The Little Mail

By E. S. CHASTAIN

TO YOU READERS who have been requesting that we publish a list of items about people and events happening in years gone by, you can find them starting in this issue. We selected news items at random and ones that we thought would be interesting and listed those of 50, 40, 30, 20 and 10 years ago. If you like AULD LANG SYNE you should thank Mrs. George McConnell who helped research the items from the files of the Merkel

SINCE RATTLESNAKES and snake stories are a current topic in the news I would like to relate a snake story which I think merits telling and ranks tops with others being told.

The story concerns a farm couple, friends of ours in far ing to run them through the washer the following morning. chine on that went through the complete cycles. After the spinning stopped she opened the lid and received a shock that almost made her faint.

eyes, but there big as pie was a three - foot rattler coiled up on a beautiful throw - rug and had withstood the several orbits of the machine.

You can easily imagine that she shut the lid pronto. When her husband came home from the field she told him that there was a rattler in the washing machine. Her husband, with a grinning expression said: "No listen hon, sure you are feeling OK?" When she further asserted that there was a snake in the machine, he continued with; "Well, I've heard of finding dead horses in the bathtub, but this one beats me, let's see for sure."

With a crowbar he slowly opened the lid and quickly dispatched the coiled rattler that was enjoying the warm rugs. The Thomas of D TA incident dosed when Mrs. Stanberry said, "The next time I tell you there's a snake in the washing machine, I guess you will believe me." The snake had crawled into the rugs during the night for warmth. I have always wondered what might have happened if she had found the snake when she was carrying the rugs to the washing machine.

I was encouraged when I heard that President Kennedy is turning back all his salary to the government to help balance the budget. And on second thought it is not an extraordinary thing since all of us have been doing test the children's eyes. it for a good many years.

As a parting thought, perhaps you would like to absorb a little deathless prose: If you want to write something that has a chance of living on forever, sign a mortgage.

Scouts to Watch **Govt. In Action**

More than 195 Boy Scouts and 20 leaders from Abilene area towns are scheduled to leave Abilene by bus March 7 for Austin to observe the state government in action.

Scouts and leaders from Abilene, Anson, Dyess AFB, Et'a, Hamlin, Haskell, Merkel, Paint Creek, Rotan, Stamford, Sweetwater and Winters will make the trip.

On Friday, March 8, the group will tour the governor's mansion, the Senate, the House of Representatives, the Courts Building, and the Department of Public Safety.

A special luncheon will be held at the Villa Capri Motel for the Scouts. Attorney General Waggoner Carr is to be guest speak-

Saturday the Scouts will visit downtown Austin, the University of Texas and the Texas State

Museum. After a luncheon at Bergstrom

AFB, the Scouts will return to Abilene.

Scouts from Troop 18 going from Merkel are Tom McMahon, Bob Hammond, Alan Reed, Gary Smith and Rusty Steck.

Lanny Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Perry was one of the seven new pledges to the Sub T. 16, one of the social clubs at Abilene Christian College.

Civic Club's Help In Drive For Trustees

COUNCIL CANDIDATES DRAW NO OPPOSITION

Three candidates have filed for the three positions in the city council election to be held April The deadline for filing for these posts was March 2.

Candidates for the three positions are H. O. Boney, for mayor, Kent Satterwhite and Roy are unopposed.

H. O. Boney, present mayor filling out the unexpired term the Welfare Office April 2. The of Earl Hughes, who resigned, is seeking the job as your mayor

Kent Satterwhite is asking reelection to the council and Ray Dalziel, prominent rancher in the community, will be the candidate for the other spot on the council. All are responsible and capable men and should receive the whole - hearted support of Dalziel for alderman. All three citizens of Merkel in the city election.

The election will be held at polls will be open at 8 a.m. and will close at 6 p.m. Mrs. F. Y. Gaither will be election judge.

West Texas, Mr. and Mrs. John Stanberry, One morning Mrs. Stanberry piled a few throw rugs on her front porch expect-The next morning she gathered up the rungs and dropped them into the washer, turned the machine on that went through the

up truck and a car 14 miles northwest of Cross Plains on She could hardly believe her State Highway 36 Friday after- Richie were held at 2. p.m. in the noon claimed the lives of five

Victims were three Noodle community teenage girls and their home economics teacher, who were preparing to spend a week end at Stephenville, and an elderly Houston woman who was driving to Abilene to visit her husband.

Killed were Linda Richie, 16: Doria Herrera, 15: Carolyn Cagle 15; all of Noodle; their teacher, Mrs. Sam Fish, 26, Abilene; and Mrs. Ralph Logan of Houston.

The three gins and Mrs. Logan died at the scene of the accident on Highway 36 about 2

Good Citizenship Theme of L-14

The February meeting of the Merkel Parent - Teacher Association was held Thursday night. Feb. 28, in the high school auditorium. Mrs. Clyde Bunch, copresident, called the meeting to order, and called on Mr. Mack Fisher to give the invocation.

During the business meeting it was voted to convert two War Bonds, belonging to the P-TA since 1942, into the current series bonds. The members also voted to buy a Jane Webb Electric Punch Spelling Eye Chart to be used by all the schools to

The program chairman, Mrs. Comer Haynes, introduced the program, "Good Citizenship; Devotion through an Appreciation of American Heritages." Mr. Joe Lassiter talked on good citizenship and showed a film, "Who are the People of America."

A piano duet was played by Steven and Stephanie Walker, and Ann Walker played a piano solo. Jill West gave two readings which concerned our American Heritage. The first was about friends, while the seemd told about families.

A program of music and skits, 'We Speak for Freedom." was presented by the third and fourth grade children. Third grade teachers assisting were Mrs. John West, Mrs. Bryan Dunagin and Miss Norah Foster. The fourth grade teachers helping were Miss Lydia Norcross, Mrs. Comer Haynes and student teacher, Mrs. Connie Mack Seymore.

Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club Meets

The Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club met Feb, 18 with president Myrtie Davis in charge of the meeting. The 4-H pledge was led by Katie Neill. The pledge of allegiance was led by Melba Seymore A .reading, "The Clover" was given by Glenn Bryan.

Assistant Home Demonstration Agent Verdean Dodkins and Junior leader Dale Davis presented the program "Keeping 4-H Record Books." Many 4-H awards that are given, depend on the 4-H records

Recreation was led by Donald Russom. Members were Myrtie and Dale Davis. Clenn Bryan. Robert Clemmer, Melba Seymore, Dennis Orsborn, Katie Neill, Betsy Johnson and Donald Russom.

A head - on collision of a pick- p.m. The three girls were students at Noodle.

> Funeral services for Linda First Baptist Church Sunday with the Rev. Dale Windham, Buffalo Gap, and the Rev. James Andrews, Sweetwater, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Richie, two brothers, Gerald of Irving, and Freddy Riney of Noodle. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Richie of Fort Worth; maternal grandparents are, Mr.

and Mrs. L. E. Riney of Merkel. Funeral services for Carolyn Cagle were hold at 4 p.m. in the Merkel Church of Christ with Norman Hogan officiating, Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors are her father, Wm. F. Cagle, Lubbock; maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Griffin Sr., Merkel; paternal grandmother is Mrs. Louisa Cagle of Vallero, four brothers, Dickie, Keith, Scott and Arnold, Lub-

Funeral services for Doria Herrera were held in Anson. Services for Mrs. Fish were held in

March 28 Set For C of C Banquet

The annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet and installation of new officers for the year will be held Thursday, March 28 at the high school cafeteria in Merkel.

Featured speaker for the event will be Rex Jennings, general manager of the Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce.

At a board of directors meeting to be held Wednesday, new officers, for the year will be selected.

A C of C membership campaign headed by committeeman J. W. Hammond has so far resulted with the signing up of 23 new members. They are: Dorothy's Beauty Shop, Shamrock Cafe, Merkel Farm Machinery, Roy Dalziel, Vivian Davis, J. M. (Monk) Stowe, M. A. Noster, Hallmark Standard Truck Stop, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McReynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cox, Irvin Thompson Butane, Adelle Jones, Marie Derrick, Adcock Cleaners, Mac's Cleaners, Hicks Auto Supr'y, Malone Equipment Co., Christine Collins, Crawford's Men's Wear, Mrs. Earl Hughes, Dr. and Mrs. Jarrett Williams and E. S. Chastain.

in the Iowa Park Invitation track

74 points to second place Knox

39 and 37 respectively. Class A

Coach Burl McCoy's 440-relay

team, composed of Jackie Rev-

nolds, Wayne Hester, Roger

Moore and Johnny Harris, ran

A Division.



Here March 10th

Howard Ronald Turnbow, second - year student at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, will be guest pastor at the Merkel Presbyterian Church on Sunday, March 10.

Mr. Turnbow attended Phoenix College and Arizona State University. Before entering the Seminary he worked as a highway patrolman in Arizona for five years. He has also served three years in the U.S. Marine Corps.

He is married to the former Wanda Jo Scott of Avondale, Ariz. They have four children. Mr. Turnbow has his church membership in the First Presbyterian Church of Chandler, Ariz.

2 Merkel Cagers Gain Berth On 6-A All-District

Jim Ned's Ronald McMillon, who was named to the Class A All - State team Monday, heads up the 6-A all-district team selected by the coaches

Ronald, who averaged over 19 points a game during the season, was one of three unanimous picks. for the mythical team. Others were 6-5 senior Roger Moore of Merkel. Rounding out the top team are

5-11 junior Clifford Jones of Roscoe and 6-3 Billy Lucas of Merkel. Donald McMillon, Ronald's twin brother and an all - regional choice at Lubbock last weekend, heads the second team. Others are Dickie McMahan, Wylie: Jacky Reynolds, Merkel; Donald Pieper, Roscoe and Charles

Dannheim, Merkel. Players receiving honorable mention were Bill Ashton, Rotan; Frank Allyn, Jim Ned, and Hayden Norris, Coahoma.

All men and boys interested in a baseball field to be used by the Pony League and Semi-Pros' are urged to meet at the Lobo Field, at the West end of North 2nd Street, Merkel, on Saturday, March 9, at 8 a.m.

We don't have much time to get a field ready, as the baseball season will soon be in toll swing. So, please bring a pick-up and an interested party and be ready to start work at 8 a.m. Arthur Moore,

out by a 3:36.3, ran by Knox City

Merkel had other first places

when Roger Moore won the

Mack Mansfield took the mile

Other points came from Jackie

Reynolds's fourth in the 100 in

10.4; Johnny Harris's fifth in

the 220 with 23.8; Keith Wilson's

a 44:8 to set a new division rec- 6th in the 880 in 2:13.6; and er Relays at Lubbock and May

Bob Hook Bryan Dunagin Lynn Knight Howard Carson, MERKEL TRACKSTERS CAPTURE

CLASS A MEET AT IOWA PARK

The Merkel Track Team cap-nolds, Keith Wilson, Moore and with 5:07.2

tured the Class A championship Harris ran 3:36.6 but, were edged

Baird, Rotan, Petrolia and Wy- broad jump at 20' 11/2" and the

lie were next in line with 58, 41, 440 yard dash in a fine 51.8.

and B schools were in the Class run in 4:50.1, a new division rec-

ord. The mile relay with Rey- Howell Cooper's 6th in the mile

meet there Saturday by scoring running in a later heat.

3 CANDIDATES FILE TRUSTEE RACE

While the deadline to file for deadline of 3:30 p.m. Wednesschool board trustees is Wednesday, March 6, 3:30 p.m., three have filed for the two posts that will be vacant when the offices week. of Ray Wilson and Waymon Adcock expire in early April.

that R. E. Dayton, Mrs. John Hardesty and J. E. McDuff have filed for the offices of that more will file before the

With press time coming before

the deadline, any new candidates filing will be announced next Canvassing of the votes will fol-

Iow the April election and some-According to a statement made time during the week of April late Tuesday, Mack Fisher, Mer- 7, new officers will be selected kel school superintendent, said among the school board members.

Other members of the board whose terms do not expire are: W. R. Cypert, Joe Lassiter, Lynn trustees and that it is possible Knight, Ford Smith Jr., and De Lavern Moore,

Student to Preach Merkel Gets New Coach

Robert Dean Byerry, now on Payne College. He received his enridge High School, has been given a two - year contract to head the coaching of the

Merkel schools. Byerly was selected for the position by the school board after having considered some 40 opplicants for the job.

He is a graduate of the Coleman High School and of Heward

Red Cross Slates Merkel Meeting

The annual Red Cross March Drive for members and funds will get underway next week in Taylor County.

Even though most of the funds Abilene and the United Fund of Merkel, other residents in the county have this opportunity to contribute to Red Cross through the local County Chapter. A meeting for those workers

for South Taylor County will be held in Tuscola in the First State Bank at 3:30 hosted by Bobby Sayles, who has been associated as a Red Cross Volunteer for many years. Workers who are expected to attend that meeting include Mrs. Clyde Bingham, Buffalo Gap, Wayne Hunt of Bradshaw and Mrs. Ruth Raper of Lawn.

A meeting for volunteers from the western part of the county is scheduled for Thursday at 4:00 at the REA Building in Merkel. Fred Starbuck is in charge of this group. Workers from Merkel include Mrs. Jack Hogan, Mrs. E. W. King, Mrs. Allen King, Mrs. R. G. Toombs, Mrs. Vernon Hudson, Mrs. R. B. Teaff. Workers from Trent include Mrs. Othel O'Kelly, Mrs. Mark Williamson and John Crane.

Final planning session under the direction of Johnny Cox, County Fund Chairman, will be held Friday at 4:00 at the Taylor County Chapter House. Workers who will attend this meeting include Mrs. Edgar Holly, from Potosi, Mrs. V. B. Reeves from Hamby, Clint Stewart, Cap,s Nelson A. Estes, Elmdale, Bill Antilley, Elmdale, A. C. Braune of View, Mrs. S. J. Foster of Shep and Mrs. Bill Moore of Wy-

Tom Gordon, chapter chairman and Miss Ollie Lena Olsen, caecutive director will attend all

This week the Badgers go to

Schedule for the Badger Track

March 16, Double

Relays at Rotan;

Team is as follows: March 9,

Possum Kingdom Relays, at

March 23, Bluebonnet Relays at

Brownwood; March 29-30, San

'Angelo Relays. April 6, District

Meet at Big Spring: April 13, at

Winters: April 19-20, Regional at

Lubbock; April 26-27 Red Raid-

3-4 State Meet in Austin.

Graham for the Possum King-

dom relays

Graham:

the coaching staff of the Breck- Bachelor of Science degree in 1959 and his Master's degree in 1962, majoring in mathematics and physical education. While in college, he played five years of football and one year of bas-

After graduating from college, Mr. Byerly coached two years in Hobbs, N.M. He came to Merkel in 1961 and served as assistant football coach during the 1961 season. He left Merkel in 1962 to join the coaching staff of the Breckenridge High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Byerly and baby, Brad, will move to Merkel during the summer.

Mrs. Boyce Vancil what you want. are raised through the efforts of the United Fund Campaign of Hosts Noodle HDC ing to back a man if he is wrong," said Adcock.

The Noodle Home Demonstration Club met Tuesday, Feb. 26, in the home of Mrs. Boyce Vancil. Mrs. Vesie Justice, as club president, conducted the meeting. Mrs. Bennie Anderson led the opening prayer. For recreation, Mrs. Burl Skidmore directed the group in two games. Roll call was answered with "Something I Remember About My School Days." Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Cleta Sullivan brought the council report. The club voted to go to Waldrop's for the home furnishing program. A date to be announced later.

The club also voted to change to 2:00 p.m. instead of 2:30 p.m. Mrs. Mackay Spurgin brought a very interesting program on "Helping With the Sick." All members paid their membership dues.

The next program will be March 12, in the home of Mrs. Henry Euckert.

Refreshments were served to thirteen members: Dillard, Parham, Sullivan, Spurgin, Justice, Euckert, Cox, Vancil, Skidmore, Boaz, Palmer Andersos and Maxwell. Three children, Patti, Maxwell, Dale and Eddie Spurgin also attended

Girl Scouts Will Observe GS Week

Merkel Girl Scouts and Brownies begin their observance of Girl Scout Week March 10.

Sunday morning the girls will meet their leaders and attend church. Other activities in troops have been planned.

The Brownies and Scouts have successfully concluded the annual cookie sale and have joined together in a program of International Friendship on World Thinking Day, Feb. 22. A total of \$5.05 was contributed to the Juliet Low World Friendship Fund.

Donations to the Merkel Cemetery Fund:

W. R. Cypert in memory of Linda Richie and Carolyn Cagle Mary F. Hunter in memory of

Linda Richie Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Hogan in memory of Linda Richie.

Concerned that no candidates had filed for the positions of trustee for the Merkel School System, community and civic leaders of Merkel held a "town hall" type meeting March 2.

Deadline for filing as a candidate for the school board is 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 5.

Terms are expiring for board president Ray Wilson and Waymon Adcock.

Wilson said he will not run for reelection. Adcock said if qualified candidates file, he will not seek reelection.

Dr. W. T. Sadler called the meeting to order.

"There has been a rift in the town," he said, "and the school has been the one to

He said the situation is one that deserves thought and action of the citizens.

"It's (the school board position) is a thankless job. We must get somebody to take care of the business of the school. I thought a group by getting together could help to solve the problem."

Adcock, presentschool board member whose term expires this session, pointed out that in his opinion those elected to the school board must put their own business aside

and put their family aside. Adcock said a school board member must first decide what is good for the school; secondly, decide what is good for the children and thirdly consider what is good for the

parents "Somewhere along the hine we've got that twisted around," he said.

Adcock then made a plea that "anybody on the school board needs the support of

the community." "When the people make up their minds to follow whoever they put in there they must first make up their minds what you want. Get the man

"Some say they are not go-

"Anybody on the b o a r d knows more about what's going on than an outsider," he said and then added. "The meetings are open, go up and see. Give your board members credit for knowing what's go-

Adcock then touched lightly on the problem that has caused controversy - the board's decision not to renew Coach Carroll Benson's contract. "In this last issue," he said,

there were two groups of people. I can speak for the board in that every man did what he thought was good for the "Put the man you want on the job and back him," urged

Adcock, "then when election comes along if you think you know a man who will do a better job, elect him." Dave Gambill, former school board member, said that it

was the board's duty to set policy, not to run the schools. "When the board has to act as a disciplinary panel," he said, "it shows weakness of the administration, not necessari-

ly of the school board." A committee of five was selected to call on potential board members to urge that

they file as candidates. Dr. Sadler pointed out that the meeting was to get qualified personnel to enter the election - not to pick candidates. The consensus of discussion was that it would be beneficial to get at least four candidates.

Those who attended the Saturday meeting included: Joe Cypert, Jack South, Mrs. Rollin Dayton, Mrs. Don Dudley, Mrs. Bob Hiscks, Mrs. Clyde Bunch, Charles Eager, Onis Crawford, Johnny Odell, Mrs. Ford Smith Jr., Mrs. Jack South, Mrs. Don Dodgins, Dr. W. T. Sadler and David Gamble.

Mrs. Robertson **Hosts EOS Ladies**

Dinner guests in the home of Mr and Mrs. H. B. Robertson last Tuesday night were Mmes. Josephine Martin, Gwendolyn Snapp, Edna Morgan, Grace Barth, Betty Hargrove, Avis Mc-Arthur, Joyce Knowles, Jewel Malone and Fern Benson, A!! are members of the Eastern Star, Rotan Chapter No. 52.

Editorial

Off-Duty Employment Can Have Drawbacks

Living isn't cheap these days, not even for service people who enjoy the fringe benefits of military installations. A man with a family, trying to put aside something regularly for his children's education and his own retirement years, often jumps at an honest chance to supplement his income by taking a part-time job in his free time

Civilian business people in general like to employ servicemen; they trust them and respect their capacity to do good work. Likewise, local commanders are generally lenient in permitting a man to take an outside job once they're assured that it will in no way conflict with or impair his military performance.

So it becomes a matter to which the man himself should give some candid thought, whether he's already got a part-time job or knows where he can get one. Is it one that will prevent his getting enough sleep, thereby causing him to be late for duty? Is it one that will leave him physically or mentally fatigued, thereby reducing his military efficiency? Is it one that requires lengthy travel back and forth?

These are all matters which concern him as a serviceman. But there is another important aspect. What about his wife and children? A job that keeps him away from home is bound to affect their lives by making him remote to the domestic circle. And when growing youngsters are concerned, there's no substitute for a dad's influence.

That's why it's definitely inadvisable for a serviceman to take a job impetuously just because it's available and he can use the money. True, it's preferable to going into debt, but isn't it even a better idea to first re-examine the family budget and see if expenses can't be trimmed? For a married serviceman is no different from a married civilian-he needs the relaxation and rest of his off-duty hours and the intimate human influences of his family. (AFPS)

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The men will don their new stripe Apr. 1 and will be further confirmed on special orders published by Strategic G. Clark, Raymond J. Ditt- Air Command Headquarters.

Merkel, Texas



tending a luncheon at the Officers Open Mess. scholarship. (AIR FORCE PHOTO)

FOREIGN ADMIRER - Rabea Arrad, right, Rabea, who is in her native Moroccan dress, and Mrs. James Gist, president of the OWC, was guest at the OWC luncheon. She is atadmire a painting of Lt. Col. Dyess while at- tending Hardin-Simmons University on a

McConnell.

Church.

AULD LANG SYNE

The following items were tak-

en from the files of the Merkel

'Mail 50, 40, 30, 20 and 10 years

ago with research by Mrs. George

50 YEARS AGO

Miss Mary Ashton of St. Louis came in the first of last week

to take charge of the millinery

department for W. D. Woodruff.

Rev. E. McDonald of Louisiana

brothers, J. H. Emory and John

Mrs. W. H. Orr of Putnam re-

turned to her home Tuesday af ter a week's visit with her par-

ents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lamar.

40 YEARS AGO W. G. Cypert will preach at

Trent Sunday at the Christian

A new awning is being install-

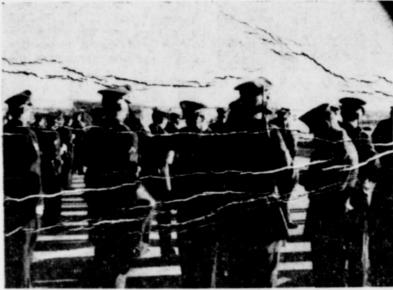
T. Hogan shipped out Sat-

ed in front of the J. T. Dennis

Dry Goods on Edwards Street.

urday night one car of cattle for

here this week visiting his



SURPRISE-Men in the 5th Nike Missile Battalion's Battery B were surprised Wednesday with a presentation of the Honor Battery Standard, an emblem of their superior performance at McGregor Firing Range in New Mexico. The men formed for inspection by Col. Pete D. Pavick, center of photo, before formal ceremonies of the presentation to Capt. Richard F. Wasiewski, commanding officer of Battery B. (U.S. ARMY PHOTO)

36 YEARS AGO

Nola Mae Anderson had her poem "Let's Be a Friend" pubished in the Merkel Mail. Misses Margaret, Mildred and Maurine Dean attended Sunday

School at Salt Branch. Supt. R. A. Burgess was among those in attendance at the annual Boy Scout conference Mon-

20 YEARS AGO Grammar School pupils own

\$925.00 in Defense bonds; and \$285 in Defense stamps. Home to spend the week end

with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon, Miss Dorothy Shannon, student at McMurry and her collegemate Miss Helen Jo Hundley of Post, Texas.

10 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McKeever returned Sunday from Hot Springs, Ark, where they visited his father, P. A. McKeever. Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Taylor and son, Randal, of Midland, spent the week end with her grandparents, Mayor and Mrs. H. C.

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The criteria for selection are based upon six vital factors that go into making up the entire picture of the airman being considered: the last airman performance rating, the number of years of education, self - improvement effort, the rank, the commander's and the supervisor's recommendations and the overall rating given by the board. The last two items have the greatest weight in the deter-

Quotas for airmen are given by career fields and are determined by the needs of the service. The number in each quota allocated to Dyess in any particular career field is made in direct proportion to ble for reenlistment within

Between 1955 and 1956, the areer - airmen strength of expansion was the result of pecial efforts to retain a arge number of first term airmen. Since no regard was given to the grave imbalance that would result from this move, frozen career fields and efforts in retraining grew.

Out of this situation came the selective reenlistment program which has the desired ef-

The first term airman se- fect of creating a career force lection board met last week that is 55 per cent career airto determine those airmen men and 45 per cent first who are eligible for reenlist- termers. This type of planned ment into the career force. program provides for promotion and progression in the career force.

In the Air Force of today, the opportunities that await the airmen selected by the board are numerous and unlimited: increased benefits come with each day; better promotion potential arrives as World War II veterans leave; and more pay is in prospect as Congress works for the benefit of the serviceman.

3 Lieutenants Change Bars

Two lieutenants in the 96th Strategic Aerospace Wing and one in the 819th Medical Group changed the color of their bars this month.

Promoted to First Lieutenant were Edwin R. Cliatt, 578th Strategic Missile Squadron; Joseph Makowsky. Headquarters Squadron Sec tion, 96th SAWg.; and Joel H. Pierson, 819th Medical Group.

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52 1tp FOR RENT - Three furnished rooms and private bath. Phone Johnnie Warren, 8-5742, 513 N. 5th at El Paso Street. 47 tfc

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For Classified Rates: See Want Ad Section.

FOR RENT - My home, located at 106 Locust in Merkel, Unfurnished, 5 rooms and bath. See or call Mrs. Dan Reidenbach, 8-5589, Merkel. .. 52 1tp

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

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF EXECUTION SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TAYLOR By virtue of an erecution issued out of the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 23rd day of January, 1963, in favor of I. A. Parmer against Oleane Christe Bonwit and husband, Seymore Bonwit, in the case of I. A. Parmer vs. Oleane Christe Bonwit and husband, Seymore Banwit. No. 27581-A in such court, I did on the 22 day of February, 1963, at 10:30 o'clock, at a.m., levy upon the following described tract and parcel of land situated in the County of Taylor, State of Texas, as the property of said Cleane Christe Bonwit and husband, Seymore Bonwit, to-wit:

An undivided 6.25 per cent of the hereinafter described oil, gas and mineral lease covering property situated in Taylor County, Texas, to-wit:

Oil and Gas Lease, dated March 31, 1958, from Herbert H. Ballard and wife, Albany Ballard, as lessors, to H. O. Rowland, Jr., as lessee, said lease being recorded in Volume 562, Page 401, of the Deed Records in Taylor County, Texas, and covering (among other tracts of land) the East 40 acres of the land covered by said lease from the surface of the ground to a depth of 5554 feet below the surface of the ground, the land covered by said lease being situated in Taylor County, Texas, and de-

scribed as follows, to-wit: All of Lot 17 and 74 acres more or less, out of the East part of Lot 16, all out of the Swenson & Wooten Subdivision of the Chandler Ranch out of the William S. Henry Survey No. 461, reference being here made to the suit record of such lease for a more perfect description of the land

covered hereby and on the 2nd day of April, 1963. being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m., ad 4 o'clock p.m., on said day, at the courthouse for sale and sell at public auction for cash all of the right. title and interest of the said band, Seymour Bonwit, in and day of February A.D. 1963,

to said property. Dated at Abilene, Texas, this the 22 day of February, 1963. J. D. WOODARD, Sheriff Taylor County, Texas.

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By Deputy

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FOR SALE - Pink ballerina length formal size 9, worn twice. Call Adcock Cleaners, 8-6821, 52 1tp

CARD OF THANKS

To all who made the homegoing of our mother easier, we give thanks; the doctors and the nurses who gave beyond the call of duty, the visits, the flowers, the many offers of help, food sent to the family, the beautiful memorial service in prose and song - for the kindness and thoughtfulness of our funeral di-

Mrs. Franklin Mashburn Mr. A. R. Booth V.s. J. E. Boaz Jr. Mrs Helen Mayfield Mrs. W. T. Sadler

CARD OF THANKS We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to all who had a part in making our hour of sorrow more comforting

D. J. Richie Family G. W. Richie L. E. Riney

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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 COM-

MANDED 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, towit: 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

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, door of said county, I will offer and make due return as the law

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court Olene Christe Bonwit and hus- at Abilene, Texas, this the 11th (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 COM-MANDED 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 utilities. Inquire of Herman on the docket of said court and Carson or Nolan Palmer. Mer- styled Susie Lee Laney, Plaintiff, vs. Charles Eugene Laney,

Defendant. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, towit: plaintiff and defendant were married on June 14, 1951 and became permantly 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 Peti-

tion on file in this suit. If this citation is not served within ninty 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.

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

NOODLE NEWS

When it rains, it pours. So thinks Mrs. Zenobia Lucas. She had the following for lunch on Sunday: Mrs. R. F. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Davis and boys. Tommy and Johnny from Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Forest Warren, Steve, Micki and Terri, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Porter, Scott and Jeff, Mrs. Porter's mother Mrs. Knowle, all from Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Pursley, Brad and Brent from Merkol.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE UNDER ORDER OF SALE NO. 27,308-A

LeCLAIR OPERATING COM-PANY, INC.

ADRUS W. TYRONE IN THE 42ND DISTRICT COURT

TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS WHEREAS, by virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said Court on the 31st day of January, 1963, in favor of LeCiair Operating Company, Inc. and against Adrus W. Tyrone, No. 27,308-A on the docket of raid court, I did, en the 4 day of March, 1963, at 2:30 p.m., levy upon the following described tract of land situated in the County of Taylor. State of Texas, and belonging

to the said Adrus W. Tyrone,

to-wit: An undivided 24.10714 interest in and to an oil and gas lease covering a 3 acre tract of land out of the J. C. Thompson Survey No. 433 and being out of the Northeast corner of a certain 217% acre tract described in a deed from J. J. McNiece, et ux. to C. R. Patterson, dated November 11, 1901 and recorded in Vel. 2. Page 604, Deed Pecords of Taylor County, Texas, which tract of land is known as Tract No. 9 of the Unit Operating Agreement for the South Atwood West Gardner Unit, Taylor County,

and on the 2nd day of April, 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 eash, all the right. title and interest of the said Adrus W. Tyrone in and to said property.

DATED at Abilene, Texas this the 4th day of March, 1963 EUGENE WILLIAMS recinct No.

> Taylor County, Texas. Newberry.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF

A. J. FRAZIER, DECEASED Notice is hereby given that original letters Testamentary upon the Estate of A. J. Frazier, Deceased, were issued to me, the undersigned, on the 10th day of December, 1962, in the proceeding indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that I now hold such Letters All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in the county below named, are hereby required to present same to me respectively at the address below given before suit upon same are barred by the general statutes of limitations before such Estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law.

My residence and post office address is 1446 Tanglewood, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. DATED this 26th day of February, 1962.

VIOLET H. FRAZIER Independent Executrix of the Estate of A. J. Frazier, Deceased.

No. 7251 in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas.

LEGAL NOTICE

SCHOOL BUSES FOR SALE The Merkel Independent School District is receiving separate bids on the following used school busses marked for sale: 1-1948 Ford, 48 passenger. 1-1952 Chevrolet, 48 passenger. 1-1952 GMC, 48 passenger. 1-1954 Chevrolet. 48 passenger, 1-1957 Ford, 48 passenger.

All bids must be received in the office of Merkel School Superintendent on or before April 5, 1963, 3:30 p.m. The school board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. MACK FISHER, Supt.



Joshua Carillo, San Pedro, Old Mexico, preached at the Hope Church of Christ Church Sunday Feb. 24. Mr. and Mrs. Kim Roberson were visitors. Mr. Rober-

son was the interpretor. Visiting the Walter Vantreese home last week were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Vantreese and Mrs. Jewel King, Abilene. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Ber-

Mrs. Fritz Hale and Sandra attended a tea for Pat Newman, bride - elect of Gayle Bacuam, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kelso in Anson Monday night, Feb. 25.

Those on the sick list last week were Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley, Mrs. Fletcher Jones and Mrs. F. J. McDonald.

The Rev. Watson, Fort Worth, was the speaker at Stith Baptist Church Sunday, Homer D. Payne, Lubbock, was a visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce McDonald, Taft, brought his mother, Mrs. Nora McDonald home. She had spent two months visiting in their home, and in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Noel McDonald, another son.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Perry. Tye, had dinner Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Perry. They also visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry.

Mrs. Orval Ely and Becky visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Perry

Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. John Browning attended a singing at the Four Square Gospel Church in Abilene Sunday afternoon. They visited their granddaughter, the Rev. and Mrs. Jack Bedford and daughters in Abilene Sunday.

Homer D. Payne, Lubbock, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pick Payne. Dallas Dayton was honored with a birthday party on his 6th birthday Saturday at the skating rink in Merkel by his

parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E.

Dayton.

Stith Home Demonstration Club The Stith Home Demonstration Club met at the Community Center Feb. 27, Mrs. J. E. Hudson directed the meeting in ab-

sence of the president. J. E. Swindell and prayer was Holden for coming to our home led by Mrs. Fletcher Jones. The and visiting the patients and Council Report was given by Home Demonstration Agent, Mrs.

The program, "Choosing a pattern for correct measurements" was presented by Mrs. Newber-

Roll call was answered by each member relating "Something I remember about my school days."

Louise Hudson received the hos-t

ess gift. Mrs. O. J. Filkes served refreshments to seven members and two children, and two visitors, Mrs. A. M. Evans and Mrs. Jessie Lenoir.

Star Nursing Home News

By MARY OUTLAW

it was impossible to get it in friends visit them here at the on time. We have 32 patients at home. Both are improving.

this writing and all are in fair condition. None on the critical

Mrs. Nettie Coffee, Lubbock, visited her brother, Mr. Hurd, Sunday

The Rev. A. D. Smith, Baptist Minister of Sweetwater, filled his appointment F.b. 17. He brought a large group to sing, also his pianist to play. We appreciate them coming and invite them back again.

The Rev. Darre'd Gleghorn, Calvary Baptist Minister, filled his appointment Feb. 24. We enjoyed their singing and his mes-

The Rev. Bob Beckmon of the Live Oak Baptist Church filled his appointment March 3. A large group came to sing. They had a real nice service.

We have a new patient, Uncle Charlie Bow. We are happy he has come to live with us. His daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Skurlock and their daughter, Cherrie, of Lovington,

N.M., visited him on Sunday, Mr. C. C. Boyd had as visitors Sunday his daughter, Mrs. Mc-Reynolds of Divide, Mrs. A. L. Trowbridge, Abilene and his sister, Mrs. Myrtle Montgomery, Sweetwater, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Boyd, Sweetwater,

Mrs. Amanda celebrated her 91st birthday Thursday. Her daughter, Mrs. Cross, Noodle, brought her a cake which she divided with her friends. We wish for her, many more birth-

Jody Hutchins Clark and daughters, Linda and Dickie and Dewey Hutchins, Odessa, visited

Mrs. Groene Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. P. F. English, Sweetwater, visited Mrs. Taylor

Sunday. Morris Phillips, Abilene, visited his mother, Mrs. Helen Phillips, on the week end,

Aunt Aquila Duross had as visitors last week, Mrs. Cuba Upshaw, Detroit, Mich., Dessie Slayden, Muleshoe, Mrs. Faye Hall, Charlotte, Tenn., and Ira Slayden of Dickens. They had attended the funeral of Mrs. Ira Slayden. Mr. and Mrs. Slayden were both deaf and mute and had visited our home on several occasions. We extend our sym-

pathy to Mr. Slayden. We want to thank Mrs. Grace Chick of Abilene for coming into cur home and playing the piano for our patients when she brings Mrs. T. M. Brown to see Mr.

Mrs. Ollie Holmes, De Leon, visited our home last week. Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Halcomb

visited Mr. Boyd Sunday. We want to express our thanks Devotional was given by Mrs. to Mrs. Chick, Trent, and Mrs. reading the Bible what they can for the patients. Thanks to Mrs. Holden for the cookies she brought the home. Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Brown. Winters, visited Mrs. Sharp Sun-

Mrs. Rosenblum visited her grandmother, Mrs. Lott Saturday and took her home with her and gave her a permanent. She spent

the night in Abilene. We want to thank our daughter. Joyce Doan, and all the staff of the Nursing Home for taking good care of the Patients while we were away three days. Mrs. Doan works in the State Hospital. We thank Tommie Smith for working Sunday. The patients as well as the employes are always glad to have Tornmie come to the Nursing Home to work. She always brings in

sunshine into the home. Mr. and Mrs. John Rosson Sorry I've had no news but would be happy to have their

Animal Care Know-How Pays Off With Honors for Bryan 4-H'ers

When Gary Vance of Bryan, following in the footsteps of his times bird dog field trials he father, Col. Walter Britten, who uses a wrist watch that has a attended the congress many special meaning. He received it years ago. as an award for placing first in | The youth, treasurer of the Texas in the 4-H dog care and Texas Junior Hereford Associtraining program.



Britten

Vance du Pont de Nemours & Co.

Britten attended the National training of bird dogs. 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, The wrist watch was a gift of held the week after Thanks- Ralston Purina Company, spongiving and considered the top sor of the relatively new dog 4-H event of the year. He was care program for 4-H'ers.

ation, was awarded the trip after being named best in the Texas 4-H beef program. He

plans to become a rancher. Britten began his beef project nine years ago with two calves and has built a herd of 35 prize-winning animals. One of his Shorthorn steers was named breed champion at the San Antonio Show and sold for

Vance was enrolled in the Vance, 16, is one of two Bryan dog care project three of his 4-H'ers winning top awards in five years as a 4-H'er, training 1962. The other is Dick Britten, two pointers, Mike and Tony. 18, who took an all-expense trip to Chicago awarded by E. I. County 4-H rifle team, an activity that fits in well with the

MERKEL FORD SALES

WHERE YOU ALWAYS SAVE **PHONE 8-6626**

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

HOME DEMONSTRATION NOTES

By LORETA ALLEN

Mrs. B. J. Gist, County Home ing to be held in Fredericksburg Demonstration Association chair- May 1. man, Mrs. Eugene Dobkins, assistant Home Demonstration Agent, and I attended a meeting ing and the district meeting. Tayin Eldorado. The meeting was to plan the District THDA meet- in the district meeting by pre-



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us for some time.

The skinny look continues strong for coats this spring, but fullness is creeping in at the back or all around. By fall, the big coat should be firmly estab

In suits, the lengthened jackets made news in early fashion showings for spring. Though short jackets remain, there are many varieties of the longer jacket. The skinny look in suits is the long jacket stripped of extra detail. Sleeves are slim, set into a natural shoulder. Necklines are collarless or have narrow revers. Suits this spring have great feminine appeal.

at Coca Cola Building March

The program will be as fol-

IN SPACE AGE HOUSE CLEANING

2:30-3:10-Ways of Putting House Cleaning in Orbit Mr. H. G. Ervin - Carl Kirby - Dealer Supervisors Hoover Company

3:10-3:20-Stretcher 3:20-3:35-Magic Wax for Space Age Floors - Loreta Allen, County Home Demonstration Agent, Taylor County. 3:35-4:00-Questions and An-

There will be a display of ace age cleaning equipment

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Math Maxwell, Mrs. Bill Maxwell, Marilyn and Patti, Nooc'e, spent the week end in Dallas visiting Joan Max-

The Rev. and Mrs. Ira Harrison, Abilene, Interim pastor of the First Baptist Church were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason Sunday.

Mrs. B. J. Gist was asked to serve as secretary for this meetlor County will also participate senting recreation when the program of work is presented.

Eldorado women certainly wanted us to know about their wool industry. The name tags had a nap cut from wool cloth used in making blankets. The center piece on the coffee table was a tree with beautiful colors of wool that looked like flowers. The table cloth was a wool sack decorated with flowers of wool cloth. After the all day meeting, there was a tour through the mill showing how the blankets were

FASHION FORECAST

There are many silhouettes for spring - some continuing from fall and other stimulatingly new. Although it is a season of contrasts, the spring silhouettes have one aim - to achieve a youthful softness and freedom of movement

Rheba Merle Boyles, Extension Service Clothing Specialist, reports these findings from New York fashion coordinators and de-

The spare look continues with slimmer dresses, lightly fitted and classically simple, slim tail- THE HOME MAKER'S MAGIC ored coats and suits with long-

line jackets. The natural look is the feminine look.

A leading stylist has introduc ed the Tomboy or Oliver Twist Influence, typical of English boy's school uniform - crisply tailored, yet with a definite feminine appeal.

Details are significant this this spring. Many sleeves are cuffed and pockets are numer-

Hemlines are still unpredictable. One designer's complete spring line showed mid - calf lengths in all daytime clothes. The ankle length skirts currently popular for at home and informal entertaining may be with

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Up

Canyon

By TOM

RUSSOM

Well, that norther coming the

earlier part of the week failed

to bring any rain to the Canyon.

Canvon this week is not too good,

and we are awful dry at this

Wheat is growing some but

not eanough to make grazing for

livestock. Livestock herds came

through the winter in excellent

shape and they look real good.

Some of the farmers are still

wanting to buy stocker cattle

which are still very high and

Joe Seymore said he had been

trying to buy a few yearlings

and they were too high to buy.

He said lots of people wanted

Lem Dudley, stockman of Mer-

kel, told us this week that he

had some cattle on feed at his

place near Merkel. Lem was

raised in the Cedar Brakes near

the Davis Ranch and ranched

that area for many years.

the demand is strong on them.

The weather picture, Up the

about his good wife, Mrs. Dudley. She came from a fine pioneer family of Abilene, the Fuller family. She was teaching school on the Sales Ranch at the time their early day romance began. Anyway, they have many friends Up the Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Allen, Midland, visited over the week end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman. He worked on the Butman ranch years ago.

A good number from the Canyon attended the funeral of little Linda Richie Sunday afternoon in Merkel. Her parents were raised in the Canyon and they have many good friends here. We want to extend our sympathy to the family.

About all we could say about Earl Hughes' statement about our column last week would be this: Earl was justified in making that statement, due to the fact that the Canyon was Earl's home when he was a barefoot boy on the creeps. And, it is still home to him and he has many friends here. We appreciate him very much,

Fishing is getting under way Up the Canyon as well as rattlesnake hunting. Woodie Rodgers and Jack Collier of Merkel caught nine large rattlers on the Tom Russom place Sunday. The snakes had from ten to fifteen rattles. They stated that snakes are beginning to come out of their dens now.

This is about 15 miles south of There has been one big coyote and two large bobcats caught We will have to add something on the Tom Russom place. These

three animals alone could wipe out a herd of baby lambs. The government trapper caught the animals. They can be seen at the G. L. Anderson place on the corner of the fence, just west of the E. H. Cordill home

Mr. and Mrs. Osward Everett are spending a few days at their home in Merkel after Mr. Everett had an attack of the flu at the ranch a few days ago.

Fortnightly Club **Enjoys Dinner**

In the delightful atmosphere of the Continental Room in Arthur's Westwood Cafeteria the members of the Fortnightly Study Club and their husbands enjoyed a delicious Mexican Sup-

per Tuesday evening, Feb. 26. Mrs. Don Dudley, president, welcomed the members and their husbands, and gave a short resume of the year's work.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Alan Armstrong, David Brumbeau, Johnny Cox, W. R. Cypert, Don Dudley, Bryan Dunagin, Mack Fisher, David Gamble, Bob Goodwin, Comer Haynes, Ben R. Hicks, Wren Durham, Ray Wilson, Mmes. Homer Patterson, Jarrett Williams and

The next meeting of the Fortnightly Study Club will be in the Merkel Elementary Library with Mrs. Mack Fisher as hostess. The Rev. Howard Marcom will show slides of Mexico.

Miss McRee Hosts Union Ridge HDC

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Miss Mabel McRee March 1. As president of the club, Mrs. Denzel Cox was in charge of

Miss Mabel McRee was nominated to represent the club as council representative for the spring meeting to be held in Fredericksburg.

A program on Do's and Don't's on coin operated cleaning machines were discussed.

Refreshments were servied to four members and Darell and David Cox as visitors. The next meeting will be March 15, in the home of Mrs. J. H. Clark.

Mrs. Miles Hosts **Blue Bonnet HDC**

The Blue Bonnet Home Demonstration Club met Feb. 26 with Mrs. Horace Miles. Mrs. Tom Russom was assistant hostess.

Mrs Russom gave the demonstration on "Landscaping and Propagation of Plants." Mrs. Dewel McLean gave a lecture on color, both personal and in

the home. March 5 meeting will be with Mrs. Jimmy Riggan with a book review by Mrs. McLean.

Refreshments were served to 12 members and 5 visitors.

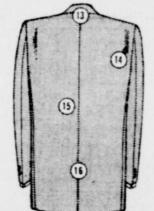


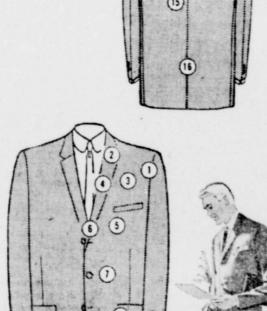
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Education Policy Affects Page Six **Active Duty Officers**

made a policy change rela- uty chief of staff, personnel. tive to the emphasis placed who announced the following on education in the officers' active duty promotion program, according to Lt. Col. James S. Hislop, director of personnel, 96th Strategic Aerospace Wing.

A letter concerning the policy was forwarded from Headquarters, SAC, to Headquarters, USAF last December, and a reply to the letter was made



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USAF Chief of Staff has by Lt. Gen. W. S. Stone, dep-

"It is recognized that the emphasis on education has had an impact on the selection rates for various categories of officers.

"As you know, the emphasis on education has been confined to below the zone selections. In the primary zone, officers in crew positions generally have been selected at a higher rate than the USAF average for all specialties.

"The Chief of Staff has reconsidered the degree of emphasis to be placed on education in the secondary zone selection process and has established the following policy: Eligible officers with long tenure in crew positions will be given commensurate consideration for secondary zone promotions with officers holding academic degrees.

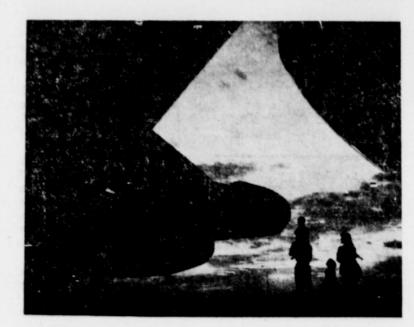
"The relative weight to be given to long tenure in a crew position versus the academic degree will be left to the individual judgment of the

board members." Colonel Hislop states that this policy change long has been sought by Headquarters SAC, and any questions concerning the change should be directed to the special actions section, personnel directorate, 96th Strategic Aerospace Wing.

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PROTECTION-"Protection" is symbolized in this picture by Hugo Wessels, a United Press International (UPI) photographer from Miami, Fla., which has been chosen as the Strategic Air Command 1962 Photograph of the Year. The picture was taken on Armed Forces Day, May 1962, when Airman Wessels was on active duty as an Air Force reservist at Homestead AFB, Fla. The photograph was taken with a Speed Graphic using Super Panchro Press Type B film exposed at f8 at 1/125th of a second with a red

Battery 'B' Presented **Honor Standard**

The officers and men of the 5th NIKE Missile Battalion's Battery B were surprised Wednesday with a presentation of the Honor Battery Standard, an emblem of their superior performance at the annual Short Notice Practice at the McGregor Firing Range in New Mexico.

Formed for inspection by Battalion Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. Pete D. Pavick, the two platoons who man the Barkeley NIKE Missile Site were called to attention while a color guard from Headquarters Battery marched into position. As the command "present

arms" rang out, Colonel Pavick pulled the casing from the bright red banner with gold sash and then presented the award to Capt. Richard F. Wasiewski, commanding officer of Battery B.

The Honor Battery Banner was awarded to the local missilemen for their near perfect where exactly one month ago 6th grade at the Dyess Elethey were tested in every phase of a missileman's dut-

Spring Cleaning Starts At Dyess

Dyess' Spring clean-up campaign will begin Apr. 22, according to Lt. Col. Donald E. Griffin, base fire marshal.

Details of the 1963 cleanup week were announced following the meeting of the Fire Marshal's Council.

The campaign will feature a Base-wide slogan contest, a poster contest for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades and an essay contest for the 4th, 5th, and

mentary School.

The winner of the base slogan contest will be awarded a \$25 savings bond, and the winner in each grade at the Dyess School will be awarded a \$5 gift certificate.

There will be special trash and shrubbery pickups in the Base housing area during the week and the Base Junior Teen Club will conduct a special paper drive on Apr. 27.

The Boy Scouts will distribute handout material to all occupants of Base Housing in advance of Spring clean-up week to explain its purpose and benefits.

The campaign is sponsored by the Base Fire Department and Fire Marshal's Council

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SECOND STEP - After the bulldozer has plowed-up the flightline with a steel fork which is a part of the multiton piece of equipment, the scooping of the flightline be gins. Construction started Feb. 1. (AIR FORCE PHOTO)

Three-Million Dollar Project Moving Along AT Rapid Pace

The multi-million dollar construction designed to adapt the Dyess flight line to B-52 heavy bombers was begun early this month.

Adapting the existing runway for the 200 plus ton aircraft will include widening the 21/2 mile long strip for 200 to 300 feet. Approximately 14,955 tons of new asphalt and 163,387 cubic yards of portland cement will be poured during the effort.

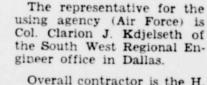
Runway lights, markers and associated piping and electrical lines will relocated and taxiways will be widened from 75 to 175 feet.

The aircraft washing area will be expanded and wash rack facilities will be revamped. Other work included in the contract will be the building of 11 jet engine exhaust blast de-flectors. Trimming up the area after construction includes landscaping and erosion control for the equivalent of 207 acres of land with tilling, seeding and mulching.

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Albuquerque district, will act as the construction agency with Mr. Joseph L. Jones as resident engineer.



GATHERING LOOSE ASPHALT - This angle dozer finishes the job of gathering the remaining pieces of asphalt missed by the bulldozer. Overall contractor for the widening of the flightline is the H. B. Zachry Construction Company of San Antonio. (AIR FORCE PHOTO)



Overall contractor is the H. B. Zachry Construction Company of San Antonio, which has appointed Mr. C. C. Elkins as project manager for the \$3,185,000 program.

The five steps featured on this page are steps previous to the laying of new asphalt that's the sixth step.





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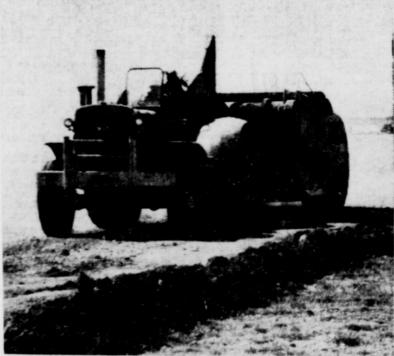
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CARTING IT AWAY - The carry all transports about 22 cubic yards of asphalt each load. The swift-moving giant transports the asphalt about 1/4-mile from the construction site. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the middle of Autumn. (AIR FORCE PHOTO)

DUMPING - The final step in preparing for new asphalt for the bigger runways and taxi ways is the dumping of non-usable asphalt. Note the large, curved, scoop-like part of the carry-all. While the scoop is in an upward position the asphalt is dumped in a pre designated area in the flightline area. The B52s are scheduled to land on the widened runway in November. (AIR FORCE PHOTO)



PICK IT UP - With the asphalt loosened sistance of the bulldozer is required due to and gathered, a multi - ton carry - all with the excessive weight of the asphalt. (AIR bulldozer pushing, scoops up the asphalt FORCE PHOTO) through a large opening in its carry bin. As-





12 Dyess Scouts Earn **God And Country Award**

Protestant Boy Scout recog- essary prerequisites in time nition of completion of the for the ceremony. God and Country award for 12 scouts was held recently at the Base Chapel.

Chap. (Capt.) Herbert A. Brethauer, who directed the spiritual activities of the Scouts during the past year, presented the awards. He was assisted by Mr. Henry H. Mc-Ginty, Scout executive of the Abilene Scout office, Rev. Francis Benton of the Protestant Committee on Scouting in the Abilene area, and the representatives of the Scout troops - MSgt. William C. Higgins, Troop 96, and A1C Edward Eustis, Troop 25.

This class was the first to be presented at Dyess and the largest to receive the God and Country award in the Abilene area. Originally the group consisted of 15 Scouts, but Wilson Miles, son of Lt. Col. Wilson Miles, received his award in January before leaving the base, and Scouts Norman Gonzales and Robert Watson were unable to complete all the nec-

Eyes Examined

Chaplain Brethauer emphasized at the presentation that Earning the God and Country award is not a project of janitorial service, but is a Christian nurture program of growth in belief, Christian outreach and witness. All the service projects at the Base Chapel are centered around worship, concern for others, and the symbols and tools of Christianity."

Lt. Col. Marion L. Nelson, base chaplain, announced that this class of Scouts represented a cross section of Protestantism. The group consisted of seven Methodists, two United Church of Christ, and one each from the Christian, Presbyterian and Southern Baptist Churches. Chaplain Nelson said, "Only the general Protestant emphasis in the chapel program can adequately serve all traditions of be-

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God and Country award: Jay Scott Davidson, son of MSgt. and Mrs. Samuel Davidson; Richard Fowler, son of Maj. and Mrs. Robert C. Fowler; Taylor Glenn, son of Capt. and Mrs. D. G. Glenn; Phillip Gon-

Mrs. William C. Higgins. Robert Hitchcock, son of Maj. and Mrs. J. W. Hitchcock; Michael Landsverk, son of TSgt. and Mrs. M. C. Landsverk; Steven Morris, son of Maj. and Mrs. Charles Morris; Kirby Ridgeway, son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Guy E. Ridgeway; Ronald Werner, son of TSgt. and Mrs. L. L. Werner; and Herbert and Thomas Wright, sons of SMSgt. and Mrs. Herbert R. Wright.

zales, son of CWO and Mrs.

Ralph J. Gonzales; Michael

Higgins, son of MSgt. and

Division, Wing Safety Leaders Meet at 15AF

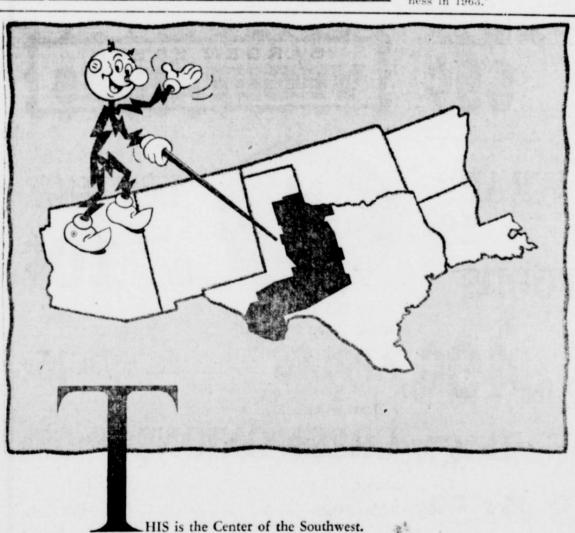
Safety officials from SAC and USAF addressed the conference and discussed current aspects of the safety program.

During the conference, Mr. Joseph C. West of the Fifteenth Air Force directorate of safety, was presented a 20year federal service pin. Mr. West has been with Fifteenth Air Force since its activation in July 1944 at Colorado Springs, Colo

Lt. Col. R. A. Ward, 96th director of safety, met for four days with other wing, division and group directors of safety at March AFB, Calif to exchange ideas and improve pro-

Lt. Col. Thomas L. Simpson, 819th Strategic Aerospace director of safety and O. A. Kimbrough, safety engineer in the 96th SAWg, also attended the

In welcoming the delegates, Col. R. J. Wright, Fifteenth Air Force Director of Safety, said: "Although 1962 was one of our most successful years in accident prevention, we're now striving to improve our efforts (so that) the program will achieve even greater effectiveness in 1963."



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1,112 Captains Now Have Permanent Rank

Washington (AFNS) - The Air Force announced this week that a total of 1,112 non-active duty captains have been promoted to the permanent grade of major in the Air Force Re-

Promotion of those selected will be accomplished by Hq., Air Reserve Records Center. Effective dates for most of the promotions will be during calendar year 1963, with some not becoming effective until 1964, and a limited number of nom inees getting retroactive promotions to their new grade

A total of 1,725 captains were considered by the board that convened at ARRC during December. In addition to those selected for promotion, there were 336 eligibles deferred for the first time and 277 for the second time.

Short Story Contest Begins

Washington (AFNS) - The Air Force has announced that the 1963 USAF Short Story Contest is now underway.

The annual competition, the 12th such contest, is open to all military personnel on ex-tended active duty or attached to the Air Force.

A total of \$900 in prizes will be awarded to the top five winners in the Hq. USAF judging. Additional prizes may be earned by taking the top awards at base and command

The top USAF prize is \$350. with \$250 for second place; \$150, third; \$100, fourth and \$50, fifth

Final judging at USAF level will be May 31, with base command judging being completed by correspondingly earlier dates to enable submission of the entries to the USAF competition.

Entries will be judged on originality of subject matter freshness of approach, literary style and technique.



MEDAL FOR FLIGHT ENGI NEER - TSgt. Vernie Berry, 17th Troop Carrier Squadron, TAC, received the Air Force Commendation Medal from Cel. Burl W. McLaughlin, 516th TCW commander, this week. In October 1962, Sergeant Berry participated in exercise Rapid Road as flight engineer of a C-130 air combat crew E-006, and distinguished himself in aerial operations. (AIR FORCE PHOTO)

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A TOUR - Lt. Gen. William W. Dick Jr., commanding general, U. S. Army Air Defense Command, points to the launch area of Battery A of the 5th Nike Missile Battalion from the hill at the fire control area while on a tour this week. Accompanying the general are Lt. Col. Pete D. Pavick, left, battalion commander, and Capt. Joseph M. Gray, battery commanding officer. Note the huge BIRDIE acquisition radar dish in the background. (AIR FORCE

Titan II Carries Biggest Payload Right on Target

Air Force announced that a Titan II ICBM was successfully launched by an all-Air Force crew last week and that the missile carried the largest reentry vehicle to its target area some 6,500 miles down the Atlantic Missile Range.

In addition to the standard operational equipment, the vehicle carried special instrumentation designed to study the

missile's performance in flight. The launch crew that participated in the historic blast-off consisted of nine officers and 63 airmen from the Titan Weapons Division of the 6555th

Washington (AFNS) - The Aerospace Test Wing at Patrick AFB, Fla. The division had previously launched two

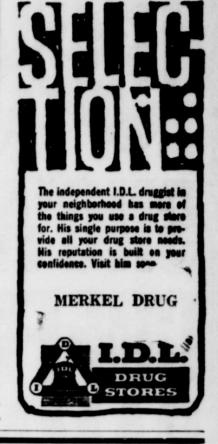
will be ready for firing on short notice from inside hardened underground silos. As a space booster, it is marked for use in the Gemini

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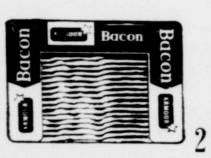
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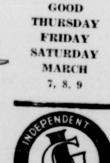


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