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## Up The Canyon

By TOM  
RUSSOM

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Following is a continuation of the History of the Town of Nubia as written by Tom Russom.

The blacksmith business stayed in the Blackburn family. First Uncle Jim Blackburn had a shop on the road going east, just before you crossed over the big bridge. He had a son, Kay Blackburn, who is now in the Starr Rest Home in Merkel. Kay operated a farm and would ride his bicycle to Nubia to help his father in the shop. Later, Kay Blackburn operated a shop for many years for himself.

Nubia, like any other town, had its days. Situated as it was in a low valley and cuddled by Nubia Creek, flood waters were frequent and water would get up in the buildings. The occupants would flee by horseback.

Once there was terrible screaming going on up the creek. Investigation revealed that some young man was running away from home, because he had been slapped.

Saturday evening was a must at Nubia. Large crowds would come to town. It was common to see 35 or 40 boys in the street at once. They indulged in such sports as pitching horse shoes, horse races, 42 games and drinking cider.

Some of the boys liked to eat canned sardines with pepper sauce — they would eat the sardines and then drink the pepper-sauce — said it was good for bad colds.

Saturday night was the time for a party, either a candy breaking, fruit supper, where the girls brought the cake and the boys brought a can of fruit, or just a snap party.

Joe Riney was a great lover of singing but he couldn't sing. Very often on Sunday nights he would get a group together to sing.

Mr. Tom Toombs and Mr. Bob Boden had as their prize possession, a pack of hounds. When their hunting night rolled around, the whole town stayed awake.

At the gin cotton seed races ranchers were racing to see who could haul the most cotton seed from the gin. They could get the seed by paying one half the ginning and a dollar or two per bale. The seeds were used as livestock feed.

Walking was a way of travel, and it was lots of fun. A group of youngsters including Jim Perry, May Randolph, Ada Brandon, Allie Perry and Abbie Pritchett, walked from Cross Roads church to the stores to buy some candy. One of the girls noticed that her string garter had fallen down around her ankle. She placidly reached down, took it off, and went on about her business.

Mr. Abbie Pritchett made a Church of Christ preacher.

Sam Brandon who operated a store with Mr. Parker, was a brother to Mrs. F. R. Demere, the former Ada Brandon, and who now lives in Merkel. Mrs. Demere says it was always fun to ride in the hack with her brothers and sisters, coming off the D'vide to visit in Nubia.

The J. L. Perrys came here in 1887 with their five children, Jim, Bud, Allie, Ona and Dovie. Mrs. Allie Perry Toombs lives in Merkel.

Mr. J. S. Cordill owned a water well drill, his hired labor was G. H. Johnson, Sammy Ensminger and Jake Miller.

Surrounding this thriving little

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## SUMMER ACTIVITIES KEEP CHILDREN BUSY

Schools out and summer fun is well underway in the Merkel vicinity. Sunday, June 5, saw a large crowd "open" the Merkel Swimming Pool. Other private pools in the area were also full of water lovers.



MISS SALLIE CARTER  
... receives Alpha Chi certificate

## Merkel Graduate Receives Award

ABILENE — Sallie Marie Carter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank F. Carter of Rt. 2, Merkel, was presented with an Alpha Chi Certificate of Membership during Hardin - Simmons University's campus-wide Awards Day Ceremonies.

Alpha Chi certificates are presented to members of the junior and senior classes at H-SU whose grades are in the upper 10 per cent of the two classes, and who have at least 30 semester hours of credit taken at Hardin-Simmons.

Memberships in Alpha Chi are recommended from those with the above standards by the Head of the Department in the student's major field. Dr. Otto O. Watts, sponsor of Alpha Chi at H-SU, presented Miss Carter with her award.

In addition to distinguishing herself with her scholastic standing and her participation in Alpha Chi, Miss Carter has served as treasurer of Sigma Alpha Iota, national music fraternity for women, and has been a member of H-SU's University Biard.

Miss Carter, a senior seeking a bachelor of music degree in music theory at Hardin-Simmons, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank F. Carter of Merkel.

## Merkel Scout To Camp Tonkawa

Allen Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Reed, left Monday, June 6 for Camp Tonkawa where he will serve on the Chisholm Trail Council staff for summer camp, for six weeks.

The first week young Reed will be in orientation and camp work, getting ready for the camp's opening date, June 12. He will teach bugling, work in the office, and instruct in nature studies.

## Band Parents' Club to Meet

The Merkel Band Parents Club will meet Thursday, June 9 at 3 p.m. at the Band Hall, according to band president, Joe McDuff.

"A large part of the meeting will be taken up with discussion of the annual Beauty Pageant," said McDuff.

All band members are urged to be present at the meeting.

Monday morning many youngsters and teenagers were seen making their way to the high school gym for participation in the Summer Recreation Program.

"Approximately eighty - five young people ranging in age from pre-schoolers to high school students enrolled in the activities program, which will last through August 12.

"The program will include activities that will take in "all age groups," said director Bill Tate. "We have indoor games during the warm part of the day, and outdoor games for those lovers of baseball, track and field events."

Swimming has been scheduled for two mornings a week at the Merkel Swimming Pool. They are Wednesday and Friday mornings from 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon, with trained supervisors overseeing the swimming activities.

With so many activities that involve so many children in the Merkel area, the notice in the Merkel Mail last week, by Mayor Johnny Cox, was apropos.

Children are riding bicycles," said Cox, "darting in and around parked automobiles, so that it becomes imperative that our speeding and stop signs laws be observed."

One way to let children on bicycles know that you are watching out for them is to give a friendly "beep" sound on the horn about half a block away from them, so that they will have time to adjust their steering calmly.

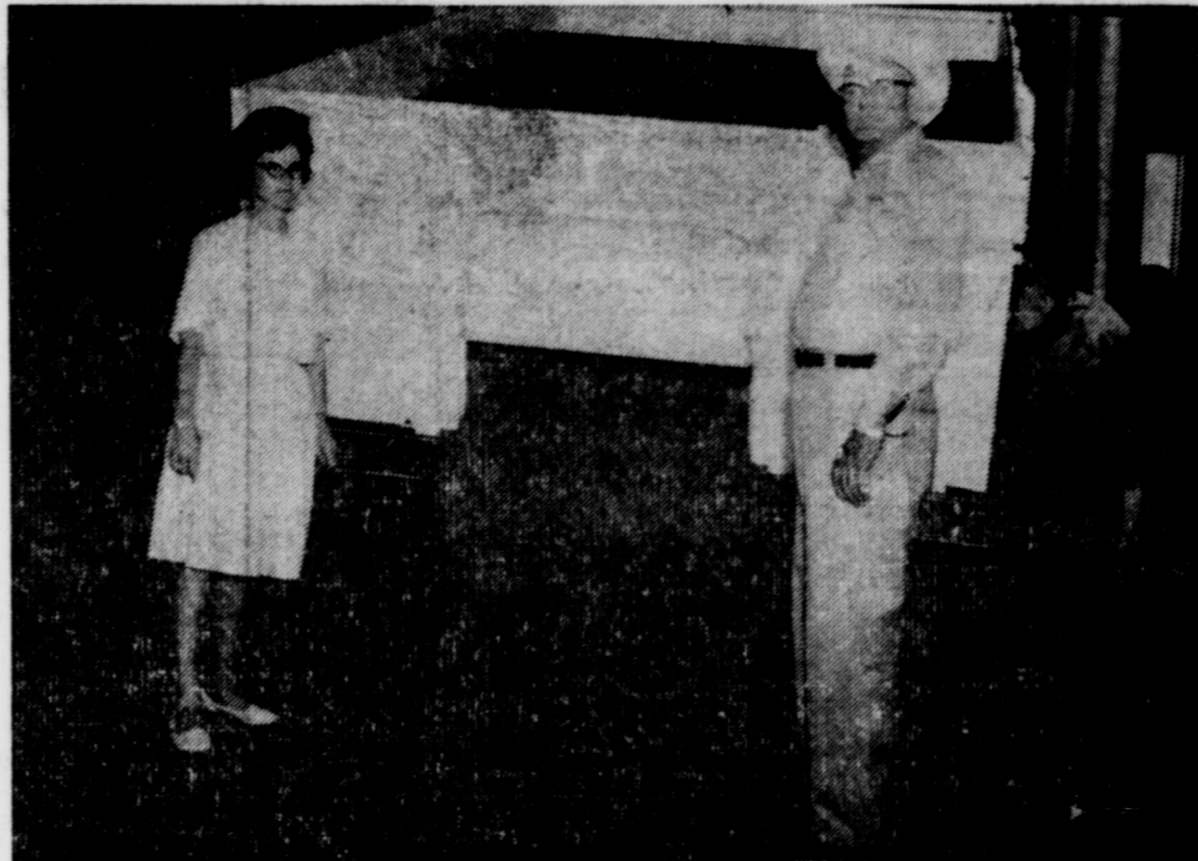
One bicyclist was overheard saying that so many motorists let out a loud blast on their car horn that in surprise he would look over his shoulder in fright and found himself steering directly into the path of the automobile. So just a friendly "toot" can keep steering on an even keel.

And remember, youngsters, why not say "thank you" with a wave of your hand or a head nod when you happen to have such courteous drivers "watching out for you."



**SCHOOLS OUT** — And so are the youngsters! Ready to take off on her bike is young Lyn Hunter, daughter of Mrs. Walter Hunter. Many Merkel youngsters will be riding bikes in and around the city this summer and they will appreciate a friendly "toot" on the car horn to make them aware of a passing motorist. (Staff Photo)

# Merkel Area Wheat Good; Harvest Now In Full Swing



**LET IT ROLL!** — Says Ed Sandusky, Merkel Elevator manager, and wheat begins pouring into the pit. Looking on is Mrs. Jean Taft, the firm's bookkeeper. Since harvest began, much of the wheat is in bins, and elevators and a great amount is already at the mills. (Staff Photo)

## Bids for Cleaning Post Office Now Being Accepted

The postmaster is accepting bids for the job of cleaning the post office building and outside areas at Merkel. Postmaster Wrenn Durham stated.

Anyone interested should contact the postmaster as soon as possible "so that he may start to work on July 1, 1966." This is a contract job. Materials and equipment are furnished by the Post Office Department. Bids are made at an annual rate. "Payment for satisfactory performance will be at the biweekly rate.

## CEMETERY TRACT YIELDED LARGE AMOUNT OF WHEAT

Definite figures can be given on the wheat yield of the plot of land at the cemetery grounds, according to Booth Warren, association committee member.

"But above all," said Warren, "is the spirit of cooperation that brought about the yield." Joe Higgins, who works the John Shannon land, adjoining the cemetery tract was breaking his land. He was asked to break and sow the cemetery tract and to "bill the association." However, Joe with the help of Bill Hayes, broke the land, sowed it and refused to send a bill since it was for the Cemetery Association.

Higgins combined and hauled the wheat, and brought the scale ticket for 6,010 pounds.

Jack South, local grain dealer, gave the Association premium price for the wheat or \$1.87 per bushel. "In other words," said Warren, "he paid the delivery price instead of local price per bushel, since it also was for the association."

For 100 bushels of wheat at \$1.87 per bushel, South presented a check to the association in the amount of \$187.32. After paying the combine charge, the Cemetery Association has increased its fund in the amount of \$152.82.

## LOCAL OFFICERS ENFORCING LAWS AT CITY DUMP

Some local citizens and several roofing contractors have been very uncooperative dumping trash and old roofing materials at the City Dump grounds. This waste has been scattered from the entrance to the back-side, and in drive way to such an extent that the City trash man has difficulty getting in to unload. Because of this lack of cooperation it has been necessary for the City to hire a man to stay there twelve hours per day to see that this trash is hauled to the back side of the pasture before being unloaded. Our local officers have had to be called out to enforce these regulations.

Unless this situation is greatly improved it will be necessary for the City to build a fence, strong gate and lock it with only the duly hired trashman having a key. This would be very inconvenient for many people. But the cost of a bull-dozer to keep the land in condition is both expensive and unnecessary.

It has been called to our attention that the carcasses of dead cattle and other animals are being dumped on these grounds. This is not only a violation of the law but a serious health hazard.

Council members, meeting in regular session went on record, to urge all our citizens to please observe these rules, thereby eliminating the expense and inconvenience of closing the dump grounds to the public.

JOHNNY COX, Mayor

## Yields Varying: Premium Quality

Combines are swarming over the Merkel area wheat fields and much of the grain is in bins and elevators and a great amount has already been shipped, according to local elevator operators here in Merkel.

The yields are varying, according to reports. Ed Sandusky, manager of the Merkel Elevator, now owned by Abilene Grain Company reports that "north of Merkel the yield is approximately twenty five bushels per acre. In other areas farmers reports yields of over twenty bushels. At least," said Sandusky, "that's the way farmers are talking now."

Another grain dealer, Jack South, owner of South Elevators, says that area yields are the best Merkel has ever seen.

"Normal yield is from 10 to 12 bushels," said South, "but it's much better than that now — I would say even as high as thirty five to forty bushels."

Both South and Sandusky opined that "generally the lowest yields will be from wheat planted early that suffered for moisture before the rains, and in fields that were grazed heavily and until a late date."

### Economy Boost

Both agreed that this is the best wheat crop in several years, and that the wheat is of "premium quality." "And with the price of \$1.60 per bushel, the harvest is certainly boosting the Merkel economy," said South.

"Any money crop that comes in mid-summer is a definite boost to the economy," said Farmers and Merchants National Bank president, Booth Warren. "It comes at a time when it can be used to the best advantage."

"For example," said Warren, "if a tract of land that yields 25 bushels per acre; at \$1.60 per bushel, that land is yielding a gross return of \$40 per acre."

"People used to say that this was not wheat country," said Warren, "but that's not being said now. With preparation of land, summer fallowing and selection of a variety of seed suited for this area, and with reasonable amount of rainfall, this is just a good wheat land as any other crop."

## Learn to Swim Program June 13

Registration for Merkel's Learn to Swim program will continue through Friday, June 10.

The program co sponsored by Beta Sigma Phi and the Merkel Lions Club, will begin Monday, June 13 and last one week. Mrs. John Brady and Mrs. Horace Hargrove, members of the sorority, are handling registration.

Children interested in registering for the program should contact Mrs. Brady at 928-5705 or Mrs. Hargrove at 928-5901.

"Registration blanks may be picked up at the Chamber of Commerce office, or at the doctors' offices," said Mrs. Brady.

## PERSONALS

Doc Vaughn and family have just returned from a visit to Rogers, Ark., where they attended the graduation exercises of their twin grandsons, Mack and Bill Vaughn. The Holt Vaughn family are former Merkelites.

**PUGGY**



**Crossword Puzzle**

**ACROSS**

- Dippers
- Low-voices
- Dry gulch
- Unit of current
- Verifies
- Nicotinic acid
- Evergreens
- Musical note
- Carpets
- Night before
- Dawn goddess
- Great lake
- Specify
- Printer's measure
- Unhappy
- Compass point
- Dry
- Without facial hair
- Norwegian king
- Public notices
- Portuguese coin
- New star
- State: abbr.
- Raced again
- God of light
- Gambling
- More brief
- Display
- Flowers
- Absorbed
- Perceives
- Flightless bird
- Strives
- Exists
- Chatter
- Finish
- Building wing
- Musical composition
- Runs away
- Prance
- Girl's name
- Sinning
- Session
- Scorched
- Untrue
- Rant
- Prince
- Celtic sea god
- Safe
- Source
- Jewel

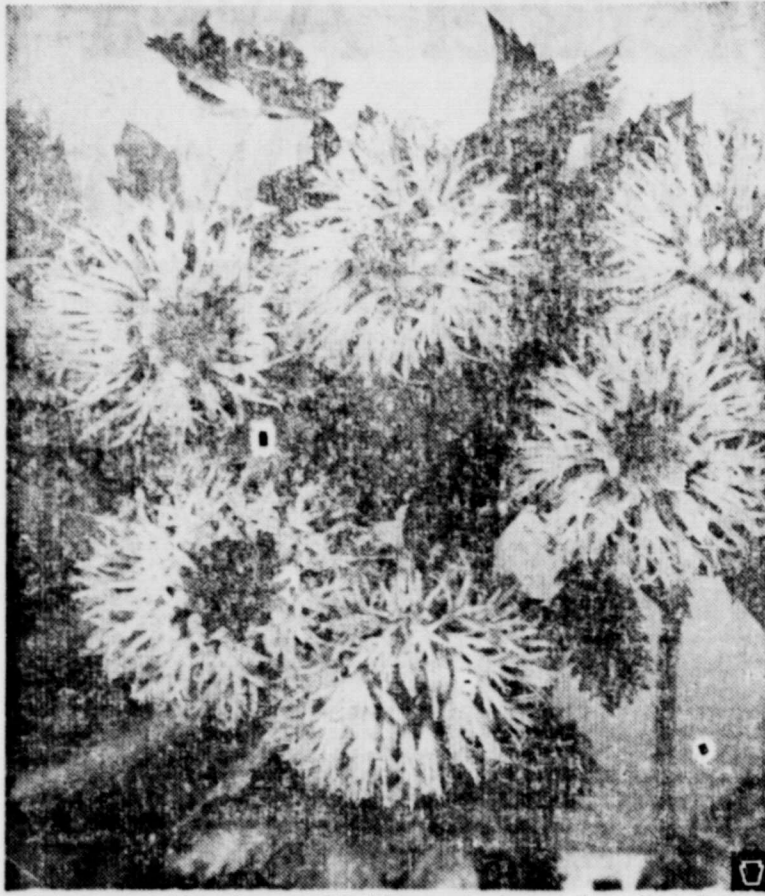
**Answer to Puzzle**

**DOWN**

- Folded over
- Reached
- Male bees
- Affection
- Sight organs
- Distress call
- Staircase railings
- French friend
- Scanty
- Safe
- Source

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**An Unusual Beauty**



An unusual blue flower with blue-green leaves is called Centratherum, Manas Beauty. Try it this year for a new blue in your garden. It is very easy to grow; tolerates any soil.

The availability to the gardener of a flower often depends solely on the supply of seeds. Such is the case with an oddity called Centratherum, Manas Beauty.

It has been offered in a limited way for several years but there has been such a small supply of seeds that it was impossible to distribute it widely. This year there apparently is enough seed so many gardeners may try this different flower.

Because the bloom color is blue, it is bound to be a favorite when it becomes known. Other things to commend it are the leaves, which are deep blue-green and grow in rosettes, its lack of insect pests and its tolerance of any soil.

Manas Beauty grows 2 feet tall and plants in a row are so nearly the same in height that they form what appears to be a clipped hedge. This should make Manas Beauty a valuable addition to any garden.

Indoors, too, it is valuable as it will bloom in a window garden during winter, in a greenhouse or under fluorescent lights.

of July A.D. 1966, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 23 day of May A.D. 1966, in this cause, numbered 2538 on the docket of said court and styled Loyd A. Reeves, Plaintiff, vs. Agnes Dupree Reeves, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about July 20, 1962, and became separated on or about

July 23, 1962. Plaintiff sues on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment. There were no children born of this marriage and no community property accumulated, 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 23 day of May, A.D. 1966.

(Seal)  
Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk,  
Domestic Relations Court  
Taylor County, Texas  
By Marie Gill, Deputy.

**Camp Boothe Oak To Open June 12**

Staff members began arriving at Camp Boothe Oaks June 5 for pre-camp training from June 6-10. Camp Director Mrs. Floyd Stubbs announced.

Working with Mrs. Stubbs are Mrs. C. B. Oates of Abilene, who will direct an area nature study course, and Mrs. Cliffie Graham, District Chairman from Roscoe, who will show examples of crafts and discuss new craft ideas.

Also Mrs. Tom Bowser of Abilene, instructing skills course, and Mrs. Janice Howard, Executive Director of the West Texas Council, who will review Girl Scout Program.

Several members have already set up tents and readied the camp for its opening June 12.

Sessions III and IV are filled, said Mrs. Stubbs, but there are openings available in Session I (June 12 - 23) and Session II (June 26-July 7).

**Horton Reunion Held June 5**

Approximately sixty-five relatives and friends attended the Fifth Annual Family Reunion of the late W. P. Horton family June 5 at Buffalo Gap.

Attending were the five Horton brothers and their families, Odus of Wichita Falls, Alvin of Grovehill, Ala., and John, Hollis and Clarence, all of Merkel.

Also J. C. Horton and family of Lubbock; Vaden Horton Jr. and family, Granbury; Tom Kevers, Abilene, and Walter Shiflet from Pennsylvania.

Other relatives and guests attended from Fort Worth, Lovington, N.M., Roswell, N.M., and Midland.

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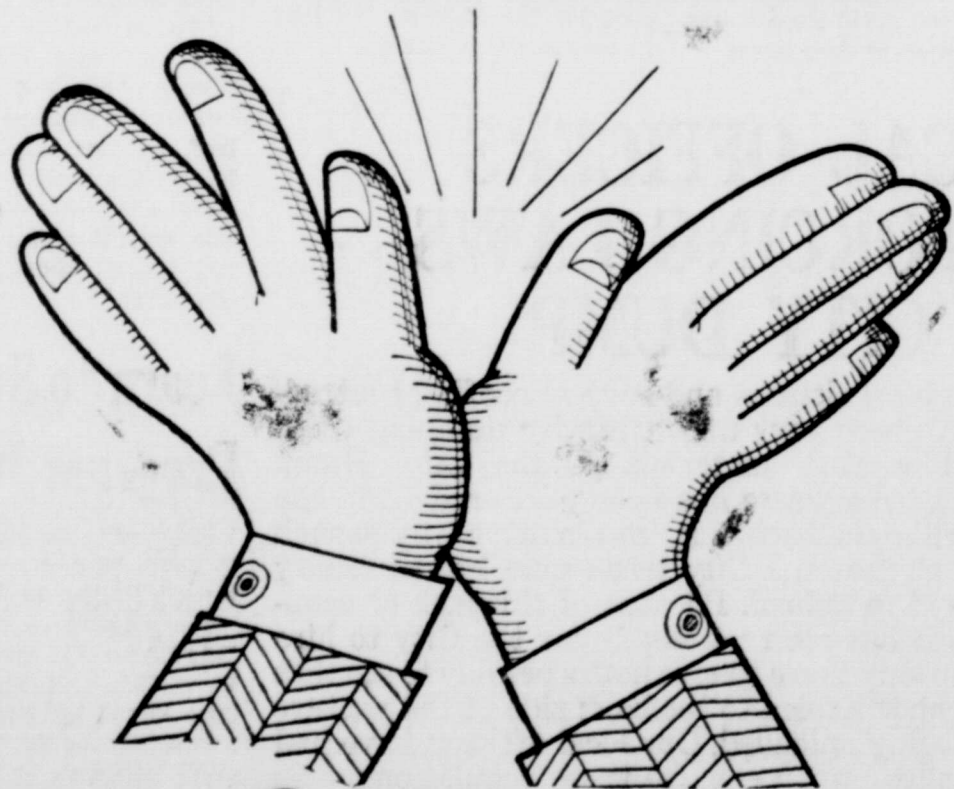
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TO: Agnes Dupree Reeves, Defendant. Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations 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 4th day

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To our dear beloved Mother (Mrs. Clara Windham) who left us void in our hearts with her passing May 26, 1965.

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M. L. and Gladys Windham  
Las Vegas, Nev.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
OUR HEARTFELT THANKS to all who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the beautiful service, floral offerings and other kindnesses we are deeply grateful.  
Mrs. Fenton Boyd  
Wayne and Eloise  
John and Mary  
G. W. and Faye  
and grandchildren.

**Services Held For F. G. Boyd**

**Convention This Week at Llano**

Dr. Elinor Weldon of Merkel will be among some 500 delegates to the semi-annual convention of Jehovah's Witnesses to be held this weekend, June 10 to 12, at Llano, Texas.

L. M. Dugan, district supervisor from Brooklyn, N.Y., will be principal speaker at the meet. Delegates from central and west Texas will hear the climax of the program Sunday at 3:00 p.m.



**FLIGHT LINE CONFERENCE — Col. William K. Bonneaux Jr., USAF, son of Mr. and Mrs. William K. Bonneaux Sr., Rt. 2, Merkel, discusses the Viet Nam situation and the Pleiku area in particular with the Honorable William Scranton, Gov. of Pennsylvania, during the governor's recent visit to Pleiku Air Base. Col. Bonneaux, a graduate of Abilene High School and Hardin - Simmons University (BA, Business Administration) and the University of Texas (MA, Business Administration), is currently Commander of the 633rd Combat Support Group of the central highlands Vietnamese air base. He has almost 2 1/2 years Air Force service. (USAF Photo)**

## RIDING CLUB NEWS

### LARGE CROWD SEES RIDING ACTIVITIES

Memorial Day activities at the Merkel Riding Arena were observed by a large crowd.

Participation included barrel races, roping, college roping, flag races and pole bending.

Winners listed first, second and third were:  
Barrel — Mary Davis, Barbara Whisenhunt and Mary Mellwain tied for 3rd and 4th.

First Ground Roping — Clyde Kennedy, Joe Templeton and Tommy Wilson.

Junior Roping — Jack Cannon, John Dominy and Rodney Dominy.

College Roping — Joe Allen, and Tony Virden.

Second Ground — Payton Whitaker, Larry Grey and Doug McCraw.

Barrels, 9 and under — Galen Boone.

10-12 — Johnny Gray, David Bowen, Karlen Gamble and Lynn Gilbert (tie).

16-19 — Randy Bond, Shirley Sandusky and John Read.

Open — Jarrett Pinckley, Mary Boone and Walter Henslee.

Flag Races, 10-12 — Karlen Gamble, David Bowen and Johnny Gray.

13-15 — Terry Wozencraft, Dayna McAninch and Mark Williamson Jr.

16-19 — Shirley Sandusky, John Read and Brownyn Gamble.

Open — Walter Henslee, Jarrett Pinckley and Della Henslee.

Pole Bending, 9 and under — Galen Boone.

10-12 — Karlan Gamble, Johnny Gray, David Bowen.

13-15 — Terry Wozencraft, Kathryn Criswell and Dayna McAninch and Mark Williamson Jr. (tie)

16-19 — Randy Bond and John Read.

Open — Jarrett Pinckley, Mary Boone and Walter Henslee (tie for second and third)

Roping — Lyndel Quattlebaum, first, and Kenny Hogan, second.

### UP THE CANYON

Continued from Page One

town were several ranches. The Jim Casey ranch, which is now owned by Dusty Rhodes of Abilene, the Sam Butman Sr. ranch, which is now owned by the Butman heirs, the Edd Tracy ranch, and the Hoope ranch.

Mr. Sam Brandon sold his interest in the Parker and Brandon store to Mr. E. L. Stanley in 1909. The Stanley home was located on the bank of the creek, where years later, a cellar caved in and killed Mr. Lee Cargill. The Stanley children were namely, Elgin, Ira, Ellen, Bertha, Ona, Zella, Nelia, Gertrude, Roy and Troy.

Mrs. John Hunter, who now lives in Merkel is the former Ellen Stanley. A very close friend of the Stanley sisters was the late Mrs. J. B. Sloan, formerly Abbie Butman.

Odis Berry (the best looking man in town), was banker, Mr. Jim Toombs was teller and president of the bank. This writer imagines it was rather difficult to maintain a bank with the Patrons hiding their money in tomato cans and hollow stumps. Mr. Dewell McLean has in his possession two cancelled checks from the Nubia bank.

After the bank closed out Mr. Ira Stanley opened a barber shop in that building.

Another barber shop was operated by Hubert Armstrong in 1907. There were plenty of boys and men but maybe they did not have the 25 cents it required to get a hair cut or 15c for a shave.

**EDITOR'S NOTE: To be continued next week.**

**CLASSIFIEDS GET RESULTS THE MERKEL MAIL**

### NOODLE NEWS

By SIMMONS CALLAWAY

Mrs. Alice Cooper is still visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Bill Caldwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wheeler and Sara attended the Wheeler Reunion in Abilene Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Best attended a family reunion at Sydney Sunday.

Combining seems to be the order of the day — grain is turning out better than was expected, since the weather was dry so long.

Mrs. Everett (Kathy) Groseclose and mother in law, Mrs. E. J. Groseclose, spent last Friday afternoon with Kay's grand father, Mr. and Mrs. Dock Callaway.

Mrs. Sallie Farrior of Anson is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Elsie Maxwell.

Mrs. Karl Bonneaux and Marilu spent the weekend in San Antonio with Karl's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Adkins.

Karen and Gary Putman spent Sunday afternoon with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Putman.



Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Melton of Rt. 2, Merkel, were their son and family, Clarence Jr. of Eufaula, Okla.

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**NO TIME TO SPARE** — These pretty young misses quickly let you know there's "no time to spare" for poses, with so much summer fun to cover in three months. Relaxing after a heavy game of baseball at the Ben Hicks' lake site are from left, Susie Wilson, Kay Tipton and Kathryn Criswell. (Staff Photo)

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**HEREFORD ASSN.  
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The Sweetwater Area Hereford Association met recently with Roy Largent, president of the Sweetwater Area Hereford Association, Merkel, and his cochairman, Olin Amerson, vice president of Hamlin, and W. J. (Dub) Harvey, and M. B. Templeton, secretary to make plans for the 1966 sale to be held in Sweetwater at the Nolan County Coliseum in December.

The committee made plans for a membership meeting to be held at the Holiday Center in Sweetwater on June 21 at 12 noon. President Largent urges all members to attend this meeting in order to make plans for the as-

sociation activities.

Mr. Largent stressed the early selection of animals for the 1966 sale in order that higher quality animals will be offered and the consigners will have more time to fit their animals.

He pointed out that the 1965 sale had exceptionally fine animals that brought above average price and he expected better animals to be entered in the 1966 sale.

The committee stressed the importance of encouraging good attendance at the Junior Hereford Field Days that is coming up in Texas on June 16, 17 and 18.

**KEEPING TAB ON MERKELITES  
AND AREA RESIDENTS**

Vacation time is over and from "personals" and telephone calls coming in, it looks like the "typing staff" had better get busy.

A representative of the Houston Post dropped by the Mail Tuesday, seeking a copy of April 28, 1897 Merkel Mail. He was interested in a story that we will relate a little farther down the "tab."

Since the Mail files in the latter 1890s are rather worn with handling, this representative did not find what he was seeking.

It seems that back in 1897 some excitement took place here in Merkel. A group of people were going home one evening from church, so the story relates, when they saw "a bright disk like object in the sky." Gathering closer they saw a man coming down a rope that was attached to the flying thing, but when the man saw the crowd gathered around, he dropped his anchor and took off in his flying machine. The story also relates that "the anchor is on exhibit at the Miller-Davis Blacksmith Shop."

This Houston Post representative is interested in talking with someone who might either remember the incident or having heard a story told about it. So, if anyone recalls such a story going around give the Mail a call and in turn the representative will be contacted.

Allen D. King Jr. has returned to his home on Central City, Neb., after visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. King Sr. Other visitors in the Allen home were their daughter, Sue, and also a son, Hugh. Both are students at Texas Tech.

Mr. and Mrs. Connie Mack Seymore and daughter, Stacy Sue, are attending the Methodist General Conference in Dallas this week. While there they will visit Mr. Mack's sister, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin McCoy.

Have had lots of comments on the Nubia Story that Tom Rusom has been gathering. In fact, Tom has had so many comments, letters, some more "I remember whens," that he informed the Mail staff that he would have to write an "epistle" to the story next week. Also, while in the office, Tom told about having the Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Phillips as their guests Sunday. The Rev. and Mrs. Phillips are now at Anton, Texas. Phillips is a former pastor of the Pioneer Memorial Church.

It seems that "slingshot" season is right on us — for youngsters as well as . . .

Mrs. Hugh Taylor was seen in town recently trying to find some "real large rubber bands" to make a slingshot for her grandson, Kenny. Says Mrs. Taylor, "I've never made one, but guess I can learn."

And just Monday Earl Hughes

was caught mumbling to himself about how "you go about making one of those things." "Let's see," he said, "you need . . . well, what do you need?"

Bowman O. Barlow of Provo, Utah, and who is a Democratic candidate for the office of State Representative, Dist. 40, is married to the former Helen Rebecca Heeter of Merkel.

**The Glamour Bar  
Opens in Merkel**

Mrs. Marlene Peel, former operator of the Starr Beauty Shop has opened The Glamour Bar on North 1st and Edwards Streets.

Mrs. Peel, a graduate of the Scoggins School of Beauty in Abilene, has had ten years experience in the field of beauty culture.

The new shop is equipped with three dryers, two dressettes, and a special "corner" stocked with story books for the children.

Working with Mrs. Peel is Miss Ann Shouse, a graduate of the Duluth School of Beauty Culture, Duluth, Minn. Miss Shouse formerly worked for Sherry's Coiffures in Abilene.

Both Mrs. Peel and Mrs. Shouse invite their friends to stop by and visit with them.

**County-Wide HD  
Meet June 28**

"Emotional Problems and What Can Be Done" will be the subject of the County wide meeting to be held June 28, according to Mary Y. Newberry, Jones County Home Demonstration Agent. The meeting will be held at the Anson First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 2:30. Dr. Max Leach, head of the Psychology Department at Abilene Christian College will be the speaker.

Everyone is invited to attend this meeting that was recommended by the Jones County Home Demonstration women and the Home and Family Living committee, said Mrs. Newberry.

**4-H Club Member  
Goes to Round-Up**

Karan Sullivan, Noodle 4H Club member from Jones County, presented her demonstration on Money Management to the 4H Round-Up at the State 4H Roundup at Texas A&M University this week.

She was accompanied to the Round-Up by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Sullivan.

**GARY PLAYER...  
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PLAYER, WHO CREDITS MUCH OF HIS SUCCESS TO THE DIET AND PHYSICAL FITNESS ROUTINE HE FOLLOWS, IS KNOWN TO CARRY BANANAS IN HIS GOLF BAG AND EAT THEM BETWEEN HOLES OF A TOURNAMENT. "THEY GIVE ME QUICK ENERGY," HE SAYS.



**GOLF TOURNAMENT  
WINNERS NAMED**

Winners in the Ladies Division of the Memorial Day Golf Tournament, held at the Merkel Country Club were Lettie Hamner, low gross and JoAnn Smith and Fay Robertson, who tied for runnerup low gross.

Also Hazel Largent, low net, Faye Robertson, runnerup low net, Lettie Hamner, low putts, Hazel Largent, closest to pin on nine and Jo Ann Lassiter, high gross. JoAnn Smith won most pars.

Fourteen ladies entered the tournament.

In the Boys Division there were three ties for low net. They were Scotty Childress, Keith Reeger and Terry Derrington.

Randy Smith had low gross and also most pars, and Keith and Scotty tied for most 6's.

Approximately twenty participated in the Men's tournament.

In individual competition Rodney Robertson was medalist with 76. Bob Hook was runnerup with 81.

In partnership competition Roy Largent and Dean Smith were first with Mack Seymore and Bob Hook second; Rodney Robertson and Weldon Coats, third and Horace Childers and Lyndon Coats, fourth.



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**G. B. (Blue) Tittle  
Dies at Age 84**

Funeral services for G. B. (Blue) Tittle, were held Monday, June 6 at Elliotts Chapel of Memories in Abilene with Don Morris, president of Abilene Christian College, officiating, assisted by R. W. Grimsley, elder of the College Church of Christ. Burial was in Ceder Hills Cemetery.

Tittle, 84, former Taylor County treasurer, tax collector, commissioner and a longtime Merkel area resident, died Sunday at his home in Abilene, after a long illness.

Born Jan. 23, 1882, at Texas, Ga., he came with his family to West Texas in 1889.

Mr. Tittle worked on ranches around Merkel and Trent in the 1890s. In 1908 he married Hester Forrester of Trent, and they lived in Merkel.

In 1912 the Tittles moved to Abilene. He and his family have been members of the College Church of Christ since coming to Abilene. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Merkel and was a Shriner.

Surviving are his wife; four daughters, Mrs. R. E. Pollard of Lubbock, Mrs. O. H. Cannon of Abilene, Mrs. Mary Bex, Houston, and Miss Rebecca Tittle of Wichita Falls; two sons, James D. of Abilene, and Louis M. of Annette, Alaska; two brothers, A. B. of Brownfield and Rufe of Merkel; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A son, G. B. Tittle Jr., preceded him in death.

**Knight Reunion  
Held in Abilene**

Fifty eight members of the T. J. Knight family of Merkel met this past weekend at the West Texas Utilities Auditorium at Lytle Lake, Abilene, to celebrate the 76th birthday of Mrs. T. J. Knight.

All nine of the Knight children were present except one son, O. R., who is with an oil company in Tripoli, Lybia, North Africa.

Relatives attended from Midland, Odessa, Temple, Arkansas, Grand Prairie, Burk Burnett, Cisco, Lubbock, San Angelo, Dallas, Oklahoma, Rescoe and Merkel.

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# FARM TOPICS

## TC SOIL SURVEY IS BEING MADE

Lonnie Watson and Orville Hay, Soil Scientist with the Soil Conservation Service in Abilene, are making a soil survey of Taylor County. They are currently mapping in the Blair community.

Soil Surveys are made by soil scientists who examine the soils field by field and record their findings on aerial photographs. The recorded findings of the soil scientist is called a soil map. Soil scientists use their knowledge of the relation of landscape features, climate, geological material relief and vegetation in predicting the kinds of soil they expect to find.

Soil surveys have many uses. One of the main uses is in applying the results of research and experience to individual fields or parts of fields. By using soil maps, results from an experience on a given soil can be applied directly to other areas of

the same kind of soil with confidence.

Farmers use soil surveys to learn the extent and location of the different kinds of soil they have, the ability of these soils to grow plants and their response to use and management.

Most users of soil surveys want more general information than that of the individual mapping unit. They like to have grouped together, for example, soils that behave alike when used and treated alike. Such groupings result in wider and more efficient use of what is known about soils.

Conservation engineers use soil surveys to find out how fast water will enter a soil and how fast water passes through the soil. They use such information to lay out terraces and irrigation and drainage systems and to determine the size of dams needed to retard floods.

Organizations such as soil conservation districts, watershed conservancy districts, and drainage districts use soil information in developing district programs.

Soil surveys are used for evaluating wildlife habitat, for locating and building ponds for waterfowl, and in locating recreation, hunting and fishing sites.



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## GI BILL PROGRAM IS NOW IN EFFECT

The VA Regional Office in Waco has received more than 4,000 applications for educational benefits under the Veterans Readjustment Benefits Act of 1966 which was unanimously passed by Congress and signed into law by the President on March 3, 1966. This new GI Bill, which became effective June 1, provides for educational opportunities for veterans who have had more than 180 days of active duty since Jan. 31, 1955. The bill also includes those still in service who have had at least two years active duty since Jan. 31, 1955.

Under the provisions of the new GI Bill veterans with no dependents are paid \$100 per month, those with one dependent \$125 and those with two or more dependents \$150 for full-time training. "Allowances under the bill are only intended to assist veterans financially and in most cases will not cover all the high costs of education," Coker explained.

"Veterans planning to go to school under the new GI Bill also should have enough money of their own to pay all entrance fees and room and board for at least a month," Coker said.

## Cancer Discussion Slated June 14

Diagnosing the most common cancer in men and women will be the subject of discussion at a fifteen county medical conference to be held in Abilene on June 14. Sponsored by the Abilene Chapter of General Practice, the Colon and Rectum Program is being presented by the American Cancer Society, Texas Division, which has arranged for a panel of four leading physicians.

Doctor Jack S. Haynes, president of the Abilene Chapter of the Academy of General Practice and Dr. Floyd Taylor, President of the Taylor - Jones County Medical Society stated that 176 physicians from areas surrounding Abilene have been invited to attend the three hour meeting, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Hendrick Memorial Hospital Auditorium, North 19th and Hickory Streets, Abilene.

Years have passed since the old lamplighters plied their trade, but a Michigan gas company has updated their job. The company now sends out "Olde Lamplighter" service trucks to keep an eye on customer's outdoor gaslights. Servicemen cruise residential streets and give attention to any gas lamp that needs it, at no cost to the householder.



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## Training Center

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (FHTNC)—Seaman Recruit Wendell H. Doan, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan of Merkel, is undergoing seven weeks of basic training at the Naval Training Center here.

Under the supervision of veteran Navy petty officers, he is receiving instructions in naval history and organization, customs and courtesies, ordnance and gunnery, seamanship, damage control, first aid, swimming and survival, shipboard drills and sentry duty.

Upon completion of recruit training he will be assigned to a school, shore station or ship, according to the results of his Navy classification tests, his own desires and the needs of the Navy.

## Teenagers Win In Essay Writing

AUSTIN (Sp) — Three Texas teenagers have won weekend vacations for themselves, their families and their best friends as rewards for writing winning essays in a statewide "Discover Texas" contest.

The contest was sponsored by the Texas Tourist Development Agency and Texas Jaycees to excite interest in Texas vacations

mitted by 7th and 8th graders throughout the state. TTD announced these winners: Kendall Kirk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Truman P. Kirk, 4025 Waldemar, Abilene; Jan Brady, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Brady, 1236 Exeter, Dallas, and Kathy Coleman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Coleman, 1302 Jonquil Drive, Longview.

Winners have their choice of all-expense week end vacations for their immediate families plus a friend at three top tourist attractions in Texas: Six Flags Over Texas at Dallas - Fort Worth; the Aquarena water show complex at San Marcos and historic San Antonio.

NEW YORK — Fires and lightning strike about two out of every 100 farms in the United States each year, according to the Insurance Information Institute.

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## New Management Project Shows How

"Work smarter . . . not harder," advises Mary Ann Dean, home economist. "Think, plan ahead, compare, evaluate your time, talents and cash before you take on any major projects around the house."

Miss Dean's comments are directed to 4-H Club members about to embark on the new 4-H Home Management program announced by the National 4-H Service Committee in cooperation with the Extension Service.

The practical home-based program was designed to fill a need of older club members, and was a couple of years in the planning stage. Miss Dean, a staff member of the 4-H Service Committee, also disclosed that a national sponsor has been secured to provide awards and other assistance to the program. Tupperware Home Parties of Orlando, Fla. is the new sponsor.

Annual awards will consist of eight \$500 scholarships (national winners); one expense-paid trip per state to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, and four gold-filled medals of honor per county.

Winners will be announced next fall by the Cooperative Extension Service.

Miss Dean urges girls, and boys too, to take up home management now. The idea behind this modern program for the older teen-ager is to learn to make the best possible use of your resources, energy, knowledge and ability.

"When about half of today's



A 4-H girl explains to her mother how much she expects to save in hard-earned cash by signing up for the new 4-H Home Management program. Linda Lopez, 17, a 9-year 4-H'er, is particularly interested in the program because she will enter college next fall with plans to major in home economics. Her mother, Mrs. Jesse Lopez, is an eager listener because she is a volunteer 4-H Club leader.

homemakers are young (under 28) it is imperative that home-makers and parents of tomorrow be ready to spend wisely," she adds.

Through the 4-H Home Management program, high school-age students will better understand the many aspects of

shopping, banking, financing and decision-making. This knowledge can be put to good use in college, on a job or in the home, Miss Dean remarked.

Information on how to take part in the 1966 program can be obtained from the county extension 4-H office.

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remained for a week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Chancey and children spent Friday night with Mrs. J. H. Hobbs and Mr. and Mrs. Benny Hobbs and children.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning attended a Singing at Lawn Sunday afternoon.

Myrna Lyles of Hardin - Simmons University spent last week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley. Mrs. Stanley took Myrna back to Abilene Sunday morning and while there attended services at the University Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Barker of Alton, Calif., visited Mr. Barker's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn Thursday.

Mrs. J. E. Swindell visited Mrs. Ted Hudson Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Rutherford, Mike and Vickie of Noodle visited the Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Swindell Thursday.

Mrs. Jesse Swindell attended the Vacation Bible School at the Noodle Baptist Church last week. There were approximately forty five who attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Stephenson of New Orleans, La., spent the weekend with Mrs. Stephenson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald and George.

Mrs. Nell Swindell started work at the Taylor County Clerk's office in Abilene Monday morning.

Mrs. Curtis Clyburn and Mr. and Mrs. Truett Thompson spent Sunday in Stephenville with the family of Carter Davis. Mr. Davis passed away Saturday. His funeral was held Monday in Stephenville.

Samatha Mashburn of Carlsbad, N. M. spent two weeks with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn. Mrs. Mashburn and Rodney took her home and returned Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Mashburn of Richland, Calif., Mrs. John Shaw and Mr. and Mrs. Wade

### TELL ME

**IS IT TRUE THAT TOADS CAUSE WARTS?**

**NO! BECAUSE TOADS HAVE A WARTY SKIN, PEOPLE OF OLDEN DAYS WHO HANDLED THEM BELIEVED TOADS CAUSED WARTS! THIS WAS MERE COINCIDENCE, AS MEDICAL SCIENCE OFTEN PROVED!**

**WAS INDIA INK FIRST MADE IN INDIA?**

**NO! IT WAS INVENTED IN CHINA 1200 YEARS BEFORE THE CHRISTIAN ERA!**

**IS THERE ANY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A SYNTHETIC RUBY AND AN IMITATION RUBY?**

**YES! A SYNTHETIC RUBY IS REAL STONE OF SAME COMPOSITION AS A NATURAL STONE BUT MAN-MADE IN A LABORATORY! AN IMITATION STONE IS MERELY GLASS!**

**FROM WHICH PART OF A FOWL DOES ONE OBTAIN THE MOST VITAMINS.... THE LIGHT MEAT OR DARK MEAT?**

**THE DARK MEAT! IT HAS MORE VITAMIN B!**

Shaw, were dinner guests Monday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn and Rodney. Sam Mashburn was also a dinner guest.

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of Westfield, N.J., according to the Insurance Information Institute.

## Receives Honor

(Special to The Merkel Mail)

GOOSE BAY, Labrador — Staff Sgt. Laurence S. Kirk, whose wife, Linda, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Chase of Rt. 1, Tye, has been selected outstanding noncommissioned officer of the month in his unit at Goose AFB, Labrador.

Sgt. Kirk, an air policeman, was honored for his leadership, exemplary conduct and duty performance. He is a member of the Strategic Air Command, the na-

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**Stith News**

By MRS. FRITZ HALE

The wheat is turning out good — some have reported as much as 40 to 50 bushels per acre.

Mrs. Billy Harris, Kathy and Mrs. Mamie Hardin of Midland, visited the first of the week with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns, and Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald and George.

The Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Row and children of Edmonson, spent Wednesday night and Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning ate supper with Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning and children Monday evening.

Mrs. Willie Rance of Albuquerque, N.M., visited her sister, Mrs. Fletcher Jones last week. They attended the Smith Reunion at De Leon Sunday, May 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale visited in Anson Wednesday with Mrs. Ada Newton and Mrs. Ola Charfir, who is visiting from Boswell, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kelso and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vantresse, returned Friday afternoon from a visit in Rogers, Ark. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Pete Walsh and family, and also Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Muncy.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bauchhoffer, Jo Ann and Susie of Colorado City visited Mrs. Buchhoffer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Perry Friday. Jo Ann and Susie

**AMERICAN BIKE MONTH**

DR. PAUL DUDLEY WHITE, HEART SPECIALIST AND CHAIRMAN OF AMERICAN BIKE MONTH CALLS FOR ALL AMERICANS TO "GET BACK ON A BIKE FOR FITNESS AND HEALTH."

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR STEWART L. UDALL, RECENTLY ANNOUNCED PLANS FOR GOVERNMENT CONSTRUCTION OF NEARLY 200,000 MILES OF BIKE PATHS IN NATIONAL AND STATE PARKS IN THE NEXT 10 YEARS.

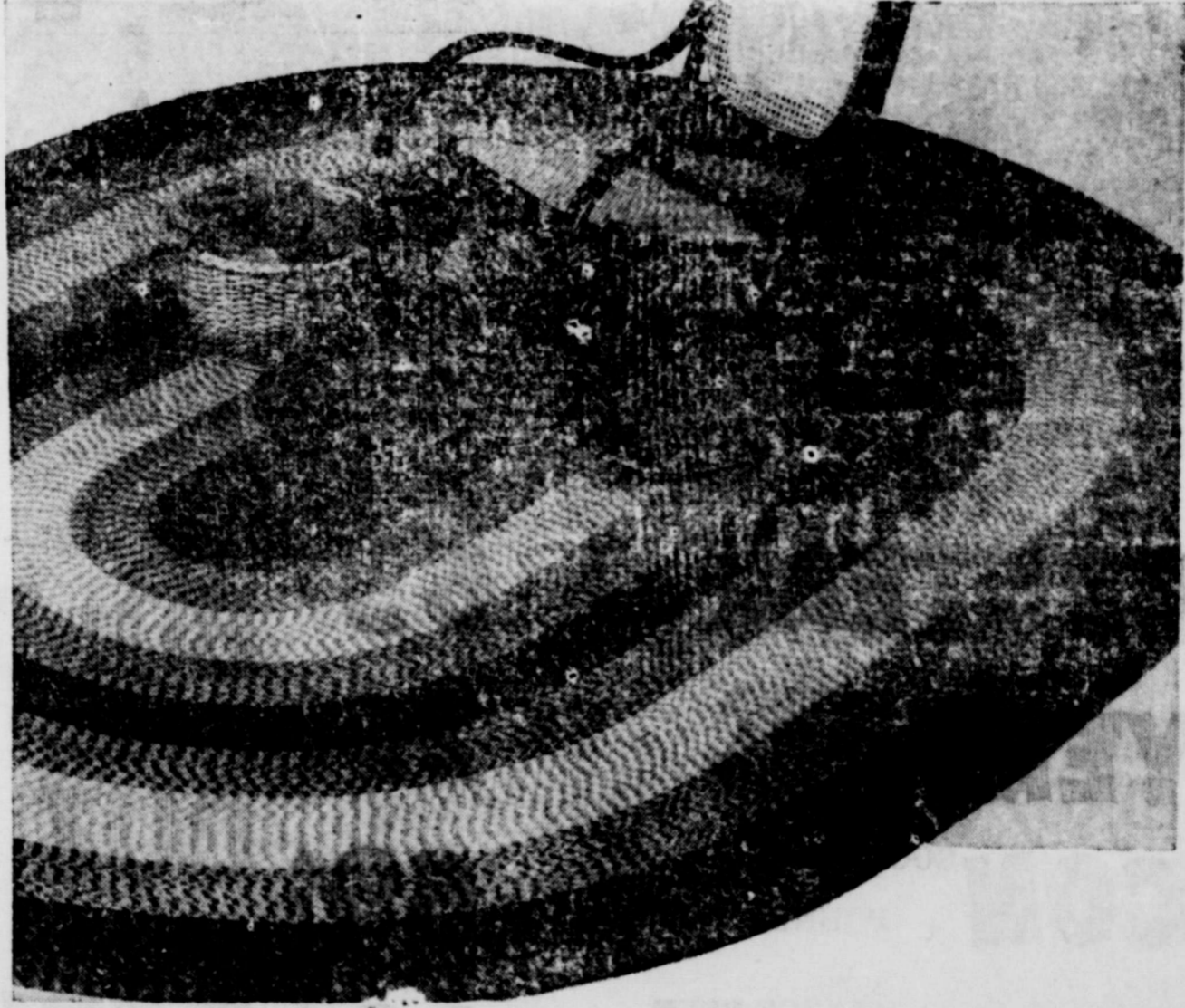
THE GOLDEN EAGLE SYMBOL OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PARK PERMIT PROGRAM WHICH HELPS SUPPORT CONSTRUCTION OF BIKE PATHS, BOAT LANDINGS, CAMP SITES AND OTHER RECREATION FACILITIES.

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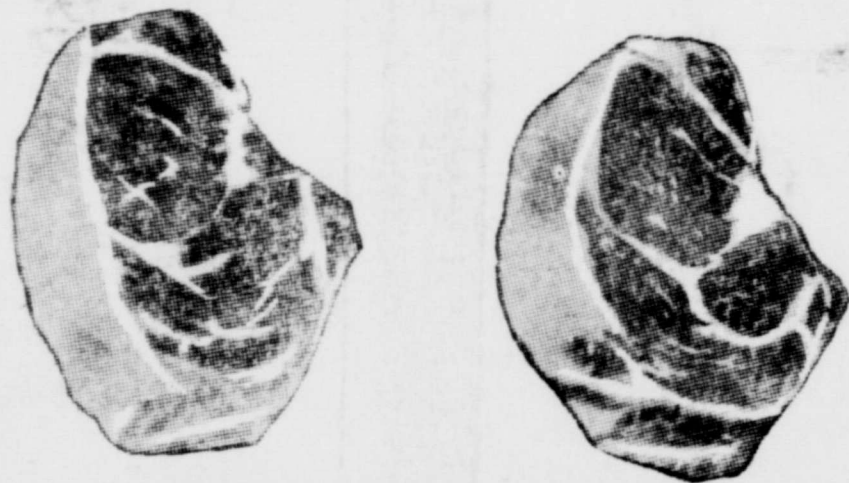
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**FLOUR 43c**

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**BOLD** ..... box 59c

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**DUZ** ..... Gt. box 59c

GIANT  
**DASH** ..... box 69c

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**PUREX** ..... 1/2 gal. 29c



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**SPUDS**  
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