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Omar Burleson Makes Statement For Reelection To Congress

On January 11, 1960 application was formally filed by Congressman Omar Burleson for his name to appear on the ballot for the Democratic Primary Election on May 7.

"My bid for reelection to the Congress of the United States is, of course, based on my record of service," Burleson states. "I make no claim of perfection. Doubtless, mistakes have been made, as is usually the case in all human endeavors but two guiding principles have been constantly followed: First, to know the views of my constituents and reflect their sentiments to the greatest degree in my actions in the Congress. Second, to inform and advise as closely as I can on those issues which affect my constituency and our Nation."



OMAR BURLESON

Burleson was born and raised on a farm between Anson and Stamford in Jones County. He attended rural school, graduated from Anson High School, attended Abilene Christian College, Hardin-Simmons University, and graduated from Cumberland Law School, following which he had postgraduate law at the University of Texas. He married Ruth DeWeese, daughter of Reverend R. D. DeWeese, who pastored Baptist Churches in West and South Texas.

He served as County Attorney and County Judge of his home County of Jones. Later he became a Special Agent for the F.B.I. He served three years in the United States Navy in World War II, mostly in the Pacific Ocean Area. After the war he was elected to the 80th Congress and has been reelected to succeeding Congresses. He is now Chairman of the House Administration Committee in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Burleson points out that many vital issues have had to be faced in the years he has represented the 17th District in the Congress. "Many more loom before us. With constancy, I have striven to face these problems with the courage and good sense required," he says.

"As the record will definitely show on many occasions I have found myself in the minority but never failed to exercise the right to vote and to do as I thought best. This has especially been true in connection with the needless spending of Federal money. The record will show that at every single session of the Congress I have voted for expenditures below that recommendedby the Executive Department and far below that actually appropriated by the Congress. This has been the case in all matters except National Defense. In this instance, I have always voted for those things calculated to make and to keep our Nation stronger than any other in the world.

"At all times I have tried to represent the very best interest of every segment of the economy in our 17th Congressional District. Many times we do not accomplish all we think should be accomplished, but I believe those who have familiarized themselves with my record will know that I have done the best possible under all the circumstances which must be met.

"In domestic matters, the record will prove my opposition to the encroachment of the Federal Government on State and local affairs. As the Federal Government has grown to its colossal proportions, the theat of centralezed power in Washington has increased. To this I am opposed, as my actions prove. Big government and high taxes are the result of many activities of the Federal Government which should be reserved to the States Bib government with its far-flung operations has created needless waste and extravagance.

"It has been my purpose to conduct myself at all times in a manner worthy of the trust and confidence which has been placed in me by the people who send me to Congress. To violate that trust in any respect would be unthinkable and it shall never knowingly be done."

As Chairman of one of the Standing Committees of the House, Burleson will have to be in Washington at intervals during the campaign. He has opened campaign headquarters in his home town of Anson. He retains his permanent Congressional Service Office in Abilene which is open at all times for official business. He has returned to Washington after spending several days in the District, with the expectation of being back in April to further conduct his campaign and see as many people as possible between now and the Primary Election on the first Saturday in May.

"In the meantime," he says, "I invite your investigation into my past performances, and if you believe I have been faithful to duty and worthy of your continued support, your active participation in my campaign will be greatly appreciated."

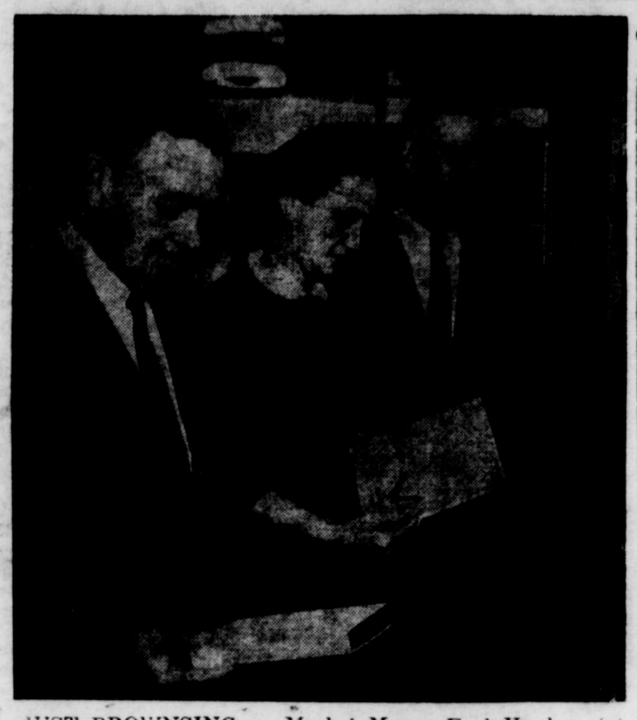
P-TA MEET TONIGHT

The Merkel Parent-Teacher Association will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 17 in the school auditorium.

Topic for the evening will be "Meeting Community Challenges with United Effort."

Entertainment will be choral reading by high school students under the direction of Miss Ola Hughes.

Interscholastic League contestants will be recognized.



JUST BROWNSING — Merkel Mayor Earl Hughes (at left), Mrs. William Cypert and County Commissioner Joe Cypert examine some books in the Bookmobile which was formerly opened for business at Merkel Thursday morning. Mrs. Cypert is chairman of the citizens committee which helped secure the bookmobile. (Staff Photo)

AREA RESIDENTS TOUR MOBILE LIBRARY HERE

About 100 persons toured the Texas State Library bookmobile here Thursday morning as rural library service was formerly opened for Taylor, Shackelford and Callahan counties.

Mayor Earl Hughes gave the principal address in the absence of County Judge Reed Ingalsbe of Abilene. Earl Watts, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and Joe Cypert, county commissioner from Merkel, and Mack Fisher superintendent of schools, spoke briefly.

The Merkel High School band played several selections.

Mrs. Annie Rae Gray, field consultant for the Texas State Library, explained operation of the bookmobile in a short question and answer period.

County Commissioners Jake McMillon and Floyd Tate also were on hand for the formal opening from 10 a.m. to noon.

The bokomobile is stocked with about 6,000 volumes, costing about $15,000.

From Merkel, the bookmobile went to Lawn for an "open house" for residents of Lawn and Oplin.

Schools Receive Federal Funds

Federal school funds for Merkel and Tye schools were authorized by the U. S. Office of Education Tuesday because children of military personnel are enrolled in the schools, according to a telegram received here from Congressman Omar Burleson.

The tentative entitlements for federal assistance for fiscal year 1960 under Public Law 874, were as follows:

Merkel Independent School District, $4,162 tentative entitlement, with $3,121 for immediate payment.

Tye Independent School District, $7,590 entitlement, with $5,692 for immediate payment.

CEMETERY FUND

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

Vernon Horton

U OF T STAFF MEMBER TO HEAD COURSE HERE



JULE THOMAS
. . . instructor

A course in "PUBLIC RELATIONS" designed to build good public relations in business, is soon to be conducted in Merkel for managers, owners, and employers of retail, wholesale or service organizations.

Jule Thomas, Training Specialist and staff member of The University of Texas, is to be in Merkel from March 21 to March 25 to conduct the week-long course for Merkel business people.

Topics to be covered in the sessions include: what is public relations, you and public relations, seeing yourself as others see you, good speech, getting along with people, and why people behave as they do, plus discussions of various public relations problems.

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the course in cooperation with Distributive Education, The University of Texas, Division of Extension, the Texas Education Agency and Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc. All meetings will be held at Taylor lectric Auditorium beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Thomas, the instructor, was graduatedfrom Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas in 1946 with high honors. He has had much direct selling experience and has won wide recognition as an outstanding leader.

Mrs. Mary Hargrove, CC secretary, has announced that a small registration fee will be the only charge for the course. Enrollment is open to any person employed in the retail, wholesale, or service occupations. Additional information may be had by contacting Mrs. Hargrove at the CC office. Telephone number is 393.

Those who plan to attend are asked to notify Mrs. Margrove by Friday noon if possible.

ROY D. WAUSON, TRENT HEAD COACH, RESIGNS

Roy D. Wauson, head football and basketball coach at Trent High School for the past year, resigned Thursday. His resignation will became effective at the end of the current school term.

Wauson, 29, whose Trent Gorillas last year won only one of 10 football games, fared better in basketball. His cagers wound up second in the District 15-B race with a 16-7 record.

A 1956 graduate of Howard Payne College, Wauson said he didn't think he would continue coaching because of the "heavy

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His leter of resignation read in part:

"Due to the fact that I have not had the full cooperation of the board, school administration and some of the parents of the community, I feel that I can no longer do the job for which I was employed."

Wauson is a native of the South Plains community of Plains. He graduated from Plains High in 1949. After graduation from Howard Payne, he coached one year at Rochell, a year at Millersview, two years at Aspermont and one year at Trent.

He and his wife, Joanne, have two children, Larry, 8, and Pat, 1.

2 Badgers Make All-Area Team

Merkel's Ronnie Reeger and Phil Seymore were named to the 1960 Reporter-News Class A All-Area schoolboy basketball second team.

Both juniors, the boys stand 6-0 and both weigh 180 pounds. Seymore was top scorer of the two with a 12-point average per game. Reeger averaged nine points and was the Badgers' top boy on the backboards.

Another member of the Badger team, James Bible, was given honorable mention.

First team is composed of Norman Donelson, Stanton; Joe South, Clyde; Tommy Adams, Cross Plains; Edward Reeves, Coahoma; and Hillman Kerby, Roscoe.

Other members of the second team are Johnny Paylor, Clyde; Alton Robertson, Stanton, and J. L. Cearley, Cross Plains.

Frank L. Smith Of Trent Dies

Frank Lee Smith, 61, died at 7 a.m. Tuesday in Trent following a heart attack.

Mr. Smith was born Dec. 23, 1898 in Ellis County, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Smith. In 1919 he married Annie Polk in Royston. They had lived in Aspermont and he moved to Trent about a year ago.

He was a farmer.

Funeral was held Wednesday at 3 p.m. at the Church of the Nazarene in Hamlin with Rev. Dick Jerrell, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Hamlin East Cemetery, Hamlin Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors are eight sons, Clyde, Billy Ray, Louis, Leon, and Tommy Joe, all of Sweetwater, Frank and John of Trent, and Conway of Graham; one daughter Mrs. Maxine Lee of Sweetwater; five brothers, Elmer of Houston, Euin and Bill, both of Hamlin, Aura of McCaulley, and Bud of Lubbock; three sisters, Mrs. Virgie Chane of Tyler, Mrs. Annie Mae Childress and Mrs. Raleigh Reynolds, both of Hamlin, and six grandchildren.

Pallbearers were H. N. Reed, J. S. Faught, Richard Young Jr., W. W. Fletcher, Glen Williams and Normie Crowley.



SWINNEY BROTHERS WIN MARINE AWARD

markable progress in "squaring away" the supply section. Marvin has been the Company Armorer since 31 July 1959 and since that time has helped to initiate a completely new and better system of issue and turn-in of weapons which has cut the time devoted for this in half.

In civilian life Joe is farming with his father while Marvin works as a Supervisor at Abilene's Boys Ranch where all of his time is engaged in helping boys. There is never a time when men of the unit are called upon to participate in a company project, that the Swinney boys can't be called up to help and guide the other men into the job with readiness and determination.

When the company moves out for summer camp at Pickle Meadows, Brideport, California the Swinney boys will be packed and ready to go well in advance of the trip. Both men have enjoyed three years of carrying out their assigned duties in a proficient military manner. The two brothers with the almost identical records now share the Reservist of the Year award from the 87th Rifle Company of Abilene.

Marine Reservists of the Year award this year goes to a pair of Merkel, brothers, Pfc Joseph N. Swinney and Lane Corporal Marvin Swinney, 87st Rifle Company of Abilene. They have two other brothers, one an "Ex - Marine," and a sister.

In presenting the honor to the outstanding reservist this year one could not be chosen above the other. Both men have had 100 per cent drill attendance in their three years in the unit and have given their time freely to enhance the prestige of the 87th. In Ramble "A" where teams from the Abilene unit and the San Angelo unit hike 93 miles against each other, the Swinney brothers have been in there hiking to help their unit to get the Golden Boot trophy for 1958 and 1959.

Joe as he is known to his fellow reservists is the Supply Chief in the unit, while brother Marvin is the Compnay Armorer. As Supply Chief, Joe has put the Company Supply on a "paying basis." Due to transfers the company has never had a supply man very long but since Joe took over the first of October, 1959 he has made re-

MERKEL DISASTER PLAN OUTLINED AT MEETING

A meeting at the Merkel Country Club Thursday morning was part of a four-day disaster institute being conducted in this area last week.

Meeting with Mayor Earl Hughes and Merkel Red Cross and Civil Defense representatives were Ollie Lena Olsen, executive secretary of the Taylor County Chapter of the American Red Cross and Henrietta Brocksmith, area representative for disaster from area headquarters at St. Louis

What smaller communities should do in case of a man-made or natural disaster and how the Red Cross and Civil Defense will coordinate in procuring shelter, food, and clothing, evacuation and rescue, communications and transportation were discussed.

Miss Brocksmith discussed disaster preparedness, outlining diving of responsibilities of Civil Defense and Red Cross. She pointed out that a little bit of preparedness is a 24-hour jump on chaos.

"Since the Merkel tornado in 1952, this community is more disaster conscious than the average community," Miss Brocksmith said.

Fred Starbuck Civil Defense coordinator for Merkel and a member of Taylor County Chapter Board of the American Red Cross, presented the Merkel disaster plan.

Others present from Merkel were Joe Cypert, county commissioner, Odis Griffin city councilman, Norman Winter, ARC Fund chairman for the western section of Taylor County, Mack Fisher, superintendent of schools, Pete Petty, chief of police, Waymon Adcock, fire chief, Mrs. Elma McFarland, representative of the city and county welfare office, and Adelle Elkins.

Scout Cookie Sale Is A 'Sell-Out'

The Girl Scout cookie sale just completed here was the most successful in the nine year history of the annual sale, according to Mrs. David Gamble, neighborhood chairman.

Girl Scouts and Brownies sold all of their allotment of the cookies and as a reward for their good work will be given a picnic by Mrs. Gamble.

The neighborhood chairman expressed thanks to the public for helping make the sale a success.

Trent Teacher Expresses Thanks For Use of Car

Wray B. Williams driver education teacher at Trent High School, expressed his thanks to M. E. Welch, manager of Badger Chevrolet Co. in Merkel, for letting his class use a Chevrolet Bel-Air 4-door sedan for their instructions.

Williams said he has 13 students enrolled in the driver course. Those who have finished 30 hours classroom instruction and observation and are now engaged in behind-the-wheel instruction are the following: Jessie Acuna, Joy Byrom, Ruth Ann Christ, Beverly Hallford, Jack Horton, Eugene Kegan, Patsy Lane, Ronnie Lawlis Al Maberry, Joyce Morhugh, Emile Mitchell, Joyce Morris, Delma Reed, Ann Robertson, Strannie Seago, Jane Steadman and Lloyd Williams.

Two Trent Girls Attend Band Meet

Ida May King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. King, and Gailyn Steadman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Foy Steadman, attended the All-Girl Band Festival held at Texas Woman's University in Denton. They were accompanied by Sam Worsham, band director.

Selected from over 600 applicants, the Trent High School girls were among 265 present for the festival. Girls from all over Texas, parts of Oklahoma and Louisiana participated in the event.

Miss King played the baritone saxophone and Miss Steadman played the snare and bass drums.

Trent FFA-FHA To Have Banquet

Awards to outstanding Trent FFA and FHA members will highlight the joint banquet of the two clubs to be held in the Trent school gymnasium Friday night from 7 to 3:30 p.m.

Gary Douglas, FFA reporter, said emcees for the event will be Jim Lanning, president of the FFA chapter, and Ida May King, FHA president.

Carolyn Graham, Trent FFA and district sweetheart, will be presented.

Mrs. Newton Goodwin, homemaking teacher, and Albert Maberry, vocational agriculture teacher will present to the outstanding awards to their respective group.

Ex-Area Resident Dies In Calif.

O. C. Williams, 66, former Noodle and Compere resident, died in Oakley, Calif., on March 13.

Mr. Williams was married to the former Annis Hudson of Merkel in November, 1934.

Survivors are his wife, five children and one grandchild.

Mexican Supper For YWA's

The Vaughnelle Y W A met in the home of Mrs. Clyde Bartlett Wednesday evening for a Mexican supper.

There were 11 members present

The Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Cooley and daughters, Ruth and Reba, visited Mrs. Cooley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Ryan of Paducah, Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby D Williams and son, Mack of Abilene visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton and son, Benny, Saturday night.

Canyon Rabbit Drive Slated

A rabbit drive will be held in the Canyon Saturday, March 19.

Hunters will meet at Pioneer Church at 8 a.m. Shells will be available on the grounds.

Lunch will be served at the Community Center at noon.

Juan Garcia Dies Saturday

Funeral was held at 3:30 p.m. Monday for Juan Garcia, longtime Texas and Pacific section hand at Merkel. He died at 12:05 p.m. Saturday in the TP Hospital at Marshall.

Rites were in Lady of Mercy Catholic Church here, with burial in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mr. Garcia was born in 1899 in Mexico and had lived in Merkel since 1935.

He is survived by his wife and the following daughters, Mrs. Francisco Garcia, Miss Leona Garcia and Mrs. Mary Moreno, all of Merkel. Mrs. Perez of Sweetwater, Mrs. Acuna of Trent, and Juanita, Lupe and Mercedes Garcia of Los Angeles.

I GIVE YOU TEXAS

By BOYCE HOUSE

Can you remember when, to keep his straw hat from sailing away — (they were called "sailors," by the way) — a man had a little back cord, one end of which was attached to the hat and the other end was hitched in the button-hole of the coat lapel? That's no fashion that should never have been abandoned — as far as West Texas is concerned.

An interesting sidelight on the Bryan McKinnley campaign of 1896 is provided by Oscar Ameringer in his "If You Don't Weaken" (Henry Holt and Co.). Ameringer lived in Canton, Ohio, which was the home of the Republican presidential nominee. McKinnley, it will be recalled, conducted a "front porch" campaign while Bryan made the most extensive speaking tour the nation had even seen.

Ameringer as a member of the Grand Army Band was on hand when the delegations arrived by train and the band would then lead the parade to McKinley's home. The young musicial heard all but one of McKinley's speeches.

When Bryan was to speak in Canton, Ameringer went to hear him — but did not. The speech was made from the rear of the train. The crowd was so vast that Ameringer was unable to get close and when Bryan began to speak it seemed that "every switch engine in the state was slamming and bumping more cars around than I ever dreamed could be assembled in Canton's modest switchyard. Odd, how they happened to be busy just then."

Mark Hanna, McKinley's campaign manager, had assessed insurance companies banks and big industries in general to raise an fund, a circumstance which might unprecedentedly huge campaign shed light on the reason for the noise during the speech.

After hearing all but one of McKinley's speeches and not hearing Bryan at all, whom did Ameringer vote for? He voted for Bryan.

Why do people wait until the first norther hits before they take armloads of winter clothing to the cleaner's?

When I was editing a small West Texas daily, I wrote three true crime articles whigh magazines bought for a total of close to $1,000. And yet you hear it said that "crime doesn't pay."

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Q. When should a person inquire about possible benefits from social security?

A. There are FOUR times for action — 1, at retirement age (62 for women, 65 for men); 2, at age 72 if still not retired; 3, soon after becoming severely disabled; and 4, soon after the death of a family member who might be insured under social security laws.

Q. Must I wait until I've reached retirement age to file my claim?

A. No. Your claim may be filed as early as 3 months before the month in which you attain retirement age. Early filing will help make certain that your first check reaches you right on time.

Q. What proofs will I need for a retirement claim?

A. Some evidence as to your age (do not present evidence that is not at least 5 years old, unless that's all you have), some evidence of last year's earnings (Form W-2 from your employer, or a copy of your self-employment incmoe tax return if you're self-employed).

Q. How disabled must a person be to qualify for disability benefits?

A. The language in the law requires that a person be so severly disabled that he can no longer engage in substantial gainful activity. Note that the term "permanent" is not used, nor is the term "total."



Questions and Answers—

NEW VA PENSION LAW

(How will it affect me? Many thousands of veterans and their dependents are asking this about the new pension law recently enacted by Congress. The Merkel Mail asked the Veterans Administration for answers to basic questions about this complex legislation. Here are the answers in the fourth of five installments.)

Q. There is talk of increased eligibility for widows and children under the new pension law. How many will be affected?

A. The VA estimates that approximately 200,000 widows and children, survivors of veterans who died after serving in World War II and the Korean conflict will become eligible for pensions after July 1, 1960, when the new system goes into effect.

Q. Don't they receive pensions under the present law?

A. Only if they can show that the veterans had a service-connected disability when he died.

Q. But the widows and children of deceased World War I veterans do not have to prove any service-connected disability to obtain a pension do they?

A. No, they do not. And after next July 1, survivors of World War II and Korean conflict veterans like survivors of World War I veterans will have to show only that the veteran had 90 days of wartime service (or a disability discharge), was not dishonorably discharged, and that their annual income is within the limits prescribed by law to indicate the need for a pension.

Q. How much pension does a widow receive now?

A. A widow with no children now receives a pension of $50.40 a month. A widow with a minor child receives $63 a month, and if she has more than one minor child, she recevies an additional $7.56 for each extra minor child.

Q. What is the present limit on annual income for widows drawing pensions?

A. A childless widow may at present receive a pension if her annual income is not more than $1400. A widow with children may be eligible for a pension if her annual income does not exceed $2700.

Q. How will the new law change all this for a childless widow?

A. Under the new system a childless widow will receive $60 a month if her income is not more than $600 a year; $45 a month if her annual income is more than $600 but not more than $1200; and $25 a month if her annual income is more than $1800 a year she is not eligible to receive a pension.

A. How will the new law affect a widow with children?

A. Under the new system a widow with one child will receive $75 a month if her annual income is not more than $1000; $60 a month if her annual income is more than $1000 but not more than $2000; and $40 a month if her annual income is more than $2000 but not more than $3000. If she has more than one minor child, she will receive an extra $15 a month for each additional child. A widow with a child or children is not not elgiible to receivea pension if her annual income is more than $3000.

Q. What is the income limit for orphans, and how much do they receive under the present law?

A. At present orphans of veterans are eligible for pensions if their outside income is not more than $1400 a year. Pension payments are $27.30 a month for one orphan, $40.95 a month for two, $54.60 for three, and an extra $7.59 for each additional child.

Q. What are the income limits and pension payments for orphans under the new system?

A. Under the new system orphans will be eligible for pension if their outside income is not more than $1800 a year, not counting their own earnings. Payments will amount to $35 a month for one orphan plus $15 more for each addition child, divided equally.

Deadline Near For VA Loans On Homes, Farms

About five months remain in which World War II veterans may apply for GI home, farm or business loans, Sumner G. Whittier, Administrator of Veterans Affairs, reminded veterans today.

Under present law, July 25, 1960, is the cut-off date set for World War II veteran participation in the post-war program that has seen more than 5 million World War II veterans take adtage of the GI Bill loan provisions since June 22, 1944.

Veterans who submit their application on or before the deadline of July 25, 1960, will be allowed an additional year, or until July 25, 1961, in which to have the loan processed and actually closed.

Mr. Whittier pointed out that these dates do not apply to Korean-conflict veterans who have until January 31, 1965, to make GI loan applications.

World War II veterans who also served during the Korean-conflict period are considered Korean-conflict veterans for the purpose of GI loans.

Veterans in rural areas and in small cities and towns where guaranteed loans are not generally available are eligible for VA direct home and farmhouse loans. The direct loan program for both World War II and Korean-conflict veterans is due to expire on July 25, 1960.

Since the GI loan program was launched in June, 1944, and up through December, 1959, a total of 5,125,000 loans have been guaranteed or made to World War II veterans for a total face value of $40.8 billion.

Approximately one-third of the eligible World War II veterans and one-eighth of the Korean-conflict veterans have taken advantage of the loan program to date.

Reviewing the tremendous scope of the GI loan program as used by both World War II and Korean-conflict veterans combined Mr. Whittier said that it was the equal of financing one out of every 10 dwelling units in the United States including apartments and single-family rental

Nearly one out of every 4 mortgaged single-family dwelling units in the United Statec has a VA-guaranteed mortgage, Mr. Whittier said.

Tax Man Sam Sez:

Failure to type or print your information on that Federal income tax return for 1959 could cost you a lot of money.

"Right here in this area hundreds of taxpayers had to be located last year so that Uncle Sam could pay them refunds amounting to several thousand dollars. This business happens every year," Mr. Fogle says, "because people either don't write legibly, and neglect to leave forwarding addresses with their postmasters."

Mr. Fogle said that Revenue is using more electronic devices than ever this year to speed work, but hurriedly scrawled numbers such as 1 and 7 and carelessly closed loops in letters e, l and f, often short circuit the entire IRS production line.

"So type or print your return and notify your postmaster of your new address if you should move. These simple precautions will save everybody lots of time and money," Mr. Fogle said.

"We don't much care what you call us as long as you get the name of our agency correct on checks and money orders," Arthur E. Fogle, of the Abilene Internal Revenue Service office, says with a smile.

In conversation the hard workingmen and women at the IRS are used to hearing other taxpayers refer to their organization as "Infernal Revenue," "Eternal Revenue" and some terms that wouldn't go through the mails.

"However," Mr. Fogle says, "we'll appreciate it if checks and money orders in payment of Federal income tax are made payable to INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE."

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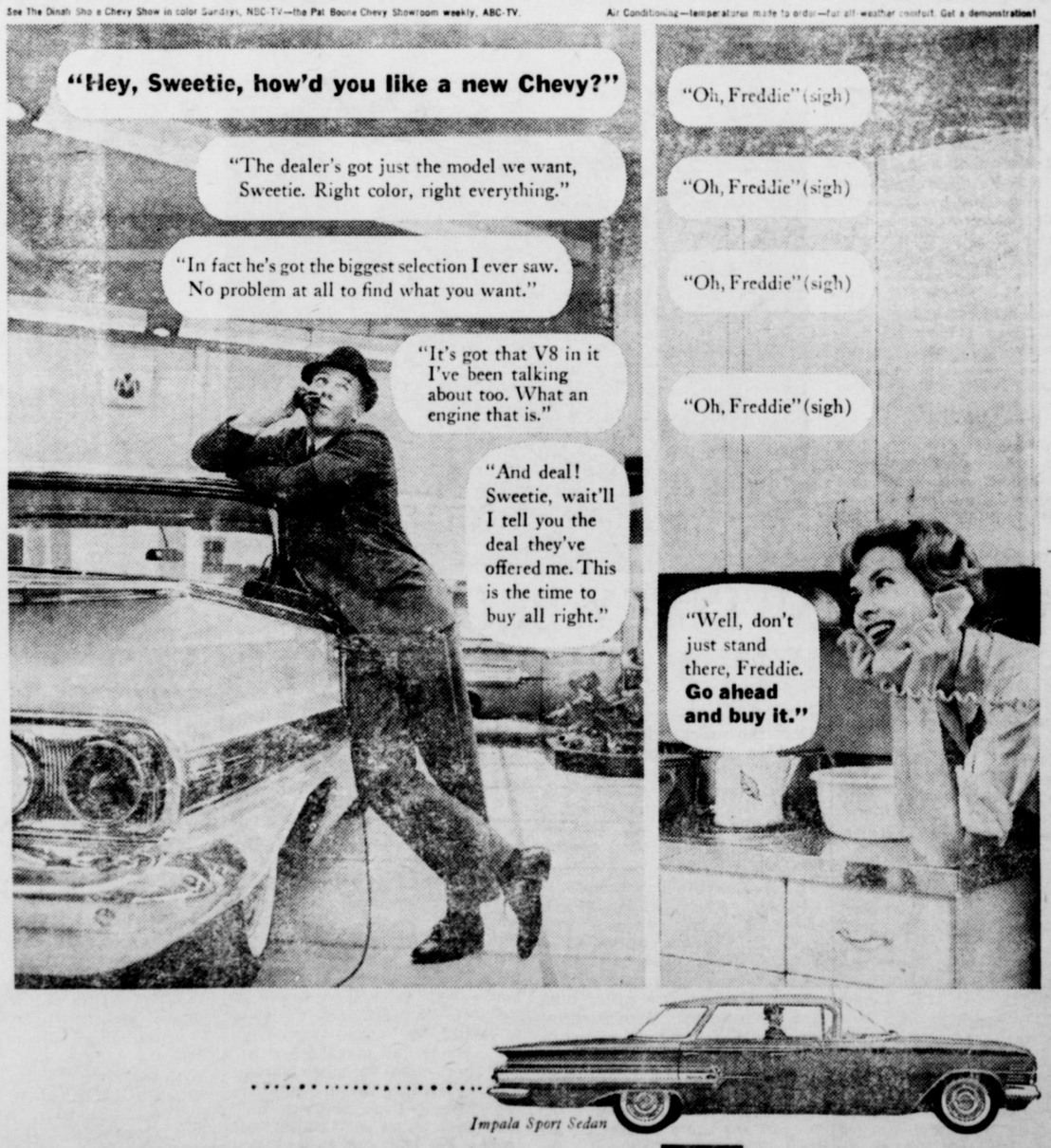
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'SPRING,' MUSIC SPARK STUDY CLUB MEETING

The Merkel Country Club was the scene Saturday noon for the Fortnightly Study Club's guest luncheon.

Mrs. Carrol Benson, president, welcomed guests who were present from Merkel, Tuscola, Texarkana and Abilene.

Theme of the luncheon was "Spring Song." Table decor featured arrangements of spring flowers and runners of ivy.

Don Wood, a native of Merkel and co-owner and manager of the Merkel Country Club presented a program of music, singing his own compositions.

Wood received his B.S. and B. M. degrees at North Texas State College, his M.A. at the University of Denver Musical Theater, half of his doctorate at the University of Houston and attended Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Abilene Christian College and Notre Dame. He also studied voice for one year in New York City.

He has just recently gone into composition and four of his songs have been accepted for publication.

In her introduction of the program, Christine Collins, vice president, told the group that the luncheon was held in place of the annual Friendship Tea. She suggested that "Instead of hating your enemies, try being a little nicer to your friends."

Mrs. Dale Litton Is Guest Speaker For Trent Club

Mrs. Dale Litton of Merkel was guest speaker for the Trent Community Garden Club meeting Thursday night at the Trent High School cafeteria.

Mrs. Litton demonstrated flower arrangements that may be used in the club's forthcoming flower show. As she made the arrangements, she gave the "do's" and "don't's" of flower arranging.

Roll call was answered with "What I would like to know about gardening."

Present were 22 members and one guest, J. W. Wilks.

Hostesses were Mrs. Geta Williamson, Mrs. C. C. Stribling and Mrs. Ben Wheeler E

The next meeting will be on March 21.

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STITH NEWS

The Rev. Bill Williams of Abilene filled the pulpit at the Stith Baptist church Sunday morning and evening. Mrs. Williams attended night service.

Mrs. J. B. Harris was given a surprise birthday party in her home Friday night. Members of her training union class were hosts.

E. L. Berry and Clyde Jones attended funeral service for Marion Dodge at the Hawley Methodist Church Friday afternoon. We regret to hear of his death and extend sympathy to the family.

The Rev. Bill Williams of Abilene was a dinner guest Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pick Payne.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning visited her sister, Mrs. Ona Prince of Abilene, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley visited his mother at the Sunshine Rest Home in Abilene Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Fritz Hale and Sandra visited Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hill at Pleasant Grove and Mrs. Delia Elison of Anson Sunday.

Mrs. Gayle Bedford of Lampasas spent the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harris.

Bill Dunagin received word Saturday of the death of his aunt, Mrs. Bessie Martin of Silver City, N.M. She was a sister of Fred Dunagin of this community. We extend our sympathy.

Visitors in the home of Hollis, Bob and Miss Louise Hudson Thursday night were Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Hudson and Mr. and Mrs. Clark Mundy, all of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hudson of Merkel. The Mundy's remained for a weekend visit.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Jacobs, Sunday, were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blaylock and son Eddie of Cisco, Mr. and Mrs. James Elem, Abilene, Mrs. Charlie Belanger, Abilene and Mrs. Betty Knight, who has just returned home from Lubbock where she spent the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Ruby Hale.

Troop 157 Meets

Girl Scout Troop 157 met at the Scout Hut Thursday evening for their regular meeting.

Present were eight members and one visitor, Janie Hull.

Home Demonstration Notes

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent



Leaders from the home demonstration clubs attended a recreation school at Pleasant Hill Home Demonstration Club House last Monday. Mrs. L. A. Groene, Mrs. Rex Reddell, and Mrs. G. S. Billingsley recreation committee of Council had charge of the training. They carried out the theme of St. Patricks Day.

The icy weather caused us not to finish two of our semi-tailoring workshopsbut they will be finished soon. The women who attended made many different costumes.

New coat dresses add special versatility to spring wardrobes this year.

Some versions of the new two-in-one style are being shown in novelty solid and printed silks. Soft, full skirts, neat, small collars, and low patch pockets are featured. Waitlines are belted and sleeves are deep and wide usuallying ending at the elbow.

Worn as part of a costume, the full-skirted coat dress is paired with a slim dress in matching or contrasting fabric — colored coats over black dresses, pastel and black coats over white dresses, and coats in matching or blending fabrics and colors.

Short, jacket costumes dominate the suit picture this spring, according to Rheba Merle Boyles, extension clothing specialist of Texas A&M.

A few longer jackets, about twenty-three or twenty-four inches are being shown. Many dresses feature contrasting tops in prints or solid colored silks, attached to slim skirts. The print is repeated in jacket linings. Big buttons and wider sleeves are important details on short jackets.

This year the Chanel box jacket is lengthened to just below the hipbone. Cardigan jackets are popular again. Contrasting pipings and in double-breasted styles, with piped patch pockets, and brass buttons are favorites this year.

Warm days will soon be here and we want to report our house plants.

House plants like other living things need moisture, air and food. Purpose of the soil is to hold the moisture and air and release the nutrients gradually as the plants grow.

Directions for mixing your own potting soil are given by A. F. DeWerth, head Department of Floriculture and Landscape Architecture, Texas A&M. Mix one-half coarse peat and one-half good garden soil.

Garden soil contains the plant food; peat facilitates drainage but lets air get to the roots and increases the water holding capacity of the mixture.

This soil mixture should be suitable for most house plants such as geraniums philodendron ivies and begonias, says the specialist.

Plants such as succulents, cactus and sedums require a mixture with more sand to provide necessary drainage. One-third peat, one-third sharp sand and one-third garden soil makes a good mixture for these cactus type plants.

Prepared soils are available from local florist shops and garden suppliers for those who do not have facilities for preparing potting soils at home.

Stith HD Club

The Stith Home Demonstration Club met in the Community Center Wednesday, March 9, with Mrs. Wanda Clyburn as hostess.

The program on "Preventing of Moths" was presented by the members. After the devotional games were directed by Mrs. O. B. Leach.

Mrs. Tom Hogan won the hostess gift.

Refreshments were served to 12 members and three children.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 23. Pals will be revealed at that time.

Union Ridge HD

Members of the Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. J. C. Walton for a covered dish luncheon, Friday March 11.

The program on "Hurry Up Meal" was featured in chicken croquettes and scalloped potatoes, which were cooked in ten minutes in a pressure cooker, and served at the meal.

The ladies were presented with cook books.

Mrs. O. E. Harwell presided for the business session.

Several songs were sung by the five children present. Prayer was by Mrs. Tom Coats.

The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs Mable McRee Friday, March 25.

SS Class Meets In Harris Home

The Martha Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. Monroe Harris Thursday, March 10. Co-hostess was Mrs S. C. Keith.

Mrs. Homer Finch led the opening prayer. The devotional from Acts 17:30-31 was given by Mrs. E. R. Foster.

Closing prayer was by Mrs. Keith.

The hostesses served refreshments to Mmes. Ina Hunter, Charley Sherrill, Willis Thomas, Alma Collins, Claude Warren, Homer Finch and E. R. Foster.

BADGER TALES

By RUTHA CORDER

About this time every year most of the students get enthusiastic about Interscholastic League. Different students enter different divisions, but a few enter several. Some of the different divisions that students are entering this year include spelling, declamation, ready-writing, and typing. Penny Gardner, Lola Lollin, Farris Neill, Venita McLean, Beth Doan, and I are planning on entering spelling. Not because we can spell, but hoping that after several weeks of preparation we will be able to. However, as far as myself is concerned it is rather dubious.

Penny Gardner is the only one planning to enter ready-writing as far as I know. She will have to have a partner so if you think that you might like to try your hand at it be sure to turn your name into Miss Hughes. The more the merrier, just don't write something that couldn't be repeated.

Kent Denton, Betty Richardson, and I are the only ones entering declamation. But seeing as my source of information is rather unreliable, I am sure that there are at least ten more people entering at least one of the above isn't. (All of these people will be sure and correct me as soon as they get the paper this week — Oh! well!)

Friday there will be a stageshow for the student body in the auditorium presented by the "Swingsters" — better known as the Merkel High Stageband. Word reached me that Kent Denton was going to do a vocal, but when asked, he very loudly denied it. It seems rather doubtful that he will.

The stageband is going to play for a Banker's Banquet in Abilene, Saturday night. We consider it a real honor that they were invited to do so. Let's just hope that they don't eat to much — or anything. (Or does the band get to eat when they play at banquets?)

There is just one month left until time for the senior trip. Most of the seniors are very anxiously looking forward to it. School gets boring after twelve years and the senior's trip is more or less another climax. Just think, Seniors, after another three months you will have twelve solid years of education behind you—You may go your ways—to become ditch diggers — unless you are planning on college, which is another four years of education before you become a ditch digger. (This theory has been proved wrong).

gabby doodle from noodle says:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

A feller can find a hundred items in the papers ever day to keep him plum upset for weeks. For instart, I see this little item buried back in the news about the old fashioned county pore house. They say these establishments is disappearing from the American scene. I've used the pore house fer 40 years to keep my old lady in line when she got to spendin' too much. I just remind her she's headed fer the pore house. With that gone, I won't have no control over the situation.

Then there is this story about scientists saying the Virus X is not one disease but a assortment of 30 diseases. I'm positive that as soon as the doctors find this out, it'll take a office call for each of the 30.

And in ever paper you pick up you see where some gal of stage or screen is taking advantage of Leap Year to git her first, second, third or fourth husband, as the case may be. I recollect back in 1956 when they was poking a heap of fun at Margaret Truman and Grace Kelly fer gittin' theirman during Leap Year. Personally, I don't think there's much to this Leap Year business. No woman that ever lived waited fer Leap Year to git her man. She'll git him any year she sets out in pursuit of him. And he's getting easier to catch ever year. It used to be risky fer a feller to fall in love with a gal at first sight on account of you didn't see much of the gal. But now it ain't so risky because you can see practically all of the gal at the first glance.

And I keep reading these previous that in a few more years all cars will be run with atomic energy. They say the car will come with enough fuel to last the life of the car or the life of the driver, whichever comes first. I got a hunch that the fuel will outlast the driver. I'm agin mixing atomic power and automobiles. It's bad enough now with high test gasoline and "a couple of beers." You can put this combination together now and git enough jet action to sprinkle the highways with the dead and dying.

To put the stopper in the jug, I see this item where the U. S. Savings Bond folks is putting on a drive fer the little feller to save money. The only time the little feller ever saved any money was during the war when there wasn't nothing to buy. All he had to do to keep up with the Joneses in them days was to walk as fast as they did.

But I got a little relief from reading about this feller in Baltimore gitting fined $37.50 fer breaking a mirror over his wife's head. He told the Judge if he was going to have 7 year bad luck he might as well git some real benefit from it.

Yours truly,
GABBY

Attend Track Meet

Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Toomb's daughter, Mrs. Jerry McWilliams, Penny Gardner, and Mrs. S. G. Russell attended the track meet in Fort Worth Saturday.

The Toombs' son, Ronnie, a student at Abilene Christian College, and Mrs. Russell's son, Jacky, who attends North Texas State College, participated in the meet.

Leaves For Germany

Pfc. Johnny Roach left Monday for Ft. Dix, New Jersey en route to a two-year tour in Germany with the U.S. Army. He is the son of Mrs. Myrna Darling of Merkel.

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In a double ring ceremony read Thursday evening in First Methodist Church, Julia Lynn South, daughterof Mr. and Mrs. Jack South, became the bride of Arthur Edwyn Bagby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bagby.

The Rev. Alvis Cooley officiated at the 7:30 p.m. rites.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a ballerina length gown of white chantilly lace and taffeta, styled with fitted bodice, sabrina neckline and long pointed sleeves. The back of the dress was accented with flowing streamers of taffeta.

A tiara of seed pearls held her veil of imported silk illusion. She carried a white orchid on a white Bible.

Paul Higgins was best man.

Maid of honor was Penny Durham. She wore a full - skirted dress of pink chiffon over taffeta and net styled with a scoop neckline and wide cummerbund. Her satin headdress and bouquet of mums were also pink.

Bridesmaids were Jayne Christian of Abilene cousin of the bride and Gay Rice of Cisco. Their dresses of pale pink were styled like the maid of honor's. Headdresses were also pink. They carried pale pink mums

Groomsmen were Fredlyn Farmer and Tommy Lewis. Tommy South brothers of the bride, and Danny Bagby, cousin of the groom, were ushers and candlelighters.

Wedding music was presented by Mrs. Jane Wade organist, and Eddie Jenkins of Hardin - Simmons University, soloist.

A reception was held at the church following the ceromeny Serving in the houseparty were Mmes. W. R. Cypert, Andy Shouse and Mrs. John Hardesty; Edith and Kay Lynn Bagby, sisters of the bridegroom; and Sharon Cypert.

For traveling to New Mexico the bride wore a pink and cerise ensemble with bone colored accessories.

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DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB MEET SET MARCH 22

Members of Highland Garden Club and Sweetwater Garden Club will be the hostesses for the spring meeting of District Eight, Texas Garden Clubs, Inc.

The event will be held March 22 at Sweetwater Country Club Approximately 250 members are expected to attend.

Mrs. George A. Stephen of Abilene, district governor, will preside. General co-chairmen are Mrs. Dwight McBride of Highland Garden Club and Mrs. L.W. Patterson of Sweetwater Garden Club.

Pre - registration chairman is Mrs. G. J. Catching. Members who plan to attend should register with Mrs. Catching, 1010 East 12th St., by March 19. Registration fee is $3.00.

The meeting will begin at 8:15 a.m. with registration and coffee. Guests will be welcomed by Mrs. John Woody. Response by Mrs. Herman Allen of Menard Texas. A business session will be held and will be served. Mrs. O. D. Bradford, 2nd Vice-Governor of Winters, will preside at luncheon. The invocation will be given by Mrs. W. R. Potter of Roscoe. The program "Wax Art" by Mrs. Joe Arrington of Lubbock, will be introduced by Mrs. H. B. Horn, 1st vice-Governor of Del Rio at the afternoon session. Mrs. Reeves Hickman, Albany will give the Resolutions.

Skit On Club Procedure Seen By Lambda Betas

Members of the Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the Taylor Electric Auditorium Tuesday evening for a program on "Tools For the Art of Life — Action."

Mrs. R. E. Dayton presented the program which included a test on parliamentary procedure given to the members, and a skit.

Performers in the play, "In Union," a satire on club procedure,were Mmes. Dale Litton Lynn Knight, Glen Robertson, Bobby DuBois and Newt Logan.

Mrs. Knight, president, presided at the business session when the door-to-door Easter Seal campaign to be conducted by the sorority on April 5 was discussed. The group will also sell Easter Lilies downtown the Friday before Easter. Proceeds of the sales go to the Society for Crippled Children.

Mrs. Knight said formal notifications of a setee to be given Sadler-Clinic Hospital by the sorority had been made to Dr. W. T. Sadler during "Dr. Sadler Week in Merkel."

Mrs. Woodrow Wade was hostess.

Bluebonnet HDC Learns Hat Making

Mrs. Elby Frazier was hostess for the Bluebonnet Home Demonstration Club's day-long "hat making" meeting recently.

Mrs. Frazier, who attended a hat school last month, supervised the making of the hats.

A sack lunch was served at noon.

The following members were present: Mmes. Frank Bronvak, R. E. Clemner Jr. Allen King, Tom Russom, Maxine Johnson, Joe Seymore and Murrel Riggan.

The next meeting will be on March 22 when Mrs. Bronvak will be hostess. The program will be on "Selection, Use and Care of Major Equipment."

Mrs. Harold Cox Feted At Shower

A bridal shower honoring Mrs. Harold Cox was held in the home of Mrs. Ira More at 411 Yucca St. on March 4.

Mrs. Pete Morgan registered the guests. Mrs. Bob Patton of Abilene, niece of the bridegroom, greeted guests.

Mrs. Jack Smith of Abilene presided at the refreshment table which was laid with a lace table cloth and centered with a white and green floral arrangement.

Hostesses were Mmes. Pat Bird, D. L. Bowen, Moore, C. R. Tittle, J. D. Sandusky Jr., J. D. Sandusky Sr., T. E. Morrison, Babe Tarpley and Ina Hunter.

Among the guests present were Mrs. Ora B. Read of Abilene, mother of the bride, and Mrs. A. H. Murphy of Merkel, the bridegroom's mother.

UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

Tractors have been humming the past few days up the Canyon. With just a little good weather, it won't be long until the land will be plowed.

B. H. Riney says we don't want to think too much about the land being too wet to plow because later we will be needing rain, as we always do.

Well, this Saturday, March 19 is the date for our rabbit drive up the Canyon.We meet at the Pioneer church ground and take off from there. There will be dinner on the ground at the Community Center.

We want to cover allthe community possible. Shells will be on hand at the grounds.

Uncle K. Blackburn is at home, and reported diong very well, after being a patient in the Sadler Clinic Hospital.

Dewell McLean reports the wheat is really growing in our area and that some warm days are all we need. He believes we will get them soon.

You can call Tom Russom and Joe Nalley two old critters if you want to, but we are doing the jitterbug pretty well when the cops drove up and stopped usSunday for speeding. We were returning to Merkel from Fisher county Singing Convention, when Joe saw them flagig us, he remarked, "There's something haywire somewhere."

We saw Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Clmbus Riggan of Merkel at the Fisher County singing also.

Allen King has just sold his herd of registered Jersey cattle to two Trent buyers. He had a fine bunch of them.

F. R. Demerie, pioneer rancher in the west end of the Canyon, has been in failing health for some time. His daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Toombs of Merkel, are staying with him and his wife quite a bit.

Donnie Russom was treated at the Sadler Clinic Hospital for a kidney ailment the past week.

We meet at 8 a.m., Saturday, 19, at the Pioneer church ground and take off from there on our rabbit drive. A basket lunch will be served at the noon hour. All the ladies are invited to come and bring dinner.

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Henry Martin, W. M.
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Lt. Bill Horton Completes Course As Parachutist

FORT BENNING, Ga. (AHTNC) — Army 2nd Lt. William R. Horton, whsoe wife, Mary, lives at 459 W. Main, Ranger, Tex., completed the four-week airborne course Feb. 19 at The Infantry School Fort Benning, Ga.

Lieutenant Horton qualified as a parachutist and received training in the duties of a jumpmaster.

The 23-year-old officer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Horton, Rt. 3, Merkel, entered the Army last June.

He is a 1955 graduate of Merkel High School and a 1959 graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene. The lieutenant was employed by the Shell Oil Co. in Midland, before entering the Army.

20 YEARS AGO

IN MERKEL

At the meeting of the Merchants Trade Extension association held Monday night at the Lions hall, W. O. Boney was elected president. Other officers are: Clyde Bartlett, vice-president; C. J. Glover, secretary; and Booth Warren, treasurer. Newly elected directors who took their places Monday night are Booth Warren, Dee Grimes, E. Y. Bailey, Clyde Bartlett and Nathan Wood. Holdover directors are Roy Reid, E. O. Carson, Paul Douglas, W. O. Boney and W. H. Bullock.

Friday night of this week the Merkel Badger Band under the direction of Richard Young will trek to Abilene where it will broadcast for the first time in the history of the band. The broadcast will originate from the studios of the Hardin-Simmons band hall on the H-SU campus. The program will last fifteen minutes. This is an opportunity few bands of schools the size of Merkel ever enjoy.

Mrs. J. W. Bland, who will soon by 80 years old, sustained painful and serious injury when she fell at her home Wednesday afternoon and broke her hip. She tripped on a board in the yard. An interesting note in connection with the accident is that Dr. M. Armstrong the attending physician, first waited on the J. W. Bland family 40 years ago in Coryell County. He has served five generations of the Blands.

Willadean Thornton, former Merkel girl, recently moved to Abilene, won the honor of third place in an essay and story contest at Abilene High School. There were approximately 700 juniors and seniors of Abilene high school entered the contest titled "Life Insurance in Action," which was sponsored by the Abilene Association of Underwriters.

Having received honorable discharge from the Army after three years of service at Fort Sam Houston, R. T. Blair returned home Monday night. He has as his guest, Larue Boyd, of Jackson, Miss. The latter enlisted at the same time R. T. did and between the two a close friendship developed.

Kenneth Harvell Completes Basic Officer Course

FORT BENNING, Ga. (AHTNC) — Army 2nd Lt. Kenneth E. Harvell, 23, whose wife, Gloria, lives on Route 3, Merkel, completed the officer basic course Feb. 25 at The Infantry School Fort Benning Ga.

The ten-week cuorse is designed to familiarize newly-commissioned officers with the duties and responsibilities of an infantry unit commander.

Licutenant Hafvell is a 1954 graduate of Newman High School, Sweetwater, and a 1959 graduate of Hardin-Simmons University His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Harvell, live at 1208 Ragland, Sweetwater.



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MERKELITE'S RELATIVE LAUDED FOR LAB WORK

Harlan B. Merritt, grandson of Mrs. Fanny Merritt of Merkel, has received a Superior Accomplishment Award of $150. for his exceptional skill, craftsmanship and thoroughness in carrying out certain special projects at the U. S. Naval Radiological Defense Laboratory in San Francisco, California.

Mr. Merritt is a machinist in the Shops Branch of the Laboratory. The award resulted from the recommendation of a group of scientists who pointed out a number of outstanding contributions he made. His work on the Radiometer Foil Mounting required use of spot welding with such delicate adjustments are more nearly an art than a science. He also overhauled and repaired, at a saving of some $2,000 to the Government, 50 cameras used in field test that normally need a team of specially trained technicians.

Among his other outstanding undertaking was that of applying platinum-black coating to radiometer foils, a tedious job usually performed by a physical chemist. Mr. Merritt's native ingenuity was more than equal to the task which was completed in record time.

In 5 Years Autos Kill 441 Deer

AUSTIN — A total of 441 deer, 16 turkeys, and 3 javelina were killed in Kimble County by automobiles during a five year period from 1955 through 1959, according to a report received by the director of wildlife restoration, Texas Game and Fish Commission.

Robert S. Evins, game warden at Junction, compiled the report with information turned in by various peace officers and citizens of Kimble County.

Of the 441 deer, 270 were does and 171 were bucks. Of the turkeys, three were gobblers and 13 were hens. One of the three javelinas was a female.

An estimated error of 10 per cent was used in determining the number of game animals that had gone unreported or unrecorded. Evins said, "If this 10 per cent error had been included with the number of game animals actually found along the roadside, the total for the five year period would swell to about 500 deer, 20 turkeys, and 5 javelinas." Approximately $49,900 was paid by auto owners for damage caused by car-game collisions.

Of all the deer reported during the five years, 107 were reported in time for the meat to be salvaged. About 7,366 pounds of meta was saved and distributed to needy families in the county, while approximately 19,743 pounds of meat was not reported in time to be salvaged, and was wasted.

"It's not a law violation to accidentally hit a deer on our highways," said the director. "If you do hit one move it off the road and leave it there, then contact your game warden or peace officer immediately, so the meat can be saved."

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Eds. News:—The House bill for the protection of game on Galveston Island, passed the Senate on Tuesday; also, the bill to incorporate the Galveston casino bill to charter the Trinity Valley railroad company; bill to prescribe police regulations in respect to slaves and bill to encourage publication of a complete Digest of the reports of the Supreme Court.

International Amenities

The latest intelligence from Japan speaks of the interchange of friendly acts between officers of the American and Russian governments in those waters — showing how commercial interests on the Pacific Ocean are gradually bringing together two great nations, representing the progressive opinions of the Old and New Worlds in relationships which may ultimately become of great importance.

Our friends who remit to us in postage stamps, should be cautious as to how they do them up. The glutinous sides should never be placed together. Persons can have no idea how much we lose by carelessness of this kind, as well as by putting gold dollar pieces loosely into letters, instead of putting them on cards.

LETTER FROM BROWNSVILLE

Eds. News:—The Mexicans fired into the Ranchero, peaceably wending her way down the river, and shot a hole in the stars and stripes flying at her bow. As soon as the news of the fight reached Matamoros, a great to do was made: all the bells in the place were kept ringing, etc. If they keep up their double dealings with us and making their mock professions of friendships, they will ere long have more cause than ever to call our their militia and ring their bells to pieces.

A gentleman from Beaumont informs us that the work on the railroad is progressing rapidly. There are over 200 hands now at work, and 11 miles of the road are in running order.

RIGHT OF SECESSION

The Huntsville Item has an able editorial article on the right of the States of this Union to secede. The true theory of our government is deduced from the manner of its formation. It is shown that the present constitution was adopted with a view to "a more perfect union" than existed under the old confederation, and not for the purpose of impairing the complete sovereignty of the States. By virtue of this "more perfect union," each State has an absolute right to demand protection against all aggressions.

Johnson Lauds IDA Program

Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson said Sunday United States' participation in the International Development Association (IDA) would hold forth a two-fold promise: "timely aid for the poor people of the world, and eventual relief of the burdened taxpayer of America."

In a radio broadcast recorded for his Texas constituents, Johnson called IDA an "important step in the right direction" -- recognition of responsibilities to aid under-developed nations, together with recognition that this nation cannot do the job alone.

He pointed out that IDA would draw support from revitalized nations of the free world — such as West Germany and Japan. It would be designed to provide long-term, low-interest-rate loans to less developed member nations, where such financing cannot be obtained on reasonable terms from other sources.

40 YEARS AGO

IN MERKEL

H. F. Groene the genial and hustling manager of the Cozy theatre, is in Dallas this week making bookings of the best and latest pictures for his theatre here. But that's Groene's way, its the best always with him.

W. H. Laney, formerly this city's splendid meat market man for many years, returned recently from a trip to Fort Worth where he purchased two cars of splendid high grade White-Face cattle which will be used for restocking the ranch of Laney & Sons located east of town.

Among the news items overlooked in our last issue was a change in the Lowry & Gamble Drug firm. Mr. L. A. Arrington purchased the interest of R. J. Lowery, joining S. D. Gamble in the management of the business. They are experienced and capable drug men: enterprising, courteous, and hustlers from the word go. Thye are sure to suceed.

W. L. Johnson of El Paso was here this week, mixing with old friends, and visiting the family of Judge W. W. Wheeler, his father-in-law. Mr. Johnson may possibly decide to move with his family to Merkel.

Mr. Stanford returned the first of the week from an extended visit to relatives in Tennessee. He says he enjoyed the visit among the scenes of his old child hood very much.

Not a house to rent in this town, and should there be another bumper crop made here, and the prospects are bright that there will be, there will be a great demand for homes the coming fall. In fact there must be more homes built here.

Mr. Ed Teuton formerly with the Trent State Bank, has accepted a position with the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of this city and has entered upon the duties of same. He is capable and well qualified for the splendid position, and will make a good citizens among us.

Garrison Urges Early Inspection Of Vehicles

Col. Homer Garrison Jr., director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, said today that more than two-million motor vehicles remain to be inspected before the April 15 deadline. He urged all Texas motorists to obtain their new inspection stickers at an early date.

Garrison reported that more than 4,300,000 will be inspected in Texas this year. To date only about half that number have gone through inspection lines at some 4,400 inspection stations located throughout the state.

The DPS director pointed out that inspection stations cannot inspect vehicles during wet, rainy weather, a condition normally prevailing during late winter and early spring. To make sure every vehicle owner is able to obtain his 1960 inspection sticker in time, Garrison suggested that plans be made now to visit an inspection station, before inspection lines grow long.

Noodle To Name Two Trustees

The voters of the Noodle-Horn School District will vote on April 2, in the high school building to elect two trustees.

Those whose terms expire are R. D. Ely and Ab Hunter Jr. Both have filed for re-election.

Other candidates are Carol Best, Henry Ueckert, W. A. Henager, F. E. Sipe and Charles E. Carter.

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STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights

by Vern Sanford

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Texas adults by the thousands are going back to school this year.

Their object: to learn what nuclear warfare could mean to the country nad what they can do to better their chances of surviving it.

Texas Education Agency and the State Division of Defense and Disaster Relief are co-sponsors of the civil defense adult education program. Since the program got under way late last year, 2,816 persons over the state have taken the free 12-hour cuorse. Another 1,295 persons are attending 66 classes now in progress, and 150 new classes are due to begin this month.

Classes are held at public schools and taught by public school and junior college teachers who have been trained and certified by TEA's civil defense staff.

Seven new teacher training workshops are scheduled within the next few weeks. Eventual goal is to have civil defense classes in or near every Texas community.

Course material ranges from study of the effects of a nuclear bomb and probable capabilities of hostile powers to step-by-step instructions for personal survival preparedness.

Persons interested in having the course in their communities may contact their local school superintendent or write Civil Defense Education Director, Texas Education Agency, Austin.

NO SESSION BEFORE PRIMARY — Gov. Price Daniel said he will not call a special legislative session to raise teacher pay before May 7 — the first primary date.

Conferences with lawmakers have convinced him, said the governor, that there is no hope of a successful session during the coming eight weeks.

However, the governor said he may call a session after the May 7 primary or submit the school improvement program as an emergency measure at the 1961 regular session. If he waits until 1961, Daniel said he would recommend an increased program to make up for money lost by delay.

Many observers have noted that a special session after the first primary election would pose many problems. As much as 25 to 30 per cent of the House could be made up of "lame ducks"—persons retiring from office or defeated at the polls. Incumbent legislators with run-off races would not want to leave their home districts to come to Austin.

Teachers would prefer to have the matter submitted at a special session. Regular session rules require that the budget be provided for before new spending can be considered. Last year approval of the budget was just about the last thing before adjournment.

ACCIDENT STUDY — A new study indicates that motor vehicles and heart attacks or similar difficulties were involved in more than half of Texas' fatal industrial accidents in the last fiscal year.

Industrial Accident Board reported on an analysis of 23,000 accident claims. In the group studied, it found that fatal accidents were most often connected with motor vehicles, 28 per cent; heart disease, 26 per cent; slips and falls, 10 per cent; striking or being struck by an object, 7 per cent.

Althogether, in the last fiscal year, the Board processed claims resulting from 195,000 non-fatal accidents and 497 deaths.

Annual cost of industrial accidents is estimated at $500,000,000 a year. Board plnas to make an accident analysis every year to gain information for planning improvement programs.

UTILITY PAYMENTS AVAILABLE — Cities and private utility companies can now get reimbursement for money spent moving utility lines to make way for new interstate highways.

State Highway Commission said it is now ready to begin making payments under a law that was held constitutional by the State Supreme Court earlier this year.

Cost of the utility moving, as well as construction costs for the interstate system, comes 90 per cent from federal funds, 10 per cent from state funds.

BRIDLE PATHS CONTESTED —Whether a person owning grazing rights in a state park area can bar the public from riding horseback in that area is at issue before the Supreme Court.

High court is to hear arguments March 30 stemming from a dispute over use of the Davis Mountains State Park.

Trial court upheld the right of the grazing lease holders to lock out horseback riders while the lease is in effect. Court of civil Appeals held that riders should be kept out at least nine months of the year.

State contends that if a public park is locked, it is no longer any good as a public park and that any least is predicated on this assumption.

BOMB LAW ATTACKED —A law prohibiting possession of a bomb or conspiracy to bring about a bombing is under attack in a case before the Court of Criminal Appeals.

Defendant in the case is accused of having mastermined a bombing of the premises of a non-striking employe of a Dallas industrial plant during a union walk-out. Two persons who were convicted of having thrown the bomb in the victim's driveway said they were carrying out the defendant's instructions.

Attorney for the defendant called "dangerous" a law that makes it a felony to possess items from which a bomb could be made.

CRIME TOLL MOUNTS —An average day in Texas sees 3 murders, 3 rapes, 7 robberies, 32 aggravated assaults, 43 automobiles stolen, 266 thefts other than automobiles and 125 burglaries.

This is the end result of a crime increase that in the past ten years has brought a 73.2 jump in crime while the population increased only 24.4 per cent.

Department of Public Safety announced that in all categories crime in 1959 was up 3.9 per cent from the previous year. Largest gain was in aggravated assault — up 22 per cent. Only robbery showed a decline.

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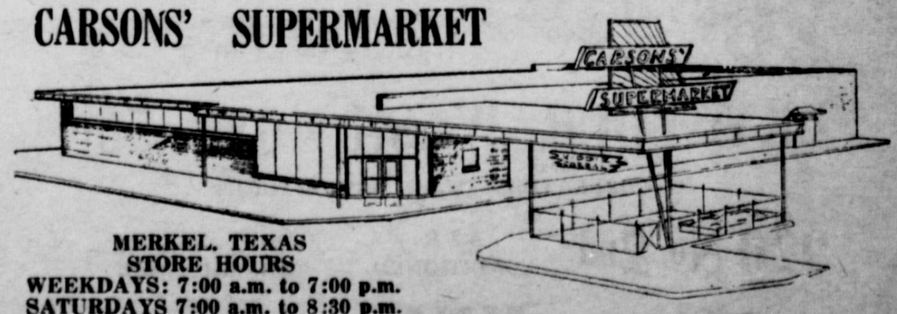
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