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Up The Canyon

By TOM
RUSSOM

Cool weather continues to keep things pleasant in our area. Crops weeds and grass are making a splendid growth, but I think the grass and weeds are growing better.

It is hard to tell at this time just how the cotton is. Some don't think it is too good, due to insects. Some of the milo looks pretty good and could make a lot; anyway, there's a lot for livestock to eat.

Some people call it a good year, but really I think we had too much hot, dry weather at the wrong time (in the summer), and crops suffered too much from that.

Well, the Labor Day weekend was just pretty quiet here. There was quite a bit of bird hunting going on, with the hunters stating a lot of birds and a good kill in most cases.

My sister, Mrs. Bradshaw and family, spent Labor Day weekend in our home. They live in Dallas.

A. L. Farmer, who spent several weeks in Hendrick Hospital, has returned to his home and is reported to be resting well.

Mrs. Joe Swinney has returned home from the hospital in Abilene and she is doing very well. A number of her children were home over the weekend to visit with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McLean and children visited Hollis' parents over the weekend and attended church at Pioneer Sunday.

The Rev. Charles Williams' parents visited in their home Sunday, and also attended church.

We want to correct an error in last week's paper on the sale of the Johnson's calves at Oplin. The calves brought 23¢ for the heifers and 26 cents per pound for the steers. It was listed in the paper 32 and 36 cents last week, which was an error. However, Maurice said they would nearly bring the 32 and 36 now.

We would like to say to the Ford family, we truly regret the loss of their mother. We all loved Mr. and Mrs. Smith. They were visitors quite often in our community. We will always remember Mrs. Smith as a mother who loved everyone.

Wedding bells will ring again this week at Pioneer Church. Miss Diane Perry, daughter of Mrs. Ray Osborne, will be married to David Michael of Table Rock, Neb. David is in the service, stationed at Dyess Air Force Base.

WT FAIR SLATES TC SCHOOL DAY

Supt. Mack Fisher of Merkel has received 777 free school day tickets for Merkel pupils and teachers for the West Texas Fair

MHS Band Council Election Held

Members of the Merkel High School Band met Wednesday, Aug. 31 for election of the band council. The council is composed of one representative from each of the freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes.

Representatives elected were JaNell Lassiter, freshman; Kathryn Patterson, sophomore; Pat Warren, junior and Pat Bigbee, senior.



MERKEL BADGERS — The 1966 Badgers' Don Carson. All are returning letter winners, inside line consists of, from left, Gary Doan, Ray Woodard Steve Buntin, Paul Carson and except Paul Carson. (Photo Courtesy Abilene Reporter News)

SPRAYING CONTINUES FOR MERKEL, TRENT

Reports have come in from both mayors of Merkel and Trent that the last week's spraying operations against mosquitoes "completely covered both cities."

"However," said Merkel's Mayor Johnny Cox, "the spraying will be repeated again this week. We don't want an outbreak of encephalitis as it has been in some of our Texas cities."

Repeated sprayings will be conducted this Thursday and Friday, "depending on the weather."

"If there is a rain within 24 hours we practically lose all the effect of dusting," said Cox.

No reports of encephalitis have been reported in the Merkel and Trent areas, and appreciations was expressed by both mayors concerning "the cooperation of citizens in cleaning debris from alleys and vacant lots, and empty-

ing containers where water was stored."

In a recent article by Associated Press Science Writer, Alton Blakeslee, the encephalitis outbreak was termed an epidemic unusual.

"By the dozens and hundreds," wrote Blakeslee, "people are falling ill in Texas and the Far East from sudden explosions of so-called 'Sleeping Sickness.' Epidemics, such as occurring now, are unusual in the United States."

Scientists describe the virus which is breaking out in Texas as the "St. Louis encephalitis, with birds as apparently the main reservoir." Mosquitoes of the Culex family are the carriers, transferring the virus from infected birds to humans, and to other animals.

Health officials in Texas blame the outbreak partly upon heavy rains that bring about the breeding of mosquitoes.

Citizens of both Merkel and Trent were urged to "continue checking any likely spots where mosquitoes could breed." They were also urged to let property owners know about vacant lots that had debris on them that could harbour stagnant water.

Merkel 4H Club Elects Officers

Election of officers highlighted the Sept. 1 meeting of the Merkel 4H Club.

Held at the Taylor Electric Cooperative building, the meeting was called to order by president, Kathryn Criswell. Robert Boyd gave the 4H motto, prayer and pledge.

Officers elected for the 1966-67 club year are Kathryn Criswell, president; Mary Johnson, vice president; Dayna McAninch, secretary - treasurer; Robert Boyd, reporter; and Larry Ragan, council delegate.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boone are organizational leaders with Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Criswell as assistants leaders.

Club members expressed appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Barnett and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Robertson for their work with the club during the 1965-66 year.

New members are Debbie Cunniff and Elizabeth Ragan.

4-H Day Set At WT Fair

Carolyn Gilbert, assistant HD agent for Taylor County, is chairman of the girls' 4H Club demonstrations Sept. 17, 4H Club Day at the West Texas Fair.

Demonstrations will be given at this time on subjects ranging from safety, civil defense, foods, clothing to electrical devices.

"Demonstrations may last from 10 to 12 minutes," said Miss Gilbert, "and will be given from the stage in the Woman's Building at the Fair Grounds beginning at 1 p.m."

Girls may enter as teams or as individuals, in either the junior or senior division.

Individual class prizes are \$3 for 1st, \$2 for 2nd and \$1 for third place. In team classes prizes are \$5 for 1st, \$4 for 2nd and \$2 for 3rd.

Brushstompers Enter Activities

There were approximately 100 participants in the Play Day Riding Events held Monday, Sept. 1 at Old Abilene Town.

Members of the Merkel Brushstompers participating in the play day activities were Jean Read, Kathryn Criswell, Dayna McAninch, John Read, Ted McAninch, Rardy Bond, Gail Boone and Johnny Gray.

Jean Read tied in second place in flag races; Kathryn Criswell tied second in the barrel races and second in pole bending, and Dayna McAninch placed third in barrels.

1966-67 Football Season Opens With Game at Clyde



PRESENTS CHECK — Optimist Club member Truman Belcher, center, presents a \$199.50 check to Abilene Boys Ranch manager, Ben Richey, as Optimist president Johnny Young looks on. The money will be used for construction expenses at the ranch. (Staff Photo)

BENSON TOURNAMENT CHAMPION IN LABOR DAY GOLF ACTIVITIES

The Labor Day Golf Tournament with thirty two entries was reported by Bob Hooks, tournament chairman as a "huge success." "Proceeds were sufficient for the reseeding project soon to get underway," said Hooks.

A special "thank you" was extended by president, Robert Higgins and also the Board of Directors, to all who had a part in the tournament and "especially to the ladies who donated and sold sandwiches and cakes."

Tournament champion was Bob Benson, winning the 36 hole medal Championship Flight with a 162. Rodney Robertson was the runner up with a 163 and Lloyd Robertson won Championship Consolation with 165.

Flights one, two and three played nine holes of match play, followed by eighteen hole medal.

C. McElmurray Named Secretary

Clovis McElmurray, Trent, has been named secretary of the Angus division of the livestock show at the West Texas Fair, which opens for a week's run Sept. 12.

McElmurray, an assistant superintendent of the division, replaces D. R. DeRusha, who was named superintendent of the Angus division.

In the First Flight, Horace Childers defeated Dean Smith, Bob Hooks defeated Danny Doan, Rober Higgins - Burt Jones, and Dean Higgins - Craig Litton. Winner was Horace Childers with 87; runner up, Bob Hooks with 89 and Consolation, Danny Doan, 82. Mac Seymore defeated D. W. Binkley in the second flight; A. H. McElmurray - Herbert Patterson, Scotty Higgins - Howard Carson, and Reed Estes drew bye. A. H. McElmurray was winner with 91; Connie Mac Seymore, runner up with 93 and Consolation D. W.

Binkley with 88. In the third flight, R. Jack Seymore defeated Ted Smith; Waymond Adcock - Randy Smith; Jerry Patterson - Roy Largent, and J. C. Carson - L. A. Coats. Riley Jack Seymore was winner; Waymon Adcock, runner up; and Randy Smith, consolation. D. W. Binkley of Slaton won the driving contest, Danny Doan was winner of the approaching contest, and Robert Higgins was champion putter. Trophies were presented to all winners.

WALKER IS NAMED COUNTY REGISTRAR

AUSTIN (Sp.) — Leon R. Walker of Merkel has been appointed a registrar for the Callahan-Taylor county draft boards in the Merkel area.

Young men who reach the age of 18 can register in Merkel by calling on Mr. Walker in his office at Merkel Elementary School, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

A registrar is maintained in the area so that men will not have to travel to the draft board at Abilene.

Col. Morris S. Schwartz, state

director of the draft system, expressed public appreciation of the services of Mr. Walker.

"People of the Merkel area should appreciate the service he renders them," Col. Schwartz said, "as he is doing the work without pay as a public service to his country."

All males are required to register under the draft law on their 18th birthday or within five days thereafter. Maximum penalties that can be applied for failure to register are \$10,000 fine, or five years in prison or both.

Badger Boosters Meet, Organize

Football season 1966 - 67 isn't around the corner for Merkel — it's here.

And the Merkel Badger Booster Club has had its first organizational meeting and are studying plays to run interference for any extra curricular problems Coach Bob Byerly's team faces.

Ted Smith was elected the 1966-67 Booster Club president, Howard Carson is vice president and Vernon Mansfield is secretary - treasurer.

The election of officers came after an ice cream supper for the coaches and members of the Badger football team. Booster club members also saw a film of the Badger's scrimmage against Bronte and were introduced to Badger players.

Leon Walker, 1965 - 66 Booster Club president was lauded for his work for the year. Coaches present included Ronny Toombs and Bill Tate, besides Byerly.

Byerly said "the boys have been working pretty hard and we're looking forward to playing Clyde."

The Badgers play Clyde at Clyde Friday night at 8 p.m. Byerly said he thought "before the year is over you're going to see some good football."

"We've got a good bunch of kids. I know they will play their hearts out if they get the backing. And I know they'll get that."

The head coach said the boys weren't ready for the scrimmage games with Munday and Bronte. We can do better, he said, and pointed out that he thought this year's team has great potential — especially on offense.

"I don't know how we're going to do. Clyde has a good team. They've got eight starters back. They're tough kids. They don't do anything fancy but they play tough and hard."

Byerly said that defensively the Badgers are not at this point as tough as the 1963 Championship Badgers. The film of the Bronte scrimmage showed that the Badgers are going to have to put some patches on defense.

The film also showed that Merkel's backfield with Bob Tate, Ray Davis, Felix Costillo, Nick Davis and Jimmy Williams will have some razzle - dazzle that should put some counters on the scoreboard.

Merkel's 1966 Football lineup includes Richard Walker, Donnie Doan, Wally Knight, Rodney Mashburn, Joe Dela Cruz, Tony Costillo, Barney Davis, Don Carson, Paul Carson and Gaylon Doan.

Also Gary Doan, Ray Woodard,

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as college or university and major in Home Economics.

During the business session final plans will be made for the chapter's participation in the Area IV Young Homemakers Convention Saturday, Sept. 24 in the Windsor Hotel, Abilene.

RECENT VISITORS

Miss Frances Mann and Miss Paula Myers of Irving, were weekend guests in homes of Mrs. Woodrow Patton and Mrs. Beth Starzyk.

Dr. Mary Walker, famous Union spy who wore male attire, was a pioneer woman suffragist and a doctor in the Civil War.

YOUNG HOMEMAKERS TO MEET SEPT. 8

The Taylor County Young Homemakers will meet Thursday, Sept. 8 at the Adult Homemaking Center, 1902 S. 11th, Abilene. The chapter will present certificates of merit to friends and merchants of the Taylor County Y.H.T.

High; Claudia Van Cleave, Cooper High; and Sarah Helton, Cooper High. These four girls are seniors at their respective schools. They are outstanding FHA girls and must have a 90 or above grade average in English and homemaking. Their over-all average in all other subjects must also be 90 or above. These young ladies must plan to attend a Tex-

Jo Ann Black of Lawn will present the winner of this year's Little Sister Award. Miss Black was the chapter's and Area IV's "Little Sister" this past year. The recipient will receive a charm from the chapter and then compete in the Area IV Little Sister Awards program. The nominees are: Jackie Johnston, Abilene High; Nancy Oglesby, Cooper

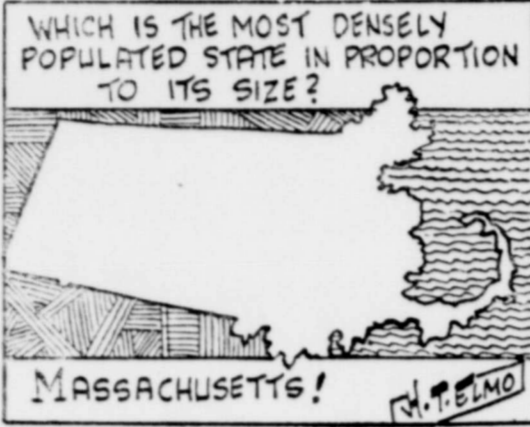
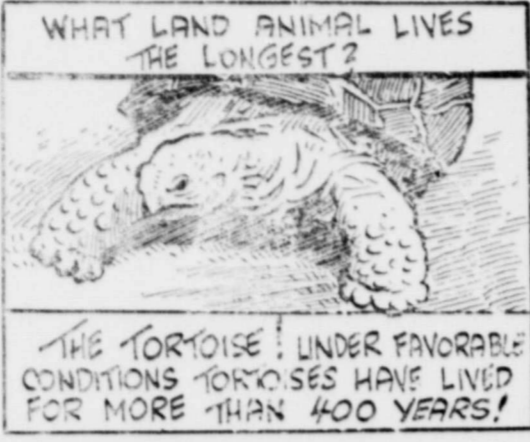
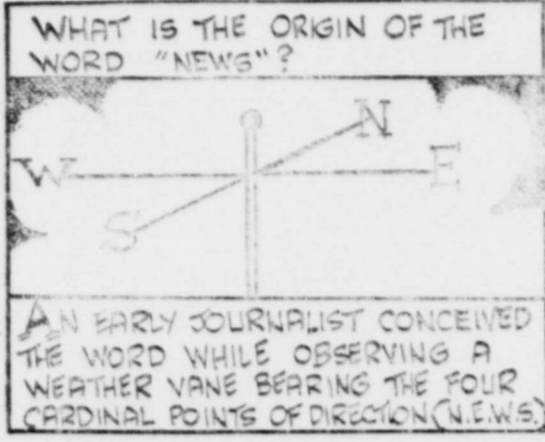
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by Horace Elmo



TELL ME...



Texas, Farmers, Ranchers to Tour Seven Countries

WACO (Sp.) - Planning has now been finalized for the Texas Farm Bureau Market Building tour of Europe Sept. 15 - 29 and 35 Texas farmers, ranchers and their wives are scheduled to make the trip through seven countries.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Beam of Potosi will be among the 85 Texans who will board the Pan American World Airways in Dallas Sept. 15 for the tour.

Tour members will visit with farm groups and visit farming operations in England, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, Switzerland and France. They will learn of European commerce, government and agriculture through visits to the Farm Bureau Trade Development Corporation in Rotterdam. Briefing will be conducted by some of the top American and European marketing experts as well as the agricultural staffs assigned to the various U.S. embassies.

The entire tour group will depart from Dallas aboard a Pan American World Airways jet on Thursday, Sept. 15, fly to Chicago and then to London. The tour will conclude in Paris and the Texans will return to the U.S. Sept. 29.

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ACROSS

- Rant
- Joker; slang
- Dry
- Image
- Card game
- Ore deposit
- Fried cake
- Passageway
- Ally
- Ever; poetic
- Latin
- Be
- Dawn goddess
- Robert E.
- Roofing rock
- Look at
- Leaner
- Nails
- Monkey
- Japanese coin
- Tellurium; chem.
- Map book
- Clever
- Ocean
- Split
- Appease

DOWN

- Pure and simple
- German "I"
- Experienced
- Comfort
- Bashful
- Duct
- Swing music phrase
- Land measure
- Empty
- Come in
- Flashed
- Main arteries
- Depart
- Baba
- Evergreen shrub
- At rest
- Animal
- Sings in a round
- Public notice
- Printer's measure
- Wing
- Recede
- Over; poet.
- Breaks
- Weapons
- Golf mound
- Sea eagle
- Poem
- Showy
- Fasten to
- Article
- Shuffle
- Pinnacle
- Appeal
- In
- Chinese weight
- Eskimo house
- Whale
- Service charge
- Lives

Answer to Puzzle

- Evening Worship ... 7:30 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY
- Women's Missionary Society ... 9:30 a.m.
- Sunbeam Band ... 8:15 p.m.
- Junior GA's ... 8:45 p.m.
- Intermediate Royal Ambassadors ... 3:30 p.m.
- Midweek Service ... 7:30 p.m.
- FRIDAY
- Junior Choir ... 3:30 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.

- 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.

- NEW LIVE OAK BAPTIST CHURCH
- 3rd and El Paso Streets
- Ronald Hudspeth, pastor
- SUNDAY
- Sunday School ... 10:00
- Worship Service ... 11:00
- Training Union ... 6:00
- Evening Service ... 7:00

Abraham Lincoln died in a small brick house opposite Ford's Theatre on Tenth Street in Washington, D. C.

Religious Review

ATTEND CHURCH SUNDAY!

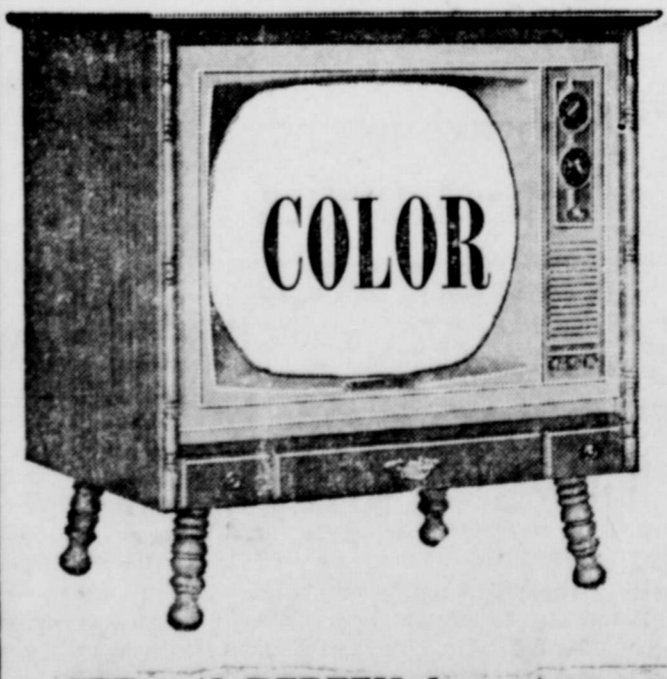
- GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
- Floyd G. Kinser, pastor
- SUNDAY
- Sunday School ... 10:00
- Worship Service ... 8:30
- FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
- Newton Daniel, pastor
- SUNDAY
- Sunday School ... 9:45
- Worship Service ... 10:55
- Youth Meeting ... 6:00
- Evening Worship ... 7:00
- WEDNESDAY
- Choir Practice ... 8:00
- 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
- 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.
- CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
- 5th and Runnels
- David Hahn, pastor
- SUNDAY MORNING
- Sunday School ... 10:00
- Worship Service ... 11:00
- SUNDAY EVENING
- Training Union ... 5:30
- Worship Service ... 6:30
- WEDNESDAY
- Evening Service ... 7:30
- 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.

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NOTICE — Some of the dishes used during the Mrs. Ford Smith Sr. services have not been picked up. Owners may get them in the kitchen at Fellowship Hall at the First Methodist Church. Thank you, Mrs. Ruth Hogan. 27 2tf

ATTENTION MOTHERS — A day nursery is now open. Let us keep your child while you shop, work or attend special events. Mrs. Thelma Wade, 207 Orange, 928-6904. 25 4tp

WANTED — To keep children in my home, by day, week or month. Carolyn Ford. Call after 5 p.m., 928-6895. 26 2tp

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Darling Receives Purple Heart

CHU LAI Viet Nam (FHTNC) — Marine Private First Class Jack E. Darling, son of Mrs. Myrna L. Darling of Merkel, was presented a Purple Heart Medal by Brig. Gen. William A. Stiles, Assistant Division Commander of the 1st Marine Division, in a special ceremony at the 1st Medical Battalion at Chu Lai, Viet Nam.

PFC Darling received the medal "For wounds received in action with an opposing armed force of a foreign country in which armed forces of the United States are engaged . . ."

He is a cannoner with the 105 mm Howitzer Section of "E" Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marine Division.

PFC Darling entered the service in June 1965.

Miss Whisenhunt, Gary Smith Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Lee Smith are living in Merkel after their marriage in Acuna, Mexico on Aug. 28.

Mrs. Smith is the former Patricia Ann Whisenhunt, daughter of Mrs. Betty Whisenhunt and the late Jack Whisenhunt. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith Jr., all of Merkel.

FFA Sweetheart Enters Contest

Bronwyn Gamble, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Gamble of Merkel is Merkel's FFA entry in the 1966 Sweetheart Contest at the West Texas Fair.

Bronwyn will make several appearances on the Midway Stage during Fair Week in addition to serving at various locations on the grounds as official hostess.

A senior at Merkel High School, Bronwyn is a member of the High School Band, an editor of the school annual, and a member of the National Honor Society. She is the 1965-66 Merkel FFA Sweetheart. Bronwyn is a member of the Merkel Riding Club and represented the Merkel Chamber of Commerce at the 1964 Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth.

TAX MAN SAM SEZ:

Within the next few weeks thousands of young Texans will be going back to school. During the next nine months more than 200,000 of these young Texans will learn how to fill out their income tax returns. The Internal Revenue Service cooperates with some 2,000 Texas high schools and colleges in furnishing the material for a short course on how to prepare your income tax return.

The Teaching Taxes course is popular with most students — especially those due a refund. If your son or daughter is fortunate enough to get the Teaching Taxes course, maybe you can get them to help you.

Prairie Lakes

LUBBOCK (Spl.) — Migrating waterfowl crossing the upper Texas Panhandle will find thousands of prairie lakes with at least some water in them, thanks to recent soaking rains, reports the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Until a month ago, dry playa lake beds were forlornly viewed by waterfowl hunters who know from past experience that ducks and geese ordinarily pass through like a blue norther when there's no resting or feeding area.

Ducks, geese and sandhill cranes are now expected to loiter for awhile on the High Plains before completing their migratory flight to the fresh water estuaries of the Texas Gulf Coast.

Army Day is observed on April 6, the date the United States entered World War 1, 1917.

WT FAIR SWEETHEART ENTRIES



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WTCC Officials To Meet Sept. 9

LUBBOCK — The West Texas Chamber of Commerce, which has already made a strong fight for more water in West Texas in previous hearings, will go all out on Sept. 9 in Lubbock as the Texas Water Development Board holds its final public hearing on the proposed new Texas Water Plan.

The West Texas Chamber's position will be presented at the Lubbock hearing, which is slated at 9:30 a.m. in the Lubbock Municipal auditorium.

In five previous hearings, WTCC officers and Water Committee representatives from the chamber have insisted that the Texas Water Development Board make a more thorough study of the statewide water picture before finalizing the master plan.

"This is our last opportunity to express the West Texas position publicly in these water hearings. We ask the support of all West Texans," said John Ben Shepherd, Odessa, President of the WTCC.

Peace Corps Test

Merkel area residents interested in putting their skills to use in developing nations around the world are invited to take the Peace Corps placement test at

9 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Post Office, Room, 2201, in Abilene.

The Peace Corps uses the placement test to determine how an applicant can be utilized overseas. The test measures general aptitude and the ability to learn a language, not education or achievement.

The placement test requires no preparation and is non competitive — an applicant can neither pass nor fail.

The placement test takes about an hour and a half.

Safety Training

AUSTIN (Spl.) — Gun safety training for young hunters was urged by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department after noting the first wild game harvest fatality, actually occurring before the regular season opened, involved youngsters.

A 16 year old Hill Country boy was shot by another lad while rabbit hunting. He walked in front of a .22 rifle as a boy tried to dislodge a spent hull. The weapon was discharged, striking the victim in the back.

The department observed that the tragedy pointed up need for adult guidance when youngsters go afield with guns. Responsibility in such instances rests strictly with the older persons, it added.

Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club Enters Fair Sweetheart

Mulberry Canyon 4H Club's entry in the 1966 Sweetheart Contest at the Fair is Shirley Sandusky, 17.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sandusky, Rt. 3, Merkel, Shirley is a senior at Merkel High School. She is a member of the High School Band, and the National Honor Society.

Shirley is the Merkel Riding Club's Sweetheart and has ridden in various riding events, including the annual All Girl Rodeo, held at Sweetwater each November, and the Stamford Cowboy Reunion.

Serving as an official hostess during fair week, Shirley will make appearances on the Midway Stage during the week.

FOOTBALL

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Steve Buntin, Earl Rich, Danny Wade, William Boyd, Ronnie Luke, Bob Tate, Ray Davis, Joe Dudley, Nick Davis, Don Whisenhunt, Felix Costello, Jimmy Williams, Gaston Thomas and Wayne Holloway.

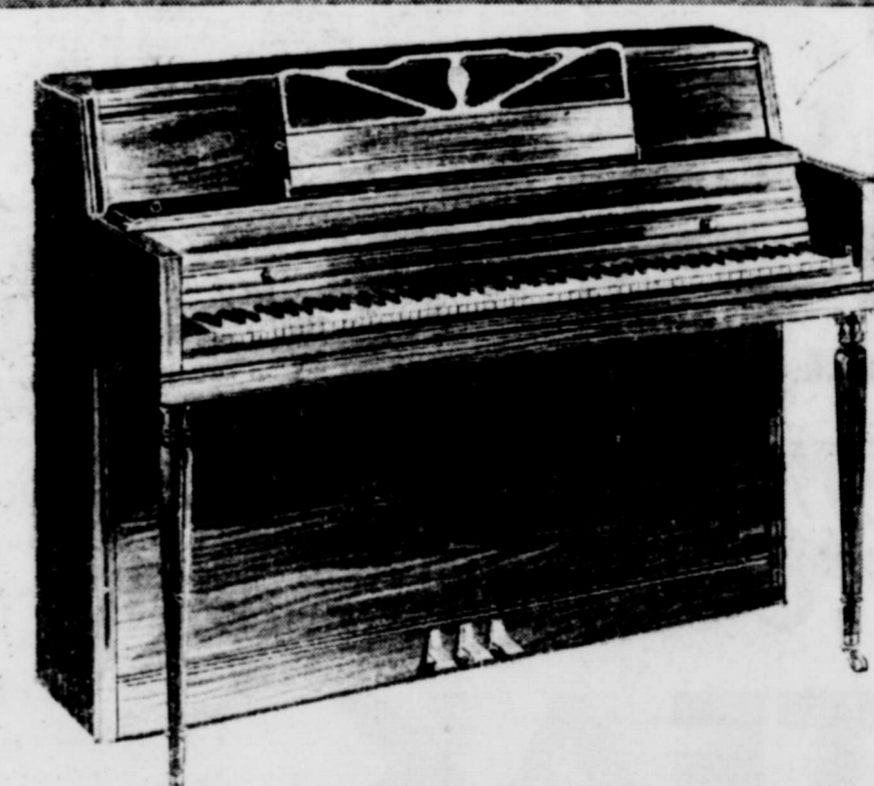
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NOODLE NEWS
By SIMMONS CALLAWAY

Visiting the Karl Bonneaux's Sunday were Mr. Bonneaux's two sisters, Mrs. L. T. Head and daughter, Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Adkins and Joyce of San Antonio. The Bonneaux's granddaughter, Karol, is entering Abilene Christian College for the current school year, where she will be a freshman.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ike Vancil Sunday were Mrs. Vancil's mother, Mrs. Besie Rogers and three sisters and their families. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ashley, Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Edd Landers, Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Martin, San Angelo and a brother, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers of Maryneal.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Swindell and mother and Mrs. Alice Cooper were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Benningfield.

Visiting the Bill Caldwell's over the weekend were Slim Clement and boys from Hobbs, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wright and Robin of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Toney and children are visiting in Stamford.

Miss Joan Maxwell of Dallas visited with Mrs. Elsa Maxwell over the weekend.

Recent visitors in the Carl Jackson home were Mr. Jackson's brother, Fred and wife, Floydada; Mrs. Jackson's brother, Bob Station and wife, Cisco; and Mr. and Mrs. Whitey Southern of Norman, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Justice and children of Dallas visited their parents, the Vess Justices and the Robert Campbells recently. Also visiting the Justices were their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Mason, who have recently moved from Kansas back to Texas. They will live at Stephenville where Tim will be teaching at Tarleton State.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hale and children of Abilene visited Mrs. Hale's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Griffin Sunday.

Dinner guests in the Andrew Wheeler home Sunday were Mrs. Garvis Tarpley, Marsha and Collye, Snyder; Sara Wheeler, Cleburne, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hamilton and children, Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Dock Callaway.

BADGER TALES

By DEBI CORDER



constrated "how to take care of your braces."

We have two new teachers at MHS. Mr. Toombs and Mr. Rodgers. Recently in Mr. Rodgers' plane geometry class, the group was proving theorems. So far an example, Mr. Rodgers told them to prove why they loved him. Wheee!!!!

It looks as if this is going to be a great year football wise. We do have a great team if they will be hopeful and high spirited. These are really the main things that make a wonderful football team. The cheerleaders are ready to go, so fans let's help them out. The first game will be played Sept. 9 with Clyde at Clyde.

Wednesday morning the FHA held its first meeting in the school auditorium, for the installation of officers for 1966-67. They were Myrtle Davis, president, Nancy Evans, vice president, Kathy Derrington, secretary, and Sandy Tate, treasurer.

Degree chairman and parliamentarian for the FFA is JoAnn Lassiter, recreation chairman, Joyce Button, historian, Bronwyn Gamble, sergeant at arms, Katherine Patterson and reporter, Debi Corder.

Vickie Doan was mentioned "up the way somewhere." Her Labor Day fun activity was playing on top of her grandmother's house—she fell off.



RECENT VISITORS — Mrs. Fred N. Hall, left, and daughter, Tamara, of Charlotte, N. C. were recent visitors to the Mulberry Canyon area. Mrs. Hall, the former Inez Seby, taught at the old Butman School in 1931 and 1932. The daughter, Tamara, attends a university in North Carolina. (Staff Photo)

Wedding Plans

GIVENS - TITTLE

Wedding vows will be read Oct. 22 at the First Methodist Church for Lois Marie Givens and Billy Rufus Tittle.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mrs. Betty Woodall of Trent and her fiancé is the son of Mrs. Nadine Tittle of Fort Stockton and Orion Tittle of Willecox, Ariz.

Miss Givens is a graduate of Merkel High School and attended Draughons Business College in Dallas. She is employed as an accounting clerk by Cokesbury Publishing House in Dallas.

Tittle is a graduate of Merkel High School and of Sul Ross State College, where he received a bachelor of science degree. He is a teacher and coach in the Abilene Public School system.

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Everyone seems to be getting into the old "swing" of things around Merkel High. (But, as far as lessons are concerned, I think almost everybody is about ready to quit.)

Some of the beginner typists never realized how many nerves they have. Mrs. Davis really has some spastic and "uncoordinated" students. Space does not permit me to name them all.

The MHS Band is really enthusiastic this year. Some brand new uniforms have arrived and also, we're trying to learn some maneuvers. (I might state the freshmen have learned and the others are trying to remember.)

From a few mouths I have heard that the speech class is really going to be a swinging class this year. Or it will be if Vickie Doan doesn't run down in the near future. Mary Johnson, you know — the homemaker, demonstrated how to open a can of saur kraut while Vickie dem-

Editorial

PROGRESS NOTED: GRASS ON SIDEWALKS

"The grass grew on the sidewalks of my hometown . . ."

That's the way one of the editors of Texas' large metropolitan dailies described the town he was reared in.

And the inference was that such was a town was a village in which the merchants weren't very progressive. In fact, to metaphors, the merchants were moss backs.

Such an inference isn't necessarily so.

Not in Merkel. In fact, some of the most progressive merchants in town have grass growing on their sidewalks.

So in Merkel things are different.

Some of these merchants are pretty interested in having Merkel "put on the map" as the cleanest little town in the U.S.A. Plans were to have prizes for the most attractive yards. Most attractive businesses and so forth.

But they were wrong. Merkel is different.

We need a plaque for the merchant with the best stand of Johnston grass on his doorstep. One or the finest crop of weeds. One for the firm with the most dust on the shelves.

Such an honor is bound to lure customers from the glistening bazaars of the big city, who are always polishing up the store and bally - hoing some promotion. Even advertising.

Merkel is different. But not that different.

Those fellows who want to put Merkel on the map as the cleanest, most attractive town in the U.S.A. are right.

But it's going to take some work. Organization. And cooperation.

Campaigns are going to be needed for the most attractive yard — for the business with glistening, attractive displays.

Lectures can be organized on how to treat customers so they want to trade with Merkel merchants. (Don't smirk. Our competition in the big city holds such instructions.)

Cleaning up Merkel to where it can be advertised as the "Cleanest Town in the U.S.A." is a tremendous undertaking.

But the weeds and grass don't have to grow on the sidewalks. Buildings can be painted. Shelves dusted. Weeds cut — even on vacant lots.

Then Merkel can be put on the map from Oregon to Florida as the cleanest town in the U.S.A.

Then Merkel will get its share of the lucrative tourist trade as well as local business.

But this job doesn't start by pulling weeds from the sidewalk. It starts as a frame of mind.

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PATROL SERVICES HAVE VACANCIES

AUSTIN (Sp.) — The Texas Department of Public Safety announced today that all of its uniformed patrol personnel are going on a five day week, effective immediately, in an effort to attract and retain adequate personnel, thus providing better law enforcement coverage and service over the state.

Col. Homer Garrison Jr., director, announced at the same time that there are some 127 vacancies in the patrol service, including Highway Patrol, License and Weight, Motor Vehicle Inspection and Driver Licensing.

"Application for these career positions are now being accepted, with an Oct. 17 deadline for the next statewide examination on Oct. 22," Garrison said. "The next training school will begin Jan. 3, 1967."

"The five day week will apply during the training period also, and the training period has been extended from 16 to 18 weeks to cover the shorter school week."

Garrison said cadets at the DPS Law Enforcement Academy in Austin will receive \$400 per month while in training, and will be off Saturdays and Sundays. Upon graduation, they will be assigned to the field with salaries ranging from \$498 to \$484, depending on branch of service.

"Men of good character who are physically fit and between 21 and 35 are invited to obtain additional information if they are interested in becoming a DPS patrolman," Garrison said.

Queen Contest Winner Named

The Taylor County Farm Bureau queen entry won the district competition held recently in Brownwood. She is Pam Antilley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Antilley of Rt. 2, Abilene.

Raymond Petree, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Petree of View, and Martha Ferguson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ferguson, Abilene, took first place in the district's Talent Find contest.

All winning contestants will be eligible for the state competition to be held in Corpus Christi, Nov. 13-18.

Alexander Hamilton was killed in a duel with Aaron Burr on Wee-hawken Heights, New Jersey, July 11, 1804.

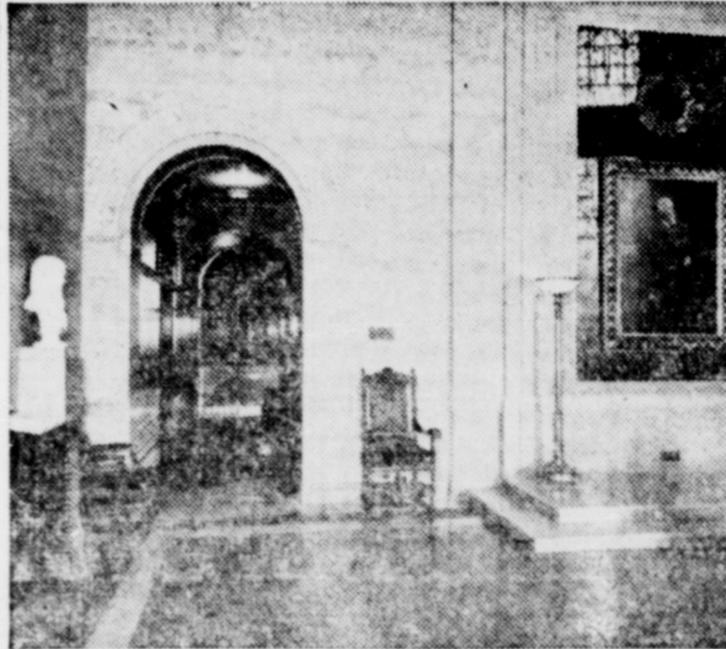
Alaska has a longer ocean coastline than the United States.



SAN ANTONIO — An architect's partially completed model of HemisFair 1968, superimposed over a photo of the City of San Antonio, shows the proximity of the 92-acre international exposition to the downtown sector. Multi-terraced building in the foreground is the Institute of Texan Cultures. The 622-foot Tower of the Americas separates the state exhibit from the city's \$10.5 million civic center complex. Open spaces are for the federal and industrial exhibits, many of which are presently contracted.

Sheep and Wool Producers Vote

Sheep and wool producers have until Sept. 23 to turn in their ballots on the vote which will determine whether or not the agreement between the American Sheep Producers Council, Inc. and the Secretary of Agriculture for promotion purposes will be continued. Marked ballots must be returned to county ASCS office by the Sept. 23 date.



ARMSTRONG BROWNING LIBRARY — Entrance to the McLean Foyer of Meditation in the Armstrong Browning Library. The Cloister of the Clasp'd Hands in this room contains Harriet Hosmer's cast of the clasped hands of the two poets.

Trophies, Ribbons Tell Horse Story

"Horses are a way of life in the Elwood G. Cox household of Fort Worth, and there is a wall full of trophies and ribbons to prove it."

The above statement, along with a full feature story concerning the Cox household, appeared in a recent edition of the Fort Worth Press. The story told about the Shetland pony purchased some five years ago with the aim of keeping the four older girls occupied while Mrs. Cox took care of the youngest, Rita.

Perhaps a great deal of this training came from the father, Elwood, who is the son of Mrs. A. H. Murrhree of Merkel and was raised on a farm south of Merkel about three miles. He is a graduate of Merkel High School.

Says his mother, "When Elwood was a kid he rode a lot, and I guess he learned a great deal about horses."

The four Cox girls, Glenda, 14; Karla, 13; and twins, Wanda and

Rhonda, 11, "now own 87 trophies and an unknown number of ribbons and their youngest sister, Rita, has joined in the competition. She already has three ribbons to her credit."

Mrs. Cox is the former Maxine Blew of Winters.

VISITS IN MERKEL

Mrs. C. V. Hewett of Big Spring and her daughter, Mrs. Bill Mathis of Midland visited Thursday, Sept. 1, with their aunts, Mrs. Ada Mae Johnson, Miss Delia Kuykendall, and Mrs. Mattie Billingsley.

Alaska's easternmost point is 603 miles west of San Francisco. Honolulu, capital of the Hawaiian Islands, is located on the island of Oahu.

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Nation's 300,000th M.D. To Be A 'Family Doctor'

NORMAN, Okla. — The nation's 300,000th physician was graduated from medical school in June at the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine.

Jerry Dean Leu, 29, of Alva, Okla., plans to become a smalltown "family doctor." First, however, he will go on for four more years of internship and residency training in internal medicine.

Dr. Leu's graduation marks a medical milestone—the first time 300,000 physicians have been available to serve Americans. The number of M.D.'s in the U.S. now is increasing faster than the general population. The ratio is better than one physician for every 680 people, compared to one for every 737 in 1960. By 1975, the AMA estimates, the ratio will be down to one physician for every 638 persons.

Even more physicians are needed to meet an insatiable demand for medical services, the American Medical Association says. The increase in demand for medical services has come about through a growing health consciousness on the part of the public, scientific advances in medicine, new government health programs and the growth in population, the AMA pointed out.

Becoming a doctor wasn't easy for Jerry Leu.

"When I was in high school, I wanted to go to medical school, but I had doubts about my ability and whether I could obtain the



necessary funds," he said.

Dr. Leu said his wife's work and loans through the AMA's Education and Research Foundation and the Oklahoma State Medical Association made it possible to obtain his degree.

He was accepted for medical school in 1962 after graduation from Northwestern State College, Alva, and Air Force service as a

medical research technician.

"I want to establish a family-type practice in a smaller town of 15,000 to 20,000 population," Dr. Leu said. "Why a family practice? It's hard to explain. I want to know my patients—know them as individuals and as families."

He plans to take his internship at the University Hospital, University of Oklahoma Medical Center.

Medicare Sign-Up

Every month, 120,000 Americans reach the age of 65. The soon to be 65's are asking these days, "When is the best time for me to sign up for Medicare?"

The answer, according to P. R. Tuley Jr., Abilene social security district manager, is that they should sign up two or three months before they reach 65.

If they wait until the month they reach 65 or the following 3 months their hospitalization insurance protection under Medicare begins right away, but their coverage under the voluntary doctor bill insurance will not start until 1 to 3 months after they sign up for it.

Tuley explained that the Medicare law provides a 7 month initial enrollment period for the voluntary doctor bill insurance part of the program. This period be-

gins with the 3rd month before the person is 65, includes the month in which he reaches 65, and ends with the 3rd month thereafter.

"The best time to enroll," he said, "is in one of the 3 months before you reach 65. If you do so, your protection starts with the month of your 65th birthday."

Fair Participants

The Merkel 4H Club will be represented at the West Texas Fair with five members exhibiting projects.

Fair participants are Randy Dool, livestock and horses, and Gail Beene, Kathryn Criswell and Dayna McAninch, all exhibiting in the horse division.

"Minute Men" was the name given to companies of militia organized at the time of the Revolution.

History Of Bathing Suits

For the many modern swimmers who aren't aware of the fascinating history behind their swim wear, researchers at Johns-Manville have compiled this history of bathing suits.



1. The bikini isn't as modern as most people think. Wall frescoes in the ruins of Pompeii, dating back to 79 A.D., show a bathing beauty in an abbreviated two piece swimming costume!



3. People of the early 1800's regarded a dip in the ocean as a health measure. The ladies of the time dove into the surf wearing long flannel cloaks which reached to their heels!



5. In 1920, beach regulations barred suits — men's or women's — which came lower on the chest than a line with the armpits or more than four inches above the knees. Police patrolled the beaches carrying yardsticks!



2. People of the Middle Ages didn't swim and rarely bathed, because they feared it would help to spread the Plague. Instead, they used perfumes to keep themselves "sweet!"



4. In the mid-19th Century, men in striped woolen trousers, reaching to mid-calf, ogled bathing beauties clad in about 30 pounds of blouse, skirt, pantaloons and stockings!



6. Bikinis were "discovered" in the 1940's, as was the use of a diatomite filter to remove unwanted organisms from water. Now pool owners increase swimming fun with comfortable swim suits, and Celite filters to keep pool water sparkling clear.

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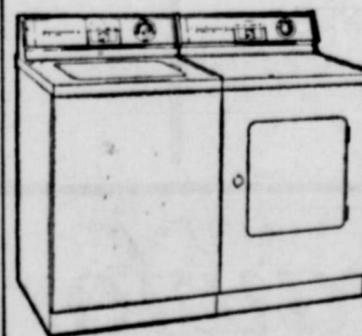
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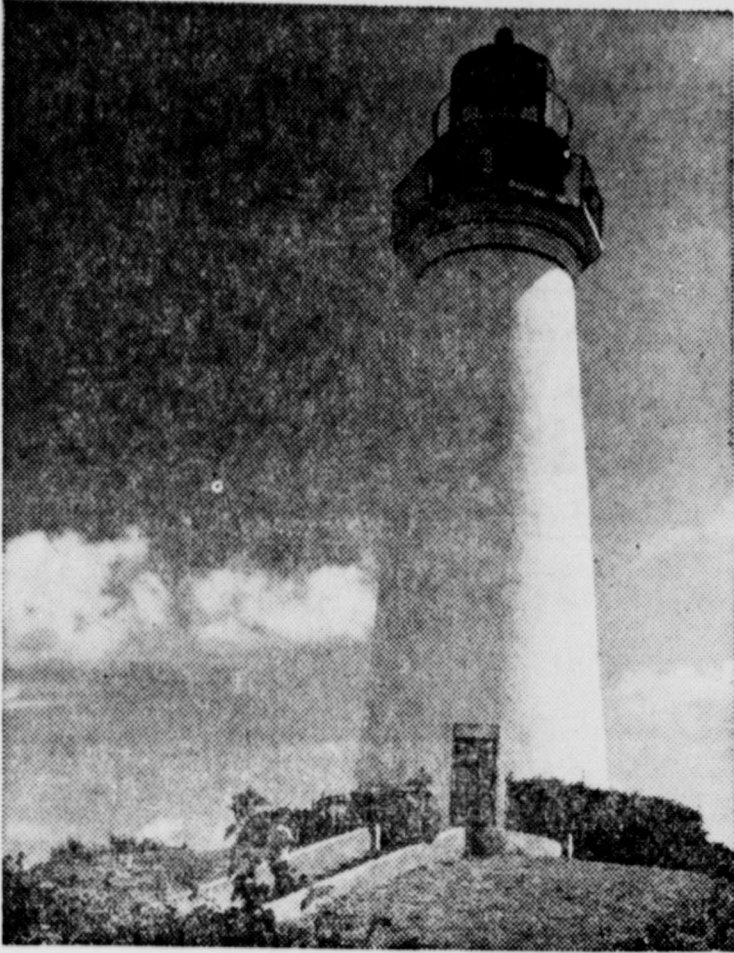
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NOVA SCOTIA: "SWITZERLAND OF CANADA"



Canada's Atlantic province of Nova Scotia is becoming known as the "Switzerland of Canada" and not because it boasts of towering peaks.

The principal reason is that Nova Scotia's workers, just like Switzerland's famed watch makers, take an old fashioned "craftsmanship" approach to their job whether it is producing a two ounce electronic part, a two ton automobile or even assembling a \$30 million nuclear fuel plant.

Real care in production is one reason why this well known vacation and fishing area last year bested all other Canadian provinces in the rate of increase in new investments, factory shipments, and personal incomes.

Companies from as far away as India and Japan are planning investments in Nova Scotia because the average Nova Scotian worker firmly believes in "A full day's work for a full day's pay."

Supporting the "Switzerland of Canada" theme is Peter Munk, president of Clairtone Sound Corp. This spring Clairtone will open a seven acre plant in Nova Scotia.

"Here we saw artisans with real pride in their work and knew that we would be able to find the people so

carry on our tradition of fine workmanship," Munk said recently.

Clairtone's plant manager, Ray Jones, waxes even more enthusiastic:

"We're absolutely amazed at the talent of these people...their aptitude and their proficiency are the best I have ever found anywhere."



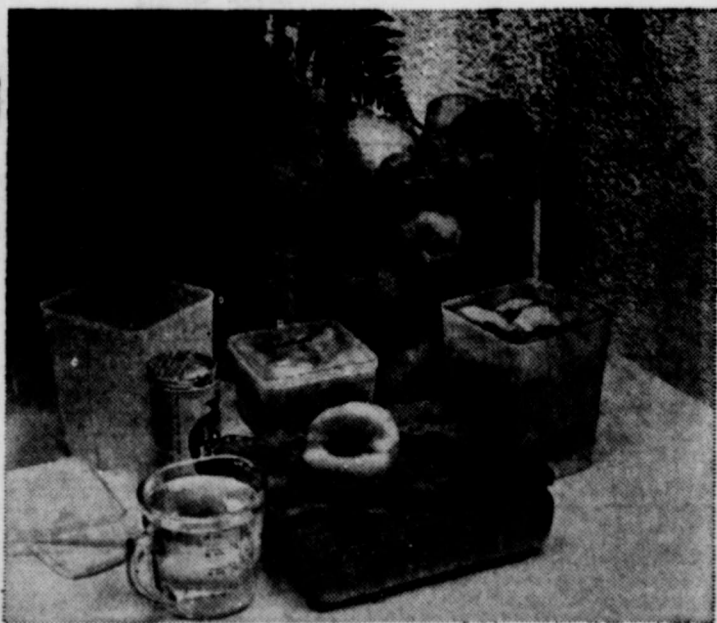
It looks as though Louis Reynolds was right last year when upon opening a new Reynolds International plant in Nova Scotia, he said:

"In Nova Scotia we have found a new frontier which has been overlooked up to now..."

Just one year later, Reynolds said it would be doubling the size of its Nova Scotian operation because of booming business and worker proficiency.

And it appears as though Robert L. Stanfield, Nova Scotia's Premier, was right, too, when he said recently: "In Nova Scotia, people are our best natural resource."

Peachy Eating



The ancient Romans enjoyed peaches so much they were willing to pay the equivalent of \$4.50 for each one. Fortunately, today's peaches are a lot less expensive. This year's crop has been a good one. Why not treat your family to delicious fresh peach desserts while peaches are plentiful—and can or freeze some for use in the months ahead? In addition to paying a high price for peaches, the Romans didn't have a modern convenience product like FRUIT-FRESH to keep sliced peaches from turning brown. This ascorbic acid mixture is invaluable for canning or freezing fruits. Count on it to keep peaches, pears, apples, blueberries, strawberries and other favorite fruits at their most flavorful and colorful best. Use FRUIT-FRESH, too, when you want to prepare sliced fruit ahead of time. Even bananas will still be fresh-looking and have that "just sliced" appearance.



Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Ely attended the two day Cawyer Reunion held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Ely recently.

Mrs. Cleo Lyles and Janie of Et. Louis, Mo. are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry spent the last weekend in August with their daughter, Martha, in Irving.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald are announcing the arrival of their first grandchild, Melissa Ann Stephenson, born in a Midland hospital Wednesday, Aug. 31. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Doug Stephenson, Midland. Mrs. Nora McDonald is her great grandmother. The McDonalds visited the Stephensons and the new arrival Wednesday.

We welcome Leon Kelso back. He moved from Carlsbad, N. M. to the farm of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kelso. The Ray Kelso's recently moved to Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sloan, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Sloan and Mrs. Berth Griggs returned last week from an eight day vacation trip to Cloudercroft and Santa Fe, N.M.

Fred Shetwell had the misfortune of breaking his leg Saturday, while working on a breaking plow. He is in Hendrick Hospital.

Mrs. Orval Ely, Becky and Neilen visited Danny Higgins in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orin Higgins Saturday evening.

Mrs. John Shaw spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn and Rodney.

Mr. and Mrs. Clew Cowyer and Mrs. Orval Ely visited in the home of Mrs. Arch Teaff Sunday.



SHORT COWBOY, HIGH HORSE—At Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, a point of tourist interest at Old Tascosa, 36 miles northwest of Amarillo, each youngster must learn to saddle his own horse.

The Elys also visited W. T. Ledbetter, who had surgery on his eyes last week.

James Hol, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale, suffered a heart attack while at work in Odessa Thursday, Aug. 25. He was rushed to the Medical Center Hospital in Odessa and was seriously ill for seventy two hours. He is improving but will be hospitalized for three weeks.

Mrs. Odell Newton of Monahans visited several days at the hospital with her brother, Charles Hale of Holyoke, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Perry and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry enjoyed a fishery in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Perry in Tye Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley visited their daughter and family, the Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Row and children at Floydada. The Rev. Row and family moved from Edmondson recently to Floydada.

where he is pastor of the Baptist church and also teaches in the public school there.

T. B. Hobbs and grandsons, Sammie and Tommy Ferguson of Grand Prairie spent the weekend with Mrs. John Hobbs and Mr. and Mrs. Benny Hobbs and children.

VISITS IN MERKEL

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Clark returned to their home in Girard, Kan., after a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark and other relatives in Merkel. Mr. Clark is a native of Merkel.

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Dorcass SS Class Has Sept. Meeting

The Dorcas Class of First Baptist Church met Sept 1 in the home of Mrs. Sam Swann. A committee was elected to select new officers for the coming year.

Mrs. Cordelia Scherrer presented the devotional, Mrs. Homer Finch and Mrs. Sam Swann led the group in prayer.

Following the business meeting refreshments were served to Mmes. Emery Wilburn, P. F. Harris, Dave Anderson, W. A. McCandless, W. M. Hayes, J. W. Tiner and Bessie Jackson.

Also Mmes. Jim Kuykendall, Lige Harris, Houston Robertson, R. Y. Buchanan, Myrtle Walker, Scherrer, Finch and hostess Swann. Mrs. Ted Hudson was a visitor at the meeting.

Enters College

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (Sd.) — Lt. Col. Chester V. Bogle Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester V. Bogle of 573 E. North 26th St., Abilene, Tex., has entered the Air War College, the U. S. Air Force senior professional school at the Air

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University, Maxwell AFB, Ala. Col. Bogle's wife, Virginia, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton L. McLeod of Trent, Tex.

Col. Bogle begins 10 months of intensive study in the university-level course which provides senior officers and key civilians a better understanding of the elements of national power and aerospace resources.

The colonel is a veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He was commissioned in 1944 through the aviation cadet program.

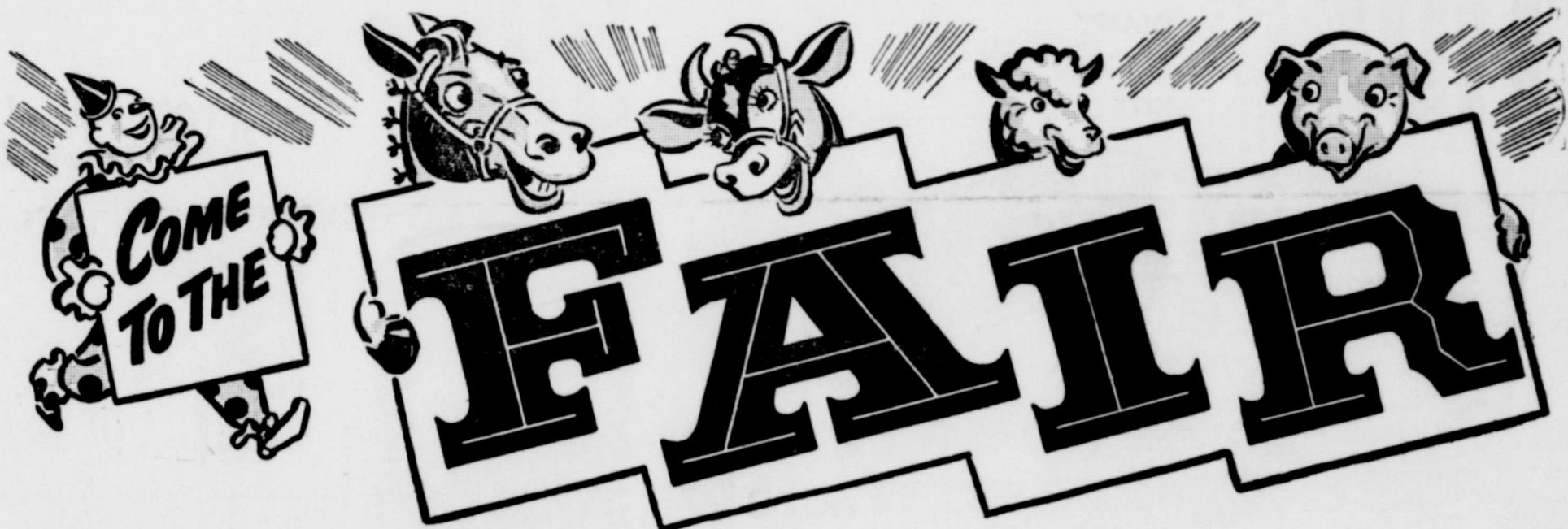
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