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Between you

and me

By SARAH ECKOLS

Why is it that so often we look at the surface of a situation, but never bother to delve into the heart of the matter. It is easy to judge our fellow man when we see only a small portion of that person through what he outwardly presents to others. Each of us is like the iceberg with the major portion of our personality hidden beneath the surface of the water of life. I find it easy to say, "Well, I'd have done it in a different way if I were he." But in reality, I know if I were that other person, I would have necessarily done exactly the same actions all things being equal.

Each of us is the product of our entire lives, I feel. Every thing that has happened to me up to this moment constitutes why I react to a given situation in a particular manner. Every moment I have experienced up to now has brought me to what I am today and what I am doing. I do have a certain amount of control over my actions and reactions in the form of judgement, and I have intelligence with wich to evaluate a particular action and the consequences thereof.

Yes, I realize there is a heredity factor to consider, but I must conclude that environment is more responsible for a personality than heredity. Think of it in relation to the environment you may be providing for another, especially a child. You as parents or interested adults have the power to mold and influence the end product of those around you. Don't let the bad end of another be the result of the environment of your personality.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* And on the lighter side. . Little Girls Little girls are so very sweet And have such pretty curls. They giggle and talk and hug your neck. I sure love little girls.

Little girls like ruffles and lace And they look like little angels from above In their dainty dresses and little hats. Little girls fill my heart with love.

Now I don't say little boys aren't nice too, And I know they have some fun. But little girls are something else, Gee I'm glad I was once one.

A friend of mine and I were recently discussing religion. "You know, Sarah," he said, "religion is like toothpaste. It isn't so important what brand you buy, but whether you use it that counts.

After giving it some thought, I had to agree with him. I can buy the most expensive brand or the cheapest brand and if I let it sit on the shelf unused, neither will help my teeth stay free of cavities. Have you put your religion on the shelf and neglected to use it lately? Is your life beginning to get cavities. How about a good healthy brushing with religion.

As a true-blue country-western music lover, I find it very saddening to hear of the death of a great star like Lefty Frizzell. Seems like the country-western music in-dustry has been hard hit in the past several months with the loss of such greats as Tex Ritter, George Morgan, Bob Wills and now Lefty Frizzell. All of these fine artists will be greatly missed.

I would like to mention that several young people have been working this week in cleaning alleys and streets of debris in cur city. The town looks much better for their efforts and I think they should be commended for their job. Those who have been working on the "Man Power" program which is a government sponsored program for summer employment of youth are Clifford Dye. Derryl Riggan, Johnny Hernandez, Phillip Hernandez and Suzanna Hernandez who has been working in the city hall office. Thanks kids.

Just a brief note to those of you who are unable for one reason or another to catch up on the daily episode of your favorite soap opera; there is a source you may contact to get the details of what you missed! So if you ave to go to the neighbors, run to the store, keep a ctor's appointment, or any one of a number of important Grands that might keep you away from the tube, Larry Justice, an avid fan of late will be more than glad to give you each exciting moment of action via telephone. Larry who is confined to the house will be your on the spot soap opera reporter for the next. . . oh say three months or so. Oh yes, please call during commercials.

### **46,000 Cattle Feeding In Taylor**

cattle reported on feed in Tay- make Texas the leading state to be selected to this group lor County January 1 made it in numbers on feed as of Jan- of America's top educators, one of the top ten counties for uary 1. cattle on feed in the state, Agriculture Commissioner John

C. White has announced. Cattle on feed in Taylor County represented 3.5 per cent of the state-wide total of

### **Purred Like** A Kitten

Recently a kitten hitched a ride from Abilene to Merkel via automobile. He was discovered at Max Murrell Chevrolet after the car had been traded in on another model. After the deal was made the car was taken to the shop for inspection and clean up. When the mechanic opened the hood of the car a very scared and very greasy little red and white kitten jumped out.

The kitten was caught and Mrs. Irl Walker of Merkel agreed to give the young feline

Comment around Max is the first time an owner said

total of 46,000 head of 1,327,000 head and helped to

At the same time, the total number of cattle on feed in the state as of the first of the year decreased some 878,000 from the 2,205,000 on feed as of January 1, 1974 feed as of January 1, 1974, according to statistics compiled by the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

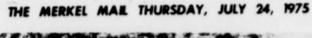
Marketings of Taylor County cattle and calves on feed for slaughter totaled 90,000 in 1974 out of a statewide total of 3,899,000.

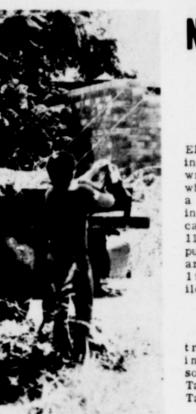
With two feedlots in the county with the ability to hold 1,000 or more head as of January 1, Taylor County's total capacity in these lots stood at 67,000 head.

A total of 1,200 feedlots were reported in Texas at the end of 1974, with all but 199 of them having a capacity of under 1.000 head.

For free copies of the 1974 Livestock Statistics, prepared by the Texas Crop and Live-District for the 1975-76 school stock Reporting Service, write year where she is involved in Murrell Chevrolet is that that to Commissioner John C. special education. White, Texas Department of his engine purred like a kitten Agriculture, P. O. Box 12847, Raymond Kincaid and has a and it really did.

Austin, Texas 78711.





KEEP WORKING-It couldn't have been more than 100 degrees when this picture was taken Tuesday afternoon as these boys are busy on the Man Power program cleaning up weeds

### In Say 100 Years Or So Crude Production

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hammond the building is scheduled to beand their son, Bob are pleased gin next week under the Asto announce the finalization for sociated Contractors, Inc. of plans to build their new Ben Abilene. There will be 8,000 Franklin facility. The Star pre- square feet of sales area. engineered building which will In conjunction with the

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outstanding educators are fea-

tured in a national awards vol-

of America," which is publish-

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Nominations for the program

are made by officials of

colleges and universities in-

cluding presidents, deans and

department chairmen. Guide-

lines for selection include an

educator's talents in the class-

room, contributions to re-

fessional recognition.

. . . completes training

time capsule message to be ing new highs. located in this new building. and perhaps other organiza- billion. tions as well as a copy of the most recent issue of The Mer- This study by the Texas Midlimitation, the messages would "These figures, whether letter.

announce shortly exact details. tinent. It is hoped that the history time capsule will be opened icant that this increased reter America.

### Cheryl Kincaid of Merkel has MIS. LOVE been named an Outstanding Educator of America for 1975 it was announced recently by Jones Bogle, director. In order Died July 14

candidates are nominated by Mrs. J. W. Love, 79, of Trent, the state," Hunt said, their respective schools died at 12:45 p.m. Thursday The survey also st earlier in the year. They are July 14, in Starr Nursing Home the State of Texas received selected for this honor on the in Merkel after a lengthy \$857,600 in production taxes basis of their civic and pro- illness. Services were at 3 p.m. from county wells, with Each year those chosen as Christ,

Larry Bristo, minister, and Oil and gas developers and ume, "Outstanding Educators Born Nannie Sue McKay Aug. ling yielded 38 oil wells. 20, 1895, in Hopkins County,

she married J. W. Love Sept. in 1971. search, administrative abil- in 1921 and moved to Trent

ities, civic service and pro- in 1942. She was a member Mrs. Kincaid was associated with the Taylor-Callahan bert B. of Haskell; five Gas Journal" lists one refinery County Educational Coop this past year and has been assigned to the Sweetwater School Mrs. Kincaid is married to grandchildren.

front will be located at North the bicentennial themeit seems impact on the economy of Tay2nd, and Kent Street. Work on only fitting that the citizens lor County, with the estimated and lunch. of Merkel leave to posterity value of the county's producsomething for America's tri- tion, royalty payments, and centennial in the form of a state severance taxes reach- Montana, Farmers Union Youth I can say I have "daddied" Nursing Home in Merkel where

The idea presented by Mr. counties -- an increase of four with local chapters to en- in a radius of 25 miles of Abi- complete supervision of food Hammond is for the people of from 1973--which produced oil courage family involvement in lene but what I have visited service in the home. Mrs. our town to put their own per-sonal messages down in letter sonal messages down in letter \$100,000 in a year which saw In a meeting held Monday porter and other papers, so-lace Doan and grand daughter of Mrs. Mary Outlaw, both of form and these messages a- the total value of state pro- evening in the home of Mrs. liciting subscriptions and writ- of Mrs. Mary Outlaw, both of long with perhaps one from the duction jump from just over Mack Seymore, the work and ing up the country and people, Merkel. mayor, the editor of the paper \$6.7 billion to almost \$11.4 play day was planned with the and while I often suffered from

celebration of the nation's ment of \$2.3 million to royalty King and Ida Seymore all of Council Accepts 300th. birthday. Due to space owners.

have to be limited to the ap- considered statewide or inproximated size of an average dividually in almost 80 percent here to Cisco where she will It is only human to want to size the importance of a healthy ters organize a similar play be in some way immortal and petroleum industry in the na- day and then she will travel to leave a part of oneself to tion's No. 1 energy state," to Colorado for youth work the future. Be thinking of what said Sherman Hunt, a Dallas there. She will be returning message you would like to leave independent oil man who is to Taylor County for the Farmto future Merkelites. We will president of Texas Mid-Con- ers Union Youth Camp to be

"In the face of declining pro- August. we leave behind in Merkel's duction in Texas, it is signif-100 years hence in a much bet- turn to royalty owners and producers came from crude oil and natural gas which is free from restrictive federal price controls. But there are at this time proposals in Congress which would place all of Texas' petroleum production under federal price controls, with predictable disastrous consequences for the industry, as well as the whole economy of

The survey also shows that Friday in Trent Church of \$802,300 coming from crude oil output and \$55,300 from natural gas production.

Larry Gill, minister of Mer- producers spent an estimated kerl Church of Christ, of- \$2.3 million drilling 87 wells ficiated. Burial was in Garden in the county last year, with of Memories, directed by Star- 42.3 percent of that figure lost buck Funeral Home of Merkel. in 49 dry holes. The total dril-

According to the Texas Em-3, 1911, in Yantis. He died ployment Commission, 1,748 oil and gas industry employes Mrs. Love moved to Noodle worked in the county in 1974 and shared a payroll totalling \$17.7 million.

Processing plants also added of Trent Church of Christ, to the county's petroleum-Survivors include a son, El- related economy: The "Oil and daughters, Mrs. B. R. Vancil with a total daily capacity of and Mrs, Leroy Riney, both 36,500 barrels and one natural Mark Williamson of Trent; 14 processing plant, with a daily grandchildren; and 22 great- capacity of 1.4 million cubic

### **Neely Reports "Great** Curiosity" In Merkel, 1885

EIGHT PAGES

ing is taken from an article weeks ago, had invited me to written in 1922 by S. L. Neely attend a revival meeting near who wrote and served almost his home away up in Mulberry a life time in newspaper work Canyon, and to rill three stones in early Taylor County. Neely came to Taylor County March tions, enjoy his hospitality and 11, 1884 and worked for various see the country. I accepted publications in Abilene. The his invitation. article appears in the summer 1975 edition of "The Ab- Jimmy Baker were among the ilenian."

In June, 1885, I made my first trip to the country in the interest of a newspaper, soliciting subscriptions for the Taylor County News, now the Taylor County Times, Captain

### Farmer's Union Has Successful

In an effort to involve the family in the Farmers Union Organization, the group sponsored a work and play day for children in Taylor and Fisher Counties. The event return and a few farmers in had been selected for member-Methodist Church building.

Some 50 children from this area and 8 workers attended The production of crude oil the work and play day which measure 100 feet by 100 feet ground-breaking of this new featuring a brick and glass building and in keeping with the bicantennial themait seems the bicant

Linda Siderius of Kalispell. Taylor was one of 197 throughout the state working is not a nook nor corner with- a year and a half. She has

kel Mail and a city proclaima- Continent Oil and Gas Associa- ing the play day were Florence thing to eat and it was always Sister Died tion to be sealed into a specific tion shows also that the Wiley of Roby, Leona Hogan, free. location of the building for county's petroleum production Betty Toombs, Jeanette opening 100 years from now in last year resulted in the pay- Pursley, Bernice Jacobs, Alice

> Miss Siderius will go from of Texas' 254 counties, empha- help the Cisco-- Eastland chapheld at Camp Butman in early

EDITOR'S NOTE-The follow- John Tucker, who died a few with one bird, solicit subscrip-Captain Tucker and Uncle

first to settle in the canyon, and years ago it was amusing to hear them tell how he made a living stealing cedar post now 89 years of age, if living. MISS KINCAIC Two weeks ago it was thought that he could live only a few he has been at the home of a daughter at Stith. On my way back from Mulberry Can-yon I spent a short while at Educator Merkel. I cannot call to memory now whether there were

any business houses there then, but think, however, that our there and conducting a grocery is approved by the American Vaughn, had me to go across completed the course, she bethe railroad south and look at came elegible to receive memshow me what he called a tutional and Educational Food 17 inches long. Of course I ganization. mention the "wonder" in my write-up for the News on my Roberts received word that she was held in the Merkel Taylor County then referred to ship in the honor society. She me ever afterward as the big- now has national recognition they'd ever heard of, and I hospitals and institutions. offer of a year's subscription supervised for six months by

she or they could catch me giv- Dietitian, of Clyde. Director has been traveling hundreds of columns for there she has held this position for help of Miss Siderius. Those heat or cold, my old "gid up, attending the meeting and gid up dern you" horse and Local Woman's

accepted the audit for the City a Lubbock cemeterv. CPA. A copy will be filed at of whom is Mrs. Ollie Fox of City Hall for public record. Merkel.



CHERYL KINCAID ... outstanding educator

# days. For the last few months hamed Outstanding

Brenda J. Roberts of Merkel recently completed the honorable and highly steemed Cisco Junior College food sercitizen, J. H. Thornton, was vice supervisors course which store. The depot agent, Mr. Dietetic Association. Having his garden and especially to bership in the Hospital, Insti-"great curiosity," a cucumber Service Society, a national or-

Early last week Mrs. gest newspaper prevaricator as a kitchen supervisor for

still hold that honorable posi- In order to be accepted intion, a big prevaricator. But to the honor society for food I've always kept a standing supervisors, Mrs. Roberts was to any paper in Abilene if he, Mrs. Delma Scott, Registered

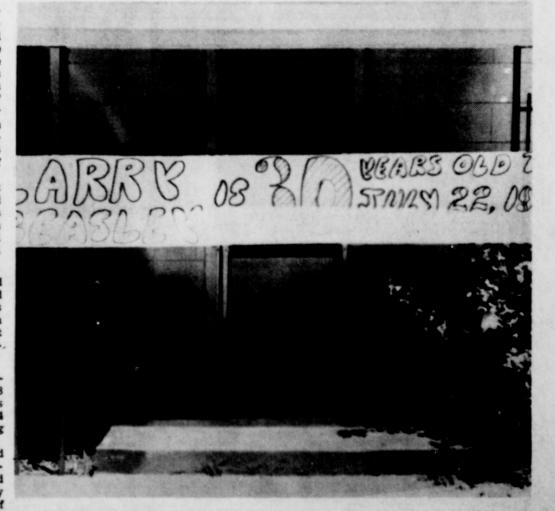
ing a crooked story in regard Mrs. Roberts is presently to this country, and I believe food service manager at Starr

# In Dallas

Ruth Wallis, 65, of Scurry County died July 15 in Baylor Hospital in Dallas after a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were held in Trinity Baptist Church in The City Council recently Lubbock Friday with burial in

of Merkel for the fiscal year Mrs. Wallis is survived by ending April 30, 1974 as sub- her husband, six children; six mitted by Jerry W. Smith, brothers and two sisters one



of Merkel, Mrs. Bell Castlegasoline processing plant, with
berry of Grandfalls, Mrs. Pete a daily capacity of 36,500 barOVER THE HILL-Our deepest sympathy goes out to Larry on this very sober occasion.

Remember Larry, if life begins at 40 you still have 10 years to go. Apparently there Martin of Abilene and Mrs. rels and one natural gasoline Remember Larry, if life begins at 40 you still have 10 years to go. Apparently there is someone who knows how it feels to reach 30 and they want everyone in Merkel to be able to know it's Larry Beasley's 30th, birthday. This picture was taken in front of Larry's house Tuesday, July 22.



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 ....

### Taxpayers Ask IRS This column of questions and answers on federal tax lessor because of a default by

matters is provided by the local office of the U.S. Internal the lessee. If an amount design to be recycled. Garbage cans matters is provided by the local office of the U.S. Internal nated as a security deposit is would become a thing of the to be applied as payment of past. taxpayers. The column answers questions most frequently rent for the last year of the asked by taxpayers.

last year and finished some of the new house must be your the construction on it in Janu- principal residence, and you ary, 1975. Can I add on two more rooms before moving into the home later this year and credit is equal to five percent liquid such as syrup or qualify for the house purchase

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 sidered taxable income? work done after March 12, 1975, and before January 1 1977, is subject to the credit.

CANCER

Answer line

Texas supermarket writes of any other disease. This may sound crazy, ber Nonetheless, cancer is not one of my customers claims common in the childhood to have cured herself of years. If it should occur, cancer by mixing together however, prompt treatment tea and coffee and some offers the best hope of cure. spices. Could it be true?" There are many children

ANSWERline: There are actively growing up after some people who decide that cancer diagnosis and treat-

treatment. They then put all Betty Grable died of lung kinds of value on a ques- cancer? I thought that it

cancer disease they never ANSWERline: Lung cancer

really had. If you think you did take her life as it does

have cancer, please pass up the lives of thousands of

tionable treatment for a only hit men."

have cancer--without ment.

cally-and try an unproven Question:

having it diagnosed medi-

proven treatment-life is too

there cancer tests that I

health checkup that includes

a Pap test for possible

uterine cancer, breast exam-

ination (and perhaps some

and a "procto" for possible

rectum, would be your best

cancer safeguard. Ask your

Society for helpful informa-

ANSWERline: Yes indeed.

When a person stops smck-

ing, and if no irreversible

might be doing your father

the biggest favor ever.

Question: "Is cancer a real

ANSWERline:

to children?'

take?"

An annual

checkups.

precious to bank on hearsay

Mrs. R.I.I. asks:

Q. I started building a home tion since March 12. Of course, ceived.

must be the first occupant. The of the construction costs after honey, oil the cup or spoon March 12, subject to an over- with cooking oil, say Texas all limit of \$2,000. The credit Department of Agriculture may not exceed your tax lia- home economists.

Q. I recently bought a house which I will rent to a family. Is the security deposit I will receive from my tenants con-

A. Security deposits received for the lessee's performance under the lease are not usually This means that you may included in income when requalify for the credit, but only ceived. They are included in GIRLS

lease, it is advance rent and Q. Please explain the new must be reported when re- personal exemption tax credit.

When measuring a sticky

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SAVINGS SALE OF FIRST QUALITY CLOTHING qualify for the credit, but only for the construction of the two income when and to the extent IEANS VALUES TO \$11.99 **\$**5 QQ

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the coffee and tea mixtures women. It is a myth that and head for a physician and women don't get lung can-73 PONTIAC Luxury Lemans, 2 door hardtop. Air & power, AM-FM Stereo and tape player, electric windows, 30,000 miles. Silver w black vinyl top. \$3395

cer. The female lung cancer death rate has doubled in the past ten years. The American Cancer Society has "Are 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:

"Is it true that

'How long has cancer re-ANSWERline: Cancer research as we know it got its greatest push after the Second World War when the American Cancer American Cancer Society and Federal began massive programs of "If I could convince my have been looking for the father to give up cigarettes. answer to cancer since earliest times as ancient would it help even though he has been a smoker for records indicate.

'How many get breast women will disease has been started, ANSWERline: Approximately the lungs gradually return to 89,000 American women will their original healthy state. hear a breast cancer diag-Try that convincing--you nosis this year.

> A regular feature of this American Cancer Society to help save your from cancer. P. O. Box 9863

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flies, and raiding dogs around come an every day part of our Cemetery Association:

A town by the name of Lex-Christine Wiley ington, 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) Perkins and saved to go to the recycling center.

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

**Garbage Goodies** 

Stinking cans, swarms of

your garbage cans has be-

3. Newspapers and all paper scrapes 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

A. Taxpayers filing their 1975 credit of \$30 against their tax liability for every personal or dependency exemtpion of \$750 they take. The credit is not applicable to exemptions for

# BACK TO SCHOOL

### **Cemetery Donations**

The following have made donations to the Merkel memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. leson announces the approval Mrs. J. K. Blair

in memory of Curtis Clyburn of Curtis Clyburn Mr. and Mrs. Pinky Cypert in memory of Curtis Clyburn, Sam Bankston and L. V. Reddin

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

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

Mrs. Louise Beckett in T. Warren and Booth Warren of a \$60,210 Community Ser-Mrs. Zerk Robertson

vices Administration grant to Mr. and Mrs. Charles the Community Action Pro-Mr. and Mrs. Mack Seymore Redden and Family in memory gram, Incorporated in Abilene. The grant is effective

James Liner, Alfred Liner, July 1, 1975, and is for a Betty Maserang and Dollie 3 month period. \$20,211 will

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Wade purposes and \$39,999 for genin memory of Curtis Clyburn eral community program-Mrs. Grady Bishop in ming. memory of Curtis Clyburn Mrs. Wilmer Criswell in for the administration and

memory of Mrs. Clark Mundy management of the com-Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Tarpley munity action agency and to in memory of Curtis Clyburn provide outreach and referral Frances Bryant Jack R. Sublett

James D. Sublett Mrs. Ergeal Tippett in mem- centers. Some of the services ory of the E. N. Browns

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Whigham Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Reagan Mrs. N. C. Bush in memory of Mrs. Nannie Love

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lowing areas: Protect

ticipants, vocational training

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recreational programs with

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ties served are Taylor, Mit-

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Stonewall, Knox, Throck-

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flower parades listed in the big

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morton, and Shackleford.

A. W. with 800 par-

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. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

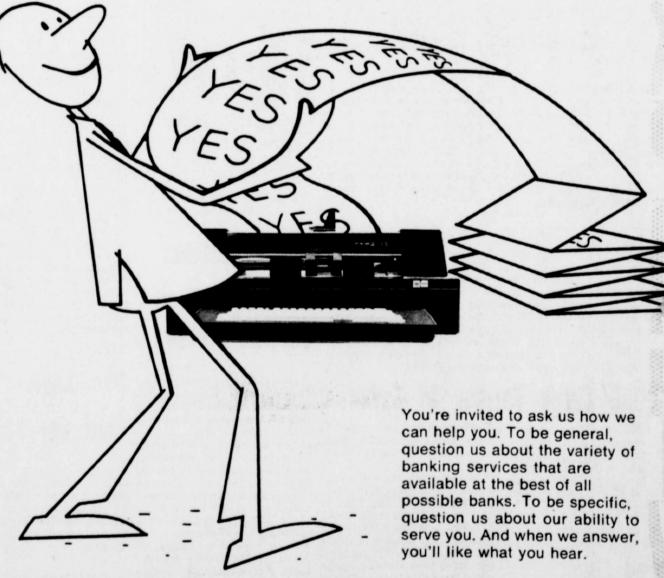
There are questions no one can answer. And most of them are known to five-year-olds.

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Jim Hargett of Coleman County finished high enough in four classes of competition to be named best allaround rider recently in the District 7 4-H Club Horse Show.

The second half of the 11th. annual show was concluded late Tuesday at the San Angelo Fairgrounds, where only the first half had been completed June 28 when rain forced officials to postpone the five performance classes of western pleasure, western horsemanship, reining, polebending and barrel-racing.

Hargett won western pleasure and placed second in western horsemanship, third in showmanship at halter, and second in showing his grade mare at halter. Max Row of Coleman

County won the western horsemanship class Tuesday, Randy Burdick of Coleman won the reining class, Jamie Osbourn of Mason County won the pole-bending class, and Jana Kidd of McCulloch, the barrel-racing class. Those riding Tuesday

represented the 20 counties in District 7 of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and 20 of those riders will represent the district in the 13th, annual State 4-H Club Horse Show, July 23-26 at Fort Worth. Besides Row, Burdick,

Kidd and Hargett, others going to Fort Worth are Kathy Wilson, David Avants, Gary Strickland, Tammy Rabon, Rusty Ryan and Janet Wilkinson, all of Coleman; Darby Keller of Mason County; Cindy Lanier, Sandy Hunter and Sara Joy, all of Nolan County; John Ben Cawley of

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Other results in Tuesday's classes: Sandy Hunter and Darby Keller, second and third in barrels; Tana Osbourn of Mason and Jana Kidd, second and third in poles; Mike Moore of Nolan and Rusty Ryan, second and third in reining; Hargett and Gary Strickland, second and third in western horsemanship; John Ben Cawley and David Avants, second and third in western pleasure.

### STARR NURSING HOME NEWS

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A weekly public service feature from-Texas Department of Health\_Resources

Accent on Health

Chances of a poisoning within the home increase with the advent of every new household chemical, but there's one danger which has remained constant -- common plants, trees and shrubs.

While vegetation in its various forms helps sustain life, many varieties are potential killers, warns the Texas Department of Health Resources. Potential sources of poison thrive in backyards and gardens all across Texas. The little-known sources of these poisons are common, gardenvariety plants. Most plants are harmless.

Many are poisonous under certain conditions. A few are poisonous under nearly all conditions. More than 700 species of plants in the United States are known to have caused death or illness. Each year, about 12,000 children in this country chew or swallow potentially poisonous plants. Parents need to be especially watchful of small children, especially on picnics and outings, since they come in contact with many The poisonous nature of a

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ture of this suit is as follows, to wit: Married October, 1974,

separated July, 1975, with no children, and no community property accumulated. Petitioner prays that name be restored to Martha Riley. as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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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 9 day of July A. D. 1975.

(SEAL) Attest: Irene Craw-

ford Clerk, Domestic Relations Court Taylor County, Texas. By Faye Lyons, Deputy. 21-4tc

of one or more kinds of sub- honoring Ruby Griffin and Mrs. stances. There are some sub- Willburn, Friday. They always stances which are themselves enjoy the parties. Mary toxic to animals: an alkaloid, Vaughn, our social director, for example, is the toxic prin- hosted the occasion. ciple in poison hemlock. Other We had a going away party form toxic products soon after for them to resign. being eaten -- an example is The First Methodist Church glucoside, a sugar produced filled their appointment here in wild cherry which changes Sunday. Thank you for coming. to form the highly toxic prussic Next Sunday July 27th, will acid. Some substances are be First Baptist Church at formed by the action of micro- Trent, appointment. So hope to organisms on plants: a fungi see you then. on moldy hay forms decomposition products, some of to the Church of Christ people which may be toxic. Still other here for their talent and their substances are absorbed directly from the soil and stored in harmful quantities in the tissues of certain plants: Edna Nolen. She is Mrs. Ilene selenium, for example, may be found in some species of loco-

may be present in oats. To the average person, the term "poisonous plant" suggests one that poisons upon contact, causing a mild or severe dermatitis or skin irritation. Texas certainly has its fair share of the plants Merkel's Visitors known to be capable of causplant is caused by the presence ing such irritations, say State Department of Health Resources officials. Possibly the Curtis from San Jose, Caliand poison oak.

weeds, or potassium nitrate

also causes of dermatitis? Lily bulbs and stalks, stinging nettles, and vanilla beans likewise have toxic qualities, and are capable of producing severe skin irritations. Most poisonous plants are

harmful only when they are eaten. In the case of nitratecontaining plants, the nitrate content is reduced to the toxic substance. This substance then enters the blood stream and changes the red pigment of the blood in such a way that it is incapable of transporting oxygen to body tissues. The result is suffocation.

Poisonous mush rooms.

mostly toadstools, cause more than 100 fatalities in this country each year. Daffodil bulbs, larkspur seeds, lily of the valley flowers, and jasmine berries are all harmful if eaten. So, too, are the leaves of the poinsettia and oleander bush, and all parts of buttercups, rhododendrons, and laurels. In some plants, only particular parts are toxic. A classic example is the rhubarb which has a perfectly edible stalk, but contains a deadly poison in the leaf. Contact poisoning can be

prevented best by learning to recognize the plants and avoiding them. Of course, it is always prudent to wear protective clothing such as leggings and gloves when venturing into areas where poisonous plants are known to flourish. If you are exposed to a poisonous plant, immediately wash the contact area with

move toxic resins. Measures can also be taken to prevent the accidental eating of plants. Keep children a-

laundry soap and water to re-

way from plants and teach them not to chew plant stems or to C. Maerz of McNeil Laboraput plant parts, such as berries or bulbs, in their mouths. If your child does eat a plant, and you are uncertain whether it is poisonous, immediately call a doctor. He, in turn, will contact one of the 21 Poison Control Centers near

you for emergency medical and antidote information. Take your child to the Emergency Room of the nearest hospital, and if possible, bring a piece of the suspected plant with you so it can be analyzed for possible toxic substances. The Poison Control Centers are located in Abilene, Amarillo, Austin, Beaumont, Corpus Christi, El Paso, Fort Worth, Galveston, Grand Prairie, Harlingen, Laredo, and Lub-bock: also in Midland, Odessa, Plainview, San Angelo, San Antonio, Tyler, Waco, Wharton and Wichita Falls.

Everyone has been busy with I wish to thank Mr. H see the new change over, in- Hale for the fruit jars he gave spectors, RN's, dietitions have the home. We are going to make bread and butter pickles

We were sorry to loose Mrs. and they will come in handy. Nannie Love and Mr. Edward We have been deep freezing Blackley by death. Mr. squash. We have a good squash Blackley had been a resident casserole recipe if anyone

one year. We will miss them The Roberts reunion was held here at Merkel over the Linda Kinder and Linda week end, Mr. Roberts had sev-Wheat have been added to our eral out of town visitors and they finally persuaded him to Marlene Peel, L. V. N. has attend it for a few hours. Ruby Griffin visited her twin

> We welcome Mrs, Sally Sparks to our staff. She is an aide on the 6-2 shift. She and her husband Willis, have bought a farm south of town and will be moving to it August 1st. Welcome to our staff and our community. Mr. Sparks' is a retired minister.

It was so nice of Mrs. Alyene Freeman to bring us some green beans for the home. They sure were good.

We had a birthday party

substances are initially harm- for Vera Hill, L.V.N. and Mary less but may decompose to Sue Pallarez. We were sorry

We again express our thanks

time they spend each Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. Welcome to our home Mrs. Jones mother.

Thank you Love children for the nice clothes and chair you gave the home. Also, thank the Ed Blackley family for the clothing they gave the home.

Richard Warren and his son

most familiar are the leaves, fornia recently spent a week bark, and fruit of poison ivy with his twin brother Claude of Merkel. This was the first But did you know that hairy reunion of the identical twins leaves and stems of parsnip since Richard left to go to and lady slippers, the milky California in 1948. Richard and juice of spurges, and the leaves his son, Curtis are doing a of the cultivated primrose are generally study and did some geneology study and extensive research while in Texas. Claude and his brother and nephew took a trip to Fort Chadburn where they have quite a family history in that area.

Mr. Warren andhis sonreturned to California Wednes-Visiting in the home of

Mrs. O. J. Reynolds this past week-end were her sister, Lola Mae Haile from Baird and her daughter and husband, Garland Bonnie Sisk from Odessa.

Weekend visitors in the home

of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baccus were their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. James Roy Baccus of Richardson, James Roy and Betty left Monday morning for a 12 day trip to Hawaii in celebration of their 25th. wedding anniversary.



You may be, without even knowing it. After years of research, doctors have learned for sure that aspirin does produce unwanted side effects for some people under certain conditions. "Persons with allergies or asthma, for example, are par-

ticularly prone to aspirin allergy, with reactions ranging from relatively mild skin eruptions to severe asthmatic attacks or even anaphylactic shock. Frequently the sensitive patient is unaware that aspirin is causing or contributing to his problem," says Dr. John tories, where extensive asptrin-sensitivity studies are con-

If you have an inherent bleeding disorder, peptic ulder or other gastrointestinal lesions capable of bleeding, you should avoid aspirin. Persons with a tendency toward anemia are also quite prone to aspirin-induced bleeding, Dr. Maerz notes. You can probably take as

pirin safely and effectively if you don't fall into any of these categories — it's still the world's lead in g pain relief drug. But if they do apply to you, or if you're doubtful, doctors now widely recommend Tylenol as a sale, effective non-aspirin alternative without the unwanted side of without the unwanted side ef fects of aspirin.

In many hospitals it is now routinely prescribed instead by aspirin for post-operative pain relief.



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Of The Texas Department of Agriculture

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A total of 24,700 farmers in Texas have received a

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Another form Texas agricultural producers need to

You need to fill out only those questions applicable to

Figures will be compiled into county, state and

SCREWWORM CASES continue to be reported in

Check your livestock regularly, treat wounds on

parts of Texas, and screwworm eradication officials urge

livestock producers to adhere to its four-point program for

livestock with approved screwworm-control remedies, delay

surgery on livestock as long as possible and submit

suspected screwworm samples to the fly lab at Mission.

Your county agent has vials which you can use to send the

still mid-July. But it will be here shortly, and the main

thing to remember about Aug. 15 is that it is the deadline

date for submitting your entry to the Family Land Heritage

descendants in Texas who have owned and continuously

farmed the same piece of land for 100 years or more. If you believe you can qualify for this award, you can get an application from your county judge or by writing to the

were so honored. The Program, recognized to be of great

historical significance, is sponsored by the Texas

Department of Agriculture to honor agriculture and

be happy to know that ice cream production increased in

produced to provide every person in the state just under

three gallons each. If you like mellorine, and apparently

most Texans do, Texas is the number one state in

1974. Perhaps the same trend is continuing this year

Texas Department of Agriculture, Austin, Texas 78711.

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AUG. 15 may seem to be a long way off since this is

questionnaire relating primarily to small grain acres. If you

are one of those who have received it, you are requested to

fill it out as accurately as possible and return it promptly.

production in the state and throughout the nation. During

the era of the so-called "burdensome surpluses" there was

very little interest evoked when a crop survey was made.

note is the census. Although the majority of the census

forms have been returned, the Census Bureau says it still

your operation. And the Census Bureau says you can be

assured no one will see your answers except the census

But now the questionnaire becomes important.

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 for the fair complex which includes a 10,500 seat coliseum, 158 acres of ground, 13 buildings and a half-mile paved autorace 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.

# 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 scaracity of parts, cost of labor, etc.

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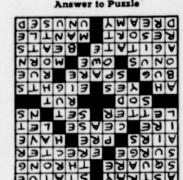
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AUSTIN — The House of Representatives may be returning to Austin before September 1 to consider the first impeachment proceedings in more than 40 years.

A select House committee already has directed its staff to draft several articles of impeachment against 229th District Judge O.P. Carrillo of Duval County.

Committee members rounded out their examination of the record in their inquiry into allegations against Carillo 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.

The constitution further

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.

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. De-Berry 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.

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 Phar-

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macy 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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### 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

### 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 Wacc. Students will participate in classes to learn skills to qualify them as Red Cross Water Safety Instructors, First Aid Instructors, or Small Crafy Instructors in their home communities. The \$110.00 enrollment fee includes room, meals, and

supplies.

To enroll in the First Aid Section, no previous first aid parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray 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

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

### 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.

Thi 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

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.

possible. Deadline for entries

is August 23. Preliminary e-

vents will begin early in Sep-

tember 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-

### 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, Afghanastan. Phillip is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jennings who are missionaries 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 Phillips body. The children were taken to the home of one of the American

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

cating an entry form should contact the Miss Teenage Abilene office, Suite 302, Bank of Commerce Building or call 698-7821 for infor-

> By Martha Sue Justice

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

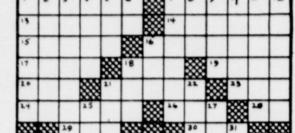
We should never back away from troubles, Or run away and hide. But instead stay and face them And swallow a little pride.

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 To fight, hurt, or kill. He instead wanted man to look up for guidance And do good unto others good

So LOOK UP to GOD for a ;0000000000000000000000000000000



Crossword Puzzle

Answer, Page 5

43. Regret

ACROSS

1. Wandering -of Liberty

13. Of four equal sides 14. Crowd

15. Roll in

waves 16. Builder Ventilates

18. Before: prefix 19. Possess

20. Anger 21. Desist 23. Permit

24. Epistle 28. Nova Scotia: abbr.

29. Grass square 30. Groove 32. Exclamation 34. Affirmative

36. Numbers 39. Insect 41. Extra

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16. Age 48. Arouse 18. By 21. Yields 50. Whips 22. Weird 51. Vacation

25. Plaything place 52. Sleeveless 27. Pull 31 Gullets cloak 32. On a ship 53. Visionary

54. Not employed food 35. Uneven DOWN 36. Before . Attack 37. Shelled 2. Country reptile

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### Rat Most Destructive , Next To Man

mated 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 money and labor expended 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.

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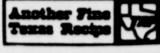
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½ turkey breast (4-4½ pounds) 1 Tbsp. lemon juice

1½ tsp. salt

2 Tbsp. butter ¼ tsp. paprika

1/8 tsp. powdered thyme

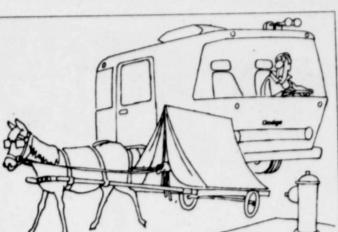
1/8 tsp, powdered basil 1/8 tsp. white pepper

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 ½ 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 1-11/2 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 sophophobia. 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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### Sorry, Superman doesn't work here either. 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.

broad-petaled, The three-inch flowers appear atop silvery blue foliage on long stems in late Summer and early Fall. The blossoms are extremely longlasting 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.

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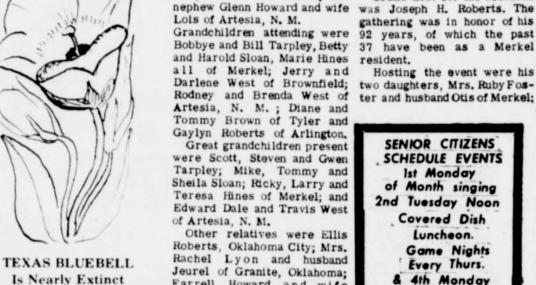
and Mrs. Ferne West of Arling- A reunion of the Roberts ton; two sons, Roy Roberts family was held in Merkel July and wife Barbara of Arlington; 19th. and 20th. Troy Roberts of Dallas; and

Marian and two children Dan and Joy of Irving. of Arlington and Norah Foster

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"Project subjects may ininclude 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 belp improve the community and may engage in fund raising projects for the needy and disadvantaged or work on neighborhood beautification with underpriviledged

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