

Between You And Me

By SARAH ECKOLS

Several days ago I was reading the article which appeared in the Abilene Reporter-News concerning the Merkel Chamber of Commerce banquet during which Mrs. Judd McReynolds was named woman-of-the-year by the three Merkel chapters of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. Now the article stated that Mrs. McReynolds was born "in" Lake Sweetwater. I just knew that surely Mrs. McReynolds' mother did not happen to be in Lake Sweetwater when Mrs. McReynolds decided to make her entrance into this world.

Thursday Mrs. McReynolds was in the office and I called the typographical error to her attention. She laughed and told me that it really wasn't too far off. You see, the house in which Mrs. McReynolds was born stood on ground which is now covered with the waters of Lake Sweetwater. Seems the engineers rerouted the lake some years ago. The house, in fact, was not removed from the site and is emmersed in Lake Sweetwater. So, you see, Mrs. Judd McReynolds was indeed born "in" Lake Sweetwater.

"How about you Lucky 13, we're trying for you, break."
"You got the Lucky 13, go ahead."
"Where you been, you cotton picker. You got the Frauline, I haven't heard you on the channel for a while."
"I been stickin' close to the home 20, that old 18 wheeler's been in the hospital."
"10-4, good buddy, We'll say 73rds, on you and 8's around the house. We'll back 'um on down off this busy one and catch you later on the back stroke."
"10-4 there, Frauline, 3's on you and we catch you later. The Lucky 13, we're clear."
"10-4, the Frauline, I'm 10-8 and 10-10 see ya."

So goes the new language of CB'ers across the nation. It is the latest craze among truckers, pick up drivers, traveling salesman, car owners everywhere and a newspaper editor or two we know. The FCC has been swamped with license applications over the past several months and we understand it is taking some applicants three months to get their license.

The channels are swamped with "handles" such as Nutbuster, Yankee Doodle, Peter Rabbit, Tender Foot Sugar Bowl, Whiskey River, Pistol Pete, Salty Dog, High Pocket, Hustler, Bootlegger, Snakebite, Huckelberry, Double Trouble, Hank-a-junk, Candied Apple, Hip Shot, Country Girl, Midnight Lady, the currently popular-by-song Rubber Duck and yours truly, the Frauline. Some pick their handle to denote their occupation, some because of a particular song, story book character or a random item with reasons known only to the owner of the nickname. The handles are now legal to use when used in conjunction with regulation call letters.

I chose my handle "The Frauline" because of my German surname, my German car and I happen to like the song "Frauline" very much.

Currently Joe Dacy II has a weekly column in the evening Abilene Reporter-News devoted to the CB'ers. He discusses current FCC regulations, CB lingo and how to have fun with a CB and still be legal. His column, "on the side" is in the Thursday paper.

Several CB'ers in Merkel have lately shown interest in a local CB club. Being a CB'er myself, I also am interested in seeing if there is enough enthusiasm locally to organize a CB club. Others have asked if I could begin a column similar to Mr. Dacy's on FCC rules and CB language. If you are a CB enthusiast, give me a call at 928-5712 and let me know how you feel about both a column and a CB club in Merkel.

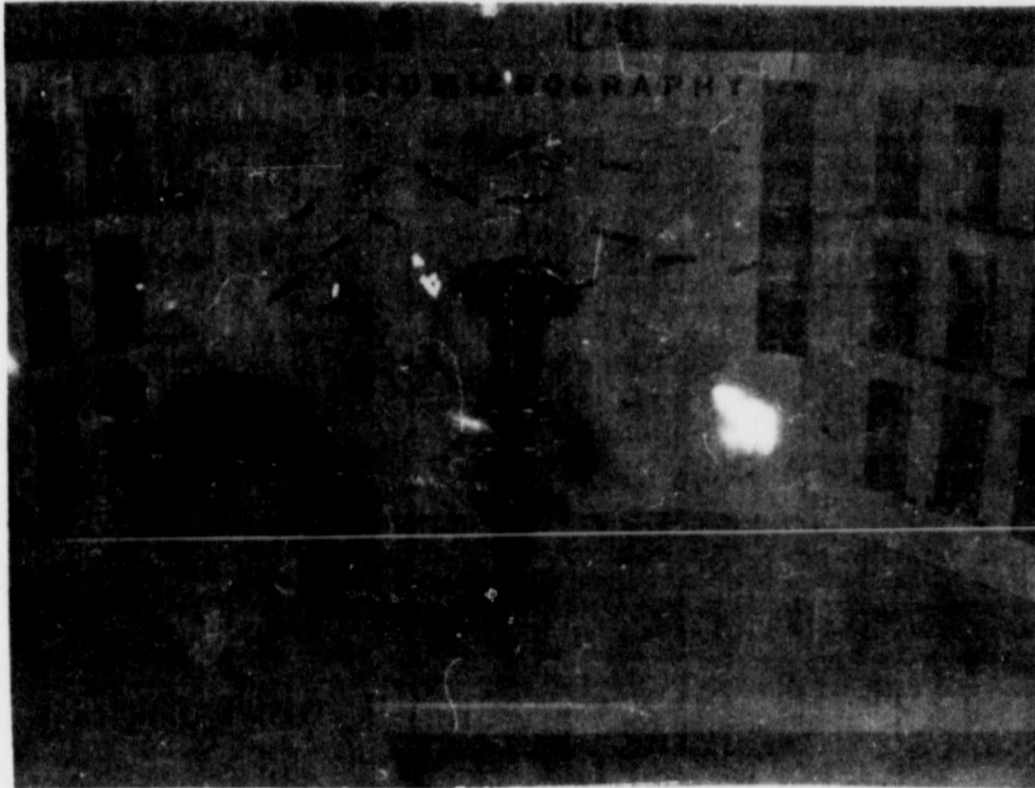
If you would like to give me a shout on the radio, break 19 or 12 for the Frauline, KPT 1174. I'll be 10-8 and 10-10, on the side and listening in.

Thanks to those of you who have shown concern that I might be cold since the loss of my coat last week. I still have not seen a trace of it. I saw my mother over the week end and she just said it was a stroke of luck and she is grateful to the thief because she always did hate the panda bear coat anyway. She didn't offer to buy me a new one, though!

Tuesday afternoon a nice lady came in to offer her condolences on the loss of my old and trusted friend, my coat. She also wanted to share with me the loss of her old and trusted friend which had been in the family some 50 years. Seems like this lady moved to Blair in 1926 taking with her a washpot good for rendering lard, boiling washing, feeding stock, and making lye among other uses. Recently the pot came up missing from the lot in which the lady had some calves which she fed from the pot. This had the lady to say, "I hope they take good care of my pot which they stole from my lot and enjoy it as much as I have. In the family for many a year, the old pot had become quite dear and will be missed like a long loved friend."

lot of love makes up for the deprivation in a small way of material things. Sometimes it is better to let the body go a little hungry for food than the heart to go very hungry for love.

Mrs. Love also emphasized that mistakes in judgement are a nightmare that a social worker must live with. Sometimes if the case worker takes a child away from his environment full of emotional security to replace that with what society feels is more important it can permanently damage the child. On the other hand, if a social worker returns an abused child to supposedly rehabilitated parents and the child is again abused or even killed, how does the case worker live with himself if he or she feels that a mistake in judgement has been made and self blame occurs.



PHOTOMICROGRAPHY BY TOWNSEND—John S. Townsend IV, 14 and an eighth grade student at Merkel Jr. High School, won honorable mention at the Region XIV Science Fair, Junior High Biological Division recently. His project, entitled Photomicrography, is on display in the hall showcase of Merkel Jr. High School. John is the son of Dr. and Mrs. John S. Townsend III. His homeroom teacher is Mrs. Judy Butler and his science teacher is Miss Anita Raymer.



INSPECTING MAIN—Robert Harris, city employee, is shown inspecting the intersection of two water mains. The intersection was made in the early morning hours Monday and the new line will provide water for the Starr Nursing Home installation of automatic sprinklers which will further improve the fire-resistance of the home. J. A. Sadler, city coordinator, informed us that the water line was installed by the city at a nominal charge to the owners of the nursing home. The intersection is located west and one block north of Taylor Electric Cooperative.

Merkel-Trent Vets To Host District Meet

The 17th. District meeting of the Veterans of World War I and their Ladies Auxiliary will meet Saturday, March 27 at the Taylor Electric Co-op Building on Hwy 80 in Merkel. The Merkel-Trent Barracks #224 and Ladies Auxiliary will host the meeting.

All veterans of World War I are invited and registration will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 10 a.m. Veterans who have never attended a meeting are extended a special invitation to this meeting.

The district meeting will be called to order at 10 a.m. by Karl Bonneaux, Merkel-Trent Barracks Commander. The meeting will be conducted by the 17th. District Commander, George Loden and District President, Myrtle Loden of Stephenville.

A welcome address will be given by B. J. Gist, Taylor Electric Co-op official. The response will be given by Bill Martin, State Department Sr. Vice Commander of the Veterans of World War I.

E. Earl Davis, State Department Commander of Fort Worth and Bill Martin, State Department Sr. Vice Commander of Brownwood are expected to attend the meeting.

Mrs. Jett Russell of Seymour, past Department President and present 10th. Region President will speak on her recent trip to the Women's National Forum in Washington, D. C. which will be of interest to the gentlemen as well as the ladies.

A memorial service for "Buddies" who have passed away during this year will be held at 11 a.m.

Lunch will be served at noon by the Ladies Auxiliary. Business meetings will resume at 1:30 p.m. and adjournment should be by 3 p.m. Karl Bonneaux is the Merkel-Trent Barracks Commander and Maggie Renfrois Ladies Auxiliary President.

Revival Services Begin March 31 At Calvary

Revival Services will begin on Wednesday evening March 31 at the Calvary Baptist Church with the associate pastor Rev. W. G. Richardson doing the preaching. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 through April 4.



REV. AND MRS. JOHN CURTIS ... to leave soon

Pastor John Curtis Resigns After 43 Years

Rev. and Mrs. John Curtis announce his resignation as pastor of the Assembly of God Church in Merkel. The resignation is effective April 4 at which time Rev. Curtis will preach his farewell sermon.

Curtis retires following pastorates of seven churches covering a period of 43 years without a week's absence from the pulpit. His term as pastor of the Merkel Assembly of God Church has been the past fourteen years and ten months.

Upon announcing his resignation, Rev. Curtis stressed that he will always have a warm spot in his heart for Merkel and will cherish the many precious memories of the church and its members as well as the entire community of Merkel.

Tri-City Baseball News

A meeting was held Monday evening at the Big Country Inn for the purpose of organizing work details to complete the baseball field. A plea was issued last week for persons interested in helping complete the field to attend. It was stressed that welders and front-end loaders and other equipment was needed.

Not a single person turned up for the 7:30 p.m. meeting according to J. C. Carson, project chairman. "Because we need to finish this program we are going to hold another meeting this Thursday night. I am hoping that the poor showing was due to the fact that Monday is a bad night for most people," Carson said.

He urged both men and women to attend the meeting this Thursday night (March 25). The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Big Country Inn.

Tri-City Miss Softball Of America Re-Organizes For '76

Attention: Mom and Dad... It is that time again. Yes, softball is just around the corner, and as usual we need your help. We believe the program was a great success last year thanks to you, but this is a new year and the success depends again upon you. We need managers and coaches for the coming season. A meeting will be held Monday March 29, 1976 at 7:30 at the Willie Shamrock Truck Stop.

Letter Declares Atkinson Eligible For Re-Election

The Merkel City Council met Monday evening for their regular bimonthly meeting. Councilmen Jimmy Atkinson, Kent Satterwhite, Pete Morgan and Derrill Farmer; Merkel Mayor, Lou David Allen; City Coordinator, J. A. Sadler and several visitors were present for the meeting.

Riding Club Plans Show

The Merkel Riding Club committee for the organization of the horse show met Wednesday evening at the Shamrock Restaurant. It was announced that the third annual open horse show will be held Saturday, April 24, at 10 a.m. at the Merkel Riding Club Arena.

The regular monthly meeting of the riding club will be Thursday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the Taylor Electric Building. Plans will be made for the parade and barbecue to be held April 3 at this meeting.

Everyone interested in joining the riding club is urged to attend.

Ladies Come In Third In Tourney

In quite an exciting domino tourney, David Pursley and Tommy Toliver took home the first place trophies as an undefeated team. Coming in second and closely tailed by the only ladies team, were Connie Mac Seymore and Freddy Toombs. Blanch Hewitt and Sherry Aldridge placed third in a field of 24 teams, 23 of them being all male. The tournament began Friday evening and concluded Saturday afternoon.

The tournament, sponsored by the Merkel High School VICA Club was deemed successful by the VICA Club sponsor, Philip Pursley. A \$20 gift certificate donated to the tournament by Taylor Telephone Company was won by Joe Higgins who returned the certificate to the club for their use.

The girls showed their stuff as they remained undefeated through most of the tournament. They even beat the second place winners in the first elimination round. Spokesmen tell us that practically the whole house was rooting for the team down to the wire.

Trent Banquet Scheduled

The Trent Future Farmers of America and Future Homemakers of America will hold their annual FFA-FHA Banquet April 1 in the Trent High School cafeteria. The banquet is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

FFA advisor, Rocky King and FHA advisor, Jere Thomas wished to extend an invitation to all honorary members of the Trent FFA and FHA.

RURAL PUMP STATION UNDER CONSTRUCTION—The 250,000 gallon tank pictured is one of three on the Merkel rural water line under construction at this time. There is a fourth tank and pump station that will supply the Trent rural area. Besides the large tank pictured and the pump house, there will also be a smaller pressure tank installed at each pump station, according to Vincent Barnett, president of the rural water organization for this area. The project is looking toward a November completion date.

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An Editorial
By SARAH ECKOLS

(EDITORS NOTE—When scanning through the scores of news releases and columns that pass through this office, one recently caught my attention. In his column of March 18, Representative Omar Burleson devoted his entire article to the telephone which is 100 years old this month. I decided to do a bit of research and do my own version of a salute to that instrument which has become such an important part of our everyday lives.)

It is hard to imagine that Alexander Graham Bell had any idea what an impact his invention which was patented in March, 1876 would have upon the entire world. It is also hard for most of us who cannot remember a time without telephones to imagine how in the world folks got along without it, even though at times it can be a vexation to the spirit.

The "Hello" we ordinarily use to answer the phone has been an addition since Mr. Bell's day. He curiously enough felt the proper telephone greeting to be "Hoy, Hoy." We who spend a great deal of time at an office answering the telephone with

such phrases as, "Good morning, The Merkel Mail, this is Sarah," tend to once in a while forget where we are and use the business line when answering the phone at home. This often confuses the caller on the other end of the line.

The telephone has become such a part of our lives, that it announces new arrivals, death, good news, bad news, sad news, happy news, introduces strangers, conducts immeasurable business, brings people close together despite thousands of miles and often barriers such as oceans and national borders. Many love affairs would not survive, I'm sure were it not for Mr. Bell's invention. Can you imagine the loneliness of a Christmas, birthday, anniversary or other special day without the marvelous communication with distant loved ones provided by the telephone.

Of course the telephone can be a real annoyance too; like when it rings at 4 a.m. and the voice on the other end of the line declares that a wrong number has been reached. Mothers of small children have devised all sorts of tricks for quietening the bell of Bell's invention during the toddler's naptime.

I know young mothers who put the receiver in the refrigerator or a drawer to keep out the sound of the loud voice asking that you "please hang up now." Long ago, when I lived in Alamogordo, I learned that if I did not want to be interrupted during my favorite TV program or nap, I could simply dial my own number, hang up and let the phone ring once and then pick the receiver up to find a line free of noise and the circuit leading into my line blocked from being called. When I was once again ready for outside communication, I just hung up my receiver and the line was again free. I simply cannot let a phone ring and not answer it. I am curious for the rest of the day wondering who called. But if I don't hear a ring, I stifle my curiosity that anyone called.

A nuisance at times, yes, but I am so thankful to Mr. Bell for that marvelous instrument that saves me countless time and miles through a tiny wire that can instantaneously connect me to practically any part of the world.

"Love is half the feast."
Welsh proverb

Nolan 4-H Sponsoring Playday

The Nolan County 4-H Horse Club is sponsoring an Open Playday at the Nolan County Coliseum in Sweetwater on Saturday, March 27th, with registration at 1:00 p.m. and the Playday to begin at 2:00 p.m. This is open to everyone that wishes to enter. The age groups will be 12 and under, 13 thru 15, 16 thru 19 and 20 and over. Age is of day of show. There will be trophies given 1st. thru 5th. place in each

Visitors

Mrs. Eva Denton spent last week in Birmingham, Alabama visiting with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Manley Denton and children. They visited Bellingratt Gardens near Moulie, Alabama and then went to Walton Beach, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. George Peachey and Susan and Mrs. Ora Griggs were in Ponchartroula, Louisiana this past week for the funeral services of Miles Griggs, 51. Mr. Griggs is the son of Mrs. Ora Griggs and the brother of Mrs. Peachey. They returned to Merkel Friday.

NOTICE

It was announced that the regular monthly dinner will be held at the Merkel Presbyterian Church March 28 following the Sunday morning services.

Cards Of Thanks

THANK YOU SO MUCH for the beautiful cards, visits, and prayers during my recent illness. May God bless you all.
Ralph Miller
5-1tp

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK my many friends for their kindness and thoughtfulness in helping me celebrate my 90th birthday with cards, gifts, the money tree and the party Sunday afternoon.
Mrs. Gertrude C. Tree
5-1tp



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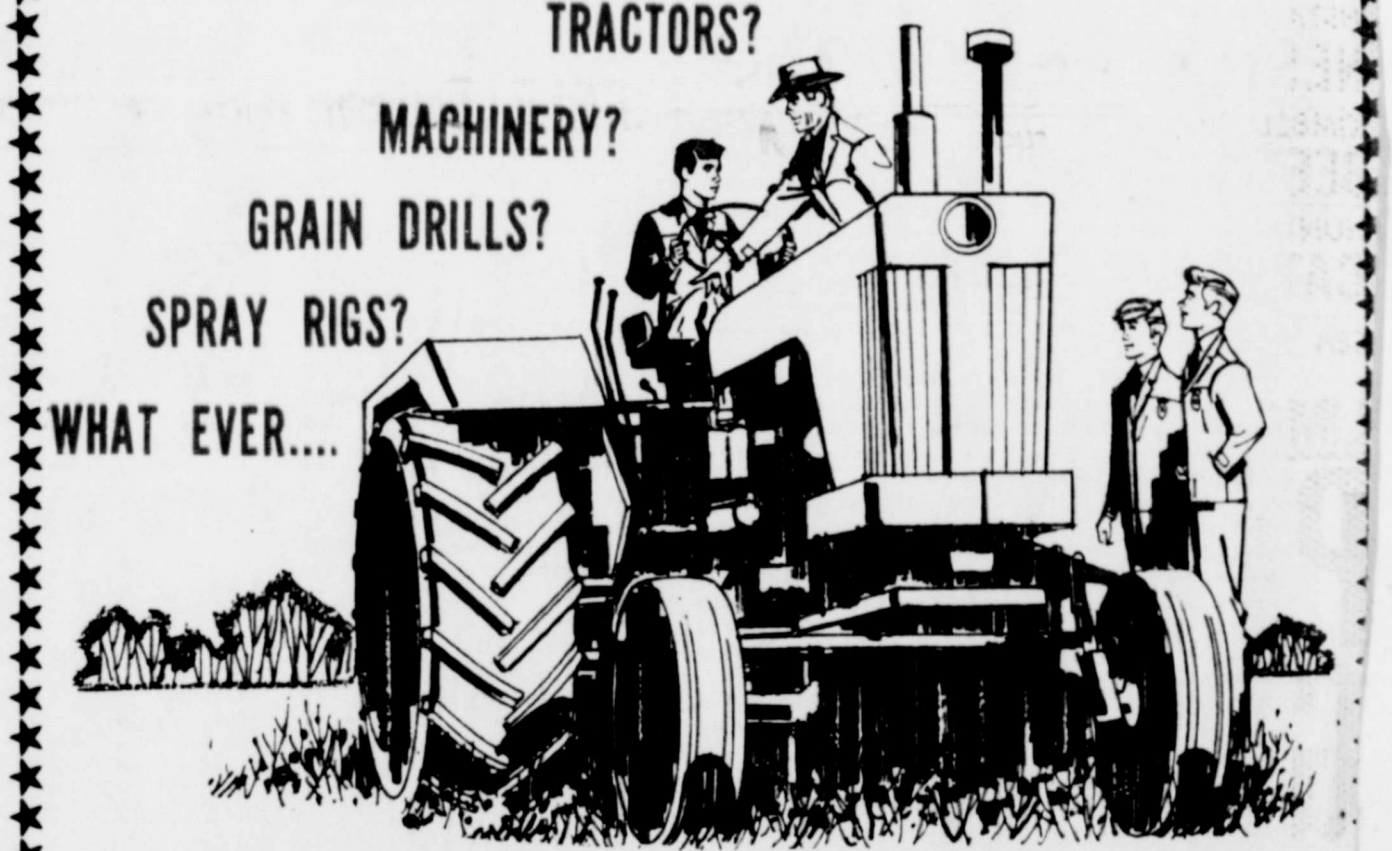
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Xi Nu Chi News

Xi Nu Chi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Thursday for a joint meeting with the other chapters in the Methodist Fellowship Hall.

Alpha Nu Nu hosted the meeting with members and guest present from Xi Nu Chi and Lambda Beta.

A short business meeting was conducted with election of officers for 1976-77, president-Louise DuBose, vice-president, Connie Harris, recording secretary-Opal Garner, treasurer-Elizabeth Eager, corresponding secretary-Kathy Leverich, extension officer-Val Patterson, city council representative-Connie Ybarra, Charlotte Starbuck and Opal Garner as alternates.

Guest speaker was Miss Beula Love with the Taylor County Child Welfare in Abilene. Miss Love talked about care and handling cases of Abuse children.

Refreshments were served after the meeting, to the following members from Xi Nu Chi: Mmes. John Brady, Robert Harris, Juan Ybarra, Bobby DuBose, George Starbuck, Charles Eager, Bob Garner and Mamie Steek.

Card Of Thanks

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK Lambda Beta, Alpha Nu Nu, Xi Nu Chi (Chapters of Beta Sigma Phi), and everyone in Merkel for the honor that was bestowed upon me in being named "Woman of the Year." It was a very, very nice surprise and an occasion that will not be forgotten.

Judd and Ellen McReynolds
5-1tc

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5-1tp

FOR SALE - 1969 Yamaha 100, Trail and street, \$175.00 at Merkel Fina Station, 928-5341.
5-1tp

Help Wanted

HOMEWORKERS NEEDED in this area to lace leather goods at home. Earn \$150 per week. No experience necessary. Send \$1.00 (refundable) and long stamped envelope to: Cumberland Leather Craft, 1516 Magic View Dr., Kingsport, TN, 37660.
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46-tfc

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5-2tp

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4-4tp

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WANTED - HAY of any kind, rotted or otherwise. Call 928-4932 or 928-5017.
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2-4tp

BABYSITTING WANTED - Call Patsy O'Kelly at 862-2052 or Mrs. John Constable at 928-5471. Dorothy Gregory will be doing the sitting. (Any Age)
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NEED NURSES AID 2 to 10 shift, immediately. Need activity director in a.m. beginning April 1st. Apply in person.
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Garage Sale

GARAGE SALE - Thursday and Friday 9 till 5 only, 1518 Heath.
5-1tp

GARAGE SALE: Lots of childrens clothes and miscellaneous. Some clothes and shoes good enough for Easter. Starts 10:00 Thursday. Mrs. John Brady, 1820 South 5th.
5-1tp

YARD SALE Saturday and Sunday. Dresser, beds, tables, and misc. 403 Lamar Street.
5-1tp

3 FAMILY YARD SALE - Clothes, play pen, almost new baby walker, table and chairs and misc. All day Saturday. Betty Vinson, Bettis Heights.
5-1tp

HELP WANTED - Dishwasher at Shamrock Cafe, \$2.30 an hour. Fred Crenshaw 928-6768.
46-tfc

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Separate Insurance Coverage Now Required For CB's

"Breaker, breaker one-nine, Fig pen, this here's the Rubber Duck. . . Come on."
So go the lyrics from a popular record which glorifies one of America's newest fads--citizens band (CB) radios.
No where is the fad more popular than in Texas where an estimated 206,000 CB operators chatter away on the 23 channels authorized by the Federal Communications Commission for citizen broadcasts.

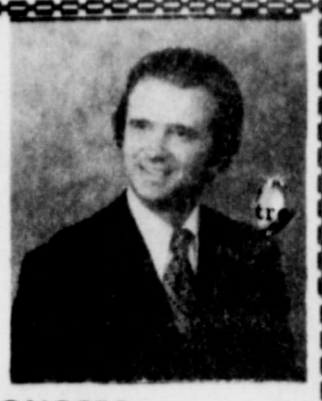
As the popularity of the CB radio has increased, there has been a corresponding increase in theft of CB equipment.
During 1975, more than half a million dollars worth of CB radios were stolen in Dallas alone, and during one seven month period there were 1,638 reported CB thefts.
Houston law enforcement officials say they average 20 to 30 reports of stolen CBs each day. In Corpus Christi, the number of reports of CB thefts jumped dramatically when a local car dealer started advertising that he would give away free CB radios with the purchase of a new car.

Apparently no one is exempt. A Fort Worth Assistant District Attorney had his CB radio stolen, as did the mayor pro tem of San Antonio, Secretary of State Mark White, and Texas Insurance Commissioner Joe Hawkins.
The problem became so severe late last year that the State Board of Insurance excluded CB radios from the standard comprehensive coverage portion of an automobile policy. (This exclusion also applies to two-way mobile radios or telephones, including accessories, equipment and antennas.)
If CBs had been left under that coverage, "there is no telling what it would have done to comprehensive rates," a board official recently told members of the Texas House Insurance Committee. "We may have saved a major comprehensive rate increase," he said.

While some CB owners object to having to pay additional premiums, insurance industry representatives say it is not right for the non-CB owner to face higher rates because of the CB boom.
The new ruling, which applies only to policies sold after January 1, means that unless the vehicle owner purchases coverage specifically for his CB, it will not be protected on his insurance policy.
Equipment valued up to \$750 may be insured for \$17 per year. For \$751-\$1,500 in coverage, it would cost \$27. For equipment worth more than \$1,500, it is \$53. Rates are set by the State Board of Insurance, which will review them periodically when there is additional statistical evidence.
These coverages may also be purchased under a different line of insurance, though the rates are generally higher.

Portable units that are moved from one car to another can be insured by a separate policy. Even if the radio is not insured, any damage done directly to an automobile by a thief comes under the standard comprehensive coverage of the policy.
A "hit" by a thief takes less time than it took for the owner of the CB to make the first payment. Typically, a thief goes to a large public function such as a basketball game looking for cars in the parking lot which sport a CB antenna.
It might take two and a half minutes to open a locked car. Once in the car, the thief uses a bolt cutter and screw driver to remove the unit. At home the serial number, which is often pasted on, will be removed and the unit sold to a "fence."
The Texas Automobile Insurance Service Office says there are several ways to protect your property.
-First, record the serial number and date and place of purchase of CB equipment and keep the information with other valuables.
-Second, use an electric engraving tool or any sharp object to inscribe some identifying mark (such as a social security or driver's license number) on the back of the radio. Also, scratch your initials in some secret corner of the unit. The only way the police can return a stolen unit to you is if you are able to identify it properly.
-Third, if you park your car in a public place, remove the antenna and unit (if possible) and lock them in the trunk or take them with you.
-Fourth, buy CB equipment only from a franchised or reputable dealer. If it can be proven that you knew a unit was stolen when you bought it, you can be convicted as an accessory to the crime.

Doctor Rongers' Column



By EDWARD W. RONGERS
CHIROPRACTOR

WHAT YOUR BLOOD TELLS ABOUT YOU

Blood tests can indicate that a disease is at work in your body. In some cases the test can pinpoint the exact trouble, while in others it can narrow the field of possibilities.
Your blood is made up of many components that can be tested and the results can reveal to your doctor all that is going on inside your body. Your blood consists of two major types of cells: red cells called erythrocytes and white cells called leukocytes. These red and white cells are carried throughout your blood vessels in a clear, slightly yellow fluid called plasma which makes up about half of the blood's volume.
Plasma, in addition to carrying red and white blood cells, also serves as the transport medium for many other ingredients found in the blood which can be tested to give information to help confirm a diagnosis concerning your health.
Some of the components, other than red and white blood cells, found in the plasma are the hormones secreted by the endocrine glands; nutrients, such as carbohydrates, fats, protein, vitamins and minerals from digested foods; platelets, which are responsible for the clotting process; enzymes, which are specific factors needed for the chemical reactions of the body to occur so that we can have life and energy; inorganic salts, such as sodium and potassium needed for the body's electrical conductivity and also needed to maintain the balance of body fluids.
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Two-Dollar Bill Issue Not An April Fool

In April the \$2 bill will once again appear on the American currency list and it won't be April fool. The two dollar note is returning after a 10-year absence and will commemorate Thomas Jefferson's birthday in conjunction with the bicentennial.
The bill will feature Jefferson on the face just as all \$2 notes have since 1918. However, the back is completely new showing a vignette based on Trumbull's famous post-revolutionary War painting, "The Signing of the Declaration of Independence," which captures a bicentennial theme and also gives honor to its author, Jefferson.
The new bill will remain a permanent addition to the U. S. currency in circulation. Its issue was announced last November by Treasury Secretary, William Simon.
About 225 million \$2 notes will be available on April 13 in contrast to the 6 million that were in circulation when they were withdrawn from circulation in 1966. About 400 million notes--the projected average annual production--will be in circulation by July 4 of this year.
The circulation of the new \$2 note is expected to reduce the huge volume of one dollar bills currently in circulation and should produce savings of about \$30 million to the Treasury Department and the Federal Reserve System over the next five years.

Two dollar bills were originally issued in 1776 when the Continental Congress issued two-dollar "bills of credit for the defense of America." They were officially designated a part of the nation's currency by an act of Congress during the Civil War.
-Rate of Flow. The length of time it takes for a drop of blood to travel from the heart to the feet is measured. A normal time is 8-10 minutes. A longer time indicates atherosclerosis.
-Clotting Time. Samples of blood are placed in small test tubes and tilted at intervals until the blood no longer flows. The normal clotting time is 2-8 minutes.
-Sedimentation Rate. This test measures the time it takes red cells to settle out of a sample of blood; the faster they settle the more serious the injury.
-Glucose (blood sugar). High level could indicate diabetes.
-Uric Acid. High level could indicate kidney disorder.
-Bilirubin. High level could indicate liver disease.
-BUN (blood urea nitrogen). BUN is an end product of protein metabolism found in the urine. Above normal levels in the blood indicate a number of kidney disorders.
-Phosphatase. High levels of this enzyme indicate cancer of the prostate.
-SGOT (serum glutamic oxaloacetic transaminase). This enzyme is found in heart, liver and muscle tissue. When these organs are damaged, SGOT escapes into the blood. Thus a SGOT test can help confirm a diagnosis of a heart attack.
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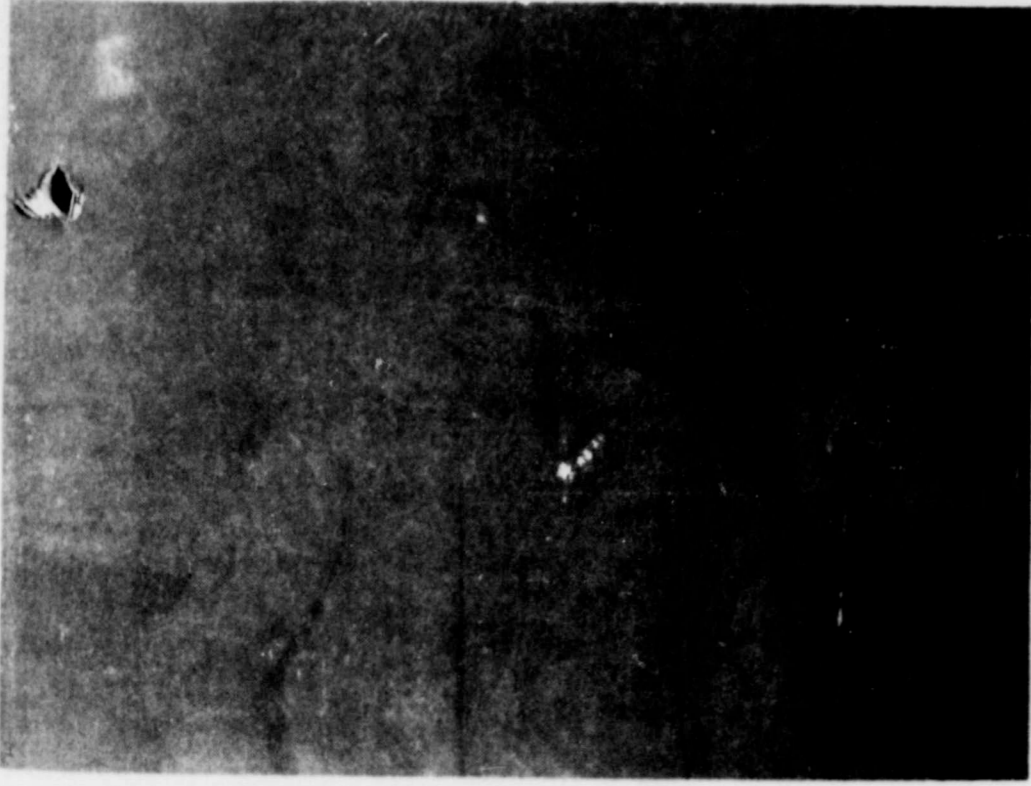
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MRS. GERTRUDE OGLETREE CELEBRATES 90th BIRTHDAY—Mrs. Ogletree was honored on her birthday by friends and relatives who hosted a celebration Sunday, March 21 at Starr Nursing Home. Mrs. Ogletree turned 90 March 22. She was born in Fannon County in 1886 and moved to Trent in 1907. She was married to the late Henry Ogletree and they had one son, Smithy, of Monahans. Mrs. Ogletree has four grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Her sisters are Mrs. H. C. Hamner of Trent, Mrs. Sylvia Quattlebaum of Trent and Mrs. S. H. Rossom of Idalou. Her brother, E. W. Smith lives in Hale Center.

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Davis Promoted To Sergeant

Promoted to sergeant in the U. S. Air Force is Donald R. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton M. Davis of Tye, Texas. Sergeant Davis is assigned at Dyess AFB, Texas, as an aircraft maintenance specialist. He is a member of the Strategic Air Command. The sergeant is a 1973 graduate of Merkel High School. His wife, Patricia, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brazell of Tye.

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Cindy Boone-2nd.
Lisa Hart-5th.
Gayle Reed-6th.

TRIPLE JUMP
Carla Gardner-3rd.
Cindy Smith-4th.
Vickie Hegwood-6th.

HIGH JUMP
Cindy Boone-3rd.
Gina Farmer-4th.

At Santa Anna March 5th, Cindy Boone knocked the bar off at 5 feet and Gina Farmer went out at 4' 10".
Magee, Roeder, McLeod.

Miss Mattingly Engaged

Mrs. Jean Mattingly announces the engagement of her daughter, Ratha Gayle, to Steven Wayne Parker, Parker is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Parker. The bride elect's father is the late A. E. Mattingly. She will be a senior at Merkel High School and the prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Cooper High School in Abilene. He is currently employed as a technician at Anderson Almax T. V. Service. A June 5 wedding is planned to be held in the Tye Baptist Church in Tye.

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CJC To Hold Spring Homecoming

Cisco Junior College in Cisco will this year hold its annual Homecoming on Saturday, April 24, according to an announcement by the CJC Ex-Students Association.

The spring date is the first time in anyone's recollection that the Cisco college

has held Homecoming any time other than during football season, a college spokesman said.

The special day for ex-students will be held in conjunction with a community-wide celebration that will be in progress in Cisco—the Cisco Frontier Jubilee combined with the college's tra-

ditional Ranch Week activities.

April 24 will culminate an entire week of frontier-type activity in the Eastland County town, and the college's homecoming will play a major role in the Saturday activities.

Among the scheduled events for Homecoming are: a 10:00 a.m. parade; afternoon receptions, open house, class reunions, and a business meeting; and a barbecue, musical revue, and Exes Ball during the evening hours.

During the musical revue, the Ex-Students Association will pay special tribute to Dr. Bevington Reed, who has been selected as the CJC Outstanding Alumnus of the Year. Dr. Reed is the immediate past Commissioner of Higher Education for the State of Texas, and an ex-student of Randolph College in Cisco, which became Cisco Junior College following World War II.

Mrs. Betty Hogan, Executive Secretary of the CJC Ex-Students Association, has invited the college's alumni from "anywhere and everywhere" to attend the homecoming on April 24. More details may be obtained by writing to her at CJC, Cisco, Texas 76437.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,
I've been a member of this community for a little over a year. In this short span of time I've noticed a tremendous growth in business as well as investments. Being an ex-businessman, I still receive a thrill watching a com-

NOTICE

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Lou David Allen
Mayor



Some people believe that if the first robin you see in the spring flies up, you will have good luck for the rest of the year. But if it flies down, you won't!

munity the size of Merkel achieve success in this highly competitive world. Prices in Merkel are far below average except in certain areas which are used as "drawing cards" in nearby Abilene. What people do not recognize is that Abilene, due to high taxes, high overhead, and higher wages, require a higher gross mark-up in merchandise to compensate. In fact, their loss in certain areas are more than compensated by the massive volume of high profit items.

The many people I have chance to talk with are all very pleased with Merkel's new face, yet they continue to trade in Abilene. What they fail to realize is that Merkel's present trend cannot continue unless we show appreciation for their efforts.

I am not saying that I shop totally in Merkel, but I am saying that I shop for the best prices. Consequently, most of my purchases come from local merchants.

Low prices not to mention personal concern make me proud to call Merkel my home. I pray to God I never take for granted these fine people the way my friends have done.

Thank you Merkel from the bottom of my heart.

P.S.
I am not signing this letter because I am afraid it might make one of my friends madder at me than she already is. But if she would shut her mouth long enough to open her eyes she could see for herself!

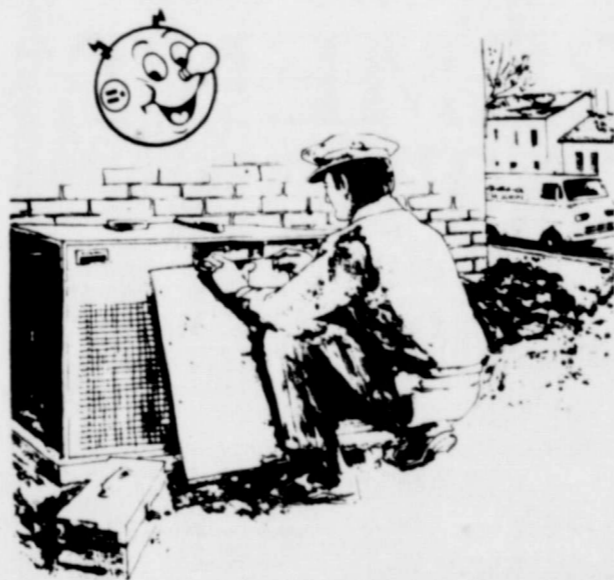
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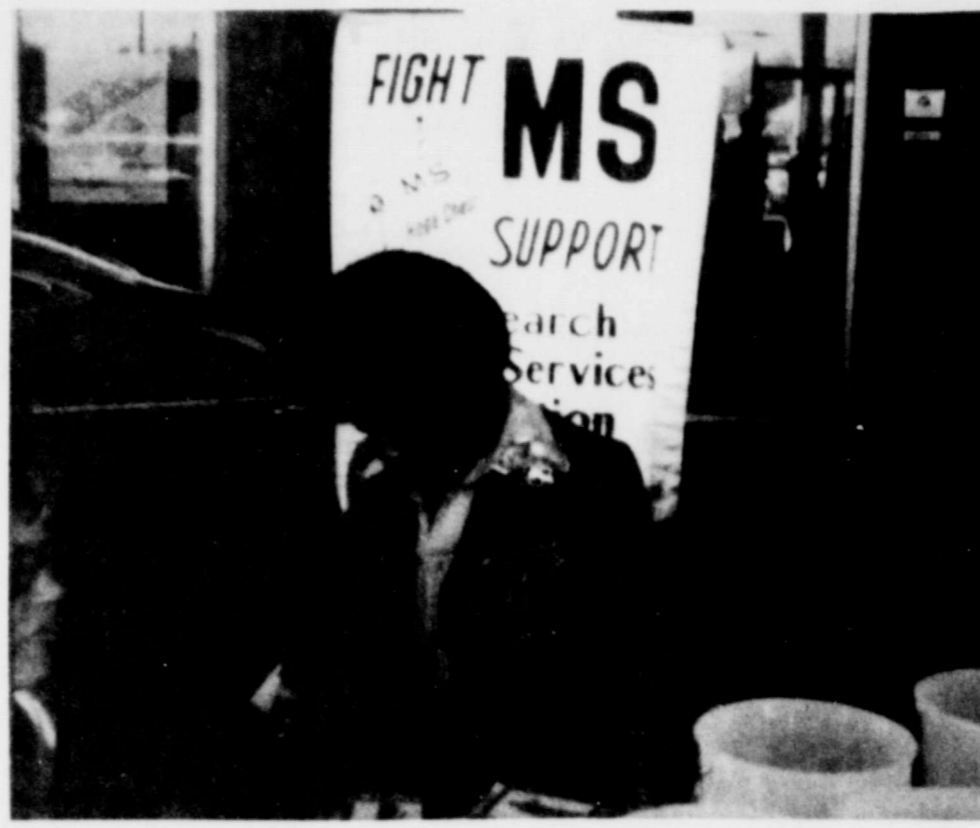
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PEARSON AND COMPANY-Drew Pearson, (left), #88 and wide receiver for the Dallas Cowboys was in Abilene last week to raise funds for MS medical research. Pearson is shown with Mrs. Karen Harris, Merkel Fund raising chairwoman and Theron Jenkins, Heart of Texas chapter president and an officer at Citizens National Bank.



SIGNING FOR MS-Drew Pearson, #88 and wide receiver for the Dallas Cowboys is shown as he signs scores of autographs during the two hours he spent at Fred Hughes Buick last week in a fund raising venture for MS.

Local MS Chairwoman Meets Cowboy Wide Receiver

Among the committee members of the Heart of Texas Chapter for Multiple Sclerosis on hand at Abilene

Airport to meet Dallas Cowboy wide receiver #88, Drew Pearson, was Karen Harris, Merkel Fund Raising Chair-

The gridiron star was also the guest of honor at the luncheon hosted by the MS chapter at the Westwood Club in Abilene.

The native west Texan was in Abilene Wednesday signing autographs at Fred Hughes Buick raising funds for MS. "A very personable and nice guy," was the description Mrs. Harris, herself a victim of MS, gave of Pearson who signed some 100 plus

autographs and distributed information about MS during his two hour stay at Fred Hughes Buick.

Mrs. Harris noted that the fund drive locally was very successful and expressed her thanks for the support of the community and the businessmen.

The Heart of Texas Chapter will host a dance at the Abilene Civic Center tonight at 8 p.m. Shade Tree will provide the music and the admission which will go to the MS fund will be \$5 per person.

Multiple Sclerosis is a neurological disease which afflicts the central nervous system distorting nerve impulses which control such functions as walking, talking, seeing, etc. It is neither a mental disease nor is it contagious. It is unpredictable. It is currently estimated that 500,000 Americans suffer from MS.

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POULTRY & EGGS —

Broiler-fryers . . . adequate. Record Feb. production about 7% more than a year earlier and 5% above latest 3-year average.

Turkey . . . adequate. New crop marketings in Feb. some 30% ahead of Feb. 1975, and nearly one-fourth more than the 1973-75 average. Feb. 1 cold storage holdings about

30% less than a year earlier and about 20% under the '73-75 average. This means that total Feb. turkey supplies will be down about one-fifth from a year earlier.

Eggs . . . adequate. Feb. output slightly above a year earlier and a shade less than the 1973-75 monthly average.

MILK & DAIRY PRODUCTS —

Milk and dairy products . . . adequate. Dec. milk production rose 2.1% from a year earlier and was 1.2% above the 1972-74 monthly average. While production should continue to increase seasonally, continued strong demand for cheese and ice cream could make less milk available for butter and nonfat dry milk in comparison with Feb. 1975 output.

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DALIEN ROYSDEN RUNS FOR CITY COUNCIL



DALIEN ROYSDEN, resident of Merkel since January 1975, has filed and is running for a seat on the City Council. Mrs. Roysden was employed by the 1st. Wichita National Bank of Wichita Falls, Texas, for 5 years and has experience in banking procedures and public service.

Mrs. Roysden is now a housewife and mother who is concerned about the future of her family and all residents of Merkel.

Mrs. Roysden's platform centers around:

1. Proper distribution of city funds for the best results to the citizens of Merkel.
2. Encouraging citizens to attend City Council meetings and become involved in the city government.
3. Improving city services, such as garbage collection and water service.
4. Increasing city revenue without great costs to the citizens.
5. Encouraging new business and entertainment in Merkel—such as bowling alleys, restaurants, and discount stores.
6. Improving the police force to be run more efficiently and possibly more economically.

"The present financial and developmental conditions in Merkel cannot be corrected overnight. Improvements will have to be made intelligently and as the city revenue permits. But they can be made and have to start with YOU, as interested citizens, concerned about your future in Merkel and the prosperity and growth of the city itself. You can begin by going to the polls on April 3. Your vote will be greatly appreciated and will be a vote toward better city government in Merkel."

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Protect Your Child Against Poison

One million potential poisonings a year of children up to five — that's the estimated number of accidental childhood ingestions of poisonous substances which occurred in 1973. This year, March 21-27 is National Poison Prevention Week.

The goal of Poison Prevention Week is to reduce the tragic toll of injuries and deaths, particularly those affecting small children. The theme, "Children act fast, so do poisonings" is appropriate. It tells us that the responsibility for poison prevention rests with the parents, guardians, and supervisors of children.

We have help. The use of child resistance packaging for drugs and some household products is one of the important factors in reducing the number of children being exposed to harmful substances.

There are important precautionary measures which should be taken in every household to prevent many more of these unfortunate poisonings.

The first measure is the most obvious and perhaps the most often overlooked — all hazardous household substances should be stored out of sight and reach of children. They should be locked up

when not in use. Never take medicine in front of children. Never call medicine candy, and always call it by its proper name in front of children. Never take or give medicines without having the light on and properly reading the label of the container.

Store internal medicines separately from household products so that you don't confuse them. Dispose of medicines after the illness for which they are prescribed is over. If you are using a hazardous household substance and a child is nearby, make sure that you take the substance out of child's reach if you must leave the room for any reason such as answering the telephone or door. Remember — children are very curious.

One of the problems in many households with children, is that we become lazy in putting away drugs or hazardous household substances. This kind of laziness can result in the loss of a child's life or serious injury. It is a heavy price to pay for expedience. Remember, "Children Act Fast, So Do Poisons". Make your home safe for your children during National Poison Prevention Week — and keep it that way.

Words on Water



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D-DAYS FOR CLEAN WATER

For municipalities and industries around the country, three upcoming years are "biggies" in the field of wastewater treatment compliance: 1977, 1983 and 1985. Not only do treatment plants have to meet the standards of their respective states, but also national goals of the federal pollution control agency as required by the 1972 amendments to the federal law.

July 1, 1977 is the first future deadline. By this date municipalities must be providing secondary treatment of wastes before discharging them and industries must be providing the "most practical method" available to treat their wastes.

With only a few exceptions, Texas should be able to meet this goal with little trouble. As far back as the 1930's secondary treatment

of wastewater has been required in Texas and industries in Texas have been exemplary in initiating cleanup campaigns for their discharges.

Two long-range goals also required by the federal law are July 1, 1983 and 1985.

By 1983 the "best available technology economically achievable" for treating wastewater should be practiced by both municipalities and industries. And then by 1985 the federal law states "it is the goal that the discharge of pollutants into the navigable waters be eliminated."

Guidelines for the 1983 deadline have been laid out, but for the 1985 goal, the definition of "pollutants" has not been outlined.

As is the case in almost any project, there are many "ifs" which must be answered before the mission can be accomplished. In this

instance, money is the deciding factor.

Presently most municipalities have adequate facilities for secondary treatment, but many have applied for federal grants to improve existing facilities or for new construction.

For these cities the money available in the grant program will be the deciding factor as to whether they can or can't meet the federal guidelines.

The monies now being administered are the \$9 billion which was impounded by the last federal administration and then released in fiscal 1975. Of these funds, Texas' chunk was \$175 million, now being used to complete grant projects already under construction, and new starts.

Some people believe that losing a bunch of keys is fatal.

Bells To Toll Nationwide For 200th Anniversary

A simultaneous, nationwide ringing of bells on July 4th, will herald the country's entrance into its third century.

Communities, churches, schools, fire departments, universities and individuals will toll bells and carillons in conjunction with the ringing of the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia at 2:00 p.m. (EDT). The time selected is exactly 200 years from the precise moment that the Liberty Bell proclaimed the independence of the new nation.

John W. Warner, Administrator of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (ARBA), announced the nationwide bell ringing program after consultations with community, state and regional Bicentennial officials at a special Bicentennial Weekend planning meeting held in Denver, Colorado.

"There is great interest across the land in a symbolic

national effort to commemorate our 200th anniversary and many communities have already begun planning bell-ringing ceremonies as part of their Bicentennial activities," he said.

"Now, we are asking all Americans to join together on this historic occasion, and let the sound of every bell in the country ring out to declare our freedoms and signify our unity."

He added that he hopes that Americans living and working abroad will join in the salute. The bell-ringing will go on for two minutes in commemoration of the nation's first two centuries.

Radio and television stations are being asked to broadcast the sound of bells during the period.

The nationwide effort is encouraged and supported by a Senate Concurrent Resolution of the United States Congress.

The Liberty Bell will be rung (amplified electronically because of the crack) in a symbolic national ceremony conducted by the Sons of the American Revolution at Independence National Park at precisely 2:00 p.m. (EDT).

With most of the country on daylight savings time, corresponding times are 1:00 p.m. CDT, noon MDT and 11:00 a.m. PDT. In Hawaii it will be 8:00 a.m. Standard Time and in American Samoa 7:00 a.m. Bering Time. Alaska stretches four time zones from Pacific to American Samoa. In Guam it will be 5:00 a.m. K Time of July 5th. While Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands it will be 2:00 Atlantic Time the afternoon of the 4th.

When shag rugs become limp from too many washings, lay them on a flat surface right side down, brush strong liquid starch over the entire backing and let dry.

RESTAURANT FACTS AND FANCIES

It is believed the word "restaurant" (from the French word "restaurer," meaning "to restore") originated when a Parisian hotel master put up a sign in 1766 which said, "Come unto me, all of you who hunger, and I will restore you."

Restaurants provide portion-controlled condiment packets such as Kraft mayonnaise to help reduce the 180 pounds of food wasted by each American annually.



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