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## The Little Mail

By E. S. CHASTAIN

It didn't take long to find out that a lot of people knew the first letters of the names on the north side streets spelled Merkel when the question was posed in this column last week.

Almost 100 answered the question by calling, writing, or by personal conversation, and I was further enlightened by these same persons that the streets in the south side consisting of Trudy, Ash, Yucca, Locust, Oak, Rose, Cherry and Orange first letters spell Taylor Co. My thanks to all for the information.

Since we know that this was a planned project for the city, I'm wondering if we can find out who was Merkel's first Mayor and what year was the city incorporated. I have asked several but none seem to know for sure. One lady phoned and said the first mayor's name was Wheeler. If several names and dates are submitted, I'll take time and dig back through the records and find out for sure. Who knows?

RIGHT NOW there is a controversy as to which song shall be adopted as the state song. Seems that it has boiled down to two: "The Eyes of Texas Are Upon You" and "Texas, Our Texas." For my part I would rather see "Texas, My Texas" adopted because sure as shoe-in if the other one is, some joker will hang a parody on it and say "The Lies of Texas Are Upon You." And who would want that?

I should like to devote part of this column to a short personality sketch about a dear old lady living in Merkel who has endeared herself in the hearts of many in the community, Mrs. Charley West.

Born Ida May McDaniel, Jan. 25, 1876, in Stringtown, Indian Territory, now Oklahoma, she married Charley West at Rayan, Oklahoma, on December 12, 1898.

Having spent her youth in the Territory, two years after her marriage the young couple moved to Merkel in 1900 to make their home. Mrs. West has been a constant subscriber to the Merkel Mail for the past 62 years and is now ready for the 63rd. Shortly after arriving at Merkel, Mr. West went into partnership with Mr. Lee Prebble in the barber business and continued in this business until his death in 1941. He served as general superintendent of the First Baptist Church and also as secretary. Mrs. West was Adult Superintendent of the Church from 1921 to 1948.

At the time she was born, it was a custom of the Indians in the Choctaw Nation to pierce the ear lobes of their young at birth claiming it would improve the child's eyesight. Mrs. West's mother gave consent for neighboring Indian lady to pierce the ears of her daughter.

Whether this custom improved Mrs. West's eyesight is debatable, but she does have the tiny holes in her ears that she uses occasionally to wear some pretty earrings.

Never losing the thought of the 'young in heart,' Mrs. West, now in her golden year often revert back and take part in the pleasure of younger people. Presently she is preparing a stork shewer for a young friend and delights in passing on to younger folks the knowledge of her experiences and religious teachings.

With the thought of this elderly lady passing on to younger generations a lifetime of unselfish efforts, I am prompted to include a few lines of extemporaneous prose that I think could very easily be called Heritage.

This is my world,  
God gave me this land  
Of things material,  
And the infinite too.  
With life unfurled  
I give you my hand  
The 'trembling but true  
This world,  
God gave you this land.

E.S.C.

## Announcements

Cub Scout Pack 20 will hold their Blue and Gold Banquet in the High School Cafeteria Monday, Feb. 25, at 7:15 p.m. All Scouts and their parents are urged to attend.

The Trent Garden Club will hold a bake sale in the City Hall at Trent on Saturday, Feb. 23, starting at 9:00 a.m. All home made cakes and pies will be offered for sale.

## ELECTION SLATED FOR TWO BOARD MEMBERS

At a meeting of the Merkel School Board held February 16, the Trustees of the board ordered an election to be held on Saturday, April 6, to elect two members to the board.

The two officers whose terms

## HOSPITAL NEWS

Admissions to the hospital for Sunday, Feb. 10 through Saturday, Feb. 16 included:

J. A. Cook  
Mrs. G. R. Touchstone  
H. P. Washburn  
Mrs. Lorinda Campbell  
Carl Jackson  
C. Lamkin, Blackwell  
Dismissed during the same period were:  
Gerald Derrick  
Kleas Farnely, Trent  
W. O. Winter, Trent  
Bobby Campbell, Abilene  
Mrs. B. L. Moody, Nolan  
Mrs. C. Crocker, Trent  
A. W. Cook  
Mrs. H. G. Williams  
Terry Bentley, Abilene  
Mrs. J. V. Hester  
Mrs. Don Hodgins  
T. D. Scott, Trent  
Mrs. Dee Teaff  
Mrs. Louella Campbell  
Mrs. Bob Fincher  
Mrs. Arnold Seydler, Abilene  
Mrs. Ludie Keith, Abilene  
Willie Daugherty, Abilene  
Mrs. Bobby Davidson and baby, Abilene  
Mrs. Chester McAlpin and baby, Abilene  
Mrs. J. R. Alexander and baby.

## Gardeners Treat Starr Patients

The Merkel Gay Gardeners met Feb. 14 in the Merkel Library, with Marylee Noster presiding.

Miss Christine Collins read three poems on Valentine's Day. Each Junior Gardener decorated a box and filled it with candy hearts. The boxes were being taken to the Starr Rest Home for the patients treat at supper.

Cathy Beard was the winner with the best box. Sharon Doan won the door prize which was a heart shaped bottle of perfume. Mmes Earnest Teaff, Joe Hartley and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson were hostesses, with a table decoration of Valentine's Day.

## Abilene Man's Poem Published

Earl Peterson of 1958 Vine, a resident of Abilene for several years, has written a poem, "The Master's Masterpiece," which will be published and circulated on a nationwide basis. The poem will be printed in "Treasurers of Parnassus," the best poems of 1962, Vol. 2, which will be circulated nationally to public schools and public libraries.

Peterson is the son of Mrs. C. R. Peterson, a former resident of Merkel.



Mr. and Mrs. Chester McAlpin of 1018 S. Bowie, Abilene, announce the birth of a daughter, Angelyn, weighing 8 pounds, 7 ounces at 2 p.m. Feb. 9 in the Sadler Clinic Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Alexander Jr., of Rt. 1, Merkel, are the parents of a son, Roger Lee, born in Sadler Clinic Hospital at 1:25 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11. The lad weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces.

A son, Gregory Wayne, weighing 9 pounds, 1 ounce, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Davidson of 2834 S. 22nd St., Abilene, at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9 in the Sadler Clinic Hospital.

expire this year are Ray Wilson, president, and Waymon Adcock, vice president.

The election will be held in the high school gymnasium. Names of candidates for trustee must be filed in the office of the school superintendent on or before March 6, not later than 3:30 p.m.

Other members of the board are W. R. Cyfert, secretary, Joe Lassiter, Lynn Knight, Ford Smith Jr., and De Lavern Moore. During the meeting the board granted new three year contracts to Mack Fisher, school superintendent, and Chester Collingsworth, vocational agriculture teacher.

The board also interviewed the applications of two prospective head coaches but no definite action was taken on the selection of a coach.

## Ford Dealers On Guaymas Trip

GUAYMAS, Sonora, Mexico (Special to Merkel Mail) — Feb. 13 — Eleven West Texas and New Mexico Ford, Mercury and Lincoln dealers arrived here yesterday for a year-end bonus big game fishing trip. They are Robert Curtis, 1412 Sunset, Merkel; Joe B. White, Odessa; H. E. Beatty, James McKinzie, Midland; Douglas Mead, Lovington; P. B. Middlebrook, Anson; O. A. Williams, Arstesia; Gene Westmorland, Stanley Carmichael, Art Carmichael, Jim H. King, Abilene.

They returned from their first day out with 41 yellowtail and 160 red snapper while fishing at San Pedro Island off the coast of Guaymas in Bacoichampo Bay in the Gulf of California. The party expected to remain in Guaymas until the 16th.

## Fortnighters See Film On Peru

On Tuesday, Feb. 12, the Fortnightly Study Club met in the home of Mrs. Ray Wilson for a program on Peru.

The president, Mrs. Don Dudley, presided over the business session in which plans were made to honor the husbands with a Mexican Supper on Feb. 26.

Miss Christine Collins read a letter from the Hospital in Wichita Falls expressing appreciation for the gifts sent by the Fortnightly Study Club to the patients in the hospital at Christmas.

Mrs. Ray Wilson, program chairman, presented Mrs. Cox who showed two filmstrips of Peru. Special attention was given to the topography of the land, cities, architecture, statues, cathedrals, products of the land and forests, and sports. Mrs. Cox showed woodwork, hand-made scarves and caps which came from Peru, and brochures and pamphlets on important cities and industries of the country.

Refreshments were served to Miss Christine Collins, Mmes. Robert Curtis, Johnny Cox, Don Dudley, Wrenn Durham, Mack Fisher, David Gamble, Bob Goodwin, Comer Haynes, Ben R. Hicks, Howard Marcom, Andy Shouse and Mrs. Ray Wilson.

## Mrs. Walton Host To HD Club

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club met Feb. 15 in the home of Mrs. J. C. Walton.

Mrs. Denzel Cox, president, presided at the business session and also read one of Sam Rayburn's favorite stories.

The program for the afternoon was "Learning to Knit" and was taught by Mmes. Craig, Sallie Hays and Ada Demere.

Visitors were Mmes. Charlie Russell, Ada Johnson, Wilbur Thomas and Miss Della Kuykendall.

Members present were Mmes. Cox, O. E. Harwell, J. H. Clark, M. L. Douglas, the hostess, and Mabel McRee.

The meeting was closed after a refreshment plate carrying out a Valentine theme was served. The next meeting will be with Mabel McRee March 1.



MISS SALLIE CARTER  
...Trent High Homemaker

## Homemaker Wins H of T Title

Miss Sallie Carter is Homemaker of Tomorrow for Trent High School in the 1963 Betty Crocker Search for the American Homemaker of Tomorrow. Having achieved the highest score in a knowledge and attitude test given senior girls Dec. 4, she now is eligible, along with winners in other state high schools, for the title of state Homemaker of Tomorrow.

The state Homemaker of Tomorrow is awarded a \$1,500 scholarship by General Mills, sponsor of the program. The runner-up receives a \$500 scholarship. The school of each state Homemaker of Tomorrow is awarded a complete set of Encyclopaedia Britannica.

The state Homemaker of Tomorrow, accompanied by her school advisor, also will join with other state winners in an expensive - paid educational tour of New York City, Washington, D.C., and Colonial Williamsburg, Va., next spring. During the tour the 1963 All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow and national runners-up will be named.

The Betty Crocker All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow will have her scholarship raised to \$5,000, with second, third and fourth place winners being awarded scholarships of \$4,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000, respectively.

Basis for selection of local and state winners is a test prepared and scored by Science Research Associates, Chicago. Personal observation and interviews are added factors in determining national winners.

The 1963 Betty Crocker Search reached another all-time high in enrollment, with 410,966 girls in 12,354 schools participating. In the program's nine years, nearly three million girls have been enrolled.

## WW I Veterans Install Officers

World War I Veterans Barracks No. 2248 of Merkel held their regular monthly meeting Feb. 14 at the Community Center.

New officers for 1963 were installed by Mr. Claude Tee of the Sweetwater Barracks. There was a good attendance with several visitors from Abilene and Sweetwater.

The Barracks meets the second Thursday night of each month at the Community Center.

Officers installed were John C. Crain, commander; M. L. Rutledge, vice commander; Raymond Ferguson, quartermaster; Karl Bonneau, captain; Homer Finch, adjutant general; Jim McAninch, Bill Cox and G. N. Reynolds were installed as Trustees.

## FFA Chapter Here to Join In The Celebration of National FFA Week

Vocational agriculture students in Merkel High School will join Future Farmers of America members throughout the nation in activities to focus on the importance of agriculture during National FFA Week, February 15-23.

"Agriculture — Vital to America" is this year's FFA Week theme.

"We have such an abundance of food in America that people are taking farmers for granted," said Chester Collingsworth, vocational agriculture teacher and FFA advisor. "Actually, farming is our largest and most vital industry, and it is becoming increasingly important with our expanding population. In our area, particularly, most of the businesses, and most of the jobs,

## Jim Ned,-Merkel Tie In Dist. 6 A Series

### Re-Use of Water Important Factor

According to a research conducted by Mrs. Eunice Massey, Merkel Garden Club member, on the importance of water conservation and re-use, it is predicted that industrial re-use of water is likely to be the most important technological development in the water resources field over the next 10 to 25 years.

The present re-use, which approaches 100 per cent may be expected to rise to 400 per cent. On this basis one gallon of intake water will be used five times. This would result in twice the present production of goods without a significant increase in industrial demand for fresh water.

The ever changing home life, the steady rise of living standards, the spread of the city to suburbs, are also factors in sharply climbing demands for more water.

Before the days of home plumbing, shower baths, heating systems, airconditioning and washing machines, the average family used about 8 gallons of water per person each day. In 1955 it soared to 155 gallons per day per person. However, home consumption of water used for drinking purposes and for preparing of foods remain about the same.

Our expanding population calls for a continued need to provide for greatly increased needs for the future.

Water conservation for future use can be greatly enhanced by forming water shed associations, tree farming practices and more efficient uses of available water at the present stage.

## Ira Cross Rites Conducted Here

Funeral for Ira D. Cross, 71, of Merkel, who died Saturday at 11:45 a.m. at his residence following an illness of 20 months, was held Monday at 10 a.m. in the Starbuck Chapel.

The Rev. Howard Marcom, pastor of Merkel Methodist Church, and the Rev. John Curtis, pastor of Merkel Assembly of God, officiated, with burial in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born July 29, 1891, in Coryell County, he moved to south Jones County in 1926 and to Merkel in 1947, where he operated a furniture repair and upholstery store until retirement.

He married Nellie Smith Aug. 14, 1914, in Austin.

Mr. Cross was a member of the Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife; three sons, Earl of 1441 S. 19th, Abilene, Melton of Wichita Falls and Melvin of Austin; two daughters, Mrs. Sidney Pratt, of Detroit, Tex., and Irene Cross of Merkel; one brother, R. W. of Dallas; one sister, Mrs. H. C. Chaney of Merkel, and five grandchildren.

Palbearers were Ray Wilson, Lloyd Robinson, Stacy Bird, L. D. Bishop, William R. Cyfert and A. L. Chaney.

## Play-Off Game Set In Abilene Thursday Night At Cooper Gym

Jim Ned came back in the second of a three - game series to beat Merkel Tuesday night by the score of 50 - 47 in the District 6-A playoff.

The game was spectacular from start to finish. A crowd estimated at 1,000, and said by school officials to be the largest ever to assemble in the gym was held in tense anticipation throughout the see-saw game.

Merkel gained a 7 point lead in the first quarter and held the lead to a 13-15 score during the first period. The end of the second quarter saw Jim Ned lead by 27-24 who still led in the 3rd by 39-35.

At one time in the fourth quarter, Merkel had a brief 1 point lead but was overcome by the Indians in the last final minutes to end the game with 50-47.

Jim Ned's high point man, Ronald McMillon was high point man in the game with a total of 27 points. Merkel's high pointer was Roger Moore with 12.

The third and final game of the series will be played Thursday night in Abilene at the Cooper High Gym. With both teams even in the series the third game promises to be the classic of the season. A huge crowd is expected to watch the deciding game.

School officials and the athletic department of the school are thankful to the fans who helped in the pre-game sale of tickets.

## Lions Club Hears Judge Roy Skaggs

Taylor County Judge Roy Skaggs addressed members totaling possibly twenty-five at the regular noon-day luncheon meet of the Merkel Lions Club here Tuesday.

In a short talk Judge Skaggs cited the benefit that can be derived from approximate communities and cities by remaining on a close relationship through friendliness. The judge also touched briefly on the responsibility of office holders to their constituents.

## Troop 18 Scouts Hold Honor Court

Boy Scouts of Troop 18 climaxed the celebration of National Boy Scout Week with a pot luck supper and a court of honor Tuesday, Feb. 12.

Scouts advancing in rank were Dee Warren, second class; Rusty Steek, first class; Pat Warren, star; Walter Tomlinson, star; and Joe Dixon, star.

Receiving Merit Badges were Russel Steek, swimming; Wally Knight, life saving; Joe Dixon, bugling, citizenship in the home, and cooking; Alan Reed, art, life saving and scholarship; Pat Warren, aviation, citizenship in the home, home repair and motor boating; Walter Tomlinson, art, citizenship in the home, cooking and swimming; Tom McMahon, swimming; Richard Walker, basketry and life saving; Paul Carson, art and basketry.

At the close of its first chartered year Troop 18 has 30 active scouts and three adult leaders. Their meeting night is Monday at 7 p.m. in the First Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. New members are welcome.

## Mrs. Palmer Host To Noodle HD Club

The Noodle Home Demonstration Club met Feb. 12 in the home of Mrs. Earl Palmer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Roll call was answered with "Why I Belong to a Club." Mrs. Boyce Vancil led the opening prayer with Mrs. Vessie Justice, president, presiding over the meeting.

Mrs. Palmer brought a very interesting program on drip-drip materials. She showed spring samples from McVinger's, Briggs and Minters. The group also looked at a new spring pattern book.

The next program will be in the home of Mrs. Boyce Vancil on "Helping with the Sick."

Mrs. Louise Parham was the lucky lady and received the hostess gift. Refreshments were served to the following: Mmes. Anderson, Justice, Vancil, Parham, Euckert, Dillard, Spargin and Palmer.

## CEMETERY FUND

Donations to the Merkel Cemetery Fund:

Mrs. J. A. Horton  
Bess C. Smith, Knox City, for Jenie Kenny Lot.

Wm. R. Cyfert in memory of Bud Toombs

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Mrs. Della Campbell, Texarkana.

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The Merkel Lions will host officers and members of Region II, Zone III, in a workshop meeting to be held in Merkel on March 19. Deputy District Governor, L. H. McBride, Hamlin, will be in attendance as will C. A. Fomby, Ovalo, who will assist in the business meeting and workshop.

Zone III is comprised of clubs including Clyde, South Taylor, Merkel, Tye, and four clubs from Abilene.

Ladies of the Eastern Star served the luncheon and will also serve the March 19 dinner for the Zone III meeting.

## O.E.S. Organizes New Club Here

There was a meeting Monday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Seago for the purpose of organizing a Past-Matron and Past Patrons Club for the Merkel Chapter No. 212 Order of the Eastern Star.

Mr. Bob Patterson acted as the presiding officer. Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Smith of Abilene were present to give pointers on procedures.

Mrs. C. W. Seago was elected president, Mrs. H. H. Windham, secretary - treasurer, Mrs. Dan Eutler, chaplain and Mrs. Bill Hays, reporter.

Mrs. Robertson appointed Mrs. Inez Pratt, Mrs. J. W. Hammond and Mrs. Jeff Chancey to draw up the by-laws.

The next meeting will be March 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. J. W. Hammond.

Mrs. Seago served coffee, punch, sandwiches, cookies and olives to Mrs. R. J. Miller, Mrs. Vancil led the opening prayer with Mrs. Vessie Justice, president, presiding over the meeting.

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## Goodman Home Damaged by Fire

A fire of major importance, said to have been caused by a faulty connection in a gas line destroyed and damaged most of the contents of two rooms in the home of Ernest Goodman Tuesday.

Estimated damage by the fire was set at a figure ranging from \$1,500 to \$2,000 by fire department officials.

The Goodman residence, located at 702 Haynes Street received considerable damage in the kitchen and living rooms. Most of the furnishings were destroyed. A group of high school boys from the athletic field had the blaze fairly well under control when firemen arrived.

Mr. Goodman is an employe of the city. There was no one at home at the time of the fire. No one was injured.

EDITORIAL

**Spotlight On Currency Act**

"A Century of Commercial Banking — Progress through Service."

Keyed to this theme, our local commercial banks are joining this month with more than 13,000 others throughout the nation in celebrating the centennial of a highly important piece of legislation.

Signed into law by Abraham Lincoln on February 25th, 1863, this legislation is known as the National Currency Act. And its importance stems from the fact that it gave us our first sound and uniform currency, and also laid the foundation for our unique commercial banking system.

Before the Currency Act, some 10,000 varieties of paper money were in circulation in this country. And much of this money — for one reason or another — was either worthless or worth a good deal less than its face value.

So the job done by this and subsequent legislation, in clearing up this chaotic currency situation, is in itself enough to merit a celebration.

Equally significant however was the Act's creation of a whole new network of national banks to operate side by side with the state-chartered institutions. For this so-called dual banking system — brought into being by the Currency Act — has contributed in no small measure to the spectacular growth of our American free-enterprise economy over the past 100 years.

Our banking system, to be sure, has undergone a number of changes since 1863 to meet the changing needs of a dynamic economy. The Federal Reserve Act of 1913, for example, established a central organization to regulate the overall supply of money and credit. And modern banking concepts and practices enable today's "supermarkets of finance" to offer services undreamed of a century ago — so that they now offer more services more conveniently for more people than any other banking institutions in the world.

Mr. Lincoln's Currency Act, in a word, has stood the test of time. And since this happens to be one of those milestones in American history most people know little or nothing about, we're glad to see it get the spotlight in the 1963 Banking Centennial celebration.

EDITORIAL

**Your Weekly Newspaper**

The American weekly newspaper is an institution which is as old as the nation. And it has shown the toughest kind of staying power.

For instance, a recent census made by the Ohio News Bureau shows that the state's weeklies exceed the dailies in circulation by a margin of 2,158,237 to 2,102,204. And weeklies, it also found, are read in the majority of Ohio homes.

The weekly — in an era in which all the media are competing almost desperately for circulation and advertising — has proven its durability beyond any question.

There's a very good reason why this should be the case. The weekly paper, is the community historian — an immortal record of births and deaths, marriages and divorces, business successes and failures, the growth and progress of the town and county, the changing attitudes of mind that come with passing generations.

Beyond that, the good weekly is a molder of opinion. Through its editorial columns it provides not only facts but controversial opinion. It stirs debate and curiosity. In a phrase, it makes people think. And this, perhaps, is its greatest contribution to the nation it has served so well, long and faithfully.

EDITORIAL

**The Spirit of Lincoln: Our Gift to the World**

THEY HAVE examined him, acclaimed him, explored the deepest recesses of his personality — generations of historians, biographers, playwrights, novelists and poets. Their books about him would fill a library. And yet he remains essentially a puzzling figure. Abe Lincoln — America's gift to the world.

Few men stand taller than Lincoln on the stage of history; yet it's impossible to imagine him — gangling, stopped, with frock coat and stovepipe hat — in the togaed and crowned company of the great. The very notion would have made him grin.

But in simple grandeur he looms second to none — it is the grandeur captured by Daniel Chester French in his massive statue of Lincoln's brooding, seated figure. It is the compassion for all humanity that glowed in the Emancipation Proclamation just 10 years ago and in the deathless words of the Gettysburg Address.

As we mark the 154th anniversary of Lincoln's birth it has never been clearer, in a world torn by hates and tyrannies, that his spirit represents the best hopes and aspirations of men of good will everywhere. It lights their path today as they work for peace, mutual understanding and an end to want.

This is the Lincoln of heroic stature. But there is another — the homely rustic, plain of speech, ruminant, almost indolent by nature; the man who at 22 could describe himself as "a piece of floating driftwood." Throughout his entire life, in fact, he disparaged his own abilities with that rueful humor so intrinsic to him. But Lincoln was one of those rare Homo sapiens — a truly humble man.

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**Milestone Car Launches Henry Ford Centennial**



60-MILLION VEHICLES LATER — When Ford Motor Company produced its 60-millionth vehicle, Henry Ford II (left above) chairman of the board, and John Dykstra, company president, inspected the milestone car — a 1963 Mercury S-55. Later, Mr. Ford climbed aboard the first model made by the company, a 1903 two-cylinder Model A. Ceremonies at Dearborn, Mich., marking assembly of the 60-millionth vehicle were the first in a series of events planned during 1963 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Henry Ford, company founder.

**Public Awareness Of Military Needed**

BOSTON, Mass. (AFNS) — The present role of the military professional must be recognized by all Americans if the country is to achieve its goal in the attraction, development and retention in career status of persons needed to handle the complex tasks of today's military structure. Assistant Secretary of Defense Norman S. Paul told the Yale Club here last week.

What must be discarded are the many erroneous concepts, prominent among which are the tired stereotypes of the military man as a person of more brawn than brain; of military posts as prisons; and of all non-coms as brutal morons, he said.

Also that the armed forces are an employment facility for the misfit, the mediocre, those who can't get a livelihood elsewhere.

"All of this is both patently untrue and demonstrably unfair," he said.

"Industry and many other fields of endeavor are only too glad to turn to the military services for high quality personnel, and I have yet to hear any complaints about the abilities of those who accept such employment," Mr. Paul stated.

Actually, today's professional military man, officer and enlisted alike, is better educated, better informed and better trained than his predecessors, he said. "In a sense, his education and training

are continuous for he receives special schooling all through his military career. He needs it, for the requirements of his profession itself have grown constantly more difficult.

"He holds greater responsibility, over a wider range of duties and in more demanding assignments than ever before.

"Today's military professional is a broad and varied individual, possessing a familiarity with a greater range of occupations than at any previous time. His skills cover most of the fields of specialized civilian competence — engineering, accounting, law, management, medicine and teaching, but especially the quality of supervision — the ability to inspire and direct people.

**Armed Forces**

**Day Is May 18**

The President recently proclaimed Armed Forces Day, the one day set aside to honor members of the military service and to recognize the contributions by the services to American security, will be observed this year on May 18.

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — claimed that the day be set aside to display the might of a free nation working to maintain world peace through preparedness.

**Mr. McRae Assigned As ARC Field Director**

Mr. Malcolm L. McRae has been assigned to Dyess as the new American Red Cross field director.

He came to Dyess from the Nurnberg Military Post, Germany, where he spent 16 months as field director there.

He entered ARC work in March, 1957, as field director at Fort Chaffee, Ark. After 28 months, he went overseas for successive assignments in England, France, Turkey and Germany, and arrived back in this country last month.

Born in Quitman, Miss., Mr. McRae graduated from Sheridan (Ark.) High School in 1948, received his BS degree from Henderson State Teachers College, Arkadelphia, Ark., in 1951, and went one year to the University of Arkansas in 1957 — from which school he received his Masters degree in Education Administration.

Mr. McRae is unmarried, and will reside at 702 South Jefferson St. in Abilene. His mother will join him here during the near future.



MR. McRAE  
... New Red Cross  
Field Director

Mr. Robert Goldsmith, former ARC field director at Dyess, has been assigned as field representative for 17 counties in Illinois, with headquarters located in Springfield.

His comment upon leaving Dyess was "Everyone has been wonderfully cooperative, on base and in Abilene, and my tour here of 14 months has been the most enjoyable of my career."

crossings are increasingly alarmingly in Texas — a 53 per cent increase, in fact, over the six-year period since 1956.

Such inexcusable collisions claimed 132 lives and caused 429 injuries during this period.

State law now requires all buses operating in Texas to stop at crossings. This obviously has

been greatly responsible for the tremendous decline in bus - train collisions. Not one fatality has occurred in a bus - train crash since enactment of the law in 1947.

Similar legislation is needed to stamp out the senseless slaughter now taking place in train-truck collisions.

**100 YEARS OF PROGRESS THROUGH SERVICE**  
**A CENTURY OF COMMERCIAL BANKING**

It was in 1863 that President Lincoln signed the National Currency Act. The Act provided for the issuing of a national currency and for the establishment of a system of Federally chartered banks to take their place alongside the already established system of state-chartered banks.

It didn't make big headlines at the time; but ever since, it has had far-reaching consequences for the American economy — in other words, your pocketbook.

During the century between 1863 and 1963, this effective dual system of banking has contributed immeasurably to America's growth; and its role in the Nation's life has been constantly advancing. Our bank is proud of expanding its service to meet the growing needs of its neighbors; proud to contribute thus to progress, for America and for you; proud to share in the observance of a significant American centennial — the theme of which, appropriately, is "Progress through service."

THE OLD RELIABLE

**Farmers and Merchants National Bank**

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**Four different ways to make going more fun than getting there**

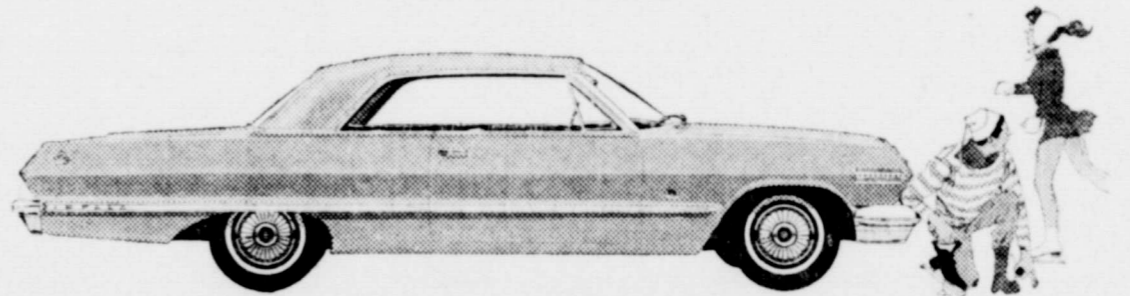
You can see why one of America's favorite outdoor sports is driving Chevrolets, with four entirely different kinds of cars to choose from. There's the Jet-smooth Chevrolet, about as luxurious as you can go without going overboard in price; the low-cost Chevy II, a good-looking car that would send any family packing; another family favorite, the sporty Corvair, whose rear-engine traction

will make you think that ice and snow are kid stuff; and for pure adventure, America's only sports car, Corvette — now in two all-new versions with looks that can stop traffic like a rush-hour blizzard. Picked your favorite already?

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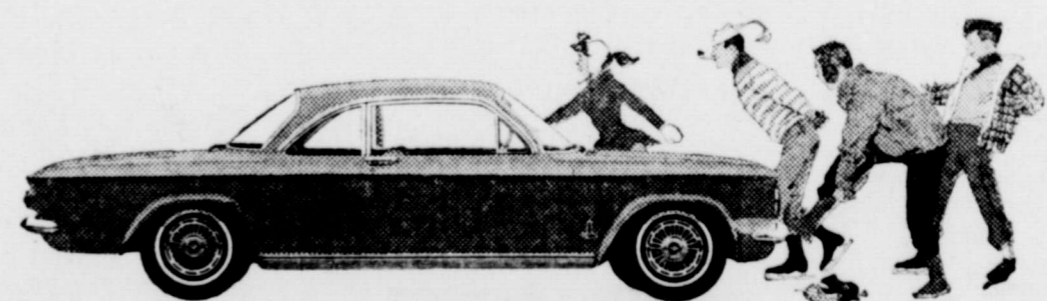
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SHORTENING

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GLADIOLA

**FLOUR** 10-Lb. Bag **79¢** 25-Lb. Bag **\$1.99**

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**CATSUP** ..... 20-Oz. Bottle **25¢**

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**PRESERVES** ..... 4-Lb. Jar **95¢**

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**MEAL** ..... 5-Lb. Bag **39¢**

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**PIE CRUST MIX** ..... 2 Pkgs. **25¢**

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**PORK & BEANS** No. 2 1/2 Can ..... 2 for **39¢**

BETTY CROCKER

**BROWNIE MIX** ..... 16-Oz. Pkg. **29¢**

MAXWELL HOUSE

**COFFEE** ..... 2-Lb. Can **\$1.15**

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**SPAGHETTI DINNER** ..... 2 for **29¢**

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Half Gallon ..... **33¢**

LIQUID

CHIFFON

Regular ..... **25¢**

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VIENNAS

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TREET

12-Oz. Can ..... **39¢**

NABISCO OREO - 1-LB.

**COOKIES** ..... Pkg. **39¢**

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**DOG FOOD** ..... 3 Cans **39¢**

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**TOWELS** ..... 2 Rolls **39¢**

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HORMEL LITTLE SIZZLER

**SAUSAGE** ..... Pkg. **39¢**

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**WIENERS** ..... Lb. **49¢**

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CHOICE STEAK

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WOMAN WHO CAN DRIVE to call regularly each month on established Studio Girl Cosmetics clients in and around Merkel, making necessary deliveries, etc. 3 or 4 hours per day. Route will pay up to \$5.00 per hour. Write STUDIO GIRL COSMETICS, Dept. 79232, Glendale, Calif.

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BATTERIES CHARGED  
29c  
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WE REPAIR and have parts for Norelco and Remington electric razors. McCue Drug, Phone 9506. 46 tfc

SEPTIC TANKS, CESS POOLS AND CELLARS pumped out. Satisfaction guaranteed. Call collect, OR 3-3081, Abilene. 39 tfc

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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.  
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COMPLETE Service on Refrigerators, washers, dryers and stoves. K. B. Cleveland, OR 2-9678. 45-8tp

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PLUMBING and repair work. Charley Massey, Phone 121-W, 211 Thornton. 47 1tp

NOTICE — The regular meeting of the Order of The Eastern Star will hold their regular meeting Tuesday, Feb. 26, at the Masonic Hall.

EASTERN STAR Salad Supper will be held at 6 p.m., Feb. 26, at 1010 Locust Street.  
Murel Thompson, W. M.  
Inez Pratt, Secretary

WANTED — Lady to do light housekeeping and baby sitting. Phone 8-5957, Merkel. 50 2tc

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**Mrs. Walker Host To TEL SS Class**

The TEL Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. Myrtle Walker with Mrs. Hob Robertson as co-hostess. The opening prayer was given by Mrs. Sam Swann.

Mrs. Ernest Teaff, a visitor, brought the devotional. Her subject was, "The Church of My Dreams." Mrs. E. R. Foster led the closing prayer.

A Valentine refreshment plate, with bottle drinks was served to Mmes. Teaff, Robertson, Massey, Swann, Ford, Fulton, King, Foster, Clack, Winter, Walker and Bird.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE UNDER EXECUTION  
NO. 9842-B  
BANK OF COMMERCE  
VS.

THOMAS A. TUCKER AND ELBERT H. BONINE  
IN THE 104TH DISTRICT COURT OF TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS  
STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF TAYLOR

WHEREAS, by virtue of an Execution issued out of the 104th District Court of Taylor County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 9th day of October, 1962, in favor of the said Bank of Commerce and against the said Thomas A. Tucker and Elbert H. Bonine, No. 9842-B on the docket of said court, I did, on the 31st day of January, 1963, at 4:00 P.M., levy upon the following described tract of land situated in the County of Taylor, State of Texas, and belonging to the said Elbert H. Bonine, to-wit:

Lot 1, Block "D," Section One, Lytle Shores Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas,

and on the 5th day of March, 1963, being the First Tuesday in said month, between the hours of ten o'clock A.M. and four o'clock P. M. on said day at the Court House of said County, I will offer for sale and sell at auction for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said Elbert H. Bonine in and to said property.

DATED at Abilene, Texas the 31st day of January, 1963.  
EUGENE WILLIAMS  
Constable, Precinct No. 1,  
Taylor County, Texas

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

FOR SALE — Large rock home with garage apartment located at 112 Oak St. Call 159 or 129. Nolan Palmer. 49 1tp

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FOR SALE — 1 John Deere 14 disc flexible one-way, 1 model Z Moline tractor and equipment. Phone J. E. Hudson, 8-6818, Rt. 2, Merkel. 50 1tp

BIG DEAL — 3 bedroom, large living room, dining area, kitchen with vent-hood, 20 ft. den, new wall to wall carpet, redecorated throughout, furnace heat, double garage, patio, gas light, fenced, good water well, 4 room nicely furnished rent house on rear of lot, stays rented all time, will sell with or without rent house. Also extra lot on the north. Will FHA. Located at 711 Locust, Merkel. Key for inspection at C of C office. Phone L. H. McAden, OR 3-4442, Abilene. 49 3tp

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Our recent sad loss leaves us with grateful hearts toward neighbors and friends. Their comforting expressions of sympathy and thoughtfulness will always be remembered.  
Rev. and Mrs. John Curtis

CARD OF THANKS  
We wish to express our deepest gratitude to friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and sympathy during the illness and loss of our beloved Bud.  
May God bless each of you.  
The Family of  
Bud Toombs

CARD OF THANKS  
May we take this method of thanking our neighbors and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy in our bereavement. Our special thanks to the doctors and nurses at the hospital for their tender care.  
The Family of  
Ira Cross

**LEGAL NOTICE**

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas —  
GREETING:

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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO: Ernest Smith, Defendant.  
Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable J. R. Black 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 first being the 25th day of March A.D. 1963, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 20th day of November A.D. 1962, in this cause, numbered 27-678-A on the docket of said court and styled Patsy W. Smith, Plaintiff, vs. Ernest Smith, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about March, 1956, and separated December, 1958, Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of harsh and cruel treatment, and asks for her community property and child custody as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court

at Abilene, Texas, this the 11th day of February A.D. 1963.  
(Seal)

Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk,  
42nd District Court  
Taylor County, Texas.  
By Janie Martin, Deputy.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO: Charles Eugene Laney, Defendant. 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 31st day of March A.D. 1963, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 15th day of January A.D. 1963, in this cause, numbered 27-838-A on the docket of said court and styled Susie Lee Laney, Plaintiff, vs. Charles Eugene Laney, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: plaintiff and defendant were married on June 14, 1951 and became permanently separated on or about July 1959. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof,

and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 14th day of February A.D. 1963.  
(Seal)

Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk,  
42nd District Court  
Taylor County, Texas  
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.  
50 4-1t

**LEGAL NOTICE**

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF TAYLOR

To Those Indebted To, or Holding Claims Against the Estate of Hugh R. Grayson, Deceased, No. 7256, In the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, Probate Matters:

The undersigned, having been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Hugh R. Grayson, deceased, late of Taylor County, Texas, by the Judge of the County Court of said County on the 18th day of December, 1962, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement and those having claims against said estate to present them to him within the time prescribed by law at his residence in Merkel, County of Taylor, State of Texas, where he receives his mail.

Witness my hand this the 6 day of February, 1963.

DONALD W. WARREN, M.D.  
Administrator of the Estate of Hugh R. Grayson, Deceased.  
50 1tc

**Mrs. Carter Hosts Goodman HD Club**

Goodman Home Demonstration Club met Feb. 15 in the Community Center with the president, Mrs. Frank Carter, presiding.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Mrs. D. L. Butler. The Match game was played for recreation, and roll call was answered with "Why I Belong to a Club." The HDA council chairman was elected.

The program, "Weight Control through Wise Eating" was given by Mrs. Frank Carter.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. C. H. Butler to Mmes. Frank Carter, Jennings Winter, H. H. Windham, Cal McAninch, Karl Bonneaux and D. L. Butler.

**Relatives Visit Mrs. Tom Coats**

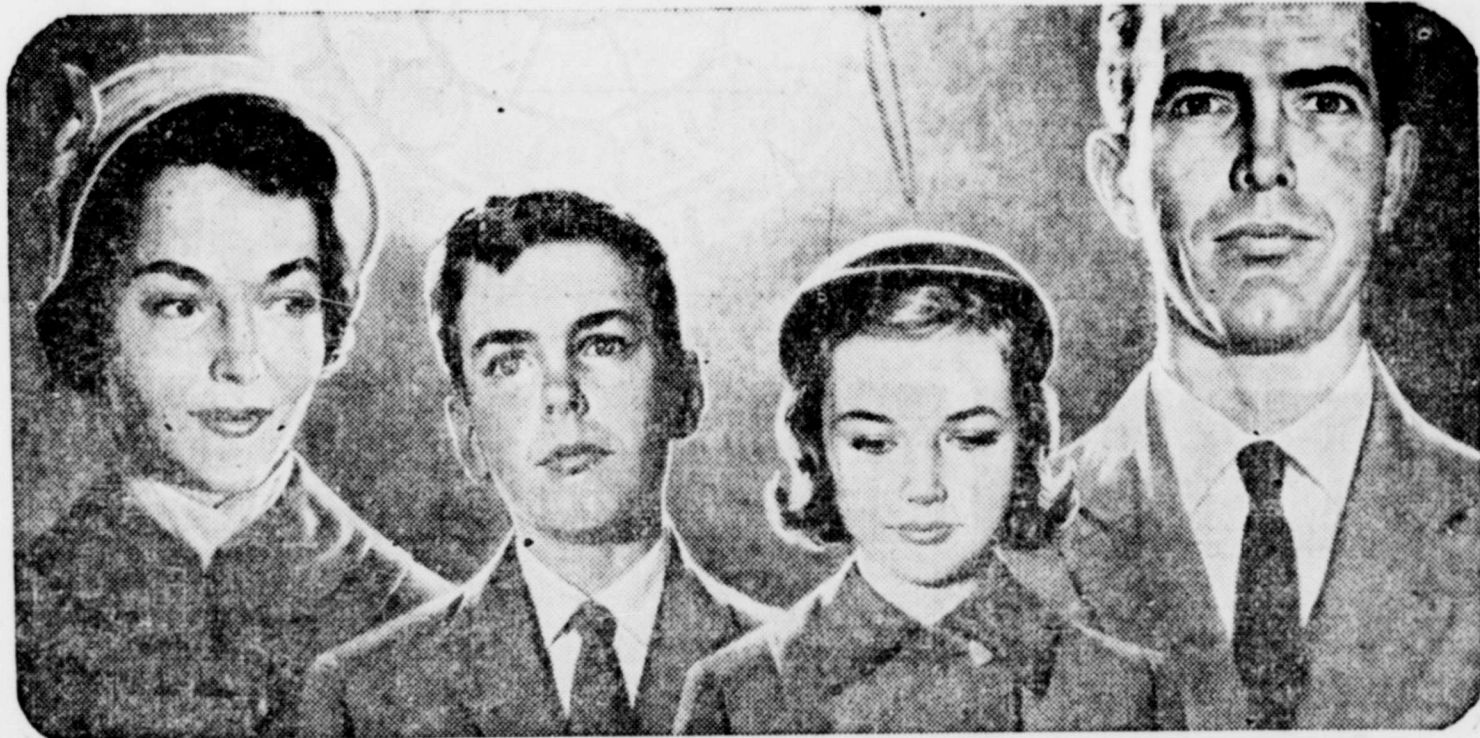
Visiting in the home of Mrs. Tom Coats last Sunday were her two sisters, one brother and other relatives.

Present at the all day visit were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Leslie and their daughter, Lois Knox and Bessie Mae Williamson of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Scott Wilson and son, Carl, Abilene; Mrs. Coats's son, Weldon and his wife, their son, Tommie and his wife and son, all of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Joe McDuff and Patricia, Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Brown, all of Merkel.

Those coming by during the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Ted Pangament, Minnie Coats and Frances Adcock of Merkel.

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But where you're concerned, he can only wait and hope you will come.

He holds something in trust for you—the powerful, crucial first introduction to Faith. And he is anxious to pass it on.

The strength and confidence of Faith can mean many things to many men... and to the families who count on them.

So together with your family start to find that Faith this week.

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ROBERT L. CURTIS ..... 8-5866  
DUANE SHUGART ..... 8-5027  
ROY H. BUCHANAN ..... 8-5114

## HOME DEMONSTRATION NOTES

By LORETA ALLEN

Would you homemakers in this area like to have a two weeks vacation time from house cleaning? At least two-thirds of the time and energy spent in house cleaning is used for jobs above the floor. Traditionally these areas have been cleaned by hand. Many homemakers have vacuum cleaners with the proper tools for this type of cleaning, but fail to make the best use of them, thus you can use them and save enough time for a two week vacation.

The Home Management Committee of Taylor County Program Building has planned a special program for all homemakers in this area March 14th.

They are calling it "House Cleaning Made Easy by Using the Right Tools." How do you think you would like to scrub

your floors with electric scrubbers? Which type of vacuum cleaner do you need? The upright the tank canister — the hand vacuum. How do you use a floor polisher. How do you remove an accumulation of wax? What kind of wax do you use? What are some points in selecting cleaning equipment? How do you care for it? These are a few of the questions that will be answered at this meeting.

Mark it on your calendar right now and plan to attend. There will be a display of different types of cleaning equipment and you will have a chance to hear experts tell how to operate and care for the equipment as well as to how it operates. I hope to see you March 14th at 1:30 p.m. at the Coca-Cola Auditorium at 2074 North First Street, Abilene.

### FAMILY BUSINESS CENTERS

Your family must conduct a great amount of business to maintain itself.

Now is a good time to take stock of financial affairs. "You may decide to join the minority group which puts much thought into handling your money once you have earned it."

How one approaches better management practices depends upon what has been done up to the present. One approach is to get together all valuable papers — insurance policies, retirement program, status of your will, condition of your estate, property records, contracts, important receipts and bills of sales, titles, birth certificates, marriage record, military service record and others.

All responsible family members should know about these papers — where they are kept and how to get them if needed, the specialists stress.

Some of the records will need to be revised if family changes have been made. Beneficiaries may need to be changed if dependency status has changed. Insurance protection may need to be increased or provisions altered if improvements have been made.

And what about your bank business? Would a joint or multiple bank account simplify or complicate your banking? It might prove a real convenience in case of an emergency.

If you have (1) a comfortable place to write, (2) a place to keep current records and small supplies and (3) a place for important papers, regular business operations will be easier and can be more systematic.

If you do not have a business center or wish to improve the one you have, Extension Service Bulletin MP-145, "Family Business Centers," may have some helpful suggestions. It's available at my office at 317 Pecan Street in Abilene.



**A REAL GASSER**—Miss Sharon Watkins, Abilene High School sophomore and a member of the school's Pre-Med Club, gets a free sample of oxygen from SSgt. Harvey Fuller during the club's recent tour of the base hospital. The group was addressed by Lt. Col. Auben W. Brunnenman, hospital executive officer, prior to its tour, which was conducted by Sergeant Fuller, hospital training NCO. (AIR FORCE PHOTO)

## Civilian Spaces in AF Are Being Cut in '63

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — The Air Force announced this week that it is planning to decrease the number of direct hire civilians on its payroll to coincide with the Department of Defense directive that civilian spaces throughout the Air Force be cut by about two per cent.

At the beginning of 1963, the Air Force had a total of 306,877 civilian workers on its rolls in the direct hire cate-

gory and another 41,611 throughout the world on indirect hire status. The latter are persons hired to fill various requirements that cannot be planned for on a long-range basis.

In the review of the fiscal year 1964 budget estimate the Department of Defense reduced the Air Force direct hire civilian employment objective from 311,162 to 299,845.

To meet the requirements set up by the Department of Defense, the Air Force is allocating civilian work force ceilings to the major commands. It is hoped that these ceilings can be reached by June 30.

These ceilings will be reached by not filling vacancies as they occur. RIF (reduction in force) procedures would be used only as a last resort, the Air Force said.



**GOING HOME** — SSgt. Pete J. Leon Guerrero, personal affairs counselor at Dyess for the past five years, completed his last day of duty this week prior to leaving PCS for Guam, his birthplace. Before coming to Dyess in 1957, he was a personnel technician at Eielson AFB, Alaska. (Air Force Photo)

### PERSONALS

Mrs. George McConnell, Merkel, will go to Haskell on Tuesday morning to teach the Mission Study in the First Baptist Church. Her subject "The Chains Are Strong," is taken from the book by W. C. Fields.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Robertson visited in Plainview during the past week end with Mrs. Robertson's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hartley.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stockbridge spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Nannie Glenn and with her sister, Mrs. B. T. Collins in Breckenridge.

### STITH NEWS

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Browning of Lefors, Mrs. Florence Porter, Wellington, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Browning and children of Tuscola, visited Mr. and Mrs. John Browning the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cleary, of San Antonio, Lt. Col. Mack Magarity from Peru, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Haley, Grant City, Mo., visited Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Mundy of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mundy of Fort Worth, and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Hudson, Levelland, visited Louise, Bob and Hillis Hudson during the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Roberts, Abilene, visited Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale Sunday afternoon.

Sam Mashburn visited Mr. and Mrs. Murry Toombs and Tommy in Lubbock over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Pick Payne visited the past week end in Lubbock with their son, Homer D. and other relatives.

Mrs. Zella Bright, Trent, visited Ethel Canida Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Audrian Berry spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry, Mrs. Ina Kelson and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kelson and Leon. They are from Littlefield and attended services at the Hope Church of Christ Sunday.

Sandra Hale attended a birthday supper Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Malone in honor of their son-in-law, Dink Whisenand.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Chancey, Richardson, spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs and Mr. and Mrs. Benny Hobbs and children.

Walter Vantress, Benny Hobbs and Mrs. John Hobbs attended the funeral of Ira Cross at the Starbuck Funeral Home Monday morning.

Brenda Mashburn spent last week with her grandmother, Mrs. Shaw in Hawley.

J. R. Mashburn, Carlsbad, N.M., spent last week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn, Brenda and Rodney.

### STITH HDC NEWS

The Stith Home Demonstration Club met at the Community Center Wednesday, Feb. 13, with



"That reminds me — our lines will please you to."

We'll please you, and there are no "curves" to it. Get the habit of driving in regularly. When we KNOW your car better we can give you better service.

Boone's Service Station

Phone 453 Merkel

## Capsule Law Watch Those Conditional Contracts!

The piece of paper which is the subject of more misunderstanding and incorrect notions than any other in an auto transaction is the conditional sales contract. Eight out of every 10 people who sign one of these contracts have no idea what they are signing.

Basically this is an agreement between you as purchaser and a financing institution, that the latter will lend you the money with which to buy — under certain conditions. It simply states that you are placing the automobile as security for repayment of the loan.

Usually the lender protects himself not only with the paper you signed but also by recording a lien or claim on the title to the car. Until the lien is removed you cannot sell the car. In fact, if you read your contract carefully you may discover that you are not even allowed to take the car out of the state without permission!

Know and understand this type of contract. Realize that while the car is security for the loan it may not be enough to pay off the balance. If the car is repossessed, because you fail to make your payments for instance, and is later sold for less than you owed, the lender could still hold you responsible for the unpaid or deficiency balance.

There are many types and forms of conditional sales contracts. It is important that you recognize what goes "into" one. Read before you sign — you'll be safe rather than sorry!

Mrs. Ted Hudson, vice president, in charge. Devotion was led by Louise Hudson and prayer by Mrs. J. E. Swindell, and the games by Mrs. Ted Hudson, recreation leader.

Roll call was answered by "Why I Belong to a Club." The sum of \$5.00 was donated to the March of Dimes.

The program given by the members was on "Monogramming Towels." Mrs. Ted Hudson received the hostess gift. Refreshments were served by Miss Louise Hudson to six members and a visitor, Becky Ely.



**GAY TOUCH** — Cotton terry cloth ensembles add a colorful and practical note to any kitchen. This Morgan-Jones set includes a kitchen towel, dishcloth, and pot holder in matching strawberry design. Available in red, gold, or blue.

Mr. Johnny Suter with his son, Junior and family of Big Spring, visited his mother and two sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Massey and Donald, and Mr. and Mrs. Les Thaxton on Thursday of last week.

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# March of Dimes Makes Gains in Birth Defects, Arthritis

People say everyone talks about the weather but no one does anything about it.

Until just recently, a similar observation could have been made about birth defects. Not only had no one done anything about the problem but, in truth, people have always been reluctant or afraid even to talk about the subject.

The tragedy of this affliction has beset mankind since the dawn of recorded history. Yet no organized attack on birth defects was launched until 1938 when The National Foundation-March of Dimes entered this medical area.

The reason for this historic decision was that birth defects constitute the world's greatest unmet childhood medical problem today. Meeting the problem, moreover, entailed fund raising on the same multimillion scale as was required by the long, costly but successful fight of the same health organization against polio.

## Marks 25th Year

The March of Dimes, now marking its 25th anniversary, last year appropriated more than \$4,000,000 for research in birth defects, arthritis—another baffling disease which is the nation's No. 1 crippler—and on certain aspects of polio and other virus diseases. On birth defects research alone the March of Dimes approved grants totalling \$1,200,000, with about another \$800,000 earmarked for regional treatment centers. Directly financed by March of Dimes chapters, these "grass roots" centers today number 31 and are located across the nation.

The need of funds for these March of Dimes-financed treatment centers, particularly in the area of birth defects, is urgent. In the 50 states, the full extent of the problem was not appreciated until March of Dimes medical advisers reported that about 250,000 infants were born yearly in this country with significant birth defects—almost 700 a day, or one every other minute.

Birth defects cause at least 21,000 deaths each year. The chief requirements in the battle to save these lives in the future, and to lessen the damages that birth defects as well as arthritis inflict, are

trained manpower, equipment and time—and, of course, the substantial funds that these demand.

Research into the physical calamities that birth defects represent costs stupendous sums. The cause of a type of disaster that has bewildered mankind for uncounted centuries is unlikely to be explained overnight at bargain-sale prices, or its prevention quickly found.

In the areas of birth defects, arthritis and virus diseases, scientists supported by the March of Dimes were responsible for important research advances during 1962. For example, in birth defects:

- Certain white blood cells in the mother were found to enter the infant's blood stream before birth. The possibility exists that such cells may harm the baby later in life. This was reported by Drs. William P. Cregger and Rejendra C. Desai of Stanford University.

## Nucleic Acid and Protein

- Belief that the hereditary material called nucleic acid carries the blueprint for the production of protein was considerably strengthened. (Protein is the basic stuff of living material.) This was reported by Dr. Norton Zinder of the Rockefeller Institute.

- Experiments with pregnant guinea pigs established that certain hormones (such as hydrocortisone) can provoke birth defects in offspring. This was demonstrated by Dr. Richard M. Hoar of the University of Cincinnati.

- Further evidence on hormones, obtained by dipping unhatched eggs in a hormone solution, led Dr. Gregory PinCUS of the Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology to conclude that the problem of what causes some infants to be born with mixed-up sex characteristics may be a matter of hormones rather than heredity alone.

- In arthritis:

- Key evidence was un-

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R. N. Palmer in the Springfield (Mo.) Leader & Press.

ered by Dr. Robert A. Good at the University of Minnesota that the mysterious thymus gland, situated behind the breastbone, is responsible for the functioning of the body's immunity defense mechanism. Abnormal working of the immunity mechanism is believed involved in rheumatoid arthritis.

• The discovery that there is a similar ground plan of chemicals in the connective tissue of many animals ranging from the horseshoe crab to man was reported during the year by Dr. Albert Dorfman and his associates at the University of Chicago. This means that research in the connective tissue of animals can be related

closely to connective tissue diseases in man, such as arthritis.

• Studies of a tumor-causing virus disclosed how it changes normal cells, in tissue culture, to cancer cells. This significant finding was reported by Dr. Renato Dulbecco of California Institute of Technology.

The ultimate significance of these and numerous other March of Dimes-financed research studies may not be fully apparent now. But these findings are valuable clues to future progress. If no one does anything about the weather, at least something important is being done today about diseases that cripple children.

## Dyess In Running For Best Base Supply In AF

A trio of officers from Air Force Headquarters arrived here this week (Feb. 12) for an inspection of this base's supply facilities.

The visit, which will conclude tomorrow afternoon, is part of the judging for the Best Base Supply in the Air Force and the Daedalian Awards. Dyess, the representative of the Strategic Air Command, will be in competition for the USAF award with supply units of McChord

AFB, Wash., representing the Air Defense Command; Amrillo AFB, Tex., representing the Air Training Command; and Seymour - Johnson AFB, N. C. representing the Tactical Air Command.

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## Program Begun to Select Sentry Team of Month

A competitive program to select outstanding sentry dog teams is underway in the 96th Combat Defense Squadron, and its originator, SSgt. Elwood F. Mathieu, hopes it will be adopted throughout the Fifteenth Air Force.

Each month three of the 20-man and dog teams in the CDS compete in knowledge

and performance trials. The dog handler takes a written exam on his knowledge of job instructions. Then he and the dog undergo a field test to see how they work as a team. The written exam consists of 25 questions, the practical test is an hour-long.

As a team, the dog and man run through the subjective training given in the basic eight-week course, then they make two circuits . . . around, through or over . . . a 10-item obstacle course. After completing the obstacle course, the pair run through attack training in which the dog subdues a man, acting with and then without instructions from the handler. The finale, after the attack phase, is a free display of any tricks the dog has mastered. One offi-

cer and two sergeants from CDS act as judges for the competition.

Sergeant Mathieu thinks this program could be established eventually throughout Strategic Air Command, with an annual competition at SAC headquarters and each numbered Air Force.

## 7,707 Get Vaccine

An overall 7,707 persons received Type III Sabin oral polio vaccine at Dyess Sunday, Feb. 10, of which 2,654 were military personnel, according to Col. M. Robert Halbouty, commander, Dyess Hospital.

Colonel Halbouty states that makeup doses of this Type III vaccine may be obtained at

the Flight Surgeon's office from 2 until 4:30 p.m., Feb. 14, 15, 18 and 19. Makeup doses for Types I and II will be scheduled and announced at a later date.

The Colonel praised the American Red Cross, the Gray Ladies, the Boy Scouts of America, the Girl Scouts of America, and staff and nurses aides for their assistance in the polio vaccine drive.

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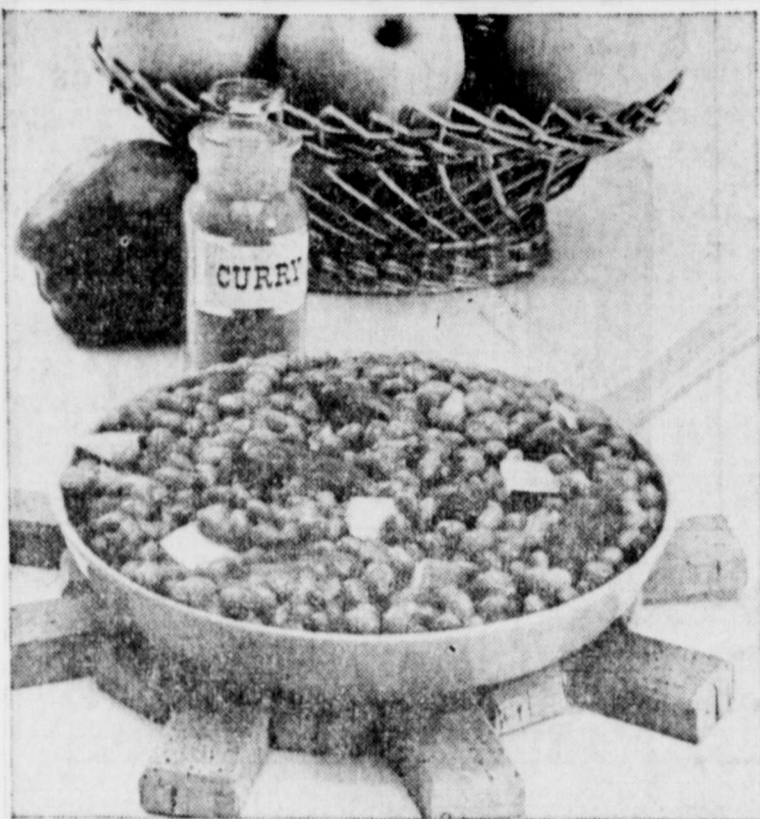
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- 2 tablespoons chopped onion
- 1/2 to 1 teaspoon curry powder
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine

1 can (1 pound) beans & franks in tomato sauce  
1/2 cup cubed apple

In saucepan, cook celery, onion, and curry in butter until vegetables are tender. Add beans & franks and apple. Heat, stirring now and then. Makes 2 to 3 servings.

**SDEC Favors New  
Election Law**

AUSTIN — Eugene M. Locke, chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee told the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections last week that the SDEC favored Senator Tom Creighton's Bill revising and clarifying the Texas Election Code.

He reminded the Senators that the election study committee which proposed the revision had been formed at the suggestion of the SDEC.

The bill was given a hearing by the Senate Committee Thursday morning, and, at Sen. Creighton's request, sent to a subcommittee for two weeks.

Locke said, "We (the SDEC) recognize the ambiguities which exist in the present Election Code and feel that the bill does a good job of correcting the ambiguities and filling in the gaps in the present legislation."

The state chairman said there were one or two things in the bill that he suggested might be changed in the spirit of the purpose of the bill, but that these were minor and did not distract from the tremendous job the study committee had done.

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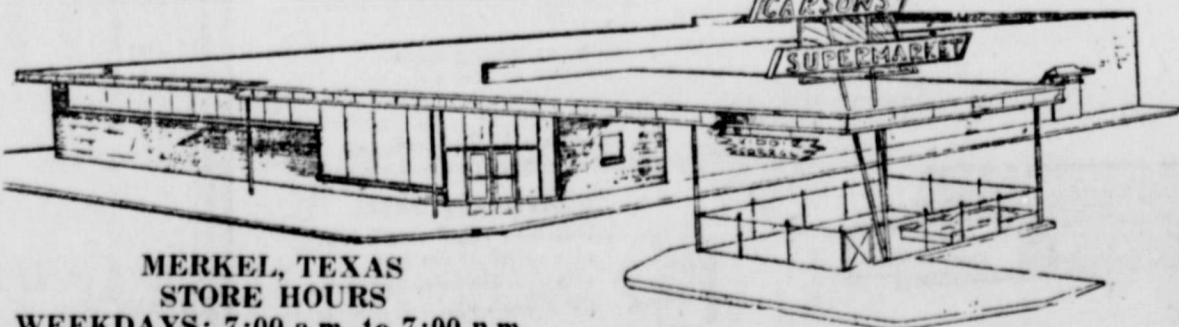
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