

STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights by Vern Sanford

AUSTIN, Tex. — Hopes for early legislative agreement on money-raising measures hit the dust when the House began to vote.

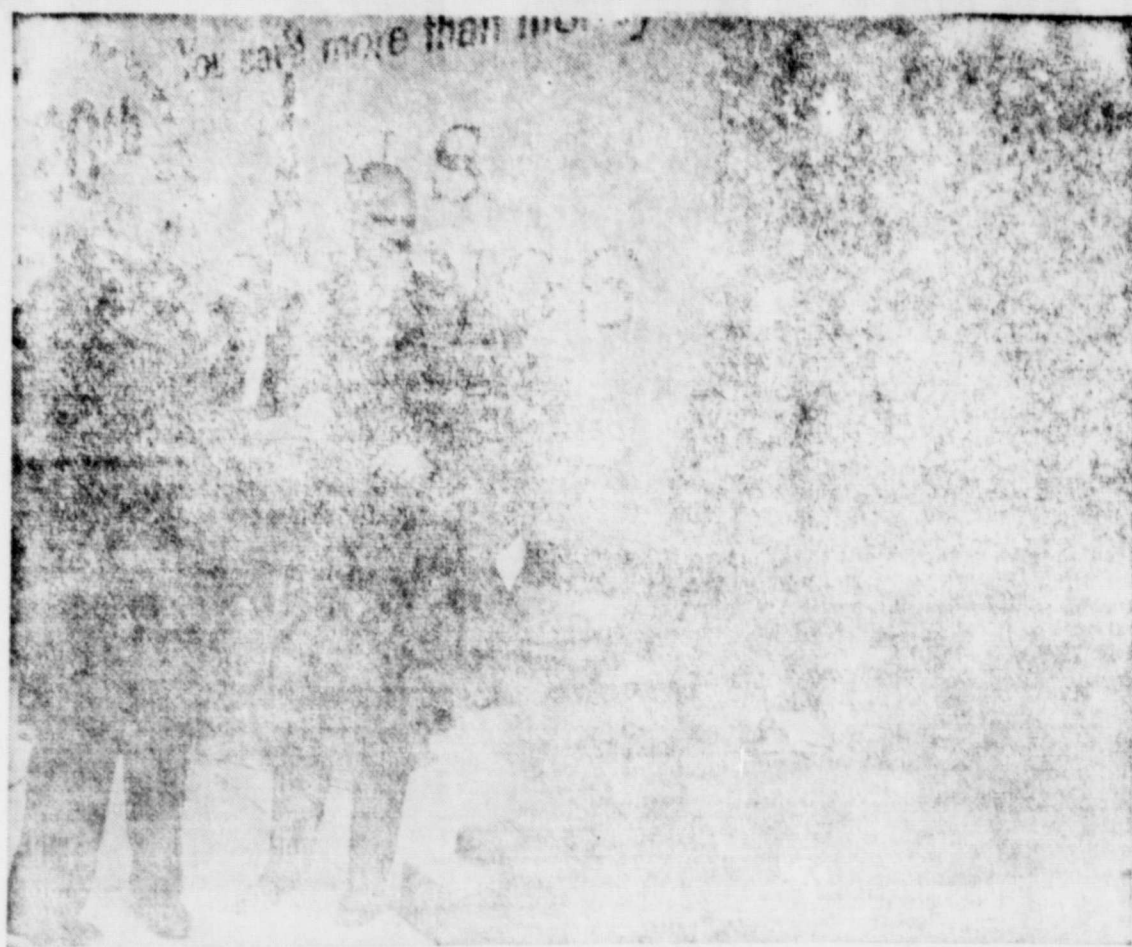
Future is dim for three of the four deficit-erasing measures recommended by Gov. Price Daniel.

First to be derailed was a proposal to raise the gas production tax from 7 to 10 per cent. Its sponsor, Rep. George Hinson of Mineola, asked that it not be voted out of committee. He expressed hope that the money could be gotten some other way.

Two others — the abandoned property act and a bill to raise the franchise taxes on interstate corporations — got overwhelming approval of the House Revenue and Taxation Committee but ran into a hornet's nest of opposition on the House floor. Both were opposed by 79-to-69 votes.

Vote on another revenue measure for utility companies was

Savings Bonds Have A Birthday



Retiring Treasury Secretary Robert B. Anderson (left) and the new Secretary of the Treasury, C. Douglas Dillon, joined in ringing a replica of the Liberty Bell to signal the 20th anniversary of the U. S. Savings Bond program. The recent ceremonies took place on the west steps of the Treasury Building, opposite the east entrance to the White House. Americans now own over \$43 billion in series E and H Savings Bonds. This is an all-time record high.

The Liberty Bell replica in the Nation's capital has counterparts in every state, donated by leading American companies as a feature of the Independence Savings Bond drive in 1950. State governors, as honorary bond chairmen, will rally their volunteer forces with similar bell-ringing ceremonies this spring.

vide for allocation of some \$70,000 to \$140,000 from taxes paid for airplane fuel.

Under the Roberts-Hazlewood plan, 35 per cent would go to the Aeronautics Commission for operations, 40 per cent to the Commission for airport and landing strip improvements and 25 per cent would go to the available school fund.

FIREMEN'S PENSIONS STUDIED — A plan to bolster the firemen's pension fund brought howls of protest from those asked to pick up the tab — municipal government and fire insurance companies.

It is under study in the House Revenue and Taxation Committee.

Rep. Franklin Spears of San Antonio is sponsor of the bill which would levy an extra 2.75 per cent tax on fire insurance premiums, with three-fourths of the money raised to go to the firemen's pension fund. Municipal governments also would be asked to up their allocations to the fund.

City officials said they didn't know where the money would come from. Insurance industry spokesmen declared it would be unfair to charge all insurance buyers — in the country as well as the city — to pay for city firemen's pensions.

Mrs. George Cooper of Noodle was a guest in the home of her granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ted McAninch and children the past weekend.

Your RIGHT TO VOTE

MR. AND MRS. VOTER, do you feel that you should have an opportunity to vote on legalizing Parimutuel Horse Race Betting?

A constitutional amendment (H.J.R. #4) is being considered whereby Texas will be given an opportunity to legalize horse race betting in Dallas, Tarrant, Harris, Galveston, Bexar, Midland, Hidalgo, Cameron and Webb Counties, subject to approval by LOCAL OPTION.

H.J.R. #4 provides for distribution, ANNUALLY, among all counties that do not have race tracks, one-half of the STATE TAX REVENUE obtained from horse racing. Each county would receive approximately \$1.00 per capita population the first year. Counties where the tracks are located would receive 2% of parimutuel handle. The state's tax income from horse racing alone would run close to \$12,000,000 the very first year—possibly more—besides all the income tourists would bring to Texas—which would amount to millions of dollars, plus a great ad valorem tax on race tracks, breeding farms and many valuable race horses.

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postponed after its sponsor claimed it had been "amended to death." This bill, by Rep. Max Carriker of Roby, would set a uniform utility tax rate of 1.997 per cent and eliminate exemptions for rural areas and REA co-ops.

Fourth of Governor Daniel's deficit-canceling measures (besides the gas tax, franchise tax and abandoned property act) is a proposal to take the \$15,000,000 a year for farm-to-market road building from regular highway funds rather than the general revenue funds.

MAILMEN STAGGER — Supporters of legalized horse racing bargained for time as aroused church people flooded House members' desks with anti-racing letters.

Rep. V. E. Berry, sponsor, won by a narrow 79-to-70 vote a motion to postpone action on the racing measure until March 21. Opponents pressed for action to "kill it now."

Some members reported their secretaries were bogged down in answering "hundreds of letters" prompted by sermons and religious magazine articles against the proposal.

Berry's secretary is flooded with mail urging passage of Berry's resolution.

Actually the resolution (HJR-4) does not legalize horse-race betting. It calls only for a poll of public sentiment on the subject of whether or not the voters would like to vote officially on the matter at the next general election.

Then the topic would still be up for legislative debate.

Berry's argument is that the people have a right to express their opinions; and they can do so at the April 4 election at no cost to the state.

DRIVER INSURANCE DEBATED—Everyone wants to promote safe driving. Disagreements come only on whether the present merit rating auto insurance plan is a fair and effective means of achieving that end.

In a background briefing for Austin newsmen, Sen. Grady Hazlewood, opponent of the present plan, declared, "I'd like to see a plan that would really promote safe driving... but one that law-abiding, decent people can live with."

Referring to letters he had received, Hazlewood cited case after case in which people declared

they had received insurance premium penalties for relatively harmless, minor violations or for incidents that were not their fault.

In the same briefing, former Sen. Johnny B. Rogers of Austin defended the plan as basically sound despite problems arising from uneven or unfair law enforcement. "During the past year, under the present plan," said Rogers, "Texas had the lowest number of highway deaths since 1949." Number of deaths in proportion to the number of miles traveled was the lowest in history.

Rogers said there was no objection to removing some of the more petty, inconsequential violations from the penalty point list.

MILK IMPORTS CAUSE HASSLE — Two segments of the milk industry are joined in battle over the conditions under which milk from other states may be brought into Texas.

Milk producers are pushing a bill which would require that the Texas Health Department certify that any milk shipped into Texas meet standards for milk produced in Texas. This will prevent importing of substandard milk, say the producers.

Milk distributors oppose the measure, saying that it would make

it impossible for them to buy from anyone but Texas producers. They say required inspection of out-of-state dairies would be impossible and impractical. Result, they declare, would be a monopoly for Texas producers and higher prices to consumers.

Senate Public Health Committee approved the bill.

AERONAUTICS BOOST URGED — A bill to make more money available for aeronautics regulation won Senate State Affairs Committee approval.

Sens. Ray Roberts of McKinney and Grady Hazlewood of Amarillo are sponsors of the bill to pro-

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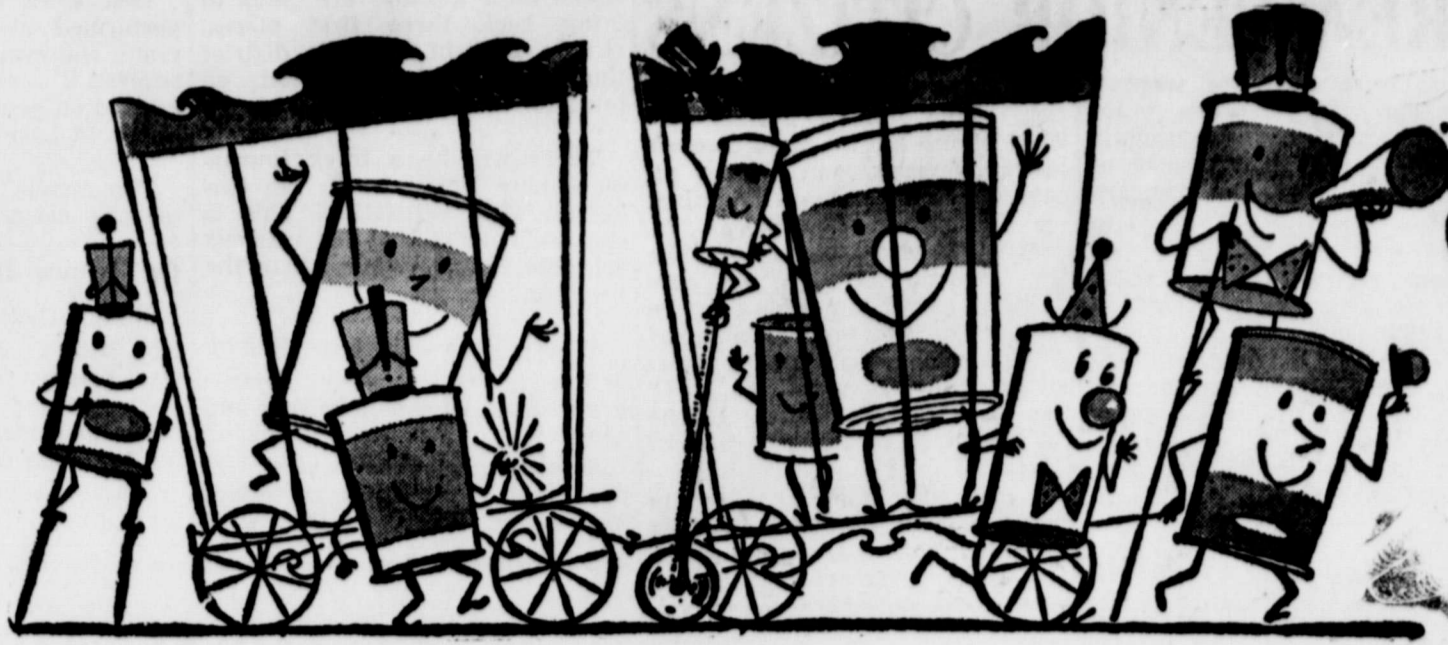
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METHODIST LEADERS TO MEET AT MCMURRY

Methodist leaders throughout the Northwest Texas Conference and the New Mexico Conference will be in Abilene March 14-16 as the annual spring Willson Lec-

tures and the Board of Trustees meeting are held on the McMurry College campus.

Dr. J. M. Willson Sr. of Floydada, chairman, has set the board meeting for March 14 opening day of the lectures. One of the most important items up for consideration is a proposed new \$175,000 administration building for the college. Most of the funds for the new structure were donated last October by Lubbock banker C. E. Maedgen and his wife. The building will be named for them. Contracts for the new building will likely be signed at the March 14 board meeting.

Dr. Gordon R. Bennett, McMurry president, has announced that the spring Willson lecturer will be an outstanding Indiana author and scholar, Dr. D. Elton Trueblood, professor of philosophy at Earlham College. Dr. Trueblood has written 19 books and is in constant demand on the lecture platform.

Dr. Trueblood holds degrees from Penn College in Iowa, from Harvard University, and received his Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University. He also holds seven honorary degrees.

He was chief religious adviser to the Voice of America and chief of religious information for the U.S. Information Agency during 1954 and 1955.

SCOUT NEWS

Neighborhood Meeting

The monthly neighborhood meeting of Brownie and Scout leaders was held March 2 at the Scout Hut with eight leaders present. Miss Harriett Redwine, council director for West Texas Girl Scouts, was present to report on the coming summer camping program. Plans were also made for the Scout cookie sale, Girl Scout Sunday and the showing of a hygiene film.

Cookie Sale

The annual Girl Scout cookie sale begins Thursday, March 9 and will continue through March 18. Each Brownie and Scout will be trying to sell her quota and all purchases will be appreciated. Cookies will sell for 50 cents. More than fifty per cent of the gross profit remains in the local organization.

Scout Sunday

All Brownies and Scouts will attend church in uniform Sunday, March 12.

Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE

Sam and Wesley Mashburn visited their brother, Dick Mashburn, at a Temple hospital Wednesday. They report him improved and expecting to return to his home here soon.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. West visited recently with their granddaughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Menley Denton, of Stillwater, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryon Hickerson of Belton, Homer D. Payne of Lubbock and Mrs. Bess Jackson were weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pick Payne.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry, Martha and Mrs. Nettie Armstrong spent the past weekend with relatives at Weatherford.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Thacker and son have moved to Imperial. We regret to see them move from this community.

Visiting the past weekend with Mrs. Nora McDonald and Mrs. Mattie Jones were Mr. and Mrs. Noel McDonald of Taft and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jones and son of Crowell.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. West, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reddin, Fletcher Jones and Lonnie Harris were on the sick list the past week.

Mrs. Wilber Loffin has returned home after three weeks in Sadler hospital, Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn are announcing the birth of a son, David Leon, March 3, at Sadler hospital. The baby weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces. Mrs. Clyburn and son returned to their home here Sunday and both are doing fine. Her mother, Mrs. Thompson, is staying in their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mashburn spent the weekend in Lubbock with their daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. Murray Toombs and son, Tommy, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Willie Clyburn and children and Mrs. Ila Clyburn, all of Abilene, the Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Swindell and Mrs. J. E. Swindell were Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn and children.

Members of the W. M. U. of the Noodle, Hodges and Hawley Baptist churches will meet with the Stith W. M. U. Thursday for an all-day Mission program. A covered dish luncheon will be served at the noon hour.

The Rev. and Mrs. Bob Carter and baby and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harris attended a singing at Tuscola Sunday afternoon.

Sandra Hale visited Jan Probst of Truby Sunday afternoon.

STUDY CLUB TO HONOR AREA SENIOR CITIZENS

Plans were made for sponsoring a party for Merkel's senior citizens when the Fortnightly Study Club met in the home of Mrs. Mack Fisher Tuesday afternoon.

Both men and women of retirement age will be invited to the party which will be held in the school cafeteria at 4 p.m. March 28. Mrs. Ray Wilson, president, said the invitation extended to Merkel and the surrounding communities.

Mrs. Andy Shouse and Mrs. Homer Newby presented the pro-

gram "Alaska, Our Last Frontier." They told a "first-hand" story of the largest state through pictures, maps, and letters recently received from relatives and friends who live there.

Mrs. Shouse discussed "The Ice Country" through the eyes of her sister-in-law who lived in Anchorage. The speaker pictured Alaska as "a friendly, fortunate place in which to live." She pictured the climate, in the main, just as pleasant as that of Texas.

Telling the story of a family who "have found roots" in their recently built Alaskan cabin, Mrs. Newby pictured Alaska as an ideal home for the young, ambitious American. She answered the question, "So You Want to Move to Alaska?" Mrs. Fisher, assisted by Mrs. Carroll Benson and Mrs. Johnny Cox, served refreshments from a tea table laid in pale pink linen. Flower arrangements throughout the house accented spring colors.

BADGER TALES

By RUTHIE CORDER

Mary Jane Horton was hostess to the Future Teachers Monday night when they met at her home.

It was a struggle for almost everyone to find their way out there, but everyone that had been planning on coming made it. Although plans had been made, to a degree, to go to Denton next week for the state meeting of F.T.A., it was decided that the trip wouldn't be made this year.

Because of play-practice some of the members weren't present. But Kent Denton and Farris Neill came as soon as possible — and just in time for refreshments.

This week the girls have been

having their tennis play-offs to decide who will go to District. They have decided that regardless of which three go, they are going to bring back three first places. (Clyde isn't in Merkel's district this year — and they usually go to state.)

There will be a track tournament here Friday, with the basketball girls officiating. This is one tournament that the officials are going to enjoy more than the entrants.

Friday night will be the basketball party for this season. Everyone that played should be sure and come.

Something else happening Friday night is the J.C.'s basketball tournament. Everyone that isn't

planning on going to the party will probably be there.

Last week the McMurry Band performed at an assembly program, and everyone present really enjoyed it — several students commented on how nice it would be if we could have more assemblies.

The tennis players appreciate the new net and fence.

On Honor Roll

Jimmy Dyke Neill, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Neill of Merkel, was among the honor roll students named by the academic deans at Texas Tech in Lubbock for the 1960 fall semester.

Neill, a senior, is majoring in agriculture.

Air Force Band To Perform At Howard Payne

The United States Air Force Band will play evening and matinee concerts here Saturday, April 15, climaxing the annual Democracy-in-Action Week at Howard Payne College.

The performances are scheduled at 3 and 7:30 p.m. in Mims Auditorium on the Howard Payne campus, according to Dr. McDonald W. Held, DIA chairman.

The United States Air Force Band, which has achieved wide recognition in a brief period of years, is conducted by Colonel George Sallade Howard, chief of bands and music for the Air Force.

Preceding the matinee performance by the band here, there will be a parade of military, college and high school bands of the area at 1 p.m.

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Garden Club Meets In Home Of Mrs. Dunagin

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The vice president, Mrs. Mack Fisher, presided in the absence of Mrs. W. T. Sadler, president.

Program theme was "Beauty in Landscaping Outdoor Areas." Mrs. Charlie Sherrill discussed "Operation Alley." Christine Collins spoke on "Focus on Decorative Fences," and "Design in the Patio Garden," was presented by Mrs. Earnest Teaff.

The program and hospitality for the Junior Garden Club meet to be held March 9 will be by Mrs. Sherrill, Odell Freeman and A. H. McElmurray.

A new member, Mrs. Ray Brubaker, was introduced.

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GARDEN HINTS

By Merkel Garden Club

Since the purpose of having a patio is to have a convenient place for easy outdoor living, the outstanding qualification would be: (1) simplicity in design and material, (2) easily cared for, (3) accessibility, (4) adequate size.

There are many patio designs found in and around Merkel:

1. The one-fourth circle which starts against one side of the home and forms a convenient place to relax as well as have cook-outs.

2. The one-half circle which sometimes has its center of attraction a favorite tree around which a picnic table has been built or flowers have been planted.

3. The square. Sometimes the shape of the home leaves you no choice, because there is just so much space and no more. When such is the case, imagination can take over and make a thing of beauty of it.

4. The rectangle. A good example of this type is one at the home of Mrs. W. F. Joiner who lives in the Camp Community. It is approximately 10x20 feet in size and easily reached for it is bounded on the north by the garage and on the east by the living room. The west and south walls are of brick with an entrance on the south about the width of double doors. The barbecue pit is in the southwest corner and the south wall features a built-in bench.

5. The split level. Sometimes the lay of the property makes this not only desirable but necessary. A split level patio is truly a thing of beauty along a water front, whether it be a stream, lake or tank.

The materials used for patios vary, with the following used most frequently: concrete, flagstone, gravel or cliche which is kept in place by chemically treated fencing plank or some other strong wooden material.

If you are one of the fortunate who have a grass covered back yard, you might do as we have done. We took a 30-gallon barrel, cut it in half lengthwise, put a grill in the bottom half and hinged the top half for a lid with a handle for lifting. By using regular water pipe, we made legs and a rack for the barrel to rest in. A wooden shelf on the right side and wheels completed the barbecue pit. When we want a cook-out, we just roll out the barrel and have fun!



SARAH SALTER

SARAH SALTER WORKS FOR HER EDUCATION

You can't convince Sarah Salter, 20, of Merkel that a young lady can be kept out of college if she wants to go badly enough.

She's her own proof to the contrary.

Not only is the Merkel freshman making her own way at Hardin-Simmons University. She also is helping to support her widowed mother, who is unable to work.

She's doing it in what might be described as the hard way, too. She holds an all-night job in her hometown and spends most of her daylight hours either in class, studying or looking after a few other "odd jobs."

Miss Salter is an honor graduate of Merkel, and holds an honor scholarship at H-SU, which is helping her to meet the costs of higher education. She also is taking advantage of the National Defense Education Act student loan provision.

But to make up the difference, to cover her own living expenses and to assist her mother, she works from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. four nights a week as a waitress

and utilizes the rest of her "spare time" taking care of several short-period secretarial and clerical tasks she performs for various Merkel business establishments.

She studies some on the job at the Merkel Cafe, especially on "slow nights," and also works on her lessons between classes at H-SU. She is enrolled for 12 semester hours of studies at Hardin-Simmons and has most of her classes in the mornings.

On a typical day, she leaves her job at 6 a.m., toes home and starts preparing for school. She rides to Abilene with Sherman Bradley, a sophomore in H-SU and who was in the 1959 graduating class at Merkel High with Miss Salter.

Miss Salter sleeps "when I can," usually in the late afternoon and early evening, and uses most of her weekends catching up on rest and her studies. She lives with her grandfather, Jesse M. Salter, and aunt, Mrs. Carol Britton, at 601 Kent, Merkel.

Her mother, Mrs. Frances Salter, lives with a brother in Fort Worth (1213 1/2 Commerce). Sarah's father, the late Emmett Salter, died of cancer about two years ago.

A native of Abilene, Miss Salter graduated from Merkel High School with a 95.8 grade average in 1959. She worked in Fort Worth for a time and enrolled in a few night classes in Texas Christian University. She returned to Merkel and entered H-SU as a freshman last fall.

She is interested in writing and cartooning, and plans to major in journalism and minor in art. She currently is enrolled in first-year reporting and also is taking an art course.

She likes to read and books on philosophy are her current favorites. When she finishes school, she would like to work in advertising or in magazine illustration. She thinks journalism will help her develop a style of free expression — for writing or for art.

The H-SU student also is active in the Order of Eastern Star and is secretary of OES Chapter 212 in Merkel.

Mrs. Newton Hosts HD Meet

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club met March 3 in the home of Mrs. Clyde Newton with Mrs. O. E. Harwell, president, presiding.

A group of 4-H Club girls under direction of Mrs. Dwight Holland, mother leader, gave a demonstration on "Salad Making."

Loreta Allen, county agent, will be present at the next meeting on March 17.

Refreshments were served to Mes. J. H. Clark, J. C. Welton, O. R. Douglas, Ann Baker, Denzel Cox, Holland, Harwell, and Sharon Holland, Gloria Moore, Judy Agnew, Sherry Martin, Youlinda Carey and Lucky Patton.

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UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

We are really having some fine weather at this time. When the wasps go flying and fish biting, surely we are having spring weather. Too, 75 degree weather is spring.

Farmers are getting in their fields to plow now. A little wet, however, some of the sandy land is plowing good.

Small grain is making a splendid growth, and it is hoped there will be no more cold weather to check its growth.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Rust of Cisco spent the weekend in the home of Mrs. Rust's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Perry.

This spring weather brought attendance up at the Pioneer church here Sunday.

The Roofing company has completed re-roofing the church and will complete the parsonage this week, weather permitting.

Mr. and Mrs. Murrel Riggan of the White Church area were honored with a surprise party by members of their Sunday School class Saturday night. The honorees were presented a picture for their newly remodeled home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Martin and daughter of Sweetwater were weekend visitors in the home of Mrs. Martin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Butman.

The Rev. William B. Cargill of Wichita Falls will preach at the eleven o'clock hour and at 7:30 p.m. at the church here Sunday, March 19, instead of Sunday, March 12, as was stated in last week's column. Rev. Cargill was raised in the Canyon and is now pastoring a church in Wichita Falls. The public is invited to hear him.

Visitors the past week in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Joe McCarthy were his parents from Fort Worth.

Vernon Horton of Plainview was a weekend visitor in the home of his brother at Merkel. Vernon told us how much he and his brother, Pierce Horton, also of Plainview, enjoy reading our news column. Thanks to both of you.

They are long time readers of the Merkel Mail and both are former Merkel boys.

Mrs. Dewey Hutchins and daughter, Mrs. Mary Jo Clark, and daughters and Rusty Eviitt, a nephew, all of Odessa visited in the home of Mrs. Hutchins sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Riney, the past weekend. Saturday night as we were

standing in the yard at the Will Butman home on the Divide, we could see bright lights from three huge missile bases. First, we think of them in the light of defense for our nation; and perhaps second, the billions of dollars they are costing; and third, if and when they might be used.

After all, it causes our thinking to be on days ahead, as to what can and possibly might come to pass.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman were in Lubbock Saturday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ford Jr., and little son, who is critically ill. Mrs. Ford is the former Jerry Rogers and was raised in the Canyon.

Uncle Jack Latimer is recovering from an infected eye.

Mrs. Joe Seymore and children visited in the home of her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin McCoy and children of Morton the past weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Ray are parents of a new son, Douglas Ray. He is the tenth grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray of this community.

Word was received Sunday night of the death at a Lubbock hospital of the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ford.

Army Reservists Will Undergo Field Training

Some 55,000 Army reservists in Texas and New Mexico will undergo two weeks of summer field training this year, Colonel Merle L. Fisher, VIII U.S. Army Corps commander, announced.

"Employers of reservists can make an important contribution in this area of national defense by arranging vacation schedules and establishing personnel policies that will encourage the individual reservist to attend camp," Col. Fisher said.

"This is not a vacation for these men. They are on duty 24 hours a day and follow a rigorous training schedule. At camp they put into practice the lessons learned the previous year during the weekly hometown training periods."

The largest group, Texas' Own

90th Infantry Division, will train at Ft. Hood, Tex., from June 6 to 17. It has headquarters in Austin, Tex., and units throughout the state. The 75th Maneuver Area Command with headquarters in Houston, Tex., will also train at Ft. Hood from March 5 to 19.

Training at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Tex., from June 18 to July 2 will be the 807th Hospital Center headquartered at Galveston, Tex. The 420th Engineer Brigade of Bryan, Tex., will train at Ft. Polk, La., from August 12 to 27 and the 312th Logistical Command will undergo training at Ft. Sam Houston, Tex., from July 30 to August 13.

Other smaller reserve units from throughout Texas and New Mexico will train in Texas at Ft. Bliss, Camp Wolters, and Eagle Mountain Lake (Fort Worth) and at Ft. Sill, Okla., Ft. Chaffee, Ark., Camp Leroy Johnson, La., Pine Bluff, Ark., Arlington Hall, Va., Ft. Leavenworth, Kans., Ft. Bragg, N. C., Ft. Sheridan, Ill., Ft. Riley, Kans., and The Pentagon, Washington, D. C.

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Noodle HD Club Meeting Held

The Noodle Home Demonstration Club met in the school cafeteria Feb. 28 with Mrs. Hubert

Sullivan, president, presiding. Mrs. Odellia Ueckert led the group in the opening prayer and Mrs. Nina Joyce Ritchie directed a guessing game. Roll call was answered with a "Good menu for a day." Mrs. Sullivan brought the council report in the absence of the council delegate, Mrs. Alma Hill. Mrs. Leslie Cox presented the program on "Be Wise When You Eat." The hostesses, Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Hazel Spurrin, served cocoa, coffee, candy and cookies to 11 members. Mrs. Bill Maxwell won the hostess gift.



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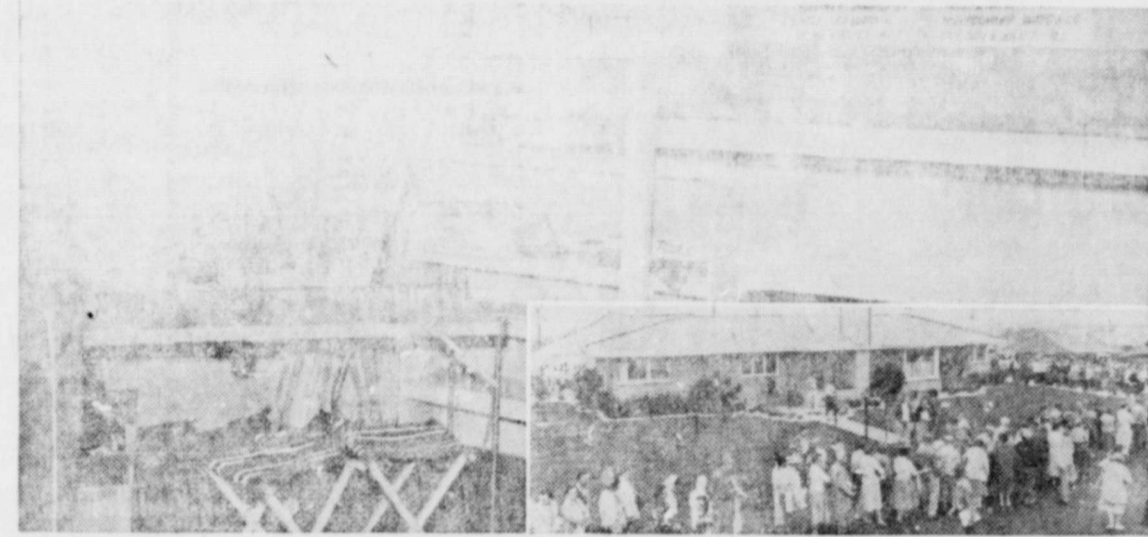
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ATTRACTIVE FALLOUT shelter was built by the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization in the up-to-the-minute farm home (inset) which was part of the recent Farm Progress Show near Joliet, Ill. Thirty-thousand visited the shelter, which included sleeping facilities for eight, a 14-day food and water supply, battery radio, and assorted tools, lights and sanitary items. (OCDM Photo)

Home Demonstration Notes

BY LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent



National 4-H Week is March 4-11. Taylor County is observing the week with a banquet to honor 4-H members who have done outstanding work. 4-H'ers learn to do clearer thinking. It's part of their pledge. They do this by taking part in club meetings, learning to lead and follow, and they do it by carrying out many kinds of activities in home economics and agriculture. They learn to keep records, organize their work, and think through problems. Taylor County has six hundred and three (603) members, ranging in ages from nine (9) to twenty-one (21).

More than 302,440 youth-minded, public-spirited men and women in America serve as unpaid volunteer local leaders of 4-H Clubs. Assisting them are about 110,000 older 4-H boys and girls, called junior leaders. Local leaders are trained by County Extension Service workers. These leaders are helping youth build a better America. Taylor County has 50 who are actively participating in the 4-H Club program. We need more leaders. If you are interested in more information, visit a club meeting in your community, or call or visit our office at 317 Pecan Street.

Most of us have learned to adapt extreme new fashions to suit our own figure, personality, pocketbook and way of life, but it is interesting to see what designers designate as the "new look" for a season.

The new trend is back to the twenties, with necessary variations, according to Rhea Merle Boyles, extension clothing specialist of the A&M College of Texas. Dresses will be sheathlike until they broadened into pleats, godets, or gores to give swing at the bottom. Many will be sleeveless and collarless.

The 1961 beauty will, so the Paris designers decree, have broad shoulders, a flat front and a flat back. She will move with grace in light, loosely-fitted garments, with waistline just a bit below the normal one. Lines are long, supple; skirts shorter than before.

Two and three-piece ensembles with overblouses also highlight dress fashion trends. Contrasting jackets in prints, plaids and solid

colors are often used in costume dresses. Two-piece dresses usually have relaxed pullovers combined with pleated bias-cut or slim skirts.

Stiff fabrics are out. Starched piques and linens are replaced by vaporous transparent soft and fluid organdy, crepe de chine, chiffon and lightweight woolsens.

Suits have longer jackets — not boxlike, not cinched. Sleeves are threequarter. Skirts are pleated or gored. Coats follow the same lines as suits — loose and with small collar or collarless, straight hanging front slightly held with tie belt and very swinging back.

There are as many short as long evening dresses. But the "style" dresses in taffeta or satin have disappeared. New fashions will be in chiffon, net, muslin, flower-printed organza, cut on the bias, irregular, flowing with detachable panels and romantic scarves starting from one shoulder or from the waist.

As to colors — designers favor gray, navy, apricot and camellia pink. Dior has lots of navy in his collection. Chanel has brought back chick black. She also has white suits, hats and coats.

Pastel shades have been seen through all the collections — in greens, yellows and pinks. The new colors are apricot and bois de rose (rosy beige). There are a few powder blues and mauves.

Enjoy the new fashions, and when it comes to choosing your

own, adapt the lines and choose the color that will do the most for you.

Officers Elected

Mrs. Orsborn's sixth grade room elected new officers when they met March 6. Officers named were Myrtle Davis, president; Dale White, vice president; Donnie Doan, secretary-treasurer; Wynona Doan, reporter, and Shirley Sandusky, program chairman.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stockbridge visited her mother, Mrs. Nannie Glenn, and sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Collins, of Breckenridge the past weekend.

Texas Species Can Be Entered In Fish Contest

White bass (sandies) fishermen of Texas may have a good opportunity this year to rank in top place in the 51st annual FIELD AND STREAM fishing contest. Texas waters are among the best in the nation for white bass fishing, according to Howard D. Dodgen, executive secretary of the Game and Fish Commission.

In the contest, \$8,300 in U.S. bonds will be awarded for big fish caught and checked under the contest rules. The first prize will be for largemouth and spotted bass. However, there will be special prizes for white bass.

Ed Bonn, fishery biologist at Lake Texoma, for years has been attempting to get the white bass placed in the top list of prizes,

but as of now the largest white bass will bring but a \$25 bond.

When a large fish is caught it must be weighed and measured in the presence of witnesses. Information then is sought on the type of equipment used and the manner in which the fish was caught.

White and black crappie and various sunfish also may be entered. In the salt water division snook, sailfish, channel bass, weakfish, roosterfish, Mako shark, yellowtails, wahoo, dolphin and marlin may be entered.

Entry blanks may be obtained from the Game and Fish Commission office in Austin.

T. J. Amason was honored on his birthday Feb. 28 with a dinner in his home. Present were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McDuff, Larence Hewitt, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan and granddaughter, Sue Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer and Tommie Smith.

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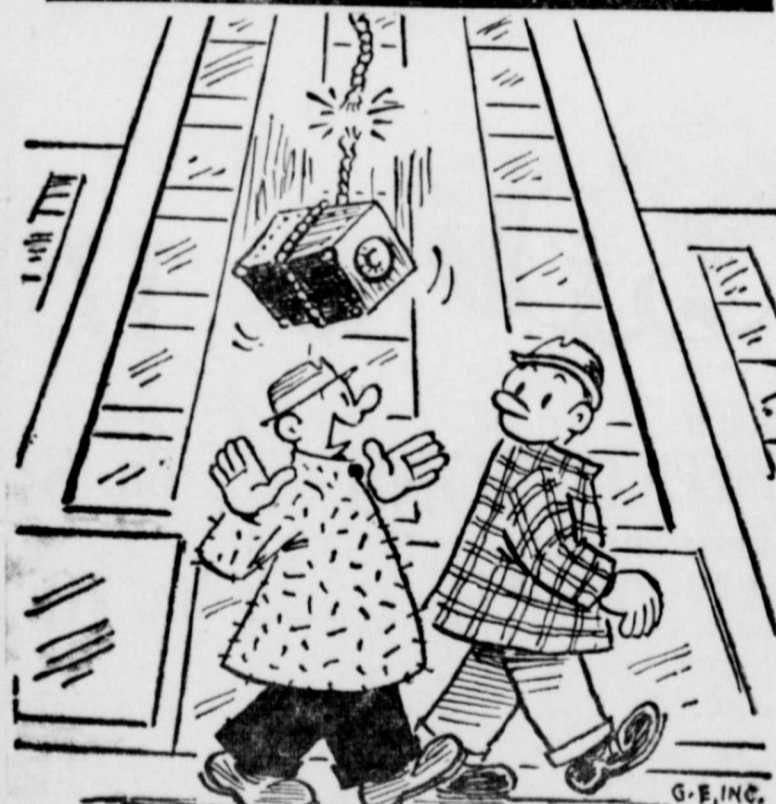
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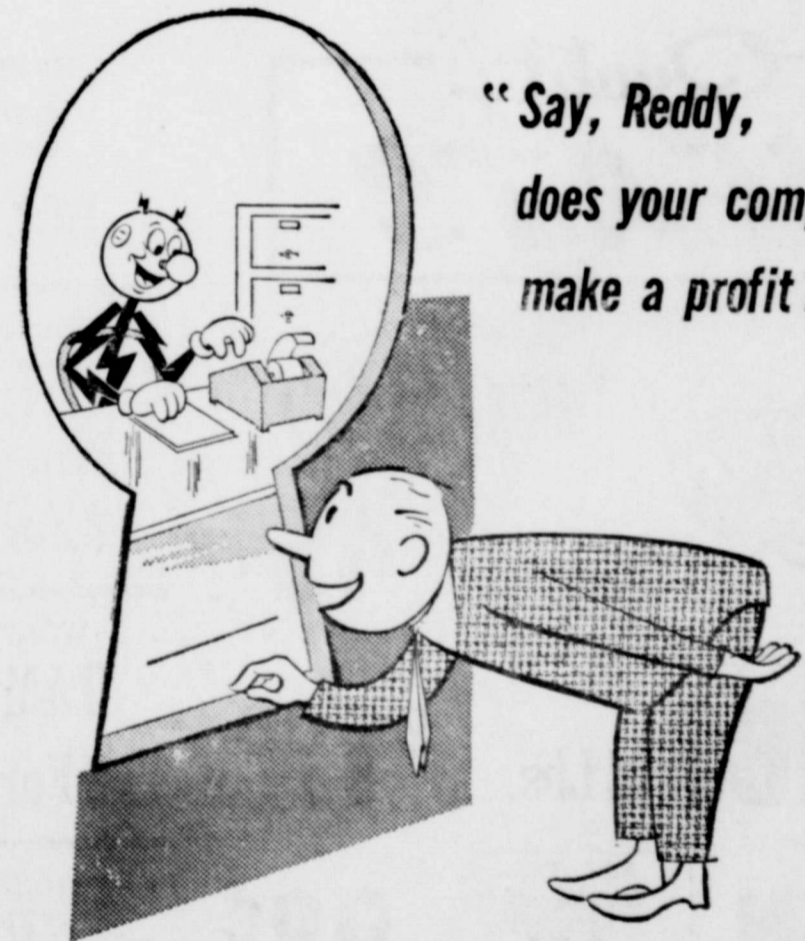
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