Transportation cost more than \$20,000 and so did the operation of the school plant.
- This money was received from:
1. The federal government — \$6,920.00
 2. The state — a. \$38,278.39 per capita b. \$89,644.46 salary and operation c. \$21,119.00 transportation.

The whopping source of income was from local taxes for current expenses. This totaled \$127,019.46 but this was less than half the school's income.

WMU to Study Foreign Fields

The Womens Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention will be observing a week December third through the seventh for prayer and study.

Information from the foreign Mission fields will be presented. Information from missionaries telling of their progress and accomplishments as well as the things they hope to do with the offering taken will be explained. This is for foreign Missions only and is called Lottie Moon Christmas offering in memory of a missionary who labored for many years on foreign soil.

The WMU of the local First Baptist Church will be meeting each morning Monday through Friday at 9:30.

Church goal is \$3,500. Every woman of the church is cordially invited and urged to attend.

On Wednesday night, December 5 a missionary from Nazareth will speak.

Bridge Club News

The Merkel Duplicate Bridge Club held its Club Master Point game on Friday night November 23 at the Merkel Country Club. There was an excellent turnout and the winners were as follows:

EAST-WEST
1st — Mr. and Mrs. Preston Lee of Sweetwater.
2nd — (tie) Mrs. Ralph Russell and Mrs. R. E. Dayton and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Chapman of Abilene.

NORTH-SOUTH
1st — Mrs. Ed Jay of Sweetwater and Mrs. F. Bridwell of Abilene.
2nd — Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dalziel.
3rd — Mr. and Mrs. Robert Preston of Abilene.

The next regular session will be held on Thursday night November 29 at the Merkel Country Club.

NOTICE

Band parents will meet Monday, December 3 at 7:30 in the high school auditorium. Elementary band will be in charge of the program.

EDITORIAL

Part of Our History Passes in Mrs. FDR

Heads of state have paid her tribute and the "little" people of the world have voiced their own sense of loss. They're not really little, of course, and it was one of Eleanor Roosevelt's great attributes that she identified herself with them and profoundly understood their aspirations.

It was right that all of the eulogies spoken, the simplest and yet most eloquent came from our ambassador to the United Nations, Mr. Stevenson's words, like Mrs. Roosevelt's life, are part of our history.

"The United Nations," he said, "has meaning and hope for millions, thanks to her labors, her love, no less than to her death—death that made her, only weeks after Franklin Roosevelt's death, put aside all thoughts of peace and quiet after the tumult of their lives, to serve as one of this nation's delegates to the first regular session of the General Assembly. Her duty then—as always—was to the living, to the world, to peace.

"My country mourns her... But even as we do, the sadness we share is enlivened by her faith in her fellow man and his future which filled the heart of this strong and gentle woman. She imparted this faith, not only to those who shared the privilege of knowing her and working by her side, but to countless men, women and children in every part of the world who loved her even as she loved them.

"For she embodied the vision and the will to achieve a world in which all men can walk in peace and dignity. And to this goal, a better life, she dedicated her tireless energy and the strange strength of her extraordinary personality."

STATE CAPITAL
Highlights
AND Sidelights
by Vern Sanford
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION



AUSTIN—There have been some changes made!

Veteran legislators sworn in for a new term of office in a mass ceremony in the House of Representatives were pleasantly aware of a change of scenery since last January's special session.

The once-dark, dusky setting for the biennial battle of state lawmakers had been transformed in their absence. Every desk, chair and table had been refurnished to a glowing light oak shade. Shiny new seats replaced the drab, worn ones in the balcony. And the brass rails were gleaming.

Most noticeable was a new \$20,000 gold wool carpet with a brown Seal of Texas woven into the section installed directly in front of the speaker's stand.

SENATE PAY PROBLEM — About one-third of the House now has qualified for the 58th Legislature and have been added to the payroll. But the 10 senators-elect probably won't start drawing their \$400 monthly pay until Jan. 8 when the 1963 session begins.

A recent ruling by the at-

torney general that "members of the Legislature" now could qualify for the payroll brought inquiries from seven new senators as to whether they would be included. The term "legislature" also applies to Senate members.

But Sen. Culp Krueger of El Campo, acting lieutenant governor, and several other senior senators said the official opening date has been the customary time for senators to take office and they think the custom should stand.

SENATE SWEEPSTAKES — A small glass bowl and a handful of tiny capsules will decide the political destiny of Texas senators come January.

Once each 10 years, Texas' 31 senators must "draw straws" to determine who will serve a four-year term, and who will serve for two years.

Drawing is required by the state constitution.

Normally, half the state Senate is elected for four-year terms, overlapping with the other half, which still has two years left to serve. However, after each 10-year census and redistricting of the

4-H Projects Pay Off For Four

Two Texas teen-agers have been awarded all-expense paid trips to the 41st National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago as rewards for being the state's top 4-H'ers in their 1962 club projects.

They are Janet Paclik, 17, of Gainesville, entomology project winner, and Sereka Giaketti, 15, of Montague, top electric project winner.

The Cooperative Extension Service also picked Eugene Roberts Jr., 19, of Paris, as the state boy leadership winner, and Eugene Schilder, 17, of Arlington, as winner of the state beautification of home grounds award.

Roberts will receive a special



Miss Paclik Miss Giaketti Roberts Schilder

citiation from the Sears-Roebuck Foundation, Chicago, and Schilder will be awarded a 19-jewel wrist watch by Mrs. Charles R. Walgreen of Chicago.

Miss Paclik will be the Chicago guest of the Hercules Powder Company, Wilmington, Del., and Miss Giaketti's trip will be sponsored by the Westinghouse Educational Foundation, Pittsburgh.

The two trip winners will compete for \$400 scholarships that their sponsors will award to national winners during the congress in the Conrad Hilton Hotel on Chicago's lakefront.

Miss Paclik, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Paclik, fulfilled the objectives of the entomology project when she learned the life history of insects and how to control them through use of insecticides.

"I live on a farm and there are many insects to control," she said. She also collected more than 100 different varieties of insects.

Miss Giaketti, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Giaketti, said: "When my mother has trouble with her small electrical appliances, I can usually tell what is wrong with them and repair them."

The project is designed to teach 4-H'ers more about electricity and to properly use and care for electrical equipment.

Legislature, all the senators must run for office.

Last time such a drawing occurred was in 1953.

Nine senators who will face the glass bowl in January were around that year, and five of them drew two-year terms.

Ten senators will start serving their first term in January, and one other will be attending his first regular session in the upper chamber.

BILLS DRAFTING UNDERWAY — Business really has picked up in the Texas Legislative Council the past two weeks. House committees turned to the TLC many recommendations for the 58th Legislature to consider. They provided the state's research unit with grist for numerous bills to be presented in January.

The house committee on saving taxes, headed by Sen. George Parkhouse, received a lot of attention during its hearings. Subjects under discussion included:

A recommendation by the

committee to end taxes on intangible property, such as mortgages on homes and stocks and bonds. Dallas Tax Collector Norman Register claimed this would cost his city \$3,500,000 annually.

Revision of regulation of the railroad industry, which is governed by about 300 state statutes, some of them outmoded.

Adoption of a merit salary plan for public school teachers. The committee's education subcommittee suggested keeping the present salary scale and basing any future changes on a cost-of-living index.

A recommendation by the subcommittee on highways and roads to keep two license plates on vehicles. Although the state would save \$200,000 annually by using only one plate per vehicle, police officials believe identification is easier with two.

Up The Canyon

By TOM RUSSOM

We'll, there has been a change in the weather in our area, just a little moisture and pretty cold weather. The weather closed down harvest for a few days.

We haven't had any frost to kill our milo enough to harvest; there is quite a bit yet to harvest.

Most livestock men think our winter is coming soon this time and they are shaping their stock for winter.

Well, as to the deer hunting, here it has been pretty quiet. Not as much action as last year. However there has been about twenty-five deer killed up the Canyon. More deer are being killed in the valleys than in the hills this year. The deer that have been killed are reported real fat.

Swinney brothers killed two

deer on their place Sunday, one a 10 point and another a 12 point. They were reported to be real fat and fine.

You had better watch your might run into a game warden on any corner. They are here every day.

The four month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Swinney of Abilene died Friday morning. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at Pioneer Church and burial was in White Church Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney are grandparents.

The lumber you have been seeing sold on the San Angelo sheep market was lambs. The lambs were produced from mother sheep. We don't produce lumber up the Canyon.

Well, well, that Lord's Acre annual sale brought in nearly \$700 last Saturday night, which was real good. There were more buyers than there were goods to sell.

The quilt brought \$50. A blanket that was consigned by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman brought

\$50. We had a fine time and a fine sale.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Blair of Fort Worth visited over the week end in his sister's home, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Blair. They were here for the Merkel Homecoming.

Mrs. Wilkin's of Abilene visited in her daughter's home over the week end, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Toombs. R. G.'s mother, Mrs. A. R. Toombs also visited her children. They all attended the Lord's Acre sale.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Rust visited in her parents home, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Blair had their children home over the week end and all attended the Lord's Acre Program.

Mrs. A. B. Parham has returned home after visiting in Paris with her sister, Mrs. Otto Horton.

Research now in progress at Texas A&M College literally extends from space to earth and the bottom of the seas.



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Chile Is Topic For Study Club

With Chile, the String Bean Country of South America, as the subject of study the Fortnightly Study Club met on Tuesday, November 13, in the home of Mrs. W. R. Cypert.

Using a large map of South America, Mrs. Don Dudley, president, discussed the geography of Chile. Mrs. Ray Wilson, vice president, discussed the history, transportation, mining and foods.

Mrs. Don Dudley welcomed Mrs. Robert Curtis as a new member. Guests were Mrs. Modell Eoff and Mrs. Allen Armstrong.

Members were asked to answer roll call in December with Christmas customs of South American countries.

The club voted to send gifts to patients in the Wichita Falls Hospital for the holiday season.

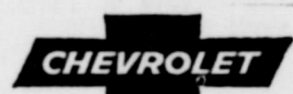
A refreshment plate was served to the following members and guests, Mmes. Modell Eoff, Allen Armstrong, Robert Curtis, Dave Brumbeau, Johnny Cox, W. R. Cypert, S. C. Dixon, Don Dudley, Mack Fisher, David Gamble, Comer Haynes, Ben R. Hicks, Homer Paterson, Andy Shouse, Ray Wilson, Howard Marcom and Christine Collins.

Mrs. C. P. Stevens had as week end guests for the homecoming Mrs. Pearl McCartney of Tye, her son, Silas Stevens and family from San Antonio, also Mr. and Mrs. Paul Causeaux from San Antonio, Mrs. Mary Milam from Dallas and Mrs. Flay Scott from San Francisco, California.

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MASONIC MEETING Stated Meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710 on 2nd Saturday and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Members urged to attend. T. J. BIRD JR., W.M. W. M. PARHAM, Sec'y.

IRIONING wanted — Mrs. Mary Lindsey, 607 Marjon Street. 38 3tp

LOST — Six miles south of Tye from the Old French pasture a solid red cow. A spur brand is on the right hip with other brands. Both ears are cropped and a hole is in one of the ears. Call J. M. Dedmon, OW 2-5808 collect. 38-1tp

BUTTONHOLES and fancy stitching. 901 Oak Street. 38 6tc

FOR RENT — Rooms and furnished apartments. Bills paid. Merkel Hotel. Phone 8503.

FOR RENT—Good late model typewriters. Tel. 246-M after 5 p.m. 25-tfc

TO RENT — Two bedroom apt., furnished. See Esther Luke, 202 Manchester. 36 3tp

FOR RENT—Two furnished apts. Ina Hunter, 301 Oak. Phone 63-W. 36 3tp

FOR RENT — Furnished Apt. E. O. Carson. 37 tfc

FOR SALE

FOR SALE — 2 bedroom, 2 baths house. Nice fenced in back yard. In A-1 condition. Will sell furnished or unfurnished at a bargain price. Cyrus Pee Agency. 22-tfc

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FOR SALE — See me for Knapp shoes. Peck Eager, K & E Service Center. Ph. 208. 34-tfc

I have these four houses for sale: Cash or terms. 206 El Paso, 1209 So. 2nd, 112 Locust, 812 Walnut. 35-tfc

FOR SALE — Used, four windows and two doors, 411 Ash St. Mary Collins. 36 tfc

FOR SALE — Used 200 ft. 1 1/2" galv. pipe, 200 ft. 1 1/4" galv. pipe and 1/2-horse jet pump. Reasonable. Merritt Plumbing, 301 Kent. Phone 220. 35-tfc

FOR SALE — Extra large round dining table. If interested call 128-M. 36 3tc

HOUSE FOR SALE — Six rooms and bath. Phone Blacky Ford 28-R2 Sylvester. 37 3tp

FOR SALE — A Farmall C tractor with two row equipment. 404 Rose Street. 38 4tp

FOR SALE — One lot. See at 508 Yucca. Phone 221. Mrs. John Mansfield. 38 3tp

FOR SALE — Large rock home with garage apartment located at 112 Oak St. Call 159 or 125. Nolan Palmer.

FOR SALE — Two row stalk cutter, drag type, on 4-inch pipe frame. 4 miles southwest of Merkel. Lewis Spratlan. 38 2tp

FOR RENT OR SELL — Unfurnished three bedroom and one tile bath with shower. Plumbed for washer. Fenced in back yard. Call OW 2-8252. Abilene or 9030-RI, Merkel. 5144 Questa, Abilene. Rent for \$77 or take up payments of \$80. 38-3t—1tp-2tc

SPARE TIME INCOME Refilling and collecting money from new type high quality dispensers in this area. No selling. To qualify you must have car, \$540 to \$1440 cash, seven to twelve spare hours weekly. Highly profitable way to increase monthly income. Can expand. For personal interview write P. O. Box 612, Aurora, Colorado. Include phone.

Mrs. Ford visited her great granddaughter over the week end. The baby is the daughter of Lt. and Mrs. James Scott III of Oklahoma Lt. Col. and Mrs. R. T. Blair of Interprize, Alabama and Col. and Mrs. James Scott II of Malaya are the proud grandparents.

LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Roscoe Roberts, George Roberts, James D. Lambert and wife, Nannie Bell Lambert; Jettie Hill, a single woman; Orb Lambert, Lowell Lambert and wife, Esther Lambert; Wilma Nash and husband, J. E. Nash; W. D. Lambert and wife, Marie Lambert; George R. Lambert; J. T. Lambert; Bell Lambert, who was the wife of Terrel Lambert; Mildred Thorsen, who was the wife of Leonard Thorsen; J. T. Lambert; and J. D. Lambert, if living, and if deceased, their unknown heirs, devisees, and legal representatives, and all unknown owners and claimants to the hereinafter described land, being 200 acres of land out of the North part of Fractional Section 66, Lunatic Asylum Land, and out of the North-east Corner of Section 44, Block 1, S. P. Railway Co. Land, situated in Taylor County, Texas, and said property being 200 acres more or less, and described by metes and bounds in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, and all persons known and unknown claiming any interest in the above described land which was conveyed by Henry James, et ux to G. T. Lambert, which conveyance was the common source of title of those claiming any interest in said described land, Defendants, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 7th day of January, A.D. 1963, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 16th day of October, A.D. 1961, in this cause, numbered 26,438-A on the docket of said court and styled Ruby Lambert, otherwise known as Ruby V. Lambert, a widow, individually and as guardian and next friend of her minor children, Leonard Joel Lambert and Sandra Lenore Lambert, and also the adult children of said Ruby V. Lambert, namely, Richard T. Lambert; George David Lambert; Ruby Claudette Whitehurst, a single woman; Shirley Ann Hudson and husband, Richard N. Hudson, Plaintiffs, vs. the above named Defendants who are to be cited by publication and also the following named Defendants: Zola Amanda King and husband, Ernest King; G. C. Lambert and wife, Lois Lambert; Levada Craig, a single woman; Delia O. Lambert, a widow; Maggie Lambert; James R. Lambert and wife, Clara Fay Lambert; George Wiley Lambert and wife, Lucille Lambert; Vivian Fay Roberson and husband, Fred Roberson; Edwin Glen Lambert and wife, Caroline (Carolyn) Lambert; Ercell Pierce and husband, Edward Pierce; Roy Lambert and wife, Lafolla Lambert; W. Dewey Lambert and wife, Gertrude Lambert; W. D. Lambert and wife, Eva Maurine Lambert; Jewell Aileen Hulsey and husband, Ancil M. Hulsey; Elsie Marie Lambert, a single woman; Jack Lambert and wife, Joyce Lambert; Dorothy Lambert and husband, Robert Lambert; G. C. Lambert and wife, Lois Lambert; Flora Haskins and husband, Claude Haskins; Leonard Thorsen; Geanne (Imogene) Bernhard and husband, Donald Bernhard, and their unknown heirs and devisees and legal representatives and all unknown owners or claimants to the above described land.

A brief statement of the nature of the suit is as follows, to-wit: Suit in trespass to try title to the above described land and suit for title by adverse possession of said land, and suit to remove cloud from title to said land, and suit in equity that all Defendants herein be estopped from claiming any interest in said land, and Plaintiffs have made special pleas of limitation and adverse possession and estoppel in equity, as is more fully shown by Plaintiffs' Petition on file in this suit.

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this



Lt. Gov. and Family—Texas, new Lt. Gov. Preston Smith is shown here with his wife Ina and their two children Mickey, 21, and Jan. 17. They will be moving to Austin in January for the 58th Legislature.

the 20th day of November, A.D. 1962.
(SEAL)
Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk, 42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas.
By Irene Crawford, Deputy 38-4t

LEGAL NOTICE

Taylor County will sell at public auction to be held at 10 a.m., Monday, December 17, 1962, on the Court House steps, the following described land:

FIELD NOTES FOR A TRACT OF LAND BETWEEN U. S. HIGHWAY 84 RIGHT OF WAY AND THE G.C.&S.F. RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY IN LAWN, TEXAS.

3.152 acres of land, more or less, same being out of and a part of Blocks 12, 13 and 22 of the W. Bell Survey No. 425 of Taylor County, Texas; which said 3.152 acres of land, more or less, are more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the southwest right of way line of U. S. Highway 84, said point being N 89 degrees 54 minutes W a distance of about 3990.44 feet from the northeast corner of Block 13 of said survey;

Thence N 21 degrees 38 minutes W along said southwest right of way line of U. S. Highway 84 a distance of 404.93 feet;

Thence S 68 degrees 22 minutes W a distance of 5.91 feet to a point in the northeast right of way line of the G. C. & S. F. Railroad;

Thence S 20 degrees 19.2 minutes E along said railroad right of way line a distance of 1858.33 feet;

Thence N 69 degrees 40.8 minutes E continuing along said railroad right of way a distance of 25 feet;

Thence S 20 degrees 19.2 minutes E along said railroad right of way a distance of 1911.40 feet;

Thence N 68 degrees 22 minutes E a distance of 67.3 feet to a point in the southwest right of way line of U. S. Highway 84;

Thence N 21 degrees 38 minutes W along said right of way line same being along a line 60 feet southwest of and parallel to the centerline of said U. S. Highway 84 a distance of 3364.37 feet to the place of beginning.

HERBERT MIDDLETON
County Auditor 38-3t

STITH NEWS

This community received one inch of rain Saturday which will be a help to the grain. Several farmers still have cotton in the field.

We extend our sympathy to the Sam Mashburn family and to the J. A. Horton family.

Fritz Hale entered Sadler Hospital three weeks ago. He had surgery November 15. He is improving, and is expected to come home soon.

Clarence Armstrong of Dallas passed away Saturday of a heart attack. He is a brother of Mrs. Fred Perry. She was not able to attend the funeral. We extend our sympathy to her.

Delbert Corning, a Stith farmer, passed away at Hendrick Memorial Hospital Sunday night. He was a faithful member of the Stith Baptist Church. We extend our sympathy to his family.

Sanda Hale had Thanksgiving dinner with the Robert Malone family in Merkel.

Sam Mashburn spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Lub-

FARMER CAN CONTROL SOME WASTY COTTON

Many questions have been brought up lately concerning "wasty" cotton, and the USDA's new Micronaire Service.

B. B. Manly Jr., officer in charge of the Abilene Cotton Classing Office, will attempt to answer some of these questions.

Wasty cotton is weak fibered, immature cotton. Because of this it is less desirable on the market and generally brings about two to five cents per pound less than the same grade that is not wasty. It is wasty, or not mature, for several reasons. Some of these are explained in the following paragraphs.

Defoliation before maturity may cause wasty cotton. If cotton is defoliated before maturity the bolls will usually go ahead and open. The cotton fibers have not reached their maximum growth in diameter, and when the cotton plant is defoliated the growth stops. When harvested the fiber is weak and immature. Therefore, farmers should be sure the cotton is mature and ready to harvest before defoliating their crop.

Weather conditions, such as an early freeze, which stops growth, results in weak or wasty cotton if it is not mature at the time of the freeze. A freeze will not affect those

bolls that are already open. But those that are immature will open sooner than they normally would without maturing further.

A drought may also cause wasty cotton. If a cotton crop doesn't get sufficient moisture during crucial fruiting periods the growth cycle of the cotton fiber is upset, and results in a weak fiber.

Plant diseases can cause wasty cotton. Nematodes, or "root rot," causes dead spots in fields.

According to Manly, cotton sample receipts in the Abilene classing office are remaining fairly steady. Last week 23,995 samples were classed, compared to 26,673 for the preceding week. This brings the season's total to 129,429 samples classed, as compared to 24,888 at this time last year.

Following is the percentage breakdown of staples classed: 29/32, 9 per cent; 15/16, 79 per cent; 31/32, 10 per cent; one inch and longer, 2 per cent.

The Micronaire readings showed an improvement over the previous week. Less than 1 per cent of the cotton miked was wasty; 94 per cent was 3.5 and higher; with 34 per cent reading 4.5 and higher.

Military Pay Checks To Be Delivered by Mail

Col. William L. McDowell Jr., commander, 96th Strategic Aerospace Wing, and Col. Richard R. Mitchell, 96th Combat Support Group and base commander, have approved a request from the base finance office to deliver all military pay checks through the mails.

Personnel receiving their checks from a paying agent or who are picking them up at financial services will be asked to complete a check mailing request form to have checks mailed to an address of choice.

Finance has not received all check mailing requests as of Nov. 15, but all checks will be mailed on the Nov. 30 pay day, unless persons are unable to make out the necessary form due to TDY or other such duties.

The new system will save squadron commanders much valuable time, not to speak of the persons who have to stand in line during work days or Saturdays.

It should be remembered that any time an individual changes his address it must be immediately reported to his first sergeant in order that the next check will be correctly mailed to a leave or temporary duty address. The SAC Form 517 is used for this purpose.

Due to the possibility of

sudden departure on temporary duty or emergency leave, individuals should consider having the checks sent to a bank. A check in the consolidated mail room could not be made available if the individual were not at Dyess.

Advance arrangements must be made with a bank for the acceptance of a check for deposit in an account, should the individual choose to have it sent to a bank.

not to new court interpretations.

One law changed the punishment for murder from hanging to electrocution. The courts held the law valid. It did not change the punishment.

The procedure for the trial, or the rules of evidence, may be revised if they do not add punishment or take away a protection.

(This news feature, prepared by the State Bar of Texas, is written to inform, not to advise. No person should ever apply or interpret any law without the aid of an attorney who is fully advised concerning the facts involved, because a slight variance in facts may change the application of the law.)

GLANERS CLASS
HOLDS SOCIAL

Gleaner Class of the Methodist Church met for their class social in the home of Mrs. Leon Toombs. Miss Connie and Alzada Pogue were co-hostesses.

Mrs. Tom Largent gave the devotional.

Plans were made for the annual luncheon and Christmas party on Wednesday, December 12.

Refreshments of pumpkin pie, nuts and coffee were served to 16 members and one visitor, Mrs. Ade Demere.



Our Constitution says Congress shall pass no bill of attainder nor any ex post facto law. The fear that our Parliament might repeat what the early English Parliament did, led our founding fathers to limit the power of Congress.

1. In a bill of attainder a legislative body punishes someone without a court trial, most often someone the lawmakers don't like.

2. After the Civil War, some northern states tried to keep Confederate supporters from suing in their courts. The U. S. Supreme Court said nix; such laws punished without a fair trial.

In later years Congress has tried now and then to penalize persons who have not cooperated with congressional investigating committees, in one case by cutting their salaries and requiring Senate reconfirmation before they got paid. The U. S. Supreme Court held the law is unconstitutional. Congress could not thus punish a person without a court trial.

Usually a bill of attainder strikes at a few persons by burdening them without fair warning or hearing.

Our legislature may penalize anyone who breaks its laws. If you don't pay your auto registration on time, you have to pay a penalty automatically. Such a penalty does not violate the bill of attainder clause.

Ex post facto laws would make crimes out of acts which when they were done were lawful. In one case a new law took away a court defense which had been allowed. In another case a state law cut the jurors allowed in a criminal trial from 12 to 8. The U. S. Supreme Court said that no such law could apply to past crimes. A person accused might be put to a disadvantage.

The ex post facto law applies only to legislative acts,

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Home Demonstration Clubs Plan Christmas Party December 14

Attendance at the last regular council meeting for this year was light, the date Nov. 21, falling so near the Thanksgiving holiday. Fourteen members, seven visitors and nine clubs were present, with eight clubs giving a report. In the absence of Mrs. McAninch, Mrs. Harvey acted as secretary.

In the committee reports, Mrs. Maxey Harvey, yearbook chairman, said that the new yearbook is ready and will be distributed at the Christmas party. Fruit cakes will be ordered and all Christmas car sample boxes were sold at cost. Mrs. Hubert Sullivan, 4-H chairman, announced that the 4-H achievement banquet was held November 5, and the 4-H Christmas party will be held in Anson, at the grade school cafeteria, December 11.

Christmas party for the Home Demonstration Clubs will be held December 14 at the oil mill guest house in Hamlin. This is the place it was held last year, and is over the office of the oil mill, in southeast Hamlin. Final plans were made, each club being given a duty to make the party a success. Mrs. Dunklin, recreation chairman, will have charge of the recreation, also, she and her club, Avoca, will be responsible for the program. Friendship will clean up and decorate the room, Pleasant Valley will bring a tree and decorate it. The coffee will be prepared and served, and the food

CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank each and every one who has helped in any way at the Starr Nursing Home. With your help it has made things a little brighter for the patients. Your help has been appreciated whether large or small. You are always welcome to visit the home.

Mary Outlaw
Starr Nursing Home

CARD OF THANKS

To those who expressed their sympathy in so many beautiful and practical ways during our recent bereavement, we extend our heartfelt thanks.

Mrs. Austin Robertson
and family.

arranged on the table by Noodle and Compere clubs. Corsages will be made and pinned on by Good Neighbor and Friendly Circle. Sunshine will register guests, Willow Creek will have charge of the gift exchange and Goodman and Smith will do the dirty work for the day: wash dishes.

Guests will come at 11 a.m., bring a covered dish and a gift, to cost approximately one dollar, to be put on the tree and gifts will be exchanged. The gifts for the State School in Abilene, will not be brought this year, since the School asked that all gifts be sent early this year and each club sent theirs by November 15.

The furniture Selection Program will be held in Stamford in the Kinney Furniture Store the first week in December. The time and the program will be announced later.

JUNE OWEN ELECTED DEVOTIONAL CHIEF

PLAINVIEW (Special to The Merkel Mail) — Miss June Owen, foster daughter of Leatrice West, Lorenzo, has been elected devotional chairman of her residence hall at Wayland Baptist College, Plainview.

Miss Owen, freshman physical education major and history minor, is also a member of the Queen Bees, freshmen women's basketball team. She is a 1962 graduate of Merkel High School.

GARDEN CLUB SETS PROGRAM AT TRENT

The Trent Community Garden Club will present its first Christmas flower show on December 1st from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Trent School Cafeteria.

Season's Greetings is the theme.

Generally speaking this will be an unusual show as it is combined with a fund raising bazaar.

Come and bring a friend. No admission will be charged.

Riding Club will meet Saturday, December 1 at 2:30 p.m. weather permissible.

Deer Hides Can Be Help To Retarded

AUSTIN (Special to Merkel Mail) — Deer hunters were reminded recently an audience of 26,000 persons in state operated hospitals and schools for mentally retarded wish them luck with their buck.

Nor is it a strictly unselfish wish, since the patients and students stand to gain hours of enjoyable employment — if the hunters send the deer hides to the annual buckskin collection.

Haskell Fine of Kerrville, chairman of the Volunteer Services Council which sponsors the collection, has sent out thousands of shipping tags giving specific directions for donating the hides. They are available from most chambers of commerce in the hunting country and other spots where hunters gather.

If the sportsman skins out his own kill, he is asked to throw a handful of table salt on the raw side of the hide, allow it to drain, roll and tie or package it and affix a tag addressed to Austin Taxidermist Studio, 2708 South Lamar, Austin.

If the tag is marked "charity" most motor freight lines will haul without charge, Fine said. If the deer is left at a processing station, the hunter is asked to direct that the hide be sent in.

The Volunteer Council arranges tanning and delivery of the finished leather to all the hospitals and special schools where it is used in occupational therapy, he explained.

"So little effort on the part of the hunter can mean so much to so many," the chairman said. "We feel sure we will again be able to show these patients that people do care about them, even in the excitement of a deer blind with antlers square in the telescopic sight."

Mrs. E. W. King spent Thanksgiving in Garland with her sister-in-law, Mrs. C. G. Steel and her daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. Clint Stewart of Caps went to Dallas with Mrs. King and visited with his sisters. They came back by the Six Flags Over Texas.

64th TCW Commander Presents Wing Awards

Col. Burl W. McLaughlin, commander, 64th Troop Carrier Wing, presented wing awards during ceremonies at his office recently.

The aircraft launch and recovery section of the 64th Organizational Maintenance Squadron was designated the outstanding shop of the month for its outstanding accounting accuracy and contribution to the overall maintenance effort. MSgt. Jack L. Larkin accepted the award for the 37 members of the shop.

SSgt. Bernard E. Schuerman, 1st Aerial Port Squadron, became the first recipient of a new 64th TCW award when he was selected as the outstanding loadmaster for the period July 1 through Sept. 30, 1962. Sergeant Schuerman was selected for his highly exemplary ability as a C-130 loadmaster as evidenced by his detection of possible malfunctions in aerial delivery loads.

Selected as crew chiefs of the month were SSgt. Raymond L. Day for September, 1962, and TSgt. Joseph F. Farinetti for October, 1962. Sergeant Day's aircraft performance records were cited as the best in the wing and were forwarded to TAC for their

monthly maintenance competition.

Sergeant Farinetti distinguished himself by performing outstanding maintenance on his assigned aircraft enabling it to fly consistently throughout the month without an abort.

SSgt. John F. Needham was named maintenance man of the month for October, 1962, for his repairing and placing in operation a fuel control test stand, thus realizing significant savings of time and money.

Capt. Gerald C. Aycock and his crew were designated as October air crew of the month for their outstanding professional skill in flying 18 sorties in support of Exercise Rapid Road while successfully coping with five major in-flight emergencies.

Other members of the crew are 1st Lt. Robert K. Dickey, co-pilot; 1st Lt. Richard W. Wright, navigator; TSgt. Vernie Berry, flight engineer, and A1C Doral D. Kinman, assistant flight engineer.

PERSONALS

Mrs. W. M. Elliott had as visitors her sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Rieland Fagan of Haskell.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Miller returned from Greenville November 25 where they had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Howard, Larry and Suzanne spent the Thanksgiving holidays with his mother, Mr. and Mrs. Ingram near Hugo, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Clack visited her sisters during the Thanksgiving holidays at Durant and McAlester, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Patterson Jr. and sons Jerry and Tommy and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wallace and son Mike all of Arlington visited their parents Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Patterson over the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Patterson and sons also visited Mrs. Patterson's parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Poane of Marryne.

Mrs. Joe Lassiter's mother, Mrs. E. T. Ellwood of San Antonio, spent the week end with her daughter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bright from Lubbock visited with her mother, Mrs. Wilburn Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris had as their guests for Thanksgiving Mr. and Mrs. Hermon Harris

and family from Grand Prairie and Mrs. Ruby Harris of Quinlan and the Don Riney family and Robert Leo Harris.

H. E. Farmer and daughter, Patricia, of Dallas are visiting with his brothers Ira and Adrian Farmer and other relatives.

Mrs. Dave Johnson and boys, Bruce, Wayne and Ray of Waco, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller.

Mrs. W. C. Holder's son, Dennis W. Holder, is leaving for Los Angeles, Calif., for seventeen weeks and is then to go to Okinawa.

Glenn Clark of El Paso was home during Thanksgiving visiting relatives and friends in Merkel and Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Oda Clark had Thanksgiving dinner at home with Burton McNeel and children and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fikes of Merkel.

BRENDA JO DOAN ENGAGEMENT TOLD

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Doan are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Brenda Jo, to Jimmy Dale Hair of Merkel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hair of Levelland.

The couple will be married at 4:30 p.m. December 16 in First Methodist Church.

Miss Doan is a sophomore at Merkel High School. Hair, a graduate of Merkel High School, is employed by Cooper Drilling Co., Abilene.

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HOME DEMONSTRATION NOTES

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent

The home demonstration agents of District 7 are in Abilene this week for a two-day meeting on "Cleaning Equipment."

The meeting will be conducted by Miss Charlotte Tompkins, specialist in house-hold furnishings, and Mrs. Elsie Short, specialist in home management, both from

Texas Agricultural Extension, with headquarters at College Station.

The anti-fat, anti-cholesterol fad is not just foolish and futile — it also carries some risk, says the American Medical Assn.

This statement is one of the latest in the tide of words

about cholesterol, a fatty substance that gets into arteries. Officials of the AMA report that it isn't definitely known whether cholesterol levels can be changed significantly by dietary means.

"Scientific reports linking cholesterol and heart attacks have touched off a new food fad among do-it-yourself Americans," the AMA said. It suggested that:

Dieters shouldn't try to reduce their blood cholesterol without medical supervision.

Willy-nilly substitutions of a few food items without overall control of the diet accomplishes little, if anything, in reducing cholesterol, AMA pointed out. Elimination of certain foods of proven nutritional value could be detrimental to health, the AMA said.

With Thanksgiving holidays past, we will be thinking of getting things prepared for Christmas. Christmas and fruit cakes just go together and it is time to be making the fruit cakes if you have not already. I thought you might like to make a frozen fruit cake.

Well-wrapped fruit cakes can be kept in the freezer for one year. When ready to use, remove cake from the freezer and thaw. Do not unwrap while thawing.

FROZEN FRUIT CAKE

2 cups milk
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 cup flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 cups crumbled macaroons or cookie crumbs
1/2 cup chopped candied cherries
2 eggs, well beaten
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup white raisins
1 cup chopped nuts
1 cup cream, whipped

Scald the milk; mix flour, sugar and salt and add to the milk. Stir until smooth. Cook over low heat for 10 minutes. Add small amount of mixture to the beaten eggs. Add egg mixture to remaining milk mixture. Continue cooking over low heat until thickened, stirring constantly. Add the vanilla, raisins, nuts, crumbs and cherries. Fold in the whipped cream. Pour into a well-oiled 9-inch-square pan. Cover with aluminum foil. Place in food freezer or freezing compartment of refrigerator until solidly frozen. Slice or cut into squares. Garnish with whipped cream and candied cherries.

Star Nursing Home News

By MARY OUTLAW

Sorry we have had no news but due to illness and deaths we were unable to write any news.

We were sorry to lose Mr. William S Bryant by death. He had been a patient in the nursing home for almost four years. We miss him very much as he was loved by all.

We had a real nice Thanksgiving. Turkey and all the trimmings was served. Several patients got to eat dinner with their home folks. We want to thank the ones who came and made their Thanksgiving a happy one.

We want to thank the WMU of Trent for the nice pumpkin pies, cookies and cakes and candy they brought the home for Thanksgiving.

Thank you good people of Noodle Church for the nice juice shower they brought the home Thanksgiving, also the nice white rags. It was greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Lutie Steen who has been in it is reported getting along nicely. We want to thank Mrs. Phillips brother Mr. Winters from Abilene, for the nice divan they brought the home.

Mrs. Gilbert visited her granddaughter Mrs. Perdue of Trent this week.

Mrs. Lola Candle visited her son in Abilene this week.

Mrs. Annie Hughes has been in the Sadler Clinic for the past two weeks with a fractured leg. She is improving and will soon be back at the nursing home.

We wish to express our thanks to the WMU of the Ty Baptist Church for the nice towel shower they brought the home.

We express our sympathy to Mrs. Nan Canons family of the death of Mrs. Sam Mashburn. We miss her smiling face and her kind words. She was one of the nicest people to ever visit our nursing home. Their loss is an avens gain. Aunt Nan is our patient and Mrs. Mashburn's mother. She is a very nice and lovable person.

We have had lots of visitors lately but space will not permit mentioning each person but you are always welcome anytime.

We are still having singing each Sunday morning led by Mr. White and the piano played by Mrs. Ray Miller.

We are very sad over the death of Mr. J. A. Lollar. He was a nice patient and loved by all. To his daughters we express our sympathy.

Little Toby Shillern is in the Veterans Hospital at Big Spring. We hope he will soon be back here with us. Everyone misses him.

Thank you Mrs. Whitaker of Cisco and Mrs. J. A. Berry of Abilene for the nice flowers you brought to the nursing home.

Mrs. Groene has had lot of company lately. She would like to express her thanks to you all who are so nice to her.

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The WMU of Trent Baptist Church came last week and brought a program which the patients enjoyed very much. You are always welcome.

The Rev. Randolph of the Live Oak Baptist Church filed his appointment here Sunday.

We had a Stanley party in the home last week. The patients enjoyed it very much.

Thank you Shirley Champman for coming into the home and giving your time for shaving the patients. It is greatly appreciated.

Thank you Mr. Bennett for coming into the home and giving your time for the patients. Mr. Bennett is a barber and he comes to the home and cuts all the men's hair every three weeks. Words cannot express our appreciation. It helps a lot because

there is always so much that can be done for the old folks.

Thank you Warren and Hettie Price of Rowden for the nice turnip greens, mustard greens and peppers, you gave the home.

Thank you good people who have written me thanking me for writing the nursing home news. I appreciate it but thanks goes to the Merkel Mail for letting me correspond for the nursing home.

We want to thank Mr. J. A. Lollars family for the clothing they gave the home.

27 Accidents For October

Sgt. C. A. Cockrell Jr. of the Abilene Highway Patrol sub-district has released the Taylor County rural traffic accident summary for October, 1962.

Sgt. Cockrell reported that 27 rural traffic accidents occurred last month in which no persons were killed, 13 injured, with property damage amounting to \$18,195. During the same month last year there were 17 accidents, with none killed and 10 injured, and property damage amounting to \$28,280.

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Most homeowners are not likely to forget big casualty losses, such as damage from fire, hurricane or floods, when figuring their taxes. But there are smaller losses which may be overlooked, according to the Kiplinger magazine.

An article in the current issue of the magazine notes that "generally, to be deductible, a casualty must be sudden, unexpected or unusual. You can deduct the loss to the extent it's not covered by insurance." The magazine advises homeowners not to overlook such small items as:

A hot-water boiler that bursts.

Water pipes that freeze and crack.

Nearby blasting or sonic boom that shatters windows.

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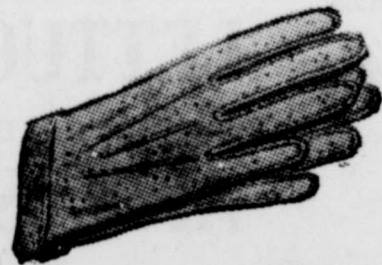


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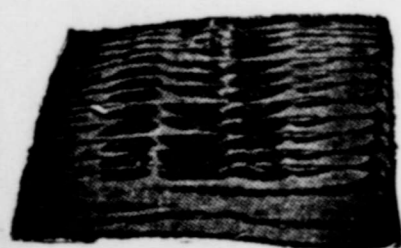
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