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Tell-Tale Fe-Mail

By M. L. G.

The first of September has always been a time of mixed emotions for me and the funny thing is in recent years the emotions have become reversed. When I was younger, I used to look forward eagerly to September 1 because it was my birthday and full of surprises, and yet I dreaded it because it meant school time again (this was when I went to school.) Now, I dread the date because it means another birthday and look forward to it because it means the beginning of school. Such is life, I guess.

Did you know that September was called the "barley month" by the early Anglo-Saxons? That was when they harvested the barley, from which they brewed their favorite beverage, according to the World Book Encyclopedia. In Northern Europe the harvest moon in late September is more commercial than romantic. The reason for this is that the moon rises near sunset, permitting farmers to work late into the night gathering the crops.

September also means Labor Day. Labor Day can be variously defined as: the end of summer; the beginning of the school year; a national traffic jam; or simply an excuse for a long week-end away from the office. The founder of the holiday, Peter J. McGuire, conceived it as a tribute to "the industrial spirit, the great vital force of every nation." The first state to make Labor Day a legal holiday was Oregon, in 1887. The legislatures of Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York quickly followed suit and, in 1894, Congress made Labor Day a national holiday.

September 1 is also the beginning of deer season. I would like to repeat a few basic rules of gun safety for the benefit of all you hunters and for one in particular — my son.

Never point a gun at anything you don't intend to shoot.

Remember that only a knucklehead would pull a gun through a fence. The safe way is to put it over first, making sure it is standing steady before you climb through.

Keep the safety catch ON until you get ready to shoot, and be positive you actually see what you're shooting at.

Remember, too, that guns are death traps for curious children (I know the baby doesn't even crawl yet, but she will soon). Unload yours before you get home.

Speaking of labor — the picketing at the bank building here has given me an idea. They want a pay raise — I just want pay. So, don't be surprised if you see some picketing in front of you know where one of these days.

Strikers Picket Bank Building

Construction work on the new Farmers and Merchants National Bank came to a halt here Wednesday morning when a member of the union carpenters, who are on strike, arrived and started picketing the job.

The carpenters are seeking a 25-cent pay raise and when they went on strike Tuesday morning work ceased on 21 big construction jobs in Abilene.

Rose Construction Co., general contractor for the local bank construction job, is one of the contractors being picketed.

There is very little work left to be done on the new bank building. The building itself is complete and only the paving for the drive-in banking window and a few minor outside details need to be taken care of.

When the picketer arrived here, a plasterer doing repair work where the old bank had been torn away from the Merkel Drug Co. building, stopped work immediately.

Booth Warren, president of the bank, said with so little work left to be done, he doesn't feel the strike will delay the completion date.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King have returned to their home here after a two-weeks' visit spent with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Shirley King, of El Paso and their son, Mr. and Mrs. Norman King and children, of Childress.

DORTON IS NEW HEAD OF STATE CO-OPS

Lester Dorton of Merkel, one of the youngest electric cooperative executives in Texas, was picked as state president of Texas Electric Cooperatives, Inc.

Delegates of state co-ops are holding their annual meeting in Houston.

Dorton, 39, a native Taylor countyman, is general manager of Taylor Electric Cooperative, Merkel.

He was named president of the state board of directors Thursday, to which he was elected about two years ago, said Earle Watts, electrification advisor for the co-op.

He has been with Taylor Electric Co-op at Merkel since September 1943. He is an Abilene High School graduate, attended McMurry College at Abilene, and served in the Army during World War II.

The new state electric co-op head started with the Taylor organization as a materials and work order clerk. He later became electrification advisor, then in June 1951, manager.

Taylor Co-op serves more than 4,200 families in eight West Texas counties (Taylor, Callahan, Jones,

Nolan, Shackelford, Fisher, Eastland, and Coke), it was estimated last year.

He is married to the former Gloria Bacon. The couple has three children, Lester Jr., a Merkel High junior; Alan Mack, 13 and Anetta, 3.

Dorton has been active in civic groups for years, including Lions Club, Red Cross, Boy Scouts and church and is also a member of the Masonic Lodge. In 1957 he was elected one of a seven-man employe welfare committee of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Assn. Last February he was named chairman of the Merkel Red Cross campaign.

He has been named to the executive committee of the Taylor County Livestock Assn., and the Taylor County Health & Welfare Assn.



LESTER DORTON
... new state co-op head

Brother of Local Residents Dies

Funeral services for the Rev. Roy Stanley, 59, brother of two Merkel residents, were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26 at the First Baptist Church in McKinney. Burial was in Pecan Grove Cemetery.

The Rev. Stanley, a Baptist minister, died Monday, Aug. 24 in a hospital.

Survivors include his wife; two brothers, Elzie Stanley of Glade-water and Ira Stanley of Merkel; two sisters, Mrs. John Hunter of Merkel and Mrs. Frank Coggins of McKinney.

N-O-T-I-C-E

The Methodist Men's Organization will sponsor a waffle breakfast Saturday morning, Sept. 12, from 6 to 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall of the Methodist Church.

Proceeds from the breakfast will be used for improvements of the church property.

Tickets will be 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children under 12 years of age. They may be purchased from members of the organization or at the door.

CEMETERY FUND

The following persons have made contributions to the Merkel Cemetery Association fund:

Mrs. Bill Stevens

P-TA Meeting Set for Sept. 11

The first Parent-Teacher Association meeting of the new school year will be in the high school auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10.

Theme for the evening's program will be "Back To School Through P-TA." Members of the faculty will also be introduced at the meeting.

All P-TA meetings will be at night this year, giving both parents the opportunity to attend.

Gene Fulton Tops In Nurse Class

Miss Gene Fulton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Fulton of Lovington, N.M., recently graduated from Methodist School of Nursing in Lubbock where she received the 22nd annual Dr. J.T. Krueger award for having the highest grade average in both theory and clinical practice for the three-year training period.

Miss Fulton, a 1955 graduate of Lovington High School, will be employed as head nurse in the pediatric division of Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

Fuell Allen and son, Jerry Allen, both of Los Alamos, N. M., spent the weekend with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Pick Allen. They were joined here Saturday by another grandson of Mrs. Allen's, A. C. Bland and daughters, Dianne and Donna, of Abilene.



THAT'S WHAT THE RULE SAYS — Popular Houston football announcers Kern Tips (left) and Alec Chesser (right) discuss 1959 rule changes with Howard Grubbs, executive secretary of the Southwest Conference. The occasion was an announcers seminar held in Dallas. Tips heads The Humble Company's staff of 23 play-by-play announcers who will describe all Conference games this season. Starting September 19, the oil company will sponsor some 50 broadcasts, 13 live telecasts, and a Sunday afternoon videotaped Southwest Conference "Game of the Week" on Houston radio and TV.

31 Persons To Die In Texas Is Prediction For Labor Day

AUSTIN — The Director of the Texas Department of Public Safety announced today 31 persons are expected to be killed in Texas traffic accidents during the three-day Labor Day weekend.

Col. Homer Garrison, Jr. said the official prediction — which is seldom far off — should "serve as a challenge to all Texans to make a concerted effort to stem the tide of highway tragedy next weekend."

He pointed out that during the Labor Day weekend last year there were 30 traffic deaths, one more than the Department had predicted. He noted, however, that the forecast for the 1959 Fourth of July holiday — 26 fatalities — turned out to be accurate.

"We would like to make a special appeal to the citizens of Texas to consider the facts about holiday driving and do their utmost to reduce the tragedy of death suffering and economic loss next weekend," Garrison said.

"Department of Public Safety, patrolmen and all other law enforcement officers in our State will do everything in their power to make the streets and highways safer by removing lawless drivers — but the statistics prove the main job is up to the individual behind the wheel."

He cited the following facts and figures on last Labor Day weekend, compiled by N. K. Woerner, Manager of Statistical Services:

Of the 30 traffic deaths in the State, 26 occurred in rural areas as the result of 18 accidents.

Ten of the 18 rural fatal accidents involved drivers who had been drinking.

Two of the three rural fatal pedestrian accidents involved pedestrians who had been drinking.

Seven of the 10 drivers who had been drinking in rural fatal accidents were exceeding the legal speed limit.

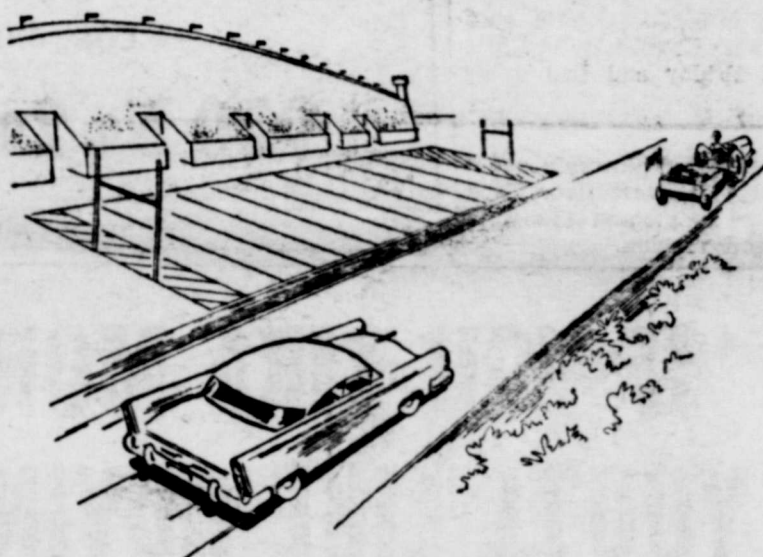
Thirteen of the 13 rural fatal accidents involved only one motor vehicle.

In 12 of the 15 rural fatal accidents involving only one car, the drivers had no "other driver" to blame. In the other case, a pedestrian-victim was at fault.

"Perhaps the most significant thing in the analysis of last year's Labor Day statistics is that in every rural fatal accident, at least one violation was apparently a contributing factor," Garrison said.

"So it might follow that if we can stop the violations, we can stop the death and destruction on the highways of Texas."

Can You Stop In Time?



It takes more than the distance between goal posts on a football field (100 yards) to stop a car traveling at 60 miles per hour under the best driving conditions. 4-H Club members point out. At 60 mph, a car travels 88 feet per second. There's not much "time" to come to a dead stop upon approaching a tractor or other slow-moving farm machinery.

"Highway safety is everyone's responsibility," 4-H leaders declare, and during the summer when traffic is at its peak the obligation becomes greater. The devastating fact that three out of four traffic fatalities occur in rural areas makes the 4-H Safety program the "number one crop" for nearly a million conscientious club members.

Statistics reveal that there are more teen-age drivers on the highways today than ever before.

It is also true that drivers under 20 years of age have a worse safety record than older drivers. So each 4-H boy and girl enrolled in the safety project is encouraged to become a "self-policing committee of one." These 4-Hers make certain that the family car, truck, and tractor are in safe operating condition at all times.

For the past 15 years the 4-H Safety program has been supported nationally by General Motors, which among other things provides incentive awards for top ranking club members in each state. The awards consist of \$400 college scholarships, all-expense paid trips to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, medals of honor, and plaques. The program is under the direction of the Cooperative Extension Service, United States Department of Agriculture.

BADGERS VS. STANTON IN SEASON OPENER

The first football game of the season for the Merkel Badgers will be in Stanton Friday night, Sept. 4.

The Badgers are expected to go through the district unbeaten this year.

In a write-up in the Abilene Reporter-News Tuesday morning Joe McLaughlin seemed confident the District 10-A championship game on Nov. 13 would be between the Badgers and Albany Lions, who he said stand hand and shoulders above the rest of the teams in the league despite having lost key personnel by graduation.

Right now Merkel appears to have the better defense, because they have more returning defensive starters than Albany.

Merkel lost all-area and second team all-state quarterback Navley Denton, all-district tackle David Pursley and all-district back Joe Neill among its graduates.

The Badgers lost 16 lettermen altogether, but all-Abilene area guard Larry Seymore and all-district tailback Tokio Moreno return to head the offense. Returning on defense are fullback Douglas Toliver, quarterback Ronnie Reeger and tackle Jimmie Hargrove.

Expected to help Coach Carroll Benson's cause will be reserve lettermen Butch Palmer, 193-pound and Lester Dorton, 155-pound back. New boys showing

promise are center Jack Stallo, tackle James Bible, quarterback Eugene Hester, center Larry Dudley and end Wilson Wade.

The 1958 record for the Badgers was 9 wins, 2 losses.

Lettermen returning are End Phil Seymore, 172; Tackle Jimmie Hargrove, 220; Guard Larry Seymore, 150; Backs Tokio Moreno, 174, Douglas Toliver, 135, and Ronnie Reeger, 190.

Best newcomers are End Wilson Wade, 158; Tackle James Bible, 220; Centers, Jack Stallo, 160, and Larry Dudley, 165; and Back Eugene Hester, 174.

James Simpson Gets Promotion

FOR CAMPBELL, Ky. (AHT-NC) — James H. Simpson, 21, son of Mrs. F. M. Simpson, 412 Locust St., Merkel, recently was promoted to specialist four at Fort Campbell, Ky., where he is a member of the 101st Airborne Division Band.

Specialist Simpson, who plays the trumpet in the band, entered the Army in March 1958 and received basic training at Fort Carson, Colo.

He is a 1958 graduate of Merkel High School and attended the A&M College of Texas.

STORES WILL CLOSE FOR HOLIDAY MONDAY

All will be quiet in downtown Merkel Monday, Sept. 7 with most business places closed to observe Labor Day.

Postmaster Wren Durhan said

the post office will be closed all day and there will be no city or rural delivery. The post office doors will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. as they are on Sundays.

Stores that will remain open on the holiday are the High School Groc. & Mkt., 7-11 Grocery, Ayers Grocery, Irl Walker Groc. & Station and Boone's Cash Food Store. The swimming pool will also be open. Mrs. Mary Hargrove said. The pool will open at 10 a.m. and remain open all day.

Another place of activity during the three-day holiday will be the Merkel Country Club where a golf tournament will be underway. Scheduled for Monday is a Goofy Tournament for the ladies. A buffet supper that evening will climax the event.

3-DAY GOLF TOURNAMENT SET HERE

A golf tournament will be held at the Merkel Country Club Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Sept. 5-6-7, with a "goofy" tournament for the ladies on Monday only.

The tournament is not restricted to members, anyone interested may enter. Entry fee for men will be \$5 and for the women \$1. All entries with score must be in by 6 p.m. Friday. The men's fee will entitle the holder and his wife to take part in a buffet supper on Monday evening. Price for the buffet supper for those not entered in the tournament will be 75 cents.

In the "goofy" tournament for the women, prizes will not be given for lowest score but will be given for "goofy" things unknown to the participants. For instance, a prize might be given for the person shooting the highest on number four.

Winners will be awarded golf equipment certificates following the Monday evening buffet supper.

Return From Missouri

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dillard returned to their home in Noodle after spending the past week visiting their son, Dr. Burl Dillard, in St. Louis, Mo. They also visited Mr. Dillard's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Huff, in Osage, Ark. and other relatives in Oklahoma and Dallas.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Womack and sons, who have been residing in Sweetwater, moved this week to Merkel to make their home. Mr. Womack is employed by the T&P Railroad out of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sublett and family of Houston visited here the past week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Sublett. They were en route home from Evansville, Ind.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gibson the past week were H. C. Schick, David Miller and Allen Taylor, all of Albuquerque, N.M.

Jacky McAninch, who has been attending the University of Idaho at Moscow, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon McAninch, and other relatives here.

Dr. and Mrs. Jno B. Davidson and daughters, Donna and Suzy, of Waco are guests of Mrs. Davidson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller, this week.

Merkel Girl Wins Second In State Twirling Contest

Suzie Wilson, 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Woody Wilson, won a second place medal in the 1959 Texas State Twirling Contest held Saturday at Rose Field House on the Hardin-Simmons University campus.

About 160 baton twirlers from all over the state competed in the one-day program.

The Anson Twirling Corps, composed of sixteen girls including Judy Claborn of Trent and Sarah Harris, Merkel, placed third in corps competition.

Suzie won a third place at the Lubbock Twirling Festival recently and placed fifth in a contest in Anson in competition with 9-year-olds and under in advanced twirling.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ensminger visited recently with friends in Idaho and Washington. They also traveled through the following states: Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and New Mexico.

Mrs. Glenn Robertson, Vickie and David, attended the wedding of Ann Deatherage at Hamby Saturday night. Vickie was flower girl for the wedding.

Mrs. Cyrus Pee and Mrs. Dee Grimes attended the mid-season Christmas buyer's market in Dallas recently. Mrs. Grimes also visited with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Cleveland and their daughter, Kathy.

Mrs. G. H. Bullock, who has been visiting her sisters, Mrs. R. J. Miller and Mrs. H. B. Robertson, returned to her home in Dallas Saturday morning.

L. L. Murray returned to his home here this week after an extended visit with his son, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Murray, of Arlington, Va.



DONALD I. PETERS



G. WARD MOODY

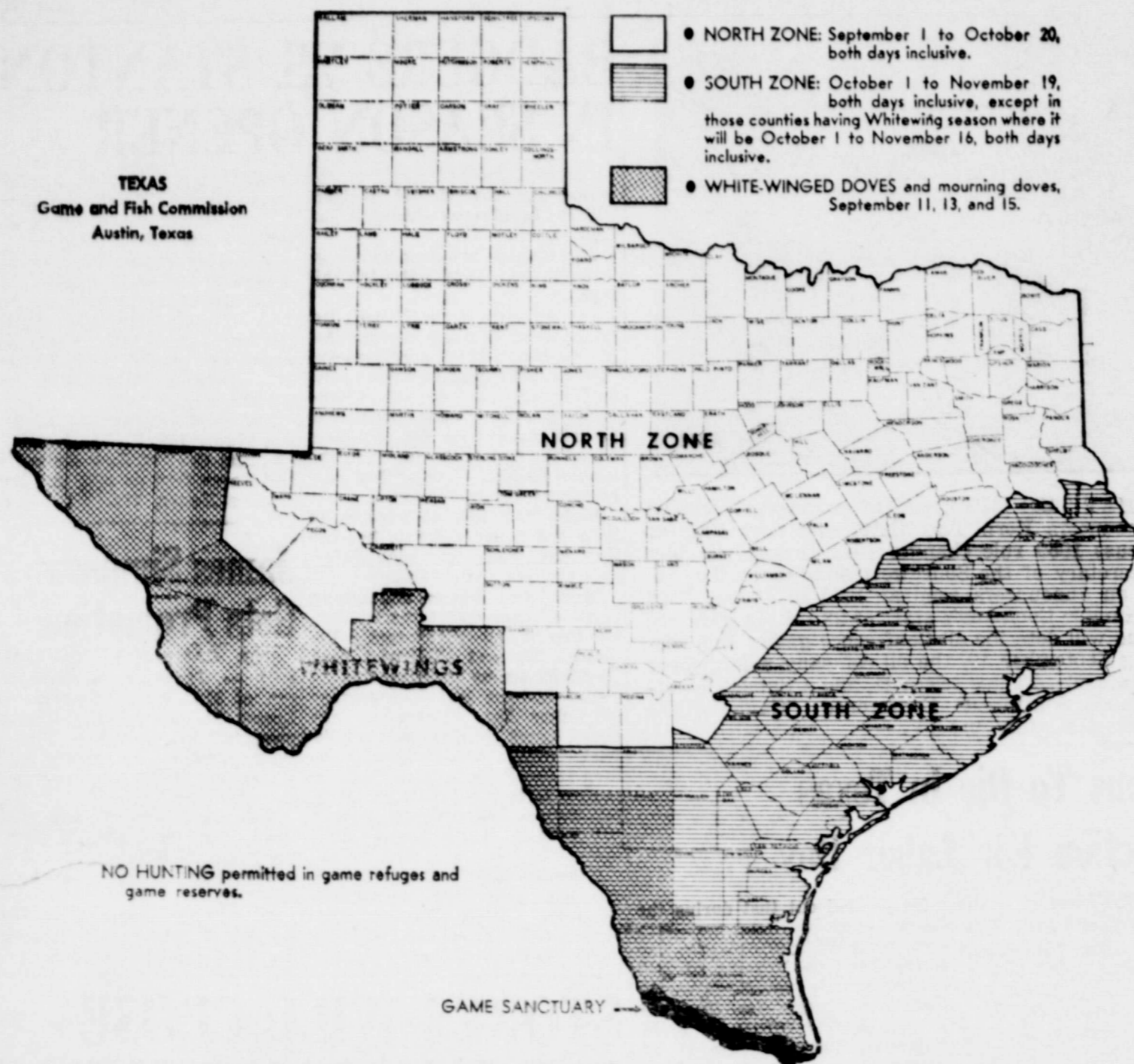


FRED BROOKMAN

DIVISION TOUR — Department Commander of The American Legion, Donald I. Peters of Houston, will tour the Fourth Division of The American Legion which is comprised of the 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th and 21st Congressional Districts, during the month of September, Vice Commander Maurice Kubby of El Paso has announced. Accompanying him will be Department Adjutant G. Ward Moody of Austin, Department Service Officer Fred Brookman of Lubbock, and Vice Commander Maurice Kubby of El Paso. District Commanders will join the party in their respective Districts.

MOURNING DOVE - WHITE-WINGED DOVE
Open Seasons 1959

MOURNING DOVES: Daily bag limit—10. Possession limit—not to exceed 20.
WHITE-WINGED DOVES: Daily bag limit—10. Possession limit—10.
NOTE: When both mourning doves and white-winged doves are possessed—Possession limit—20, in the aggregate, and not more than 10 may be white-winged doves.



SPECIAL NOTE: Unlawful to take white-winged doves or chachalacas South of U.S. Highway 83, formerly State Highway 4, in southern tip of Texas, marked on map as "Game Sanctuary."

SHOTGUNS: Must be plugged permanently to three-shell capacity, may not be larger than 10 gauge. Hunting doves with rifles prohibited.

SHOOTING HOURS: Mourning doves, 12 noon to sunset—except in areas having whitewing season, where the shooting hours will be from 2 p.m. to sunset on September 11, 13, & 15, only. White-winged doves, in season, 2 p.m. to sunset.

JACK POT WINNERS and LOSERS THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY—LOSER	Mary Kate Campbell	70.00
THURSDAY—LOSER	Mrs. Howard Slinger	75.00
FRIDAY—LOSER	Mrs. Lilly Pickett	80.00
SATURDAY—LOSER	Mina Riefel	85.00
MONDAY—LOSER	Mrs. J. D. Rice	90.00

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Now Is Best Time For Club Program On S. Security

Would your club like to know who gets what (and when and how) from the Social Security law? If so, the months of September-December are best for inviting D. G. Hudson, field representative for this part of the Abilene district to meet with your club.

He tells us that because fewer claims are filed in those months he can usually arrange his travel schedule to permit his meeting with an interested group at the club's usual meeting time and place. If projection facilities are available, he can bring along a 11 minute sound film, in color, "Sam'l and Social Security." If your group wishes such a program, just drop him a card or letter, c-o Social Security Office, Box 5168, Abilene.

Mr and Mrs. Joe Gibson visited the Archie Cox family in Christoval last Friday and had a big fish fry.

Grass and cover plus rain equal profit and soil protection. Bare ground plus rain equal economic loss and soil erosion.

Lt. Col. Strother Will Command The 4th Missile Base

The 4th Missile Battalion (Nike-Hercules), 582d Artillery, the Army air defense battalion for the defense of the Dallas-Fort Worth area, will be commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Tom B. Strother, according to Colonel Leslie J. Staub, Commanding Officer of the 4th Region, U.S. Army Air Defense Command at Kansas City.

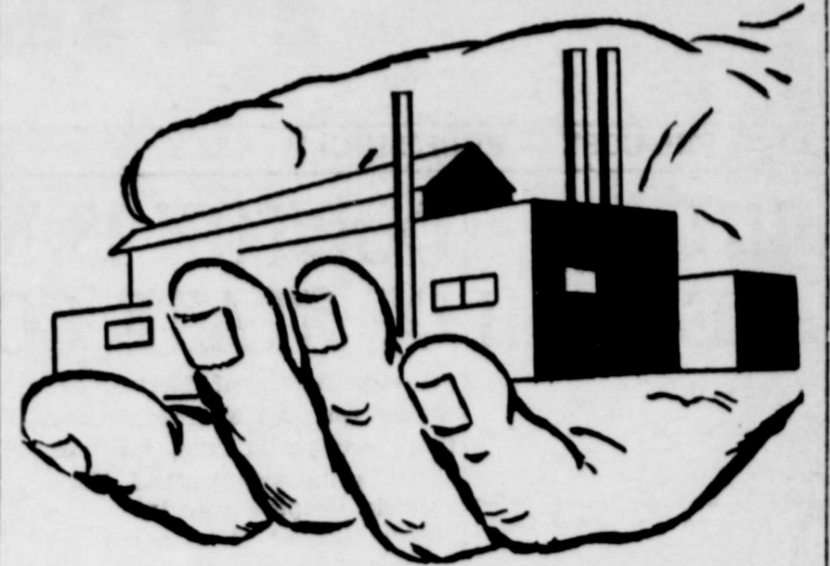
The battalion commander of the first Dallas-Fort Worth Nike defense is presently attending school at Fort Bliss and upon completion of his course he will accompany the main body of his troops to the Dallas-Fort Worth defense.

Lt. Col. Strother's command includes the Army surface-to-air missile sites at Denton, Terrell, Alvarado and Mineral Wells (Camp Wolters), Texas. The battalion headquarters is located at Duncanville Air Force Station, Tex. His battalion will be armed with the Nike-Hercules missiles capable of destroying any aircraft or air supported missile known today.

When at full strength, the unit will have over 500 men. The missilemen are in the final stages of their long training at the U. S. Army Defense School, Ft. Bliss, Texas.

Guests in the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Howard have been their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Malvin Howard and daughters, Sue and Beth, of Fort Worth, and Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Howard and daughter, Ramona of Abilene.

Great Day-LABOR DAY



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BEST STYLE . . . BEAUTY THAT DOESN'T DEMAND A BIG BANK ROLL The experts at POPULAR SCIENCE magazine looked them all over

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BEST ENGINE . . . YOU COULD SPEND JARSFUL OF JACK AND NOT GET A V8 LIKE CHEVY'S Talking about our standard as well as Corvette V8's, SPORTS CARS ILLUSTRATED says, "Indeed, this device is

surely the most wonderfully responsive engine available today at any price."

BEST ROOM . . . NO CRAMPED QUARTERS Let's take the official figures filed with the Automobile Manufacturers Association. They show Chevrolet's front seat hip room up to 5.9 inches wider than in comparable cars. Count on real comfort.

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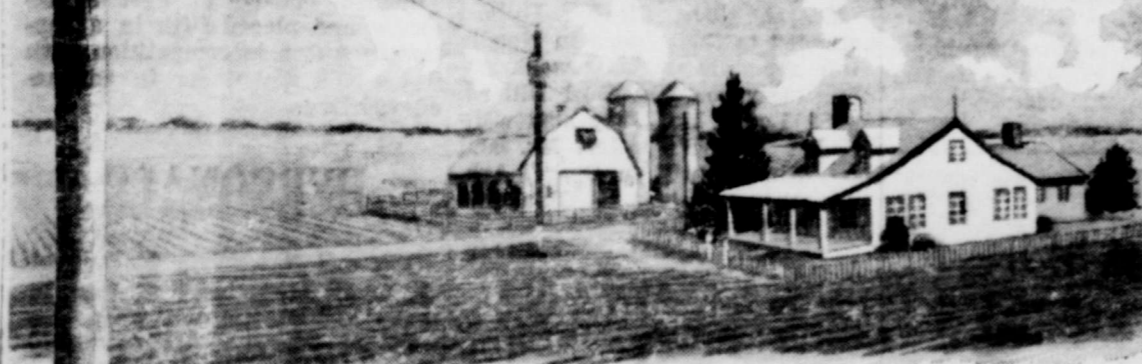
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POWER LINE TO PROSPERITY



It took miles of wire to carry electricity to the isolated farmhouse above. But the cost of this electrical service was shared equally by the members of the rural electric cooperative who live in more populous areas. They were keeping a pledge to serve members anywhere regardless of cost. This democratic plan of sharing the load brought an electrical revolution to remote Texas areas and a new way of life to the rural community.

But it is imperative that the Electric Cooperatives of Texas continue to serve the more populous areas they helped to develop. There are certain areas served by the cooperatives that are adjacent to towns and cities. Take these away and you run the risk of prohibitive electric rates for thousands of Texas farms and ranches. Where the rural electric cooperatives were first to offer electric service they must be allowed to serve.



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4-H'ers Learn And Earn In Beef Project



Pride of ownership radiates from this 4-H Club member as he hugs his Shorthorn heifer. He is typical of the 136,000 members across the nation enrolled in the 4-H beef program.

Under the guidance of Extension workers and local 4-H leaders, young cattle raisers like this lad learn how to feed, fit, show and market their animals. A new opportunity to earn valuable 4-H beef project awards is being offered this year for the first time by E. L. du Pont de Nemours & Company through arrangements made with the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work. Many boys and girls have earned enough money from sales

Baptist Women Of Area To Meet Here Thursday

First Baptist Church of Merkel will host for the second annual meeting of the Abilene Baptist Woman's Missionary Union Thursday. The program will begin at 10 a.m. Then for the day will be "Not by Might—Nor by Power." Morning speaker will be Mrs. Robert Carlisle Jr., missionary in Uruguay for the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. She has been serving with the board since 1940. Mrs. Melvin Hargrove, president of the Abilene WMU will preside. The welcome address will be given by Mrs. George Moore, Merkel WMU president. Local presidents will report on the past year's work.

A luncheon will be served for 30 cents per plate. Children under nine will be served free. A nursery will be provided for all ages.

The afternoon session will open at 1 p.m. and close at 2:30 p.m. Mave Bell Taylor, missionary on furlough from Brazil, will be speaker for the afternoon. Appointed by the Mission Board in 1938, she has been director of Baptist primary school in Arcaju, ergipe since 1955. She now resides in Haskell.

A memorial service will be conducted by Mrs. M. M. Ricks. The meeting is open to all women from churches in the Baptist Association.

Margo Hunter Honored On Her 5th Birthday

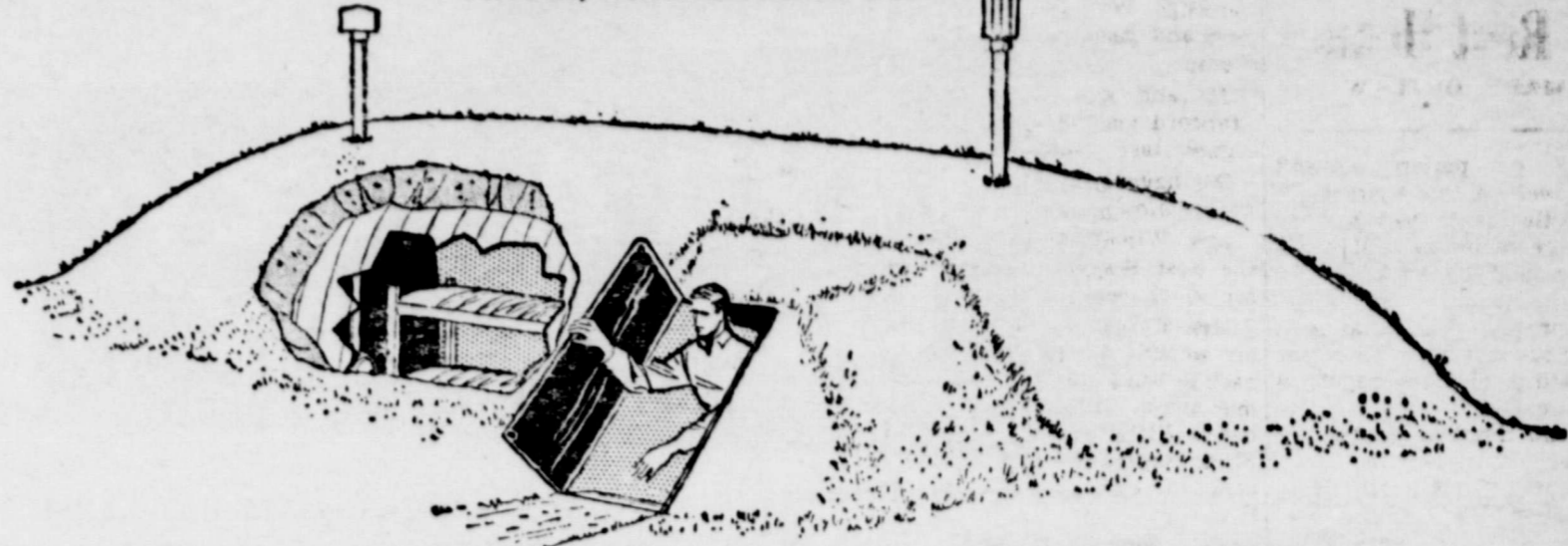
Margo Jyl Hunter was honored with a party on her fifth birthday Saturday morning, Aug. 29.

Entertainment included a "Mickey Mouse" cartoon, drop-the-handkerchief, and pinning the tail on the donkey, with prizes being given to Debbie Seymore, Connie Knight and Sandy Hogan. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

Guests included Pamela Selmon of Sweetwater, Diane Knight, Cindy Wade, Connie Knight, Carolyn and Beverly Gilmore, Randy and Shelia Smith, Vickie and David Robertson, Robbie Whitehead, Debbie Seymore, Sandy Hogan, Donna Cade, Pamela Newby, Beth Hicks, and her aunts, Mrs. J. P. Click, Mrs. Jay Greenfield, Mrs. Hilton Suber, Mrs. Glen Robertson, her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Price Floyd, and her mother, Mrs. Pat Hunter.

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GARDEN CLUB YEAR STARTS WITH MEET

The 1959-60 club year of the Merkel Garden Club was opened with a luncheon at Mrs. W. T. Sadler's Sweetwater Lake Cabin Saturday, Aug. 29.

Mrs. Sadler, president of the Garden Club, introduced three new members, Mrs. Roy Dalziel, Mrs. Robert Hicks and Mrs. Dent Gibson, making a total of 39 active members.

The president concluded a message she brought to the club members by quoting Richard D. Pope, owner of Cyprus Gardens in Florida: "If you'd have a mind at peace and a heart that cannot harden, go find a door that opens wide upon a garden."

Mrs. Mack Fisher, chairman of the yearbook committee, presented the plans for study for the year. The yearbook meets all requirements for a Texas Garden Club this year and members are hopeful of receiving a special recognition for it.

Members who served on the yearbook committee with Mrs. Fisher and Mmes. Dale Litton, B. H. Jones, Robert T. Hodge, W. T. Sadler, Carroll Benson and Johnny Cox.

The program was concluded with the showing of a film by the outstanding flower arranger, J. Gregory Conaway.

Mrs. Sadler presented a gift to Mrs. Fisher for her outstanding work as yearbook chairman, and Mrs. Bob Hicks won the door prize.

The next meeting of the Garden Club will be at the Merkel Country Club on Sept. 17 when

Mrs. Nathan Wood will be hostess. The study will be on bulbs and members will be given an opportunity to order bulbs to beautify their gardens next spring.

Mrs. Bill Haynes of Abilene assisted her mother with the luncheon.

Those present were Mmes. Clyde Bartlett, Carroll Benson, Johnny Cox, Bryan Dunagin, Ross Ferrier, Mack Fisher, S. D. Gamble, Robert T. Hodge, John Hughes, B. H. Jones, A. H. McElmurray, Dale Litton, H. N. Odum, Herbert Patterson, Luther Reeger, John Shannon, Charlie Sherrill, R. W. Shields, Jack Wallace, Nathan Wood, L. H. McAden, Roy Dalziel, Robert Hicks, Dent Gibson and Christine Collins.

Mrs. Leach Hosts Esther SS Class

The Esther Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. Buck Leach Friday night for a social and business meeting.

Mrs. Ted McAninch brought the devotional.

Frosted drinks were served to Mmes. Bill Sledge, Ernest Teaff, Joe Hartley, Leon Scott, Jack Wallace, B. L. Bond, H. R. McKeever, C. B. Knight, Allen Agnew, Robert Hicks, Fletcher Hopper, Raymond, Miller, Dunning, McConnell and Ted McAninch.

Californian Visits Relatives in Merkel

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller and Brad of Abilene, Mrs. Johnny Teaff, Mike Steve and Gayle, and Mrs. Ralph Miller Sr. visited Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller Jr. and Stephanie, at their stock farm near Booneville, Ark. Others who have visited the Millers in their Arkansas home since they moved there in March are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller Sr. and Jerry, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Reynolds and Vickie of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris and Stan.

Mrs. Frank Riffell has returned to her home in California after visiting her father, B. B. Reynolds, her brother, Ray Reynolds, and her sister, Mrs. Ralph Miller.

While visiting here, Mrs. Riffell also attended a reunion in McKenzie Park in Lubbock. Others from Merkel who attended the reunion are Isaac Vancil, Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Vancil and Waylan, Mr. and Mrs. Reynald Vancil of Texas Tech, B. B. Reynolds and Mrs. Ralph Miller and Jerry.

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MAKE LATTICE SCREENS FOR OUTDOORS

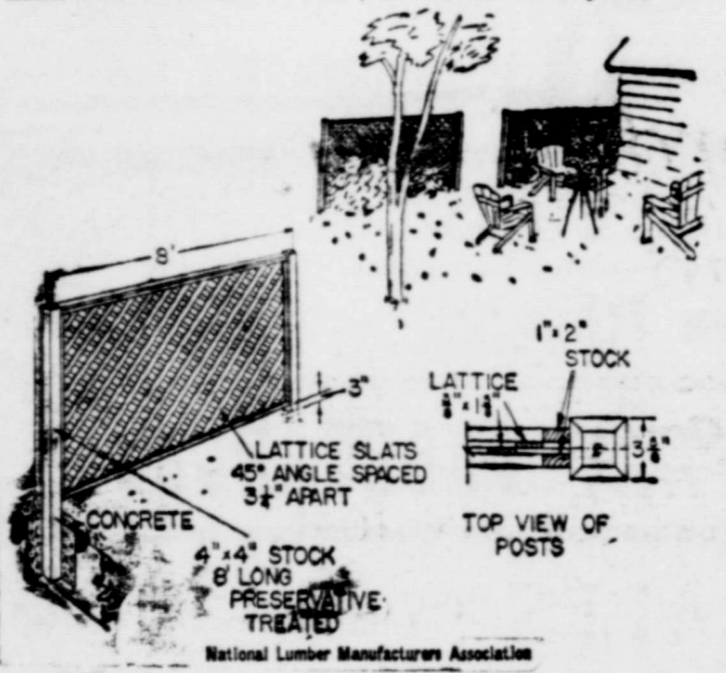
Privacy and decoration are combined in lattice screening used as a fence or as smaller lawn dividers. The posts are 4 by 4-inch lumber, 8 feet long, 2 feet set in concrete. If concrete is not used, the below-surface depth should be 3 feet. Roof the tops of the posts with a 45 degree bevel, and round all sharp edges.

Use 1 by 2-inch lumber to frame the screen. Nail the vertical frame members to the posts with 12-penny finishing nails. Nail the horizontal mem-

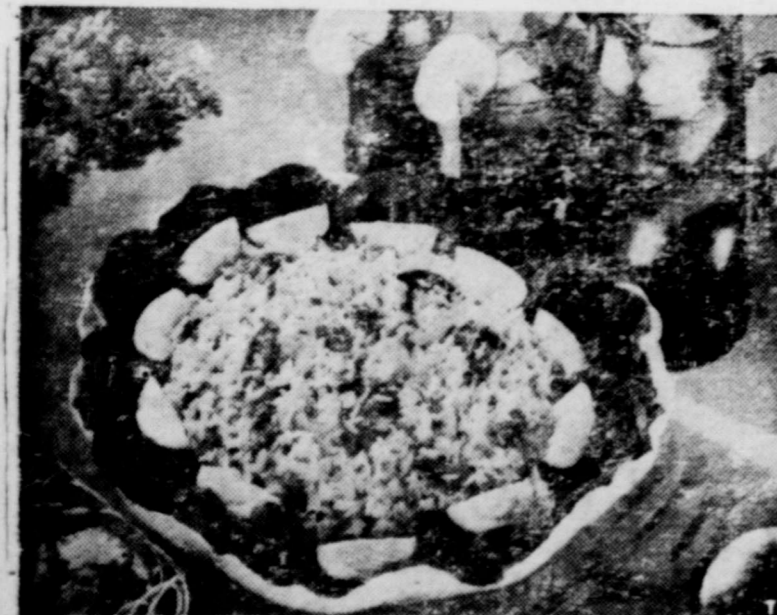
bers to the vertical ones with 10-penny finishing nails.

Use finished lath for the lattice work, or re-saw 1 by 2-inch stock on a bandsaw to produce the lattice. The ends of each piece are cut at a 45 degree angle. Set the strips between the frame members. Nail the lattice to the frame with 6-penny finishing nails.

The lower end is left open so rain will drain out; but the top is capped with 1 by 4-inch lumber, nailed to the frame. Spray-paint the screen with outside varnish or paint.



SUPPER SALAD SPECIALTY



Succulent lobster and rice, always a favorite combination, can be custom-tailored to summer eating. They are featured in this Lobster Rice Supper Salad, a cool and refreshing main dish. A dressing spiked with anchovy paste adds an unusual touch which contributes to its delightful flavor.

To save precious time, cook the rice early in the day so it will be chilled when you need it. If you cook an extra amount, try it as a cereal for breakfast. Or store the extra rice in the refrigerator to use in a casserole, soup or other mixed dish at another meal. Heating in a little water will restore the rice to its original light and fluffy texture.

To serve the Lobster Rice Supper Salad, arrange it in a bowl garnished with wedges of hard-cooked egg and crisp bunches of greens. Crisp snacks, large frosty glasses of iced tea and dessert complete this warm weather menu.

LOBSTER RICE SUPPER SALAD

- 1 cup cooked lobster (fresh or 5-ounce can)
- 1 1/2 cups cooked rice, chilled
- 2 tablespoons French dressing
- 3/4 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons finely minced onion
- 2 teaspoons anchovy paste
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
- 3/4 cup finely sliced celery
- 2 tablespoons minced parsley
- 2 hard-cooked eggs, cut into wedges
- Crisp greens

Break lobster meat into good-sized pieces and mix with rice and French dressing. Marinate the refrigerator for about 1 1/2 hour. Combine mayonnaise with onion, anchovy paste and mustard. Add with celery and parsley to rice mixture. Toss very lightly. Garnish with eggs and crisp greens. Makes 4 servings.

Corner on Cotton BY BOB COLLINS

Just how well the mechanics of the new cotton program will work when cotton starts to move over the country in volume is a question foremost in the minds of many cotton men . . . it may be expected that there will be considerable disappointment early in the program with the large amount of paperwork and the large number of errors that are certain to crop up . . . anyway, cotton and cotton men certainly are tested this season with an untried program, lots of red tape and the largest crop in six years, if the August forecast is accurate . . . in case you haven't seen the government forecast it's for 14.8 million bales . . . that's up 29 per cent from last year and up 5 per cent from the '48-'57 average . . . and, if the forecast is right, the record yield per acre of last year will be topped by eight pounds . . . that means the crop will climb to 474 pounds per acre or 145 pounds above the average 10-year yield.

What's going to happen to all this cotton? . . . feeling is that most of it will be consumed . . . the experts say that domestic mills will use more than nine million bales and exports will range between five and six million . . . last year the U.S. mills used about 8.6 million bales and exports were only about 2.8 million.

Cotton Everywhere Apparently cotton was the only domesticated plant common to both the Eastern and Western Hemisphere in prehistoric times . . . all other plants grown by the Indians were not known in Europe . . . and the people who should know how to explain this don't have any explanation!!

Mill Record U. S. textile industry thinks it has an anti-inflation record . . . the program's inflation story that only \$1.00 in 1947-49 now costs only 91 cents . . . on the other hand, the averaged other manufactured item that cost a buck in '47-'49 now costs \$1.28.

HOT ROLLS AND COLD CUTS— UNBEATABLE SUMMERTIME COMBINATION



Even when the temperature is 90 in the shade, most of us homemakers find that our families want something hot along with that standard meal of cold cuts and salad. And hot rolls invariably win the nod.

And do you know that you can make your very own yeast-raised rolls for supper in just a little over an hour? It sounds impossible, doesn't it? It used to be, but with this new quick recipe, it's true. The secret is active dry yeast and biscuit mix, combined with water. The mixing and kneading time has been cut down to nothing. And the best thing of all is that these home made hot rolls give that short-cut cold meal a real appetizing appeal, especially when you make these rolls with a sharp cheese flavor.

CHEESE POCKET-BOOKS

- 3/4 cup warm water (not hot—105° to 115°)
- 1 package active dry yeast
- 2 1/2 cups biscuit mix
- 2 tablespoons soft butter
- Cheddar cheese

Dissolve yeast in warm water. Mix in biscuit mix. Beat vigorously. Turn dough onto surface well dusted with biscuit mix. Knead until smooth, about 20 times. Roll dough into circle about 1/4" thick. Cut into rounds with 2 1/2" cookie or biscuit cutter. Crease circles with dull edge of knife to one side of center. Brush with butter. Put small slice of cheddar cheese on center half. Fold larger side over smaller side so edges just meet. Place on greased baking sheet. Cover. Let rise in warm place (85° F.) 45 minutes to 1 hour. Bake at 400° F. for 10 to 15 min.

Merkel Woman's Granddaughter In Festival

Miss Patsy Pence, granddaughter of Mrs. J. D. Porter of Merkel, is a representative to the Twelfth Annual Cotton Festival to be held in Fabens on Sept. 12.

This yearly event, sponsored by the Rio Valley Woman's Club, will be climaxed by a coronation ball Sept. 12 in the El Paso Valley Compress Warehouse.

Miss Pence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Pence of Monahans, is being sponsored in the event by the El Paso Rotary Club.

A graduate of Texas Western College where she received a bachelor of music degree, Miss Pence will teach vocal music in Fort Bliss Elementary School in El Paso this year.

She was a member of the All-State Texas Choir, elected "Most Talented Girl" of the junior class, a member of Sigma Kappa Sorority at Texas Technological College, a recipient of Sigma Kappa Scholastic Award, representative of the Assn. of Women students council at Texas Tech and was on the college honor roll.

She has participated for two years in opera work, is a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, Mu Phi Epsilon and a summer graduate of Mannequin Manor Modeling School.

Her escort at the Cotton Festival will be Robert MacCallum of El Paso

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Starr Rest Home

By MARY OUTLAW

Some of our patients aren't feeling so well at this writing. Mrs. Hartley is in bed part of the time. We hope she will begin to improve and be back at her embroidering soon.

Mr. Frank Fowler has had another stroke but is some better at this writing. She has begun to sit up some.

Mrs. Vanlandingham is feeling some better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Carr, Thelma and Lillian, Van Courts, Texas and Mrs. Carr last week.

We want to thank Bill Cox for the nice water melons he brought the Rest Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobby of Walnut Springs, Tex., visited Mrs. Hartley, Monday.

Mrs. Minnie Meyers celebrated her 74th birthday Sunday. She had a birthday dinner in Abilene Sunday.

We want to thank Mrs. B. T. Brown for the juice she brought the home.

The Church of Christ people came to the Rest Home Sunday and sang for the old folks. Rev. Holland was away on vacation on account of illness in the family. We had a real nice service.

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CARD OF THANKS
We wish to thank all the friends who were so kind and thoughtful to us in our recent sorrow at the passing of our loved one. Your expressions of sympathy are deeply appreciated and will always be remembered.
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Vickie Robertson Feted At Party

Mrs. Glenn Robertson honored her little daughter, Vickie, with an early birthday party Friday, Aug. 28. She was six years old on Sept. 1.

Cake and ice cream cones were served to the following: LeAnn Hunter, Karlan Gamble, LeAnn and Rusty Holloway, Teddy Powell, Barbara Higgins, Kathy and Lonnie Beard, Dennis and Debra James, Marsha Nail, Dana and Tonja McAninch, Steven and Stephanie Walker, Ann and Kathy Carson, David Robertson and the honoree.

Mothers present were Mrs. Truman Holloway, Mrs. Ted McAninch, Mrs. David Gamble, Mrs. Robert James, Mrs. James Beard, Mrs. J. P. Click and Mrs. Howard Carson.

STITH NEWS

The Stith gin is being repaired for the cotton harvest. F. J. McDonald is manager of the gin.

Several women from the Baptist Church met the past Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Nora McDonald for a covered dish luncheon and quilting. The ladies quilted two quilts for the pastor and wife the Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Swindel.

Joy McWilliams of Merkel spent Friday night with Pat McDonald. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brown and daughter, Fonda, have moved to Merkel to fonde their home. We will miss them in our community.

Mrs. Clara Diggins and Mrs. Ruth Bailey of Anson visited Miss Louise Hudson Sunday afternoon. Week and visitors in the home of L. E. Berry were Mr. and Mrs. Robert James, Mrs. James Beard, Mrs. J. P. Click and Mrs. Howard Carson.

tree and Mrs. Ina Kelso. Mr. and Mrs. James Strange of Odessa visited over the weekend with her brother, the Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Swindel.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hale, Mike and Shirley, visited with their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hair, and Sandra recently.

Mrs. Defia Ellison is visiting in the Hale home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Hudson of Levelland were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hudson and Miss Louise, Bob and Hollis Hudson.

The Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Swindel were honored on their birthday with a surprise party Saturday night given by several members of the Baptist Church. Cookies and punch were served and

the honorees were each presented with a quilt.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Anderson will return to Galveston this weekend where Mr. Anderson will undergo treatment at John Sealy Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Baylor Amason and daughter, Linda, of Graham were guests of his father, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason, Wednesday.



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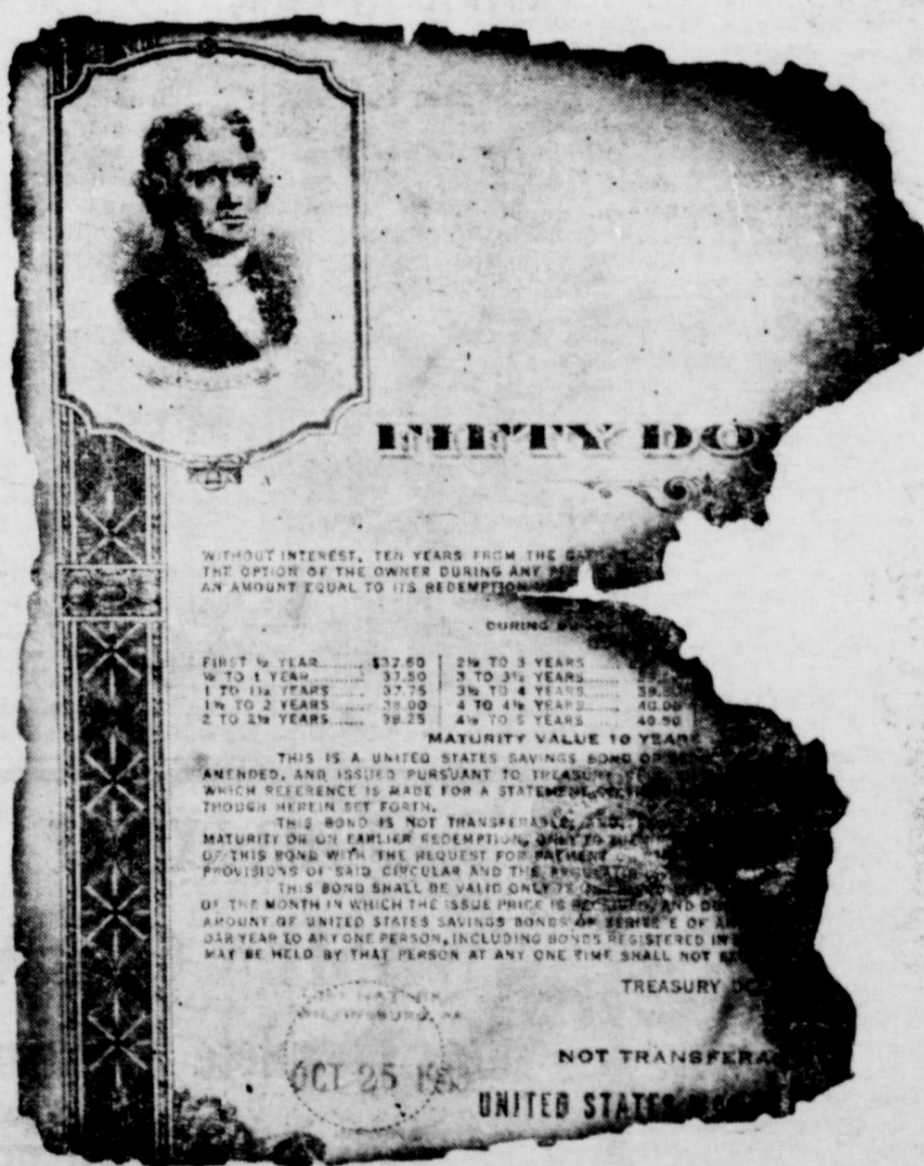
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NOTICE MASONS

Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710 A.F. & A.M. Saturday, Sept. 12, 8:00 p.m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.
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Dr. Howard and I wish to express our thanks and appreciation to our neighbors and friends for the sweet cards, lovely gifts, beautiful flowers and food. There are no words adequate to thank you for the many acts of kindness during my recent illness. May the Lord bless each of you and keep you in perfect health is our prayer.
Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Howard

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas —

GREETING:
You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Delton Wilkinson, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District 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 21st day of September A.D. 1959, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 11th day of August A.D. 1959, in this cause, numbered 23,931-A on the docket of said court and styled Thelma Peoples Wilkinson, Plaintiff, vs. Delton Wilkinson, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were duly and legally married at Abilene, Texas, on September 15, 1950. They permanently separated in the latter part of 1953. Defendant has been guilty of such cruelty and outrages towards the Plaintiff as to render their further living together insupportable. No child has been born of said marriage, and none will be born. Plaintiff ask that her maiden name of Thelma Peoples be restored to her, 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 seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 11th day of August A.D. 1959.
Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk,
42nd District Court
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By Faye Terry, Deputy.
23-24-25-26

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married on or about 7th day of March A.D. 1953 and became permanently separated on or about April 10, 1955.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment and for custody of their son 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 19th day of August A.D. 1959.
(SEAL)
Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk,
104th District Court
Taylor County, Texas.
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
24-25-26-27

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: John Chester Perschbacher, Defendant, Greeting:

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married on April 21, 1956 and became permanently separated January 6th 1959.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment and for custody of the minor child of plaintiff and defendant 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.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 17th day of August A.D. 1959.
(SEAL)
Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas.
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TO: Alice Nelson Williams, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District 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 12th day of October A.D. 1959, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 8th day of May A. D. 1959, in this cause, numbered 23,886-A on the docket of said court and styled Frances Betty Lee Sumpter, Plaintiff, vs. William Eddie Sumpter, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were legally married on or about the 30th day of April, 1958, and became permanently separated on or about 29th day of September, 1958.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment.

Plaintiff sues for custody of the minor child and support in the amount of \$50.00 per month as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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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 17th day of August A.D. 1959.
(SEAL)
Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas.
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
23-24-25-26

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment and for custody of their son as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 19th day of August A.D. 1959.
(SEAL)
Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk,
104th District Court
Taylor County, Texas.
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
24-25-26-27

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment and further alleges that there are no children of this marriage and no community property to be adjudicated as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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gabby doodle from noodle says:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:
When that feller Tommy Manville got married the ninth time he was quoted as saying it was a victory for hope over experience. That's the way I feel about ole Khrushchev coming to visit us. I'm hoping but I ain't expecting much.

The papers is saying he's bringing about 40 of them Kremlin boys along with him and I don't see how we're going to compete with that two-platoon sys-

tem. We ain't got more'n four or five in our party that's pulling in the same direction and we can't git but about a half a platoon on the field at the same time.

Personally, I think our State Department should have got Harry to write ole Khrushchev a letter afore this visit. Them Russians ain't really had our Sunday punch till they git a letter from Harry. He didn't git much done playing the piano fer Joe at Tehran, but when he sets down to take pen in hand he's harder to git around than a woman trying to double park.

All the writers is trying to build up Khrushchev's visit as a mission of peace. I think that's the right attitude and I'm hoping they is right. But I'm always afeared of these affairs. Fer instance, we ain't never lost a war but we ain't never broken even with our allies when it was over. The Russians won more at Yalta, Tehran, and Potsdam than we've won in all the wars we ever fought.

And some of them writers is overdoing it. One reporter from Moscow says he thinks Khrushchev is easing up on his aim to git West Berlin. He'll be telling us next that Liz Taylor is wearing high neck dresses and keeping her mouth shut.

Personally, I'll be mighty happy if we just hold our own on this visit. Them Russians is the bet double-talkers the world has ever saw. Hitler twisted history but them Russians invented it. I recall onct when they claimed they was growing corn on the cob in bunches. Why they didn't claim it was already buttered, I'll never know. Then they fixed up a 14-volume history proving they won World War II all by their-

selves. I went along with that, hoping they'd rest on their laurels fer 50 year. When they come up with a two-headed cabbage I didn't say a word, and when they claimed a feller Mozhaisky built the first airplane in 1885 and kept it in the air 26 minutes, I didn't argue. They said it was in the Russian archives, which was also invented by the Russians. A long as they're just talking, they ain't hurting nothing.

One reporter summed up this visit as a opportunity to git Khrushchev cured of his "gross ignorance" about America. I figger "gross" ignorance is 144 times worse than plain ignorance, so I reckon we got our job out out fer us while he is here.

Yours truly,
GABBY

Mr. Iva Griggs of Snyder was a visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amson Friday

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Houston Clark Sunday, Aug. 23, were Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Jones of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fred Jones and Pam, Butch and Monica of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ed McDuff and Ann, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Clark, Carolyn and Bobby, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Clark, Larry and Jerry, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lee, Debbie and Ronny and

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Wilson, all of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Junior Clark, Randy and Janie of Merkel.

Mrs. Corene Kincaid of Abilene accompanied by her aunt, Mrs. Patricia Morgan, of Seattle, Washington, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amson Sunday.

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DPS Patrolmen Get Increase In Pay Scale

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety announced today a higher pay scale for DPS patrolmen will go into effect September 1.

Col. Homer Garrison, Jr., Director, said the pay of beginning patrolmen will be increased from the present \$300 per month to \$325 during the time they are in training at the Department's Law Enforcement Academy at Austin. It will be raised to \$350 per month during their period of on-the-job training in the field.

Upon completion of full training period, patrolmen's pay will range between \$365 and \$388 per month, depending upon their assignment.

Garrison said the pay raise was made possible as a result of an increased appropriation made available for this purpose by the recently adjourned Texas Legislature.

At the same time, he announced that men between the ages of 21 and 35 interested in becoming patrolmen should have their application filed by the deadline of September 7.

He said competitive examinations will be given over the state September 15, 16 and 17 to fill approximately 80 vacancies in the Department's four uniformed services — the Highway Patrol, License and Weight, Drivers License and Motor Vehicle Inspection.

"This is an opportunity for qualified young men to become a part of one of the most respected organizations of its kind in the Nation, and at the same time to occupy an essential position in our society," Garrison added.

Qualifications call for a high school education or the equivalent, sound physical condition, height not under five feet, eight inches nor over six feet, four inches, and weight not less than two nor more than three pounds per inch of height.

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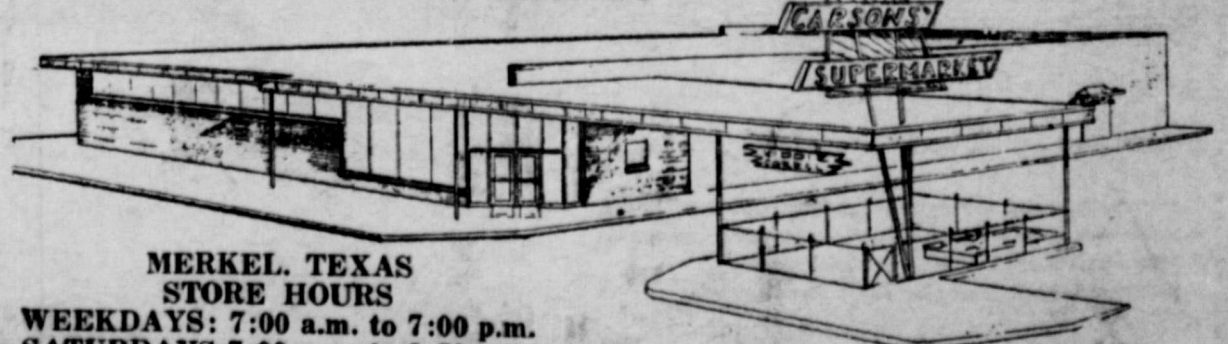
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