

Between you and me

By SARAH ECKOLS

A few days ago I had a chance to visit the local youth center. I was very disappointed. The facility is lacking to an extent that I would fill this whole column if I mentioned all that I could see that was needed to make the center a pleasant place for the youth of Merkel to go and be comfortable.

I noticed that there was no television, no music, few games, no soft drink machine, no snack machine, the air conditioning was very poor, the rest room facilities are poor, there were few magazines and funny books to be read by the kids, the pool table is in very poor shape. . . . need I go on?

Citizens of Merkel, I am sending a plea out to you in the name of the local youth to provide them with a decent place to go and relax in their spare time to listen to records, play games, drink a coke, and in general just enjoy the fellowship of the other kids.

Clubs and organizations, give this some thought as a project for the fall. We complain about the kids being idle, why don't we give them something to do. We want them to have good wholesome entertainment and a place to go other than running up and down the streets; then it is up to us to correct the problem.

ILLUSION

I trespassed through your life,
But as the illusion that I am,
I quickly vanished to be no more,
Except as a fleeting, dim memory
That will almost form, but not.

As I leave, I take with me
That which you allowed me;
Time though short spent with you,
To hold as a candle in the dark
And bring me soft, warm light.

I touched you as gently as I could,
And I pray my touch left no pain.
For illusions cannot hurt
And that which never was
Makes no demands on what will be.

I would like to welcome home Mr. and Mrs. Larry Justice. They have been visiting with Martha Sue's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Hubbard, in Port O'Connor and with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Don Carroll in Austin. Since they were down that way anyway, Larry and Martha Sue decided they may as well bring home their little orphans, Donan and Salinda who have been visiting with their grandparents on the coast. Donan and Salinda have a copper tan to show off when they return to school this year. They would make good advertising material for a sun tan lotion company.

Larry has been away from the TV for the past week and is currently spending his time catching up with what he missed in the way of daytime entertainment. He is especially anxious to know what happened on "Another World" while he was unable to watch, so if you know you might give him a call and clue him in. I fail to understand Larry sometimes. The last several times I've seen him he gets all upset, turns red in the face, and threatens to cut the cord on my electric typewriter. Maybe he's been watching too many soap operas. . .

Martha Sue has some tall fish stories if anyone cares to pass the time that way. Of course we all know about fishermen and the stories they tell. But really, Martha Sue, the one that got away was how big?

Trent Schools Open August 18

Roy Neff, superintendent of Trent Schools has announced that the Trent schools will begin classes Monday, August 18.

Farmers' Union to Meet August 12th

The Farmers Union will hold their regular monthly meeting August 12 at 8 p.m. in the Taylor Electric Co-op building in Merkel. Guest speaker for the meeting will be C. M. Alexander of Denton.

Merkel Visitors

Scott and Cecily Grimmitt of San Antonio are visiting with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Breaux of Merkel. Scott 10 and Cecily 6 are the children of Walter and Janie Grimmitt.

Mrs. Eula Mae Ayers Harris,

of Bonham, Texas was a recent visitor in the home of Mrs. Odie Clark. Mrs. Harris lived in Merkel many years ago. Mrs. H. C. Reid quickly got a group of Eula's friends together to come to her house for a covered dish luncheon, where they spent about five hours of reminiscing. Present were Mrs. Floyd Davis, Mrs. Eula Harris, Mrs. Johnny Cox, Mrs. Denzil Cox, Mrs. Odie Clark, Mrs. Elsie Nash and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Reid.

18. Buses will make regular runs that day.

Teachers will have in service workshops August 11-15.

Parents are asked to make sure that immunization records are up to date and that children have the necessary immunization shots.

Bond Sales Reach 44% of 1975 Goal

June sales of Series E and H United States Savings Bonds in Taylor County were reported today by County Bond Chairman, Samuel S. Hill. Sales for the six month period totaled \$563,817 for 44% of the 1975 sales goal of \$1,270,000.

Texas sales during the month amounted to \$19,368,773, while sales for the first half of 1975 totaled \$120,960,714 with 52% of the yearly sales goal of \$234.3 million.

Victory Singers Meet August 11

The Victory Gospel Singers will have their regular Monday night singing August 11 at 7:00 p.m. at 307 El Paso. Special guests will be Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Arnold and the Lawn Quartet. Mr. Virgil Crawford is the director for August.

LIONS CLUB SPEAKER

Wednesday's Child Is Full Of Woe Says Child Abuse Specialists

Special guest at the Tuesday noon meeting of the Merkel Lion's Club was Kay Feagan, social worker with the State Department of Public Welfare and specializes in child abuse.

Lone Star Gas Applies For Rate Relief

Trent, Texas, August 4, 1975--Lone Star Gas Company's local manager, W. A. Harris, today requested and received approval from the Trent city officials to enact an ordinance increasing the residential and commercial retail gas rates by .1980 cents per thousand cubic feet. The adjustment is requested to offset the increase in the city gas rate to 1.0399 cents per thousand cubic feet which was authorized by the Texas Railroad Commission on July

Barney Slough Died In Houston July 30

Mr. Barney Gibbs Slough, 76, of 12707 Alice Lane, of Houston, passed away July 30, 1975 at his residence. Survived by: wife, Mrs. Virgie Slough; daughter, Mrs. Sue Juricek; sons, Mr. Dupree Slough, Mr. Marvin Slough, Mr. Melvin Slough, Mr. Ted Slough, Mr. Darrel Gene Slough, Mr. Fred Slough; sisters, Mrs. Mamie Hines, Mrs. Bessie Hill, Mrs. Essie Warren; 15 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren. Funeral services were Friday 3:30 p.m. from the Howard Glendale Chapel with Rev. Truman Smith officiating. Interment San Jacinto Cemetery, Howard Glendale Funeral Directors, 1015 Federal Rd., 4536373.

Notice

Due to meetings of the Equalization Board of the Merkel School District, all high school students are to meet in the high school gym August 18 at 8:30 a.m. it has been announced by principal Travis Davis.



18 POUNDS AND GROWING-This 18 pound cantaloupe is held by its grower, James Marshall Wharton of Merkel. It was picked August 2 from Wharton's garden about 2 miles from Merkel.

Harrison Reunion Held Aug. August 3

Mrs. W. A. Harrison enjoyed visiting with all of her children, their families and friends at the home of John and Beulah Swinney in Trent on August 3, 1975, during the Harrison's annual family reunion.

In the cool breeze, a picnic dinner was spread under shade trees. Later, pictures were taken and watermelons were served to the following: Mrs. W. A. Harrison, Merkel, Texas; Levi and Ida Harrison, Fort Worth, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Rodgers, Anson, Texas; Lynward and Lorene Harrison, Merkel, Texas; Clovis and Virgil Harrison, Sweetwater, Texas;

Lena V. Riggan, Tempe, Arizona; John and Beulah Swinney, Trent, Texas; J. W. and Maxie Harrison, Hamilton, Texas; Mildred Harrison, Abilene, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Guinn and children, Shea and Brad, Hamilton, Texas; Fernon and

Fannie Harrison, Springtown, Texas; Stephen and Beverly Baker, Springtown, Texas; Jean Rutledge, Abilene, Texas; Jerry and Syra Patterson and children, Cheri and Kerry, Trent, Texas; Stephanie, and Tina Swinney, Andrews, Texas; Tammy Swinney, Hobbs, New Mexico; Mrs. Shirley Hodges and

daughter, Angela, San Antonio, Texas; Pam and Vicki Geske, Arlington, Texas; Mrs. Leona Conley, Merkel, Texas; Jessie Conley, Spring, Texas; Annie Harris, Merkel, Texas; Elsie McDonald, Merkel, Texas; Rev. Bob Whitlock, Trent, Texas.

The Harrison family certainly appreciate the many friends who came by to visit with Mrs. Harrison at this reunion and also want to thank all the many friends who visit with their mother and grandmother at the Starr Nursing Home.

Firm Purchases Starr Home, Mrs. Outlaw Will Remain

Mrs. Mary Outlaw, 18-year owner of Starr Nursing Home has sold the facility to Lloyd A. Knicht and Associates effective July 1, 1975. Mrs. Outlaw, will however, continue as administrator of the home which offers complete care for nursing home patients.

The new owners have stressed that the management will be handled as before completely under the direction of Mrs. Outlaw.

In accordance with state law and regulation, all safety standards and provisions will be met and every effort will be maintained to ensure the comfort and continued good care that has always been the policy of the Starr Nursing Home personnel.

The Lloyd A. Knicht and Associates are owners of 17 nursing homes in 5 states. Mr. Knicht said that the deciding factor in the sale was that he feels Mrs. Outlaw has been running a good business. He also told us that the name of the establishment will remain the same.

The new owners will be making improvements and have already signed contracts for new heating and air conditioning systems.

Mrs. Outlaw expressed a deep appreciation to those who have supported her in her business in the past and her desire to offer continued quality care for her patients in the future.



LLOYD A. KNIGHT
...purchased Starr Home

Equalization Board To Meet

In obedience to an order of the Board of Equalization, notice is hereby given that the Board of Equalization for the Merkel Independent

School District, Taylor and Jones Counties, Merkel, Texas, at 8:30 o'clock, a.m. on August 18-20, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, for the

purpose of determining, fixing, and equalizing the value of any and all taxable property situated in the Merkel Independent School District, Taylor and Jones Counties for the taxable year of 1975 and any and all persons, other than persons having taxable property in utilities, oil, and related properties, are hereby invited to be present.

By order of the Board of Equalization of Merkel Independent School District Taylor and Jones Counties, Merkel, Texas, this fourth day of August, 1975.

Local Physician Suffers Heart Failure, Condition Improved

Dr. Don Warren, 53, of Merkel suffered heart failure at his home Friday after-

noon, July 18th. He was revived and went to his office Saturday morning. However, Saturday afternoon he decided he should go to the hospital. He was in intensive care, but was transferred shortly to a private room.

Sunday, August 3rd, Dr. Warren was flown by air ambulance to Houston. They are currently running tests. There is a slight possibility of his coming home Thursday, but it is very slight.

Merkelite Exhibited Stock In Omaha

Texas emerged with the grand champion heifer in the Shorthorn division of the National Junior Beef Heifer Classic, Omaha, Nebraska, July 24 - 25.

Winning honors for the Lone Star state was Tracy Holbert, Duncanville, with a July yearling bred by Odus Lowe, Rockwall. He won over 101 entries.

Sixty exhibitors from 12 states were represented in the show. Other Texas exhibitors were: Jack and Sherri Brooks, Rockwall; Buster and Michele Brown, Merkel; Brian Korbs, Duncanville, and Herschel Sandes, Duncanville.

MSA Teams Compete Over Weekend

Tri-City Mini Minor and Minors MSA teams will compete in the MSA Tournament

to be held in Abilene August 8, 9 and 10. Opening ceremonies for the tournament will be held at 5 p.m. in Will Hare Park.

The Tri-City Minors will play their first game Friday at 8 p.m. in Will Hare Park. The Mini Minors will play at 4 p.m. Saturday in Ester Little League Park on Ambler. Merkel citizens are urged to come out and support these girls in their competition.

Noodle Revival Continues Thru Sunday

The Noodle Baptist Church is continuing their revival thru August 10. There is prayer service each evening at 7:30 and evangelistic service at 8, thru Saturday. Sunday Service will be at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Hardy Bingham, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Mason is the guest speaker and Barbara and Coy William are in charge of music. W. E. Nowell is pastor of Noodle Baptist Church.

Riggan Reunion To Be August 9 and 10

The Riggan family reunion will be held August 9 and 10 at Abilene State Park near Buffalo Gap.

An invitation is extended to all who would like to come to this reunion.

Eastern Star Tea Honors Mrs. Ofton

Mrs. Paul (Rennie) Ofton of San Antonio is being honored on "Sunday, August 10 with a "Star Flight" tea in the home of Mrs. J. I. Moore of 2449 Garfield in Abilene. The tea is being hosted by "friends of Rennie in Abilene" and the calling hours are 2-4 p.m.

Mrs. Ofton is a member of the Brilliance Committee of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. Eastern Star members in the area are invited to attend.

Ladies Auxiliary To Meet Monday

The Merkel Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will meet Monday August 11 at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station. All the ladies are urged to attend.

Senior Citizens News

The senior citizens thoroughly enjoyed their recent talent night. Mrs. Syble Riney, accompanied by Mrs. Junior Clark sang several enjoyable songs. Aubrey Decker of Abilene played several selections on his violin. Monday was his regular monthly singing night. There was very good singing and about sixty people attended, including out of town people from Trent, Abilene, and McCaulley.

Tuesday, August 12 will be the regular day for the luncheon. All interested senior citizens come and bring a covered dish and enjoy the fun. The program preceding lunch starts about 11:30.

Cunningham-Gilbert Vows Read

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gilbert are visiting his parents in Merkel following their marriage July 25 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Mrs. Gilbert is the former Suzanne Cunningham of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. D. Cunningham of Ardmore, Oklahoma. Gilbert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Gilbert of Merkel.

The couple was married in Mayfair Church of Christ in Oklahoma City by Virgil Trout, minister. An Abilene Christian College graduate, Gilbert is a field claims specialist with State Farm Fire and Casualty Co. in Oklahoma City. Mrs. Gilbert teaches second grade at Southgate Elementary School. Following a wedding trip to Padre Island the couple will live at 6726 Northwest 16th Street, Oklahoma City.

Turner Reunion Scheduled August 10

The descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. F. Z. Turner, pioneer settlers of Mulberry Canyon, will have their reunion Sunday, August 10 at the Lions Club building in Merkel. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. A basket lunch will be served at noon.

LITTLE KNOWN FACTS THAT AFFECT US

TRAFFIC LIGHTS TO LIGHTEN TRAFFIC

If you've ever been held up annoyingly long at a traffic light when no cars are crossing the other way, you'll be pleased to learn of a new device that can put a stop to that problem.

Now, traffic lights can be made sensitive to traffic flow so that if there is little or no traffic on one street of an intersection, the green light can be made to stay on longer for the street that has the greater traffic.

In addition, traffic lights receiving information from sensors implanted in left turn lanes will be able to similarly adjust to the number of cars in the lane or even the absence of left turn lane traffic.

These improvements can save energy, reduce congestion on streets, and possibly speed traffic flow by as much as 15 percent.

The same device responsible for all that—a microprocessor made from whisker-thin parts created at Motorola—can also make it possible for police cars, fire trucks, ambulances and



other emergency vehicles to automatically trip appropriate red and green lights along their routes and so avoid not only delays but accidents.

The microprocessors do all these jobs, and many others, at about 20 percent of the cost of larger devices.

It would seem that these little machines can be going places, and be a big help when you want to go places.

PICNIC IN THE PARK



Summer speeds by too fast as it is, so pack a picnic basket, head for a nearby park and enjoy. For the romantic at heart, a moonlight picnic by the lake or pond is the perfect way to enjoy warm summer evenings. For physical fitness buffs, a bag lunch and a park bench are just the ticket after a tennis game or bicycle tour.

On the next sunny summer day, enjoy Excursion Chicken under the shade of a tree or umbrella. For other picnic recipes and menu ideas, write for a free copy of the leaflet, Picnics in the Park, Dept. PPT, P.O. Box 307, Coventry, CT 06238.

EXCURSION CHICKEN

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| 2 broiler-fryer chickens, cut in serving pieces | 2 tablespoons chopped green onion |
| 1 cup Hellmann's or Best Foods real mayonnaise | 1 teaspoon dry mustard |
| 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese | 1 teaspoon soy sauce |
| 2 tablespoons chopped parsley | 1/2 teaspoon ground pepper |
| | 1 1/2 cups fine dry bread crumbs |

Dry chicken pieces thoroughly. In a large mixing bowl stir together real mayonnaise, cheese, parsley, green onion, mustard, soy sauce and pepper. Dip chicken pieces first in mayonnaise mixture or brush on mayonnaise, then in bread crumbs. Shake off excess coating. Place chicken skin up in 2 (13 x 9 x 2-inch) baking pans. Bake in 350°F oven 1 hour or until chicken is tender and well browned. Cool. Cover and refrigerate to chill thoroughly. Take to picnic in chilled insulated bag. Yield: 4 to 8 servings.



CHUCK WAGON BAKED BEANS

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| 1/2 cup barbecue sauce | 1 lb. dried navy beans |
| 1/2 tsp. dry mustard | 1 tart apple, chopped |
| 1 tsp. chili powder | 1 small onion, chopped |
| 1/2 tsp. garlic salt | 1/4 lb. sliced salt pork |
| 1/4 cup butter | 1/2 cup strained honey |

Wash beans, cover with water and soak overnight. Cook slowly in salted water about 30 minutes, drain, saving cooking liquid. Put apple and onion in 2-quart bean pot; add half the beans and top with half salt pork. Add remaining beans. Mix honey, barbecue sauce, mustard, chili powder, garlic salt and butter with 2 1/2 cups cooking liquid; pour over beans. Top with remaining salt pork; cover. Bake in 375-degree oven 1 hour. Reduce heat to 275 and continue baking 5 hours. Add more bean liquid or hot water. During last half hour uncover. Yield: 6-8 servings.

For additional recipes write Commissioner John C. White, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Tex. 78711.



A theater's green room was the off-stage sitting room used by the actors, and gets its name from the fact that its walls were often painted green to rest the eyes exposed to bright stage lights.

SCHEDULE EVENTS
SENIOR CITIZENS
1st Monday of Month singing
2nd Tuesday Noon Covered Dish Luncheon.
Game Nights Every Thurs.
3rd & 4th Monday 4th Thurs. GAME Night Reserved for Talented Amateur.



The Consumer Alert

by John L. Hill
Attorney General

AUSTIN—Some home gardeners who hoped to save money by raising some of their own food may find that their efforts have been wasted. They could end up having to give part of their harvest or watch it go bad.

Texas Department of Agriculture spokesmen say that many Texas home canners stop searching for lids after finding that their customary source has none in stock. They urge home canners to shop around for canning equipment, since some supplies are available in such non-traditional locations as department or discount stores and specialty shops.

Try the following additional recommendations, also, to avoid problems at harvest time. Buy only as many canning lids as you will need—don't hoard. If you cannot get as many as necessary, and you have a freezer, use it to preserve your fruits and vegetables. Remember, too, that some crops, especially fruits, can be dried with excellent results. And try checking with friends and neighbors to see if they might be willing to purchase your extra produce.

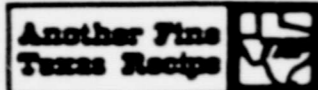
For health and safety reasons, always follow the correct procedures for canning, freezing, or drying of foods. If you are a novice gardener, your county's home economics extension agent can supply information on these methods. And if you have a consumer complaint about lack of canning equipment, contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division.

Part of the problem is the tremendous increase in the number of home gardeners. The Federal Office of Consumer Affairs estimates that 12 million new gardeners have joined the market for home canning equipment in the last two years.

Another part of the problem is that, in addition to the greatly increased number of gardeners who need lids, some home canners have been buying far more lids than they will need. Because of this hoarding for future use, the shortage has been aggravated.

Due to these real and exaggerated demands, some manufacturers have been unable to supply enough lids, although industry figures indicate that 1.6 billion lids have been produced. According to these figures, that ordinarily would be enough to supply 70 lids to each family engaged in home canning.

Without canning lids, home



MELON MELANGE

- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/3 cup orange liqueur
- Watermelon
- Cantaloup
- Honeydew

Combine and bring to boil sugar and water. Remove from heat and add liqueur. Prepare melon balls or diced melon from watermelon, cantaloup and honeydew. Just before serving, pile melon balls in large serving bowl and pour liqueur-flavored syrup over fruit. Yield: 8-10 servings.

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A new business or industry helps your town's economy by providing new jobs and by adding tax dollars for schools and hospitals and other community services.

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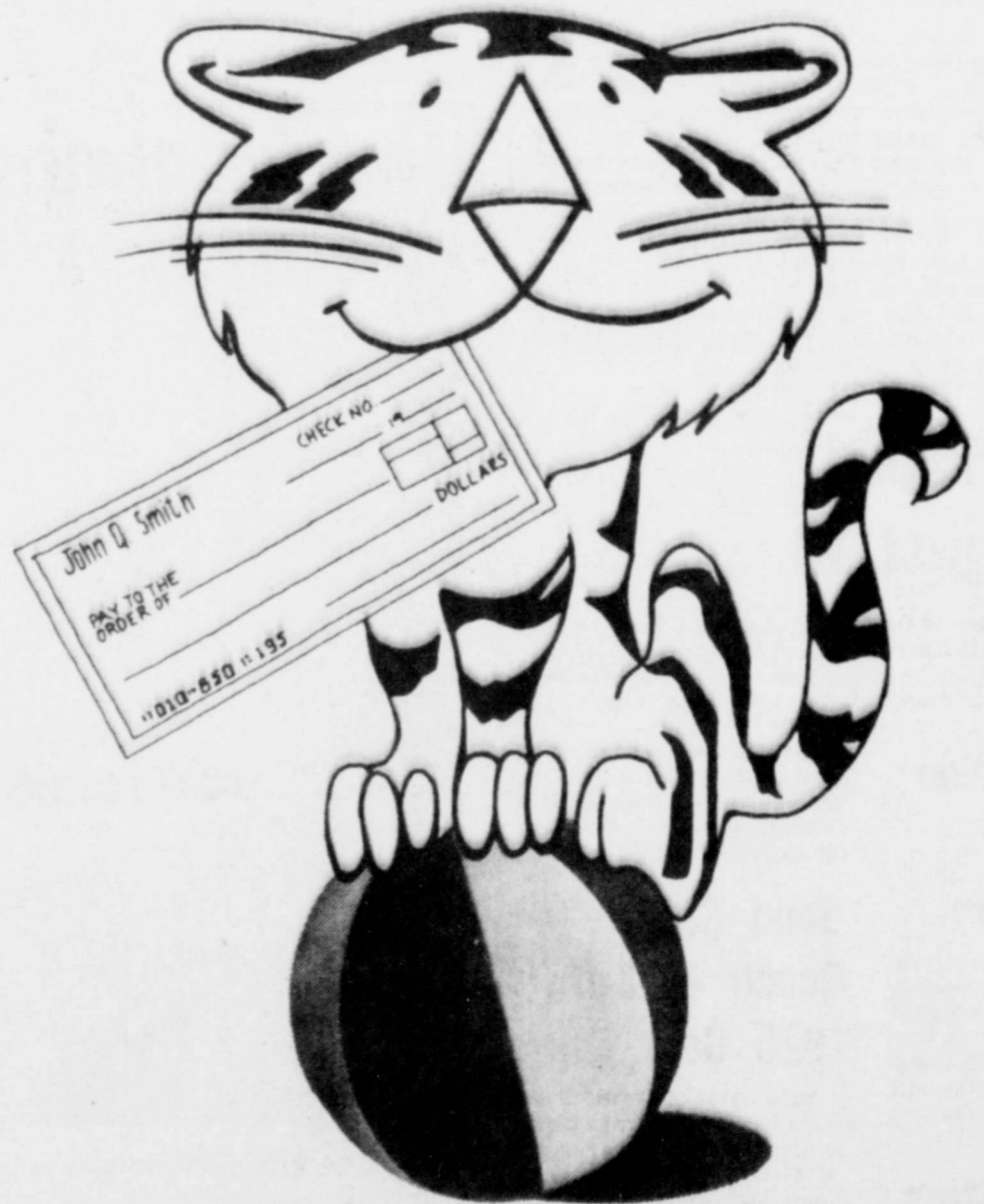
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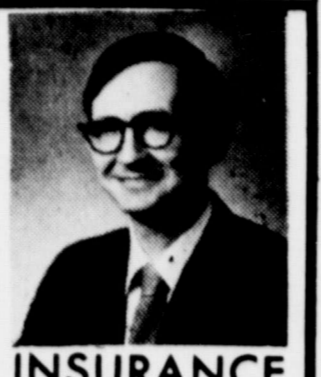
Flower-Rich Panama Inspires Gardeners

Among amateur horticulturists, probably no honor evokes more pride than getting one's flower arrangement pictured in the annual "Vision of Beauty" desk calendar of the 360,000-member National Council of State Garden Clubs. About 62 make it into the calendar each year, but only two arrangements, from among those entered by 90 garden clubs around the world, are singled out for the top U.S.A. and international honors.

The international "Flower Arranger of the Year" in the 1975 Calendar, selected from among the foreign, "affiliated" clubs, is Mrs. Carlota de Arosemena, of the Republic of Panama. The fact that she lives in a country of only 1.5 million people says something not only about her talents but of the floral wonders of her country and the consequent special appreciation Panamanians have for flowers.

In Mrs. Arosemena's prize-winning arrangement, called "Tropicana," weathered wood serves as a container reflecting the warm tones of a torch ginger, a type of heliconia. For contrast in color and form, a deep green philodendron leaf and ginger foliage accent the vibrant color of the blossoms.

The judges found that this arrangement "interprets the spirit of her homeland with forceful, dramatic material," and, indeed, Panamanians are fortunate in having much dramatic material to delight the spirit of the flower lover.



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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Jamef Walter Wilson and Robert Burton Cowley Respondents, Greeting:

you are hereby commanded to appear and answer before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas at the Courthouse in said County, in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Nancy Olivia Ehrke Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 17th day of July 1975, against James Walter Wilson and Robert Burton Cowley Respondent(s), and said suit being numbered 34,874-A on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In the interest of Edward Wayne Wilson and Robert Bradley Cowley children," the nature of which suit is a request to change name of minors.

Said Edward Wayne Wilson was born the 9th day of April, 1963, in Pecos, Texas.
Said Robert Bradley Cowley was born the 4th day of January, 1967, in Abilene, Texas.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.
Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this the 23rd day of July, 1975.
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42nd Judicial District Court in Taylor County, Texas
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TO: Huey Fourd, Defendant, Greeting:

you are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 25 day of August A. D. 1975, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 6 day of June A. D. 1975, in this cause, numbered 10,685-DR on the docket of said court and styled Martha Riley Fourd, Plaintiff, vs. Huey Fourd, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature 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.
If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.
The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 9 day of July A. D. 1975.
(SEAL) Attest: Irene Crawford Clerk
Domestic Relations Court Taylor County, Texas. By Faye Lyons, Deputy.
21-4tc

Uninsured Motorists Subject To License Suspension

Uninsured motorists involved in traffic accidents resulting in death, personal injury or property damage in excess of \$250 may be subject to suspension of their driving privileges and vehicle registrations under a revision to the Texas Safety Responsibility Law.

Colonel Wilson E. Speir, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, said the new law--which was enacted during the recent Legislative session--requires DPS to evaluate traffic accidents (meeting the above criteria of seriousness) to determine if there is a "reasonable probability of judgement" against one or more of the drivers. If such a finding is made, and if the driver or owner has no liability insurance meeting the state's minimum requirement of \$10,000/\$20,000/\$5,000, then the DPS must require the uninsured motorist believed at fault to satisfy the security provisions of the law. This may be done in one of the following ways:

--By submitting a written release signed by the other damaged parties.

--By filing an installment agreement made with the other damaged parties involved.

--By depositing security in a sufficient amount to take care of damages sustained by others and maintain proof of financial responsibility for a period of five years from the date of the accident.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF LEMUEL LEVI PERKINS, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original letters of administration on the Estate of Lemuel Levi Perkins, deceased were issued to the undersigned on the 30th day of July, 1975, in the proceeding indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that Ruth W. Perkins now holds said letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in the County below named, are hereby required to present the same to the same, Ruth W. Perkins, at the address below given. Suit upon same is barred by the general statute of limitations before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law. The residents and post office address as to the place to file said claim is:
Ruth W. Perkins
2629 South 3rd, Street
Abilene, Texas
Dated this 30th day of July, 1975.

The world's most expensive sugar bowl is probably the one on display in New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art. Made in 1786 by the Parisian master-smith Marc Etienne Janety, it's 7 inches long, 5 1/4 inches high and, except for a glass liner, made entirely of the purest, platinum.

It's rarer, harder and heavier than gold, and because of this many women prefer it for rings. They also like the fact it's so tough it resists nicks, scratches and corrosion. And platinum is so strong it's the most secure setting a diamond can have.

Texas Wild Flowers

Wine Cups (*Callirhoe species*) are aptly named because the flowers look like champagne glasses filled with a sparkling claret, but the colors also range from pure white through pink to rose.

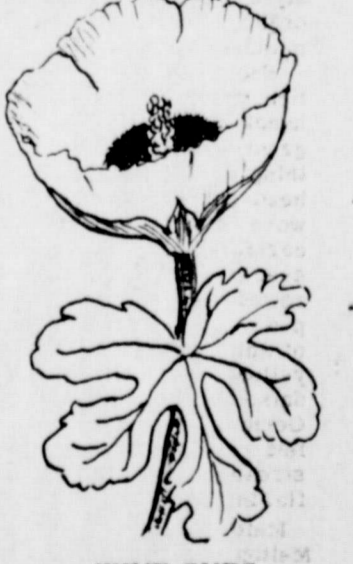
They bloom in profusion from late Spring into Summer. I have counted 43 blossoms on a single clump in mid-June. Late Summer rains can coax the flowering season on into the early days of Fall.

The flowers, with five, delicately-fringed petals, are up to two inches wide.

Wine Cups, also known as Poppymallows, are found in most parts of Texas, least of all in the Panhandle. They have many-fingered, dark green leaves and the stems often lie close to the ground. They are members of the Mallow Family, which includes the popular Hibiscus.

The root is tuberous--much like a skinny, brown turnip. The fruit is a flat disc, breaking into one-seeded segments when ripe.

Wine Cups have many delightful uses in the home garden. They can be used as a bedding plant since their leaves form an attractive mat. They are handsome



WINE CUPS
At Home Anywhere
border plants and they make spectacular hanging baskets outdoors.
They are easily grown, hardy and resistant to disease and pests.
Collect the seed when ripe and plant in mid-Fall. Some blooms can be expected the first year.
Tubers may be dug at any time, but it is best to wait until after the seed have matured. But don't tarry, because the leaves will disappear for a Winter rest and the location will be lost until next Spring.
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Miss Wharton

Is Bride Of Travis Elliott

In the First Baptist Church of Merkel, Blanche Wharton became the bride of Travis Elliott, Saturday evening, August 2. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Marshall Wharton of Merkel and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Franklin Elliott of Iraan.

The church was decorated with gold pyramid candelabra flanked with spiral candelabra. The candles were pastel blue and ferns graced the candelabra. Companion candelabra were placed near the instruments. Family pews were marked with blue ribbon. A white prayer bench formed the background for the double ring ceremony read by Rev. Clint Dunagan, Bible professor at Hardin-Simmons University.

James Steel, organist from Rising Star, played a program of love songs preceding the wedding and accompanied Stacy Blair on the piccolo trumpet and Arturo Reyes, vocalist. The processional on the trumpet was Trumpet Voluntary. Vocals were: Wedding Song prior to the wedding, I during the wedding and The Lord's Prayer at the close of the wedding. The recessional on the trumpet was Trumpet Tune.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal gown of white organza princess style with ruffled lace extending from the neck, each extending with a small satin bow above the hem. She featured long sheer sleeves with lace cuffs and a chapel train. Her long veil of illusion was attached to a Juliet style head piece covered with organza, pearls, and lace to match her dress.

The bride followed tradition by carrying a white silk handkerchief belonging to her great grandmother for something old. She had an Indian head penny in her shoe. She wore a blue garter and carried a satin and lace covered Eastern Star Bible, borrowed from her mother, topped with a cascade bouquet of white poms mixed with pink yellow and blue Margarine daises, fresh greenery and German statice around a Ja-fett orchid with white satin streamers tied in love knots flowing down from the Bible. Maid of honor was Denise Melton of Blooming Grove. Bridesmaids were Alesa Littlefield of Abilene, cousin of the bride; Mary Dell Jenkins of Hamlin; and Laura Elliott of Iraan, sister of the bridegroom. They were attired in floor-length dresses of floral dotted swiss made in princess style. Each was a different color over tafeta of the same pastel blue, pink, yellow, or green. Attendants carried nosegays of pink, yellow and blue Margarine daises, white poms, and baby's breath tied with ribbon to match the color of each dress.

Best man was Arturo Reyes of Pecos, Groomsman were Daniel Elliott of Iraan, brother of the bridegroom; Wesley Wharton of Merkel, brother of the bride; Gorman Thorp of Galveston. They were attired in black tux-

edos with shirts matching the pastel colors of the bride's attendants dresses. Boutonnieres matched their shirts. Ushers were David Wharton of Merkel, brother of the bride; Bill Pave of Yulee, Florida; and Larry Moreno of Big Spring.

The bride's mother chose a pastel blue floor length A line dress. Her corsage was white daises. The bridegroom's mother selected a floor length dress of pale green with a jacket. Her corsage was white daises.

The reception followed the ceremony and was hosted in the fellowship hall of the church. The rainbow color theme of pastel blue, pink, yellow and green was repeated at the bride's table. The bride's table was covered with white illusion over blue draped and caught up with white satin bows. The wedding cake was white decorated with the bride's colors and topped with liturgical symbol, which means marriage in Christ. Attendants bouquets served as centerpiece flanking a silver candelabra. Table appointments were in crystal and silver. Punch was pink with fresh fruit frozen in the ice ring. Members of the house-party were Celia Littlefield of Abilene, cousin of the bride; Charlotte Kelley of Sweetwater, Beverly Mawson of Merkel, Gail Reed of Merkel and Tammy Booth also of Merkel.

The bride is a graduate of Winters High School where she was an honor student. She attended Hardin-Simmons University as a speech pathology major. She will teach at Abilene State School this fall following graduation. The bridegroom graduated from Iraan High School with honors and attends Hardin-Simmons University as a Business major. He is a member of Phi Mu Alpha Synchronia, Men's Music Fraternity, Cowboy Band, University Band, French Horn Quartet and R O T C. Following graduation, he will be commissioned in the Army.

The couple will make their home in Abilene where they are both students at Hardin-Simmons University. The bride is employed at Abilene State School. Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Elliott, parents of the bridegroom, hosted the rehearsal dinner at River Oaks Cafeteria in Abilene on Friday August 1.

Mrs. Wharton and Blanche hosted a luncheon for the bride's attendants on August 2 in the Wharton home. The tables were laid with white linen cloths centered with silver candelabra. Decorations were rice bags tied with the bride's colors of pink, blue, yellow and green. Places were marked with double gold rings with the names of the bride and the bridegroom along with their wedding date. The rainbow colors were carried out in the rainbow cake served for dessert. Those present were Denise Melton, Alesa Littlefield, Mary Dell Jenkins, and

Laura Elliott, bridesmaids. Also present were Charlotte Kelley, Celia Littlefield, Beverly Mawson, Gail Reed, and Tammy Booth; members of the houseparty. Special guest was Mrs. Jimmie Elliott, mother of the bridegroom.

Ladie's Golf News The Merkel Country Club Ladies Golf Association monthly supper will be August 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Country Club.

Everyone is urged to come and bring a covered dish.

From The County Agent

A variety of insects have attacked the grain sorghum in the area. Damaging infestations of Conchuela stinkbugs, greenbugs, sorghum midge, chinch bugs and sorghum webworms have been reported.

Sorghum midge and greenbugs are presently doing the most damage. Producers should check their fields regularly especially during the bloom stage as this is the period when midge can hurt the crop.

The Taylor County Sheep and Goat Raisers Association annual meeting will be held at the Old Settlers Reunion Grounds in Buffalo Gap starting at 10:00 a.m., Friday, August 8.

Mr. T. J. Neill, president of the group, states that an educational program will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00, then a barbeque lunch will be served.

Mr. Bill Sims, president of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, will be on the program along with Mr. Robert Kensing, extension economist - management. Both men are from San Angelo. Mr. Kensing will talk on the outlook of the sheep and goat industry. Mr. Roger Blackmon, extension agent from Coleman, will talk on the production phase of the industry.

Officers of the group, including Neill, are Bobby Sayles of Tuscola, Vice-President; and H. C. Stanley of Abilene, Sec.-Treasurer.

Miss Hobbs Wed Ellison

Miss Carla Sue Hobbs became the bride of Jimmy Rae Ellison August 1, in a civil ceremony performed by Justice of the Peace Lewis Millet.

Following a wedding trip to Dallas, they will be at home at 822 Rose Street in Merkel.

Answer to Puzzle grid containing words like CROSSWORD, ANSWER, and MERKEL.



by ROBERT BOROSAGE Director of the Center for National Security Studies

After repeated scandals, the Central Intelligence Agency is finally under investigation. The President and the Congress which have so long ignored or overlooked CIA foibles are now pushing to investigate it.

The President's Commission somewhat bravely brings together all of the worst traits one could dream up for an investigation. It has only three months to investigate, its charter too limited, its membership reads like a roster from an honor roll of supporters of the CIA, and its general counsel — as if somebody is kidding us — is David Belin who served as a lawyer on the Warren Commission.

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the Kennedy assassination. The initial activities of the President's Commission have been equally suspect. Vice-President Rockefeller, its chairman, announced that the staff would probably not have time to interview agents that do domestic spying.

Yet while skepticism is clearly justified, we should not give up on the President's Commission. Some sentiment in the White House exists for the abolition of the CIA. Many people think it's gone too far. Maybe the President's Commission will be prepared to do something about it.

The Congressional Committees are harder to read because they haven't started to meet yet. Their major problem is their charter. Their charter is too broad. Both are supposed to investigate the entire intelligence community in some twelve months and that's a herculean task that would take years to complete.

Another Fine Texas Recipe

BEEF BLANQUETTE

- 1 1/2 lb. boneless beef for stew, cut in 1-inch pieces
1/2 c. flour
2 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. pepper
3 T. lard or drippings
1 bay leaf
1/2 tsp. nutmeg
12 small whole onions
1/2 c. water
1 package (16 ounces) fine noodles, cooked and well drained
3 T. melted butter or margarine
1 can (4 1/2 ounces) whole mushrooms, drained
1/2 c. sliced stuffed olives
1 c. dairy sour cream

Combine flour, salt and pepper. Dredge meat in seasoned flour. Brown in lard or drippings. Pour off drippings. Add bay leaf, nutmeg, onions and water. Cover tightly and cook slowly 2 1/2 hours or until meat is tender. Combine noodles and melted butter or margarine. Pack in a greased 1 1/2-quart ring mold. Place in a slow oven. (300°F.) 10 to 15 minutes. Discard bay leaf from beef mixture. Fold in mushrooms, olives and sour cream. Cook just until heated through. Unmold noodle ring. Garnish with parsley and fill center of ring with meat mixture. 6 servings.

For additional beef recipes, write the Texas Department of Agriculture, John C. White, Commissioner, P.O. Box 12847, Austin Tex. 78711.

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STATE CAPITAL
Highlights
AND Sidelights
 by Lyndell Williams
 TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — First state-regulated malpractice insurance rates in more than 20 years were approved by the State Insurance Board last week.

Rates cover doctors, dentists and hospital professional liability insurance rates.

The Board approved 11 company groups' filings and rejected requests from the Argonaut Group for hospital liability coverage.

Basic annual rates approved are for \$25,000/\$75,000 limits of liability. Board statisticians estimated that \$100,000/\$300,000 limits for doctors will cost about 50 per cent more and about 40 per cent more for hospitals.

Rates range from \$140 a year for a non-surgical physician in Travis County to \$1,032 for a non-surgical physician in Harris County, and from \$5,416 a year for an orthopedic surgeon in Travis County to \$8,256 for an orthopedic surgeon in Harris County.

"These rate approvals offer a responsible step toward alleviating the medical malpractice insurance crisis that was getting a foothold in Texas," State Insurance Board Chairman Joe Christite said.

Texas Hospital Association, meanwhile, announced plans to form its own insurance company to write liability coverage.

Vote Rights Studied
 State, city, county and school district acts bearing on voting rights over a two-and-a-half-year period are subject to federal scrutiny under a new federal act.

Rights Act is retroactive to November 1972 in application to all Texas election matters, according to Secretary of State Mark White Jr.

Not only will Texas elections be subject to federal supervision. Other requirements of the act include submission of all state and local government laws, ordinances, mandates and regulations affecting voting rights to the U.S. attorney general for clearance.

White views this as including all municipal annexations, alterations in voting district lines, changes in polling places, redistricting acts and changes from at-large to single-member districts or vice-versa.

Paycheck Hold Warned
 Comptroller Bob Bullock has threatened to hold up some fat state employee paychecks where private supplements are not reported in detail by sources.

For years, some paychecks (particularly those of college officials) have been supplemented from private contributions, foundations and grants.

Bullock said state law requires that these supplements be reported in detail, but many are not. After September 1, he said, he will withhold approval of paychecks in cases where the supplements are not itemized properly.

Doans To Hold Reunion August 10
 The Doan family reunion will be Sunday, August 10 at the West Texas Utilities Building at Lytle Shores. All friends and relatives of the family are invited to attend.

The Light Touch
 BY PAT CASTILLE

Memory is what enables you to tell a joke correctly, right up to the punch line.

Things were bad enough when the government was living beyond its income. Now it's living beyond everyone's.

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

C. G. Fite, has agreed to sponsor a contest between the young people of our community, and surrounding territory, to see who will get the greatest number of young people to going to Church regularly, by this we are speaking of young college students, or any high school student, between the age of 12 and 35 years of age.

You may be a member of any Church, or any denomination in this territory, within 100 miles of Breckenridge, and any town of not more than 10,000 (tenthousand) population.

The contest will run for a total of three months, (as several young people are on vacation) or during August, September, October, contest will close at midnight, October 31, 1975.

You will be on the honor system, so please be careful to keep an accurate number of young people you sign up, no two contestants may claim the name of the same person signed up to attend Church regularly.

Please remember we are after getting more young people going to our Churches, on a regular basis, that is the sole purpose of this contest, check with the pastor of your Church, for any assistance in determining who is eligible for you to sign up, come on young people, we would like to make Breckenridge, Texas an outstanding town, an example for other towns to copy after.

The prizes to be given away are as follows: first prize, will be a 30 (thirty) horse power (used) Mercury outboard motor, in good condition, second prize will be a \$100.00 (one hundred dollar) saving bond of the Type E series.

Sorry, there will be no duplicate prizes given, so in case of a tie between two contestants, a committee of three persons of good character will be appointed to determine the winner (such persons as your pastor, and two other pastors) to decide on a winner.

For any information about the motor or any thing concerning the contest, you may contact me, Carl G. Fite, 328 East Walker Street, Phone 817-559-2004, or you may stop by and talk with me, well in the yellow stucco apartments on Walker

street, just east of the Y. M. C. A. Building, known as Nix Apartments.

You may wonder why the contest? Because a panel of three doctors advised me to quit work, and take it easy, on account of my heart condition. (It is awful to get old, isn't it?) So I decided to devote my time to helping you young people, as I believe we have a few outstanding young people in this territory, now, young people it is up to you to help me prove it. We have had a few outstanding football teams in this town, and I believe we have just as good a Church going group if you get the habit of going to Church.

Thank you young people, I am sure you will come through with flying colors. Yes I believe in you wholeheartedly, we will make this an example town.

C. G. Fite

Dear Editor:

Recently Mrs. Ida Mae Strickland, secretary of school showed Mrs. H. C. Reid an old annual asking her to identify some pictures of board members. She expressed the wish to have more old annuals to preserve-place in vault. Later, giving this some thought Mrs. Reid contacted Mr. Roger A. Burgess of Austin and asked if he would donate some of his early day annuals and pictures to try to get a collection. Last week Mrs. Reid received a large assortment of group pictures of teachers, classes, ball, glee club, choral along with three old annuals. Merkel's first annual was in 1926 and that was one of them. As soon as she can get some names filled in these groups they will be turned to the school to be preserved for generations to come. Many of these groups date back as far back as the school year of 1912. Mr. Burgess was here as teacher and principal in 1913-14 and became superintendent in 1919.

Mrs. Reid is grateful for these pictures and would like to make a plea to people who have similar pictures of groups and annuals of by gone years to donate them to the school. If you have any such items and live here take them to Mrs. Reid and she will organize them and turn them to the school. If you are out of town mail them to her. If these things are not collected now many useful things may be destroyed.

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DPS Recruiting For School To Begin In Fall

Major E. K. Browning, Jr., Patrolman. Efforts to recruit Regional Commander of the Texas Department of Public Safety's 49 County West Texas Region, announced today that an intensive effort is being made to recruit men and women to a school to begin at the Department's Academy in Austin, October 28, 1975.

Major Browning said the Department has been successful in recruiting persons from minority groups to the position of

Regional Commander of the Texas Department of Public Safety's 49 County West Texas Region, announced today that an intensive effort is being made to recruit men and women to a school to begin at the Department's Academy in Austin, October 28, 1975.

Persons selected as recruits will be assigned to Austin for an 18-week training school beginning October 28, 1975, at the Homer Garrison, Jr. Law Enforcement Academy. Successful graduates will be assigned to either the Highway Patrol Service, License and Weight Service, Motor Vehicle Inspection Service, or the Driver License Service, according to the needs of the DPS and consideration of personal preference.

The salary during training will be \$768 per month. Room and board while at the Academy will be approximately \$60 per month.

When a person is commissioned as a Patrolman, his salary will increase to \$876 per month. Patrolmen also receive longevity pay after one year of service, a monthly uniform cleaning allowance and travel expenses when away from their home stations. Recruits must furnish their own uniforms which consist of khaki shirts and pants, black shoes, belt and tie. When commissioned as a Patrolman, uniforms, vehicles, weapons, ammunition and related equipment are furnished.

Group life and hospitalization are paid for the employee, and dependent coverage is available at reasonable rates. Patrolmen participate in the Employees Retirement System of Texas, as well as Social Security. Vacation, holidays and sick leave are provided.

Browning said interested men and women should contact any DPS office or Patrolman for an application. After completing the application, it should be presented to the DPS office either in Midland, Abilene, San Angelo or El Paso for the examinations.

Browning urged persons interested in attending the October 28th, school to contact the Department immediately.

Crossword Puzzle
 Answer, Page 5

- ACROSS**
- 1. Spinning toys
 - 5. Male swarabic
 - 8. Mexican coin
 - 12. Comfort
 - 13. Japanese sash
 - 14. Moham-medan prince
 - 15. Opera solo
 - 16. Crowd
 - 17. Tear
 - 18. Ribbon
 - 20. British pennies
 - 21. Milk food
 - 24. Awe
 - 25. Fruit skin
 - 26. Fewest
- DOWN**
- 2. Unaccompanied
 - 3. Ribbed fabric
 - 33. Consume
 - 34. Valley
 - 35. Cleansed in water
 - 38. Puzzle
 - 40. Those opposed
 - 41. Particle
 - 42. Heavenly
 - 43. Hebrew priest
 - 44. Daddy
 - 48. Peel
 - 49. French "good"
 - 50. Spoke falsely
 - 22. Hasten
 - 23. Printer's measures
 - 24. Roving
 - 27. Age
 - 29. Mimics
 - 30. Tatter
 - 31. Tree
 - 32. Vegetable
 - 33. British counties
 - 34. Small hollow
 - 35. Insects
 - 36. Pillars: architect
 - 37. Gaze
 - 39. Floating ice
 - 41. Recede
 - 43. Atmosphere
 - 46. Wooden pin
 - 47. Tumult

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Ordinance

An ordinance fixing and determining the general service rate to be charged for sales of natural gas to residential and commercial consumers within the city limits of Trent, Taylor County, Texas, and providing for the manner in which such rate may be changed, adjusted and amended.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TRENT:

SECTION 1. Effective with the first gas bills rendered from and after thirty (30) days from the date of final passage of this ordinance, the maximum general service rate for sales of natural gas rendered to residential and commercial consumers within the city limits of Trent by Lone Star Gas Company, a Texas corporation, its successors and assigns, is hereby fixed and determined as follows:

First	800 Cu. Ft. or Fraction Thereof	\$2,566 Gross; \$2,259 Net
Next	1,200 Cu. Ft. @ \$2,3654 Per Mcf Gross;	\$2,1289 Per Mcf Net
Next	3,000 Cu. Ft. @ \$1,8099 Per Mcf Gross;	\$1,6289 Per Mcf Net
Next	20,000 Cu. Ft. @ \$1,5321 Per Mcf Gross;	\$1,3789 Per Mcf Net
Over	25,000 Cu. Ft. @ \$1,4766 Per Mcf Gross;	\$1,3289 Per Mcf Net

No gas bill will be rendered to any residential or commercial consumer served under the above rate not consuming any gas during any monthly billing period, except that where customer's only use for gas service is in an outdoor grill and/or a fireplace starter, the amount shown for the first consumption block shall constitute a minimum monthly bill.

ADJUSTMENTS

The amount of each net monthly bill computed at the above-stated rates shall be subject to the following adjustments: Plus or minus the amount of any increase or decrease, respectively, above or below the \$1,0399 per Mcf level in the intracompany city gate charge as authorized by the Railroad Commission of the State of Texas or other regulatory body having jurisdiction for gas delivered to Lone Star Gas Company's distribution system for sale to residential and commercial consumers where such changes are caused by increases or decreases in the proportionate part of any new tax, or increased tax, or any other governmental imposition, rental, fee or charge (except state, county, city and special district ad valorem taxes and taxes on net income) levied, assessed or imposed subsequent to July 1, 1975, upon or allocable to the Company's distribution operations, by any new or amended law, ordinance or contract. Each gross monthly bill shall be adjusted proportionately. Company, at its option, may forego the application of any adjustment if such adjustment would result in an increase in the monthly bill; however, failure of Company to apply any adjustment shall not constitute a waiver of Company's right from time to time, or at any time, to make any adjustment, in whole or in part, in any subsequent current monthly bill that may be applicable to such bill.

Net rate shall apply to all bills paid within ten days from monthly billing date; gross rate shall be applied thereafter.

The above rate is applicable to each residential and commercial consumer per meter per month or for any part of a month for which gas is used at the same location.

In addition to the aforesaid rates, Company shall have the right to collect such reasonable charges as are necessary to conduct its business and to carry out its reasonable rules and regulations in effect.

SECTION 2. The rate set forth in Section 1 may be changed and amended by either the City or Company furnishing gas in the manner provided by law. Service hereunder is subject to the orders of regulatory bodies having jurisdiction, and to the Company's Rules and Regulations currently on file in the Company's office.

SECTION 3. It is hereby found and determined that the meeting at which this ordinance was passed was open to the public, as required by Texas law, and that advance public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 4th. day of August, A. D. 1975.

ATTEST:
Betty Freeman, Billy W. Hamner
Secretary Mayor
City of Trent, Texas

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TAYLOR

I, Betty Freeman, Secretary of the City of Trent, Taylor County, Texas, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Trent at a regular session held on the 4th. day of August, 1975, as it appears of record in the Minutes of said city Book IV, page 50.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID CITY, this the 4th. day of August, A. D. 1975.

Betty Freeman
Secretary
City of Trent, Texas

NEWS OF TRAVEL

ISRAEL PRIME MINISTER STRESSES TOURISM



Israel Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, seated, and Israel Minister of Tourism Moshe Kol recently spoke at a specially convened North American Conference on Israel Tourism, in New York.

The Conference, which was attended by more than 250 religious and lay leaders from throughout the United States and Canada, showed the high priority the Israel Government places on tourism from the United States as a means of fostering US-Israel understanding.

According to Israel Zuriel, Israel Commissioner for Tourism for North America, tourism is Israel's number one foreign currency earner and as such is vital to the economy.

In recent years, Israel, with such attractions as Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and the Galilee has become a major travel destination for U.S. tourists.

Classifieds Get Results

Ford Smith Jr. Family Held 1975 Reunion

The Ford Smith Jr. family reunion for 1975 was held August first through the fourth at Port Bolivar near Houston and Galveston.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Graves of Houston were hosts at their beach house at Port Bolivar. Mrs. Carl Yarbrough was elected president and Mrs. Kenneth Wood secretary for the ensuing year.

The group voted to have the reunion on the last weekend in July next year. Dr. and Mrs. Carl Yarbrough of Scottsdale, Arizona will be hosts, at their home.

The group enjoyed slides made by Mr. and Mrs. Graves on a recent trip to Hawaii.

Other diversions the groups made were boating, fishing, swimming, beach combing, visiting the Bishops Palace, going through the submarine at Galveston, the Astro dome and Astro World in Houston, and just visiting.

Attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wood Sr., Tammy and Kenneth Jr., Paula Valley, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Sylvia Jean Babler, Brownsville, Texas.

Miss Jinney Rogers, Brownsville, Texas.

B. P. Hughes, Karen Sue, Pam and Russell, Pampa, Texas.

Miss Becky Betchum, Pampa, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Smith, Shane, Todd and Kriste; Mr. and Mrs. Ronny Doan and Kyle; Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith Jr.; all of Merkel, Texas.

Mrs. Carl Yarbrough, Scottsdale, Arizona.

Mrs. Allan Rogers, Tempe, Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Glynn D. Thompson, Judy and Jerry, Houston, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Reid and Cindy, Houston, Texas.

Mrs. Robert Davis, Angie and Doug, Houston, Texas.

Billy Waltman, Houston, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Graves and Kathy, Houston,

Safety Tips For Power Mowers

Even if you're an old pro at power-mowing your lawn, you may have forgotten some of the basics of lawn mowing safety. Studies show that safety is no accident and 95 percent of all accidents are caused by carelessness. Here from the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute are simple safety tips that will cut blade accidents in power mowing.



1. Read the owner's manual carefully, often, and become familiar with your mower before using it.
 2. Start the mower engine with feet and hands well away from the blades and other rotating parts.
 3. Know your controls. Learn how to stop machine fast in an emergency.
 4. Stop the engine and disconnect spark plug before checking the discharge chute and working on the blade, or any other part.
- Remember, outdoor power equipment is not a toy and should not be treated as such. By observing these and all other safety rules, you can help assure that grass is all your power mower blades cut this summer.

Farm-facts

A Weekly Report Of Agri Business News
Compiled From Sources Of The Texas Department of Agriculture
John C. White, Commissioner

This Increase Is Bad ... Up A Point ... Screwworms Increasing ... Sheep and Lamb Feeding Down But Increases ... Just To Make It Official.

Agriculture is one of the most hazardous of all occupations, and this fact points up the necessity of constant vigilance against accidents. Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Week officially will be held July 25 to 31, but don't wait until then to practice farm and ranch safety.

It's a job that needs to be looked after every day and night of the year. In Texas in 1974, a total of 285 persons lost their lives due to farm and ranch accidents. This is a 33 per cent increase over the year before.

Accidents involving traffic were the largest cause of farm and ranch fatalities with 97. Next were tractors(34), drownings (34), firearms (24), fires and burns (21), falls (18), machinery (15), animals (13), electric current (10), and miscellaneous (19).

Now is the time to practice farm and ranch safety, not just during Farm and Ranch Safety Week, but every week throughout the year.

PARITY CROPT UP A POINT in June compared to a month ago. But looking at it from a year ago, you find parity down a point at 73. Some individual farm prices did show some increases during the month, especially hogs. But generally, farm commodities continue at below parity levels.

Cotton, for example, averages about 34 cents while parity is 77.86 cents per pound. When you are checking your price for grain sorghum this year, remember parity is \$5.11 per hundredweight.

Calf prices were up slightly this June compared to a month ago averaging around 26 to 27 cents, but parity is 67.70 cents per pound. In poultry, eggs averaged slightly more than 52 cents a dozen while parity is 76 cents a dozen. Mohair is above parity, but wool at 70 cents compares with a parity price of \$1.37 per pound.

SCREWORMS ARE INCREASING throughout many areas of the state. Officials at the fly lab at Mission request livestock producers to check their livestock regularly, treat wounds on livestock with approved screwworm-control remedies, delay surgery on livestock as long as possible, and submit suspected samples of screwworms to the fly laboratory at Mission.

SHEEP AND LAMB FEEDING as of July 1 is down 35 per cent from a month ago, but it's not quite all that bad. Feeding is up 60 per cent from June 1 levels, the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service notes.

Current intentions to market include 30,000 this month; 33,000 in August, and 12,000 in September. The August and September intentions are incomplete at this time.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT earlier, here are the acreage estimates for major commodities for Texas:

- Cotton, 4,550,000 acres, down 12 per cent from the 5,200,000 acres planted in 1974.
- Sorghum, 8,000,000 acres, up seven per cent from the 7,500,000 acres planted in 1974.
- Corn, 1,200,000 acres, an increase of 33 per cent from the 1974 acreage.
- Wheat, 5,500,000 harvested acres, a 67 per cent increase compared to 1974. Wheat production in Texas this year is estimated to be 132,000,000 bushels, the largest on record.
- Soybeans, 365,000 acres, a 33 per cent increase from 1974.
- Rice, 555,000 acres, only about 10,000 acres less than 1974.
- Peanuts, 310,000 acres, essentially the same as last year.

Beetles Go For Shorter Hair

Beetles don't take to long hair ... especially when the beetles are insects and the hairs are the kind that grow on the leaves of some wheat plants.

Plant breeders working to develop insect-resistant wheat varieties have discovered that the longer the tiny hairs are on wheat leaves, the less cereal leaf beetles like them.

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INFLATION - FIGHTING IDEAS

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Proper tire inflation, the type of tires you buy and how you take care of them can save money and fuel, advises Judi Hampton, director of consumer affairs for Mobil Oil Corporation.

She says properly inflated tires give you better mileage, greater safety, and better control. Check your owner's manual for the right pressure. Generally, tires of the same size require the same pressure.

Wear is caused by tires that are out of balance, under-inflated or inadequately rotated; by incorrect wheel alignment; by worn suspension or shock absorbers; or by brakes that grab the road.

If your tires are not wearing evenly, see your local dealer.

In recent years new types of tires have been introduced. To eliminate confusion about what type to choose, Judi provides some definitions.

The bias-ply has two or more plies or layers of fabric. Its strength varies with the fiber and number of plies—rayon, nylon or polyester—and the thickness of each strand, cord, and ply.



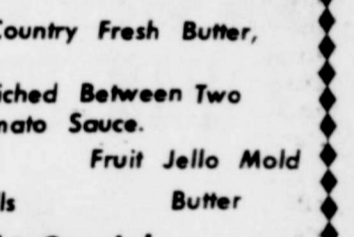
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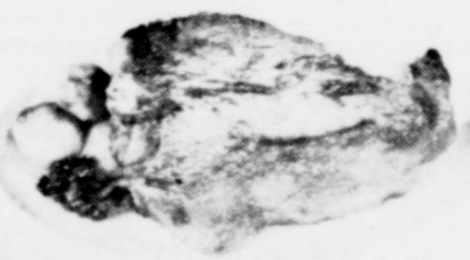
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