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TEXAS CO-OP LEADERS PLEDGE TEC EFFORTS ON 'PR' PROBLEM

HOUSTON (Special to the Merkel Mail) — Nearly 800 rural electric leaders heard Bryan Bradbury, attorney for Taylor Electric Coop at Merkel, make a

special report at the meeting of Texas Electric Cooperatives leaders in Houston.

After the meeting in Houston, Bill Lewis of Austin issued a statement in which he said the leaders noted the "deplorable tactics" used by some power companies. The delegates pledged themselves "to continue to try in good faith to find solutions through conferences and negotiations with responsible utility company officials acting in good faith," the statement said.

Lewis said "Unity for Progress" was the theme of the meeting. And united were the speakers in their criticism of an article that appeared in the August 16 issue of Life Magazine.

"You are under attack as you have never been before," Sen. Ralph Yarborough told delegates. Referring to the article, the Senator said, "The money appropriated by Congress for the REA is referred to as the 'inwards of a fat pig.' Life calls it 'Pork Barrel Work' and 'in the pork casserole.' You are called pork barrelers and are cartooned as greedy gobblers of public work.

"But when we talk about money loaned to electric coops, we are talking about money to be repaid to the United States government," he declared. On the other hand, the Senator said, the government postal subsidy to Life and other magazines owned by the same interests is a "real pork barrel project." He said that magazines like Life get a subsidy in the form of a special postal rate that costs tax payers \$216 million a year.

Norman M. Clapp, administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration; W. R. (Bob) Poage, Congressman from the 11th Texas District; and Jerry Anderson, special assistant to the general manager of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, joined Sen. Yarborough in the attack on the "propaganda being spread by the profit utility companies.

Curtis F. Maynard of Navasota, manager of Mid-South Electric, was elected president of the association during the second day of the meeting, August 15. Other new officers are W. C. Casparis of Aale, vice president, and D. L. Knight, Jr., of Spur, secretary-treasurer.

Other convention speakers included Richard F. Richter, director of the Southwest Area Office of REA; Jim Wiggins of the Fraser, Wiggins, Collins and Steedly advertising firm in San Antonio; and Tom Reavley of Austin, general counsel for TEC.

Special reports were made by Clyde C. Sanders of Karnes City, outgoing president of TEC; F. C. Luedtke of McGregor, secretary-treasurer of TEC; J. R. Cobb of Austin, general manager of TEC; Bryan Bradbury of Abilene, attorney for Taylor Electric of Merkel, and Delbert Smith, electrification advisor for South Plains Electric at Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brnovak and children, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Johnson and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Neill and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Riney and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Miles and grandson, Mrs. Charles Mignery and grandson, Mr. and Mrs. Don Dudley and sons, Assistant Agent Mrs. Dobkins and son, Mr. and Mrs. Will Butman and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Butman and children, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russom and son.

Herbert Swinney spent the week end in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewell McLean were in Wichita Falls over the week end visiting their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McLean and other relatives. They

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TEL Class Holds Business Meeting

Ten members of the TEL Sunday School Class met in the home of Mrs. Eunice Massey for the monthly business meeting.

Mrs. Jim Kuykenda led the opening prayer.

The meditation on "Faith" was given by Mrs. Jennings Winter.

The closing prayer was by Mrs. E. R. Foster.



JERRY DON REYNOLDS
Hardin-Simmons University



IDA KING SEYMORE
McMurry College

Merkel and Trent Students to Get College Degrees

Three students from Merkel and one from Trent are included in lists of graduates from Abilene Colleges and Universities.

Mrs. Ida King Seymore will receive a bachelor of science degree from McMurry College.

Mrs. Mary Jo Leverett, daughter of Mrs. Joe Garland of Merkel and a 1939 graduate of Merkel High School, is a candidate for the Master of Education degree from Abilene Christian College.

Carole L. Cartledge of Trent and Jerry Don Reynolds of Merkel are candidates for degrees from Hardin - Simmons University.

Mrs. Seymore is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. King, Rt. 2, Merkel. While attending McMurry, she was a member of the Student Education Association.

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ask herman or L. V.

PARALLEL ROWS CUT WORK?

Herman Reeves, who owns a 160 acre farm two miles west of Noodle, and his brother, L. V. Reeves, who operates the place, are the people to talk with about the pros and cons of parallel terraces.

They decided to say good bye to point rows by using parallel terraces, according to Alvis Rodgers, soil Conservation Technician at the Abilene work unit.

Reeves, a co-operator with the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District, requested technical assistance from the Abilene work unit.

Rogers says a thorough study of Mr. Reeves' land was made and a set of terraces installed which practically eliminated point rows.

Rogers says that no doubt Mr. Reeves was thinking along these lines:

"Power farming at its best — that is Modern Agriculture. The engineering development in farm machinery in recent years is nothing short of sensational. But

Badger Football Season Opening

THUD! WHACK! SPLANGG! The sound of Fall is in the air. The Merkel High School Badgers have opened football practice.

The season begins bright eyed and bushy tailed as Bob Byerly Howard Payne College great, begins his first year in Merkel as head coach.

His assistants will be Bill Tate of Hardin - Simmons University training and Jimmie Stubblefield of Texas Tech. Junior high school coaches are

Charles Warford of McMurry College and Mack Davis Jr., who played at Howard Payne College.

The formation will be the straight T.

Merkel Badgers will have a rough schedule starting September 6 with Stanton.

The complete schedule includes:

- Sept. 6 — Stanton — here
- Sept. 13 — Albany — there
- Sept. 20 — Cross Plains — there
- Sept. 27 — Baird — here
- Oct. 4 — Rotan — there
- Oct. 11 — Aspermont — there
- Oct. 18 — Wylie — here
- Oct. 25 — Coahoma — there
- Nov. 1 — Roscoe — here
- Nov. 8 — Jim Ned — here

The squad for the coming year will include:

Returning lettermen — Ends: Hal Cooper and Charles Dannheim.

Tackles: Larry Hargrove and Robert Shouse.

Guard: Donald Rich.

Halfbacks: C. B. Brown, Jack Mansfield and Gary Adcock.

Fullbacks: Weldon Tittle.

New squadsmen are:

Ends: Mike Hester and Richard Walker.

Tackles: Lonnie Thompson, Wayne Thompson, Barney Davis and Don Carson.

Guards: Douglas Barnhart, Phillip Doan, Joe Higgins, Tommy Riney, Ray Woodard and Randy Carson.

Centers: Richard Owens and Larry Teaff.

Quarterbacks: Jimmy Rives and Gaston.

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Backs: Larry Owens, Curtis Ashton, Bruce Aliman, Dick White, Steve Bontin and Earl Rich.

Noodle Schools Opening Aug. 26

Noodle school will open August 26. The faculty is now complete. The teachers are as follows:

Mrs. Lela Lumpkin, 1st and 2nd grades;

Mrs. Juanez Bicknell, 3rd and 4th grades;

Mrs. Jesse Swindell, 5th and 6th grades;

Mrs. Betty Wood, Math and Science;

Mrs. Anne Osborne, English;

Mrs. Mike Wills, HE and Tipton, Calif.

Mr. Ernest Tate, vocational agriculture;

Mr. Van Rutherford, principal and history;

Mr. E. J. Womack, superintendent and coach.

Mr. W. C. McCoy is the school custodian. Mrs. Gene Cochran is the cafeteria cook.

Heady to Speak At Merkel Church

Ray Heady, Fort Worth, will be the guest evangelist in a revival beginning Monday, August 26 at the Assembly of God Church.

The services are to begin at 7:30 each evening. There will be special music each night.

The public is invited to attend the services.

The Rev. John Curtis is pastor of the church.

\$155,000 Bond Issue Needed for Sewage

Present figures are that Merkel would need to vote approximately \$100,000 in revenue bonds and \$55,000 in general indebtedness bonds in order to obtain a

\$214,800 sewage treatment plant. Congressman Omar Burleson notified Merkel Mayor Horace Boney and The Merkel Mail by telegram this week that:

"The Department of Health, Education and Welfare announces the approval of construction grant for Merkel sewage treatment plant and outfall lines — total cost to be: \$214,800.00. Federal share, \$64,400.00."

Mayor Boney said Wednesday afternoon that the cost to Merkel looks at this time as if the \$100,000 in revenue bonds and the \$55,000 in tax bonds would be necessary to obtain the sewage system.

The mayor pointed out that Merkel's present sewage treatment plant was made to care for a population of 700 and is now serving about 2,500. He said the proposed system would care for a population of 10,000 and would be adequate for Merkel's foreseeable growth. He said one section of town had a great percentage of open privies — a danger to good health.

Booth Warren, president of the Merkel F&M Bank, said an adequate sewer system is a must.

"I think an adequate sewerage is a need of the first degree," said Warren. "No Community can hope to grow and prosper unless it can offer sewage facilities sufficient to adequately take care of any increased loads."

A consensus of businessmen interviewed this week was that Merkel needed the new sewage system, that there would be some opposition to voting the money for the bonds, but that the construction was necessary.

NINE WOMEN HOLD GOLF TOURNAMENT

There were nine ladies who played golf Tuesday, August 20, in the regular play off at the Merkel Country Club. After the game, the families of club members held their monthly luncheon on the terrace in the form of a picnic supper.

During the business session, golf balls were awarded to winners for the month.

Balls were given to the following: Most 6s — Tie between Faye Robertson, Anna Belle Shouse and Joan Smith. Faye won the draw.

Low Putts — Fanelle Boney.

High and low between holes — Jackie Doan and Fanelle Boney.

CEMETERY FUND

Donations to the Cemetery Association fund for the past week were:

Mrs. Seth Morgan Estate
Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Pee in memory of Marvin Wilson

Mrs. W. H. Bullock in memory of Marvin Wilson

Mrs. Ray Spurgin, Dallas
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert in memory of Marvin Wilson

Mrs. Goldia Malone.

Low on No. 2 — Jo Ann Smith.

High and low on No. 6 — Tie for low between Joan Smith and Faye Robertson — Joan won the draw. Fanelle Boney won the high.

Final arrangements were made for the Scotch forenoon to be played on Labor Day, Sept. 2 at the country club beginning at 3:00 p.m. The public is invited and urged to participate in this activity. Each person is expected to arrange for a partner.

There is an entry fee of \$1.00 per person for which to buy balls for winners.

Be sure to come and bring a picnic lunch, enough for your family, and spread together for a time of fellowship and fun.

Why leave town when you can be off the highway and have such a good time in Merkel.

Families enjoying the picnic supper were:

Mr. and Mrs. Deen Smith and Cliff;

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Boney;
Mr. and Mrs. Jack South, Tommy and Janice;

Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Doan, Vickie and Steve;

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Robertson and Rodney;

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse and Mrs. Sarah Shelton.

Funeral Friday For J. A. Thomas

Funeral for John A. Thomas, pioneer Tye farmer, will be held in Duncan Oklahoma at 2:30 p.m. Friday, August 23.

Grantham Funeral Home will be in charge of the services.

Mr. Thomas died August 15 at Tipton, Calif.

Mr. Thomas married the former Freddie Angley at Duncan, Okla., in 1907. He moved to California in 1943.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Mable Harris, Mandan, N.D., Mrs. John Wheeler, Merkel; Mrs. Ben Wheeler, of Trent; two sons, Armett, Pomona, Calif., and Alfred, Oklahoma City, Okla.; one brother, Byron of Tye; two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Gossett and Mrs. Arnie Wright, both of Duncan; 24 grandchildren and 51 great grandchildren.

MEETINGS

Mrs. George T. Moore and Mrs. Dent Gibson were hostesses for the Martha Sunday School Class at the home of Mrs. Moore.

After a devotional by Mrs. Bill Hays a short business meeting was held.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. Collins, Teaff, Boynton, Spradlin, Walker and Baze.

JSTPS... Initials That Mean Strength

One of the most important and dramatic contributions of the free world's armed forces to peace today is going on continuously at SAC headquarters—making the efforts of a largely-unheralded organization called the Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff.

Created by the Secretary of Defense in 1966 as an agency of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the JSTPS is responsible for fully integrating the plans and initial operations of all United States nuclear strike forces in case of general war.

Gen. Thomas S. Power, in addition to his duties as SAC commander in chief, is designated Director, Strategic Target Planning. In his capacity as director, he is charged with preparing and maintaining—on a day-to-day basis—a National Strategic Target List (NSTL) from which are selected the wartime targets, and a Single Integrated Operational Plan (SIOP) for integration of U.S. strategic forces in general nuclear war.

Package Plans

General Power has said: "The JSTPS provides, in effect, 'package plans' which give the President of the United States a wide choice of alternatives to meet any contingency and afford him complete flexibility regarding any action he may decide to take for the employment of the nation's nuclear strike forces in response to aggression."

The current deputy director, Strategic Target Planning, is Vice Admiral Robert J. Stroh, former commander of Carrier Division Six.

On the personal staff of the director are four senior officer representatives of the four services—Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps. These four officers represent the individual services' viewpoints in the office of the director.

The JSTPS has on its roster about 180 permanently assigned Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps personnel functioning at Offutt AFB. Additionally, unified commands with SIOP missions, also have representatives assigned with the JSTPS. Senior officers represent the commanders in chief of Europe, Atlantic, Pacific and Alaska, as well as SAC. They are located with the JSTPS and participate in its work. They speak for their commanders when policy decisions are required to assure unity of the strategic effort.

May Grow

In the past, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) representation on JSTPS included only United States officers. However, as a result of agreements reached at the NATO Council meeting in Ottawa, Canada, in the spring of 1963, officers from the armed forces of other NATO nations are expected to join the JSTPS as part of the coordination group from Europe.

At the heart of the staff are the two working divisions, composed of some of the most highly-skilled operations and intelligence specialists in the nation's military services.

The National Strategic Target List division is comprised of estimates, targets and materials branches. This division

prepares the national list for strategic targets after analysis of all strategic target information. This division also participates in the development of the SIOP by furnishing support in the areas of offensive estimates, defense and penetration analysis, target research, target systems development, weapons effects and geodetic data.

The Single Integrated Operational Plan Division is composed of the combat plans and the tactics branches. This division prepares and maintains the integrated war plan and conducts war game analysis under various conditions of outbreak of war. Conceptual planning is followed by force application. This entails developing planning factors, ranging and mating force, and selecting optimum weapon systems for specific enemy targets. Additionally, tactics and timing are developed that provide penetration through enemy defenses and assure target destruction. The division prepares in minute detail essential elements of information used by every echelon.

All Under One

All strategic weapon systems—bombers, fighter-bombers, intercontinental ballistic and air-launched missiles, aircraft carriers and missile submarines, are targeted by the JSTPS. In this manner, integrated operations are assured of the various forces which can be committed by the United States under the centrally-directed planning and control of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

This means that there are no longer a number of conflicting target lists and war plans prepared by individual commands or services, but only one national list for all strategic targets and one single operational plan in which all components fully complement and supplement each other, developing mutual support and economy of force.

In order that staff work may progress without delay, the director has been given the authority to resolve any disagreements that might arise within the JSTPS as its operational plan is prepared. However, in forwarding the completed plan to the JCS for final acceptance, he must highlight any such disagreements and the rationale used in reaching the decision. The JCS reserves the right to overrule the director's decision.

The importance of the work of the Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff can best be gauged by a brief summary of its accomplishments.

The first National Strategic Target List (NSTL) and Single Integrated Operational Plan (SIOP) were completed and approved by the Secretary of Defense in December 1960—less than four months after the JSTPS was established.

They were implemented in the spring of 1961 and since that time they have been revised on a regular basis in order to provide up-to-date operational plans reflecting the latest targeting information and force structures to our strategic strike forces.

These plans involve innumerable details which must be accurately fitted together with painstaking accuracy, tying the operations of thousands of globally deployed elements into one vast integrated and mutually supporting team action.

Simplest Terms

While the actions centered within the JSTPS at SAC headquarters are extremely complex, the end products that are forwarded to the JCS and to the strike forces in the field, are reduced to the

simplest possible terms in order to insure rapid and accurate utilization.

In the event of enemy attack, once the President has made his decision of what action to take, the appropriate coded message would be transmitted to the field and the particular war plan he has chosen would be put into effect immediately. Not a minute would be lost in getting off that vital first counter-strike against whatever area or areas the President has selected, since all possible contingencies are taken into account when the various alternatives are considered during the preparation of the Single Integrated Operational Plan.

The JSTPS plan furnishes detailed mission instructions to all operating elements included in the common plan—the SAC bombers and ICBM's on alert, the Polaris submarines on station, the fighter bombers overseas and the carriers at sea.

Once the President has given the order and designated the option he has selected, all combat crews know exactly when and where to go and what to do.

The SIOP applies, of course, only to preplanned strikes in a general nuclear war because no one can predict the situation after the initial exchange accurately enough to permit the preparation of one common over-all war plan for subsequent operations. Further, the SIOP does not affect other operations of the unified commands which are empowered to conduct their other assigned geographic missions both during and after an initial exchange, providing no SIOP targets are involved.

Definitely Needed

There was no need for a Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff when the Strategic Air Command first was established in 1946—SAC alone in the world was armed with nuclear weapons. But since that time, many world conditions have changed.

The Soviets now possess a stockpile of nuclear weapons and the means of delivering them at great distances, thus exposing this country and its allies to the threat of nuclear attack.

Further, continued advances in nuclear technology have permitted the production of greater quantities of nuclear weapons of varying sizes, making them available for use on all aircraft and in missiles.

As a result, the nuclear strike capability of the U.S. consists of ICBM's, long range strategic bombers, fighter bombers, carrier-based aircraft and Polaris submarines.

This expanding nuclear capability, at first, led to some unavoidable duplication of functions and conflicts regarding areas of responsibility.

While the overlapping of military capabilities brought about by advancing technology are preferable to gaps—especially where they add to our total fighting strength—they can prove wasteful or even harmful unless strict control can be exercised in the assignment of distinct areas or responsibility.

When SAC had its nuclear monopoly, planning and operations pertaining to employment of nuclear weapons presented no problems—SAC headquarters had sole responsibility for targeting and mission assignment, assuring optimum application of nuclear resources and preventing duplication and conflicts in strategic air operations.

But when the unified commands obtained nuclear capabilities, their war plans not only entailed increasing duplication of SAC's operations, but in some instances, tended to impair the accomplishment of SAC's mission.

The routing and timing of the great variety of weapons systems are so intricate and complex that electronic computers must be employed to calculate time over target, spacing between bombers, missiles timing and other fac-

tors. Without carefully coordinated planning, there would be a danger that one plane or missile might destroy another over enemy territory.

It is these problems that have been overcome by the multi-sided planning of the JSTPS.

The very existence of an integrated nuclear team has lent more weight and credibility to our deterrent to aggression. General Power has stated: "It is impossible to express the invaluable benefits derived from the JSTPS in that respect in specific terms. But there can be no doubt that, virtually with the stroke of a pen, the nation's nuclear striking power has been strengthened immeasurably."

The director, Strategic Target Planning, also has said:

"The weapons we have today brought about a fantastic compression of time and distance, profoundly affecting the traditional missions and roles of the military services. The weapons we may have tomorrow eventually may shrink both time and distance to a degree which may make obsolete all current concepts of land, sea and air warfare."

"No one can predict dramatic changes in military organization this will entail, but I am confident that the demands of our national security and welfare always will prevail over service tradition and sentiments."

"The great success of the Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff is again proof that our military services can work together as one great team and in one common effort—

the preservation of an honorable peace. And therein, I believe, lies perhaps the most gratifying benefit which the

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We all have our own slate of candidates and ideas. Some of our neighbors have the same ones, others differ. But the important thing is not that we agree or disagree, but that we all express our views at the ballot box.

We believe that this is essential for democracy to thrive. We have based the organization of our rural electric system on that belief. The votes of our members set the policies of this locally-owned, locally-controlled rural electric system.

To that one principle we attribute our success as a tax-paying local business enterprise. To that same principle we attribute the success of our nation.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: J. C. Wyatt, Defendant.
Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Court of Domestic Relations 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 23 day of September A.D. 1963, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 15 day of May, A. D. 1963, in this cause, numbered 242 on the docket of said court and styled Norene Wyatt, Plaintiff, vs. J. C. Wyatt, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married the 16th day of January, 1961, and lived together until about February 21st, 1963, and separated because of Defendant's conduct. Plaintiff asks for custody of child and an equitable and fair division of community property, 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 6th day of August A.D. 1963.
(Seal)

Attest: R. H. ROSS, Clerk,
Court of Domestic Relations,
Taylor County, Texas
By Marie Gill, Deputy. 23 4tc

FOR RENT — 4 room and bath modern house, recently refinished. On Noodle farm to market road one mile north of Merkel. Mrs. C. K. Russell, phone 8-5108. 23 2tc

FOR RENT — 3 bedroom unfurnished house. Call 8-5236. 402 Ash. 15 tc

FOR RENT — 3 rooms and bath, 1006 Oak Street, Phone 8-5336. 17 tc 1p

FOR RENT — Rooms and furnished apartments. Bills paid. MERKEL HOTEL. Phone 8-7671. 46 tc

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FOR RENT — One 2 bedroom house. Also one furnished house, 3 rooms and bath. Clean and modern. 402 Ash or call 8-5236. 22 tc

FOR RENT — Nice furnished apartment at 818 Yucca St. R. T. Smith. 24 1tc

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FOR SALE — One pair of aluminum garage doors and one white enamel venta-hood, 23 tc

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FOR SALE — Sorghum alum and hay graze. Contact Mr. or Mrs. Eldon Hicks. 23 tc

FOR SALE — Fat hens August 26 through 31. 60 cents each. Carl Jackson, 6187, Noodle. 24 1tc

NEWLY-finished copper tone iron bed, slats and springs \$7. Portable air conditioner. Mrs. H. C. Reid, 8-6946, 710 Yucca. 24 1tp

FOR SALE — Television, \$80. 9 by 12 wool rug, \$10, sewing machine \$15. See in the mornings, 901 Oak St. 24 1tp

FOR SALE — Good 5 room house, concrete cellar, electric water pump, three blocks Post Office. 401 Runnels St. \$4,500.00. H. C. Reid, 8-6946 after 4:00. 24 1tp

FOR SALE — Two bedroom house on lot 100x140, cyclone fence around back yard, concrete storm cellar, large pecan trees, good well plus city water, completely carpeted, new bath fixtures, ducted - in air conditioning, 5 car garage. Shown by appointment. Call Fred Starbuck. 22 tc

CARD OF THANKS
We want to sincerely thank our many friends and neighbors for every expression of friendship and sympathy offered to us during the illness and loss of our dear loved ones. We appreciate and love all of you. May God bless and keep you.
The Odie Bagby Family

Trent Girl Enters Queen Contest In Jones County

Barbara McAninch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cal McAninch of Route 2, Trent, is a nominee for queen of the Jones County Fair to be staged in Anson August 23-24.

Miss McAninch, who is sponsored by the Goodman Home Demonstration Club, is a junior in Trent High School. She was president of her class and of the band last year. She played on the basketball and volley ball teams last year and was all tournament forward in the H-SU basketball tournament. After serving as FHA secretary last year she was reelected for the coming school year. She has completed her junior FHA degree and is working on the chapter degree.

As a member of the band for five years she has won a number of honors, including all district band, Texas Women's University All District Band, Dixieland All Stars and solo contests in 1961 and 1963. She was on honor roll the past eight years and won the Home State Bank Citizenship Award for 1962-63.

Miss McAninch and the other queen nominees will ride in fair opening parade Friday afternoon, August 23 at 2:30 and will be presented on a fairground stage that evening at 8:00 for final judging and the coronation ceremonies.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Admissions to the hospital for the week of Sunday, August 11 through Saturday, August 17 included:

- Mrs. O. B. Leach
- Danny Wilson
- Mrs. Doug Carriker, Trent
- Walter McElmurray, Trent
- Mrs. Ernest Dixon, Abilene
- Mrs. A. A. Holt, Trent
- Mrs. J. R. Miller, Glen Rose
- Owen Gregory, Abilene
- Linda Jo Morgan, Tye
- Dismissals for the same period were:
- Cliff Perry, Sweetwater
- R. C. Braune, Abilene
- Mary Mosier
- Henry Armstrong, Wingate
- Mrs. C. G. Sewell, Sweetwater
- Jimmy Leverich
- Mrs. Jerold Reynolds and baby Abilene
- Mrs. J. F. Carson
- J. A. McWilliams
- Mrs. Hester Groene
- W. A. Wozencraft
- Mrs. Cal Hamner
- Mrs. Minnie Worthey
- Mrs. Dale Waller and baby, Abilene
- Mrs. Doyle Haney and baby, Abilene
- Mrs. Pete Tovar and baby
- Mrs. F. H. Duncan
- Orvil Hill Jr., Sylvester
- Mrs. Opal Sheppard.

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The average hospital has two employes per patient and about 70 per cent of hospital costs are in wages.

It is possible to leave Wake Island on January 21 and arrive at Midway Island on January 20.

Bering Strait was named for Vitus Bering, a Dane in the Russian Navy.

Cape Horn is at the foot of South America.

Freemasonry was introduced into the American Colonies before 1730.



MRS. JERRY DON REYNOLDS
... formerly Sherry Hull

Double Ring Ceremony Joins Sherry Hull and J. D. Reynolds

A double ring ceremony read Friday, August 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church united Sherry Hull and Jerry Don Reynolds in marriage. The Rev. W. D. Tanner, pastor, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hull, 1505 Heath Street and Mr. and Mrs. Cramer Reynolds of route 2 are parents of the bridegroom.

Hillman Kerby presented organ music for John Petry, soloist.

The bride, given in marriage by her father wore a gown of bridal satin and chantilly lace. The fitted bodice had a cameo neckline piped with satin. An apron like overskirt of satin formed a puffed bustle back extending into a chapel train of lace ruffles.

The bride's fingertip veil fell from a crown of seed pearls.

Carried atop a white Bible was the bride's bouquet of white petaled mums and pink rosebuds. Her jewelry was a string of pearls and a gold pin belonging to the bride's great grandmother since the age of 18.

Sally Jones of Dallas was maid of honor, wearing a dress of peacock blue peau de' soie with scalloped neckline and fitted bodice. On her head she wore a bouffant crest of bridal tulle with a scalloped edge and carried an open parasol of English ivy.

Coletta and Janie Hull were their sister's bridesmaids. Their costumes were identical to maid of honor and the yearried closed parasols of English ivy.

Paty Wood carried the rings atop a heart shaped pillow of white lace and satin.

Johnny Paylor of Clyde was best man. Guests were ushered by Max Windham of Buffalo Gap and Sherman Bradley. Roy Graham and Charles Elliott of Abilene were groomsmen.

Mrs. Roy Graham registered wedding guests at the reception in the Church Fellowship Hall. Others in the house party were Mrs. C. A. Churchill, Midland; Mrs. A. R. Archer, Dallas; Kathryn Kerby, Roscoe; Judy Anderson, Munday and Beth Dunagin.

After a wedding trip to South Texas the couple will be at home in Abilene. The bride's traveling ensemble was a suit of aqua silk punch with matching and white accessories.

The bride is now finishing her sophomore year at Hardin-Simmons University where she has served on the YWA Greater Council and as president of Behren Hall. She was a 1962 graduate of Merkel High School.

The bridegroom graduated from Merkel High School in 1959. On August 23, he will graduate as a distinguished military student from Hardin - Simmons University at which time he will be commissioned to the Adjutant General's Corp of the U.S. Army.

The parents of the bridegroom hosted the rehearsal dinner served by Underwood's Thursday evening in the Church Fellowship Hall.

The couple are also the parents of one daughter, Sherry.

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Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Patterson of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. John Townsend II of Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Akin of Merkel are the maternal great-grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hargrove of 2202 Melrose, Abilene, announce the birth of a 7 pound 14 ounce son, Troy Lee, at 6 p.m., Friday, August 16, in Sadler Clinic - Hospital.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Jones of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hargrove of Merkel.

Mrs. Beulah Hargrove of Abilene and Mrs. Isabel Jones of Dallas are the great - grandparents.

IN THE MAIL BAG

Dear Sir:
The Sanctuary, a refuge for homeless dogs on an old hill-farm, comes again with asking hand. I, who am the staff, take new courage as summer passes over the land. First, I would thank all who have helped in the years just past. I would like you to know how responsible I feel in the use of the things you have sent and how much comfort they have given.

We need food (of any sort), old blankets (or pieces), old sheets and towels. Just about anything can find a place here and will be used with care and appreciation.

Cold noses and warm hearts remember!
Louise Wood
The Sanctuary,
Route 2, Wilbur Road,
Martinsville, Indiana 46151

Noodle Gin Gets 2 Bales 1963 Cotton

Believed to be the first official bales of cotton from the 1963 crops in Taylor and Jones counties were ginned at Noodle late Thursday afternoon and early Friday morning, according to Robert Riney, manager of the Noodle Co-op Gin.

R. L. Dudley of Merkel brought the first bale to the gin at 4:00 p.m. Thursday from his farm near Trent. From 1,900 pounds of pulled cotton he obtained 540 pounds of lint and 840 pounds of seed.

The second bale arrived at the gin at 6 p.m. but was not ginned until 8 a.m. Friday.

It was brought in by Pete Burfield of the Noodle Community. He had 2,000 pounds of pulled cotton and obtained 520 pounds of lint and 820 pounds of seed.

Dudley's cotton is Western Stormproof. He obtained the 1,900 pounds from 15 acres of cotton planted in early May.

The gin manager said that this week's rains were scattered in the Noodle area. Some sections got enough to be of real benefit others need more rain.

He anticipated his gin would exceed the 2,120 bales last season, but doubted if it reached the 2,750, which is average. Last year's crop was short due to insect damage.

Noodle 4-H Girl At Workshop

Karan Sullivan, Noodle 4-H Club member, attended a Record Book Workshop on August 8 in Anson, which was for all 4-H Club members in Jones County.

The members were assisted by Kirby Clayton and Mrs. Mary Y. Newberry, county agents. The District Record Book judging will be in early September in Vernon.

Karen recently attended District Dress Revue in Vernon where she modeled the dress she won first place in the 12 and 13 year old division in Jones County.

Narrator for this group of girls was Francis Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orvil Hill of Sylvester, who is agent in training at Graham.

PERSONALS

Mead F. Griffin, Associate Justice of the State Supreme Court in Austin, was a week end visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson. He also visited in the home of J. A., A. B., W. F., and Mrs. Vera Patterson.

Judge Griffin is a senior member of the State Supreme Court. He has been an associate justice since 1949.

He is a cousin of the Pattersons.

STUDENT

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tion. Her major field of study is elementary education.

Mrs. Leverett lives at Old Glory. For her master's degree she majored in elementary teaching.

Reynolds is one of five summer graduates of Hardin - Simmons who will also receive army commissions. Reynolds will be a distinguished military graduate and entitled to a regular Army commission.

MERKEL PAGEANT

By DAVE

Merkel Lions Club, the organization that for years acted as a Chamber of Commerce for Merkel, named committee chairmen this week.

Dub Bruce is the newly named Tail Twister to keep the Lions in good decorum while they deliberate over matters. And Isadore Mellinger is Lion Tamer.

Working committees appointed by President Herman Carson include:

H. O. Boney, attendance; Booth Warren, finance; Dave Brumbeau, public relations; H. N. Odum, convention; Frank Breaux, membership; Earl Hughes, boys and girls committee; Mack Fisher, citizenship and patriotism; C. H. Collingsworth, education; Dr. Don Warren, health and welfare; Wren Durham, information; Keith Hodo, program; Horace Hargrove, constitution and by laws.

Norman Winter, United Nations; Dr. W. T. Sadler, sight conservation; Fred Starbuck safety.

Dr. Warren "volunteered" to correspond with Lions Club officials concerning local cripple children who may be eligible for a visit to the organization's camp.

Ladies of the Merkel Eastern Star Chapter donated the dinner for the Lions Club. Members voted to put the proceeds in the building fund.

Mayor Horace Boney says the local sports fan who is backing the Badger football team with five dollar bills real quick is a well known utility man.

Max Murrell, graduate of the United States Military Academy, degree from Southern Methodist University and business man has another talent not mentioned in his official biography. Max is a fried chicken eater of note.

Mrs. Jackson Parker and Mrs. Dewey Hutchin, sisters of Mrs. B. H. Riney, Mary Jo Clark and daughters Linda and Vickie, nieces of Mrs. Riney, and Rusty Evans, all of Odessa, visited Mrs. Riney this past week end.

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Open House Set For M. L. Douglas Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas will be honored at an open house in their home, Sunday, August 25 in honor of their Golden Wedding anniversary. The couple was married on August 27, 1913 at Zephyr, Texas.

Friends and relatives are invited to attend the open house from two - thirty until five-thirty hosted by the daughters of the couple, Mrs. J. C. (Marybell) Clarkson of Batesville, Mississippi; Mrs. W. T. (Faye) Henderson, Odessa; Mrs. Deverl (La Verne) Teaff, Merkel; and Mrs. Jay (Pat) Robbins of Sonora.

The couple has two grandchildren, Vickie Teaff of Merkel and Sonny Henderson of Lubbock. They will assist in the house party.

Howell Children Hold Reunion

The children of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. Howell met at Cobb Park Sunday for their annual reunion.

The children and families attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Doan, Sharon Greg and Garth of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Winter of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Howell of Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Phillips of Del Rio; Mr. and Mrs. Pete Howell, Tillie and Sarah; Mr. and Mrs. Bud Howell and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Angel and children; Mr. and Mrs. Tilman Howell, all of Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Owens and children, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Owens, Glenda, June, Richard and Larry of Merkel and Mrs. James Shaw, Mark, Vickie and Sammie of Burnett.

Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Bright, Gerald Tiner, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bowers, Bess Billings, Bea Rutherford, John Winter, Mrs. White, Mrs. John Howell and Eho, Mrs. Edgar Clayton, Robert Grayson, Juanita West and Suzan.

Those unable to attend were Mrs. E. W. Smith, Lubbock; Bob Howell of Fort Worth and John Howell of El Paso.

Water occupies more space at 50 degrees below zero Fahrenheit than at 50 degrees above.

A meter is 3.37 inches longer than a yard.

Ships sailing from the Atlantic to the Pacific Oceans via the Panama Canal travel from north to south.



MRS. GLEN BIGELOW
... the former Debra Patton

Debra Patton Becomes Bride Of Glen Bigelow at Odessa

Arches of branched candelabra and white tapers with rosette palms of emerald green and leather leaf fern formed a lovely background for the candlelight marriage of Miss Debra Patton and Glen Bigelow.

Dr. Wilbur J. Mindel performed the double - ring ceremony at 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, in the sanctuary of the First Christian Church in Odessa. Tailored loops of velvet and greenery marked the family pews.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Patton, 2406 West Tenth, are parents of the bride. Bigelow is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Bigelow of 1713 Nabors Lane.

Miss Linda Brown, organist, presented "Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring," and "O Perfect Love." She also accompanied Miss Mary Dickson who sang "One Hand, One Heart," and "O Loving Father."

The bride, wearing a formal gown of silk organza, was given in marriage by her father. The dress was designed with a figurine bodice featuring a low rounded neckline with three-quarter length sleeves. Appliques enhanced the waist and the bodice. The bouffant skirt swept into a cathedral train from beneath

a double bow at the back waistline.

Her bouffant veil of imported silk illusion fell from a silk organza bow accented with seed pearls and an organza rose. She carried an arrangement of feathery white chrysanthemums designed in flowing cascades with pearls.

pearls and lace leaves, centered with a white Jappette orchid nest led in tulle and lace backed with satin hearts. Her pearls were a gift of the bridegroom. She carried her great grandmother's handkerchief.

Mrs. Linda Alsop of El Paso, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Joyce Gross and Nancy Watson, both of Odessa.

Miss Dawn Ann Hard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hard of San Angelo, was flower girl. She wore a sleeveless full skirted dress with double brim tulle hat and carried a tiny colonial nosegay of pink sweetheart roses and feathered carnations.

Craig Bigelow, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Bigelow Jr. of Midland, was ring bearer.

Johnny Somers was best man. Groomsmen and ushers were Robert Jones, Mike Love and R. P.

Bigelow Jr. of Midland, brother of the bridegroom. Mike Patton, brother of the bride and David Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davis of Odessa, lighted altar tapers.

The bride is a 1962 graduate of Odessa High School and a graduate of a local business college. She will be employed with the El Paso Natural Gas Co. in El Paso.

Her husband is a 1963 graduate of Periman High School and will attend Texas Western College in El Paso this fall.

The couple will reside on the Texas Western campus.

Out of town guests attending were from Midland, Fort Stockton, El Paso, Coleman, Crane, Merkel, Abilene, Littlefield, San Angelo and California.

STITH NEWS

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



The Stith community received a nice rain. It will be a big help to the crops. The rain was spotted. Some areas received on and one half inches and others received only one half inch.

Mrs. Ollie Falow of Lubbock visited Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs and Mr. and Mrs. Benny Hobbs. Sandra Hale sponsored a picnic for the junior Sunday school class of the Stith Baptist Church at Cobb Park in Abilene Thursday night.

Parents attending were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reddin and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry attended the funeral of Grandma Finch at Hobbs Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Hill and Karen of Anson visited Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale Friday night.

Cathy Derrington of Merkel spent Saturday night with Nancy Evans.

Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Reneau and children of Munday visited his aunt, Mrs. J. E. Swindell Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Horton of Lawn visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mashburn and Rodney Sunday.

SOCIETY

By MRS. T. J. AMASON

C. H. Stone, San Saba, was a visitor in the home of his sister, Mrs. W. N. Hays, the past week end.

Mrs. Bessie Ross from San Antonio is visiting with Mrs. J. W. Tiner for a few days. Other guests in the Tiner home are Mrs. Eddie Turner of Fort Worth, and Mr. and Mrs. Houston Tiner.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wurst for the past two days were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kern, Joan and Terry Lee of Charlotte, North Carolina. Also visiting in the Wurst home were Mrs. Buddy Wintz, Kathy and Karon.

Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Riggan and daughter Shirley, Wickenburg, Arizona, visited her mother, Mrs. W. A. Harrison and other relatives.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Campbell for the past week have been their grandchildren, Mickel, Debbie and Becky Campbell of Corpus Christi.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Henry have returned from a vacation trip to Santa Maria, California, where they visited in the home of their daughter and son in law, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Ramsey, and

son Dana Scott. They also visited in the home of Mr. Henry's nephew and father in San Diego, California.

Raymond Earthman of Abilene was a visitor in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Earthman Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Thorton of Seymore visited with his sister, Mrs. Effie Martin and also with Mrs. Jewel Meeks this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Doan and family of Odessa were visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan and family and other relatives this week.

Mrs. James Shaver and sons, Jimmy and Eddie of Fort Worth, have returned home after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon.

Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker are spending this week in El Paso with their son, Jimmy Walker, and family.

Garden Club Has Meeting

The Merkel Garden Club met in the home of Mrs. Lige Gamble for a yearbook planning session on Thursday, August 15.

Miss Christine Collins, vice president, led the planning session. Mrs. Gamble named her committees at the close of the meeting.

Those present were Mmes. W. S. J. Brown, Jarrett Williams, H. N. Odum, A. H. McElmurry, Mack Fisher, O. B. Leach, Eunice Massey, Herbert Patterson, Ernest Teaff, Clyde Bartlett, Johnny Cox, W. L. Brown, Odell Freeman, Robert Hicks, Earl Hughes, Miss Christine Collins and the hostess.

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Religious Review

WHAT IS COMMUNISM?

Devotional by John Curtis
About a century ago a peevish resentful man was fretting his days away in a poor London lodging place. This man was filled with hate as he watched his family want for the material things of life, and he blamed his poverty and bodily ills on the society in which he lived. His name was Karl Marx.

While in London, he wrote his Communist Manifesto; later it was published and released to the world, and the first nation to put his teaching in practice was Russia.

Briefly, here is what Communism stands for. This is the program that will come to America if Russia successfully invades this country.

1. Communism hates God and all forms of religion.

2. Communism is opposed to any individual owning any private property.

3. Communism believes in racial and social equality, intermarriage of the races, with no restriction whatsoever.

4. Communism believes in destroying by force all capitalistic and democratic governments.

5. Communism believes that a central government must have complete control and power over the people, and that freedom of

speech and press and trial by jury should not be allowed.

6. Communism's one definite purpose is to establish a world dictatorship with the headquarters in Moscow.

We as Christians should be opposed to Communism because it is another form of Atheism. Communist leaders have made these statements, "We hate Christians, even the best of them must be regarded as our enemies. All religions are poison and a fight to the death must be declared upon them. Our task is to destroy all kinds of religion and morality." Khrushchev said: "The Communist Party cannot be neutral towards religion and does conduct anti-religious propaganda against all and every religious prejudice. Karl Marx states that 'religion is the opium of the people.'"

The issue we face today is not a Russian army . . . not just another Atheism, between Christ and Anti Christ . . . between those who believe the Gospel and those who hate it.

The great need of the hour is to pray for the Communist, that he may become a Christian . . . and ask God to intervene and stop the on-rush of Communism. We are in a crisis hour, for there are right now more people marching under the flag of the hammer and sickle than under the banner of the Cross of Christ.

Communism has, within a single generation, brought one-third its control. It is the greatest

of the earth's population under threat upon the earth to Christianity and to the liberties of free men.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Marvin H. Clark, pastor

SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday School 10:00

Worship Service 11:00

SUNDAY EVENING

Training Union 6:45

Worship Service 7:30

WEDNESDAY

Evening Service 8:00

YOUTH RALLY AT CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

The Central West Texas Youth Fellowship will convene with the Calvary Baptist Church of Merkel Friday evening at 7:30. Young People's groups from Sweetwater, Abilene, Coleman, Bellinger and San Angelo are

expected to be present. Each church group will be asked to present a brief program. The main program will be given by the Trinity Baptist Church of Abilene. Refreshments will be served to the young people after the service. Plans are being made to accommodate 250 All Merkel young people are invited to attend. Marvin H. Clark is host pastor.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Howard Marcom, pastor

SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:45

Preaching 10:55

Youth Meeting 6:30

Evening Worship 7:30

WEDNESDAY

Choir Practice 8:00

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00

Preaching Service 11:00

NEW LIVE OAK BAPTIST CHURCH

Bill Williams, pastor

SUNDAY

Sunday School 10:00

Preaching Service 11:00

Training Union 6:00

Preaching Service 7:00

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

Kenneth Joines, pastor

SUNDAY

Bible School 9:45

Morning Worship 10:30

Evening Classes 6:00

Evening Worship 6:45

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes 8:00

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

W. D. Tanner, pastor

SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:45

Sunday School Broadcast 10:15

Morning Service 10:30

and Broadcast 11:00

Training Union 6:30

Evening Service 7:30

Youth Council Meeting 8:30

TUESDAY

W.M.U. Visitation 9:30

Sunbeams 9:30

Jr. G.A. 9:30
WEDNESDAY
Evening Services 7:30
THURSDAY
Visitation
ASSEMBLY OF GOD
John Curtis, pastor

SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45
Preaching 11:00
Evening Preaching 7:00

WEDNESDAY
Mid-Week Evangelistic Service 7:30

THURSDAY
Young People Service 7:30
Radio Broadcast Monday thru Friday 9 a.m.

W.W. Hendon and family went to Amarillo Friday for a few days vacation. They returned Monday.

Nath Maxwell has been on the sick list for several days.

Mrs. Bill Caldwell of Noodle entered the hospital at Anson Saturday for medical treatment. She was released Sunday and went to stay with a daughter, Mrs. Homer Jones at Hodges.

Waynes Brewer of Houston visited his grandmother, Mrs. Alice Cooper of Noodle and his sister, Mrs. Ted McAninch and family last week end.

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"Family housing and associated facilities have continued to increase over the last two years," the chief said. "Facilities have experienced 116 fire incidents, 4 fatalities and 8 injuries."

According to Chief Burke, causes contributed to these fire incidents are as follows: 43 incidents from children playing with matches, candles, cigarette lighters, etc.; 28 incidents from careless handling and storage of flammables, improper use or location of heating and electrical equipment and improper storage; 20 incidents from careless smoking habits; 19 incidents from having cooking procedures in utilizing baring material unattended; and 6 incidents from improper fuel-burner grills.

Mr. Burke states that the current quarterly inspection procedures, family housing units, have certain limitations and will not assure the elimination of causes contributing to all fire incidents in housing units,



100 PERCENT PARTICIPATION—The Air Force Aid Society membership drive began today. MSgt. William H. Osterholt, first sergeant of the 96th Food Service Squadron, presented his squadron commander, Fred L. Norwood, with the money for 113 memberships for the 113 members of the squadron. The 96th FSS was the first squadron (naturally) to get 100 per cent membership. (AIR FORCE PHOTO)

particularly those caused by careless smoking habits, cooking practices and actions by small children. To eliminate these causes it will be the responsibility of each individual.

"We need to acknowledge the fact that fires are not only wasteful, but avoidable, then go on to reform the habits and remove the hazards which cause them," said Chief Burke. "When each of us as an individual has done this, we will no longer risk our lives along with those of our children, and possessions to the destructive forces of fire."

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VOLUNTEER—A3C Richard T. Smith of the 516th Organizational Maintenance Squadron, receives the Air Force Commendation Medal from Col. Bari W. McLaughlin, commander, 516th Troop Carrier Wing. Airman Smith was part of a volunteer crew which air-evacuated a critically ill Danish national from Nord Weather Station, Greenland, to Thule AB, Greenland last January. (AIR FORCE PHOTO)



CLOSE LOOK—Inspecting a tiny unit which provides the B-52 Stratofortress bomber with hydraulic system pressure are newly arrived members of the 96th Strategic Aerospace Wing's senior standardization crew. From left are Capt. Donald W. Smith; Maj. Ray E. Gilkey; MSgt. William C. Brewer; MSgt. John A. Tucker, NCOIC of the local field training detachment; Lt. Col. George B. Farrar, 1st Lt. Don L. Brooks; and Maj. Donald O. Todd. (AIR FORCE PHOTO)

Friday and 9 a.m. Saturday.

Reservations for the workshop have been received from Irving, Stephenville, Lubbock and Abilene, plus Webb, Reese and Carswell Air Force Bases in Texas.

The Cape of Good Hope is at the foot of South Africa.

Recreation Workshop Is Set for Dyess Aug. 16-17

Recreation directors and staff personnel from the area have been invited to attend the West Texas Recreation Workshop, to be hosted at Dyess' Vapor Trails Community Center Aug. 16-17. The affair will be co-sponsored by the City of Abilene Parks and Recreation Department and Dyess Recreation Services.

Following a Friday evening

get-acquainted party, workshop activities will begin Saturday morning after a welcoming address by City of Abilene personnel and Dyess administrators.

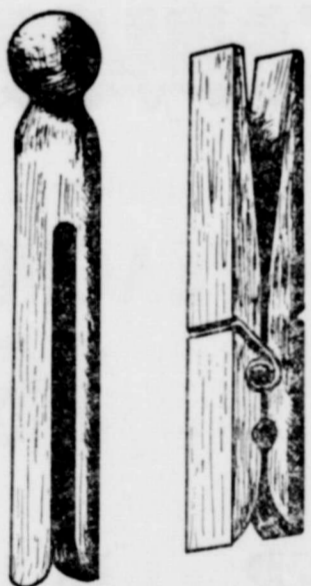
Mr. Larry Mildren, Dyess recreation director, will conclude the morning's activities with a discussion on Armed Forces recreation programming and recruitment of personnel at 11 a.m.

Afternoon sessions will consist of panel discussions and seminars on athletics events and physical fitness emphasis in recreation headed by Mr. Terry O'Brien, City of Abilene recreation director; Mr. Joe Vick, athletic supervisor for the City of Abilene; and SSgt. Joe Winslett, Dyess physical conditioning specialist.

Closing evaluation on ideas expressed during the workshop with recommendations for future clinics will begin at 4 p.m. All meetings are scheduled for VTCC, with all personnel invited to attend.

Registration fee for the workshop is \$2 per person, with registration set from 4 to 6 p.m.

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 1 quart fresh strawberries, sliced

Chill 1/2 cup PET Milk in ice tray until almost frozen around the edges. Meanwhile, press on bottom and sides of 9-in. pie pan a mixture of butter and crumbs. Chill until needed. Put 1/2 cup PET Milk and marshmallows into 1-qt. saucepan. Cook and stir over low heat until marshmallows melt. Take from heat. Stir in lemon rind, lemon juice and water. Chill until very thick, but not set. Put ice-cold milk into cold 1-qt. bowl. Using chilled beaters, whip with electric mixer at high speed or with rotary hand beater, until stiff. Fold into marshmallow mixture. Fold in strawberries. Put into crumb crust. Chill until firm, about 3 hrs.

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