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The average consumer will eat the equivalent of 33 hogs, 10 lambs, 8 steers and 4 veal calves during his meat-eating days.

STATE CAPITAL
Highlights
 AND
Sidelights
 by Vern Sanford
 TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN, Tex.—Both pro- and anti-sales taxers declare they're in a better position now that Gov. Price Daniel has dropped his support of the payroll tax plan.

Pro-sales taxers say this will leave the Legislature practically no choice but to pass a general sales tax. But opponents say it clears the way to getting down to "numerous other plans."

In his message dropping the payroll tax, the governor also said that he felt neither a sales nor an income tax had a chance of passage. He recommended instead the State Finance Advisory Commission's second choice plan, extension or excise taxes.

Under this plan, new items to be taxed would include restaurant meals, gas and electric household appliances, jewelry and watches, soft drinks, building materials, business machines, home and office furnishings and boat and automobile parts.

Taxes on these items would be increased: motor vehicles, gasoline, air conditioners (to include central systems), cosmetics, beer, liquor, wine and boats and motors.

ELECTIVE INSURANCE BOARD — A proposal to grant the people the right to elect the members of the Insurance Board has been introduced by Rep. David Read of Big Spring.

The appointive Board has been under severe criticism for several years, especially since it suddenly increased insurance rates on motorists, based on traffic violations.

Bill is patterned after the law requiring the election of the Railroad Commissioners. It is the sponsor's belief that the public would be given more consideration if the insurance posts were elective positions.

AUTO INSURANCE PLAN HIT — Texas' merit rating plan for auto insurance came in for heavy criticism as the Senate Insurance Committee considered a measure calling for extensive changes.

Sen. Grady Hazlewood of Amarillo declared that, at present, it's not how you drive, but whether you get caught, that determines your insurance premiums.

Under a revised plan sponsored by Senator Hazlewood, insurance premiums would be raised only for more serious traffic violations. No penalty points would be assigned for anything that happened before January 1, 1960.

In taking apart the present plan, Senator Hazlewood said it is inequitable because, among other reasons, (1) it doesn't apply to commercial vehicles such as trucks, taxis, etc. and (2) traffic tickets aren't passed out as readily in small towns as large ones.

No one appeared to disagree with his view.

WATER BILL PASSED — A bill to raise the amount the State Water Development Board can lend for local water projects gained final passage from both Houses.

It will become law with the governor's signature. Governor Daniel favors the bill, called it "a great step forward." Bill will allow the board to lend up to \$15,000,000 for any one water project.

Another water measure under consideration would allow the state to buy conservation storage space in Texas reservoirs, saving and selling water that would otherwise run off. It is in the form of a constitutional amendment and is sponsored by Sen. George Parkhouse of Dallas.

Supporters hope to gain legislative approval in time to have it put on the ballot at the same time as the run-off in the special senatorial race.

WOMEN LOSE ROUND — Women's rights advocates lost by one vote an effort to get their proposed constitutional amendment sent immediately to the Senate floor. Instead, the amendment design-

...to wipe out with one stroke all differences in legal treatment of men and women was sent to subcommittee.

A large delegation of women came to plead for the measure. Objectors said a law-by-law approach should be taken to avoid legal chaos.

SCHOOL DAY INCREASE — House passed the Senate a bill which would increase the time during which a child may be legally compelled to attend school.

Present requirement is to attend school from 7 to 16 years of age for 120 days each year. House bill would change the age limit from 6 to 16 years of age and the school year to 180 days.

At the request of Rep. Jack Woods of Waco, the House removed a provision that would have required 17-year-olds to stay in school.

JOB CLASSIFICATION AP-PROVED — A bill to assure "like pay for like work" among state employees has moved to within one vote of final House passage.

Sponsored by Rep. John A. Huebner, Sr. of Bay City, the bill enacts a job classification system and raises the salaries of workers receiving less than the standard salary for those in their category. No salary cuts would be made.

Estimated cost of the required raises under the measure is \$450,000 a year.

PROPERTY OWNERS UPHELD — Two cases involving disputes between property owners and oil and gas drillers were ruled on by the State Supreme Court.

In a Lubbock County case, the high court ruled that a drilling firm was responsible for damages caused by salt water pollution of an irrigation well — even though the property owners had given permission for salt water disposal on the land.

In another case, the court ruled that drillers using the sand fracturing process to open up subsurface cracks to release gas were trespassing on the rights of neighboring lease holders.

SHORT SNORTS — Rep. Robert Hughes of Dallas is sponsor of a bill to strengthen laws against cruelty to animals... House gave final approval to a bill to require run-offs in special elections to fill congressional vacancies. Present law applies only to U. S. senatorial races.

355 Gain Income Due To Reading Newspapers

Over 355 persons, an undetermined number of them readers of this newspaper, are now mighty glad they have been reading their hometown papers. In 1957, 1958, 1959, or early 1960, they had applied for social security retirement benefits, only to be turned down because they didn't have enough credits to be insured under that system.

But, according to R. R. Tuley, Jr., manager of the Abilene district office of the Social Security Administration, many of them told him that they read in their hometown papers at some time in the past ten weeks that the law changed in 1960. Others heard of the change from radio announcements. The change reduced the number of social security credits

needed to be insured and eligible for retirement checks each month. So, they took themselves to the social security office, or met a representative of that office when he was in their community, and filed new claims.

Now, at least 355 of them have already received notice that their new claims have been approved, and are receiving regular monthly checks, dating back to October of 1960, when the first checks under this amendment were payable.

Tuley explained that the new law reduced by about one-third the amount of work people need to qualify for social security benefits. Under the old law, some of those 355 needed almost five years of credits to qualify. Now, however, anyone reaching retirement age in 1960 (age 65 for men, 62 for women) needs only three years of such credits. Some qualified with as little as 1½ years of credits, the minimum requirement for those reaching retirement age before 1956.

So, if you have ever had an application for social security retirement or survivor benefits denied because of insufficient work credits, follow in the footsteps of the 355 who have already profited by the change in the 16 county Abilene district. Write the Abilene office of the Social Security Administration today. They will be glad to recheck the records and see if you are now eligible for monthly checks under the 1960 changes.

Wardens Stake 105 Headlighters During January

Game wardens took 105 Texans into court during the month of January for headlighting game, according to the monthly arrest report of Capt. E. M. Sprott, director of law enforcement of the Game & Fish Commission.

Also during the month there were 85 arrests for failure to have hunting and fishing licenses. The wardens made a total of 418 arrests for the month. Courts assessed fines and costs at \$18,518.20.

Nine persons served time in jail for failure to pay fines.

There were 16 persons arrested for killing deer in closed season; 23 for having untagged deer; 30 for shooting from automobiles and two for "telephoning" fish.

Night hunting has been the bane of game wardens. They are called upon nightly by persons

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who hear shooting on known deer range. The wardens then must get the violators with evidence that will stand up in court. Usually they are able to bring in the

carcass of the dead animals. Some night shooters just pot the game from the road side and drive on leaving the animal for vultures.

ADVICE ON INCOME TAX RETURNS BANK OF



It's that time of year when taxes get the spotlight...time to pay taxes, proposed new taxes, and fussing about old taxes (everybody does it). On the brighter side, remember this: There's no place on earth where anyone gets more in return for every tax dollar than right here — more freedom, more educational opportunity, more of the better things in life. But... there's no sense in paying more taxes than you should. Make out tax returns carefully, don't wait until the last minute, get professional help if needed.

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SENATOR ☆☆☆ Yarborough's Report

Dear Fellow Texan:

As a member of the Education Subcommittee of the Labor and Public Welfare Committee who has had the privilege of giving detailed study to the need for strengthening our national education effort, I strongly support the basic aid to education program outlined by President Kennedy in his recent message to Congress.

President Kennedy said, "The human mind is our fundamental resource." We might correctly add that the brainpower of Americans that is not developed to full potential constitutes a tragic waste of our nation's and each individual's most valuable natural resource.

In patterning his public school assistance program after S. 8, the bill which passed the Senate last year, the President has followed a sound approach which will be fair to school children in all of the 50 states.

It is noteworthy that the proposal retains the stipulation that state or local school boards have an option on whether the national funds will be utilized for classroom construction or teacher pay increases, or both. It absolutely safeguards local control of schools.

A key point of the President's message, which the Legislature of our own state of Texas and

all other legislatures should heed was:

Each state will be expected to maintain its own effort or contribution; and every state whose effort is below the national average will be expected to increase that proportion of its income which is devoted to public elementary and secondary education."

There is no denying that we need to strengthen our public schools for Texas boys and girls. We have a shortage of some 4,400 classrooms, nearly 5,000 students are attending less than full day sessions, and 6,500 teachers are teaching with substandard credentials.

All of us may have some different ideas on how or where our educational effort must be strengthened. But surely none of us can be in disagreement with the candid, powerful, 14-word opening sentence of President Kennedy's message:

"Our progress as a nation can be no swifter than our progress in education."

Improving our public schools demands action at the local, state and national levels of government.

The need is so great that none of these levels of government acting alone is likely to be able to meet the requirements, and all acting together are not likely to do too much.

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RECEIVES PLAQUE — Earle Watts (left), outgoing president of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, was presented a plaque by Joe Cypert, new president, at the annual C-C banquet held Thursday night. Shown with them is Adelle Elkins, secretary-treasurer of the organization.

'Education Alert' Program Slated By Texas P-TA

Thursday, March 30, will be a red letter day in Texas.

On that day, members of P-TA's over the state will be ringing doorbells for quality education.

The Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers, as a public service, is undertaking a state-wide program — through its member units — of contacting friends and neighbors, in house-to-house calling, concerning the present and future of the education of Texas children and youth.

The project is titled EDUCATION ALERT.

Information about basic educational needs will be furnished, and citizens will be given an opportunity to let members of the Legislature know whether they support quality education in the state and whether they are willing to pay the taxes necessary to provide for it. (Details of the plan are being worked out.)

The State Board of Managers, at its January meeting in Austin, adopted the following statement of policy:

"Since we are an educational organization, it would be out of character for parent-teacher associations to recommend or endorse a specific tax or proposed tax bill; however, we pledge ourselves to work toward the creation of a community attitude of willingness to pay for quality education in Texas based upon any tax program the Legislature in its wisdom chooses to pass."

Mrs. T. W. Whaley of Kosse, president of the organization, stated: "It should be made clear that this action refers to an organization governing the P-TA as an organization. It does not imply that individuals, acting in individual capacity, should not freely express preferences for or against any particular tax or tax bill, or any legislative program. On the contrary, good citizenship would require individuals to advise freely and constructively with legislators."

Mrs. Whaley emphasized that Education Alert is not a pressure campaign but a project undertaken solely in the public interest.

Texas Exchanges Quail For Chicks With Nebraska

Greater prairie chickens from Nebraska will be given an opportunity to get a foothold in Texas, according to H. D. Dodgen, executive secretary of the Game and Fish Commission. Twenty of these

birds were flown into Texas last week and released on the Flat Top Ranch, southwest of Fort Worth.

More of the birds will also be brought in as they are trapped in Nebraska, according to the secretary. Texas is giving sealed quail in exchange for the prairie chickens. These quail are being trapped in the Trans-Pecos country, where there is an abundance of birds and a short supply of feed.

On another exchange, more than 100 Rio Grande wild turkeys from the King Ranch have been shipped to Hawaii. This also is on an exchange basis, and will give the newest state a start of Texas propagated birds.

In recent months there has been an import of stripers from California, which were planted in Kemp Lake near Wichita Falls. And on the Black Gap area in the Big Bend, reports are that from Arizona sheep imported during the past two years are doing really well in the 600 acre predator-proof enclosure.

BADGER TALES

By RUTHIE CORDER

Junior and senior play practice is about to begin in earnest. This is the time of the year that some students decide that they will never be in another play if their lives depend on it, and others decide that they'd rather act than eat, regardless of the type of part they have to play. Personally, I believe that school activity should be arranged in such a manner that every student be required to be in four plays, at least, while he is in high school. At present it is two, at the most. Junior and senior plays—and a student always make both of those.

A school year is divided into three seasons—football, basketball, and spring. There is something wonderful about the last season. It may just seem so much more wonderful to me because I am a senior. The activity varies so much this last lap of the school year. There is volleyball, tennis, track, baseball, plays, senior trip, Interscholastic League events, and last, but not least, graduation.

Mary Dunagin moved last Sunday—as much as we all hated to see her go. She said that she would like for everyone to write her. The address is 1003 Ohio St., Big Lake, Texas.

Last week three senior girls went on a band trip to Denton—Lola Loflin, Penny Gardner, and Beth Mewborn. Beth came back with the most beautiful engagement ring. Is that the reason all of the girls have suddenly decided to go to Denton?

Only eleven weeks and two days til school is out



CONTEST FOR HOME ECONOMISTS — Incoming president of the Texas Home Economics Association, Dr. Willa Vaughn Tinsley, second from left, Dean, School of Home Economics, Texas Technological College, Lubbock, and Miss Louise Mason of Texas A & M College, right, retiring THEA president, learn details of the Texas Beef Council's fifth annual recipe contest from Elizabeth Reed, second from right, and Billie Roberts, left, members of the Texas Beef Council's editorial staff. The contest was launched at the THEA annual meeting in Houston last week.

40 YEARS AGO

H. D. Simpson, who represents the Stewart Land Company of Kansas City, in company with Mr. E. S. Sandusky, recently returned from a trip to the Rio Grande Valley. Mr. Simpson states that Mr. Sandusky was highly pleased and will likely soon move to that country.

On Friday evening at eight o'clock twenty Sophomore pupils gathered at the home of Mary Eula Sears where they played interesting and amusing games. The party was primarily a Geo. and Martha Washington one. The home was beautifully decorated in red, white, and blue, with pictures of George and Martha Washington forming parts of the decoration scheme. Althea Boden, by the use of two toothpicks, was successful in putting six beans in a saucer. In naming the presidents of the United States in the order that they occupied office, Mary Cleo Booth won first prize, a pair of tiny pretty nose glasses, and Sam Houston the "booby", an A. B. C. book.

One of the Hebron boys, Fred Browning, brought his bride home last Sunday. We understand he married a young lady near Wellington, and we join his many friends in wishing for them a happy and prosperous life together. We learn he will live up on Sunsetwater creek where he has rented a farm.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Foster, a bouncing baby boy on the 29th. Mother and babe are doing nicely, and Clyde, well he is a happy "daddy."

Short definition of social security: replacement of a part of income lost due to old-age, disability, or death.



BIG CATCH — Gerald Bateman has his arms full with his son, Jerry, and a nine-pound catfish he caught in a tank Sunday afternoon.

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COUPLE TO BE FETED ON 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Barbee of Noodle will be honored on their golden anniversary with open house in the Noodle school cafeteria from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 5. Their eight children will host the affair.

Mr. Barbee was married on March 1, 1911, in Jones County at Presley Bridge. Due to extreme weather he was unable to make the trip to the bridge where he performed the ceremony.

The Barbee children are Carl Barbee, San Bruno, Calif.; Lowell Barbee of Noodle; A. J. Barbee Jr. of Abilene; Mrs. J. E. Touchstone, Noodle; Weldon Barbee of Abilene; Glenn Barbee of Soap Lake, Wash.; Mrs. L. B. Redd, Akron, Ohio, and Bobby Barbee of Abilene.

UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

Mrs. Frazee Demerie of Merkel returned to her home after spending a week with her brother, John Brandon, of Plainview. Mr. Brandon has been ill for several weeks, and Mrs. Demerie said he was greatly cheered by her visit.

En route home she stopped by Big Spring to see her great-grandson and to her surprise found her daughter, Mrs. Leon Toombs, also of Merkel, who was visiting in the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Toombs Jr., and son. The two grandmas report the baby doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brnovak visited Mrs. Brnovak's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Polk, of Midland Sunday.

The Rev. Joe McCarthy, pastor members met for their regular of the Pioneer Church, and board meeting Sunday night. It was decided at this time to extend an invitation to the Rev. William B. Cargill, pastor of the Tabernacle Church at Wichita Falls, to fill the pulpit at the church here at both morning and evening services Sunday, March 12. Those of you who have known him all his life will be happy to hear him preach.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Miles of the Canyon report the birth of a new granddaughter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Boddle of Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Oward Everett of Crosbyton were here the past week on business.

Grover Blair says he is feeling fine and glad to see this sunshine.

Silas Clark of Abilene informed us this week that the Taylor County singing convention could be held at the Pioneer Church Sunday, April 9. Definite announcement will be made at a later date.

Cramer Reynolds visited recently with his mother, who makes her home with a daughter, Mrs. Elois Pruitt, of Abilene. Mrs. Reynolds is in her 80's, however, she is still active.

to get a back scratching by the farmers with their tractors and plows.

Every day the sun shines you can just see the wheat and oats growing and we know spring is just around the corner. However, we will have to continue feeding our livestock for a while longer.

Cattle testing is in full swing up the Canyon this week.

Mrs. Harry Riney was able to attend church Sunday. She remarked that she is really glad to see some warm weather.

W. T. Perry, mountain pass stockman, said the weather is still cold in that area and that it will be a long time before the trees will put out leaves. Livestock thrive on the young tender leaves.

Mrs. H. H. Windham gave the council report. After the recommendations were read, they were discussed and voted on. Mrs. Windham was chosen to represent the club at the district meeting in Vernon in April. Club members also voted to pay for the year-books and to turn in their THDA contributions.

The program on "Hems For Skirts and Dresses," was presented by Mrs. Butler and Mrs. McAninch. They showed how to measure a hem, how to hem if there is fullness in a hem and the kind of stitches to use in hemming.

Mrs. McAninch served coffee and cake to the following: Mmes. Howard Phillips, Jennings Winter, Butler, Windham and Doug Reddin.

Lake Victoria in central Africa is the second largest fresh water lake in the world and covers an area of about 26,000 square miles.



I GIVE YOU TEXAS

By BOYCE HOUSE

The bitterest national political campaign, with the exception of the one in 1899 when Lincoln was elected, took place in 1896. The combination of the threat of industries to close down if William Jennings Bryan was elected and the tremendous campaign fund spent by Mark Hanna caused the election of William McKinley.

Twenty-four years afterward, I was editing the Piggott, Arkansas, Banner. An attorney, Mayor Arthur Sneed, had vivid recollections of the campaign.

Sneed was a stripling in 1896 but he had debated for Bryan's side. He said that one of the "arguments" of the gold standard debaters was that Judas had betrayed the Savior for thirty pieces of silver. Sneed countered with the assertion that instead of saying that silver should be accursed because of the betrayal, the opposite was true because, had it not been for the thirty pieces of silver, Judas would not have betrayed his Master; and if he had not been betrayed and had not died on the cross, mankind could not have received salvation for, without the shedding of blood, there could be no remission of sins.

(Another argument which occurred to me — but it was of course too late to use — was that none of those who denounced silver refused to accept dollars, halves and quarters made of the "accursed" metal.)

My partner had been the "printer's devil" in the Banner office in 1896 when my father was the editor. One of the candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1920 was Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer.

"All I know or want to know is that a man named Palmer ran as a Goldbug Democrat in 1896 in order to take as many votes away from Bryan as possible," my partner declared. If one who had been only a lad retained such a strong view for almost a quarter of a century, that campaign of '96 must have really been charged with excitement and emotion.

read by Mrs. Paul Bradley, secretary.

Mrs. Mary Newberry, Jones County Home Demonstration Agent, presented the program on "Planting Shrubs and Trees." The next meeting will be March 8 with Mrs. Hulan Hill as hostess. The program will be on "Salads."

Compere HD Club Meeting Held

The Compere Home Demonstration Club met Feb. 23 in the home of Mrs. Kenneth Vancil.

Mrs. Ab Hunter led the members in the club prayer while Mrs. Vernon Stanley directed a game.

Plans were discussed for a White Elephant Sale to be held at 6:30 p.m. March 3. A pot luck supper will precede the sale.

Mrs. I. B. Ray gave the council report. She was also elected as a delegate to go to the district meeting in April.

Mrs. Don Adair gave a demonstration on "Be Wise When You Buy." Refreshments were served to six members and two children. The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. I. B. Ray on March 9.

Major Crime In Texas Up During 1960

Major crime in Texas increased 13.1 per cent in 1960 over 1959, led by hikes of some 25 per cent in robbery and burglary, the Texas Department of Public Safety reported today.

The total number of estimated offenses in 1960 was 57 per cent greater than the 1955 total, the department said.

The department's report, compiled from data reported by Texas sheriffs and chiefs of police, indicated the following:

Murder and homicide — 1,089 estimated offenses; rate per 100,000 population 11.7; down 1.3 per cent from 1959.

Rape — 1,196 estimated offenses; rate 13; up 2.7 per cent.

Robbery — 3,560 estimated offenses; rate 38.6; up 25.7 per cent.

Burglary — 56,976 estimated offenses; rate 617.7; up 24.3 per cent.

Aggravated assault — 12,128 estimated offenses; rate 131.5; up 1.8 per cent.

Theft — 108,869 estimated offenses; rate 1,180; up 12 per cent.

Auto theft — 15,147 estimated offenses; rate 164.2; down 4.3 per cent.

The total number of estimated offenses involving these seven types of major crime during 1960 was 198,956, or a rate of 2,157 per 100,000 population, for an increase of 13.1 per cent over 1959.

"This means there was an average of a little over one major crime committed in Texas every three minutes of every day of the year 1960," said Col. Homer Garrison, Jr., department director.

"The picture of the crime problem in our state can be seen even more clearly by a further breakdown: Murder and homicide occurred at the rate of about three per day; rape occurred on an average of three per day; robbery, 10 per day; burglary, 156 per day or about 6.5 every hour; theft, 298 per day or about 12 per hour; and auto theft, 41 daily or nearly two every hour."

One of every 6 persons in West Berlin is over 65, due largely to the many East German refugees too old to be moved to jobs in West Germany. As part of its Food Crusade, CARE needs funds to deliver 100,000 packages, at \$1 each, in the free city. The gifts mean monthly help for 25,000 elderly refugees and other needy.

20 YEARS AGO

Trent won the district girls' basketball championship by defeating Westbrook, 19-13, in the final game of the round robin tournament last weekend. With T. B. Friend, coach, the team is composed of Helga Beasley, Nadine Childers, Wilma Stribling, Wanda Stribling, Louise Dudley, Dene Strawn, Mary Lou O'Rear, Mildred Maddera, Alvis Neil. Two of these players were named on the all-tournament team: Mary Lou O'Rear and Helga Beasley.

The honor roll for the fourth six-weeks period of the Merkel Public schools carried the names of 144 students, 93 in Grammar school and 51 in High school.

Wanda McCoy, a Sophomore, led the High school with an average of 97. Her brother, Douglas McCoy and Becky Gardner, Seniors, and Sue Grimes, Junior, all tied with an average of 96.

Mrs. Florence Berry has taken the place of Miss Mary Anna Mayfield at Bragg Dry Goods company since the departure of the latter for Midland.

Joe Earl Lassiter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lassiter, who has recently returned to Merkel, has been named secretary-treasurer of the Rusk Literary society at the University of Texas. Joe works part-time as a committee clerk in the house of representatives while pursuing his law studies at the university.

A party leaving Monday for California included Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Patterson, Mrs. M. E. Perry and H. H. Toombs, who will visit Mr. and Mrs. Byron Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Justice.

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DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

Taxes has got me skinned down to one pair of pants and my vote but as long as I can hold on to that vote I aim to make a few observations about the situation from time to time.

For instant, I see where the American taxpayers has advanced \$20 million to the United Nations to keep it from going broke. Russia advanced nothing, the piece said.

The same piece went on to show that we've paid 48 per cent of the U.N. Children's fund and Russia 2 per cent. We paid \$30 million into the fund for U.N. Technical Assistance and Russia paid \$2 million. We give \$23 million to help get clothes and food for the Arab refugees and Russia wouldn't give a dime.

In the last 10 months, the piece showed, the American taxpayers has put, not counting the Congo, \$116 million in the United Nations program and Russia has put \$17 million.

I ain't asin the United Nations, Mister Editor, in fact I'm strong fer it, but it looks to me like,

considering we're footing most of the bills, we could make ole Khrushchev keep his shoe on and quit beating up the furniture with it at the next session. The chances are we paid for the furniture—and maybe the shoe.

Along them same lines, I'm glad President Kennedy has started giving away our farm surplus to starving people in other lands. It ain't doing nothing here but rotting away and costing us millions for storage rent. But they is one great trouble with it. Just as soon as folks across the ond start eating our bread they start fergitting which side is buttered and who buttered it. I wish they was some angle to the deal making 'em put the butter on the right side.

Ed Doolittle says he was reading where some farmer in Maryland allows as how he ain't going on Daylight Saving Time this Summer, claims it's too hard to git his roosters set up in the Summer and back in the Fall. With farm products running 81 per cent of parity and living costs up 27 points, farmers is now 46 points down. If you add the fact we're living in a semi-military age and using a 50-cent dollar, that farmer in Maryland is in fer a long spell of difficulties and it ain't all going to be about his roosters.

I see by the papers where politicians in some countries don't have it so good. To git back in the good graces of the Sultan, the Pasha of Marek, whatever that is, had to kiss the Sultan's foot. Over here, the politician that says the wrong thing just announces he has been misquoted by the newspapers.

Yours truly,
Gabby

Wellll...What Did I Tell You Twenty Years Ago?



Home Demonstration Notes

By LORETA ALLEN

Faylor County Home Demonstration Agent



Leona and I attended a workshop on Time and Energy Management in San Angelo last week. We found that there were many ways to save time and make jobs easier.

I attended a board meeting of the County Home Demonstration Agents Association of Texas, and also the state meeting of The Texas Home Economics Association. The meetings were very good with many outstanding speakers in the field of home economics.

I will meet with all the home demonstration clubs in March. The program is "How Good an Executive Are You." The public is invited. I will look forward to seeing you at the club meeting nearest you.

If you plan to remodel your porch or other entrances to your home, include safety in your plans, says W. S. Allen, extension agricultural engineer. The entrance or porch landing should be large enough to permit standing space on the latch side of the door. This usually requires a minimum area of about five by seven feet, the specialist points out. Be sure, if there are more than one or two steps, to provide a hand rail for the steps and a guard rail around the porch platform.

Good lighting for the entrance is also essential for safety, Allen

continues. Such outdoor lights should provide for good visibility on the steps, landing and nearby outside area.

A well lighted yard and walkway is desirable for accident prevention, as well as for convenience. One or two yard lights, located near the driveway or on the corner of the house, will provide illumination for the entire area and will help provide nighttime security, convenience and safety, Allen concludes.

Stith News

The Rev. Mervyn Lyles from H-SU preached at the Stith Baptist Church Sunday night. Rev. Lyles is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Porter of Wellington spent the past weekend with Mr. and Mrs. John Browning.

The Rev. Bob Carter attended a Worker's Conference at the Avoca Baptist Church Tuesday night.

Mrs. Nora McDonald, F. J. McDonald and Mrs. G. J. King attended funeral service for Betty Harris, niece of Mrs. McDonald, at Levelland Thursday.

Ruthie Corder of Merkel gave a farewell party for Mary Dunagin at her home Thursday night. Fifteen girls attended. The honoree was given a dress as a farewell gift.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Mundy of Fort Worth visited the past week with Louise, Bob and Hollis Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. Monte Berry of Amherst visited the past week in the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry and with Mrs. Ina Kelso.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dunagin, Mary and Randy, who moved to Big Lake, were honored with a party at the community center Saturday night. They received a number of nice gifts. Refreshments of coffee, pops and cookies were served.

We regret to see them leave this community; they will be missed a great deal. However, we wish for

them much happiness in their new home.

Mrs. Nora McDonald and Mrs. Mattie Jones spent Sunday with Mrs. J. E. Swindell.

Mrs. Gerald Snyder was honored with a pink and blue shower at the community center Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones visited his sister, Mrs. M. B. Watson, in Abilene Sunday afternoon.

James Hale of Midland was a dinner guest Sunday of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale.

The Rev. Bob Carter visited Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Reddin Saturday.

Mr. Nichols was injured in an oil field accident recently, but is reported improving. His two-year

old daughter, Lisa, was hospitalized her four year old brother, Joe, the past week and cut a gash under his ear which required 18 stitches to close the wound. He is reported doing fine. We hope they will soon be entirely recovered.

Mrs. J. C. Campbell of Munday was a weekend guest in the home of her son, the Rev. and Mrs. Mart Hardin and children.

Mrs. H. D. Russell of Conway, Ark., was a recent guest in the home of her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Booth.

Eddie Nichols of Tyler were recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver.

Johnny Teaff of Tye was a recent visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller Sr.

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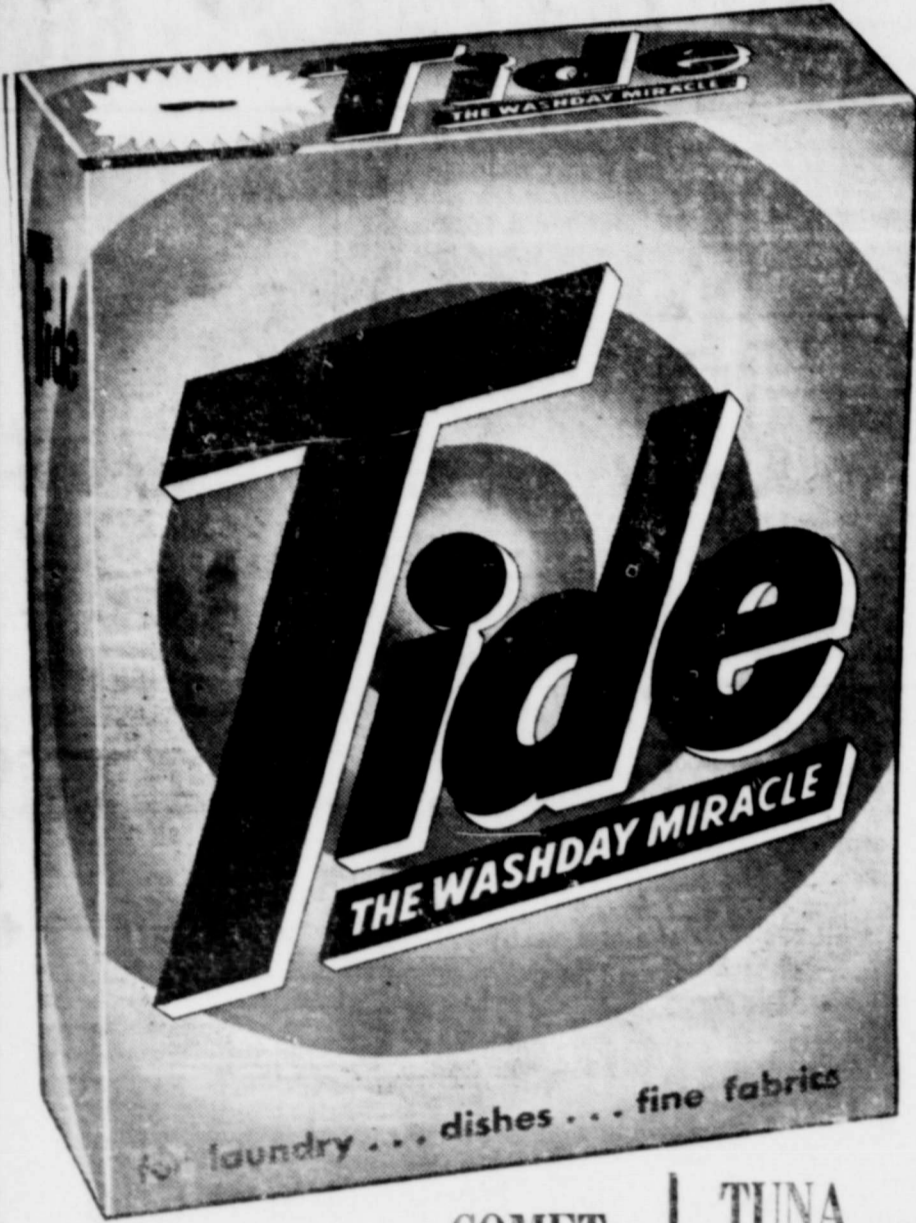
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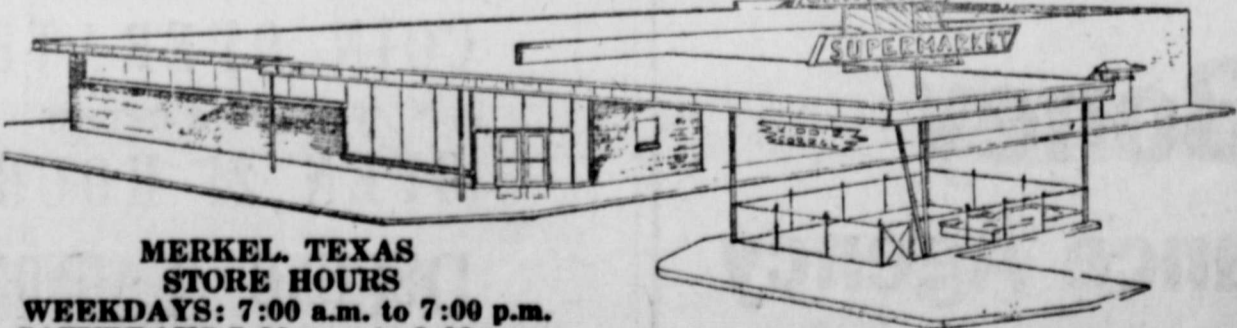
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