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Merkel and Trent Schools Praised For Their Part In Tax Education

Tax education has become a very common high school subject along with the three R's, according to Mr. A. E. Fogle, Jr., Administrative Officer of the Abilene office.

Merkel had 18 students enrolled in the tax course and Mr. Fogle said that Mr. Edwin Read, principal of the Merkel High School, and Mrs. Bobby Cocksey, teacher

of the High School Tax Training Program, are to be congratulated on the very fine job they are doing.

To be congratulated also are the principal of Trent Independent School District, Mr. Harold Banks, and Mr. Hal Guess, teacher of the tax program in Trent High School. They had 12 students enrolled in the tax course.

There are approximately 1000 teachers in 782 schools teaching 36,000 high school students in North Texas district of Internal Revenue Service who are participating in this program. Students and teachers alike find the course interesting and profitable to them in preparing the students' own tax return and in helping Dad to prepare his tax return, according to Mr. Fogle.

35 Diplomas Are Awarded MHS Seniors

Diplomas were presented to the 35 members of the graduating class of Merkel High School Friday night in the school auditorium.

Dr. Elwin Skiles, minister of the First Baptist Church, Abilene, was speaker for the commencement exercises. Invocation was by the Rev. George Epperson and the benediction was given by Minister Bob Cannon.

"What Makes America" was the theme of the address made by Kermit Rutledge, class president.

Jocille Thompson, valedictorian of the class, spoke on "Gains from High School" and Margaret Chancey, salutatorian, addressed the class on "To Walk in the Light."

Mr. Mack Fisher, superintendent of schools, presented the diplomas and Principal Edwin Read gave the special awards and scholarships.

The DAR Good Citizenship Award went to Jocille Thompson and the Science World Award to Mike Farley.

Perfect attendance awards were given to Johnny Johnson, George Ann Rister, Sherman Bradley and Elsie Ward.

In the senior class Jocille Thompson had an average of 95.38 and Margaret Chancey had 94.27. Jimmy Neill received the award for highest ranking boy with an average of 90.44.

Junior class honor pupils were Charles Curb, 97.16 and Minta McAninch, 94.50; sophomore class, Dana Durham, 97.80 and Jerry Don Reynolds, 93.50; freshman class, Janice Windham, 95.60 and Mike Farley, 93.55.

NOTICE

The Noodle High School 1957 Annuals have arrived and may be picked up at the high school at any time.

MERKEL 40 YEARS AGO

All male inhabitants between 21 and 31 required to register by June 5.

Sheriff J. T. Dodson and his force are assisting federal officers to comply with President Wilson's proclamation naming Tuesday June 5, as the day upon which all male inhabitants of the United States 21 years of age and under 31 years shall present themselves for registration under the new army law.

Merkel was honored with a train of soldier boys Thursday morning who were sidetracked on account of a wreck on the line between Trent and Merkel. Mr. Groene entertained the boys at the Cozy with a matinee.

L. B. Scott grew about three inches in height and five inches in circumference when last Wednesday afternoon there came into

his home a ninepound boy.

Program for seventh grade graduation. Commencement song, seventh grade.

Piano solo, Mary Parton "The Green and the Gold," Evelyn Bagley "Texas Heroes," twelve boys. Piano solo, Hicks Swafford Reading, Louise Lomax "Was Heroines," six little grownups.

Song, Lucille Edwards, Hazel Harkrider "Sambo Came Home," Elmer Nelson, George Groene Piano solo, Ruth Holloway Class jokes, Loyce Dry Reading, John A. Woodward Valedictory, Mandy Brady Class address, Mr. Thos. Johnson

Presentation of diplomas, Miss Lola Lassiter

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

Announcements were made Thursday morning by Supt. Burgess that valedictory honor was won by Sylvan Mellinger, with an average of 94.10. Miss Janet Berry, whose average is 92.26, is salutatorian and highest ranking girl student. There are 50 graduates in the class of 1937.

While rains have been general and generous over most of the West Texas section, Merkel had only three-eighths of an inch during the past week.

This precipitation, which came Sunday night, brought the year's total slightly above 6 inches, the actual figure being 6 1/4 inches.

Miss Christine Collins presented the following pupils in spring

recital at the Grace Presbyterian Church on Tuesday evening: Mrs. G. W. Wilhite, Thelma Mathews, Francis Higgins, Pearl Mathews, Louille Justice, Alton Bicknell, Syble Harris, Helen Heeter, Mary Lou, and Clarice Higgins, Louise Patterson, Billie Nelson, Rachel Patterson, Vivian Davis, Phyllis Smith, Delma Compton, Anne Lee Blake, Mrs. DeVerle Johnson, Elma Tucker, Mrs. Homer Patterson, Betty Lou Higgins, and Billie McGehee.

Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt, who teaches in the schools at Los Lunas, N. M., arrived home Tuesday. She was accompanied by Mrs. Horace Hargrove and son of Lubbock, who are visiting in Merkel and Abilene.



MRS. LOUIS BUTMAN WINS \$25,000 AND CAR

Mrs. Louis Butman of Rt. 4 was informed Monday that she is one of four top winners in the \$275,000 Chevrolet "Lucky Traveler" contest. She will receive the 1957 Chevrolet of her choice plus a cash award of \$25,000.

Names of the other winners will be announced on the Dina Shore Show Thursday night.

Mrs. Butman was given the good news by Charles Hogsett, local Chevrolet dealer, and James J. Dillon of Sweetwater, Chevrolet district manager for a 15-county West Texas area.

Winning contests is not new to Mrs. Butman. She has won many things including a Cadillac about three years ago, but nothing to equal her latest win. The cash award especially seemed to leave her momentarily speechless.

She tentatively chose a red Chevrolet sport car as the Chevrolet of her choice. She masked

why, she said "So people can see me coming."

The car, which will be delivered to her through Badger Chevrolet Co., and the money will be presented to her at a later date.

Mrs. Butman and her husband, a rancher, live about 15 miles South of Merkel. They have two children, Beverly and Steve.

Frank Turner Former Canyon Farmer, Succumbs

Mr. Frank Turner, age 86, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. F. Z. Turner, pioneer settlers of Mulberry Canyon, passed away May 10th at the home of his daughter in Eunice, New Mexico.

Burial was in the family lot by his wife in Big Spring. He was the brother of Mrs. Beulah Dye, Mrs. M. H. Hensley, and Mr. E. W. Turner of Merkel, and Mrs. Dollie Richie, of Fort Worth.

Mrs. Kirby Beckett and H. C. Coit from Dallas, are visiting their brother, Mr. Booth Warren and family.

Senator Lyndon Johnson of Belief Entire Budget Was Overestimated

Senator Lyndon B. Johnson said Sunday, in a statewide radio report from Washington, that Congress is being asked by the Administration to act on "contradictory advice" regarding the Eisenhower budget of \$71.5 billion for the 1958 fiscal year.

"We are being told that either course we take — whether we cut the Eisenhower budget or approve it as submitted — will hurt our country," Senator Johnson stated.

The Senator said "a parade of Cabinet" officers have been appearing before the Senate Appropriations Committee, of which the Texan is a member, to ask the Senate to restore budget cuts made in the House of Representatives.

Nevertheless, he predicted, material cuts will be made in the budget.

"For the last four months or so," Senator Johnson said, "we have been told by Administration sources that the budget request for \$4.4 billion in new spending for foreign aid simply must not be touched by Congress. But after a conference at the White House, which I attended as Majority

Merkel Chamber of Commerce Favors Low-Rent Housing For City, Asks Federal Survey

Marion Winter Funeral Held

Funeral for Marion Edward Winter, 72, who died at his home Thursday of a heart attack, was held at 2 p. m. Saturday.

Born Nov. 12, 1884, in Erath County, he moved to Jones County at the age of 5 and was married to the former Annie Laura Preston of Comanche Sept. 6, 1908. He had lived in the Jones County community most of his life. He was a member of the Shiloh Baptist Church.

Funeral was held at The First Baptist Church with the Rev. Loyd Scott of Abilene officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, W. O. of Abilene, Mina of Merkel and Lewis of Gruver; four brothers, John, Tom, Roy and Bill, all of Abilene; five sisters, Mrs. Atlas Phillips of Merkel, Mrs. Edward Lawless of Sylvester, Mrs. Jim White of Ovalo, Mrs. Wald Cox of Noodle, Mrs. Otto Bicknell of Odessa, and seven grandchildren.

Members of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce voted unanimously to adopt the recommendations set forth by the Special Housing Committee at a called meeting Monday night.

The recommendations were to go on record in favor of a low-rent housing project for Merkel and ask the city council to take the necessary action at their next meeting to get a government survey to determine the needs and adequate size of units prepar-

ative to obtaining this project for Merkel.

A motion was made to adopt the recommendation by Dr. W. T. Sadler. It was seconded by Earl Watts and everyone present voted in favor.

Mack Fisher, chairman of the housing committee gave a report of the Public Housing Authority in conjunction with the low-rent housing project and what it would mean to the Merkel Independent School District. He said with the help of this project, Merkel would have no trouble in obtaining about \$600,000 in Federal funds for additional building facilities.

John Hammond gave a report on the Housing Committee trip to Brownwood, Isadore Mellinger reported on the Housing Committee trip to Cisco and Ray Wilson reported on the present needs for such a project in Merkel. Charles Hogsett, president and committee member, gave the report for the committee.

It was pointed out that with industrial expansion in Abilene and with the possibilities of married students from the three colleges locating here and the fact that the new wing at Dyess Air Force Base will be here in September, Merkel stands a good opportunity to grow. Before Merkel could offer anything to cause industries to locate here, the present housing facilities must be improved.

Dr. Sadler suggested that the Special Housing Committee be made a permanent committee and continue to follow through with their program.

The meeting was held in the REA Building with 15 members present.

Hubert Berry Is Transferred

Hubert Berry, Work Unit Conservationist in the Merkel office of the Soil Conservation Service, has been transferred to Goldthwaite and will assume duties there June 3.

Mr. Berry has been with the Merkel office for about a year and a half. He will leave for Goldthwaite this week-end. His wife and three children Lynn, 7, Chris, 3, and Gayle, 1, will join him as soon as they find a place to live.

Perry Davis, who has been with the Merkel office for the past year, will succeed Berry.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis have one daughter, Cindy, 9 mos. They live at 404 Ash St.

Girl Scout Leaders Meet

A day of training and discussion was held for leaders of the Girl Scout Day Camp Tuesday. Day Camp will be June 3-7 from 1:30 p. m. to 7:30 p. m.

The leaders spent the day locating unit camp sites and discussing complete plans for the camp.

Those attending from here were Mrs. Clara Lee Patterson, Mrs. Ann Derrington, Mrs. Marilyn Smith, Mrs. Doris Hook, Mrs. Luke and Mrs. Dorothy Davis.

About twenty Girl Scouts and Brownies are expected to attend from Merkel.

Citizens To Discuss Youth Program

Nine adult directors will be elected at a youth center organization meeting to be held at 8 p. m., Thursday, May 30, in the REA Auditorium.

All parents of children from the 6th through the 12th grades are urged to attend.

Teenagers are invited.

Youth Group Meeting Held

The first meeting for the purpose of organizing a youth center in Merkel was held last Thursday night.

Mrs. R. J. Bowers, youth coordinator at Dyess Air Force Base, presented the basic fundamentals needed to organize a youth program.

Another organization meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 30, at 8 p. m. in the REA building.

Teen-Age Team Needs Sponsor

The status of Merkel's Teen-Age Baseball Team is uncertain because of the need for a sponsor. Last year's summer sponsor, Carson's Food Store, has diverted its sponsorship to a Little League Team. Merkel is already a member of the new four-team Double-Mountain Teen-Age League, the other members being Hamlin, Rotan, and Sweetwater, and the schedule will open early in June so a sponsor is needed for this team which is a valuable summer activity for the youth of our community. Anyone interested may contact Don Loyd for additional information. This paper will announce tryout dates for the team members in the next issue.

Poppy Sale Raises \$130

Cub Scouts and members of the VFW Auxiliary raised \$130 in the Buddy Poppy Sale held here Saturday. The sale was sponsored by the Merkel Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and the VFW Post.

The following cub scouts helped with the sale: Dan Parmally, Robert Shouse, Barney and Wayne Davis, Tommy South and David Hammond.

Members of the auxiliary that helped were Mrs. Bernice Perry, Mrs. Johnny Smith, Mrs. Flo Sturdevant, Mrs. Dorothy Davis, and Mrs. Viola Ensminger.

Mrs. Betty Parmally was in charge of a picnic lunch and swimming party held for the workers that afternoon.

Mrs. Dorothy Davis, president of the auxiliary voiced appreciation to all those who bought poppies or helped in any way.

Mrs. W. D. Webber is at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Ida Wilson who is ill in a Sherman hospital.

CEMETERY FUND

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

Frank Carter
Henry Uecker
Mrs. Ollie Higgins, Jr.,
J. S. Pinckley
John B. Hughes
Guy Clay
B. W. Bothwell
Val Byram
Mrs. Mary Powers
John R. West

Hospital Notes

The following persons were admitted to Sadler Clinic-Hospital during the past week.

Kathy Williamson
Mr. A. A. Holt
Mr. Mark A. Holt
Mrs. Herrick Johnson
Barbara McAninch
Stanley Shaw
Mr. Jennings Winter
Mrs. Lee Sandell
Robert Higgins
Mrs. Viola Bullock
Francis Epperson
Mrs. George West
Mr. J. W. Suter
Roger Ely
Dale Click
Mrs. Vernon Stanley and son
Brenda Morgan
Mr. L. D. Jones

LETTERS FOR FATHER TO EARN MANY PRIZES



To the boy or girl writing the letter that best describes his or her understanding of the role that the male parent plays in his life, a series of prizes will be presented on Father's Day. Father as a companion, sharing your fun, father as a teacher, a guide, a wise counsellor, father as the head of the family, laying down the rules, father as the provider and home-builder—any or all of them may be the theme of the letter.

For the boy who best explains the part a father plays in the life of a modern youngster, an American Flyer model train will

Public Invited to Hear Guest Speaker

Trent, May 24th (Spl) E. W. McMillan of Abilene will be the speaker in the spring protracted meeting at the Church of Christ here beginning May 31st. The meeting will continue through June 9th.

Services will be conducted at 7 in the morning and at 7:45 in the evening. The singing will be under the direction of local song leaders.

Mr. McMillan is an instructor in the Bible department of Abilene Christian College. He has had a wide experience as a college administrator. He has been president of Southwestern Christian College at Terrell and president of Ibaraki Christian College in Ibaraki, Japan. He is still a member of the Board of the Japanese institution.

He has been a local minister at the College Church in Abilene, in Memphis, Tennessee and Whittier, California and in a number of other cities in the south during the last third of a century. He has conducted meetings in most of the states.

The church at Trent is happy to secure the services during the meeting of this outstanding preacher and invites the public to hear him.

Home Demonstration Notes

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent



The rain has certainly been nice. I was gone most of last week. When I came home Sunday my rose bed was all under water, but it has dried out now and I'm enjoying some cut roses.

Miss Gilliland reported that the Merkel 4-H girls had a very nice Achievement Tea. Fourteen girls earned Achievement First Year pins and several others exhibited articles. Right now 4-H clothing workshops are the most talked about activity besides camp. The workshops will be held at various places over the county.

District 4-H Camp will be at Kerville May 29, 30, and 31. The following people from Taylor County will attend District Camp: Sandra Parmelly, Joyce Gresham, Linda Farr, Wanda Wilder, Carolyn Ford, Mrs. Roland McAdams, leader, Miss Loreta Allen, County Home Demonstration Agent, and Miss Martha Gilliland, Assistant County Home Demonstration Agent.

The following boys and men will attend District Camp also: H. C. Stanley, County Agricultural Agent, Allen Turner, Ass't. County Agricultural Agent, Mac Bowyer, leader and Lanny Perry, David Scott, Del Davis, Jim Dominy, Ronnie Mac Bowyer, Jackie Henson, Ronald McMillon, Donald McMillon.

Taylor County 4-H Camp will be at the Presbyterian Encampment Grounds June 27 and 28. Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent.

stration council met this week. One thing of interest to all the women will be the suggestions for the 1958 yearbook. Each club woman is to give her idea of what programs she wants.

With summertime here, all of us will be doing more laundering. CHECK LABELS FOR WASHABILITY. Much of the success or failure in laundering synthetic fibers lies in following directions given by manufacturers. Read your label carefully before buying if you want to be sure you can launder the fabric at home. Follow directions given. Your label may say something like this:

a. "Hand wash". Specific directions may be given. In this case, the fabric cannot be handled carelessly or washed in a tub with strong soap and very hot water.

b. "Wash at home or in commercial laundry with careful methods."

c. "Can be washed in commercial laundry with ordinary methods."

d. "Color Fast." Homemakers should be able to wash this with regular laundry if she is sure of the reputation of her dealer and manufacturer.

Labels should tell you what the fabric is, how to handle it, and what you can expect from it in the way of service. Look for a good descriptive label when you buy.

Remove the saucepan from the heat and leave the lid on until ready to serve, at least 10 minutes.

When the meat is almost tender, add the remaining 1/2 cup water, tomato sauce, 1 teaspoon of the salt and one-eighth teaspoon black pepper and the mixed vegetables if fresh or frozen vegetables are used. Cover and cook over a moderate heat until the vegetables are tender. Add more water if a thinner mixture is desired. If cooked or canned mixed vegetables are used, cook the meat until tender, and then stir in the tomato sauce and vegetables. Heat vegetables until piping hot. Add water if desired. Season to taste.

To serve, place the hot rice on a large platter. Arrange the beef, rolls, gravy and vegetables over the rice.

This recipe make 5 to 6 servings.

Pre-Nuptial Tea For Miss Brewer

A pre-nuptial tea was given for Miss Darlene Brewer, bride-elect of Richard Chaney, on May 18, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the home of Mrs. Pat Cypert, 807 Ash.

Darlene is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Brewer, Dallas, and Richard is the son of Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Chaney, 211 Oak, Merkel.

Mrs. Cypert greeted guests with Mrs. Chaney introducing them to Darlene, Mrs. Brewer, and Darlene's Grandmother, Mrs. Fields, also of Dallas.

Mrs. J. H. Beaird presided at the brides book.

The cake was served by Mrs. Douglas Reddin, and Mrs. I. V. Garrett poured the pink frosted punch from a table covered with a white nylon marquisette cloth over pink. The pink and white colors were carried out further with pink daisies and white gypsophylla in a crystal base for the center piece with pink candles in silver candlesticks at each end. Pink and white corsages were worn by the house party.

Garden flowers were used in the bedrooms where Misses Linda Beaird and Vivian Agnew showed guests the large assortment of gifts on display.

Hostesses not previously named were Mrs. John Wheeler, Mrs. A. B. Gregory, Mrs. W. S. Agnew, and Mrs. John Brooks.

The couple will be married on Saturday, June 15, at Bethel Temple, Dallas, Texas.

Widows of Vets Due Higher Death Payments

Twenty-four thousand widows of veterans who died of service-connected causes before January 1, 1957 may lose money unless they apply for the higher death compensation payments by July 1, 1957.

Robert W. Sisson, manager of the Veterans Administration Regional Office in Lubbock, Texas said approximately 80,000 widows throughout the nation have already applied for the higher payments.

VA originally estimated that of all the 114,000 widows receiving compensation for the service-connected deaths of their husbands before January 1, 1957, approximately 104,000 were qualified to receive the higher payments.

The 24,000 who have not applied as yet have until July 1 to file application if they wish to receive higher payments retroactive to January 1 under the Survivor Benefits Act.

Most of the widows who apply after July 1 will find that the higher payments will become effective as of the day their applications are received, Mr. Sisson said.

Those who apply for the new benefit but who would receive more under old laws will be advised by VA against the wrong choice of payment.

Plans for the 1957 Broiler Festival scheduled for May 31 and June 1 at Nacogdoches are about set. F. Z. Beanblossom, extension poultry marketing specialist and general chairman for the event, says the big day will be June 1. Featured speakers will be Governor Price Daniel and Dr. Cliff Carpenter, president, Institute of American Poultry Industries, Chicago. Their addresses will follow the giant chicken barbecue scheduled to begin at 12 noon.

'Spring Freeze' Has Diet Appeal



Rhubarb and strawberries are luscious fruits, but they require quite a bit of sweetening to make them palatable. This can pose a problem for conscientious weight-watchers.

In this delightful dessert, "Spring Freeze", which features both fruits, all of the sugar has been replaced with the non-caloric sweetener, Sucaryl. The rhubarb sherbet, a delicately pink and refreshingly frosty affair, has a sweet yet tangy flavor. And the strawberry sauce which serves as a topping is so sweet and tempting, you'd never guess it was made without sugar.

Best news is that "Spring Freeze", which includes both the sherbet and the topping, contains just 49 calories per serving. Had sugar been used, calories would jump to 145 per serving. You cut almost 100 calories with Sucaryl, and you can't taste the difference!

SPRING FREEZE

Rhubarb Sherbet

2 cups diced rhubarb
4 teaspoons Sucaryl solution or 32 tablets
Dash of salt
2 tablespoons water

1 cup skim milk
2 eggs, separated
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1/4 teaspoon vanilla
Few drops red food coloring

To make sherbet, combine rhubarb, Sucaryl, salt and water; simmer over low heat until tender; cool. Combine milk, egg yolks, lemon juice, vanilla and food coloring; add to rhubarb mixture. Pour into freezer tray and partially freeze. Remove to mixer bowl and break into small pieces with a fork. Beat on high speed of mixer until creamy but not soft. Beat egg whites until soft peaks form; fold into frozen mixture. Return to freezer tray and freeze until firm. Serve with strawberry sauce.

Strawberry Sauce

2 cups strawberries
1 teaspoon Sucaryl solution
2 tablespoons water

To make sauce, slice strawberries; stir in Sucaryl and water. Let chill for an hour or more before serving.

Makes 8 servings. Each serving contains 49 CALORIES; 3 grams protein; 1.6 grams fat; 6 grams carbohydrate. If made with sugar, each serving would contain 145 CALORIES.

Plain Or Fancy, Personality Eggs

Eggs have a split personality. They can be simple and strictly for the family or they can shine as gay party or company food. They add bright color and taste appeal to buffet dinners, luncheons, hors d'oeuvre trays, salad plates and snacks. Supplies are plentiful now and prices are reasonable.

Hard-cooked eggs are the brightest social light. Many delightful taste combinations can be created with hard-cooked eggs. Start by cutting freshly hard-cooked eggs lengthwise or crosswise. Slip out the yolk, mash with a fork, and add your chosen mixture. Mix to desired consistency, and refill the white.

You might try 2 teaspoons of anchovy paste as a mixer . . . or 1/4 cup grated cheese . . . 1 or 2 slices of bacon, crisply cooked and minced . . . one third cup chopped ripe olives . . . 3 tablespoons minced chicken, ham, lobster, shrimp, or mushrooms . . . 3 tablespoons minced or grated onion with 1/4 tablespoon minced parsley . . . a tablespoon of minced pimento . . . or 3 tablespoons of crab flakes, broyren apart with a fork. These amounts will fill 6 hard-cooked eggs.

Once the eggs are filled, you can go on to further flights of imagination with garnishes. Minced parsley or clams, whole or sliced olives, tiny whole shrimp, bits of green pepper, strips of pimento and diced ham all make pretty garnishes.

Texas interested in swine production can pick-up valuable information by attending the annual Swine Short Course at Texas A&M College on May 6-7. Leaders of the swine industry on both the state and national levels will appear on the program and their subjects will cover present day problems of the industry.

JAMES H. CHANEY Chiropractor

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BLACKBERRY GELATIN MAKES A PARFAIT



A cool dessert served in a tall, sparkling glass and topped with a drift of whipped cream spells a parfait to most of us. "Parfait" literally means perfect, and a better adjective has yet to be found to describe this sophisticated confection. A brand new ingredient in parfaits this season is blackberry-flavored vitamin C gelatin, just arrived at grocery stores in time to bring spring to your dinner table. The flavor is temptingly tart and fresh, lending itself perfectly to your luncheon and dinner menus as well as to the occasion of an afternoon or late evening refreshment. Here's the simple recipe for you to try when you introduce blackberry gelatin parfaits to your family.

ROYAL BLACKBERRY PARFAIT

1 package vitamin C gelatin, blackberry flavor
1 cup hot or boiling water
1 cup cold water
1/2 cup heavy cream, whipped

Dissolve gelatin in boiling water. Stir in cold water. Measure 1 cup of the gelatin and set aside in a separate bowl. Chill both portions of gelatin until thick but not set. Set one of the bowls in a bowl of ice and beat the gelatin until it is light and foamy. Pile the whipped gelatin and the thickened gelatin into parfait glasses in alternate layers, ending with thickened mixture. Chill until firm, about 1 hour. Just before serving, top each glass with a spoonful of whipped cream. Makes 5 servings.

Dale Moore Circle Meets

The Dale Moore Circle of the Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. T. J. Bird, Tuesday, for a program from the Royal Service.

A letter from Miss Dale Moore who serves with the Foreign Mission Board in Africa was read by Mrs. Cramer Reynolds, circle chairman.

Mrs. G. D. McConnell lead the prayer parts on the program. Program included "Building Tomorrow's Leaders" by Mrs. T. J. Bird; "Youth Away From Home" by Mrs. Ed Sandusky; and "My Second Son" by Mrs. John Young. Closing prayer was given by Mrs. Cramer Reynolds.

Other circle members present were Mrs. E. R. Clark and Mrs. Howard Carson.

Mrs. Howard M. Phillips has purchased the Mrs. J. T. Warren home at 406 Locust in the past week.

Mrs. Phillips, a former resident of the Goodman Community has moved into her new home.

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PINEAPPLE TAPIOCA

1 egg white
2 tablespoons sugar
1 egg yolk
2 cups milk
3 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup (9-ounce can) crushed pineapple and juice
1/2 cup chopped nuts (optional)

Or use 1 cup (8 3/4-ounce can) pineapple tidbits and juice.

Beat egg white until foamy. Add 2 tablespoons sugar and continue beating with egg beater until meringue stands in soft peaks. Set aside.

Mix egg yolk, milk, quick-cooking tapioca, salt and 4 tablespoons sugar in saucepan. Cook and stir over medium heat until mixture comes to a full boil (5 to 8 minutes). Gradually pour a small amount of hot mixture into meringue, blending well. Quickly stir in remaining tapioca mixture. Add vanilla. Let stand 15 to 20 minutes. Then fold in the pineapple and nuts, if desired, top with whipped cream and garnish with maraschino cherry.



Beef Rolls With Tomato Vegetable Gravy, Make Ideal Of Round Steak

These beef rolls and vegetable gravy served on rice make a meat and vegetable meal. Here's a new for using round steak for beef. The garlic-onion mixture in the center of the tender adds special flavor and the tomato sauce makes the gravy extra good. If fresh ozen vegetables are used, they can be cooked along with beef. The dish looks so appealing with the beef arranged in fluffy white rice and topped with tomato gravy and liberal amount of colorful, tender vegetables.

MENU

Iced Pineapple Juice, BEEF ROLLS WITH TOMATO VEGETABLE GRAVY, FLUFFY HOT RICE, Lettuce Wedges with Thousand Island Dressing, Vanilla Ice Cream, Toll House Cookies.

BEEF ROLLS WITH TOMATO VEGETABLE GRAVY.

INGREDIENTS:
2 tablespoons cooking fat
One-third cup chopped onion
1 large clove garlic, finely chopped
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
3 teaspoons salt
One-eighth teaspoon black pepper

1 one-half lbs. round steak one-fourth to one-half inches thick
1 teaspoon monosodium glutamate

1 and one-half cups water
1 cup uncooked white rice
2 cups water
1, 8 oz. can tomato sauce
One-eighth teaspoon black pepper about 2 cups, fresh, frozen or canned mixed vegetables

METHOD: Melt 1 tablespoon of the fat in a large skillet. Add the onion and garlic. Cook slowly

until the onion is tender and turns yellow.

While the onion cooks, mix together the flour, 1 teaspoon of the salt and one-eighth teaspoon black pepper. Pound the flour mixture into the meat. Pound meat as thin as possible. Cut into 6 rectangular pieces. Place some of the onion mixture in the center of each meat piece. Roll up and secure with a toothpick. Dust meat roll with flour. Melt the other 1 tablespoon fat in the skillet. Add the meat rolls and brown well on all sides. Add a small amount of additional fat if necessary. Sprinkle with the monosodium glutamate. Slowly add one cup of the water. Cover and simmer about one and three-quarters hours or until the meat is tender.

About 30 minutes before the meal is to be served, put the rice, 2 cups water and 1 teaspoon of the salt in a 2-quart saucepan. Bring to a vigorous boil over a high heat. Turn the heat down low. Cover with a lid and simmer over this low heat 14 minutes.

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This Bank Will Be Closed May 30th, Memorial Day

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In ten years the U. S. death rate from tuberculosis has tumbled 53 per cent.

Medical authorities attribute this startling drop to powerful new drugs, along with better methods of detecting the disease in early stages, better living and working conditions, and improved surgical techniques.

Tuberculosis is not entirely beaten, but public health authorities now have the disease so well in hand that many once-crowded tuberculosis hospitals have closed down for lack of patients. But the battle has had its setbacks, too.

Patients treated with streptomycin at first showed spectacular improvement. Later, the antibiotic seemed to lose its punch. Patients relapsed. The disease flared up again. Staggered by streptomycin, the TB germ retreated, then developed strong defenses against the drug.

Medical scientists countered with combinations of drugs that caught the TB germs in a deadly crossfire and once again put the disease to rout. Today, almost every active tuberculosis case is treated with such combinations.

Recently, this same mode of attack has been used against other die-hard microbes. In combating stubborn infections, science now pins much hope on antibiotic combinations such as Sigmamycin, which not only clears up a wide range of common infections, but also strikes germs which have learned to resist even the most powerful of the older drugs.

Scarcely a Texas community has not felt the scourge of slums. Slums have spread so far, their costs have become so great, that they are now a problem of national dimensions and concern.

Slums are the final product of a continuing process of decay that, in various stages, affects a large part of the community and threatens all of it—decay that comes largely from civic neglect and inaction.

A national study found that blighted areas were forming faster than old ones were being cleared, which justifies assistance for communities which face up to the problem of neighborhood decay and undertake long-range programs directed to its prevention.

The new law will make it possible for the Texas State Department of Health to work with smaller cities for this planning and will allocate federal funds enabling only the highest caliber master planning to prevent further blight.

Only prompt action and a willingness to help themselves to keep a healthy environment is needed by cities of under 25,000 population to receive this assistance.

Nourishment Important In Diet

Most Americans get enough or too much food, but not always the right kind. Three of every four homemakers have only a scanty knowledge of nutrition, a recent study in New York State shows. The other fourth of the homemakers surveyed had only a "fair" knowledge of nutrition as related to feeding their families. Surveys are now being conducted in 12 sample Texas counties which will reveal some of the eating habits and meal planning techniques used by Texas homemakers.

The younger, better educated group know most about food values but also expressed more need for help with problems of planning, buying and preparing food. Meal planning was the most common problem reported. Women want help on planning meals that their families will enjoy. They also want the satisfaction of knowing that family meals are properly balanced and provide the nutrients needed for good health.

"Good Meals Everyday" — a new, colorful publication by extension foods and nutrition specialists, gives up-to-date information on planning balanced daily meals, on buying and preparing food. Also included are sections devoted to special needs of certain family members, infants, teen-agers, over-weight and under-weight members.

Copies of the new bulletin are available at your county extension agent's office.

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State Department Becomes Official Planning Agency

With the signing into law of House Bill 434 early this month the Texas State Department of Health became the official planning agency for the administration of funds to cities under 25,000 of urban renewal advance population in Texas.

The law permits the State Department of Health to arrange for planning assistance for these municipalities and to arrange for financing advances and grants from the Housing and Home Finance Agency under the provisions of the Federal Housing Act of 1954 or from other sources.

The planning and allocation of funds is the first step in improvement of health, social and economic standards of thousands of Texas citizens through urban renewal.

The urban renewal program of assistance, authorized in the Housing Act of 1954, carries out the recommendations of President Eisenhower for broadscale clearance and prevention of slums and blight and for improving and conserving good neighborhoods.

These special aids can be, and are being applied to the problems of communities of any size, from small towns in rural areas to the largest metropolitan centers. Larger cities may go ahead on their own.

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Time of the Twister

Springtime is tornado time. In the unstable transition from winter cold to summer heat, great masses of cold and warm air collide. When the heavier cold air is forced above the lighter warm air, funnels sometimes form to relieve the topsy-turvy situation. This is the twister.

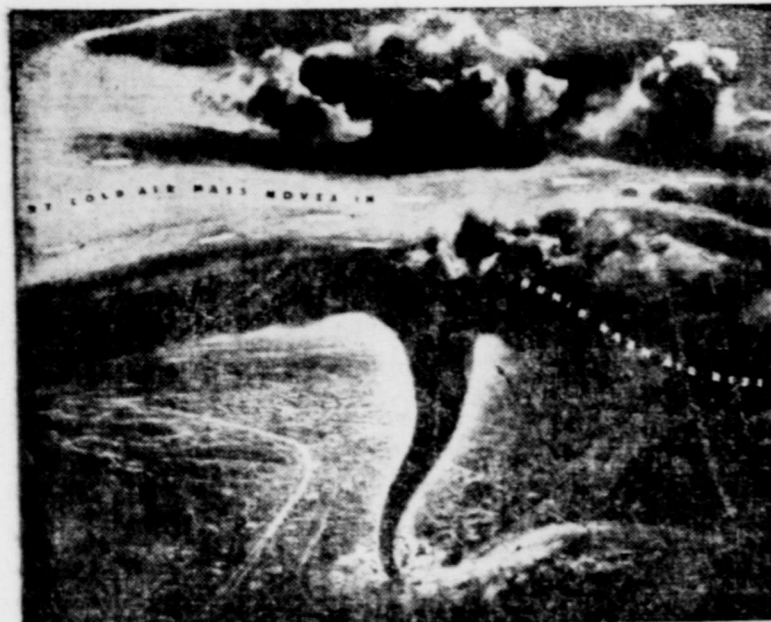
SOME 800 TORNADOES boil up each year in the United States. When they strike, local civil defense and the Red Cross speed to the rescue.

Spring is the time for a special weather eye to the tornado-spawning southwest. Last year, for instance, every major tornado occurred between February and May. On one day—April 3—four giant twisters killed 30 persons, injured 415 and caused an estimated \$13,700,000 damage.

There is no way to prevent a tornado. But early warning, proper precautions and speedy rescue of victims can save lives. In addition, disaster funds administered by the Federal Civil Defense Administration can provide emergency repairs and restoration of vital community facilities when Federal assistance is authorized by the President to augment State and local efforts.



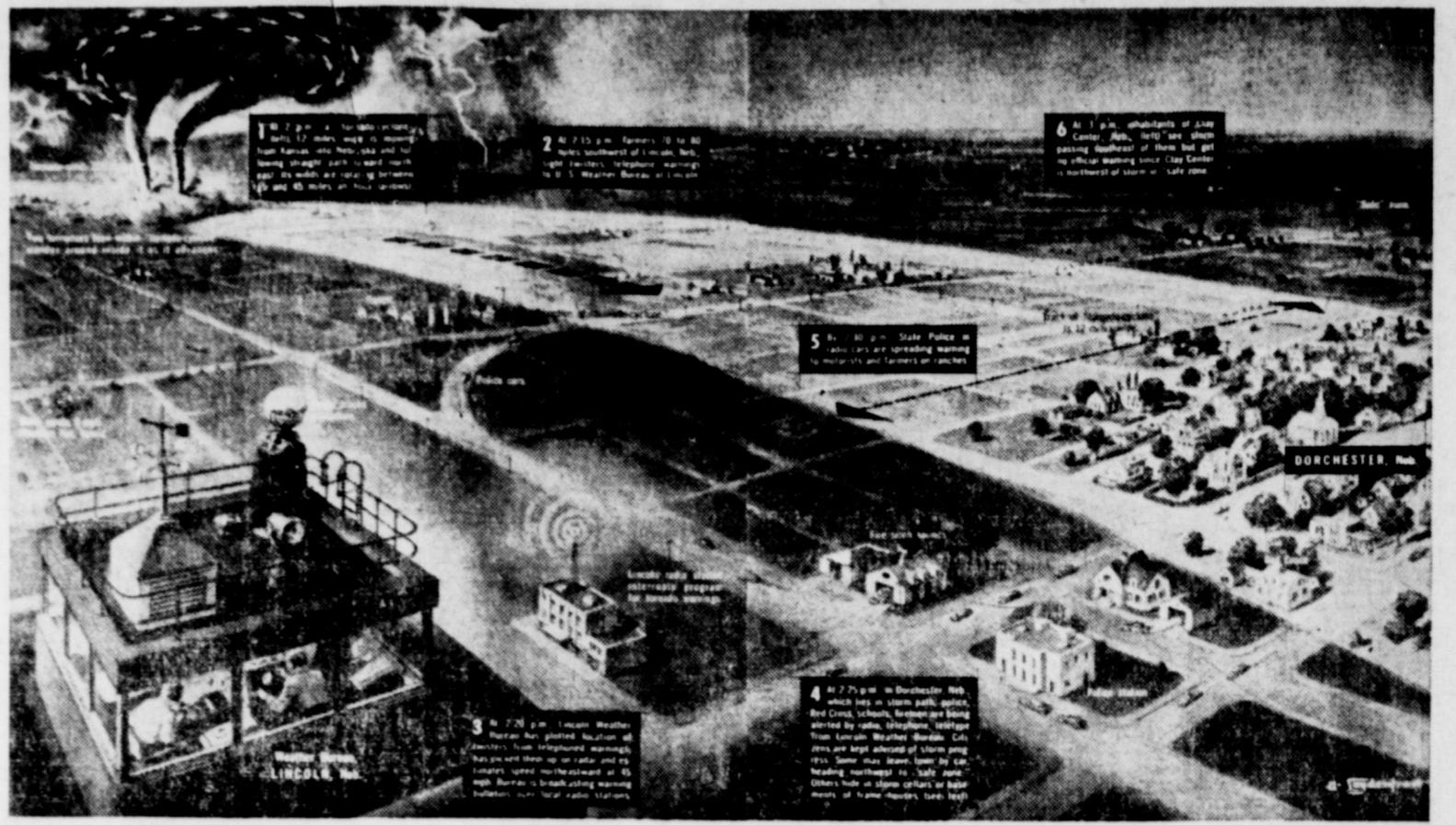
ERRATIC TRAIL left by the twister which hit Flint, Mich., on May 12, 1956 is typical of tornadoes as the funnel weaves and bobs over the landscape, generally in a southwest to northeast direction. Civil defense rescue squads, trained to dig persons out of bombed-out buildings in wartime, find their training equally useful in this type of disaster. (Flint Journal Photo by Russ Scott)



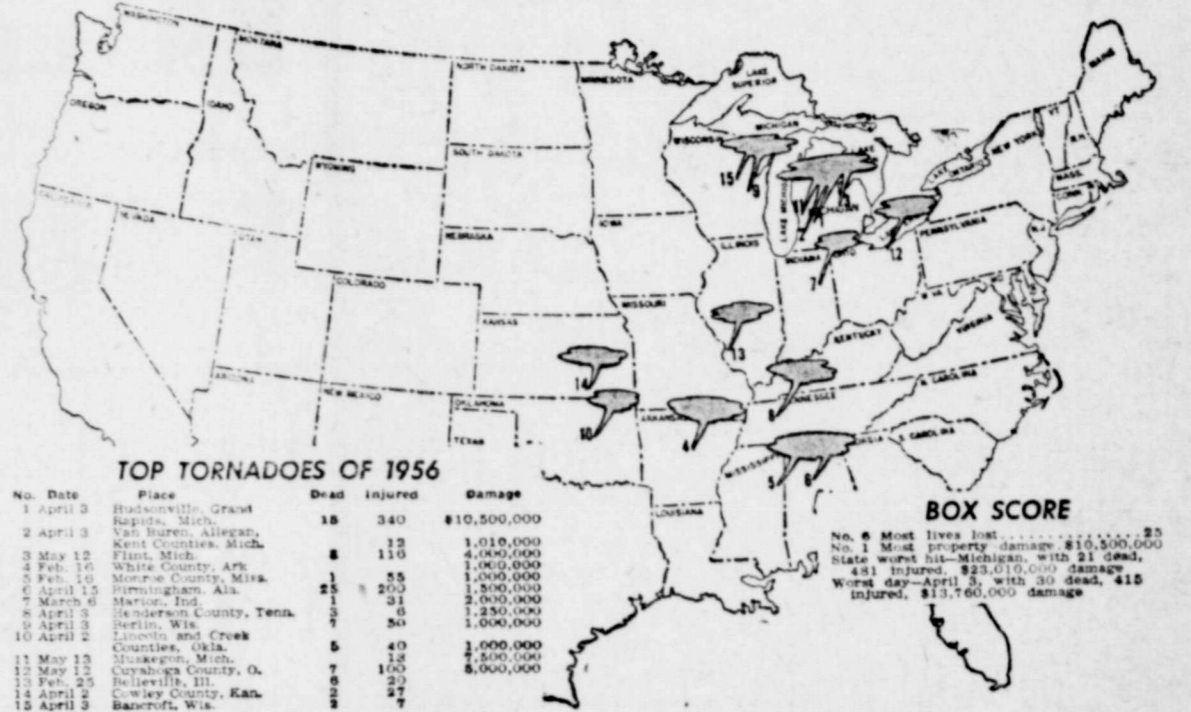
BIRTH OF A TORNADO occurs when a cold and a warm air mass collide, and the heavier cold air is deflected above the lighter warm air. In this topsy-turvy situation, a tongue of cold air dips into the warm air, which in turn moves upward to fill the void thus created. As the warm air rushes upward in a spiral motion, other warm air is sucked upward from lower levels, until the ground is reached. The funnel is made visible by condensing moist air, dirt and debris. As the twister leaves its trail, Red Cross, civil defense and other public services rush in to care for victims, while the Federal Civil Defense Administration stands ready with financial aid to assist in temporary repair of devastated public facilities in a major disaster. (Courtesy A. Leydenfrost and the New York Times Magazine)



TYPICAL TORNADO funnel sweeps across the plains near Manhattan, Kan., located in the worst tornado belt in the world, according to Weather Bureau records. Twisters such as this have figured prominently in the total of 75 major natural disasters in which the Federal Civil Defense Administration has directed relief since FCDA got the job of coordinating Federal assistance in January 1953. (U. S. Weather Photo by H. E. Dale)



TORNADO WARNING in time can spell the difference between heavy loss of life and light casualties when the twisters sweep into populated areas. Under the experimental Weather Bureau program for tornado tracking by radar and telephoned visual reports, adequate warning could be broadcast so that local civil defense, police and firemen could evacuate residents or advise them to seek cover in basements. This drawing shows how such a warning station at Lincoln, Neb., might alert the inhabitants of Dorchester, Neb., in the expected path of a twister. The twin funnels are an unusual phenomenon—most tornadoes occur singly. (Courtesy A. Leydenfrost)



MAJOR TORNADOES of 1956, as compiled from preliminary Weather Bureau data, clearly point to Spring as a time for special watchfulness by residents of the central United States—the world's most dangerous tornado area. Civil defense units are on special call throughout this vast region for possible rescue work. In addition, if a tornado-hit locality is declared a major disaster area by the President, as happened in Numbers 1, 3, 6, and 10 above, the Federal Civil Defense Administration can provide funds to aid communities in temporary repair of public facilities. (FCDA Photo)

What To Do In a Tornado

- People in open country can view the approach of a tornado and move at right angles to its path. If there is no time to escape, lie flat in the nearest depression, such as a ditch or ravine.
- In towns or cities, seek shelter inside, preferably in a substantial building. Stay away from windows.
- The southwest corner of a frame house is safer than in a brick or stone house. If there is no basement, lie down on the first floor under a table or bed (preferably in the southwest corner).
- Urban schools: Stay inside, away from windows; remain near an inside wall on a lower floor. Avoid auditoriums and gymnasiums.
- Rural schools of frame construction: Teachers should remove children to a ravine or ditch if storm shelter is not available.

Willies, Supers Score Top Places

The Willies topped the Star Pats 7-0 while the Super Giants led the W.T.U. 8-4 in a double-header played by the Little League teams Tuesday night.

Kenneth Handcock and David Scott pitched for the Star Pats with Handcock striking out 5. For the Willies Higgins struck out 12 during the game.

Pitcher for the Super Giants, John Harris struck out 4 and John Swinney 8.

W.T.U. pitcher, Wayne Hester, struck out five men during the evening.

Thursday night the schedule calls for the Bankers vs. Cardinals and Willies vs. W.T.U.

Due to the rains the Little League games are behind schedule and make-up games will be played. The first will be Saturday night between the Willies and the Cardinals and W. T. U. vs. Supers.

| | Won | Lost |
|-----------|-----|------|
| SUPERS | 3 | 0 |
| STAR PATS | 1 | 2 |
| BANKERS | 1 | 2 |
| W.T.U. | 1 | 2 |
| WILLIES | 2 | 1 |
| CARDINALS | 1 | 1 |

Mrs. A. C. La Croix of Fort Worth is visiting in the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. D. McConnell. She will be here until June 1st.

Honor Awards Presented At Graduation Here

The Merkel Eighth Grade 1957 graduation was held Thursday night in the school auditorium with "A Garden Of Memories" the theme of their program.

All members of the class participated in the informal program.

Principal C. A. Farley presented the diplomas to the forty-eight members of the class and Supt. Mack Fisher presented the Honor Awards.

Highest ranking boys were Don Williams, from Mr. Walker's room with an average of 93.1 and Bill King from Mrs. Winter's and Mr. Estes' room, with an average of 87.7.

Highest ranking girls were Ruth Corder, Mr. Walker's room, with an average of 92.9 and Donna Riney, Mrs. Winter's and Mr. Estes' room, with an average of 84.5. Pennie Gardner, Mr. Walker's room, had an average of 93.2 but was not eligible for an award since she has only been in the Merkel school since mid-term.

Pupils making the greatest improvement during the year were Janie Dudley, Mrs. Winter's and Mr. Estes' room, and Mary Beth Mewborn, Mr. Walker's room.

Outstanding student award went to James Ayers and Carolyn Windham. These students were selected by secret vote of student and teachers and were based upon honor, scholarship, leadership, service and attitude.

Special certificates were presented to five parents of the eighth graders for not having missed a single parent-teacher conference during the past eight years. Recipients were Mrs. W. R. Cypert, Mrs. W. M. Loflin, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn and Mrs. Don Riney.

Baking soda will lessen the possibility of cigarette fires if you sprinkle the soda in the bottom of ash trays. Also it will keep the trays odor-free and make them easier to clean.

Stith HD Club News

The Stith Home Demonstration Club met May 22, for their regular meeting. The meeting was called to order by the club president Mrs. Buck Leach.

Scripture reading was by Mrs. Paul Bradley, club Chaplain. Mrs. W. M. Loflin was in charge of the singing. Prayer was led by Mrs. J. C. Brown.

Roll Call was answered with "Home Decorating Ideas." Business meeting was picture selecting and arranging.

Mrs. John Glenewinkle was hostess serving refreshments to sixteen members, eight children and one visitor.

The hostess gift was won by Mrs. Joe Horton.

Next meeting will be June 12th. The hostess will be Mrs. Tarliff Hanson. The time has been changed from 2 o'clock to 2:30.

Members are to bring literature or give helpful hints on preparing food for home freezers.

Interest In Vets Land Due Increase

The rain that has fallen over most of Texas recently will probably increase interest in the Veterans' Land Board sale of forfeited land on June 6. Land Commissioner Earl Rudder said today.

Commissioner Rudder also reminded veterans that time in which they may submit bids is drawing short. Bidding in the sale closes at 10 a.m. on June 6.

Land is being offered in Lamar, Red River, Hopkins, Rusk, Erath, Comanche, Brown, Hamilton, Coryell, Lampasas, McCulloch, Wilberson, Bastrop, Bexar, Medina, Karnes, Frio, Zavalla, Maverick, Dimmit, Hidalgo, Cameron, Presidio, Culberson, and Oldham Counties.

Bid forms for the sale may be obtained from the Veterans' Land Board in Austin, Commissioner Rudder said.

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MEETING POSTPONED

The Noodle Co-Op Gin will have a meeting at 7:30 p.m., June 15, instead of June 1 as originally scheduled. The meeting will be in the High School Gym.

There will be an election of officers and ice cream and cake will be served.

The public is invited.

Union Ridge HD Club Meets

Roll call was answered by "My Favorite Bible Character" when the Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Beauford Buntin May 14.

Loretta Allen, home demonstration agent, brought the program on "Lighting The Living Room".

Mrs. J. H. Clark presided for the business meeting. Mrs. Denzil Cox led songs and gave a prayer.

The council report was given by Miss Mabel McRee.

Refreshments were served to the following: Miss Loretta Allen, Miss Mabel McRee, Mrs. Clyde Newton, Mrs. M. L. Douglas, Mrs. Denzil Cox, Mrs. J. H. Clark, Mrs. Beauford Buntin, Mrs. O. E. Harwell.

Byrd Reunion Held May 26

The annual Byrd reunion was held this year on May 26 at the Merkel High School Cafeteria.

There were sixty-two present for the noon meal including the six children of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Byrd of the Stith Community.

It was decided to meet on Father's Day in the future, the place to be decided on later.

Visiting Mrs. Bessie McClung last week were her nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davis, from Norwalk, Calif. Accompanying them were Mrs. Olive Skidmore, Monahans, and Mrs. A. E. Sherrill, Alaska, mother and sister of Mrs. Davis.

Local Girl Is Contest Winner

Beverly Butman, R.F.D. 4 Box 85-M has just won a genuine Lone Ranger "2 gun" belt and holster in a contest sponsored by Nestle's chocolate bars. There were several hundred thousand entries in the contest.

Winners were chosen not by The Nestle Company, Inc., which presented the prizes, but by an impartial and independent judging agency.

Field Artillery Enlistments Open

The 36th Field Artillery Battalion is extending an invitation to qualified men to enlist in the United States Army for direct assignment to the battalion prior to its transfer to an European station.

The Army has announced that the 36th Field Artillery Battalion, now stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, will relieve an overseas unit in the Army's plan of unit rotation.

Only men with high mental and physical standards will be accepted for direct assignment to the unit. Accepted applicants will join the unit at Fort Sill upon completion of basic training.

A limited number of prior servicemen, who have been separated from the Army less than one year, may also reenlist for direct assignment to the 36th Field Artillery. Married men in daughter of Mrs. Grimes.

Field Artillery Enlistments Open

The U. S. Army Recruiting Station, Room 305, Post Office, Abilene, will begin processing applications for this unit on May 1, with the terminal date for this special enlistment option being July 15.

"This offers young men a chance to enlist for a particular unit of their choice, and to be guaranteed travel to Europe during their enlistment period," M-Sgt. Leonard M. Evans, Army recruiter said. "It also makes it possible for buddies to enlist together and remain together through their first tour of duty in the Army."

Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger and Sylvan Mellinger of Mellinger's Store are attending the Dallas Market this week.

Mrs. Dee Grimes and Mrs. Cyrus Pee of Bragg's Dry Goods attended the Dallas Market this week. They were accompanied by Mrs. Betty Dean, Abilene, Field Artillery. Married men in daughter of Mrs. Grimes.

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Back Scratch Day In Abilene June 4

Abilene's wholesale suppliers will play host to West Texans June 4, when the First Annual Back Scratch Day will be staged in the Key City at the West Texas Fair Grounds...

Europe Transfer For Infantry Div.

May 1 is an important date for the 3rd Infantry Division, presently stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia. On that date the U. S. Army begins filling its ranks with volunteers for direct assignment to the 3rd Infantry Division...

Spur City Light Plant Leased

Citizens of Spur voted by a 2 to 1 margin Saturday to lease the city light plant and electric distribution system to the West Texas Utilities Company.

New Sports Man Employed by H-SU

Richard (Dick) Collins, sports editor of the Pampa Daily News and a 1952 graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, has been employed in the H-SU Office of Public Information...

FCDA Urges 7-Day Emergency Food Supply for All Families

If the United States ever suffers a thermonuclear attack, one of the basic problems for America's millions would be food, and how to get enough of it.

Suggested Pantry

- MILK: One package of powdered nonfat dry milk and two 1/2 qt. cans of evaporated milk. FRUITS: One 1 lb. 14 oz. can each of two varieties of canned fruits...

IF YOUR CHILDREN are young, decrease the amounts by one-fourth. If the children are infants, canned baby foods should be substituted for some of the other canned foods...

Merkel Grad Applies For Degree

Glenn Westenhover of Merkel is one of 46 graduate students who have applied for master's degrees at North Texas State College this semester.

No Bake Strawberry Pie With Graham Cracker Crust

If you've always meant to make a strawberry pie, now's the time! If fresh strawberries are not available, you can use frozen ones.

Naval Reserve Cruise Ends

NEW ORLEANS, La. (FHTNC) — Sessions M. Hammond, seaman, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hammond of 402 Rose St., and husband of the former Miss Betty R. Chancey of Route 2, all of Merkel, is scheduled to return to New Orleans, La., May 25 from a two-week Naval Reserve training cruise aboard the escort vessel USS Haas.

Local Youth Ends "Boot Camp"

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (FHTNC) — Armon D. Clark, of 308 El Paso St., Merkel, Texas, graduated from recruit training May 25, at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif.

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CHURCHES

- Merkel First Baptist Church Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Services 7:45 p.m. Trent First Baptist Church Sunday: Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Training Union 6:45 p.m. Evening Services 7:45 p.m.

E. W. McMILLAN of A. C. C.

Will Be The Speaker FOR THE TRENT CHURCH OF CHRIST Spring Protracted Meeting May 31st through June 9th SERVICES TO BE AT 7 a.m. and 7:45 p.m.

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SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWS



OUR SOIL ★ OUR STRENGTH

We have learned from experiments of various agencies that livestock make more rapid gains and humans do better work under controlled temperatures. We can also put our soil in this category.

A good blanket of plants on our soil helps in the same manner. It also serves a manifold purpose: 1. control soil temperatures in summer, 2. retards evaporation, 3. adds badly needed humus, 4. increase water holding capacity and 5. adds nitrogen to the soil. These are a few of the many reasons why a summer legume should be planted on Soil Bank Acreage Reserve land. It will also serve the same purpose on summer fallow land.

The productivity of our soil continues to decrease each year

at such a slow rate that it is easily overlooked by those except very close observers. The question has been asked, "How long will our soil last?" It will last as long as we, the dependents upon the soil, will let it.

The question may be answered by saying, "How long do we want it to last?" Genesis chapter one, verse one of the Bible says, "God created Heaven and Earth". He also created man to live upon and preserve the soil which He has created. This verse was clearly portrayed at the Monday night joint meeting of the Baptist Brotherhood and Methodist Men's club by Mr. E. J. Hughes, Area Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, Brownwood, Texas.



Many farmers and ranchers in the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District have been on the defensive for many years concerning conservation practices. Now is the time to get on the offensive and do the things which we do believe.

Since 1941, when the District was established, we have experienced both extremes in weather. In 1941 better than 48 inches of rainfall fell in Abilene, yet in 1956 Abilene recorded only 9.78 inches. The first being the most and the latter being the least rainfall on record. The question arises then, what must be done in preparation for each of these extremes.

Recent rains give us ample reason to believe that a dry cycle has come to an end. Just as Joseph interpreted Pharaoh's dream, in the book of Genesis, that there would be seven years of plenty followed by seven lean years with great famine. Also how Pharaoh appointed officers over the land to store up goods during the seven good years in preparation for the seven lean years. Assuming that we are entering a period of seven good years, as far as moisture goes, what preparation can we make? It would seem foolish to store up agricultural commodities in warehouses today when the greatest problem facing the U. S. Department of Agriculture is farm surpluses. However, we who till the soil can and must restore our un-

productive acres to rich agricultural lands. This can be done more easily during high rainfall years. We may not necessarily be storing in a grain bin, but there is no greater store house than our soil. Although many acres in the Merkel-Trent area remain fertile, there is an urgent need for a replenishment of those elements lost from water and wind erosion or continuous row cropping. Most of our soils are in need of organic matter which is the very life of the soil. The structure of our cultivated fields can be improved tremendously by planting a high residue, deep rooted crop. Lack of organic matter, and compaction by livestock and large tractors have harmed the structure of our soils to such an extent that there is little space for water or air in the subsoil, both of which are vital to plant growth.

Rains Boom Texas Fish Prospects

Log floating rains of the past several weeks in Texas give assurances of the best fishing season in many years, according to

the Executive Secretary of the Texas Game and Fish Commission.

He gives as reasons: Every impoundment, large and small, in the state has been filled.

Fish in the lakes and streams have been widely dispersed.

Feeding conditions will be changed entirely for many weeks. The Commission hatchery system is prepared to do a tremendous planting job in Texas lakes and streams.

"We've lost some fish," the Executive Secretary said. "On the whole, however, conditions have been so greatly improved we will be much better off."

"We know we can't have fish without water, and this year we have the water. Our major impoundments have had much less water than the fish in them required for several years. This meant that the fish population was moved too close together. The big fish didn't have to forage for food. Rough fish increased and as a result fishermen failed to catch as many fish as they should have."

"Now these fish have been scattered. Naturally coming at this time of the year we have lost some spawn, but generally this will not greatly affect next year's crop because of the work the hatchery will be doing."

Wardens and biologists throughout the state have been watching the effect of flood waters and checking conditions generally. Since every major stream in Texas has been out of banks there will be muddy conditions for some time.

The water in most of these lakes and streams has been low for so long vegetation, including even small trees, has grown thick along the banks. Fish have been scattered throughout these areas. Their feeding habits will be entirely changed for a long time, and they should be attracted to most any kind of food or lure, in the opinion of the Executive Secretary.

Farm and ranch ponds also have been filled to overflowing. Some of these have been dry so long they must be completely restocked. In others where the water has been low, the same condition will prevail, as in the larger lakes, according to the Executive Secretary.

"We've got the water now," he said. "A few days of good sunshine and then conditions should be tops."

Heedless Horsepower by O. Soglow



85% of the fatal accidents in 1956 occurred in clear weather.

Floods Set Back Rough Fish Fight In Texas Lakes

AUSTIN, May — Rough fish eradication programs in Texas lakes may have had a tremendous set-back from the recent floods, according to the chief aquatic biologist of the Texas Game and Fish Commission. Lakes that have been treated within the last year have been overflowed with water from other lakes and streams and only careful checking can tell how much damage has been done.

Most notable of these is at the Roy Inks Lake in the Colorado chain, according to the chief biologist. This lake was treated late last fall and more than 50 tons of gizzard shad was destroyed.

"Ken Jurgens, the biologist in charge of this program visited Inks Lake this week," the chief biologist said. "Just below Buchanan dam he saw millions of small shad. Apparently these shad had come through the gates from Buchanan."

Inks will be comparatively easy to check, it was pointed out. For more than a year regular nettings were taken at specified points. These nettings showed the fish population before the poisoning program and afterwards. When samples are taken now at the same places it will be possible to

make new estimates of the situation.

Other lakes similarly affected are the Walk Lake on the Devils River, Medina Lake near San Antonio and Diversion Lake near Wichita Falls.

Buy A License When Fishing

In the springtime when a man's fancy turns to thoughts of fishing he should have a license. This is the warning of the Director of Law Enforcement of the Texas Game and Fish Commission.

In a report of game wardens for the month of April 75 persons were shown to have been arrested for fishing without licenses. There were 13 arrests for water pollution and 15 for trespassing during the same period.

"So many people now have new boats and motors and are getting out onto the water," the officer said. "Many of them take a rod and reel along and neglect to get the license. It happens every spring particularly when fishing is good."

Safety Department Warns Drivers

"Never trust the other driver!" In these words, a bulletin of the Texas Safety Association, warned Texans to be on their driving-guard against the unpredictable behavior of pedestrians and other drivers.

"It isn't enough to obey the law and mind your own business," the bulletin reads. "You have a moral responsibility to prevent an accident if you can — even if the other fellow is at fault."

A few of the other-fellow's more common blunders were listed as being:

Failure to heed a stop sign or sneaking across on the "Yellow light."

Making a turn from the wrong traffic lane.

Failure to signal a turn, or giving the wrong signal.

Stopping suddenly (Of course this won't bother you if you're not too close).

Trying to pass on a curve, hill or other no-passing zone.

Traffic-weaving or double-parking.

Drivers were also warned to watch for pedestrians who are foolish enough to jay-walk, get out of a vehicle on the street side, walk along the road at night and wearing dark clothing, or, for children playing near the street.



FIELD DAY PLANNERS—Tom Russon, left, Merkel farmer-rancher and chairman of the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation Board, and the Rev. C. C. Ehler, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church and chairman of the Abilene Ministerial Alliance, confer during field day for ministers.



FACTS ABOUT GRASS—The Rev. Arthur E. Buhler, pastor of Southside Christian Church, Nelson Estes, Elmdale farmer and member of SCD board, listen to a discussion on grasses by Hugh B. Magers, range conservationist.

FLOOD BATTERED. BUT IT'S HOME



ABILENE, TEX. — Familiar surroundings outweighed all flood discomforts with Mrs. Gertrude Hurd, 75-year-old blind resident of the flood-struck North Park area here, who insisted on returning to her home as soon as waters went down sufficiently, despite urging from friends and Red Cross workers. Here she sits in her favorite chair from which she says she can find her way to anything in the house. Helping her is Estell Johnson, one of the 56 trained Red Cross national disaster workers who have been dispatched to the Southwest storm area to assist chapter volunteers in helping disaster stricken families restore homes, furnishings and other living necessities. Red Cross relief operations have been constant throughout the month of April in Texas, with workers now spread through eight tornado swept counties and 18 other counties affected by floods.

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FACT and FANCY

I have noted with some interest the reports that there is a growing surplus of women as compared to men, and I have been giving some thought to how we might use up this surplus to the greatest advantage.

It is immediately apparent that this is an even tougher problem than the surplus of farm products. Women you simply can't plough under and they wouldn't add one whit to the public school hot lunch program.

Up in the Hill Country whenever there is a super-abundance of doe deer, arrangements are made whereby the "extras" may be legally hunted and shot. But again, this is obviously not the answer to our problem.

Of course, we could suspend the regulations governing bigamy and permit some of the more foolhardy males to pick up an extra wife or two as long as the supply holds out. This would solve the dilemma of surplus females but would probably precipitate enough extra problems to make us wish we had left well enough alone.

Frankly, most homes could use an extra "wife" for the express purpose of chauffeuring the family offspring hither and yon while the number one wife goes about the more normal functions of homemaking. Nowadays the mark of a modern mother is not how clever she is with a casserole but how capably she chauffeurs the clan's chevy to dancing school.

Little League, birthday parties, piano lessons, Bible School, swimming class, the picture show, and so on ad infinitum.

But, like I said, there's no easy solution to the problem of surplus women. In fact, I'm a little sorry I ever brought it up.

Every effort is made at the Gonzales Warm Springs Rehabilitation Foundation to cooperate with the doctors of the State, for it is their knowledge and appreciation of the facilities here that permits Texas citizens to utilize the services available.

No patient is ever admitted unless he has been referred to the Foundation by the attending physician or the family doctor. Then, when treatment starts, the referring physician receives progress reports from the Medical Director at regular two-week intervals.

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UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

The clouds have dumped four more inches of water in the Canyon since our last writing. No joking now the farmers are wondering what to do with the big weeds on their farms.

The rains have fallen in a fine way, but they have come so regular the terraces have been unable to handle the water that fell. The terraces around Blair were hardest hit, a good many broke over.

This week is Conference week for our Methodist Preachers over Northwest Texas, some will come back for another year and some will go on to another work.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gray and Mrs. Gray's father J. B. Sloan of Big Spring visited relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. Kenneth Ray had her mother in her home this week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Swinney of Odessa spent the week end in the Joe Swinney's home.

W. F. Perry who ranches in the Mountain Pass Area said some fences were washed down during the rain.

The Tom Russom's have just returned from a trip through East Texas. They went by way of Hillsboro and Corsicana to Mineola to visit Tom's sister on the trip both ways they didn't see any crops to speak of, but there was plenty of water all the way.

There was a good turn out at the youth meeting at Pioneer Church Monday night. All reported a good time.

Allen King Stockman in the Canyon says he is well pleased with the results of his grass seeding. He reports some of the grass is hand high already.

Some of the boys are planning to use stalk cutters on the big weeds to get them down. The weeds are so large, they are likely to cause trouble if they are not cut up with something.

The deer are thriving on oat fields and they look plenty fat too, some of the farmers sure will be glad when the hunting season opens on them.

Our regular community will be this Saturday night, come bring your family and have a good time. We are having an amateur program this time. Mrs. Louis Butman program chairman, R. G. Toombs, president.

O. S. Armstrong of Abilene will speak at Pioneer Church this Sunday morning. He will

speak on Soil Stewardship and care of the soil.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Toombs, Jr., from Farmington, New Mexico have been visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Leon Toombs Sr., of Merkel. They also visited their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Demerie in the Canyon.

Here for the funeral of Mr. Marion Edward Winter were Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Matthews, and Mrs. Dora Bishop from Antton; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wright and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carey and daughter all of Lubbock; Mrs. Clayton Coats, Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Diltz, Jr., of Abilene.

Mrs. S. D. Simpson of Bastrop was a guest last week in the home of her son Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simpson.

James Simpson who has been a student in Texas A&M College the past year will be home Thursday for the summer holidays.

Legal Column

NO. 5945
GUARDIANSHIP OF JOHN W. STARKS A PERSON OF UNSOUND MIND IN THE COUNTY COURT OF TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO LEASE

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN JOHN W. STARKS OR HIS ESTATE.

You are notified that G. W. Starks, Guardian, has on the 28th day of May, 1957, filed with the County Clerk of Taylor County, Texas, an Application for authority to make an Oil, Gas and Mineral lease on that certain real estate belonging to John W. Starks, described as follows:

An undivided 1/2 interest of the Surface and an undivided 1/4 interest of the Minerals in and to the following described property: Lot No. 4, Block No. 4, Stephens Subdivision of A. W. Hill Survey No. 4, Jones County, Texas, containing 101.25 acres, more or less.

That the County Judge of Taylor County, Texas, on the 28th day of May, 1957, duly entered his Order designating the 10th day of June, 1957 at 10:00 o'clock A. M. in the County Court Room in the Court House of such County as the time and place when and where such application would be heard and that such application will be heard at such time and place.

G. W. STARKS, Guardian
By: Dan M. Fergus, Brooks, Fergus, Robinson & Smith, Attorneys for Guardian

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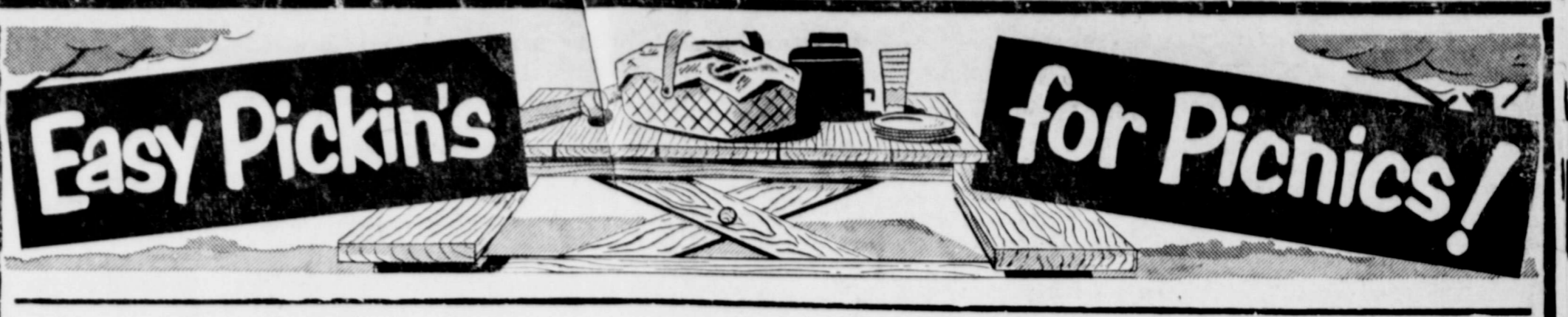
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and any BREEZE box top

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| CATSUP | Del Monte 14-Oz. Bottle | 15¢ |
| SHORTENING | Mrs. Tucker 3 Lb. Can | 69¢ |
| COFFEE | Dining Car Pound Can | 79¢ |
| SUGAR | Domino 10 lb. Bag | 89¢ |

BIRDSEYE FRESH FROZEN STRAWBERRIES

10-Oz. Box **19c**

KOOLAID 6 for **23¢**

SUPREME SALAD WAFERS Lb. 25c

PRODUCE

FRESH PEAS **BLACK EYE** - lb. 10c

SUNK