

## CORONATION OF MISS WASHINGTON



The Queen, Miss Shirley Thompson, kneels while Princess Gloria Flye puts her cape around her. Also shown in the picture is Lynn Polk, flower girl. Looking on is the Queen's escort Alphonse Brown.

## East Branch YMCA Completes Membership Enrollment Campaign

Wichita Falls--The East Branch YMCA of Wichita Falls, Texas exceeded its goal of \$8,000 with a membership enrollment of 658 this year. Total amount of money collected was \$8,552 with \$6,734 represented as cash.

The campaign was significant for several reasons. It honored the Spartan Club whose members founded the East Branch YMCA at the kick-off dinner living posthumously with their widows serving as recipients. The various divisions were named after the three deceased members and the oldest living member. The campaign was significant also because of the hard work and comradeship exhibited by the two co-chairmen, four division leaders, twelve captains, and more than sixty workers. A biographical sketch of each honoree was presented at each reporting night.

The divisions and their leaders were: W.O. Flagg Division, Mrs. Kathryn Brown; A.E. Holland Division, Otis C. Polk, Jr.; R.E.H. Lee Division, Dr. I. A. Carter; Rev. I. H. Merritt Division, Dr. C. B. Fuller. All these honorees were and are active churchmen and community leaders. In addition, the Rev. Merritt served as pastor of Antioch Baptist Church for 10 years, and Professor Holland, presently age 90, served as principal of Booker T. Washington High School for 24 years.

Serving as captains were E. E. Cleaver, Mrs. Margaret Rentz, Curtis Thomas, T. B. Brahom, Mrs. Josie Roberts, A. L. Wilson, L. C. Lyday, Sims Rentz, Rev. A. W. Harvey, C. E. Jackson, Mrs. Margaret Davis, and G. E. Dehman. Reginald Robinson and Dr.

C. J. Gay served as co-chairman of the drive. T. B. Graham was chairman of the membership committee.

Space will not permit a listing of the names of the more than sixty other workers whose faithful efforts helped make the drive a success. However, such new workers as Robert Sumpter, J. J. Banks, and E. E. Cleaver are to be commended for their significant contributions.

The campaign was significant because of the number of individual and division quota busters.

**QUOTA-BUSTERS:** Dr. C. B. Fuller, Dr. C. J. Gay, Dr. F. D. Leffall, J. J. Banks, Curtis Thomas, Robert Sumpter, Dr. I. A. Carter, Mrs. Dorothy Roberts, Otis Polk, Eural Davis, Bob Hale, and C. E. Jackson.

**DOUBLE QUOTA-BUSTERS:** Dr. I. A. Carter, Rev. L. D. Bell, Robert Sumpter, Dr. C. B. Fuller, and Dr. F. D. Leffall.

The W. O. Flagg, R. E. H. Lee, and Rev. I. H. Merritt Divisions exceeded their quotas. The A. E. Holland Division raised the most money, and was the top division.

The final reports of the divisions are listed below;

R. E. H. Lee, 120 members with \$1,396 collected. Rev. I. H. Merritt, 181 members with \$2,224. W. O. Flagg, 107 members with \$1,566 and A. E. Holland, 232 members and \$2,891 collected.

All campaign leaders, workers and their mates celebrated the drive's success at a Victory Dinner at the 'Y' Wednesday, February 2nd. At this dinner, prizes and awards were presented to the top producers and other outstanding

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## Educator Here Earns Doctorate

An outstanding Texas educator and member of the Wichita Falls Public School system for 20 years, Cleveland J. Gay, had the Doctor of Education Degree conferred upon him at convocation exercises at North Texas State University Sunday, January 30th.

Gay, who now serves as vice-principal and counselor at Eastside Junior High School here, has been a teacher of sciences and mathematics, a visiting teacher, a counselor and a coach in this city's schools.

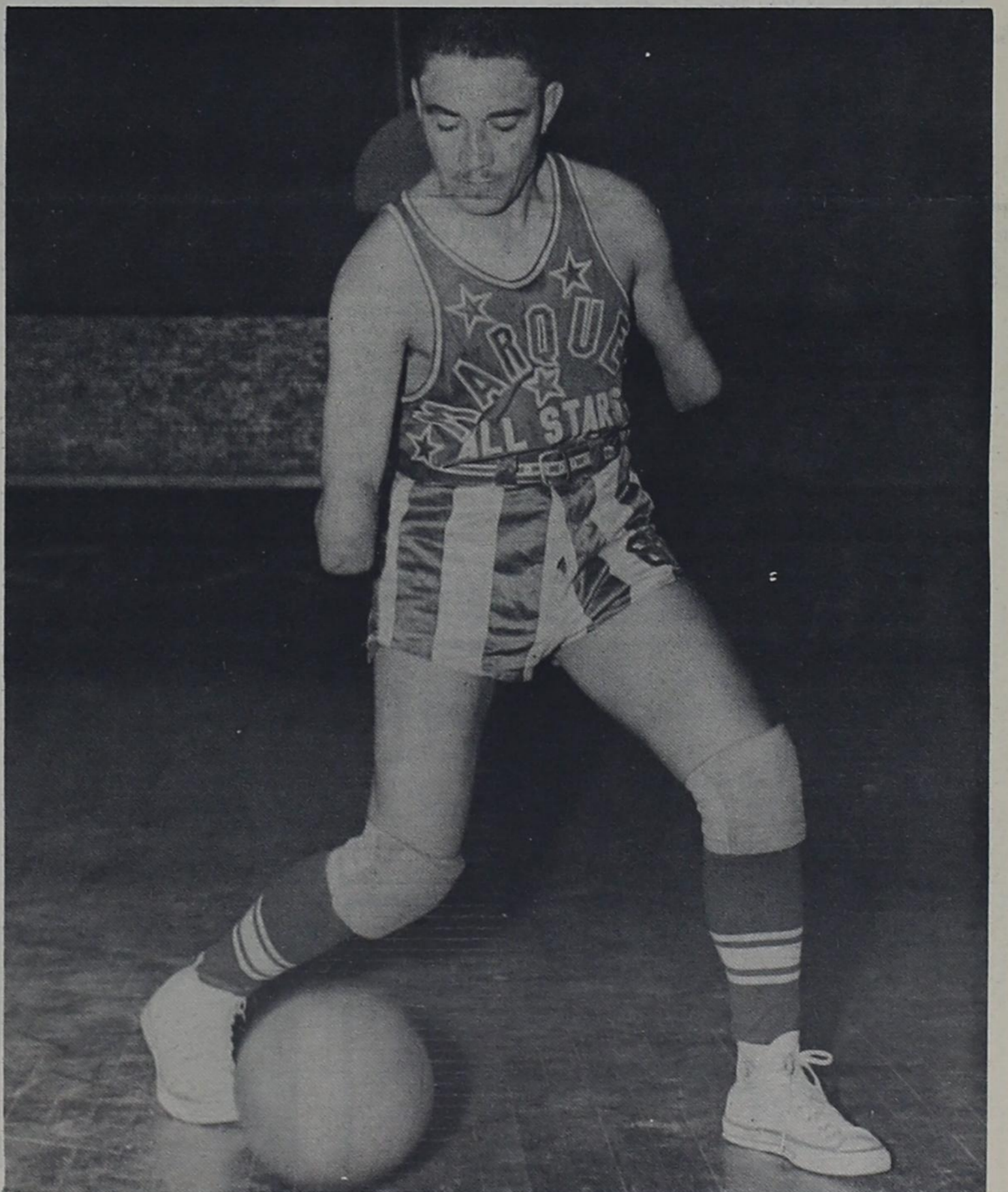
The Wichitan has been coach of a junior boxing team and 'kitten' football team and has served as supervisor and teacher for grades nine through twelve in evening school.

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He either has served or is serving as sponsor of Washington High School Student Council; Boys Club which meets weekly in the basement of Gilbert Memorial Methodist Church. Continued on Page Two

## HANDLESS CAGER TO APPEAR HERE IN BENEFIT EXHIBITION



Wichita Falls---Lawrence P. Kuykendall, the handleless cager, and Kuykendall's Road Runners come to Wichita Falls for a benefit basketball show, Friday, February 11, at 7:30 pm at the Booker T. Washington Gym.

Lawrence Kuykendall of Anadarko, Oklahoma, lost the lower part of both arms in an accident at the age of 10.

A natural as an athlete, Kuykendall didn't let this handicap keep him from participating in sports.

For four years he was captain

of his high school football team. He also lettered in basketball and softball. Upon graduation from high school he was presented a medal as the school's outstanding athlete.

At Langston University, he continued his athletic career, playing basketball and football while majoring in history.

Kuykendall has been employed as a Civil Service Driving instructor at Fort Sill, for the past 19 years.

He organized the Road Runners from military personnel at Ft. Sill.

This group includes eight men and three women (WAC's) who play anyone and are in great demand for benefit games sponsored by civic clubs and other groups.

Tickets are available at Brotherton - White Sporting Goods, Holt's Sporting Goods, Washington High School and East Branch YMCA.

Proceeds of this game will go to Booker T. Washington School and the Physical department of the East Branch YMCA.



## HISTORY OF ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

Did you know that the idea of giving candy to the girls and cigars to the men traces back some 2,000 years?

If the ancient Roman "Feast of Lupercalia" hadn't undergone a radical change through the years, we'd now be readying a February 14th celebration that the young men of this nation might welcome.

On Lupercalia Day every unmarried woman placed her name in a container and at the height of the celebration, the young Roman men drew the girls' names. The name selected by each man became his sweetheart for the next year and gifts and tender messages were exchanged.

The messages...our Valentine cards...are all that's left of Lupercalia Day for the man. Valentine's Day has become a one-sided occasion with the gals cleaning up on the heart-shaped boxes of candy, flowers, and more often than not--much costlier items. The men all but have been forgotten.

Today's Valentine's observation began when the Romans became Christianized. Lupercalia was 'a little too wild for them', so when the two St. Valentines were martyred on February 14th, the February 15th celebration of Lupercalia was moved up a day, and has come down to us in that form.

Somewhere along the line the women took over Valentine's Day. It would be nice to get this holiday back on the track with a return gift of something masculine and fashionable like a box of cigars, a necktie, or even a monogrammed shoehorn. What do you think about that fellows?

## HOUSE PASSES GI BILL 381-0

The House of Representatives passed this last week the GI Bill, by a vote of 384-0, leaving only a vote in the Senate some time in the near future which is expected to also pass the bill unanimously.

Permanent education and loan benefits for men and women who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States would be provided under this bill.

This particular bill would affect nearly 3.5 million veterans, covering servicemen who were in uniform since early in 1955, when the previous Korean War GI benefits program ended.

The Senate last year passed an

even more costly version, estimated at \$400 million in its first year.

The House Bill's major provisions are;

1. All servicemen who were on duty for at least 180 days after January 31, 1955 would be entitled to one month of education or training for each month spent in uniform, with a maximum of 36 months. Payments for full-time students would be \$100 monthly for men without dependents, \$125 per month for those with one dependent, and \$150 per month for those with more than one. The scale in the Senate Bill is \$10 a month in each category. Unlike the program in effect in the WWII GI Bill, tuition would not be paid.

2. The education benefits would become effective on June 1 and would have to be completed within eight years of the date of discharge. In case of men already discharged, the time limit would be eight years from June 1.

3. The Veterans Administration would guarantee private home and farm purchase loans up to a maximum guarantee of \$7,500 and could make direct loans up to \$17,500 if private financing is not available.

4. The loan benefits would become effective upon enactment of the bill. The House committee revised the bill's language to make it clear that persons volunteering to serve on active duty for only six months and then go into the reserves will not be eligible for benefits.

Truth as old as the hills is bounc up in the Latin proverb, "Necessity is the mother of invention." It is surprising what a man can do when he has to, and how little most men will do when they don't have to.

—Walter Linn

A man cannot utter two or three sentences without disclosing to intelligent ears precisely where he stands in life and thought, namely, whether in the kingdom of the senses and the understanding, or in that of ideas and imagination, in the realm of intuitions and duty. People seem not to see that their opinion of the world is also a confession of character.

—Emerson



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ver. Lords were: Kenneth Jordan, Ervin Garnett, Michael McKay, Levanial Jones, Walter Green, Donald Williams, W.D. Robinson, Larry Winn, Charles Evans, Clifford Jackson, Jackie Jones, Raymond Manning, Leonard Jackson, Kenneth Lyday, Andrew Green, Walter Allen, Morris Glen Harris, Billy Williams, and Ronald Donaldson.

Duchesses and Dukes included: Shirley White, Geraldine Hall, Mary Henson, Linda Prince, Mary Todd, Doris Butler, Eva Brooks, and Bertram Alamon, Denneth Young, Lester Walker, Darron Ingram, Michael Marzett, Vester Nelson and Robert Reed.

In the procession of the inner court were the princesses who were the runner-ups to the Queen and they were Carolyn Thompson, Brenda Carter, Carolyn Walker, and Gloria Flye. Princes accompanying these girls were Johnny Davis, Donald Summons, Carl Calhoun and Joseph Page.

Flower girls for the ceremony were Charise Johnson, and Lynn Polk while the crown bearer was Millicent McNeal and the cape bearer Franklin Hunt, Jr..

The Queen, lovely Miss Shirley Thompson, was entertained by a solo, "Tonight" by French L. Cofer.

Winter Wonderland was performed by the Coronation Choir and the Orchestra along with the Physical Education Department Dancers.

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**EDUCATOR HERE EARNS...**

dist Church, and Teen Town, a Saturday night meeting of school age boys and girls for recreational purposes in the USO building formerly on Redwood.

Gay received his bachelor of Science Degree Cum Laude from Wiley College with a major in biology and a minor in education.

He received his Master of Education from Wayne State University with 18 hours of honors and a major in administration and minor in guidance. His Master's thesis was "The Committee Method is Teaching Science".

At North Texas he received his Doctorate with a major in counseling psychology and personnel administration and minor in psychology. Title of his dissertation was "Academic Achievement and Intelligence Among Negro Eighth (Grade) Students as a Function of the Self Concept".

Other colleges and institutions Gay has attended include Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University; Garrett Bible School at North-Western University; Midwestern University; University of Texas and Mortimer Schiff Scout Training Institute, Mendham, N.J..

He holds a life professional teachers' certificate, a counselor's certificate, and an administrator's certificate.

A leader in his community, Gay has served on many civic and cultural boards including the USO, chamber of commerce, health committee, East Branch YMCA, Wichita County Tuberculosis Association, North Texas Mental Health Center, Salvation Army campaign, Eastside Community Development Association, Wichita Falls Area Council of Churches and neighborhood commissioner of Boy Scouts of America.

He received two "service to Youth Awards" from YMCA.

Prior to coming to Wichita Falls, Gay taught in Broken Bow, Oklahoma, Gilmer, Mount Pleasant, and Gladewater, Texas.

He is a veteran of World War II and also served as a field scout executive, Boy Scouts of America in Tyler.

He belongs to many professional organizations and he is an ordained Baptist minister. He is a member of Antioch Baptist Church and has served as the Brotherhood president, teacher of Young Fisherman's Club and has been an interim minister on two occasions.

Gay's wife, Mary, a Midwestern University graduate is a teacher at Washington Elementary School and also is an officer and active worker in the Antioch Baptist Church, a Sunday school teacher and choir member.

The couple's daughter, Marjorie Nell, is a graduate Cum Laude of Prairie View College and she teaches english, music and directs the school choir at Lincoln High School in Port Arthur, Texas.

Gay has had numerous articles published in professional publications and he has been awarded two grants from the National Defense Education Act, one each for counseling and guidance insittutes at the University of Texas and North Texas State University.

The Wichitian earned his Doctorate by attending evening and Saturday classes, plus summer sessions at NTSU. He began the Doctoral program in June of 1959. He now is the only teacher in the local school system with an earned Doctorate.



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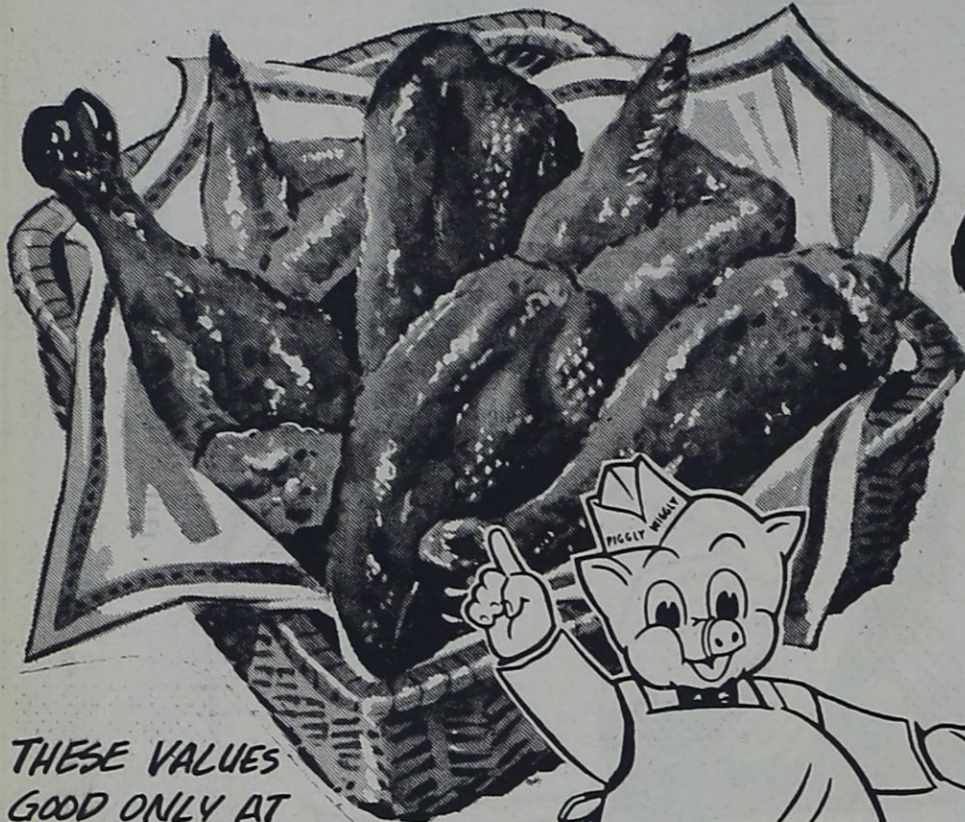
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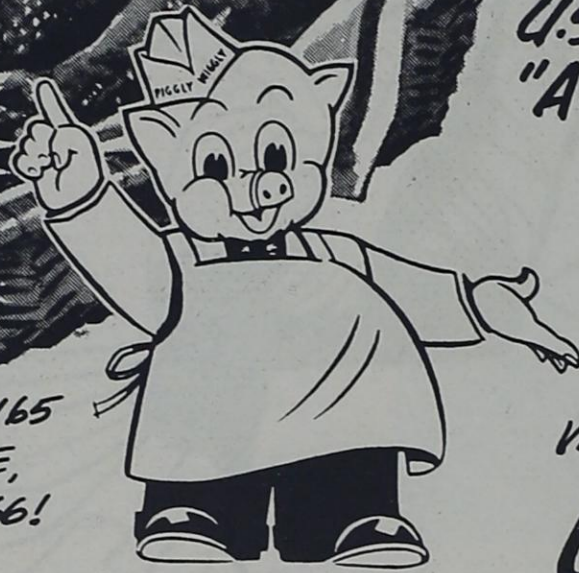


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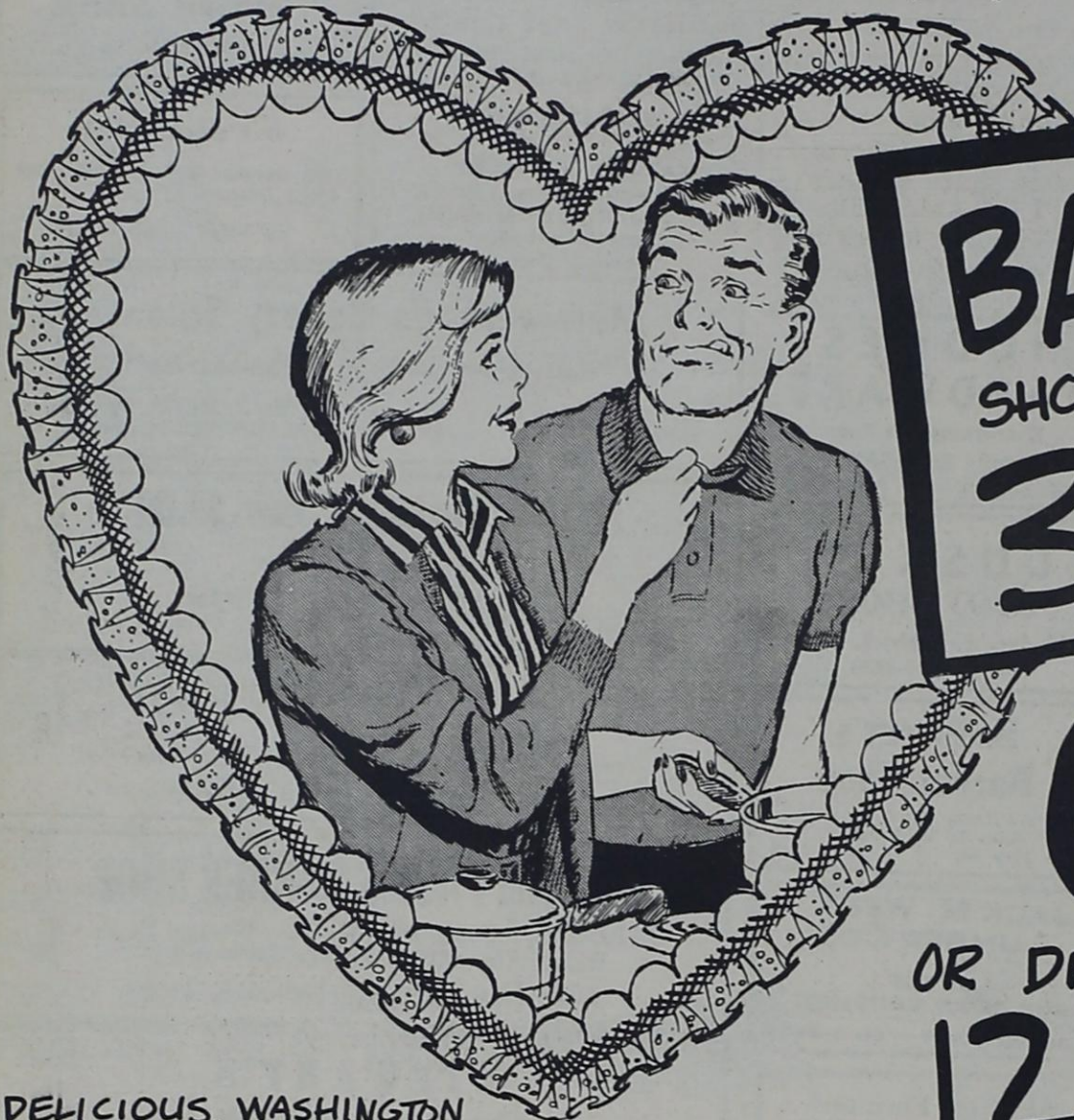
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