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BOTH TOOK PRIZES — These two scenes took first place in the lighting contest Friday night. Pictured above is the home of W. W. Toombs, winner of the yard decoration. Below is the home of Horace Boney, winner of the window and door decoration.

WINNERS NAMED IN LOCAL CONTEST

Horace Boney of 1412 Herring Drive and W. W. Toombs of 1109 S. 9th were named winners of the residential lighting contest held in Merkel Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Toombs were awarded first prize in the yard decoration division and Mr. and Mrs. Boney took first place in the window and door decoration division.

The awards were presented by Taylor Electric Coop and West Texas Utilities Co.

Two honorable mentions were given in both divisions. The honorable mentions for the window and door decorations went to Laverne Moore, 1406 Sunset and Roy Dalziel, 1414 Heath. Honorable mentions for yard decorations was given to Bryan Dunnigan, 621 Ash and Alvin Wozencraft, 509 Oak.

Judges for the occasion were selected by the Merkel Garden Club. They were Jerry Massey, display director for West Texas Utilities, Mrs. Joe Sarrels, decorating consultant; and Miss Eudora Hawkins, formerly with the public service department.

The judges, all from Abilene, had this to say in regard to Merkel's first residential lighting contest: "There were some excellent displays and splendid efforts for the first contest. We also saw some beautiful lighting that was not entered in the contest."

According to the judges there was some overlapping of categories. They stated that there would have been more first place winners had there been more clear-

ly defined categories. There will be more clearly defined categories and more detailed rules added to next year's program.

In conclusion they stated that this was a supreme effort for our town. They said, "The decorations were lovely and we enjoyed it tremendously."

John Wehmeyer To Preach Sunday

John T. Wehmeyer, second-year student at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, will be guest pastor at the Merkel Presbyterian Church on Sunday, December 29.

Mr. Wehmeyer received his bachelor of arts degree in 1962 from Austin College in Sherman, where he became a member of Chi Delta Eta social fraternity.

He served as summer assistant minister in charge of youth work at the First Presbyterian Church of Cleburne, and has served as president of the Presbytery of the Southwest.

His church membership is in the Manhattan Presbyterian Church of El Paso, and he is married to the former Carol Sue Irwin of Port Arthur.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Garner and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Verner of Farwell visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. Garner last week end.

Up The Canyon

By TOM RUSSEM



We are sure having some disagreeable weather up the canyon at this time.

Livestock are taking the weather well. Stockmen are feeding heavily.

The stockmen are beginning to ask the question as to whether the hay and bundles will hold out two more winter months.

Gene Goodrich of Austin has selected a location to drill an oil well on the Ford Batman ranch 14 miles south of Merkel in Mulberry Canyon. The well will be drilled back in the foot hills near the mountain.

Mrs. Frank Brnovak fell this week and injured her knee.

It was not a serious injury. Uncle E. H. Cordill is still in the Sadler Clinic - Hospital and not doing too well at this writing.

Tom Russom is doing fine and able to ride his pickup out to feed his cattle.

Well, the land selling in the Canyon is very quiet. Just no land left to sell.

We would like to say to all of the readers of our column, "We want to wish each of you a very Happy New Year!"

Ronnie Reeger Recommended For Letter

Ronnie Reeger of Merkel was among thirty four Texas Tech footballers that were recommended to the athletic council for varsity letters, according to coach J. T. King.

Included are seven seniors, 13 juniors and 14 sophomores.

Reeger, a junior, is a tackle for the Red Raiders. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Reeger.

Two Merkel Girls Win Dyess Medals

Two Merkel girls were among the eight girls to win medals at Dyess Air Force Base recently.

The medal was awarded to senior girls for four years of play in the Dyess Girls Basketball Tournament.

Merkel medal winners were Carole Sue McAninch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis McAninch and Sarah Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harris.

STUDENTS SET PACE FOR SAFE DRIVING

The Texas Safety Association called on student to "set the pace" for safety during the New Year holiday period.

"Each year thousands of lives are lost needlessly during the holiday period," Dr. Milo E. Kearney, TSA Vice President for School and College Safety, said. "However, I believe the high toll anticipated for this season can be drastically reduced if the thousands of students in our state join individually in the campaign for holiday safety."

Dr. Kearney, who also is Director, Division of Teacher Education and Certification for the Texas Education Agency, praised high school and college students for their interest in safety. He also pointed out that the youthful driver is among the best equipped

Moisture, Crops, Lack of Laborers Big Factor

According to several local merchants the economical status of the Merkel trade area shows approximately the same results as did the preceding year.

The majority reported that the 1963 term had been a good year and that any small decrease in the economics of the city were probably due to the absence of laborers in the area.

The following statements of local merchants were given for better insight into the city status.

Myer Mellinger of Mellinger Dry Goods: "There wasn't much difference in the 1962 and 1963 year. The 1964 year of course depends on the moisture and the crop conditions. However, I believe it will be as good or better."

Mrs. Almeda Bulock of Bullock Hardware: "This year has been about the same as last year. At first we thought it would be a little shy, but it turned out to be a very good year. Right now we're looking forward to a prosperous year in 1964."

Ray Wilson of Wilson Food Store: "When everything is totaled I believe we still have about the same economical year as we had in 1962. The Christmas season has been real good. In 1964 we're hoping for an increase and believing that it will be as good as this year has been."

Mrs. Mary Grimes of Bragg's Department Store: "This year has been equally as good as last year. As things now stand I believe that 1964 will be an even better year."

Howard Carson of Carson Super Market: "Things were down just a little due to the crops in the Merkel area. But generally, thru out the 1963 year, there has been little difference. We are looking forward to a good year in 1964."

Onis Crawford of Crawford's Men's Wear: "Business has shown an increase as a whole over the past year. What business that did decrease, I believe, was due to the crops, dry weather, and the absence of laborers in the Merkel area this year. Also the president's assassination shook the economy of the town as well as the nation."

As it stands now I believe that 1964 will be a better economical year.

driver in the world.

"Tests show that young drivers are well - equipped physically for driving. The young driver reacts much faster in an emergency situation, and his vision is better than that of older drivers," he explained.

"In addition, most young drivers have a better knowledge of their motor vehicle and its performance."

While Dr. Kearney urged all student drivers to put "courtesy" in their driving and "caution" in other holiday activities, he had a special message for college students traveling home for the holidays.

"Watch your speed. Highway traffic will be heavy, so be patient. You won't be the only driver on the road."

1963 Reported Good Year In Merkel Area



Should auld acquaintance

We wish you the best of luck in the New Year. Your patronage and support has been greatly appreciated. Happy New Year.

1964

Kid's Night Out At H-SU Game

A holiday atmosphere will prevail in Rose Field House Friday night when the Hardin - Simmons University basketball team concludes its 1963 portion of the season against the Pannhandle A&M Aggies.

The Friday night game, which starts at 7:30 has been designated as "Kids' Night Out" and a special Christmas program has been arranged. Santa Claus will be at the game to hand out candy to the children and a vocal group will sing holiday songs before and during halftime of the game.

All parents will be admitted free to the contest when accompanied by their children. Admission for children is 50 cents each.

The Cowboys will be trying for their seventh consecutive home game victory when they go against the Aggies of Goodwill, Ogle.

Hardin - Simmons won its two final Rose Field House contests last year and the Cowboys are currently on a four - game winning streak at home. They hold victories over Wayland College, Howard Payne, Southwest Texas State and Trinity University here this season.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bragg of Abilene were visitors in the home of their uncle, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock last week end.

ECONOMIC INCREASE EXPECTED IN 1964

What will the country be like in 10 or 15 years? According to the newly published Kiplinger - Hammond Economic Forecast Atlas of the World, population will have grown by one third, average family income will have increased from \$7,200 to about \$10,000 in constant dollars, and there will be 20 million more workers looking for jobs - of whom 95 per cent to 96 per cent will meet with success in finding one.

It is reported that many countries will just begin to develop along the lines of the U.S. has already pioneered. Other nations, which heretofore have merely supplied us with raw materials, will start making goods we've produced for years. This means that some of our jobs will vanish while others become more lucrative - and this shift alone will alter life and living in entire cities and regions right here at home.

It is pointed out that the U.S. gross national product will rise from nearly \$600 billion in 1963 to around \$1,000 billion, or \$1 trillion, in 1975.

The addition of some 50 million people will raise new problems. State and local taxes will go up to help pay for schools, hospitals, streets, sewers, highways and the like. Competition

for the best jobs and the best men to fill them will be rugged.

In addition, the forecast takes a look at the industries which are likely to show the most growth - food, automobile, power, steel, railroads, trucking, airlines, retail sales, consumer durables, chemicals and plastics, etc. - and where their growth will have the most impact.

The Southwest, Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, will grow 46 per cent, almost 5 1/2 million new residents. Part of these will be attracted by defense business, but all three states are adding other industries fast, making their economic base wider and stronger.

Jr. Garden Club Meets in Library

The Merkel Junior Garden Club met last week in the Merkel Elementary School Library with Kathy Mansfield in charge of the meeting.

During the business session Suzie Wilson was elected treasurer and Mary Doan was elected reporter.

Hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. Jarrett Williams and Mrs. O. B. Leach.

Consultant was Mrs. Earl Hughes.

Religious Review

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Marvin H. Clark, pastor

SUNDAY MORNING
Broadcast 9:00
Sunday School 10:00
Worship Service 11:00

SUNDAY EVENING
Training Union 6:45
Worship Service 7:30

WEDNESDAY
Evening Service 8:00

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00
Preaching Service 11:00

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Howard Marcom, pastor

SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45
Preaching 10:55
Youth Meeting 6:00
Evening Worship 7:00

WEDNESDAY
Choir Practice 8:00

NEW LIVE OAK BAPTIST CHURCH

Bill Williams, pastor

SUNDAY
Sunday School 10:00
Preaching Service 11:00
Training Union 6:00
Preaching Service 7:00

3rd and El Paso Streets

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Kenneth Joines, pastor

SUNDAY
Bible School 9:45
Morning Worship 10:30
Evening Classes 6:00

Evening Worship 6:45
WEDNESDAY
Bible Classes 8:00

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

W. D. Tanner, pastor

SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45
Sunday School Broadcast 10:15
Morning Service and Broadcast 11:00
Training Union 6:30
Evening Service 7:30
Youth Council Meeting .. 8:30

TUESDAY
WMU Visitation 9:30
Sunbeams 9:30
Jr. G.A. 9:30

WEDNESDAY
Evening Services 7:30

THURSDAY
Visitation

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

John Curtis, pastor

SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45
Preaching 11:00
Evening Preaching 7:00

WEDNESDAY
Mid-Week Evangelistic Service 7:30

THURSDAY
Young People Service .. 7:30
Radio Broadcast Monday thru Friday 9 a.m.

Mrs. Elsie Roland has returned home after visiting her daughter in Washington.

The weather is the main news this week. We have had all kinds of rain, sleet and snow.

The Stith Home Demonstration Club held their Christmas party Saturday night at the community center. Supper was served.

Mrs. Ray Perry led the song services followed by the devotion by Ray Perry.

Secret pals were revealed.

T. Burns of Jackboro visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Pick Payne visited Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kelso in Anson Sunday.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. Y. G. Walker, Carolyn and Ronnie Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Rhodes, Anson and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Malone of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hale, Shirley and Mike of Midland visited his parents Sunday.

W. I. Burton spent a week in Hendrick Memorial Hospital and

Your Future at Work



The building of electric organs offers many career opportunities for industrial designers, persons skilled in electronics, and men and women who know how to select and finish fine wood.



The industry offers office jobs from switchboard operators to management in both manufacturing and retailing. Teachers are needed for private instruction and for schools. Many organists are employed full time by churches.



Careers in the performing arts include the concert stage, records, radio and television, hotels and resorts. Many Hammond organ artists have played their way around the world on luxury liners.

LEGAL NOTICE

ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING
Dec. 14, 1963

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the annual meeting of the stockholders of Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said Bank on the 14th day of January, 1964, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Respectfully,
BOOTH WARREN
President

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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 on 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: Heirs and unknown heirs of Zollie Hartwell Tyrone, deceased, Defendants, Greeting:

YOUR 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 2nd day of December A.D. 1963, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 4th day of October A.D. 1963, in this cause, numbered 28-644-A on the docket of said court and styled LeClair Operating Company, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. heirs and unknown heirs of Zollie Hart-

well Tyrone, deceased, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff sues Defendant for \$3,000.00 and foreclosure of lien on an undivided 35-128th interest in an oil and gas lease covering a 3 acre tract of land out of the J. C. Thompson Survey No. 433, Taylor County, Texas; 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 17th day of October A.D. 1963.

(Seal)
Attest: R.H. ROSS Clerk,
42nd District Court,
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
39 4t

ANDY SHOUSE

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INSURANCE
115 Kent
Phone 322

Record Keepers Sought by A&M

COLLEGE STATION — As a farm or ranch operator, would you like to join as a select group of cooperators with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in a mail in record keeping project?

The Service's farm management specialists, with Rex Kennedy as coordinator, have issued a call for 300 volunteers who would like to participate in the year-long project. Kennedy says for the past two years about 50 cooperators have been under the program and that results have been good. The program utilizes the electronic computers at Texas A&M University specialists to do a faster and sity and makes it possible for the more thorough job.

Kennedy points out that the results of the past two years clearly indicate weakness in management operations; especially as they relate to costs, yields, machinery and labor utilization. He adds that the past experience has caused the specialists to strongly recommend enterprise accounting, although it is not mandatory for the new cooperators.

Here's what the new cooperators will furnish the specialists at Texas A&M — a beginning inventory, monthly expenses and income records (mailed in each month), and an ending inventory. At the end of the year, the specialists will supply the cooperator with a detailed analysis of the year's record. This analysis will be provided in time for use in connection with tax reporting, Kennedy said.

The material submitted by the cooperators will be treated as confidential information and only summaries or averages without identification of individuals will be used by the specialists in their work. Summaries of the records will be available on request any time during the year, says Kennedy.

If you would like to participate

24 Attend Christmas Party

The past matrons and patrons of the Order of the Eastern Star of Merkel Chapter 212 met with Mrs. Wilma Robertson for their Christmas party.

Attending the party were 13 past matrons, the present worthy matron and patron, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Noah, the association matron, Mrs. Florence Berry and one past patron and eight guests. Gifts were exchanged.

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To all our many friends and neighbors we send greetings and best wishes for '64.



1964
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MASONIC MEETING
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FOR RENT - Furnished 3 rooms and bath. Call 8-5236 or inquire at 402 Ash Street. 35 tfc
FOR RENT - Rooms and furnished apartments. Bills paid. MERKEL HOTEL. Phone 8-7671. 46 tc
FOR RENT - 2 bedroom house. 812 Locust. Contact Vivian Doris. 36 tfc
FOR RENT - Two bedroom house. Call Fred Starbuck. 33 tfc

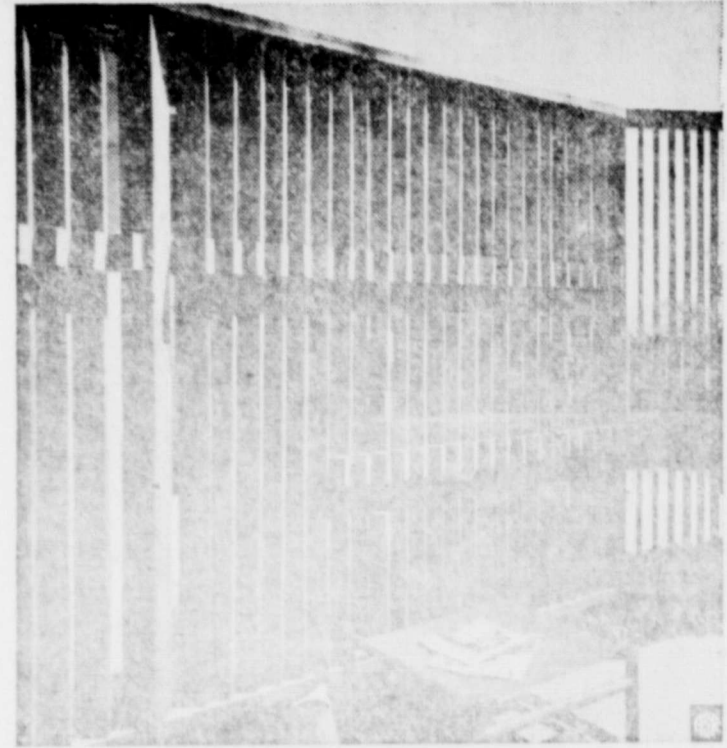
FOR RENT - 2 bedroom unfurnished house. Located at 105 Locust, Mrs. Dan Robinson. Phone 8-5390. 32 tfc tp

FOR SALE
FOR SALE - New brick home 1234 Sunset. 3 bedrooms, 2 ceramic tile baths, carpet, built-in range. FHA \$150 down, \$92 monthly including all taxes and insurance. GI no down payment. Phone 8-5112 or 8-5731, Nolan Palmer. 25 tfc

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FOR SALE
FOR SALE - J. B. Bell Estate, 190 acres, 5 miles northeast of Merkel on proposed farm to market road. Write Venice McDonald, McAdoo, Texas.

Designed Fence Is "Good Neighbor"



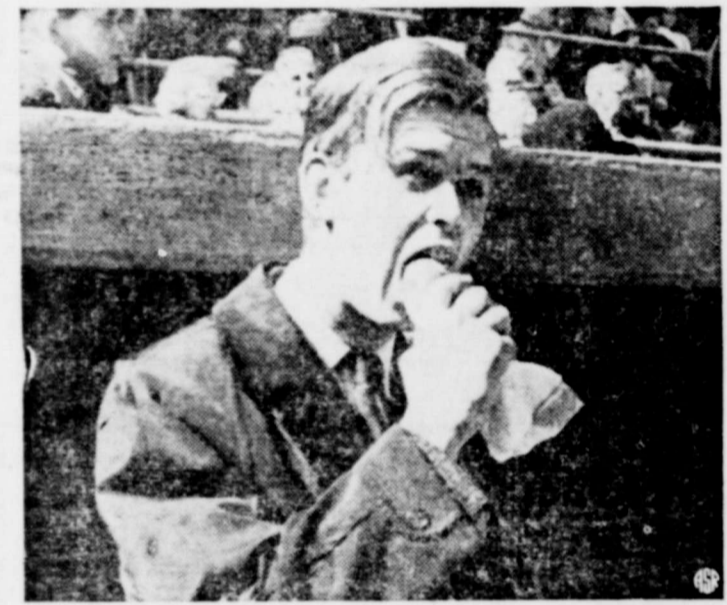
If you want a privacy fence in an area where fences are not the rule, choose materials and design carefully so that the completed project is an asset to the neighborhood which cannot be criticized. Use an upper grade of redwood and add design interest by such simple devices as the blocks inserted at intervals in the fence above. This fence was designed by Landscape Architects, Royston, Hanamoto & Mayes.

A good idea when building a fence is to start with a modest redwood screen, well within your property line, separating your barbecue area, say, from your zinnia patch. After the local inhabitants have stopped driving out of their way to study this new contribution to the skyline, you might get together with one of your more courageous neighbors and agree on a fence along the line between you.

These first attempts should be planned carefully. Check into the price of a clear grade of redwood; you may find that you can afford it for most of your fence, and it will dress it up considerably (choose an all-heart grade, of course, if there is danger of decay or termite attack). Ask your lumber dealer for design ideas for fences which you can adapt to your own abilities. He has many helpful plans and booklets. Among the most useful is the California Redwood Association's brand new booklet, *Redwood Fences*, which you can get by sending a dime to Dept. RS-2, California Redwood Association, 617 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, California.

If you proceed thus with care, your first attempts at attaining privacy may lead to a handsome addition to the landscape of the neighborhood—and you may be emulated instead of castigated.

His First Hot Dog!



Taking a man-size bite of his first American hot dog as he gazes intently towards the gridiron, is Viscount Hinchinbrooke. This young Britisher, who will one day be the eleventh Earl of Sandwich, is a direct descendant of the inventor of the sandwich!

Hinchinbrooke recently visited the U.S. as special "sandwich consultant" for The Seven-Up Company. He attended a preview of the "7-Up International Sandwich Gardens," one of the major pavilions at the forthcoming New York World's Fair. This pavilion will introduce "international sandwiches" representing the four corners of the globe.

Viscount Hinchinbrooke told how his ancestor, the fourth Earl of Sandwich (1718-1792), was such an inveterate gambler that he put his meat and bread together "so that he could eat with one hand and go on playing cards with the other." Soon, according to Hinchinbrooke, all of the Earl's cronies at the Beefsteak Club were calling for their meat and bread to be served "like Sandwich's."

The Viscount will return to America next spring for the opening of the 7-Up International Sandwich Gardens, where some 18,000 sandwiches a day will be served.

Polluted Water a Public Hazard



Domestic sewage discharged into rivers and lakes of the United States killed 3,362,000 fish in 1962, according to the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. How does domestic sewage get into lakes and streams? Overuse of products in the home to counteract the effect of hard water often results in municipal treatment plants being unable to handle the load. Thus raw sewage gets into our inland waters and kills millions of fish annually.

Stream pollution is not the only indirect effect of hard water. Lack of knowledge about water, its qualities and its effects may be costing the American people as much as \$718 million a year according to a survey prepared by Dr. Cornelia A. Tyler.

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SOCIETY
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Mrs. J. H. Cason has returned home after a three months vacation.

Mrs. Mason Barker of Hodges is visiting in the home of his mother, Mrs. E. H. Thompson.

Mrs. Molly Springer of Abilene was a visitor in the home of her mother, Mrs. N. L. McLeod, last week end.

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Mr. and Mrs. Carl McKeever and son Kelley of Crownpoint, New Mexico, are the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. McKeever and Mr. and Mrs. Eric Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Coats of Big Spring visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Diltz. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Mina Winter and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Diltz and family.

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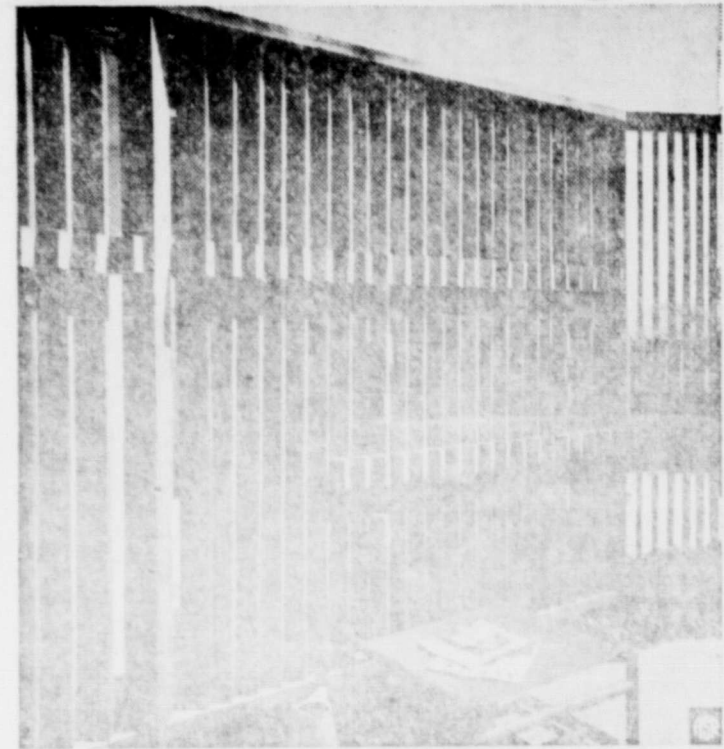
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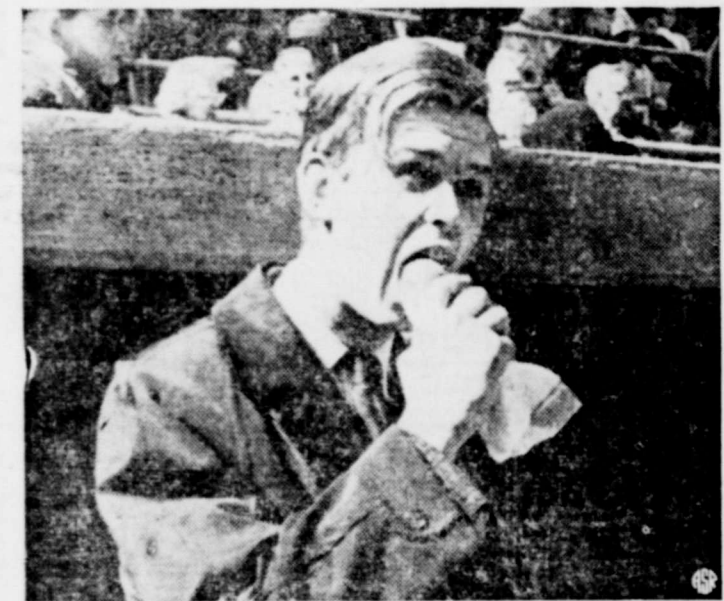
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A good idea when building a fence is to start with a modest redwood screen, well within your property line, separating your barbecue area, say, from your zinnia patch. After the local inhabitants have stopped driving out of their way to study this new contribution to the skyline, you might get together with one of your more courageous neighbors and agree on a fence along the line between you.

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If you proceed thus with care, your first attempts at attaining privacy may lead to a handsome addition to the landscape of the neighborhood—and you may be emulated instead of castigated.

His First Hot Dog!



Taking a man-size bite of his first American hot dog as he gazes intently towards the gridiron, is Viscount Hinchinbrooke. This young Britisher, who will one day be the eleventh Earl of Sandwich, is a direct descendant of the inventor of the sandwich.
Hinchinbrooke recently visited the U.S. as special "sandwich consultant" for The Seven-Up Company. He attended a preview of the "7-Up International Sandwich Gardens," one of the major pavilions at the forthcoming New York World's Fair. This pavilion will introduce "international sandwiches" representing the four corners of the globe.
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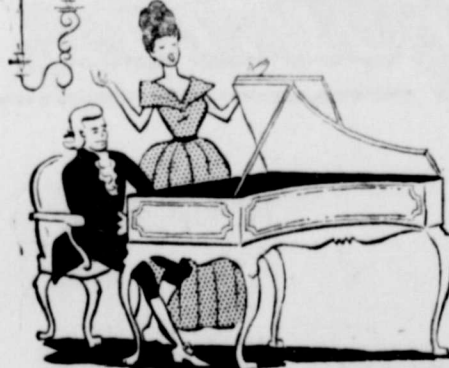


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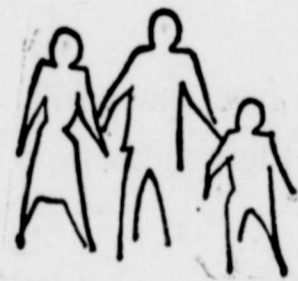
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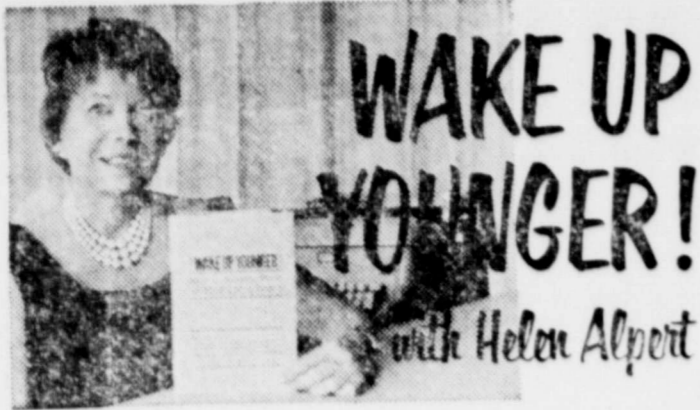
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Dear Helen, please omit our names. My mother lives in another state. She has lost the sight in one eye from glaucoma, and the other eye is deteriorating. We want her to come live with us, but she doesn't want to leave her doctor. There must be many doctors right here capable of taking care of glaucoma patient, but we do not know how to contact them. Also, we feel that now is the time for her to start helping herself with Braille, so she will have the enjoyment of reading should her sight fail completely. We would appreciate any help you can give. — Thank you.

KANSAS

letter flew to you this week showing how to help yourself to braille. I sent you the National Braille Press name and address. Your letter raises the perplexities faced by all of us in switching to another doctor. We uneasily ask: "Is he a good doctor? Will he understand me like my old doctor? How can I put devotion and confidence in a doctor I don't even know?"

From your city or County Medical Society you can get lists of physicians and specialists. But it

seems to me of the highest importance that the doctor himself should take an active role in helping a patient transfer to another doctor hundreds or thousands of miles away. In good retirement communities, for example, resident doctors compile patients' medical history from their previous hometown physician. The two doctors cooperate for the patients benefit. I had exactly this same experience with my mother. Her doctor fortified her confidence in a new doctor by helping her psychologically over the bridge. Within 2 weeks she held the same feeling for both of them!

DO YOU ANSWER LETTERS?

I have a personal question. Will you answer me privately? — Shy Reader, Missouri

I reply personally to EVERY letter! Write to me at National Senior Center, Lehigh Acres, Fla.

MEDICARE OR NOT?

We're a bunch of retired union workers. We had a big discussion last night about the Kerr - Mills so-called Medical Assistance for the Aged. We claim it is not a national program, although it is a national law. Are we right

or wrong? — New Mexico Boys

You can get the answer hot off the press in the just-published Report by the Senate Subcommittee on Health of the Elderly. This subcommittee is part of the Senate Special Committee on Aging. As union guys you certainly didn't miss the famous Hearings the held on the plight and problems of millions of Aged Americans. Some material they uncovered revealed that some of us live worse than in a ditch in Korea!

The Kerr - Mills program started on October 1, 1960. The subcommittee's brand - new report reviews its 3 years of operation, 1960 - 1963. Point one they made is that after 3 years, Kerr-Mills is still not a national program although it was enacted into law in 1960, and all 50 State legislatures have had ample time to meet and adopt it, only 28 states and 4 jurisdictions are operating it. Point two is that by July, 1963, only 148,000 people had received medical help under Kerr - Mills. This is less than 1 per cent of our older population. These are 2 of the 7 points given in the investigation and summary. Why not get the full report from the U.S. government Printing Office? I'm almost sure it's free. You fellows will enjoy it. fellows will enjoy it.

WHY DO WOMEN FALL DOWN?

I suffered a fall a month ago.

I can't understand how it happened. I'm 74. All I remember is stumbling over my own feet. I'm writing to warn people to be more careful. Now I can hardly walk. — Katie, Ohio

At a Gerontological Society conference in November, one expert in accidents stated that older women develop a gait that is peculiar to them, and not seen in younger women or men. As an accident cause it was so marked he was compelled to call attention to it. Let's all get aware and give it the "gate."

OLD DOG, NEW TRICKS

If you don't mind, this is my second letter to you. You encouraged me to join classes and pick up on education where I left off 45 years ago. I joined. I like it. But I'm getting self-conscious because it seems to take me longer to get work done than others take. Some in the class are kids from 19 to 25. Should I talk to the teacher? He's a man in his sixties, I bet. — Old Dog, Tenn.

A splendid review of Adult Education in a magazine called "Age Wise" shows that it may take a little longer for an older person, but the end result is just as good

as anybody's! Both you and your teacher ought to bark with pride!

NEDD HELP ON A PROBLEM
— Write to Helen Alpert, National Senior Center, Lehigh Acres, Florida, or in care of this newspaper. Write today for the free list of the many booklets and services available to you, compliments of this column.

**Donald R. Wilson
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At McKinney**

Donald Ray Wilson of Merkel is among 354 North Texas State University students serving as student teachers in Dallas - Fort Worth - Denton area schools this semester.

Included are 250 students preparing for secondary teaching positions and 104 for elementary. Each student teaches under one of five training plans for the semester. Some are teaching in area schools half a day for 4 weeks. Others train during the first, second or third nine-week period of the semester. A fifth plan calls for slightly more than half a day's training for 12 weeks.

Wilson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson, 805 Oak, is teaching industrial arts at McKinney High School in McKinney.

**Letters to
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Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a check for the renewal of my home town paper. I have been away for a number of years and have lived here in this beautiful spot for some 14 years, but I find myself still

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I find the paper very newsy and read it from head lines thru all the ads.

Congratulations to the Badgers — keep up the good work.

Two enthusiastic readers,
Clyde and Fannie Latimer

**Gleaner Class
Holds Luncheon**

The Gleaners Sunday School class of the First Methodist Church held their annual Christmas luncheon in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

The devotional was given by Mrs. Tom Largent followed by a prayer led by Mrs. John Shannon.

Mrs. Roy Largent was in charge of the business meeting.

Cyrus Pee was honored with a gift from the class for his faithful service as choir director. The presentation was made by Almeda Bullock, class teacher.

Ten guests and thirty members attended.

Dorcas Class

Meets for Social

The Dorcas Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met recently in the banquet hall for their Christmas social.

Theme of the meeting was the Christmas Story from Matthew. During the meeting the class presented Mrs. Sam Swann with a gift.

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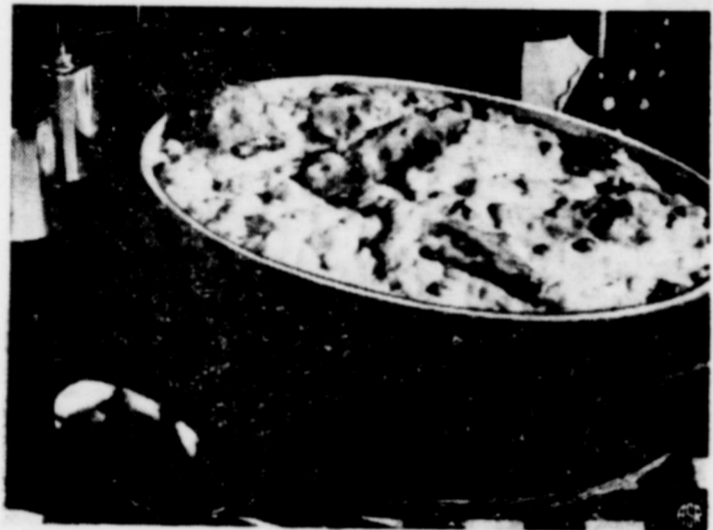
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One-pot Chicken Dinner

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| 1/4 cup shortening | 1/4 teaspoon pepper |
| 2 1/2 to 3 lb. chicken, cut up | 1 tall can evaporated milk (1 1/2 cups) |
| 1 small onion, chopped | 1 cup uncooked rice |
| 4 cups water | 2 cups canned peas and carrots |
| 1 teaspoon salt | |

Melt shortening in a large kettle over medium heat. Add chicken pieces and fry, turning pieces to brown on all sides. Add onion and water and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low, cover kettle and cook until chicken is tender, about 45 minutes. Remove chicken from broth and set aside. Measure broth in kettle and add sufficient water to make 5 cups total liquid. Return liquid to kettle, then add salt, pepper and evaporated milk. Bring to a boil over medium heat. Stir in rice gradually. Continue cooking, stirring occasionally, until rice is tender and mixture thickened, 25 to 30 minutes. Carefully stir chicken pieces and peas and carrots into rice mixture and continue cooking until chicken is completely heated, about 5 minutes longer. Makes 6 servings.

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GLADSON-BARNES EXCHANGE VOWS

The wedding of Carla Jean Gladson and James Barnes was performed Saturday, November 30th at 7:00 p.m. in a candlelight service at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Dr. Jimmie Nelson officiated at the double ring ceremony. Wedding music was presented by Mr. Ralph Wesson, organist, and Mr. Carol Wayne Barnes, soloist. Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Waylan Gladson and the bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Barnes of Merkel.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of white peau de soie satin. The panelled train was fitted to a wide belt that continued over the shoulders falling to the floor. Her veil of silk bridal illusion was attached to a ring of white seed pearl.

She carried a bridal bouquet of white gardenia and feathered mums atop a white Bible.

Miss Renee Gladson, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Sherene Gladson, Bama Burton and Billie Jean Stephens were bridesmaids. Their dresses were made of raspberry peau de soie satin with matching shoes and headpieces. They carried bouquets of white roses.

Candlelighters were Stephen Bransom of Lubbock and Jerry Barnes of Merkel. Ringbearers were Susan Roberts of Denver City and Max Barnes of Abilene. Flower girls were Linda and Debra Roberts of Denver City.

Best man was Skippy Hicks. Groomsmen were Jim and Douglas Toliver of Merkel and Charles Gladson, brother of the bride. Ushers were Jerry West, Glen Bicknel, Billie Murphy and Ted Lamb.

The reception followed in fellowship hall. Presiding at the table were Phyllis Gladson, Janice Gladson and Janice Brown. Linda Murphy of Abilene registered guests. After a wedding trip to Ruidoso, N.M. the couple will reside at 4818 Fortieth Street, Lubbock.

The bride is a graduate nurse of Hendrick Memorial Hospital and Hardin-Simmons of Abilene. The bridegroom is a graduate of Merkel High School and is employed by West Texas School Supplies.

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Greeting:

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Kenneth Ray Bell, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Court of Domestic Relations of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in the City of 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 13th day of January A. D. 1964, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 11th day of October A.D. 1963, in this cause, numbered 665 on the docket of said court and styled Wan-

da Loyce Bell, Plaintiff, vs. Kenneth Ray Bell, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were duly and legally married on or about January 3, 1963, and continued to live together until on or about October 7, 1963. No children were born to said marriage, and no community property was acquired. Plaintiff requests the Court to restore to her the name of Smith which was her maiden name.

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

For
COLDS
take 666

this the 2nd day of December A. D. 1963.
(Seal)

Attest: R. H. ROSS, Clerk of the Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas, By Millie Scott, Deputy.

Wolf. Management is the only unique feature which any business firm can expect to have that no competitor can exactly copy or duplicate, he adds.

The Bureau of Business Research in Austin reports Texas business activity during September was down by four per cent. Despite this, the index of business activity in the state for the first three quarters of 1963 registered a gain of 4.5 per cent over the same period of 1962, says Wolf. These analyses indicate that, although the overall business trend is favorable, there are rough spots which can be overcome only through better management skills, he continues.

A recent comprehensive study made in Texas concerning business practices emphasizes the need for more formalized long-range planning by businessmen to avoid the pitfalls of random de-

cision making.

The days of operating a business from the "hip pocket" are gone, according to Wolf. He explains that the question each agribusiness firm manager must answer before getting involved in details is: "Where do I want my business to be in 1970, and what specific programs do I have set up to help me get there?"

Weak Managers Cause Failures

COLLEGE STATION — According to business reports, 88 per cent of all business failures are due to weakness in management, says Kenneth Wolf, agribusiness economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Agribusiness firms, like all other businesses, are finding that managers must continually become more skilled if they are to solve the ever-increasing problems which they face, reports

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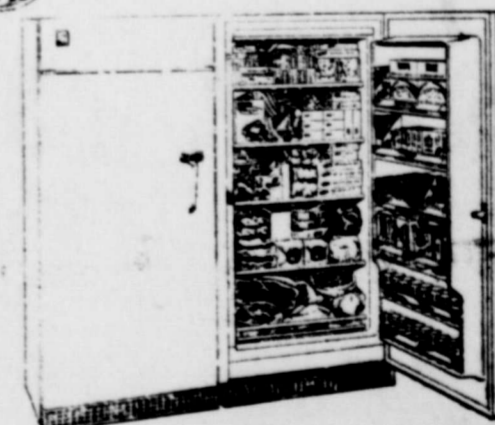
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