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Up
The
Canyon
By TOM
RUSSOM

Well — your Canyon reporter has been on a fishing trip. So that accounts for such a short column this week. Guess everyone is entitled though to a "time off" every now and then.

A party of eleven adults and children went to Hubbard Lake and everything was just perfect — not too good on the fishing, but the fun and relaxation was good. Did have one fish fry, though, and will have to give Mrs. E. C. Ray credit for catching the biggest fish!

Have received several letters concerning the Nubia Story. Ira Stanley, a star in the history of Old Nubia, wrote in and contributed some more information. Mrs. Bill Cole, of Abilene, wrote us concerning her uncle who had a string band back in those days. The band, known as the Costevens String Band, played for all school activities and was really in demand.

PLANS FOR CITY PARK DISCUSSED AT COUNCIL MEET

Representatives of the Merkel Jaycees, the Optimist Club and the Merkel Garden Club met Thursday, June 16 at the Asteroid Motel to discuss ways and means of having a park in Merkel.

The group agreed unanimously that the "city needs a place of recreation for both children and adults . . . a place for picnics and outings, and a place children can play with playground equipment."

At the June 16 meeting officers were elected to act as a steering committee. They were Tom Ohlhausen, chairman, Mrs. G. A. Peachy, vice chairman; Mrs. Earl Hughes, secretary; Joe Alves, treasurer; John Young, external director and Mrs. H. N. Odum, publicity.

The Steering Committee along with club representatives met with the Merkel City Council Monday, June 20, to "work out plans for the city park."

Members of the City Council with Charles Eager, mayor pro-tem, agreed to work with the Park Steering Committee in getting

plans underway. "We are behind you one hundred per cent," said Eager, "and as soon as you get your plans ready and cost of the park, meet with us again."

Lee R. Thompson, an Abilene architect has drawn up plans for the proposed city park.

The proposed plans calls for a picnic area just east of the water tower, with picnic tables and charcoal grills. The playground area would have climbing bars, swings, merry go round, horizontal ladder, teeters, and giant stride.

Citizens attending the City Council meeting besides councilmen were Tom Ohlhausen, Jaycee treasurer, John Young, Larry Smith and Bob Bristow.

Garden Club members attending were Mrs. Ora Griggs, Odum, Mack Fisher, G. R. Peachy Jarrett Williams and Miss Christine Collins. Mrs. Mamie Steck represented the Lambda Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

"With Merkel growing as it is, the committee plans to find ways and means to finance this much needed park," said Mrs. Odum.

Merkel Beauty Pageant Set Saturday, June 25, 8 P. M.



MINYON BEARD
to present trophies

BAND PARENTS ASSN. SPONSORS PAGEANT

The annual Merkel Beauty Pageant, sponsored by the Band Parents' Association has been set for Saturday, June 25 at 8 p.m. at the Merkel High School Auditorium.

There will be three age divisions with three trophies to be awarded in each division.

Miss Minyon Beard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Beard, and last year's high school division winner, will present trophies to the winning beauties.

As of press time a total of 55 contestants have entered the beauty pageant, with Merkel businessmen as sponsors.

Contestants

Beauty Pageant contestants are Kristi Alves, Wendy Hogan, Kim Mashburn, Lisa Ann Owen, Theresa English, Kim Satterwhite, Sharon Allen, Sherry Pitt, Jackie Harris, Cindy Whisenhunt and Cynthia Steck.

Also Kathy Hendricks, Lisa Shugart, Joyce Hogan, Janay Crain, Kathryn Murrell Judy Diltz, Debbie Mashburn, Patty Maxwell, Danna Bowen and Gail Teaff.

Also Audri Byrd, Nancy Fudge, Christi Fudge, Lori DuBose, Vickie DuBose, Christie Brady, Suzy Wilson, Donna Diltz, Jan Newsum and Dianne White.

Also Carol Whisenhunt, Mary Beth Boyd, Dianne Knight, Kathy Whisenhunt, Connie McCarthy, Phillis Tolar and Ann Riney.

Also Mary Dana Russell, Christi Lucas, Pam Walla, Cindy Wade, Vickie Robertson, Kathryn Patterson and Janice South.

Sponsoring Merchants

Merchants sponsoring the beauties are Ann's Beauty Shop, Baggett Beauty Shop, Barnett Barber Shop, Bill's Garden Shop, Boney Insurance, Boone's Service Station, Bragg's Department Store, Bullock Hardware, Carson Super Market, Conley Barber Shop and Cox Income Tax Service.

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Also Starbuck Company, Taylor Electric Cooperative, Taylor Telephone Cooperative, Thompson Texaco Distributor, Warren Clinic, West Texas Utilities, White Auto Store, Wilson Food Store, Wilson Jeweler, Winters Butane and Thomas Shell Service Station.

Rehearsal

Mrs. Ben Robert Hicks, Beauty Pageant chairman announced that a rehearsal would be Friday, June 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the High School Auditorium and that it was important that "all contestants be in attendance."

Tickets will be on sale at the door at 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children.

"Proceeds from the Pageant will be used to complete payments on band equipment already in use," said Mrs. Hicks.

Judges for the contest will be from Abilene, according to Band Association member, Jo Lassiter.

Scotch-Foursome Scheduled Today

A Scotch Foursome Golf Tournament is scheduled today, June 23, at the Merkel Country Club to begin at 5 p.m., according to Mrs. Lloyd Robertson, publicity chairman for the Ladies' Golf Assn.

Entry fee will be \$1.00 per person and a "special welcome is extended to all new members."

"Phone entries in by noon today to 928-5314," said Mrs. Robertson, "and bring a picnic supper for your family."

AREA CLUBS TO ENTER TAYLOR COUNTY'S 4-H HORSE SHOW

Approximately twenty 4-H Club members from Mulberry Canyon and Merkel clubs have entered Taylor County's annual 4-H Horse Show, to be held in Abilene, Saturday, June 25.

Representing Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club are Donald Rusom, Susie Riney, Johnny Gray, Margo Hunter, Jeff and Cindy Whisenhunt, Mytie Davis, Mike and Mark Dudley and Jerry Don, Shirley and Pam Sandusky.

Merkel 4-H Club entries are Kathryn Criswell, Gail Boone, Randy Bond, Karlen Gamble, Robert Boyd, Dayna and Tonja McAninch and Terry Wade.

Charles DeGeer, assistant County Agricultural Agent, said the horse show would be held at the Range Riders' Arena, south of the Country Club in Abilene.

Nine classes of halter events and four of performance activities will be featured according to DeGeer.

The show, scheduled to start at 9 p.m. will have Bill Galusha, Clyde quarter horse breeder, as show judge.

DeGeer said that entries must be in the County Agent's office in Abilene by 5 p.m. Friday, June 24.

Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club Attends Texas A&M Meet

Two team demonstrations from the Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club represented Taylor County and District 7 at the Texas 4-H Round-up on June 7-8 at Texas A&M University.

Mike Dudley and Jerry Don Sandusky presented their demonstration on gardening in the Vegetable Production and Marketing contest, and placed fourth out of twelve entries in this contest.

Glen Bryan and Galon Brnovak entered the Farm and Ranch Management, placing thirteenth out of seventeen entries.

Irvin Davis, Bob Warren and Dean Snow are on the planning committee for the show.

Listed are events:

Halter Class

1. Registered mares, 4 years or older.
2. Registered mares, under 4 years.
3. Grade mares, 15 hands and over.
4. Graded mares, under 15 hands.
5. Registered geldings, 4 years and older.
6. Registered geldings, under 4 years.
7. Grade geldings, 15 hands or over.
8. Grade geldings, under 15 hands.
9. Showmanship.

Performance

1. Barrel racing.
 2. Pole Bending.
 3. Western Pleasure.
 4. Reining.
- Winners in the local event will qualify to participate in the District 7 Show July 15 at Junction.

4-HERS RETURN FROM ROUND-UP:

Three senior members of the Merkel 4-H Club were in the group of delegates to Extension District 7 Camp in Brownwood recently.

Eight Taylor County youths attended the three day camp. They were Mary Johnson, Finley Barnett, and Larry Ragan, Merkel; Janet Landers, Janelle Griffin, Elmdale; David Manahan, Potosi; Pam McElmurray, Trent; and Donald Russum, Mulberry Canyon. These delegates were

elected by the county council to represent Taylor County. Carolyn Gilbert and Charles DeGeer, extension agents, and Mrs. Maurice Johnson, adult leader, accompanied the group to camp.

Represents Club

Finley Barnett represented the Merkel 4-H Club at the Texas 4-H Round-Up at A&M University June 8-9. Finley earned his right to participate in Round Up through his public speaking wins on county and district levels. There were twenty two entries in the speech event at the state meet — these being the winners from the other Texas Extension Districts. Finley placed sixth at the state contest.

Kathryn Criswell and Dayna McAninch represented the Merkel Club on the county camp planning committee. The camp will be held July 18 and 19.

Cookbooks Ready For Distribution

The Jaycee-Elte cookbooks have been published and are ready for distribution, according to president, Mrs. Cory Lash.

"The book is jammed with good recipes," said Mrs. Lash, and may be purchased from Marilyn Giles at 1709 South 3rd, or phone 928-5344. For residents outside of Merkel, books may be purchased for \$1.00 plus 10 cents mailing charge by contacting Mrs. Cory Lash, 812 Brickhaven Dr., Merkel.

"We have had many requests for books from as far as California," said Mrs. Giles, "but we are requesting that these people write to us again."

Money from the sale of the cookbooks will be donated to the Jaycee Park and Playground Fund.

Officers Elected

Merkel Masonic Lodge No. 17 met Thursday, June 16 for the election of officers. Installation will be held Friday, June 24 at 7 p.m. at the Lodge Hall, according to Roy Mashburn, lodge master.

Officers elected besides Mashburn were Pete Morgan, senior warden; Burr Hendrick, junior warden; Truett Thompson, treasurer; Ban Butler, secretary; Wiley Noah, tyler and Buck Leach, chaplain.



DO WE? — OR DO WE? — There seems to be a bit of uncertainty on the faces of the three children in the foreground about taking the plunge into the water at the Merkel Swimming Pool. But Pam Hagar, (in back) is certain she's ready! The other children are Ann, Terry and Sidney McIntyre of Abilene. All were enrolled in the Merkel Learn-to-Swim Program. (Staff Photo)



WHAT A SHOCKING SURPRISE—And that's how these young ladies felt when they hit the icy water Monday morning, ready for their Red Cross swim lesson. They are, from left, Kathy Hendrix, Cindy Whisenhunt, Kathryn Murrell and Cindy Wade. A swimming lesson in background, is already underway. (Staff Photo)

THE FIZZLE FAMILY



By H. T. Elmo

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Bone; anat. wing
- Not many
- Monks
- One's husband or wife
- Little girl
- Has life
- Utter
- Squatted
- Spoken
- Italian river
- Petty quarrels
- French "and"
- Ship's steering wheel
- Creek
- Calyx leaf
- Gems
- Building wing
- Make lace
- Weighing device
- Step
- Moccasin
- Seized
- Exist
- Vested
43. We
44. Monte—
46. Blackbird
47. Stern; naut.
49. Lid
50. Set on fire
52. Cave
53. Settled
54. Single
55. Toward
16. The sun
19. Small ball
21. Utter
23. Foolishness
24. Corridor
25. Maxims
27. Serenity
28. Recreation
32. Aquatic animal
33. Small houses
35. Over
36. Abandon letter
41. Precipitation
42. Palm fruit
44. Wander
45. Italian river
48. Gave food
49. Container
51. That thing
52. Cobalt

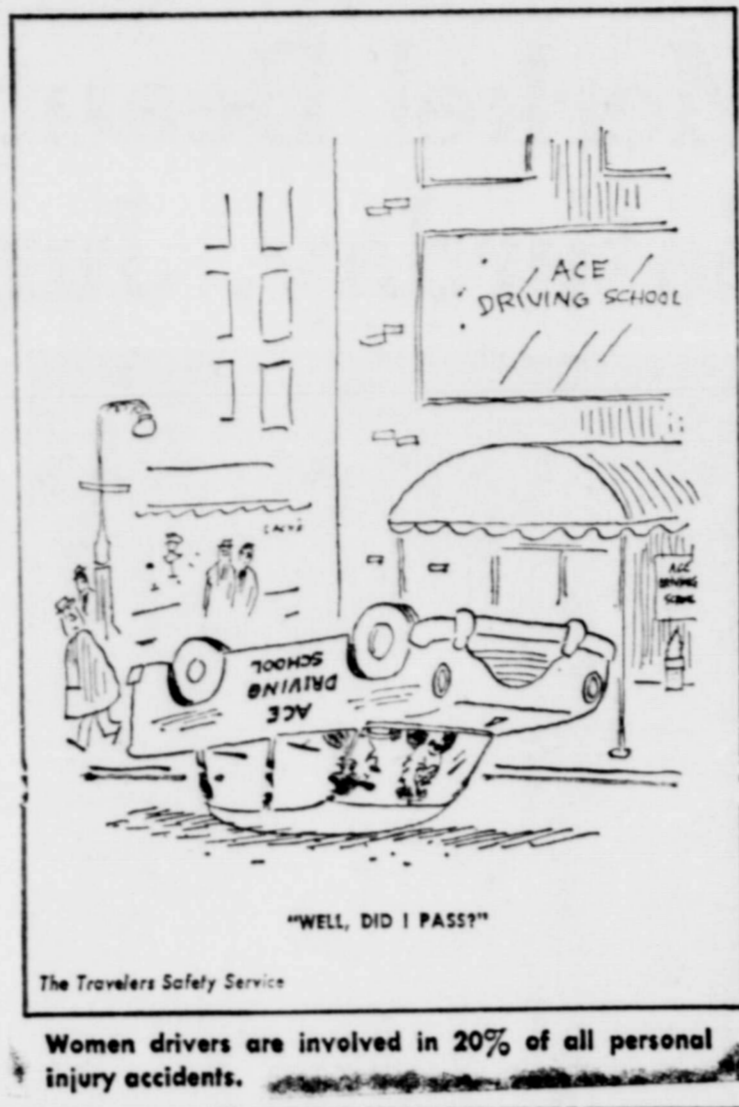
DOWN

- Norwegian city
- Steeple
- Needed for a fire
- English letter
- Plural pronoun
- State; abbr.
- Light beams
- Lives
- Assault
- Lariats
- Collections
- Egg shaped

Answers to Puzzle

ACROSS: 1. HORN, 2. FEW, 3. NUNS, 4. SPOUSE, 5. GIRL, 6. LIFE, 7. WORD, 8. SQUAT, 9. SAID, 10. ARNO, 11. QUARREL, 12. AND, 13. WHEEL, 14. CREEK, 15. CALYX, 16. GEM, 17. WING, 18. LACE, 19. SCALE, 20. STEPS, 21. STEP, 22. MOCCASIN, 23. SEIZED, 24. EXISTS, 25. VESTED, 26. WE, 27. MONTE-CARLO, 28. CROWBIRD, 29. STERN, 30. LID, 31. SET ON FIRE, 32. CAVE, 33. SETTLED, 34. SINGLE, 35. TOWARD, 36. SUN, 37. BALL, 38. WORD, 39. FOOLISHNESS, 40. CORRIDOR, 41. MAXIMS, 42. SERENITY, 43. NORWEGIAN, 44. AQUATIC, 45. ANIMAL, 46. SMALL HOUSES, 47. OVER, 48. ABANDON, 49. LETTER, 50. PRECIPITATION, 51. PALM FRUIT, 52. WANDER, 53. ITALIAN RIVER, 54. LIVES, 55. GAVE FOOD, 56. CONTAINER, 57. THAT THING, 58. COBALT, 59. EGG SHAPED.

The Casualty Count by Jerry Marcus



due return as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 9th day of June A.D. 1966.

Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk, (Seal)

Domestic Relations Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Kathryn Williams, Deputy. 15 4tc

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Unknown Heirs of William C. Porter, Deceased, Defendant.
Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty - two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 25 day of July A.D. 1966, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 7 day of June A.D. 1966, in this cause, numbered 30,271-A on the docket of said court and styled Bob Beckham and Lee Caldwell, Plaintiffs, vs. Unknown Heirs of William C. Porter, Deceased, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Suit for Partition of Real Estate, being the SE-4 survey 22, the NE-4 Survey 24 and the NW-4 Survey 25, Lunatic Asylum Lands, Taylor County, Texas, (less highway rights of way) containing app. 470 acres of which undivided 3-144 is property of Defendants.

as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit. If this citation is not served

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'Pals' Revealed At Class Social

The TEL Class of First Baptist Church was entertained in the home of Mrs. Eunice Massey Wednesday, June 15. Mrs. Earl Baze and Mrs. Clay Satterwhite were co-hostesses.

Opening prayer was asked by Mrs. E. R. Foster, and Mrs. Clyde Bartlett presented the devotional.

Pals were revealed by presentation of gifts.

Members present were Mmes. Clack, Foster, Baze, Satterwhite, John Mansfield, F. L. Hendrix, Ira Moore, Claude Warren, Agnes King, Lake Renfro, Lucy Ford, Opal Josey, Waldo Cox, Ora Griggs and visitors Mrs. Bartlett and Mrs. Fleming from Sheridan, Wyo.

Program Given Stith HD Club

The Stith Home Demonstration Club met recently at the Stith Community Center for their regular meeting.

The program was presented by Merkel and Noodle 4-H Club members. Merkel 4-H Club presented a dress revue and Karen Sullivan of the Noodle Club, presented her demonstration on Money Management.

Merkel 4-H Club members participating were Mary Beth Boyd, Tonja McAninch, Stephanie Walker, Cleo Juan Douglas, Sandy Hogan, Jan Beasley, Mary Jo Reddin, Gail Boone, Dana McAninch, Christie Lucas, and Kathryn Criswell. Mary Johnson served as moderator for the revue.

A golden spike, driven at Ogden, Utah in 1800, marked the completion of the first transcontinental railway.

College Survey Cotton Promotion

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (Special to Merkel Mail) — About 500 colleges still have room for more freshmen for the class entering in the autumn of 1966, according to a survey report just released by

Changing Times, the Kiplinger magazine. The impartial survey of 1,200 colleges and universities also shows that 450 colleges expect to increase the size of their entering class in 1966, making room for about 53,500 additional freshmen.

These and other findings are in Changing Times' special report based on its eighth annual survey of accredited four - year colleges.

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TO: Everett Carl Boethel, Defendant, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Court of Domestic Relations 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 25th

day of July A.D. 1966, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 15th day of April A.D. 1966, in this cause, numbered 2537 on the docket of said court and styled Velda Orene Boethel, Plaintiff vs. Everett Carl Boethel, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about June 9, 1956; Separated on or about February 15, 1964. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of excesses and cruel treatment. No child was 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

Twins Take Twin Awards



Army ROTC graduates Patrick J. and Martin D. Walsh, Arlington, Va., received degrees and Second Lieutenant's commissions during June commencement exercises at the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va. More than 10,350 other cadets are being similarly honored—at the 247 Army ROTC colleges and universities across the country—for their twin achievement of winning college diplomas and officer commissions in the U.S. Army or Army Reserve.

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THE KINDNESS AND SYMPATHY of neighbors and friends in our recent sorrow will always remain with us as a precious memory. Our sincere thanks and gratitude for all those comforting acts and especially our thanks to the doctors and nurses who cared for our loved one.
The Jones and Pogue families

Mrs. Etta Witcher Dies at Age 89

Funeral services for Mrs. Etta Witcher, 89, were held Monday, June 20 at the Starbuck Chapel, with the Rev. Floyd Kinsler, pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church in Abilene, and the Rev. Newton Daniel, pastor of Merkel's First Methodist Church, officiating.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery. Mrs. Witcher was born Feb. 27, 1877 in Fannin County. A Merkel area resident since 1907, she died Sunday at her home after a long illness. Survivors are a son, Audrey of Merkel; a sister, Mrs. Vivian Jar-nagin of Richardson, Tex.; and two grandsons. Mr. Witcher died in 1947.



SERIOUS BUSINESS — Bessie Collier, left, and Carlotta Ybarra, both seated beside pool, are taking the Intermediate Swim course seriously as Learn-to-Swim aide, Susy Wilson gives instructions. Already in and ready to go are Jan Brumbeau and Cathy Mansfield. (Staff Photo)

KEEPING TAB ON MERKELITES AND AREA RESIDENTS

A letter from Frank Masquelette, Houston Post staff writer, came this week expressing thanks for notices made in Merkel Mail concerning the 1897 airship series.

Also, Mrs. Jack Barby of Merkel brought in some clippings that ran in the Post last week, and mailed to her by her daughter, Mrs. Charles Bright, who lives in Houston.

The article was headed "The Great Airship Flap of 1897," and cited the Merkel incident, along with similar ones around the country.

The article reads: "Merkel, Texas, April 26, 1897 — Some parties returning from church last night noticed a heavy object dragging along with a large rope attached.

"They followed it until in crossing the railroad it caught on a rail. On looking up they saw what they supposed was the airship.

"It was not near enough to get an idea of the dimensions. A light could be seen protruding from several windows; one bright light in front like the headlight of a locomotive.

"After some 10 minutes, a man was seen descending the rope; he came near enough to be plainly seen; he wore a light blue sailor suit, was small in size.

"He stopped when he discovered parties at the anchor and cut the rope below him and sailed off in a northeast direction.

"The anchor is now on exhibition at the Blacksmith Shop of Elliott & Miller and is attracting the attention of hundreds of people."

Mr. Masquelette says, "unfortunately, . . . report will have to be considered pure fiction. No evidence can be found today to support this claim."

"Recent inquires among old-timers in Merkel have turned up no one who could remember anything about the incident, if there

indeed was one," said Masquelette.

A group of young ladies seemed very busy last week putting "last minute touches" to their garments for the Taylor County Dress Revue, to be held in Abilene Thursday, June 23.

Working overtime were Connie Ragan, Suzie Wilson, Lois Tra-week, Jerri Stephan, Dianne White and Betsy Johnson. Mary Johnson, junior leader, not only took time out to counsel this group of young ladies, but also completed her garment.

Last week's response to Fire Chief Waymon Adcock's request for "any old pictures of the Merkel Fire Department," was good. Mrs. Irven Thompson brought Adcock a picture similar to the one Mr. Johnson had brought in earlier. There are probably still more pictures of the Fire Department of earlier years and Adcock promises that all pictures will be "handled with care" and returned after the open house that is to be held after completion of the fire station.

The annual club tour of the Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club will be Wednesday, June 29 at 12:30 p.m. according to Mrs. Don Dudley, adult leader.

The tour will begin at 12:30 at the home of club member, Myrtle Davis, with parents, leaders and interested parties visiting the home of each club member.

4-H Club projects will be displayed at each home visit, and the tour ending at the L. A. Dudley's home, with a picnic supper and awarding of year pins.

Annual Club Tour Scheduled June 29

AWARD PRESENTED TRENT GRADUATE

COLLEGE STATION (Spl.) — Leroy Shafer of Trent, an agricultural student at Texas A&M University, has been named a recipient of the Danforth Leadership Training Scholarship. Shafer, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Shafer, is a senior in agricultural journalism.

The award goes annually to the university's outstanding freshman and senior in the College of Agriculture. Howard Davis Hicks of Bandera, won the freshman award.

The scholarship involves several weeks at the American Youth Foundation Leadership Training Camp at Stony Lake, Mich. Chaf-fer will attend from July 31 to Aug. 28 and Hicks from Aug. 15 to 28. Ralston Purina Company of St. Louis, Mo., is the sponsor.

In high school, Shafer was Abilene District FFA president, Area 4 FFA vice president, Taylor County - Wide 4-H president, Taylor County 4-H Gold Star Boy, and winner of the Santa Fe FFA Scholarship, Opportunity Award Scholarship and the State Farmer Degree of FFA.

1966 State Fair Of Texas Dates October 8-23

The 1966 State Fair of Texas in Dallas Oct. 8 through 23 will offer a grand total of \$119,772 in prize money to the exhibitors of purebred livestock, horses and poultry entered in four major shows. Ray W. Wilson, State Fair livestock manager, has announced.

The Pan - American Livestock Exposition Oct. 8-16 will award \$65,862 to exhibitors of 26 breeds of purebred livestock during a new judging program tightly revised to accommodate exhibitors and spectators.

The Junior Livestock Shows, Oct. 18-22 will enrich by \$24,000 the 2,000 Texas Future Farmers and 4-H Club members showing breeding and marketing animals at State Fair.

Another \$25,400 in prize money will go to exhibitors in the four series of the 1966 State Fair of Texas Horse Show.

A final \$3,510 in premiums will be waiting for exhibitors in the 1966 Poultry Show, also a daily feature of the State Fair.

REUNION HELD

Abilene State Park was the scene of the Weston Reunion Sunday, June 12

Relatives and friends of Mrs. H. M. Weston came from Kermit, Abilene, Perryton, Dublin, De Leon and Goldthwaite.

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Lajuana June McPherson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. McPherson of Big Spring and Billy Bob Toombs, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Toombs of Merkel were married Saturday, June 11 at the 14th and Main St. Church of Christ in Big Spring.

Richard Williams officiated at the double ring ceremony.

A church vocal group sang "Whither Thou Goest," "Because," and "With Me Lord."

Mr. McPherson presented the

bride in marriage. Mrs. Dan McPherson of Arlington, sister-in-law of the bride, was matron of honor, and bridesmaids were Cheryl Jones of Kermit, and Mrs. Norman Wright of Lubbock.

The groom's best man was Virgil Jones of Abilene and groomsmen were Ronnie Toombs, Dallas, and Kenneth Duncan of Merkel. Ushers were Freddy Toombs, Merkel, and Dan McPherson of Arlington.

Susie Toombs, Merkel, sister of the groom, was flower girl.

The bride's dress was white voile over white taffeta with empire style bodice and applique white lace daisies and lace insertion at bottom of skirt. Her veil was accentuated with white daisies on head band. She carried stephanotis atop a white Bible.

Her attendants were attired in floor length dresses of flowered voile, empire style. Their headpieces were triangle scarves of flowered voile.

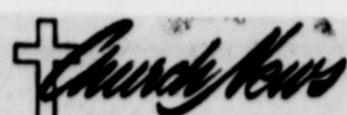
Reception was in the church annex.

The bride is a graduate of Big Spring High School and is presently a medical technology student at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas.

Toombs is a graduate of Merkel High School and Abilene Christian College, with a bachelor of science degree in Range Management.

After a wedding trip to Galveston the couple is residing at 4412 San Jacinto, Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Toombs hosted the rehearsal dinner at Coker's Restaurant in Big Spring.



GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Floyd G. Kinser, pastor
SUNDAY
Sunday School 10:00
Worship Service 8:30

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Newton Daniel, pastor
SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45
Worship Service 10:55
Youth Meeting 6:00
Evening Worship 7:00
WEDNESDAY
Choir Practice 8:00

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5th and Runnels
John W. Emery, pastor
SUNDAY MORNING
Sunday School 10:00
Worship Service 11:00
SUNDAY EVENING
Training Union 6:45
Worship Service 7:30
WEDNESDAY
Evening Service 7:30

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
Mid-Week Service 7:30 p.m.
Choir Practice 8:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Dwight Holland, pastor
SUNDAY
Bible School 9:45
Morning Worship 10:55
Evening Classes 6:00
Evening Worship 6:45
WEDNESDAY
Bible Classes 8:00

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Bill Tanner, pastor
SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Radio Broadcast 10:15 a.m.
Worship Service 10:50 a.m.
Radio Broadcast 11:00 a.m.
Youth Choir 5:00 p.m.
Training Union 6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Women's Missionary Society 9:30 a.m.
Sunbeam Band 9:15 p.m.
Junior GA's 9:45 p.m.
Intermediate Royal Ambassadors 3:30 p.m.
Midweek Service 7:30 p.m.

MISSION BAPTISTA BETHEL

Juan Nix, pastor
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Training Union 6 p.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
FRIDAY
Junior Choir 3:30 p.m.

JESUS NAME UNITED PENTACOSTAL CHURCH

Travis Starnes, pastor
SUNDAY
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.
TUESDAY
Youth Service 7:30 p.m.
THURSDAY
Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

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



OBSERVES 90TH BIRTHDAY — Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Gazzaway observed Mr. Gazzaway's 90th birthday May 25 at Canyon Tex., where they now live. Gazzaway, a former Merkel resident, was in business here for twenty one years, before moving to Canyon in 1965.

FORMER RESIDENT OBSERVES BIRTHDAY

A former Merkel resident, Mr. G. R. Gazzaway, observed his 90th birthday May 25 at the home of his daughter Mrs. E. E. Owen in Canyon, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. Gazzaway moved to Merkel in 1904 where they were in private business for 21 years. At one time Gazzaway was public weigher for the cotton yard in Merkel. They moved to Canyon in 1965 to "be close to their four married daughters, Mrs. Jack Barnard, Mrs. Owen, Mrs. G. L. Davis and Mrs. R. V. Pennington.

Sons of the couple are D.C. of Happy, Bob of Albuquerque, N. M., Nelson of Premont, Tex., and G. R. of St. Louis, Mo.

In a letter from Mrs. Barnard, she tells that her father "is in good health and talks a lot about people in Merkel and remembers so many of them."

"They still live by themselves," said Mrs. Barnard, and she said

the both made a joke out of saying, "between the two of us we make one good one."

Gazzaway was born in Dalton, Ga., and first came to Texas in 1884 with his parents and settled in Franklin.

Texas Water Plan Would Benefit School Systems

AUSTIN (Sp.) — Enactment of Gov. John Connally's \$3.7 billion water plan for Texas would benefit the state's local public school systems, a Texas State Teachers Association spokesman declared Tuesday.

The water plan was unveiled here this week and drew immediate support from L. P. Sturgeon, executive director of TSTA's Governmental and Public Relations Division.

Sturgeon said one of the most serious problems facing public school education in Texas today is the severe strain placed on local communities' tax resources.

"Small communities need more industry to provide a tax base for their local schools, and it is evident that if Texas is to ever get more industry, it must first secure more water," Sturgeon said.

The 50 year water development proposal apparently meets the needs for immediate and imaginative planning in this regard, Sturgeon asserted.

Except for a few words of studio, Art Linkletter never chats with his guest stars prior to their greeting when they arrive at the appearance on "Art Linkletter's House Party" — it lends spontaneity to the on-air interviews.

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- 61 PONTIAC Bonneville 4 door, power and air, a nice one, only \$995
- 61 OLDS Super 88, 4 door, automatic transmission, power, factory air, pretty green and white. \$880
- TOO CHEAP FOR THIS ONE \$880
- 60 RAMBLER Classic 9 passenger wagon, 6 cylinder, standard transmission, radio, heater, nearly new motor, pink and white, only \$395
- 60 PONTIAC Catalina 4 door hardtop, air and power, has \$250 butane system, new premium tires, this is a clean one, total price \$895
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LET'S GET STARTED — Ready for a game of ping pong at Summer Recreation are Rosanne Noster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Noster, and Chris Childers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Childers. Approximately eighty-five children are enrolled in the summer program. (Staff Photo)

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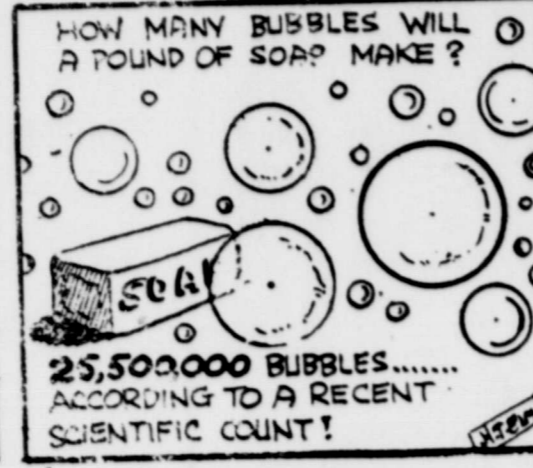
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WHERE ARE THE 'GOOD OLE' DAYS?

Mrs. Raymond Ferguson recently brought a clipping by the Mail that concerned Merkel "fifty-two years ago," if our math is correct. With so much progress going on, new modern buildings, and Interstate 20 zipping by, it seems refreshing to recall "the good 'ole days when Merkel was a wide place in the road." So here are the "facts," taken from the files

of the Merkel Mail, April 24, 1914.

To the Merkel Mail: I have been thinking of the good old days of twenty years ago, of my home and friends of days gone by, when Merkel was a wide place in the road.

At that time old Brother Vaughn was superintendent of the Gould system from Tepto to Trent when during the rainy season Gould system from Tebo to Trent, local freight ran as high as a car a week, Marion French, the genial postmaster, sold a dollar's worth of stamps sometimes in one day and "Ball Head" Joe McMillen, the druggist, sold hair renewer, and on Saturday in the summer time would get some ice and sell cold soda pop. George Boyce sold corn, feed and eggs and his good wife sold that good Jersey butter.

Pirk Browning would tell us of the big tobacco deals and pretty women and good whiskey in old Kentucky while Sam Dunkin skinned us on a bill of lumber and Jim Barnes would tell us how he hunted possums in Louisiana and sold us lumber at cost.

At that time we were sure the H. B. \$2.50 shoe was the best in the world because Tom Warren guaranteed every pair and the Solid Comfort was the chief plow for George West said so. Bill Shepard sold us porterhouse steak at 6 cents a pound, but of course it was none of our business where he got it.

I remember well when Merkel went out of the saloon business, when that good old man Jake Brooks piled up his stock of booze and made a bonfire out of it and my old friend Dad Huffman wiped the tears from his cheeks and Jack Haley danced the war dance and on Sunday we went to church to hear Brother Baker preach the gospel. During those times W. W. Wheeler was superintendent of the Sunday School and extraordinary justice of the peace and when he issued his referendum and recall the evil-doers had to dig up or hunt for green pasture and, last but not least, that grand old man, J. C. Calvert, stood at the masthead and guided the rudder of the religious Merkel Mail and guided its destiny, which from that day to this has ever stood for the best interests of the people of Merkel and the Merkel country.

An Old Timer,
John Elliott."

HD CLUB MEETS

A program on "Happy Feet Care" was presented to the Comper Home Demonstration Club by members Mrs. Eulan Hatfield and Mrs. Ab Hunter Jr., at their June 9 meeting.

Mrs. J. E. Touchstone was hostess. Refreshments were served to Mmes. Dwain Johnson, Clyde Chancey, Hatfield, Hunter and Touchstone.

Members made plans for the County - Wide meeting to be held in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church in Anson in July. Max Leach of Abilene Christian College, will be principal speaker.

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Mrs. Pearl Jones Dies at Age 81

Mrs. Persilla Pearl Jones, 81, died Friday, June 17 in Starr Nursing Home after a long illness.

Funeral services for Mrs. Jones, a resident of Merkel since 1919, were held Saturday in the Starbuck Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Bill Tanner, pastor of First Baptist Church, and the Rev. Newton Daniel, pastor of First Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Jones was born July 27, 1884 at Hampshire, Tenn. and moved to Breckenridge at an early age. She was married to Ben Jones May 1, 1909 at Breckenridge. Mr. Jones died in August, 1961. She was a longtime member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Sam of Merkel; two daughters, Mrs. Bill Decker of Goree and Mrs. Grace Ingram of Merkel; three brothers, Willard Pogue of Merkel, C. M. Pogue of Eastland, and Doyle Pogue of Snyder; two sisters, Connie Pogue of Merkel and Mrs. A. J. Burks of Odessa; 12 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren. A son, Tommy, preceded her in death.

Texas 4-H Boy At Conference

(Special to The Merkel Mail) Howard R. Hilton Jr., outstanding Anderson County 4-H boy, will represent all Texas 4-H'ers at the June 26-29 National Youth Conference on Natural Beauty and Conservation in Washington, D.C.

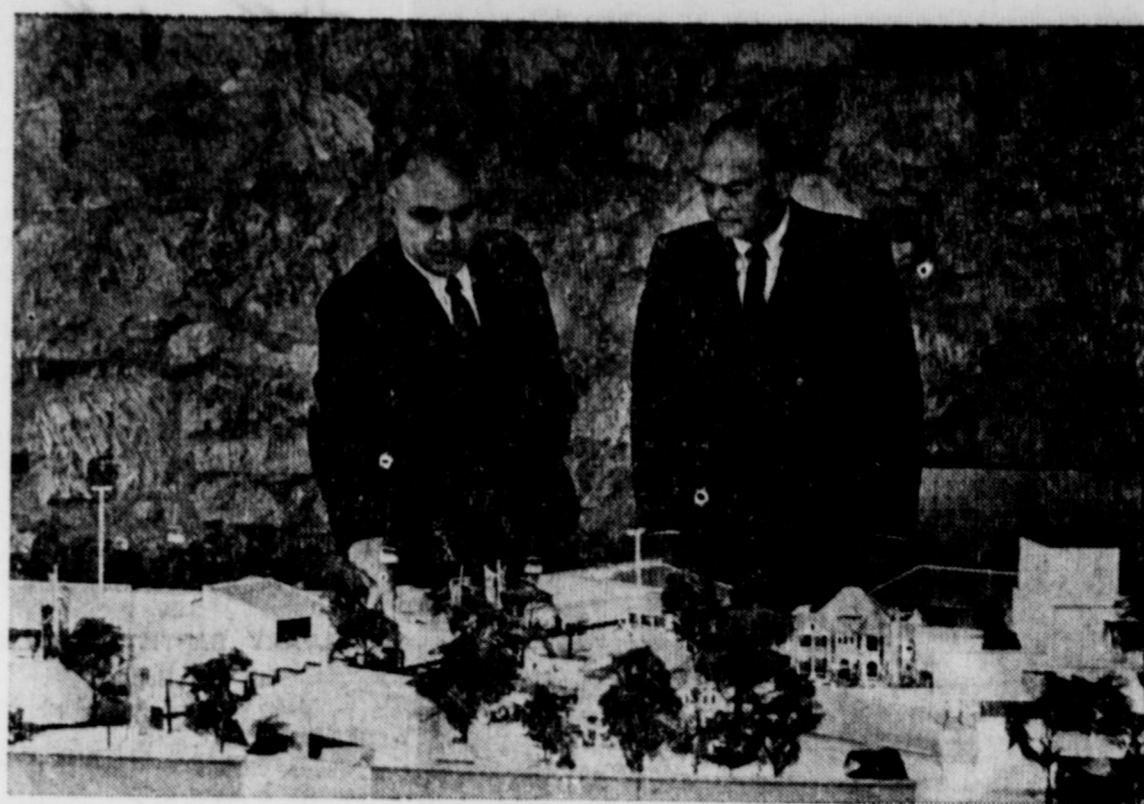
For the past 8 years Hilton has conducted many demonstrations in home and community beautification and in 1965 was alternate in the statewide beautification awards program.

Insect Resistance

The latest report from Texas A&M University on resistance of the bollworm and tobacco budworm to chemical insecticides is not good. Weldon Newton, Extension entomologist, says it means some of the previously used insecticides won't do the job this year if there is a high insect population.

Newton encourages farmers to follow the recommendations listed in the 1966 Texas Guide for Controlling Cotton Insects.

The River Nile is approximately 4,000 miles long.



HEMISFAIR PREVIEW—HemisFair president Marshall Steves (left) points out features of a HemisFair scale model to Nelson Jones, a director of Humble Oil & Refining Company. Mr. Jones announced that Humble will restore one of the historic buildings in the fair area. He said the building, which will be a place for fair-goers to relax, will also have a travel service, a movie theatre, and space for art and cultural exhibits. Domestic and foreign governments and major industries and services from throughout the world will be represented with exhibits at HemisFair's 92-acre downtown San Antonio site. The first major international exposition ever scheduled in the Southwestern United States, HemisFair will run from April 6 to October 6, 1968.

TAX MAN SAM SEZ:

Selling a home has become a common thing. Many taxpayers own several homes during their life. You must report the sale of your home on your income tax return and pay taxes on any profit that you may have on the sale. When you buy a home you should keep a record of the cost. When you make improvements — including adding shrubs and trees or a new room — this adds to your cost (or basis). It pays to keep a permanent record to help you solve your tax problems when you sell.

Servcies Held

Funeral services for Mrs. Eura Allen Wyckoff, a former Merkel resident, were held Tuesday, June 14 in Abilene.

Mrs. Wyckoff was born Sept. 23, 1901 near Waco. She lived in Merkel and Abilene from 1901 until 1946, then moved to California and returned to Abilene in April of this year.

She was the daughter of the late P. E. Allen of Merkel. Bob Crane, star of "Hogan's Heroes" on the CBS Television Network, had a boyhood ambition to become a drummer. Ultimately, he drummed his way to a seat with the Connecticut Symphony Orchestra and jobs with several name dance bands.

Good Education Key to Leadership

A good education is the key to good leadership, according to Ben Barnes, speaker of the Texas House of Representatives.

Speaking at the recent Texas Roundup awards dinner, Barnes told the young people that they are "fortunate to be living

in this decade of the Space Age. Some of you may even go to the moon. Education is the key that opens the door for your tomorrows. Texas provides fine facilities for a good education, so don't stop until you have completed yours and are fully prepared for leadership roles."

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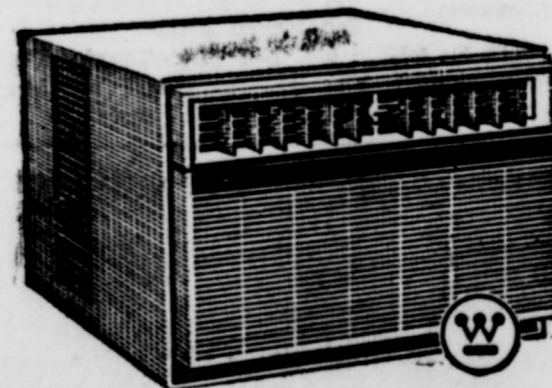
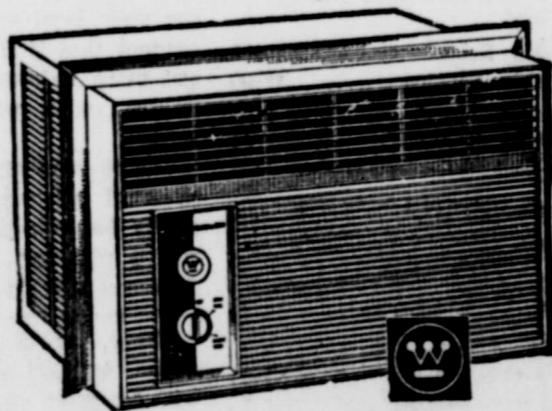
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

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 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 2533 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 30, 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 the 23 day of May, A.D. 1966.

Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk,
Domestic Relations Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Marie Gill, Deputy.
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Stith
News

By MRS.
FRITZ HALE



Stith community received a nice rain the last of the week and it was certainly fine on the crops and gardens.

Mr. and Mrs. James Strong and Melinda of Odessa spent the weekend with Mrs. J. E. Swindell and the Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Swindell. The Strong's attended services at the Noodle Baptist Church Sunday morning. Mrs. Swindell returned home with them for a two week visit.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hale and Mike of Midland spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale.

Gene Powell of Odessa spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. John Browning visited the Hudsons Sunday evening.

The Billy Ray Brownings of Tuscola spent Father's Day in the home of the John Brownings.

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Hobbs of Grand Prairie are visiting this week in the homes of Mrs. John Hobbs. The Benny Hobbs family and Orval Ely family visited Mrs. Hobbs Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Malone, Mrs. Dink Whisenhunt and Wendi of Merkel spent the weekend in Taylor with Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Malone.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sloan and children of San Angelo spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sloan. They attended the Hope Church of Christ Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. West were guests Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Winter in Merkel. Mr. and Mrs. Manley Denton and children of Albuquerque, N.M. also visited the Winters over the weekend. Mrs. Denton and children remained for a longer visit.

It's News To Me by Betty Carroll

Vanquish Headaches

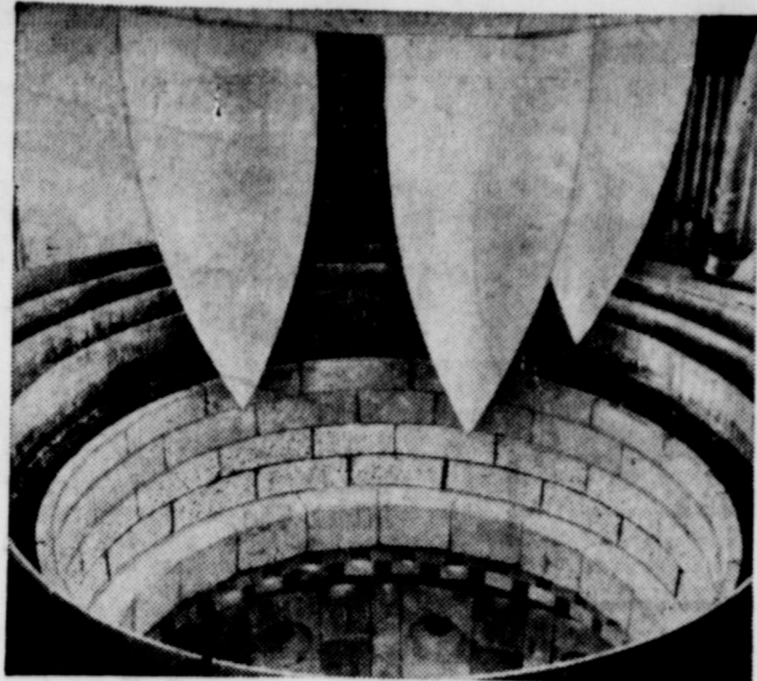
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A Barbecue Bonanza

A BOON to barbecue chefs is a new kind of heavy duty Swing-Out motor with switch and cord minder by Structo Division of King-Seely-Thermos Co. "This invention protects the chef's hands from the heat of the coals as he manipulates the roast or bird," said W. A. Wenner, Structo vice president, marketing. Tapered heavy gauge steel legs are another Structo innovation which provides extra stability as well as a high style look to motorized braziers.

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NEWS



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Galen Boone won two firsts in the 9 and under age group, with Galen Boone taking two firsts, in the 10 through 12 group, Kathryn Criswell in the 13 through 15, and Mrs. Jack Boone in Open.

Winners listed first, second and third were:

Barrel Races, 10 through 12 — Gail, Karlan Gamble and Tonja McAninch.

13 through 15 — Kathryn, Dayna McAninch and Robert Boyd.

16 through 19 — John Read, Randy Bond and Sue Pinckley.

Open — Mary Boone, Della Henslee and Jarrett Pinckley.

Flag Races, 10 through 12 — Karlan Gamble, Robbie White-

head and Tonja McAninch.
13 through 15 — Robert Boyd, Woozer Boyd and Terri Wozencraft.
16 through 19 — Randy Bond, John Read and Jean Read.
Open — Jarrett Pinckley, Mary Boone and Ted McAninch.
Pole Bending, 10 through 12 — Gail, Johnny Gray and Tonja McAninch.
13 through 15 — Kathy, Woozer Boyd and Dayna McAninch.
16 through 19 — Felix Boyd, Randy Bond and John Read.
Open — Mary Boone, Della Henslee and Ruth Hagan.

Martha Perry of Irving spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry. Other visitors in the Perry home were Darlene Little, Irving; Mr. M. Z. Little, Big Spring, and Jana Farmer of Merkel.

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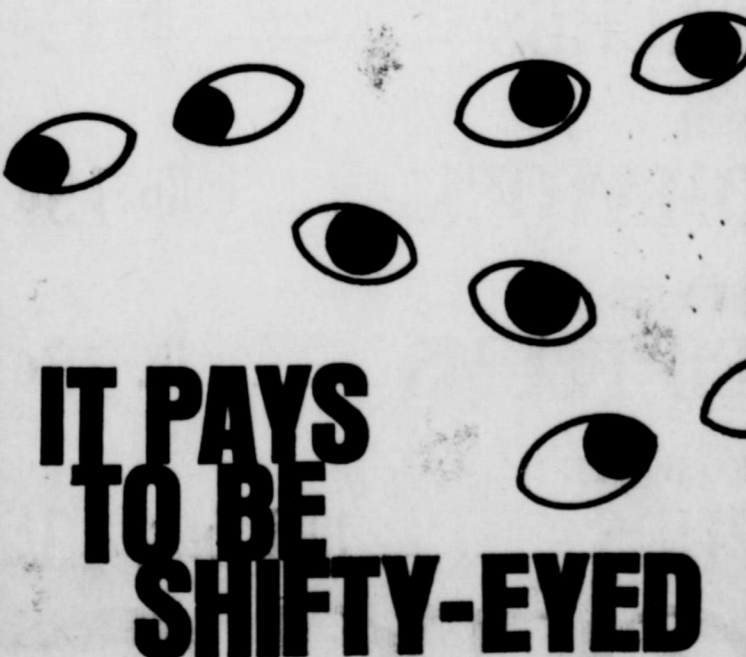
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The Road Report . . . BY ARBA



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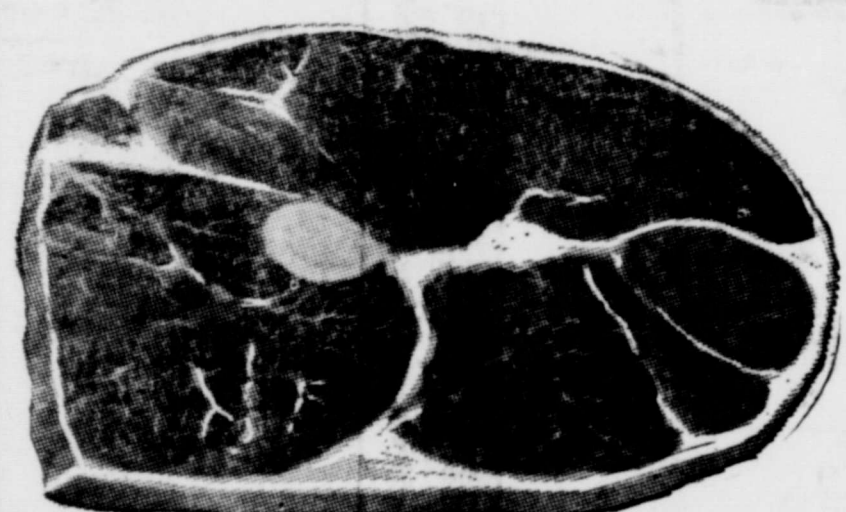
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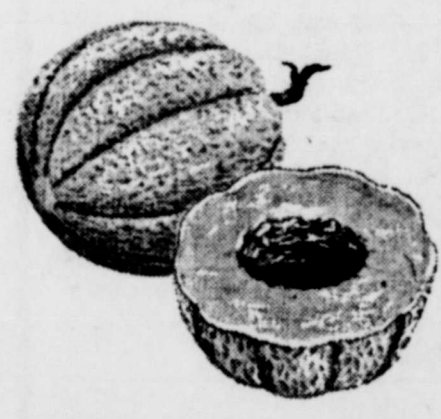
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