

DOUBLE EXPOSURE?—No, you aren't seeing double and I didn't expose the film twice as it appears. Richard Warren (right) has been visiting with his identical twin Claude of Merkel. . . or is it Claude on the right and Richard on the left. . .

### Garbage Goodies

Stinking cans, swarms of flies, and raiding dogs around your garbage cans has become an every day part of our lives.

A town by the name of Lexington, Kentucky has found a way to eliminate all of these problems.

1. Glass jars and containers are rinsed (labels are also removed at this time) and saved to go to the recycling center.

2. Cans are rinsed with label removed and sent to the recycling center.

3. Newspapers and all paper scraps are either sent to the recycling center or burned. The ashes from papers or from the fireplace are an excellent source of potash for the flower or vegetable garden.

4. All garbage is buried once or twice weekly in the garden as fertilizer and also to attract earth-worms which are essential in preparing a rich soil.

5. Magazines are sent to hospitals and rest homes.

The American people have always been wasteful in the past, because we assumed we had an unlimited supply of natural resources. The people are now ready and willing to make a few changes if it means a more promising future for our children.

Remember in your Garbage are Goodies. Bury what you can and recycle the rest. You won't be disappointed, but the flies and dogs will.

Wouldn't it be nice if the City of Merkel had a collection center for material to be recycled. Garbage cans would become a thing of the past.

Q. Please explain the new personal exemption tax credit.

A. Taxpayers filing their 1975 returns will be able to claim a credit of \$30 against their tax liability for every personal or dependency exemption of \$750 they take. The credit is not applicable to exemptions for blindness or old age.

lessor because of a default by the lessee. If an amount designated as a security deposit is to be applied as payment of rent for the last year of the lease, it is advance rent and must be reported when received.

When measuring a sticky liquid such as syrup or honey, oil the cup or spoon with cooking oil, say Texas Department of Agriculture home economists.

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- Mrs. Stanley Stamford
- Grace Tipton
- Mrs. F. A. Howard
- Louise Winter
- Billy C. Young
- Mrs. Edith Perry
- Mrs. Mae Perry
- Mr. and Mrs. Robt. J. Hester

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### CAP Alloted \$60,210 For Community Services

Congressman Omar Burleson announces the approval of a \$60,210 Community Services Administration grant to the Community Action Program, Incorporated in Abilene. The grant is effective July 1, 1975, and is for a 3 month period. \$20,211 will be used for administration purposes and \$39,999 for general community programming.

The grant is to provide for the administration and management of the community action agency and to provide outreach and referral services to approximately 1200 participants through neighborhood service centers. Some of the services provided will be in the following areas:

Project L. A. W. with 800 participants, vocational training with 150 participants, and recreational programs with 600 participants. The Counties served are Taylor, Mitchell, Stephens, Jones, Kent, Stonewall, Knox, Throckmorton, and Shackelford.

If you're a folk festival fan, the smaller, less commercial ones are often the most rewarding. You won't find these provincial lake festivals, costume and flower parades listed in the big calendars, so check the travel office of the country you're traveling in, and they'll be happy to fill you in.

Red tape is so called for the practice of tying official documents with tape of that color in 17th century England.

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### The Light Touch

BY PAT CASTILLE

As soon as the second human appeared on earth, the rights of the first were cut in half. Now divide your rights by the total population, and that explains everything.

Despite jets, missiles, and space ships, they still haven't invented anything that goes faster than a two-week vacation.

Most of us know how to say nothing, but few of us know when.

There are questions no one can answer. And most of them are known to five-year-olds.

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### 1040 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return Taxpayers Ask IRS

This column of questions and answers on federal tax matters is provided by the local office of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and is published as a public service to taxpayers. The column answers questions most frequently asked by taxpayers.

Q. I started building a home last year and finished some of the construction on it in January, 1975. Can I add on two more rooms before moving in to the home later this year and qualify for the house purchase credit?

A. The Tax Reduction Act of 1975 provides that construction of a new residence must have started before March 26, 1975, in order to qualify for the credit. However, if a taxpayer is building a residence, only that part of the cost of construction properly allocable to work done after March 12, 1975, and before January 1, 1977, is subject to the credit.

This means that you may qualify for the credit, but only for the construction of the two rooms and any other construc-

tion since March 12. Of course, the new house must be your principal residence, and you must be the first occupant. The credit is equal to five percent of the construction costs after March 12, subject to an overall limit of \$2,000. The credit may not exceed your tax liability.

Q. I recently bought a house which I will rent to a family. Is the security deposit I will receive from my tenants considered taxable income?

A. Security deposits received for the lessee's performance under the lease are not usually included in income when received. They are included in income when and to the extent they are appropriated by the

### CANCER Answerline American Cancer Society

The manager of an East Texas supermarket writes: "This may sound crazy, but one of my customers claims to have cured herself of cancer by mixing together tea and coffee and some spices. Could it be true?"

ANSWERline: There are some people who decide that they have cancer—without having it diagnosed medically—and try an unproven treatment. They then put all kinds of value on a questionable treatment for a cancer disease they never really had. If you think you have cancer, please pass up the coffee and tea mixtures and head for a physician and proven treatment—life is too precious to bank on hearsay and quick "remedies."

Mrs. R.J.L. asks: "Are there cancer tests that I could take?"

ANSWERline: An annual health checkup that includes a Pap test for possible uterine cancer, breast examination (and perhaps some special diagnostic tests), and a "procto" for possible cancer of the colon and rectum, would be your best cancer safeguard. Ask your local American Cancer Society for helpful information about checkups.

A teenager wants to know: "If I could convince my father to give up cigarettes, would it help even though he has been a smoker for years?"

ANSWERline: Yes indeed. When a person stops smoking, and if no irreversible disease has been started, the lungs gradually return to their original healthy state. Try that convincing—you might be doing your father the biggest favor ever. Good luck!

children die of cancer than of any other disease. Nonetheless, cancer is not common in the childhood years. If it should occur, however, prompt treatment offers the best hope of cure. There are many children actively growing up after cancer diagnosis and treatment.

Question: "Is it true that Betty Grable died of lung cancer? I thought that it only hit men."

ANSWERline: Lung cancer did take her life as it does the lives of thousands of women. It is a myth that women don't get lung cancer. The female lung cancer death rate has doubled in the past ten years. The American Cancer Society has a special leaflet on women and smoking that the Society hopes will put the facts before the female population. It is free for the asking at your local ACS office.

A science student asks: "How long has cancer research been going on?"

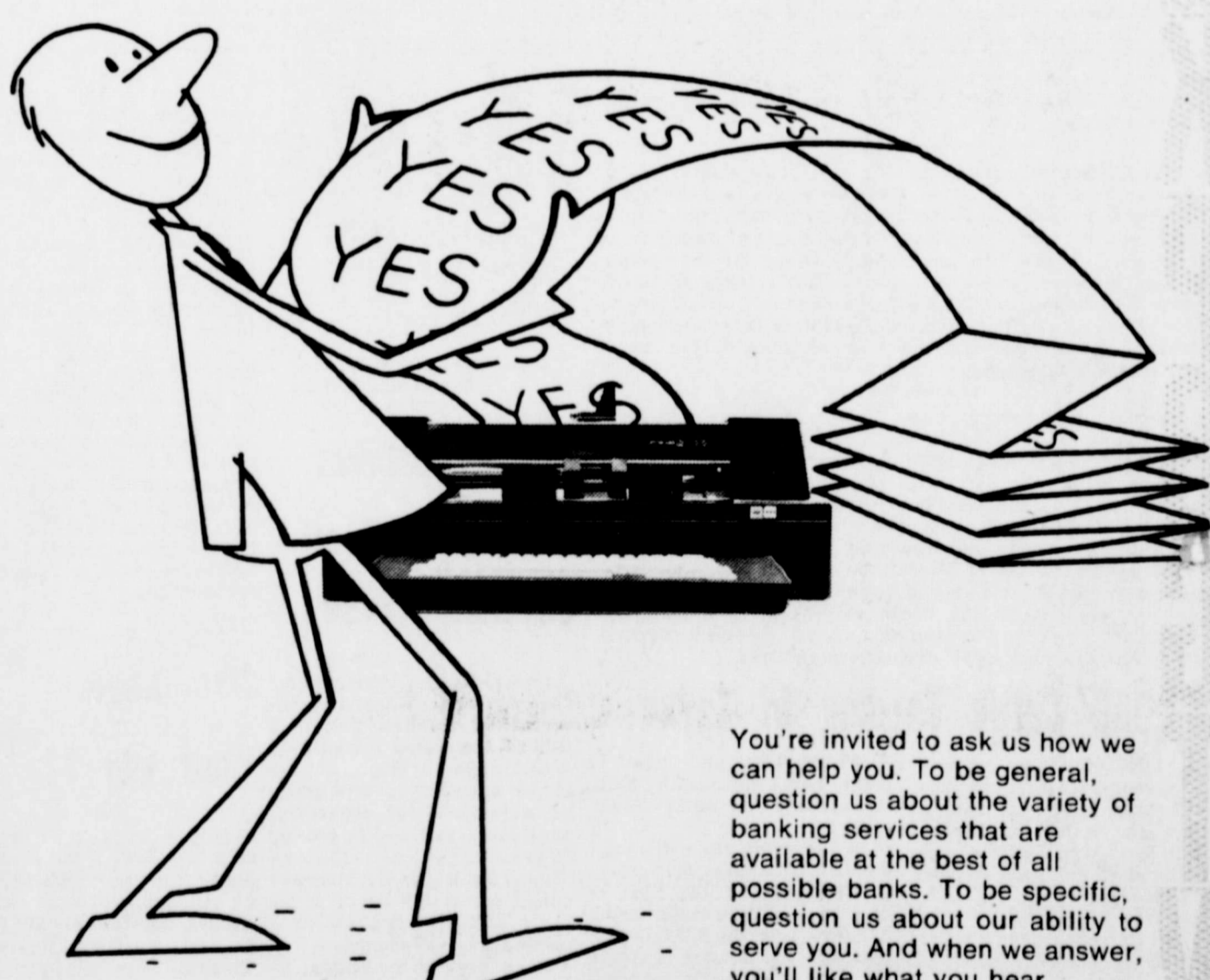
ANSWERline: Cancer research as we know it got its greatest push after the Second World War when the American Cancer Society and the Federal Government began massive programs of support. Of course, people have been looking for the answer to cancer since earliest times as ancient records indicate.

Question: "How many women will get breast cancer in 1975?"

ANSWERline: Approximately 89,000 American women will hear a breast cancer diagnosis this year.

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DENNIS TEMPLETON  
...new coliseum manager

### Dennis Templeton To Succeed Cooley As Coliseum Head

Dennis Templeton, a product of Texas in both rearing and education will take over managerial duties at the Taylor County Coliseum effective January 1, 1976.

Templeton is a graduate of Texas A & M, he has taught vocational agriculture in Round Rock High School, worked for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, and is presently director of livestock and agriculture for the State Fair of Louisiana at Shreveport. He is also assistant to the general manager of the fair complex which includes a 10,500 seat coliseum, 158 acres of ground, 13 buildings and a half-mile paved auto race track.

Templeton will take over the post vacated by Joe Cooley who launched the Taylor County Coliseum six years ago.

Dennis is the nephew of Mrs. Hal Shanks of Merkel.

### Commissioners Court Trims Mowing

In a poll of 9 to 10 in favor, the Jones County Commissioners Court has voted to mow only blind corners instead of full ditches as has previously been the practice.

Jones County has 864 miles of roads and the cut in mowing has been made due to scarcity of parts, cost of labor, etc.

The cut back could save the county \$30,000 or more in maintenance.

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The people have a right to petition, but not to use that right to cover calumniating insinuations.

Answer to Puzzle

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## STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights

by Lyndell Williams  
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

**AUSTIN** — The House of Representatives may be returning to Austin before September 1 to consider the first impeachment proceedings in more than 40 years.

A select House committee already has directed its staff to draft several articles of impeachment against 22nd District Judge O.P. Carrillo of Duval County.

Committee members rounded out their examination of the record in their inquiry into allegations against Carrillo last week in closed-door session.

They will vote in open session on the proposed articles.

If a majority of the 11-member panel vote to press any of the articles, the House must be called into session to consider them on the third Monday following the committee report.

Comptroller Bob Bullock led more raids against sales tax-delinquent firms in the Dallas area which, he said, owe more than \$200,000 to the state and city.

The Comptroller's agents locked a restaurant, closed a concrete manufacturer, took inventories and equipment from a photo shop, appliance shop, air conditioning firm and microfilm service company.

Property seized will be sold at public auction to satisfy tax claims unless owners pay up, Bullock said.

He scheduled an auction July 21 in San Antonio for nearly 15,000 cases of whiskey, wine and beer taken from three discount liquor houses whose owner owed \$405,000 in delinquent sales taxes.

**Highways in Trouble**

Texas Highways and Public Transportation Department cancelled August contract lettings because of inflated costs and declining gasoline taxes.

Both T.H.P.T.D. Engineer-Director B.L. DeBerry and Gov. Dolph Briscoe, meanwhile, expressed concern over President Ford's federal highway program.

DeBerry said reducing the federal highway trust fund would impose a heavier tax load on the states and further reduce construction.

The constitution further provides that the Senate must try impeachment charges brought by the House against certain state officials, including district judges.

A two-thirds vote in the Senate is required to convict.

Fewer than a dozen serious impeachment proceedings have been brought in a century. Only one of these—the 1917 case against then Gov. James E. Ferguson—actually resulted in a removal from office.

Briscoe said the administration's offer to return one cent of the gasoline tax to the states "covers up an attempt to move two cents into the federal treasury and away from needs of the states."

**Courts Speak**

The Supreme Court upheld an injunction against a \$45 million Southwestern Bell Telephone Company long distance rate increase in Texas, pending outcome of a state legal challenge.

The High Court also denied Coastal States Gas Producing Company's proposal to move a suit over San Antonio gas rates and supplies from the city.

In other recent cases, the Supreme Court held:

- The State Board of Pharmacy should not be allowed to shut down 59 Walgreen drug stores during an appeal of a case involving a law against advertising prescription drug prices.
- Conservation and reclamation districts can use maintenance funds to compensate persons damaged due to negligent use of motorized equipment.
- Exxon Corp. is entitled to reversal of \$227,000 judgment arising from a job death case because company attorneys were not permitted to show proof the widow had remarried.
- County funds must pay cost of publishing divorce case citations for the poor.
- Third Court of Civil Appeals held the state sales tax constitutional.

A city commissioner's continued interest in an old contract to buy water from the municipality for resale to rural customers would be a civil law violation, Atty. Gen. John Hill held.

In other recent opinions, Hill concluded:

- A county jail commissary must collect the state and city sales tax on all items sold to inmates except food, soft drinks and candy. However, a rehabilitation center commissary outside city boundaries must collect the state sales tax but not the city sales tax.

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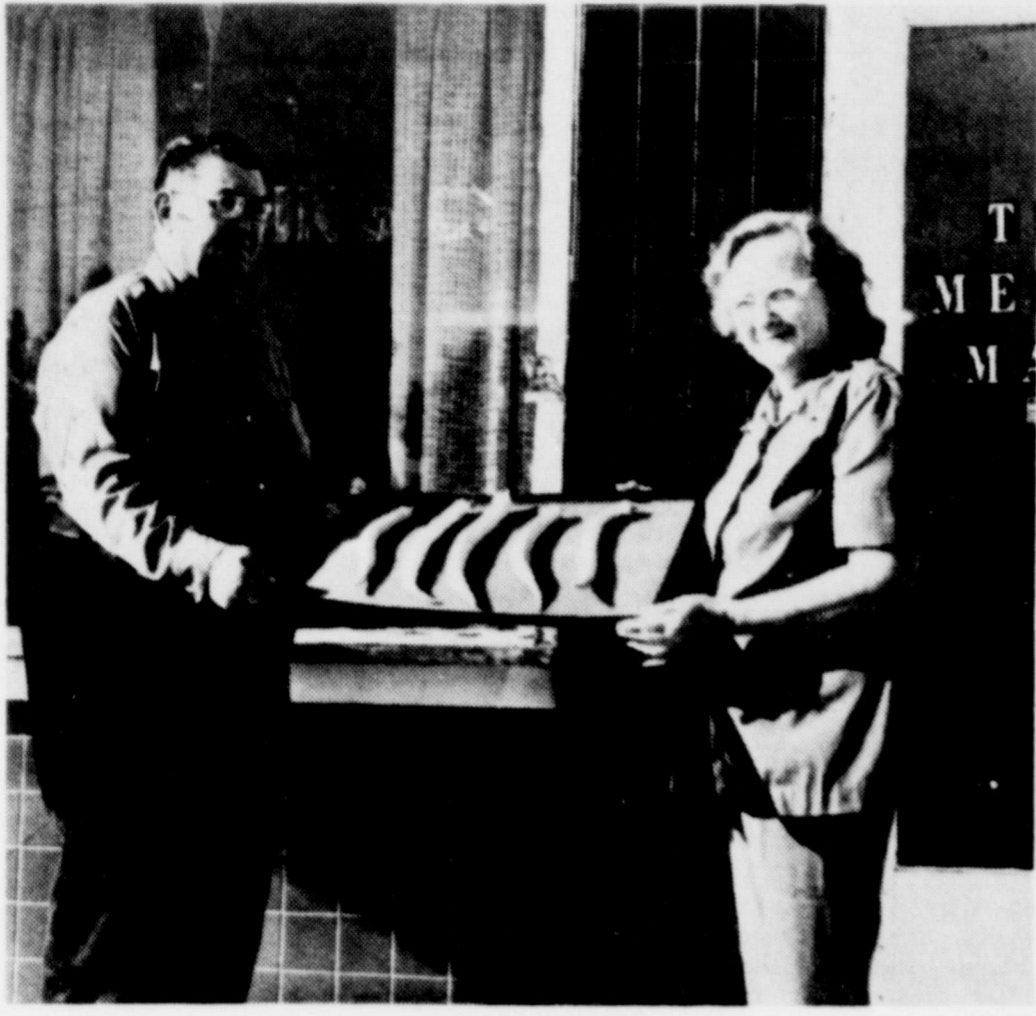
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**YOU DON'T KNOW BEANS**-This 17 inch okra grown by Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Williams of 501 Thornton in Merkel is out to show up those lengthy beans of last week. They didn't quite out distance the beans, but I'll bet you never saw beans 1 1/2 inches in diameter.

**Miss Teenage Abilene Entry Forms Available**

Entry blanks for the 1976 Miss Teenage Abilene competition are now available throughout the 25 counties of the Dr. Pepper Bottling Company of Abilene distribution area. According to pageant coordinator, Duncan and Associates, complications at the Miss Teenage America headquarters in Dallas caused the entry forms to arrive in Abilene much later than had been anticipated. "But the forms have now been distributed among all the counties in banks and youth centers and also in locations where Dr. Pepper is sold," a spokesman said.

Girls wishing to enter this year's Miss Teenage Abilene competition should return a completed entry blank along with a recent photograph to the MTA offices as soon as

possible. Deadline for entries is August 23. Preliminary events will begin early in September with the pageant night set for September 27 in the Abilene Civic Center.

Judging for the Miss Teenage Abilene program is based not on beauty but on poise and appearance, awareness, and scholastic achievement. There is no swim suit competition.

Anyone having difficulty lo-

**Son Of Missionary Dies Near Kabul**

Phillip Jennings, 22, and a cousin of Mrs. Cheryl Kincaid of Merkel, drowned June 17, in the Swat River near Kabul, Afghanistan. Phillip is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jennings who are missionaries in Kabul.

The tragedy struck as Phillip and six of the other Jennings children had left Kabul for a camping excursion. Having stopped along the Swat River to camp, Phillip was testing the footing of the rocky shoreline above the river when he plummeted to his death in the roaring, notorious river.

Left helpless, the other Jennings children were rescued by some natives who eventually recovered Phillip's body. The children were taken to the home of one of the American officials.

Phillip was buried in a graveyard where missionaries, government employees, etc. are buried in the country. Phillip is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jennings and seven brothers and sisters.

**Aquatic, First Aid Course Offered At Baylor**

The West Texas Division of the American Red Cross reminds all individuals that the annual Texas Aquatic and First Aid School will be held August 10-20 at Baylor University in Waco. Students will participate in classes to learn skills to qualify them as Red Cross Water Safety Instructors, First Aid Instructors, or Small Craft Instructors, in their home communities. The \$10.00 enrollment fee includes room, meals, and supplies.

To enroll in the First Aid Section, no previous first aid training is required. To enroll in the Small Craft Section, no prior small craft training is required; however, applicants must be "better than average" swimmers. Instruction will be offered in both canoeing and sailing. Water Safety Section applicants must already hold current senior or advanced lifesaving certificates or be able to pass a strenuous swimming exam at time of enrollment. All students must be at least 17 years old.

Further information about, and applications for, the Texas Water Safety and First Aid School may be obtained by contacting any local Red Cross Chapter, or by writing the Safety Programs Department, West Texas Division, American Red Cross, Box 12406, Fort Worth, Texas 76116.

**Miss Douglas Weds Dr. Fiel**

Marriage vows were said at the First Baptist Church in Decatur uniting Janet Lynn Gage and Dr. Larry D. Fiel. The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. James Rutledge.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Douglas and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas of Merkel.

The bridegroom is the technical director of the Poco Graphite Co. and the bride is the sales coordinator.

Following a short wedding trip, the couple will make their home in Decatur.

**Crossword Puzzle**  
Answer, Page 5

- ACROSS**
- 1. Wandering
  - 7. —of Liberty
  - 13. Of four equal sides
  - 14. Crowd
  - 15. Roll in waves
  - 16. Builder
  - 17. Ventilates
  - 18. Before: prefix
  - 19. Possess
  - 20. Anger
  - 21. Desist
  - 23. Permit
  - 24. Epistle
  - 26. Put
  - 28. Nova Scotia: abbr.
  - 29. Grasssquare
  - 30. Groove
  - 32. Exclamation
  - 34. Affirmative
  - 36. Numbers
  - 39. Insect
  - 41. Extra
  - 43. Regret
  - 44. Burden
  - 46. Be indebted
  - 47. Morning: poet
  - 48. Arouse
  - 50. Whips
  - 51. Vacation place
  - 52. Sleeveless cloak
  - 53. Visionary
  - 54. Not employed
- DOWN**
- 1. Attack
  - 2. Country gentleman
  - 3. Small towers
  - 4. Tatters
  - 5. Be
  - 6. You
  - 7. Emphasis
  - 8. Article
  - 9. Curved part
  - 10. All
  - 11. Not level
  - 12. Herons
  - 16. Age
  - 18. By
  - 21. Yields
  - 22. Weird
  - 25. Plaything
  - 27. Pull
  - 31. Gulleets
  - 32. On a ship
  - 33. Need for food
  - 35. Uneven
  - 36. Before
  - 37. Shelled reptile
  - 38. Perceived
  - 40. Appearance
  - 42. Reverence
  - 45. Portico
  - 47. Bill of fare
  - 49. Give weapons
  - 50. Prohibit
  - 52. Greek letter

**Rat Most Destructive, Next To Man**

Domestic rodents are estimated to destroy 33 million tons of stored cereal grains each year in the world and more than one-third of the food stuffs planted by mankind every year never reaches the table because of disease and pests. Damage to crops before harvest represents a significant food loss also. Some of the crops most severely damaged by rats and mice include rice and other cereal grains, sugarcane, coconuts, oil palms, fruits, and vegetables.

The losses in stored foods due to rodents are of even greater magnitude than those in the field crops. Much is due to contamination, rendering the food unfit for human consumption. In one test, small colonies

of Norway rats (10 to 26 animals), each with access to a ton of sacked wheat for 12 to 28 weeks, contaminated 70 percent of the grain and caused a 4.4 percent loss of weight. The omnetary loss was due to damage to sacks. Total losses from all causes were 18.2 percent of the value of the wheat and the sacks.

India probably has the world's worst rat problem: an estimated 2.4 billion rats that consume 2.4 million tons of grain yearly.

Added to the expense of the food stuffs lost, contaminated, or destroyed is the amount of money and labor expended in rodent control throughout

the world. In the United States alone the Federal Urban Control Program expends \$15 million annually. This is matched by local and state agency expenditures for another 15 million. The pest control industry grosses some \$50 million to \$60 million annually on commercial rodent control services. The general public, including farmers, expends between \$5 and \$10 million annually for the traps and poisons for rodent control. The total annual bill for rodent control in the United States thus approximates \$100 million.

Next to man, the rat is the most destructive animal on earth.



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**Look Up**

By Martha Sue Justice

Everyone should be thankful For each day he lives. Not always wanting things, But wanting instead to give.

We should never back away from troubles. Or run away and hide. But instead stay and face them And swallow a little pride.

We should live today and be happy with it And do the best we can To show our friends and neighbors We can always lend a helping hand.

God did not set us on this earth To fight, hurt, or kill. He instead wanted man to look up for guidance And do good unto others good will.

So LOOK UP to GOD for a

path to follow When feeling troubled, lonely, or blue And He will come down and lift your burdens As the sun lifts the morning dew.

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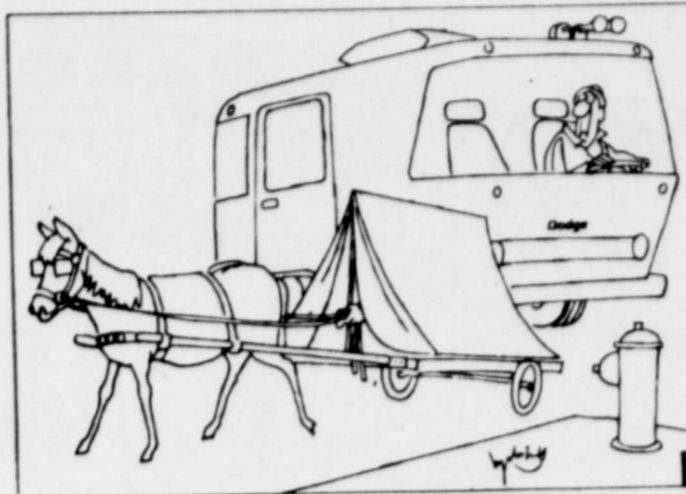
ARE YOU SURE LOIS LANE GOT STARTED THIS WAY?—Says Phyllis King, our newest addition to the Merkel Mail Staff. She is shown here building ads at the composing table. Sorry, Superman doesn't work here either.

**Another Fine Texas Recipe**

**ROAST TURKEY BREAST**

- 1/2 turkey breast (4-4 1/2 pounds)
- 1 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 1 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 Tbsp. butter
- 1/4 tsp. paprika
- 1/8 tsp. powdered thyme
- 1/8 tsp. powdered basil
- 1/8 tsp. white pepper
- 1/2 cup rose wine
- 1 chicken bouillon cube, crushed
- 2 cups small fresh mushrooms
- 1 8-ounce can small whole onions, drained

Sprinkle turkey breast with lemon juice and season underside with 1/2 tsp. salt. Mix remaining teaspoon salt with butter, paprika, herbs and pepper and rub over skin. Place turkey skin-side up in shallow pan. Roast in 400-degree oven 20 minutes until skin begins to brown. Re-set thermostat to 325 degrees and roast 1-1 1/2 hours until meat is tender, basting frequently with wine mixed with bouillon cube. Add mushrooms, halved or whole, and onions last 20 minutes. If desired, thicken pan juices slightly with cornstarch. Yield: 6-8 servings. For additional recipes write Commissioner John C. White, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Tex. 78711.



You probably don't have to worry about having sopherobia. It means fear of learning, and few people who had it would read this to learn the meaning of the word.

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## Texas Wild Flowers

by Carroll Abbott

The Texas Bluebell (*Eustoma species*) is rarely blue, being mostly violet and purple, and is so breath-stealingly beautiful in bouquets that it has been picked into extinction in some places.

The broad-petaled, three-inch flowers appear atop silvery blue foliage on long stems in late Summer and early Fall. The blossoms are extremely long-lasting and buds continue to open long after the stems are cut.

Bluebells are members of the Gentian Family. They are winter annuals and have tiny black seeds. They once ranged all across the state except for the Piney Woods and Panhandle.

Now, they are becoming increasingly rare. They still grow in isolated spots where they can have wet feet and sunny faces.

Their culture is tedious, but well worthwhile.

Gather the fat seed pods as they begin to open and dry in an open jar. Use a sterilized seed-soil of loam, sand and leaf mold to fill a container which has plenty of drainage holes. Pour boiling water over soil mixture and let drain. Then, sift dry soil mixture to make the container full again.

Sprinkle the tiny seed atop the dry soil. Place seed pot in a larger container and



**TEXAS BLUEBELL Is Nearly Extinct**

partially fill the outer pot with water. Top the container with a pane of glass or sheet of plastic, making it airtight.

Keep closed until the seed pot is covered with small plants.

Gently lift out the plants and place in peat pots, using the same soil mixture. Put the pots in a tray so they can be watered from below.

Transplant to their permanent homes in late Winter or early Spring. Select a sunny spot which can be kept moist—and await the exclamations of admiration from your neighbors.

## Roberts Family Reunion

Held July 19-20

and Mrs. Ferne West of Arlington; two sons, Roy Roberts and wife Barbara of Arlington; Troy Roberts of Dallas; and nephew Glenn Howard and wife Lois of Artesia, N. M. Grandchildren attending were Bobby and Bill Tarpley, Betty and Harold Sloan, Marie Hines all of Merkel, Jerry and Darlene West of Brownfield; Rodney and Brenda West of Artesia, N. M.; Diane and Tommy Brown of Tyler and Gaylyn Roberts of Arlington.

Great grandchildren present were Scott, Steven and Gwen Tarpley; Mike, Tommy and Sheila Sloan; Ricky, Larry and Teresa Hines of Merkel; and Edward Dale and Travis West of Artesia, N. M.

Other relatives were Ellis Roberts, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Rachel Lyon and husband Jeurel of Granite, Oklahoma; Farrell Howard and wife Marian and two children Dan and Joy of Irving.

Guests were Gina Norwood of Arlington and Norah Foster of Merkel.

A reunion of the Roberts family was held in Merkel July 19th, and 20th.

Grand host for the occasion was Joseph H. Roberts. The gathering was in honor of his 92 years, of which the past 37 have been as a Merkel resident.

Hosting the event were his two daughters, Mrs. Ruby Foster and husband Otis of Merkel;

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"Young people can get involved in project groups, special interest groups or service groups that appeal to their interests."

While 4-H meetings cover a variety of subjects and activities and are held periodically, project groups work on specific subject and last only as long as the project endures.

"Project subjects may include gardening, auto repair, raising and caring for an animal, safety and clothing," says Criner. "These group studies help youth learn they live and help them to better adapt to the changing environments," notes Criner.

"Service groups work to help improve the community and may engage in fund raising projects for the needy and disadvantaged or work on neighborhood beautification or with underprivileged youth.

"The 4-H and youth program is a good way to get involved in today's world," believes Criner. Call us at 677-4711, EXT 321, Taylor County Extension office, for more information.

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