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MERKEL NATIVE, DICK WEST, BECOMES SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

Dick West, a native of Merkel, made the big league in the newspaper field when he took over a five-day-weekly column for United Press International in Washington recently.

West started writing UPI's "The Lighter Side" in January and has received nationwide recognition since taking over the new job. Articles about him have appeared in recent issues of Editor & Publisher and Newsweek magazines. Paul Harvey, noted radio commentator, after reading several of West's columns, wrote him a letter congratulating him "on whatever it is that distinguishes 'the exceptional from routine,' for you have it."

He also commented on one of the columns in his daily newscast.

West is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry West of Merkel. He is a graduate of Merkel High School and graduated from Trinity University in Wapakoneta in 1942.

After graduation he went to work for the Corpus Christi Caller-Times where he worked until he entered the service in World War II.

West told Richard Critchfield, author of the Editor & Publisher story about him, that he "got printer's ink on my face, if not



DICK WEST
... columnist

in my blood, as an urchin hanging around the back shop of the Merkel Mail, a weekly published in my home town."

Later, he said, while a student at Trinity University, his hangout was the Waxahachie Daily Light. He was editor-in-chief of the annual in college and high school.

While in college he was a member of Blue Key National Honor Society.

Always interested in getting the news to people in one way or another, he had his father rig up a radio so that he could announce sports events before a public ad-

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Methodist Minister Reappointed

The Rev. J. Alvis Cooley was reappointed to the Merkel Methodist Church, according to announcements made at the Northwest Texas Methodist Conference in Amarillo last week.

The Abilene District drew a new superintendent and had changes in 16 pastoral appointments as the three-day session closed last Friday.

The Rev. Vernon N. Hendersen, who has finished his second year as pastor at San Jacinto Church, Amarillo, is the new Abilene district superintendent. He succeeds Dr. Hubert Thomason, who, having served the maximum six years permitted by the church, returned to the pastorate. He will be pastor of the First Methodist Church in Abilene.

Nolan (Divide) Church will be pastored by the Rev. Leon Hale. He takes the place of Noah Armstrong.

The Rev. Philip Widmer of Abilene will succeed the Rev. Hugh T. Reed at Tuscola.

Other appointments were Trent, C. C. Dorn; Tye, Jarrell L. Tharp; Ovalo-Buffalo Gap, Richard T. Pittman; Pioneer Memorial, Joe McCarthy; Lawn, Jesse P. Dea.



TOP STUDENTS — Betty McAninch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cal McAninch, was valedictorian of the eighth grade graduating class at Trent Junior High School. Lee Lanning, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lanning was salutatorian. Ranking third was Sue King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. King. Other members of the class are Candy Higgins, Frances Fellers, Doug Barnhart, Mike Carriker, Stephen Kiser, Keith Claborn, Bobby Williams, Delores Barnes and Ronnie Scott. A. S. Watson was the class sponsor.

SOUTH TAYLOR SWIM PROGRAM SET

The Learn-To-Swim program for South Taylor County will be held at the Abilene State Park swimming pool June 13-18, according to Ollie Lena Olsen of the Red Cross office in Abilene.

Instructors in charge will be Sgt. Howard Lawson and Sgt. John Price of the Marine Corps, who are qualified water safety instructors. Their service is given through the cooperation of Capt. L. Bourne Jr., inspector-instructor of the 87th Rifle Company of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

The program is being sponsored by the Taylor County Chapter of American Red Cross and the Jim Ned school officials who are supplying transportation for children to the pool through the South Taylor Lions Club.

Registration forms may be obtained at Jim Ned High School and must be returned to Bobby Sayles of the First State Bank in Tuscola by June 8.

Total enrollment for the program last year was 92 with 45 receiving certificates, Miss Olsen said.



JACK NADEAU
... preacher

Church of Christ At Trent Slates Gospel Meeting

Jack Nadeau of Fort Worth will do the preaching for the spring gospel meeting at the Trent Church of Christ June 5-12.

Services will be held daily at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday services will be at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

Mr. Nadeau, a native of Rose Dale, Okla., is a graduate of Harding College, Searcy, Ark. At the present time, he is minister of the Rosemont Church of Christ in Fort Worth.

He was a foreign missionary from 1948 to 1957, working with the church in Munich, Germany. He has conducted meetings in England, Austria, Germany and Canada. In this country he has preached in Washington, Nevada, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas.

SWIM POOL WILL OPEN HERE MONDAY, JUNE 6

Opening date of the Merkel Swimming Pool has been set for June 6, according to Raymond Smith, manager. Smith took over management of the pool this summer succeeding the Horace Hargroves who have been in charge of it for the past four years.

Mrs. Hargrove, secretary of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce and executive director of the Merkel Public Housing Authority, said they were unable to manage the pool this year due to other commitments. Hargrove is assistant manager of Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Smith said season tickets are on sale at Merkel Drug, Chamber of Commerce office or 407 Thornton St.

The pool will be open daily from 1 p. m. to 9 p. m. Thursday mornings from 10 o'clock until noon the pool will be open for ladies only.

Season tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for children. Regular price of admission to the pool is 50c cents for adults and 25 cents for children.

FIESTA DAYS SLATED AT DYESS AIR BASE

DYESS AFB, — West Texas' Air Command hosts its annual Fiesta Days Celebration.

The base will be open to the public during the four-day period, and in the fashion of a county fair (military style), the occasion will feature carnival rides and booths; displays of modern military air craft and equipment; a daring sky-divers paratroop exhibition; stage shows spotlighting outstanding show business personalities; and a performance each day by the famous U. S. Air Force Drum and Bugle Corp from Washington, D. C.

One of the acts headlining the stage show portion of Fiesta Days will be western recording artist Leon (Take It Away) McAuliffe and his Cimarron Boys, his outstanding aggregation will share the spotlight for nine stage shows (two nightly, and a Saturday matinee on June 18), with such an impressive array of performers as the ever-popular Ink Spots; amusing Lonzo and Oscar of Grand Ole Opry fame; the versatile Maes vocal group; local favorite, comedian Uncle Willie; and the danceable orchestra of Chuck Cabot.

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. E. F. Shotwell of Abilene, Mrs. H. D. Steakley of Nowice, Mrs. Ted Richmond of Oklahoma City and Mrs. E. Higgins of Merkel; two sons Randall V. of Abilene and Raymond J. of San Angelo; one brother, Elmer S. Leach of Amory, Miss. 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Grandchildren were pallbearers.

Funeral for Mrs. J. J. McNiece, 81, Merkel resident since 1933, was held Friday at 3 p. m. in the First Baptist Church in Merkel.

The Rev. C. G. Sewell of Sweetwater officiated. Burial was in McBea Cemetery in South Taylor County.

Mrs. McNiece died Thursday at 6 a. m. in Sadler Hospital.

She was born Evalyn A. Leach on Nov. 11, 1878 in Monroe County, Miss., and married Jesse J. McNiece, Jan. 2, 1901, in Atawamba County, Miss.

They moved to Coleman County in 1901 and later to South Taylor County, where Mr. McNiece farmed. He died in 1923.

Mrs. McNiece was a member of the First Baptist Church.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SET AT PIONEER MEMORIAL

Vacation Bible School for Pioneer Memorial church will begin Monday morning, June 6. Classes will be held daily from 8:30 to 10:30 a. m.

The school will close with a program Sunday, June 11, according to Mrs. Tom Russom, general superintendent for the school.

High school students will get one-half credit on completion of the course.

MRS. OLA MILLARD, TYE RESIDENT, DIES

Mrs. Ola E. Millard, 90, a resident of Tye for 51 years, died Tuesday, May 23, at 3:30 a. m. in Hendrick Memorial Hospital where she had been a patient for two months.

Funeral was held Wednesday, May 24 at 2 p. m. in Central Presbyterian Church with Dr. Harry Sarles, pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Jake Armstrong, pastor of the Baptist Church of Tye, and the Rev. Gerald Tharp, pastor of the Tye Methodist Church.

Burial was in the WOW addition of City Cemetery beside the grave of husband. Elliott's Funeral Home had charge of the arrangements.

Born Ola E. Kincaid on Feb. 17, 1870 in Coryell City, Mrs. Millard moved to Buffalo Gap with her family in 1883 to be near the Presbyterian College which was then located there. She married Stephen E. Millard in 1888, and they moved to Tye about 1909.

Mr. Millard died in September 1933. An only son, William Roy, died in 1939 and an only grandson, Lt. Melvin R. Millard, lost his life in the sinking of a ship off the South China Sea in October, 1944.

Mrs. Millard had made her home with her only daughter, Mrs. Walter McCartney of Tye, since her husband's death.

She was a member of Central Presbyterian Church in Abilene.



MRS. OLA E. MILLARD
... buried Wednesday

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. McCartney; three sisters, Mrs. Lula Street of Tye, Mrs. Allie Green of Sacramento, Calif., and Mrs. Gertrude Brookreson of Buffalo Gap; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Theo Kincaid, W. G. West, Bernice Brookerson, Grady Wiggins, Clarence Street, J. W. Millard, Hubert McCartney and A. M. Hinds.

Postmaster Asks More Vehicle Bids

Postmaster Wren Durham is again asking for sealed bids for a vehicle without driver to be used in the city mail delivery service for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1960.

All previous proposals received have been rejected due to the high rates quoted, Durham said.

The vehicles to be used on an hourly contract basis, should be equipped with adequate locking devices for the proper protection of the mail and must be kept in excellent condition. The operation and maintenance expense shall be borne by the contractor. The vehicle is to be delivered to the post office each day as required and removed daily upon completion of use.

Estimated daily hours of service is one and two-thirds hours. No hours are estimated for Sundays and holidays.

For further information and forms for submitting bids, call at the Merkel Post Office. Bids will be received until 2 p. m., June 7.

Youth Revival Slated At Trent

A youth revival will be held at the Trent Baptist Church June 3-4-5, according to the Rev. D. C. Swindler, pastor.

Evangelist will be Larry Curry of the Southwest Seminary, University, will be song director. Sam Beam of Hardin - Simmons Services will start each evening at 8 p. m. The youth will be in charge of both services, morning and evening, Sunday.

A Saturday morning breakfast will be held at the church at 7 o'clock. The youth of the church will cook and serve the meal.

The public is invited to attend the revival, Rev. Swindler said.

Herbert Dennis Rites Wednesday

Graveside services for J. Herbert Dennis, 58, life-time resident of Merkel who was found shot to death Monday in a garage apartment behind his home, were held at 10 a. m. Wednesday in Rose Hill Cemetery.

The Rev. Alvis Cooley, minister of the First Methodist Church of Merkel, officiated. Funeral arrangements were by the Starbuck Funeral Home.

The body of Mr. Dennis was found lying across a bed in the upstairs apartment Monday morning by his wife. He had been shot once in the head by a 22 caliber rifle which was found lying across the body. Justice of the Peace R. H. Buchanan ruled death by suicide.

Mr. Dennis was born in Merkel on June 4, 1901, and had lived here all his life.

Survivors include his wife; one brother, Carleton of Seattle, Wash., and one sister, Mrs. J. O. Lusby of Big Lake.

Merkel Buyers Attend Dallas Fashion Market

Mrs. Dee Grimes and Mrs. Cyrus Pee of Bragg Dry Goods, and Max Mellinger of Mellinger's Dry Goods, were among the 5,000 buyers and merchants attending the American Fashion Association market in Dallas this week.

More than 3,000 lines of women's and children's apparel were displayed in the Adolphus and Baker Hotels, and "The Fashion Look for the Great Southwest" for Fall '60 made fashion news.

An Open Letter To The Public

May we impose on you long enough to bring to your attention a matter which should be of much concern to each of us? The Merkel Cemetery Fund is depleted and we are finding it increasingly difficult to maintain the cemetery decently with the limited funds available. (We do not like to think about the possibility of our having to let Mr. Salters leave our employ.)

To review briefly some statistics:

The Merkel Cemetery Association is a non-profit corporation, incorporated April 19, 1926. The original directors were J. T. Warren, Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Mrs. Amy Sears, A. T. Sheppard and John Sears. The only sources of revenue are donations and proceeds from sale of Cemetery Lots. Merkel Cemetery Association is not tax supported in any manner whatsoever. Neither are any funds received from any Community Chest, Welfare Fund or other similar source.

No money has ever been taken out of this fund except for additional acreage, as the cemetery has had to be enlarged, for surveying and marking lots installation of water wells and equipment, plumbing repairs, electric power bills and labor for maintenance. Mr. Salters salary is \$125.00 per month, as custodian. The City and County make no cash contribution to the Cemetery

Fund, but both the Mayor and our Commissioners have always been most cooperative in keeping the streets maintained and such other work as can be done with their machinery and equipment.

Last year's (1959) figures on this account look as follows:

Balance on hand beginning of year	\$ 238.23
Received by donations	1,092.15
From sale of lots	720.00
Total	\$2,050.48
Expenses:	
Salaries and labor	\$1,462.71
F.I.C.A. Tax	73.15
Utilities	87.45
Plumbing & Repairs	70.20
Total Expense	1,693.50
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1960	\$356.98

(The present balance in this account as this letter is written is \$166.94)

Some owners of lots prefer to work their own and perhaps make no contribution to the maintenance fund. Others are contracting with well meaning individuals to keep their lots. We are advised that perhaps 100 owners of lots are currently in this category. All of which is fine, except as you can readily see, neither of these (unless they also make a contribution to the maintenance fund) are helping keep up the general appearance of the cemetery, provide water, pay utilities

bills, etc. Perhaps we should ask ourselves this question "Would I prefer my own lot be clean and well kept and the rest of the cemetery "go to pot," including the water facilities? Or should I lend my help and financial assistance to the end that the cemetery as a whole be kept in a manner which will reflect credit to our community." Bear in mind that many of the lots belong to non residents, a majority of whom we are no longer able to contact.

The ladies of the Garden Club did a marvelous job of raising the funds to construct the rock fence and gateway which was completed last year. Surely we must leave no stone unturned to maintain the cemetery in keeping with the dignity of this enclosure. Since it is physically impossible to work satisfactorily all of the lots with the limited support available, it has been suggested that, in the future, the lots owned by contributors to the cemetery fund be appropriately marked, so that the custodian can distinguish them and give these lots preference, taking care of them first and then devoting the remainder of his time to other lots.

At the present time the Cemetery Board is being reorganized by adding:

The Mayor (and his/her successors in office)

Commissioner of our Precinct

Presidents of following local organizations:

- Chamber of Commerce
- Lion's Club
- Garden Club
- Fortnightly Study Club
- One member at large from each church in town

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

1. Make a contribution to this fund by handing or mailing your check to the Farmers & Merchants National Bank, Merkel, Texas. You will receive a duplicate of the deposit and proper acknowledgment will be made thru the Merkel Mail. (If you have made a contribution since Jan. 1, 1960, please disregard this portion of the letter — Thanks.) Contributions are income tax deductible.

2. Talk to your friends and neighbors — that no one may be misinformed about this program or any phase of it.

3. Mail this letter to a non-resident who may share your interest or give us their name and address that we may add them to our mailing list.

4. Feel free, always, to make any suggestion or recommendation to the committee, we will appreciate the benefit of your thinking and will welcome any constructive criticism.

A. T. Sheppard, Pres.
Fred Starbuck, Sec'y Tress
Booth Warren
For Committee.

DRIVING COURSE SLATED

A state approved driver education course will begin here at 8 a. m. Monday, June 6, according to W. G. Reed, instructor.

Classes will meet in the vocational agriculture room in the high school building. Interested persons who have not registered prior to June 6 may do so at that time, Reed said.

Tuition is \$20 for the entire course which consists of 30 hours of classroom work and six hours each of behind-the-wheel driving and observation.

High school students will get one-half credit on completion of the course.

Two Former Area Residents Die

Funeral for Mr. Dvais, former Noodle community resident, was held Monday, May 23. A sister, Mrs. George L. Reeves, lives in Rotan.

Mr. Burks, who farmed in the Merkel area until a few years ago, died Monday, May 23.

He was married to the former Lizzie Reeves of Blair. Another area survivor is Mrs. Ted Hamm of Merkel, a niece.

2 Merkel Girls In Dance Recital

Vicki Payne and Suzie Wilson of Merkel will be among the Marj Faucum Dancers who will appear in a recital presentation on Friday, June 3, at 8 p. m. in the Abilene High School Auditorium.

Vicki is the daughter of Mrs. Charles Williams. Suzie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Woody Wilson.

The recital will be open to the public without charge.

Mrs. T. L. Grimes and her sister, Mrs. Ruth Huffman, have been visiting their children in Arlington and Bedford this week.



FIRST 1960 VFW BUDDY POPPY—The distinguished Texan who is the Speaker of the House, the Honorable Sam Rayburn, receives the very first VFW Buddy Poppy from little Louise Wynn, 1960 VFW Buddy Poppy Girl. "Mr. Sam", recipient of VFW's 1958 Gold Citizenship Medal and Award, welcomed the petite Louise to Washington from VFW's National Home for Orphans at Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

According to the latest figures, paper advertisers invested over last year's 100 top national news—\$300,000,000.

JACK POT WINNERS and LOSERS THIS WEEK

MONDAY—Loser—Mrs. A. C. Heatley	10.00
TUESDAY—Loser—Luella Lindsey	15.00
WEDNESDAY—Loser—L. R. Cade	20.00
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ELECTRIC UTILITY COMPANIES CONTINUE H-BOMB RESEARCH

The world's first and largest privately-financed program aimed at harnessing the H-bomb's tremendous power for the generation of electricity has been extended for an additional four years, it was announced today by Al Young, President of West Texas Utilities Co.

West Texas Utilities Co. is a member of the Texas Atomic Energy Research Foundation, composed of 11 investor-owned electric utility companies operating in Texas. Cal Young is a director of the Foundation.

The directors voted at their annual meeting in Houston this week to continue joint sponsorship of the nuclear research program underway since 1957 at the laboratories of General Dynamics Corporation's General Atomic Division which has as its goal the control of the nuclear fusion reaction for power generation. Nuclear fusion is the process responsible for the energy of the sun and stars, and of the hydrogen bomb.

J. E. Cunningham, president of the Foundation, announced the decision to extend the partnership with General Dynamics "in this challenging and exciting undertaking aimed at unlocking the secret of this process and ultimately providing mankind with a virtually limitless source of power for millenniums to come."

Cunningham is President of Southwestern Public Service Company of Amarillo. Other member companies of TAERF are: Central Power & Light Company, Community Public Service Company, Dallas Power & Light Company, El Paso Electric Company, Gulf States Utilities Company, Houston Lighting & Power Company, Southwestern Electric Power Company, Texas Electric Service Company, Texas Power & Light Company, and West Texas Utilities Company.

The jointly sponsored program was established in May, 1957, at General Atomic's John Jay Hopkins Laboratory for Pure and Applied Science in San Diego, Calif., shortly after the 11 utility companies formed TAERF as a means of consolidating and making more effective their participation in the development of atomic energy in the United States.

The program which has shown a steady expansion over the past four years includes both theoretical and experimental work in

plasma phenomena directed toward ultimately controlling and sustaining a man-made fusion reaction.

Jeric de Hoffmann, Senior Vice President of General Dynamics and President of General Atomic Division, hailed the TAERF decision as "a further impressive demonstration of the vision and vitality of the pioneering spirit in American enterprise, in the best tradition of technological progress."

General Dynamics is delighted that we are to continue our association in this venture with such a forward-looking group of utilities," he said.

Hoffmann said the new experimental facilities now coming into operation result largely from an enlargement of interest in shock wave plasma generation and injection.

Indicative of the growth of the joint program, he said, is the fact that more than 50 scientists and other technical personnel are now engaged in its theoretical and experimental activities. In addition, the program has access to the talents of more than 1,100 scientists, engineers and other who make up the personnel of the John Jay Hopkins Laboratory. A large atomic beam laboratory, because of the nature of its research (the study of atomic scattering phenomena) is closely associated with the controlled fusion program.

The program is under the direction of Dr. Donald W. Kerst, inventor and developer of the betatron nuclear accelerator. Dr. Marshall N. Rosenbluth, internationally known physicist, heads the theoretical research in plasma

stability at General Atomic. Mr. Cunningham explained that the program is directed toward the fundamental phenomena involved, rather than toward the early use of fusion energy in electric power plants, although the possibility of controlled fusion for commercial power generation is a course, the ultimate goal.

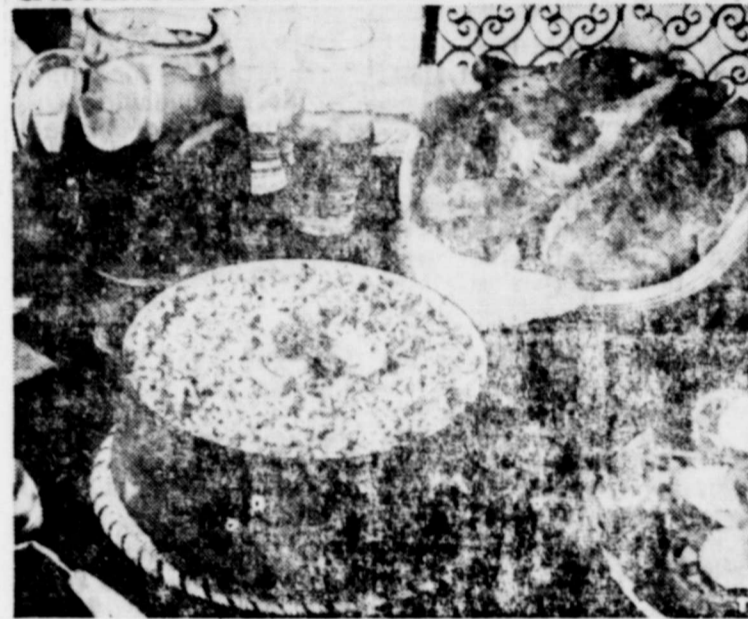
"Although supplies of fossil fuels in the United States are adequate to meet demands for some years to come, they are by no means inexhaustible," he added. "Our needs for power and for new sources of energy will increase tremendously over the years and eventually additional

sources of energy must be found and utilized."

Mr. Cunningham pointed out that natural gas, which is the principle fuel for electric power generation in Texas, is still abundant in that area, and the cost of generating electricity at this time with atomic power plants employing the fission process (as opposed to controlled fusion) would be much greater in Texas than through use of natural gas or oil.

More lives were lost in the Civil War than in any other war in which the United States has been engaged.

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Summertime—and the livin' is easy when you choose quickly prepared rice casseroles for back porch supper or outdoor barbecue.

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MUSHROOM RICE

- 1 pound fresh mushrooms, ground
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 2 tablespoons chopped green pepper
- 2 1/2 cups cooked rice (cooked in chicken stock)
- 2 tablespoons minced green onions
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

In a heavy skillet saute mushrooms, green pepper, and green onions lightly in butter or margarine. Combine with rice and salt. Place in an earthenware casserole and bake for about 15 minutes in a 350° F. oven or on a grill.

Tray-Ready Picnic



"Trayed" for travel is a land in sea meal, ready to ride with picnickers who take to the road or waves. At home, individual lunches are packed in cutlery trays and fitted with plastic covers, then carried afloat or a wheel in a portable cooler.

Ideal for out-of-hand eating is the frankfurter bun with a filling featuring cottage cheese, Bleu cheese, and cooked bacon bits. Packet partners are fried chicken, deviled eggs, tomato wedges, relishes, and chocolate cake.

CHEESE-BACON SANDWICH FILLING

- 1/2 cup chopped, cooked bacon
- 1 cup cottage cheese
- 1/4 cup crumbled Bleu cheese
- 1 tablespoon chopped stuffed olives
- 3 tablespoons chopped celery
- 1 tablespoon mayonnaise or salad dressing

Combine bacon, cottage cheese, Bleu cheese, olives, celery, and mayonnaise.
Yield: 1 1/2 cups, or filling for 8 sandwiches.

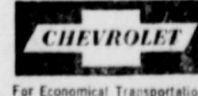
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I remember, in my "cul" days as a member of the staff of a Southern newspaper where I specialized in writing obituaries and minor fires, one day there walked into the office, a short, chunky individual, with a rolling gait. He wore glasses and had a serious way of speaking. He informed the city editor that had just landed — and that was the correct word — in town as (he said) he

and his wife had floated down the Mississippi on a raft.

He had (he said) visited the leper island and had talked with Father Dutton, who had succeeded Father Damien. Also (he said) in the Far East, or maybe it was the South Seas, he had been in a shipwreck, had washed ashore on an island and had been captured by natives who tortured him by pulling out his toe-nails. I do not recall how he escaped as the adventures by that time had my head whirling but I seem

vaguely to remember that (he said) he made a speech and became their chief.

Of course, a man with such an exotic career was hired on the spot. Soon he was star of the staff, his name signed to more stories than all the rest of us combined. In fact, he became so well-established in our city that he married a prominent lady. What became of the wife who had floated down the Mississippi on a raft was never exactly clear. Come to think of it, none of us did actually see her.

It was not to be expected that our paper could hope to keep the services of so remarkable a journalist permanently. One day he solemnly shook the hand of each of us and told us that the great open spaces were calling.

When next we heard of him, he was on a Pacific Coast newspaper — as financial editor. The next we heard after that, the financial editor was gone out, so as not to be forgotten, he had left, not footprints on the sands of time, but a bevy of "hot" checks. Possibly he drifted on to the Mayan ruins of Yucatan or journeyed to Egypt to capture crocodiles.

My point is, reporters aren't what they used to be. I reckon it's the standardizing influence of schools of journalism — or maybe the more efficient exchange of information between credit bureaus.

About one-third of the world's total coffee consumption is used by the people of the United States.

Snack Time in Tokyo



Japan Information

The children of this Japanese family are enjoying an after-school snack of fresh fruit juice prepared in a blender-juicer. Japanese housewives are finding that modern electrical appliances such as washers, refrigerators, toasters, rice cookers and heaters have released them from much of the drudgery of daily household chores, thus affording them greater time for leisure and cultural pursuits. All of these appliances are now manufactured in Japan, some under licenses from American firms which receive dollar income through the payment of royalties.

20 YEARS AGO IN MERKEL

The Merkel Badger Band, directed by Richard Young, will of

officially represent the local Lions Club in the parade at Sweetwater Monday afternoon, as part of the district and state convention of Lions clubs being held in that city.

Most welcome at all times.

showers of rain that brought over a half of an inch of moisture Wednesday afternoon to this section, even if more is not immediately forthcoming.

While preliminary census figures gave Merkel a population of 1963 a gain of 115 over 1930, later tabulation after a re-check, brought the city into the 2,000 class, the final report giving Merkel a population of 2,004.

Verner Hester, formerly connected with the F. & M. bank here in the bookkeeping department, is now employed with the Texas State Bank and Trust of Sweetwater.

Geraldine Sloan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sloan, and Billy Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Wood of Merkel were awarded certificates at Abilene Christian College for maintaining an average of 90 per cent or above in all work done during the freshman year.

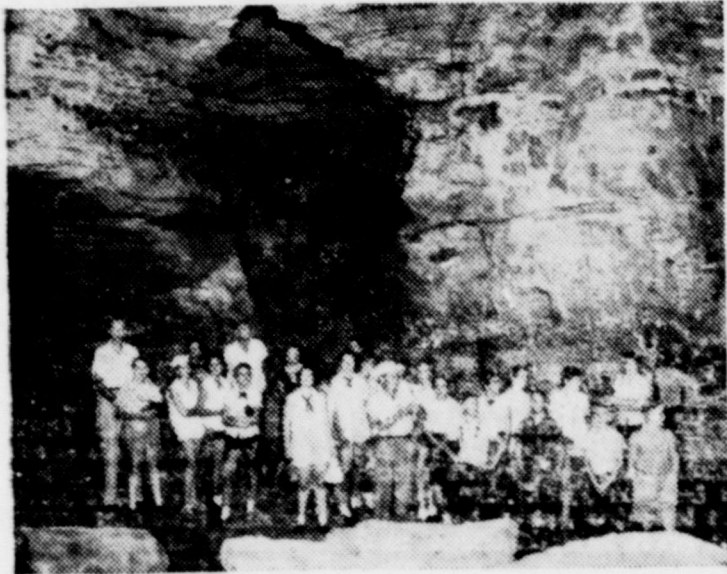
Emily Olive Newman, Richard Young and Wanda Fox Young of

Merkel will be among this year's graduates when Hardin-Simmons University holds its forty-eighth annual commencement exercises on June 8.

Married in an evening ceremony Saturday, Frances Largent, only daughter of one of Merkel's most prominent families, the W. J. Largents, and Royce C. Eiland, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Eiland of Snyder, plighted their troth in the home of the Rev. Reed, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Lawton, Oklahoma. The Rev. Reed read the ceremony. Attendants to the couple were Miss Elva Stimpson of Snyder and Tex Allen of Burkburnett.

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Onion Rolls: Melt margarine or butter. Add minced green onions and saute until soft. Cut enriched, yeast-raised frankfurter rolls in half. Spoon the onion butter over them and broil until golden.

Easy-Cheesy Loaf: Cut a loaf of unsliced yeast-raised whole wheat bread in half, lengthwise. Cut each half loaf, crosswise almost through to the bottom crust, into 12 slices. Melt 3 tablespoons margarine or butter and brush it over the top of the cut halves. Combine 1 1/4 cups grated cheddar cheese, 1/4 cup chopped stuffed olives, 3 tablespoons chopped chives or onion, 1/2 cup margarine or soft butter and 1 tablespoon prepared mustard. Spread cheese mixture between each slice of bread. Place on a cookie sheet and bake until piping hot and crusty.

Tasty Slices: Cut loaf of French bread into diagonal slices, but not all the way through to bottom. Add 1/2 teaspoon seasoned salt and a pinch of garlic salt to 2 tablespoons margarine or softened butter and 2 tablespoons cream cheese. Stir in 1 tablespoon chopped parsley. Spread between slices and bake in oven until heated through.

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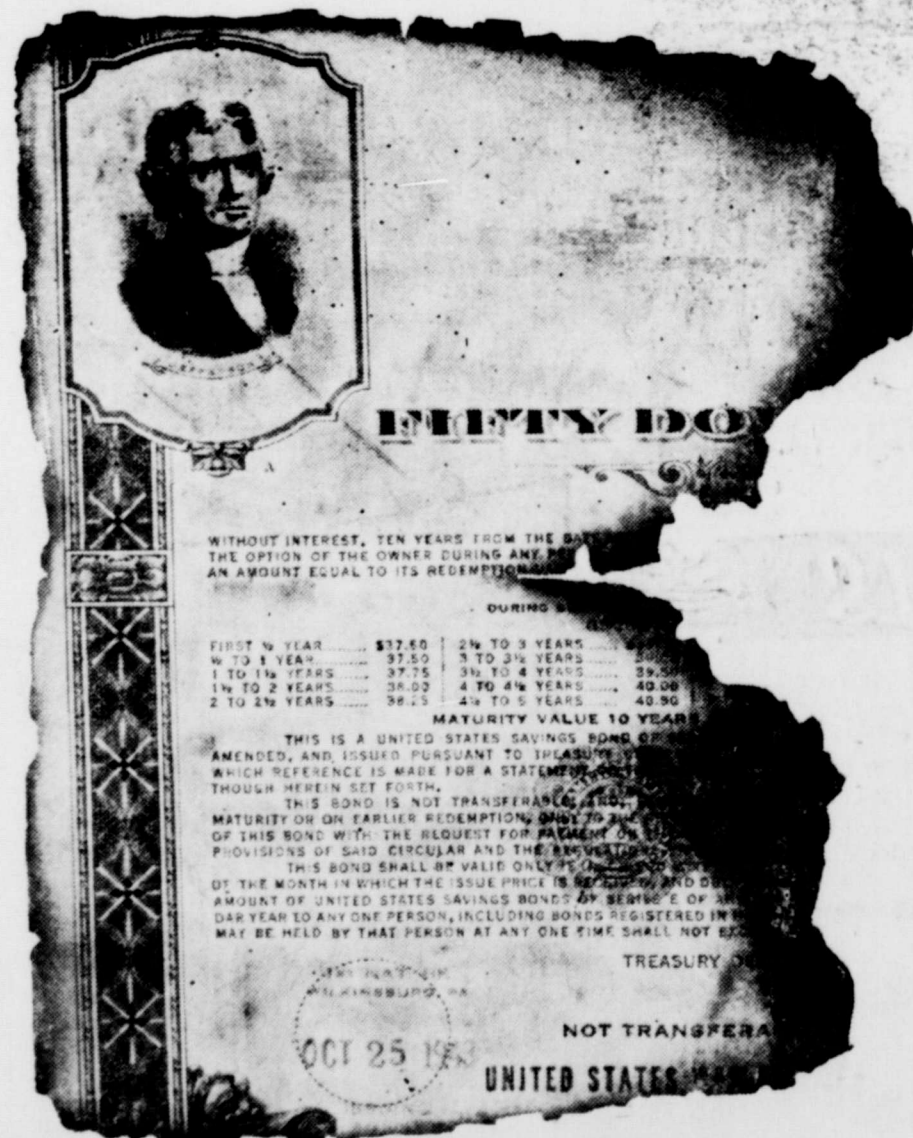
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Girl Scout News

Jr. Hi-Senior Weekend

Three Merkel Girl Scouts of Mrs. Wallace Doan's troop attended Camp Boothe-Oaks the weekend of May 13. Meeting with scouts from all of the 13 West Texas Council counties were Brenda Doan, Beth Patton and Mildred Haley.

West Texas Council Meeting

Mrs. David Gamble, neighborhood chairman, and Mrs. Buddy Derrington and Mrs. Denneth Browning, delegates, attended the spring meeting of the West Texas Council to Girl Scouts at Camp Boothe Oaks on May 12.

Business discussed at the all-day session included plans for repair and clean-up of the camp. A dishwasher for the mess hall has been purchased and will be installed immediately, the group was told.

Cook-Outs

All troops, leaders and several guests made a trip to Camp Boothe Oaks for the annual cook-out in May.

Clean-Up Session

The neighborhood chairman, Mrs. David Gamble, and leaders met at the Scout Hut Monday morning and thoroughly cleaned and polished it up so that things would be in good order for the opening of school in September. New bath facilities, to replace the ones damaged by vandals last summer, are to be installed. Plans were made to make the Hut more attractive for the girls, Mrs. Gamble said.

Scouts Sell Poppies

Members of the Merkel Girl Scouts from the troops of Mrs. Buddy Derrington and Mrs. Albert Evans, Mrs. Wallace Doan and Mrs. Jim Torrence, helped with the annual Memorial Day poppy sale Saturday, May 28.

Scouts who helped with the poppy sale were Mildred Haley, Brenda Doan, Beth Patton, Dorothy Torrence, Sheila Holland, Linda Luke, Linda Rutledge, Linda Windham, Billy Holmes, Lucy Patton, Janie Hull, Bronwyn Gamble, Mammie Patterson, Nancy Evans, Cathy Derrington, Linda Jacobs, Wyona Doan, Dianne Knight and Linda Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Denzel Ray Melton and family of Kermit spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton. Other guests were the Rev. and Mrs. T. C. Melton and Debby of Abilene.

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Trent News

Twenty-four persons attended a cook-out supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Dickerson Saturday night. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dickerson of Lamesa; Mrs. Lydia Warren of Mineral Wells; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Booe, Karen and Kenneth of Seminole; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carey of Lubbock; Mrs. Carlton Brook, Kay and Dianne of Abilene; Mrs. Margie Bird, Mrs. Edith Noah and Mrs. Bee Carey all of Merkel; Mrs. Shirley O'Dell of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Troy Dickerson and Donna Ann of Noodle.

Mrs. Tom Beasley of Carlsbad, N. M., visited her mother, Mrs. Marie Esten, over the weekend. She brought Kay McWilliams, who had been visiting in her home because school was out, home.

Mrs. D. H. Jones underwent minor surgery last week but is reported in good condition.

Several of our college students are home for summer vacation. They are Rosie Jones of Wayland College, Ruby Jones, North Texas College, Tillie McWilliams, Cisco Junior, Linda Wilks, Abilene Christian College, Karen Hood, Hardin-Simmons University, David and Morris Claborn, North Texas.

Trent Baptist Vacation Bible school closed Wednesday night. A good school was reported.

Hubert Beckham is still on the sick list.

The rain that fell Monday morning was wonderful. It didn't hurt the grain and helped the young crops that are planted. Supt. and Mrs. Wray Williams spent the weekend in Kress with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Estep.

Kay McWilliams, Carolyn Graham and Ann Barnhart are in Cisco attending twirling school this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry McWilliams have moved into one of the teachers' houses. He is the football coach for next fall and will teach in Junior High.

Stith News

A large crowd attended the Taylor and Jones County Sunday Singing convention at the Stith Baptist Church Sunday afternoon. The next meeting will be the fifth Sunday in July at the New Live Oak Baptist Church in Merkel.

Brenda Mashburn gave a farewell party for Jimmy Eakin Tuesday night. He and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Eakin, are moving this week to Abilene. We are sorry they are leaving Stith.

Linda Doan of Merkel spent Wednesday afternoon with Nancy Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hambrick and children of Seminole spent several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Eakin and Jimmy. They attended the graduation exercises at Merkel High School Thursday night.

The Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Guthrie and Mrs. R. A. Guthrie spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. John Windland returned Friday from a three-week vacation in New Mexico and North Texas. Their granddaughter, Carolyn Cowan of Borger, returned with them for a visit.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wayne Berry and Mrs. Bud Lilly of Abilene and Mr. children of Lubbock.

We are so thankful for the nice rain we received the past few

days. About two inches fell in all. Almost all of the farmers got their wheat cut before the rain. Although all farmers report a good crop this year, Charles Reddin had the best crop we've heard of. He made 50 bushels per acre on 35 acres.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Berry and children of Lubbock spent Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley.

Garden Club Ends Year With Dinner

The Merkel Garden Club's final meeting of the year was a dinner at West Texas Utilities Lytle Lak auditorium Monday evening.

Members voted to accept the nominating committee's recommendation to reelect the same slate of officers that had served the year before. This is in accord with State and National Garden Clubs' terms which say officers are to serve for a two-year period.

Present for the chicken dinner were Mmes. A. B. Allen, Carroll Benson, W. S. J. Brown, Johnny Cox, Mack Fisher, S. D. Gamble, Dent Gibson, Dee Grimes, Robert Hicks, Robert T. Hodge, John Hughes, B. H. Jones, Dale Litton, A. H. McElmurray, Herbert Patterson, Luther H. Reeger, W. T. Sadler, John Shannon, Charlie Sherrill, Jack Wallace, Carroll Walton, Dean Higgins and Misses Christine Collins and Norah Foster.

Picnic Fetes Californian

Mrs. Viola Larson of Blythe, Calif., who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Etta Tucker, was honored with a picnic at Fair Park in Abilene Tuesday evening, May 24.

Present were Mrs. Miriam Clinton, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Brawls and children, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Wilkins and children, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Clinton and children, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Clinton and children, and Jack Standard and son, all of Abilene; Mrs. Jessie Clinton and daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Thomas and son, Mack, all of Stanton; Mrs. Tucker and sons, the Rev. Charles Tucker of Houston and Jasper Tucker of Plainview.

New Highway Map Ready for Public

AUSTIN — Texas' Official Highway Travel Map, 1960-style, is now available to the general public. Free copies of the big, colorful map may be obtained by writing the Texas Highway Department, Austin 14, or at the highway district offices and travel bureaus. County tax offices have map cards on hand for requesting copies of the map.

The map reflects 1,933 miles of multi-lane-divided highway now completed, and includes the finished sections of the seven National System of Interstate and Defense Highways located in the state. More than 1,500 farm-to-market road miles have been added to this year's map. Approximately 20,000 miles of the state's 30,000-mile Farm-to-Market Road System are shown on the map. All of the 26,378 miles of State and U. S. highways are shown.

Mrs. Forest Harper of Odessa is visiting her sisters, Mrs. R. J. Miller and Mrs. H. B. Robertson.

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

Mrs. Edna Horton spent the weekend with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nutt and family, of Marlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Dean of Mineral Wells were guests of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Doan and family, Saturday and Sunday.

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STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights

by Vern Sanford

AUSTIN — Most ardent advocates of a tax bill to pour fresh funds into the state's coffers likely will be legislative employees.

They may be hunting new jobs or working for nothing before the year is out.

Only about \$130,000 remains in the legislative expense fund for use between now and the end of the year. A good part of this probably will be needed to pay travel and miscellaneous expenses of the study committees that meet between sessions.

If these expenses run very high, the permanent legislative employees — people who keep records, staff the legislative library, etc. — may run short on salary money.

Their only course, if they want to stay on in their jobs, will be to hang on until the new legislative finds money to pay them.

SESSION COSTS TOTALED — Last year's legislative sessions — one regular, three special — cost the state \$2,773,140.

This averages out to \$16,385 a day when the lawmakers are meeting, according to State Auditor C. H. Cavness' report.

Of the \$2,773,140 total, \$724,000 was spent by the 32-member Senate, \$1,242,000 by the 150-member House. Each member received in salary about \$5,000, at the rate of \$25 per day.

Rest of the expense is mostly for the employees to keep a session going — answer letters, keep records, print bills, etc.

SALES TAX TAKE ESTIMATED — A retail sales tax with groceries, medical and other services exempted would raise an estimated \$133,000,000 a year, a legislative committee was told.

Collection cost would run about \$3,000,000 a year, a Texas Research League tax expert told the Commission on State and Local Tax Policy.

If the tax covered not only finished products but raw products used by business in manufacturing, the take would be some \$80,000,000 a year more but would result in the consumer's paying two taxes on one item.

A retail sales tax would not hurt Texas' future industrial development, the Commission was told by a business expert, but a tax on manufacturing raw materials would.

Very few elective officials have come out strongly for any kind of broad-based sales tax. Some are bound to look longingly at this avenue, however, since the amount that will have to be raised next year will, if teachers get any sort of raise, be almost as much as a retail sales tax would net.

"LAME DUCK" OPINIONS ASKED — Atty. Gen. Will Wilson has been asked for opinions on whether retiring lawmakers should continue to serve on two important interim committees.

Four members of the Commission on State and Local Tax Policy are "lame ducks." They are the chairman, Sen. Bill Fly of Victoria, and Rep. Frates Seeligson of San Antonio, who were defeated for re-election; Rep. V. L. Ramsey of Beckville, who ran for comptroller and lost; and Rep. Obie Bristow of Big Spring who didn't run this year.

Three of the five members of the House General Investigating Committee also did not run for two terms. They are Rep. H. J. Blanchard, chairman, and Reps. Joe Burkett of Kerrville and Carl Conley of Raymondville.

If the Attorney General rules these men should be replaced, most of the new appointments will be made by retiring House Speaker Waggoner Carr.

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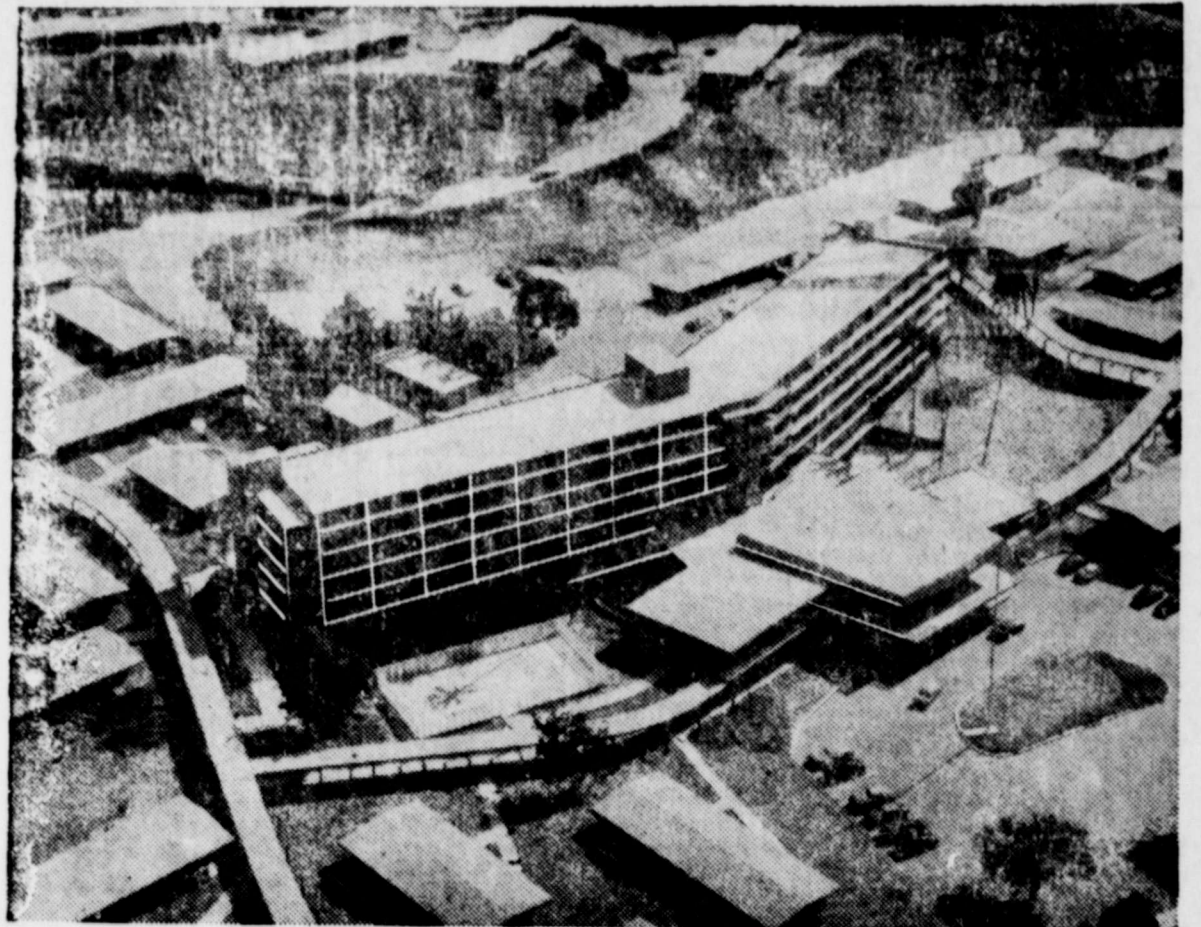
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Home Demonstration Notes

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Agents



One way to get the teen-agers in your family to drink the milk they need is to show them quick, easy and attractive milk beverages they can make.

Because sociability — and the foods that go with it — is so important in the teens and early twenties, it's important to pay special attention to the use of milk as a party refreshment. Milk shakes, made with or without ice cream, can be given festive flavors and touches with very little extra trouble. Flavors include vanilla, almond, chocolate, chocolate-mint, molasses spices such as cinnamon and nutmeg, maple, banana or mocha — a combination of coffee and chocolate.

To keep calories low, make flavored beverages with skim milk — fresh and dry. Add dry milk to fresh fluid milk to give appetizing thickness and foam as well as extra nutritive value.

A popular pink milk shake can be made by beating peppermint stick ice cream into milk. Garnish with crushed peppermint candy or with peppermint sticks.

Shakes. A handsome yellow drink is chilled egg nog garnished with a bit of grated orange peel. Crushed taffy and nutmeg may top a molasses milk drink, and chocolate chips a chocolate or mocha shake. Mashed banana

as whipped into milk give appetizing texture as well as flavor.

For variety serve "floats" — milk beverages with a scoop of ice cream floating on top.

Many recipes for special milk beverages are given in Extension Bulletin 807, "GOOD MILK FOR GOOD MEALS." You can get a copy from my office.

When teaching the job of washing pillows, here is good news. They can be laundered successfully in your automatic washer. Here are suggestions for doing the job.

Wash two pillows at a time for a balanced load. To be sure that no feathers fly, examine ticking carefully and mend any tears or open seams. Wet pillows before

placing them in the washer — otherwise, they will float. To do this, make a two-inch opening on each end, then close it with a loose basting stitch. This allows water to enter but prevents feathers from escaping. Place the pillow in a pan of water and knead gently until it is thoroughly soaked. Wash in warm water for about five or six minutes, then allow the washer to complete rinse cycle.

You can follow the same procedure in washing foam rubber pillows. But they must be washed in a case. Close the end of the pillow case with a basting stitch before soaking the pillow.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Yazell of Kilgore visited in the home of Mrs. D. H. Vaughn over the week-end. Yazell was formerly the Chevrolet manager here.

Mrs. Irl Walker was notified last week of the death of two uncles, Jesse Davis of Rousebud and Chat Burks of Patricia.

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In this country today, we have over 8-million Americans over 65 years of age who can't afford a square meal, can't pay for a warm, dry place to live, can't buy the medical care they need.

Many of these senior citizens have never had much of this world's goods. Others have had good living during some periods of life, but time and circumstances, inflation, sickness, and many other factors have left them penniless and almost hopeless.

One of the great social challenges of America today is learning how to meet the complex problems of proper care of the aged and aging. As a people, we have learned to prolong life through advances in medical science before we have learned how to make that longer life fully enjoyable and productive.

The problem generally falls into two major categories:

1. Senior citizens who still are able or would like to work at least part time to supplement Social Security benefits or old age assistance check.
2. Those who are ill or so advanced in years that they require special help for medical treatment and nursing home care.

For those still able and wanting to work, I have introduced bills which would allow them to earn more money without being penalized through loss of either Social Security or Old Age Assistance checks. Those drawing Social Security could earn up to \$2,400 per year, twice the present \$1,200 limitation without having their Social Security checks cut. All those on Old Age Assistance could earn up to an additional \$50 monthly without their checks being cut.

At the same time, I'm sponsoring legislation to raise both Social Security and Old Age Assistance payments more in line with the all-time high cost of living. Also I'm pressing for legislation to build additional low-income public housing units for the aged.

A number of proposals are now under study to help elderly people have the medical treatment they need. None of these plans seem entirely satisfactory to me and it seems likely that a combination of the various medical care proposals will be the answer.

Studies show that the number one problem of those over 65 years of age is how to meet the high cost of medical treatment and drug bills at a time in life when they are most likely to be sick and least likely to be able to work.

We must work out a prepay plan which allows them to save money in their productive and healthy years to pay for these heavy medical expenses, almost sure to come later.



MRS. DOUGLAS WAYNE PYBURN
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REBECCA RAY WEDS DOUGLAS PYBURN

Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church in the Butternut community was the scene Sunday afternoon of the wedding of Rebecca Annette Ray of Merkel and Douglas Wayne Pyburn of Roby.

Clifford Ray, brother of the bride, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Pyburn of Roby.

The Rev. J. J. Helm, pastor, officiated at the 2 p. m. double ring ceremony. Wedding music was presented by Dorothy Ray, pianist, and Carol Bowman of Ferris, soloist. Ida Mae King of Trent read "How Do I Love Thee."

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a formal gown of chantilly lace and tulle, fastened with a scalloped neckline accented with pearls and iridescents. The bouffant skirt of tulle had a lace overskirt. Her waist length veil of silk illusion was attached to a cap of lace. She carried white mums and a white orchid on a Bible.

Frank Pierce of Abilene, N.M., was maid of honor. She wore a rose cotton, satin sheath dress designed with a matching overskirt. Her bouquet was of white mums.

Bridesmaids were Marilyn Mason of Billinger, Carolyn Perry of Cisco, Delita Ogden of Throckmorton and Chera Corder of Merkel. Their dresses were styled like that worn by the maid of honor and were in blue, pink and yellow cotton stain.

Dwain Brown of Abilene was best man for his brother. Candlelighters were Michael Ray of Merkel, nephew of the bride, and Randall Steel of Houston, nephew of the bride.

Mike Steel of Houston, nephew of the bride, was ring bearer and Judy Bronovic of Merkel, cousin of the bride, was flower girl.

Ushers and groomsmen were George Kiker, Harvey Merton, Covert Hale and Freddie Schubert all of Roby.

At the reception in the church, members of the houseparty were Karen Ray, Sandra Loader, Lettie Everett of Post, Nancy Swinney, Ann Keys of Austin and Mary Russell.

For a wedding trip to Galveston, the bride wore a blue linen suit with blue hat and white accessories.

The couple will reside at 1190 Savies in Abilene after May 30.

A graduate of Merkel High School, the bride is a junior at McMurry College where she is a member of the McMurry Band and Pre-Professional Club and represents Theta Chi Lambda on the Inter-Social Council.

Her husband, a graduate of Roby High School is sophomore at McMurry and is employed at a Mobile service station in Abilene.

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It's a wise wife
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—Jeanne Celo



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Senate Majority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson called Sunday for a cool, calm and objective assessment of the recent summit conference.

In a weekly report, recorded for broadcast in Texas, Johnson said, "We are not trying to push anything under the desk; we want the American people to have all the information that can be given them in the national interest. At the same time, we are not trying to find scapegoats and to play politics with such an important international matter."

The Senator had as his guest Harry Provenza of Waco, prominent Texas newsman and newspaper executive.

In their question-and-answer discussion, Johnson expressed belief that "Premier Khrushchev did not intend for the summit to be a success when he went there, and he used the U-2 incident to break it up and now, unless we are very careful, he will use it to try to divide our country."

Johnson voiced confidence in inquiry into the collapse of the summit conference by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, headed by Senator William Fulbright, would be conducted "with the usual high standards with which he performs his public service."

Earlier, Johnson referred to Fulbright as "one of the ablest members of the Senate."

could barely pass without colliding. Now they're getting the wide kind where six or eight can all collide at once.

Yours truly,
GABBY

55 Attend Trent VBC
Commencement exercises were held Wednesday evening for the Trent Baptist Church Vacation Bible School.

The Rev. D. C. Swindler, pastor, said an average of 55 attended the school which started on May 23.

**ALERT TODAY
ALIVE TOMORROW**

Remember, good house-keeping is good Civil Defense

gabby doodle from noodle says:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:
The fellers at the country store Saturday night was agreed unanimous that this country has either got to get rid of the Fifth Amendment or get rid of the United States Senate.

Them Senators ain't done nothing fer five year but investigate and filibuster and about all they've caught was the Fifth Amendment. Ed Doolittle allowed as how more folks has used the Fifth Amendment in the Senate building in the last five years than has used them fancy Senate spittoons since George Washington.

I heard a feller say onct that patriotism was when a flea believed the dog he was living on was the best dog in the world. And that's the way all of us ought to feel about our country. It makes me mighty mad to see them fleas in the witness chair living on the dog, taking the Fifth Amendment, & preaching at the same time that the field mice over in the next pasture has the best system.

One feller, Isaac Cornfodder, allowed as how they might be one good angle to the situation. He says as long as them Senators is busy investigating and filibustering they ain't got time to be spending our tax money. Isaac has always been the kind of feller that finds a little good in everything. I recollect onct that him and his family moved seven times in one year and he was bragging that his old lady was mighty well pleased with her new supply of curtains. By the time they moved the seventh time she had a pair to fit any size window. And onct when he was living on Clem Webster's place, lightning hit the barn and burnt it down. He come to the store that night mighty happy over what a fine rain the storm brung I reckon.

Mister Editor, we need a few of them kind of fellers in the world to keep it from coming plum unraveled.

Well, I see by the papers where this scientist at Yale University says the earth, in its rotation, is running about 34 seconds behind time. There's always the possibility that this feller's watch is a little fast, but fast or not, I got news fer him. I ain't hurrying no more this year than I did last year, whether we're rotating behind or in front.

Speaking of rotating, I took my old lady across the state last week to see her sister. I note they're building a heap of them wide by - passes around some towns. Everything is getting big

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Stith HD Club
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A program on "Social Security" was presented by Mr. Fisher of the Abilene office.

The next meeting will be on June 2 when Miss Louise Hudson will be hostess.

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DICK WEST...

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dress system was available in Merkel. His ambition at that time, his father said, was to be a sports announcer.

Described by Critchfield as "a Texan with an easy flow of wit," West's column is a humorous one designed to provide the safety valve for the nation's political blood pressure.

In his new job, he has set up operations in a cubby hole in the outer fringe of the House Press Gallery but finds his location by the door has its hazards.

"I try to hide my desk behind the coat racks," he says, "but still am mistaken for a receptionist."

His material ranges from Congressional hearings, discoveries made while rambling through the Capitol building, to eyeing the Presidential candidates' reactions during the State of Union message by President Eisenhower or poking fun at Federal agencies.

Critchfield says much of West's column has a Texas homespun flavor. Like serving that at the atmosphere of a subcommittee investigation was "strangely serene, as befits a hearing on tranquilizer pills." A column on the renovation of the Capitol building began: "Our capitol dome looks like a giant mound of tomato soup, there is a big hole where the Senate steps used to be and most of the east front is missing."

One of his first thrills in newspaper work, his parents recall, was when he was assigned to ride in the same cab with Rita Hayworth while working for the Call-Times. Since that time he has had contact with many well-known persons. He was on hand for the last days of Al Capone and covered the Charles Von Doren hearing.

After working for the UPI West went to Washington in 1951. He worked as a UP rewrite man for six years, then went on the Senate staff two years ago and has since mostly covered the Senate Rackets committee's investigations.

While working with the rackets committee, he was in close association with Robert Kennedy, brother of John Kennedy, president.

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tial candidate.

It was after the war that West signed on with U.P. His first post was in Miami and two years later he was assigned the overnight desk in the Atlanta bureau, where he said, "I lost my suntan and acquired a wife, who likes pale people."

West, his wife and three children, who live in Fairfax County near Washington, visited his parents here last summer. Not one to spend his vacations just loafing, each time he visits here, his parents said, he sets up his easel and paints. Several of these paintings they have proudly displayed in their living room.

Other hobbies include playing the piano, guitar and clarinet. "Some day I plan to take lessons," he says.

UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

The Canyon has received a good rain over the week end. Some places had up to two inches.

The first rain had quite a bit of hail that caused a lot of damage. The worst was around Cross Road, on the Latimer farms operated by A. D. Scott, and on the Dewell McLean farms.

Planting of row crops will get under way at once, as it is getting late the farmers will rush up the work. The rains came slow but can water for stock tanks, which was a big help to stockmen.

The wheat is far better every where than was first expected and that is fine too.

All the wool in our area has been taken to the warehouses for storage until sold. Sheep sheared good from the reports we have.

Horace Miles and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cole of Abilene have signed a contract for the great Plains Program.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cole own the old Costephens home place in the Canyon. Mrs. Cole is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Johnson.

Well the wedding bells will ring again in the Canyon this week at Pioneer Church Barbara Guburn and Dalton Pentecost will be married. If you are planning to be married soon and haven't set the place we invite you to come to our chapel for services, you will always have a warm welcome here.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Powell of Roswell, New Mexico were here over the week end visiting Mrs. Powell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman. Mrs. Powell and children will remain here for a few days.

Mrs. A. R. Tombs of Merkel was visiting her children over the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seemore and Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Tombs.

Rev. Helms, pastor of our church, was sent to Brownfield for another church year. Rev. Tom McCarty will come to Pioneer church.

Mr. and Mrs. Peet Swinney visited Sunday afternoon in the Tom Russom's home.

Beverly Butman was the highest ranking in all of the grades in the Merkel school, of which we are very proud. Thanks to her.

Mr. Charlie Brown and son of Post stopped in for a short visit with Tom Russom. Brown and Russom were school boys together and haven't seen each other for twenty years.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

CARD OF THANKS
We extend deep appreciation to all of those who did so much for us during our recent bereavement. The kindness and thoughtfulness shown us was indeed helpful.
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MERKEL WINNERS — Two of three Merkel youngsters who were winners in a nation-wide coloring contest, sponsored by Foremost Dairies, are shown here. They are Gary Smith, 5, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith Jr., and Ruth Cooley, 12, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Cooley. A third winner, Steven Butman, is not pictured. Ruth and Steven won model airplane sets and Gary an oil painting set. Other Abilene area winners not pictured are Victor Lee Maroney, formerly of Abilene, and Larry Wiggins, Colorado City, Route 3.

Mrs. Young Hosts Guesso Circle

Guesso Circle members met in the home of Mrs. John Young Wednesday May 25.

The program was presented by Mrs. Loyd Knipe and Mrs. E. A. Conley who showed slides and told the story of Iraq.

Refreshments were served to

Miss Harold Sloan, Billie Tarpley, Jimmie Hobbs, Kent Satterwhite, Jimmie Riggan, Robert James, Joel Crain.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Conley on Wednesday, June 8.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Miller, Mrs. H. B. Robertson and their sister, Mrs. Forest Harner of Odessa, spent the weekend in Waco with

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Lone Star competed with public utilities across the nation having 400,000 or more customers.

The awards were announced in May at the PUAAs annual convention in New York.

The PUAAs Better Copy Contest is the oldest continuous competition conducted within the advertising profession.

Cemetery Group To Be Organized At Hodges Sunday

A cemetery association for the Midway Cemetery, located about 15 miles northwest of Abilene in the Hodges Community, will be organized at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 5, at the Hodges Baptist Church.

The association is needed to assure proper care of the cemetery, according to Mrs. Voy Moore, committee chairman. Approximately 500 letters have been sent to known relatives of persons bur-

ied at the cemetery, she said, inviting them to attend the meeting.

"We've tried to contact as many people as possible," Mrs. Moore said, "but I'm sure there are some we've missed."

An association, which would have authority to hire a caretaker, is definitely needed, Mrs. Moore feels.

"Since many of the people with relatives buried here no longer live in this area, much of the cemetery property has been neglected."

Mrs. Moore said all interested persons are invited to attend the June 5 meeting.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker are their grandchildren of Barnhart. The children's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cadmus Brown, are on a trip with the Barnhart Senior Class as sponsors. They are touring Tennessee, Arkansas and other places of interest.

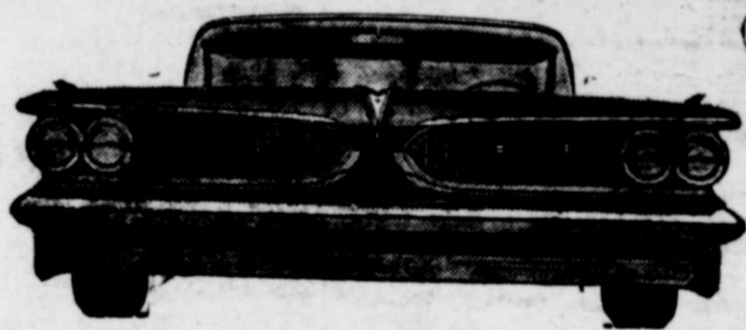
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