

## MERKEL-TRENT-TYE GIRLS COULD WIN

A Merkel, Trent or Tye girl could be the sweetheart of the West Texas Fair this year. Bud Gray, president of the Fair this year, announced the appointment of Don Duncan as chairman of the "Official Sweetheart Contest."

Duncan said invitations were mailed this week to 104 County Agents and Vocational Agriculture teachers in the West Texas area inviting them to enter their chapter sweethearts in the 1963 contest.

Girls eligible for the contest are the sweethearts of the 4-H and FFA chapters of West Texas.

## Shafer Wins Scholarship

Leroy Shafer, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Shafer, has been named the co-winner of the Santa Fe Railway College Scholarship to be presented to him at the State Future Farmer Convention at Lubbock.

Shafer has served as Green Hand Chapter president, chapter vice president and president of district secretary and vice president, vice president of the Area IV Association as well as being a member of numerous judging and leadership teams for the FFA.

He was named Taylor County Gold Star Boy in 1961, has shown championship steer at shows in Odessa and Trent.

He had the grand champion at the Sand Hills show in Odessa in 1959.

Shafer plans to enter Texas A&M College, majoring in agricultural education.

The Santa Fe Railway Scholarship provides \$400 toward college expenses for the study in the field of agriculture.

Eight members of the Trent chapter, which will receive the Superior Chapter Award, plan to attend the convention.

Lee Lanning, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lanning, will receive the State Farmer Degree and Al Maberry Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Maberry, will receive the Area IV Wild Life Award presented by Sears, Roebuck and Co.

Others attending from the chapter are Jerry Shafer, Keith Claborn, Stephen Kiser, Fred Kiser and Mike Carriker.

Funeral was held Monday for Mrs. Lena Virginia Pomeroy Mays, 65, former Merkel resident, who died at her home in Grover City, Calif.

The Rev. Marvin Clark, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Bill Williams, pastor of Live Oak Baptist Church, burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born July 24, 1897, in Lexington, Tenn., she married Ed Mays of Fort Worth Dec. 15, 1915, in Merkel. Mrs. Mays moved with her family to Merkel in 1904.

Survivors include her husband; four sisters, Mrs. Frank Hale and Mrs. A. W. Woods of Trent, Mrs. Ruth York of Merkel, and Mrs. Claude Rossom of Taft; and one brother, Jack Pomeroy of Oklahoma City.

Pa'bearers were Pete Rutledge, Lovel Rutledge, Bruno Ueckert, Leo Harris, D. B. Bowen, and Bob Gilmer.

Results of the Merkel Duplicate Bridge Club session held at the Country Club on July 11, were Mabel Lillus and Mrs. Jeff Haynie, first; Mrs. W. T. Sadler and Roy Daziel, second; Bob Richards and Mrs. Roy Daziel, third; and Isadore Mellinger and James K. Graham, fourth.

Results of the six weeks series that ended last Thursday night were Lt. John Potter, first; Mrs. Roy Daziel, second; Bob Preston, third and Mrs. W. T. Sadler, fourth.

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Rules of the contest require the chapter or club sponsoring its sweetheart to furnish the West Texas Fair a composition of not more than 100 words, stating why she should be selected as the 1963 Official Sweetheart.

Duncan is in business for himself in Abilene. He is a designer, a graduate of Coleman High School and the University of Texas. He has been producer and director of the Miss Abilene Pageant for the past three years.

The sweetheart of the West Texas Fair is selected on the following basis: Beauty, Personality, Scholastic Rating and Achievements. Duncan said the deadline for entries in the contest is August 10, 1963, and he would like for all entries to be in by this date.

The 1962 Fair Sweetheart, Miss Suzy Dooley, Anson FFA Chapter's entry and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dooley, of Anson, will assist Duncan with host duties and reign as Official Sweetheart until the 1963 Sweetheart is officially crowned.

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## Merkel - Tye Listed On Honor Roll

Tommy McAninch, Merkel, and William Horace Wright of Tye, were listed among the 115 honor students for the spring semester of McMurry College, released recently by Dr. Joe C. Humphrey, academic dean of McMurry.

The honor roll is composed of students who take a minimum of twelve semester hours or about four courses. To qualify one must make a 2.5 average, roughly, a grade of "A" in half of the courses and "B" in the others, Dr. Humphrey said.

The total number of honor students cannot exceed 10 per cent of the full student body.

## District 17 Meeting at H-SU

Between 700 and 1,000 Baptist men from a dozen counties are expected at Hardin - Simmons University in Abilene July 29 for the annual rally of the District 17 Baptist Brotherhood.

Featured on the program of the afternoon and evening rally will be Dr. James H. Landis, president of Hardin - Simmons. Dr. Landis will deliver two addresses, announced Lowell Queen, district president.

The program will begin at 3:30 p.m. in the H-SU Chapel Auditorium. It will recess about 5:30 for a steak dinner in the University Cafeteria, and will resume at 7 p.m. Queen said. Dr. Landis will speak at each session.

In addition, the program will include a talk by L. H. Tapscott of Dallas, secretary of the Texas Baptist Brotherhood, a panel discussion on "Christian Witnessing," and a demonstration of Royal Ambassador (boys) campcraft presented by the Rev. Lewis Markwood of Lueders and a team of RA members.

Music director for the rally will be Kenneth Hill, alumni director for H-SU. Jerry Malone, music and education director for the Southside Baptist Church in Abilene, will be accompanist. Clifford Leddy of Abilene, past district president, and Carlton Holder of Cisco, president of the Cisco Baptist Association Brotherhood, also will assist with the program.

Theme for the rally will be "We Be Brethren," taken from Genesis 42:32, Queen said.

Baptist District 17 counties to be represented at the rally are Knox, Kent, Stonewall, Haskell, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Stephens, Eastland, Callahan, Nolan and Taylor.

## Announcement

A high school band rehearsal is scheduled for July 18 at 7:30 in the high school auditorium.

## KENNETH JOINES REPLACES BORDEN

Kenneth Joines has replaced E. M. Borden Jr. as minister in the Church of Christ in Merkel.

Prior to coming to Merkel Joines was Church of Christ minister in Elizabethtown, Ky.

He has attended Central Christian College in Barbesville, Okla., and David Lipscomb College in Nashville, Tenn. He plans to further his education at Abilene Christian College in Abilene.

Joines has served churches in Butte, Mont.; Claremore, Okla.; Augusta, Kan.; Sebring, Fla., and Elizabethtown, Ky.

He is a native of Kentucky. "We have found the people of Merkel very friendly and congenial in every way," Joines said.

He and his wife, Jan, and their three children are at home at 1408 Sunset.

Mr. Joines is one of two full-time ministers supported by the Merkel Church, Bob Tipton and

## Ranks and Badges Awarded To Merkel Boy Scouts



AT CAMP TONKAWA — These nine boys were among 23 scouts that attended Camp Tonkawa. From left to right they are Wally Knight, Alan Reed, Tim Beasley, Bob Hammond, Frankie Gilmer and Dee Warren. In the background is Paul Carson and David Hammond.

## VIEWING ECLIPSE MAY ENDANGER EYES

There will be an eclipse of the sun visible all over the United States on Saturday, July 20.

According to the American Medical Association one should not look at the eclipse without obtaining expert guidance on how to do it without injuring your eyes.

Dark sun glasses are no protection. There are no filters, generally available, that make safe viewing of an eclipse possible.

Neither sooted or heavy welders glasses are safe for protection. Telescopes and binoculars trained on an eclipse are particularly dangerous. They magnify and intensify the burn.

The AMA has also requested that one shouldn't photograph the eclipse unless he is an experienced professional.

Viewing the eclipse without expert guidance can result in permanent blindness. In some cases there is no immediate sensation of pain before the damage is done. The AMA further adds, "the

## CEMETERY FUND

Donations to the cemetery association last week were: T. F. Morton, Andy E. Brown, Mrs. W. H. Reed, Mrs. Mabel Easterwood, Pioneer Memorial M.Y.F.

## Optimists Plan Pancake Supper

Members of the Merkel Optimist Club will hold an Aunt Jemima pancake supper Friday night, August 2. That is the evening of the First Baptist Church and the Boney Insurance baseball game.

Pancakes will be served before the game time and after the game is over.

Advance tickets will be sold starting Tuesday, July 30. Find an Optimist and buy several.

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## Caroline Cox Among Eleven LVN Candidates

Caroline Cox of Merkel is among 11 licensed vocational nurse candidates to be capped Thursday July 18 at the First Methodist Church in Haskell.

They will be capped by their instructor, Mrs. Anna Kimbrough, RN, in ceremonies beginning at 8 o'clock in the evening.

The candidates have completed the pre-clinical phase of their year-long instruction and will begin floor duty at Haskell County Hospital.

The Rev. Rodney Dowdy, pastor of First Baptist Church of Rule, will be speaker for the ceremony. Also participating will be the Rev. Ellis A. Todd, pastor of First Methodist Church, A. J. Foster, administrator of Haskell County Hospital, will preside at the program.

Other candidates are Mmes. Yvonne Black, Hartense Campbell, Jessie Couch, Willie L. Haynes, Bonnie Loewe, Evelyn Mercer and Lena Petrich, all of Haskell; Mrs. Ruth Ezell and Mrs. Verla Townsend, both of Rife; and Mrs. Lois Howard of Goree.

## Speech Contest Winners Named

Evelyn Kay Holoway, Wylie High School, and David Standard, Jim Ned High School, have been named winners of a public speaking contest sponsored by the Taylor County Farm Bureau.

The students will attend the High School Citizenship Seminar to be held at Sam Houston State Teachers College, Huntsville, August 20-23.

The statewide seminar, with some 100-200 students expected to attend, is sponsored by the Texas Farm Bureau.

Elimination speeches were heard at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Taylor County Courthouse.

Judges were John Clayton, senior at Hardin - Simmons University; Dr. Kenneth Justice, head of the Agricultural Department at Abilene Christian College and Wade Fry, assistant to the president and student counselor at McMurry College.

Other contestants were Barbara McAninch, Trent, and Michal Lee Lanning, also of Trent.

The seminar is designed to "teach Americanism and citizenship" to the delegates.

## 23 Scouts Attend Camp Tonkawa

Eight Merkel Scouts were advanced in rank and twelve received merit badges while attending Camp Tonkawa near Buffalo Gap.

Those advancing in rank were Dee Warren, first class; Tim Beasley, first class; Robert Wilson, star; Alan Reed, life; Wally Knight, life; Paul Carson, life; Tommy Carson, second class; and Frankie Gilmer, second class.

According to W. G. Reed, scout leader, there are a number of accomplishments that must be met before a scout can advance in rank.

The qualification for First Class Scout involves nature study, first aid, cooking, and hiking. A Star Scout is required to have five merit badges in addition to scout spirit and service in the scout troop and community. Life Scout requires at least ten merit badges with five of these being from a required list. Eagle Scout is the highest rank and must have 21 merit badges.

Merit badges were received by Dee Warren, swimming; Pat Warren, life saving and rowing; Walter Tomlinson, life saving and canoeing; Alan Reed, nature, soil and water conservation, rowing and astronomy; Paul Carson, nature, soil and water conservation and rowing.

Also David Hammond, soil and water conservation, archery and astronomy; Hayden Griffen, swimming, nature and canoeing; Tim Beasley, swimming, first aid and astronomy; Bob Hammond, personal fitness and woodcarving; Wally Knight, personal fitness and woodcarving; and Robert Wilson, cooking, woodcarving and astronomy.

Two boys were selected as candidates for the Order of the Arrow, a Scout camping fraternity. They will be going to Camp Tonkawa July 19th where they must undergo initiation before they become official members.

There was a total of 23 scouts that attended the camp. Among those previously mentioned was Wayne Carey, Wayne Cypert and Mike Walker.

## Rites Set For Former Merkelite

James E. Patterson, 67, of Fort Worth, a former Merkel resident, died Tuesday morning in Fort Worth.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Howard Marcom, pastor of First Methodist Church here, officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Patterson, a retired mechanic, moved from the Merkel area to Fort Worth about 1940. He had made his home there since.

Surviving are two sons, Luther and James L., both of Fort Worth; three daughters, Mrs. Joyce Riley of Fort Worth and Mrs. Peggy Jean Ohler and Mrs. Nelda Sue Guthrie of Tulsa, Okla.; and 15 grandchildren.

## WSCS Meets In Chapel

The Women's Society of Christian Service met in the chapel of the Methodist Church, Tuesday, July 16, for the regular monthly business meeting.

Mrs. Vernon Hudson was in charge of the business session. Devotional was given by Mrs. Tom Largent on "Peace Between God and Man."

The meeting was closed with the song "God Will Take Care of You" and a prayer by Mrs. Howard Marcom.

## Airman Thomas Carroll In AECP At Penn State

A Strategic Air Command Airman, Thomas B. Carroll, at Dyess, will enroll this fall at Pennsylvania State University. According to Mr. Fred McGinn, base education officer, AIC Carroll has been accepted under the Airmen's Education and Commissioning Program (AECP) for training leading to a bachelor's degree in mathematics.

Airman Carroll submitted application to the Air Force Institute of Technology for training under AECP, a program set up to allow qualified airmen the opportunity to become officers. Under AECP an airman is given two years, at government expense, to obtain a degree and upon graduation is commissioned as a second lieutenant.

Since his enrollment at McMurry College in September 1961, Carroll has accumulated 41 semester hours with a 2.3 grade point average. Twenty-seven of the 41 hours are in mathematics with a 2.7 (based on a three point system) average. He became an associate member of Sigma Pi Sigma, the national physics honor society, in May 1963.

In August Airman Carroll and his wife, Marie Ann, will take a short leave in his home

### BANK NOTES ..... by Malcolm

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town of Bethlehem, Pa. After his leave Carroll will travel 150 miles upstate to the Penn State campus where he will study for the next two years.

Hal Burk of Cisco; Mr. and Mrs. James Hale, Shirley and Mike of Midland; and Donna Watts of Abilene.

The Rev. and Mrs. T. E. Moore and Fay were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Pick Payne.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. John Kensey and children from Dyess Air Force Base. They have moved to the W. J. Burton place near the gas plant.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Baker,

Amarillo, and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Baker and children of Lubbock, spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones. They all attended the Smith reunion Sunday at De Leon.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn attended a bridal shower for their daughter, Mrs. Brenda Horten at the Methodist Church in Tye Friday night.

They also attended a supper for the Lions Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Nicholas and children attended the Stephens reunion at State Park Sunday, July 7.

Perkins, Buffalo Gap; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jones, Sweetwater; Mrs. Holland, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Borden E. Perkins and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ridenbaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown, and Mrs. Kate Phillips, all of Merkel.

A total of 55 attended the reunion.

Chico, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. J. Riney, Slaton; Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Bridges, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Walker and Julie, Breckenridge; Mr. Guthrie Richie, Dona Ana, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Baker, Mrs. Ann Miller, Mr. Bartie Reynolds, Mr. Ray Reynolds, Mr. Cramer Reynolds, and Mrs. Irvin Thompson, all of Merkel.

### VISITORS IN BARNES HOME

Visiting in the home of Mrs. E. B. Barnes and L. D. were Mrs. Perry Townsend and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bartel and children, Bill and Cathy, of Lampasas; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Richie of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Richie and Freddie, of Noodle; the Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Smith,

Mrs. Lois Dunn, Lovington, New Mexico, visited her aunt, Mrs. W. M. Elliott.

## Perkins Reunion Held at Noodle

The children of Mrs. C. F. Thompson of Abilene, formerly of Merkel met at the Perkins reunion Sunday at the Noodle School Cafeteria.

Those attending the reunion were Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Perkins, Raymondville; Mr. and Mrs. Tillman Howell, Austin; Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Bristol and Larry, Bryan; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Perkins, Arlington; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Perkins, Napa, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Perkins and children of Merkel; and Mrs. Robert Rupp and children of Perry, Okla.

Also Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Perkins and children, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Perkins and baby, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wheeler and children, all of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Perkins and daughter, Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Perkins and children, Midland.

Others attending were Ronald

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**STITH NEWS**

By MRS. FRITZ HALE

Stith community received 40 inches of rain Saturday night. The feed has been suffering for rain.

W. M. Loflin was not taken to John Sealy Hospital. He is still in Merkel Hospital.

Mrs. Ray Mashburn, Rodney and Mrs. Royce Mashburn visited Mrs. Sonny Horton at Lawn Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Mashburn left Wednesday for their home in Richland, Washington, after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mashburn and Rodney of Stith and her mother, Mrs. John Shaw of Hawley.

Mrs. Ray Mashburn surprised her sister with a birthday supper at Cobb Park. Those attending were Royce Mashburn, Washington; Mrs. John Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Meeks and daughters, and M. J. Shaw, all of Hawley; Mr. and Mrs. Warren Shaw and children, all of Hawley; Mr. and Mrs. Warren Shaw and children of Abilene; Stanley Shaw of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn, Rodney and Barney Berry of Stith.

Kathy Thomas had her tonsils removed at Sadler Hospital. She is doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Broughton of Lamesa visited Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs Sunday.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale and Sandra this week were Mr. and Mrs.



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Several years later, one of Silver's sons was bred to two cows, Pigeon and Mottle. From this union the Hereford breed emerged in 1742.

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**CLASS OF '43** — The Merkel High School class of 1943 had their first class reunion in the Community Center in Merkel. Seated, from left to right, they are Thresa Dulin Vest, Patsy O'Kelly, Avalene Matthews Price, Mary Jo Hutchins Clark, Johnnie McDonald Dismuke, Wanda McCoy Haisler, Sue Morgan Collins, and Frances Harwell Carey. Center row, Mrs. Don Hutcheson, Evelyn McCormick Hudgens, Mrs. Waymon Rutledge, Mrs. Belon Sedberry, Mrs. Judd McReynolds, Mrs. R. V. Clark, Mrs. Deverle Higgins, Nedra Swafford Pilant, Esther Farr Carson and Willie Vir-din Cornett. Standing, Waymon Rutledge, Belon Sedberry, Judd McReynolds, R. V. Clark, Deverle Higgins, Gthel O'Kelly, Howard Carson, C. J. Cornett, and Clarence Collins. (Photo by Don Hutcheson)

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gant, Dr. Billy G. Gant, has recently been promoted to Lt. Col. He is presently chief of medicine and cardiology at the United States Air Force Base Hospital in Elmendorf, Alaska. The Gants went to Alaska in 1961 and are expected to return in the summer of 1964.

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The Citizenry of America is organizing an all-out elimination of a two-footed, two-armed, two-eyed, too careless bug known as the litter bug.

To the military man or woman the fight against the litter-bug isn't new. From basic training and "boot" camp to the decks of proud and mighty aircraft carriers, clean-up and pick-up details are regular duty. The war against the litter-bug on some military establishments usually costs a littering officer or enlisted man much mental pain and anguish despite the fact that military littering in most cases is accidental. It doesn't pay the serviceman or woman to be forgetful.

A national anti-littering organization is marking its tenth anniversary this year with a slogan "KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL."

President John F. Kennedy has said in connection with this, "I don't think there is anything that could occupy our attention with more distinction than trying to preserve for those who come after us this beautiful country which we have inherited."

The United States Department of Commerce is co-operating with the National Conference to Keep America Beautiful; to preserve and improve America's scenic and man-made beauty through a continuing program of public education; and to instill in every citizen a feeling of pride and responsibility for the appearance of his country.

The military man knows the value of cleanliness and, knowing that the United States is very much his country, also adopts the anti-littering slogan; in fact takes the next step and is "KEEPING AMERICA FREE AND CLEAN." (AFPS)

**Badges OK'd  
For Mess Dress**

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — The Air Force has authorized wear of miniature replicas of guided missile insignia, parachutist badges, and doctor, dentist, nurse and chaplain corps insignia on the mess dress uniform. A revised edition of AFM 35-

10, scheduled for distribution to the field shortly contains the rules for wearing the miniature badges.

Other changes announced in the revised manual include rules for wearing certain Merchant Marine awards on the service uniform, the standard Air Force name tag, Department of Defense identification badge, and the newly approved women's two-piece cotton polyester summer service dress.

**HOME DEMONSTRATION NOTES**

By LORETA ALLEN

Are you busy watering your lawn these days? Watering is the maintenance practice that most often is done incorrectly. Lawns should never be watered until the grass shows a definite need. Grass suffering from lack of moisture takes on a definite sheen and the plants wilt and curl. When this occurs, the lawn should be soaked thoroughly to a depth of 6 inches or more. Soaking the lawn until topsoil and subsoil moisture meet would be ideal. Apply water only as fast as the soil can absorb it. Light sprinklings are never recommended except during excessively hot spells following a prolonged period of heavy rainfall. Light daily sprinklings during this time reduce scalding.

Deep watering of 6 inches or more encourages development of a deep root system capable of utilizing more efficiently the nutrients available deep in the soil.

Light frequent sprinklings produce shallow, weak root systems which encourage weed invasion. Shallow rooting does not allow efficient utilization of plant food or moisture in the soil. Disease incidence is more likely to be severe under conditions which produce shallow rooting. Light sprinklings continued over a long period may make the maintenance of a good lawn prohibitive. Water the lawn for a healthy root system during excessively dry periods in the winter, because the root system is still alive.

The 4-H girls and leaders have been very busy this week getting ready for the 4-H Dress Revue Thursday night, July 18, to be held at Lytle Shores Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. You have a special invitation to attend.

Many people have been calling our office for a cucumber pickle recipe using lime. It is found in our bulletin B-188, "Pickles and Relishes" which contains many other recipes. You may have a copy by requesting it. The recipe for the cucumber pickles is as follows:

**SWEET CUCUMBER PICKLE STICKS**  
10 pounds cucumbers (1 peck)  
2 cups/slaked lime.

**Swafford - Webb  
Repeat Vows**

Miss Dot Swafford and Kenneth D. Webb, both of Houston, exchanged nuptial vows Saturday, June 8, 1963, in Woodlawn Christian Church in San Antonio. The Rev. Jerry Johnson officiated.

The bride, daughter of the late Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford of Merkel was given in marriage by her brother, Max E. Swafford. She wore a suit of white silk with hat to match, and carried a bouquet of white carnations centered with a white orchid.

Mrs. James O. Pilant, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Myra Pilant, ringbearer, Scott Anderson, of Houston, assisted as best man. Ushering were Tommy Swafford, of San Antonio, and Larry Swafford, of Hobbs, New Mexico.

After a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Swafford, Mr. and Mrs. Webb departed for a wedding trip to Grand Canyon, Arizona, and Western Colorado, including Ouray, "The Switzerland of America."

The couple are residing at 8719 Winningham Lane, Houston 77055, Texas.

**PERSONALS**

Dinner guests in the Lige Harris Home Sunday were A2C Joe B. Wilson, A2C James Gregory, A2C Robert A. Chapman, Kay Whitehead, Reta Cumby, Kay Mosley and Donna Rissey.

Mr. and Mrs. Truett Patterson and children, Mary, Jane and Mark have returned to their home in Indianapolis, Ind. after a two week visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson.

Table Harris, brother of Lige Harris, passed away last week and was buried at Salina, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Smiley and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Smiley of Roaring Springs visited over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Riney, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pee and Sallie Gant.

**HOSPITAL NEWS**

Admissions to the hospital for the week of Sunday, July 7 to Saturday, July 13 include:

- Mrs. H. B. Harwell, Abilene
- N. C. Bush
- Alice Bigham, Abilene
- Mrs. R. T. Smith
- Mrs. Minnie Howard
- Mrs. Minnie Jackson
- Mrs. Luther Land
- Mrs. J. A. McWilliams
- Ernest Douglas
- L. A. Dudley
- Dismissals for the same time were:
- Mrs. J. A. Horton
- Mrs. John Townsend, Fort Worth
- Mrs. J. E. Bagley, Abilene
- Earl Baze
- J. G. Kinsey
- Mrs. Bob Riney
- Larry Dalziel
- Danny Dalziel
- Mrs. O. H. Davis
- Harold Warren, Richardson
- Ernest Neff
- Mrs. George Denman
- Kathy Thomas
- Mrs. Cramer Reynolds
- Lyndon Coats, Midland.

**Club Meets In  
Dunagin Home**

The Past Matrons and Past Patrons Club met in the home of Mrs. Lena Dunagin, with Mmes. Dunagin, Ana Bell Shouse and Jewell Dunagin as hostesses.

May Seago, the president, was in charge of the meeting. Fern Windham gave the society report and Blanch Taft led the prayer.

Questions and answers were presented on the Constitution; the secret work was given by Mrs. Seago.

Blanch Taft and Edna Earl Simmons were initiated.

A report was given by Una Mae Hayes, on her visit to an O.E.S. chapter in Wisconsin.

Refreshments were served to Fern Windham, Mae Seago, Inez Pratt, Viola Ensminger, Altha Miller, Ana Mae Hayes, Ana Bell Shouse, Blanch Taft, Estell Humpherys, Edna Earl Simmons, Jewel Dunagin, Wilma Robertson and Lena Dunagin.

The next meeting will be hosted by Mrs. Taft.

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# AF Education Program Expands For Officers

Mr. Fred McGinn, base education officer, reports that the Air Force has recently approved an education program designed to raise the educational level of officers to at least a baccalaureate degree. The program objectives will be put into force over a period of ten years.

According to Mr. McGinn, the primary purpose of the new program, as announced by the Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala., is to provide the Air Force with enough professionally-trained officers to meet its changing requirements.

While most of the burden for implementing this program lies with the Air University, Dyess is continually striving to increase the educational opportunities on this base. Mr. McGinn pointed out that the Air University is interested in professional education, which means educating the man for the Air Force mission. The objective at Dyess is the liberal academic education which is an increased knowledge in all fields rather than in those only concerned primarily with the particular mission.

Some of the changes include the following: officers attending military professional schools commensurate with their rank; special advancement methods of instruction, including the use

of television; selection of only the highest qualified officers for military schooling; provisions for language training for officers who need it for their duty assignments; raising the level of military faculties, and the commencement of studies pertinent to the future development of future education.

## Mrs. Ray Hosts Compere Hd Club

The Compere Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. I. B. Ray.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Hunter; Mrs. Turner led in prayer.

Roll call was answered with "What I Like Best at a Fair." For recreation the group told how each met their husband.

Mrs. Ab Hunter was elected to attend the state meeting.

It was decided in the business meeting not to have a booth at the Anson Fair.

Mrs. Ray presented the program on "Something new in pies and salads."

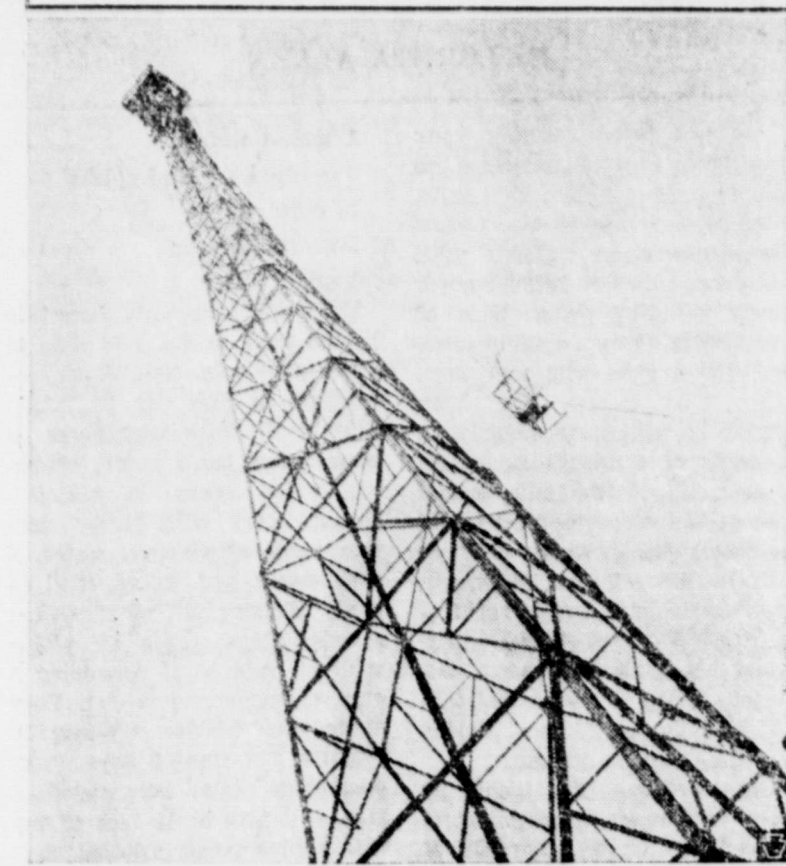
These pies and salads were served as refreshments to the following members: Mmes. Ray, Allred, Hunter, Touchstone, Turner and Vancil.

Also present were Faylene and Kim Vancil and Kyel Wade.

The next regular meeting will be September 12 in the home of Mrs. Kenneth Vancil.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Crane visited with the Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Caffey and family Mr. and Mrs. Crane are Mrs. Caffey's parents.

## This Trip Was Necessary Tall Tower Travels to Texas



Humble Oil & Refining Company moved this steel tower, tall as a 20-story building, from New England to Texas to take part in the company's continuing, \$5 million-a-year campaign for clean air and water in the communities where it operates. A stack the same

height also made the long trip. They were dismantled at Everett, Mass., near Boston, and transported more than 1,600 miles, to be reassembled near Houston, at the Baytown refinery of Humble, the nation's largest oil refiner and marketer. Replacing a shorter tower and stack, the new equipment will result in more efficient dispersal of vapors, high above the ground, if an emergency requires the venting of vapors

through safety valves. The 250-foot tower is in the final stages of construction at a Baytown refinery processing unit. The slender stack, still to be erected within the tower, needs the support the tower will give it against high winds. Moved by rail, both pieces of equipment served a refining unit no longer in use at Humble's Everett plant.

### Up The Canyon

By TOM RUSSOM

livan of Pioneer Church are directing services at the Butman youth camp this week.

Farmers from a large area gathered at Mrs. R. G. Toombs place this week to hoe her cotton. Some 26 people took part in the working. Dinner was served at the home.

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Well, we missed a good chance of getting rain early Sunday morning. It showered across the canyon; in some places up to a half an inch, but it didn't help much.

The early feed is really needing rain now, and it will be burning in a few days if rain doesn't come.

Buddy Huff and his brother, Leo, of the Boyd Ranch, sold their lambs this week in San Angelo. One group weighed 65 pounds and the other group 78 pounds per head. They reported the price was a little weaker than a few days ago.

There is expected, if the dry weather should hold on, to be a lot of lambs going to market in a few days. Perhaps the calves will be going to market too.

E. C. Ray said the dry weather was causing the hay baling to slow down.

In our area people haven't baled much hay yet; some late feed would be baled if rain would come.

Clarence Melton said they were in the Winters and Ballinger area over the weekend and the early feed was ready to harvest, the late feed was burning up, and cotton was not so good.

The crops around Blair are the best we have seen in our area.

The 4-H boys and girls had their regular meeting at the club center Monday night. The assistant agent showed a film on how to dress properly.

The Butman youth camp is busy this week since a large number of boys and girls are attending camp.

Mr. Norris, superintendent of Sweetwater schools, is directing some of the camping.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Woodard and family of Merkel were visitors at Pioneer Church Sunday.

The Rev. and Mrs. Lary Sul-

## Mrs. Cox Hosts Class Party

Mrs. Johnny Cox was hostess to the Gleaner Class Party held in her home.

The party was begun with a

sing song led by Mrs. Lelle Pratt Bown with Mrs. Ruth Anderson at the piano.

A prayer was led by Iva Bac-

cus. The devotional, "Old Tales May Hold A Clue to World Troubles," was read by Mrs. Denzil Cox.

Mrs. Velma Largent, vice presi-

dent was in charge of the business meeting.

Refreshments were served to Mmes. Grime, Gaitner, Ferrier, Smith, Tipton, Ensinger, Brown, Cox, Douglas, Anderson, Baccus, Stamford, McElmurry, Ciek, Largent and Misses Ridenbough and McRee.

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#### ASSETS

1. Cash, balances with other banks, and cash items in process of collection	\$ 739,179.55
2. United State Government obligations, direct and guaranteed (Net of any reserves)	1,096,161.54
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions (Net of any reserves)	719,287.01
5. Corporate stocks (including \$9,000.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank) (Net of any reserves)	9,000.00
6. Loans and discounts (including \$879.47 overdrafts) (Net of any reserves)	1,075,491.83
7. Bank premises owned \$75,000.00, furniture and fixtures \$25,000.00	100,000.00
12. TOTAL ASSETS	\$3,739,119.93

#### LIABILITIES

13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$3,215,288.22
15. Deposits of United States Government including postal savings	86,359.82
16. Deposits of states and political subdivisions	90,093.04
19. Certified and officers' checks, etc.	8,571.85
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$3,400,312.93
(a) Total demand deposits	3,400,312.93
24. TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$3,400,312.93

#### CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

25. Capital Stock: (a) Common stock, total par	\$ 150,000.00
26. Surplus	150,000.00
27. Undivided profits	38,807.99
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	338,807.99
30. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$3,739,119.93

#### MEMORANDUM

31. Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes 256,891.23  
I, Geo. T. Moore, Cashier, of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this report of condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(s) GEO. T. MOORE

We, the undersigned directors attest the correctness of this report of condition and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge is true and correct.

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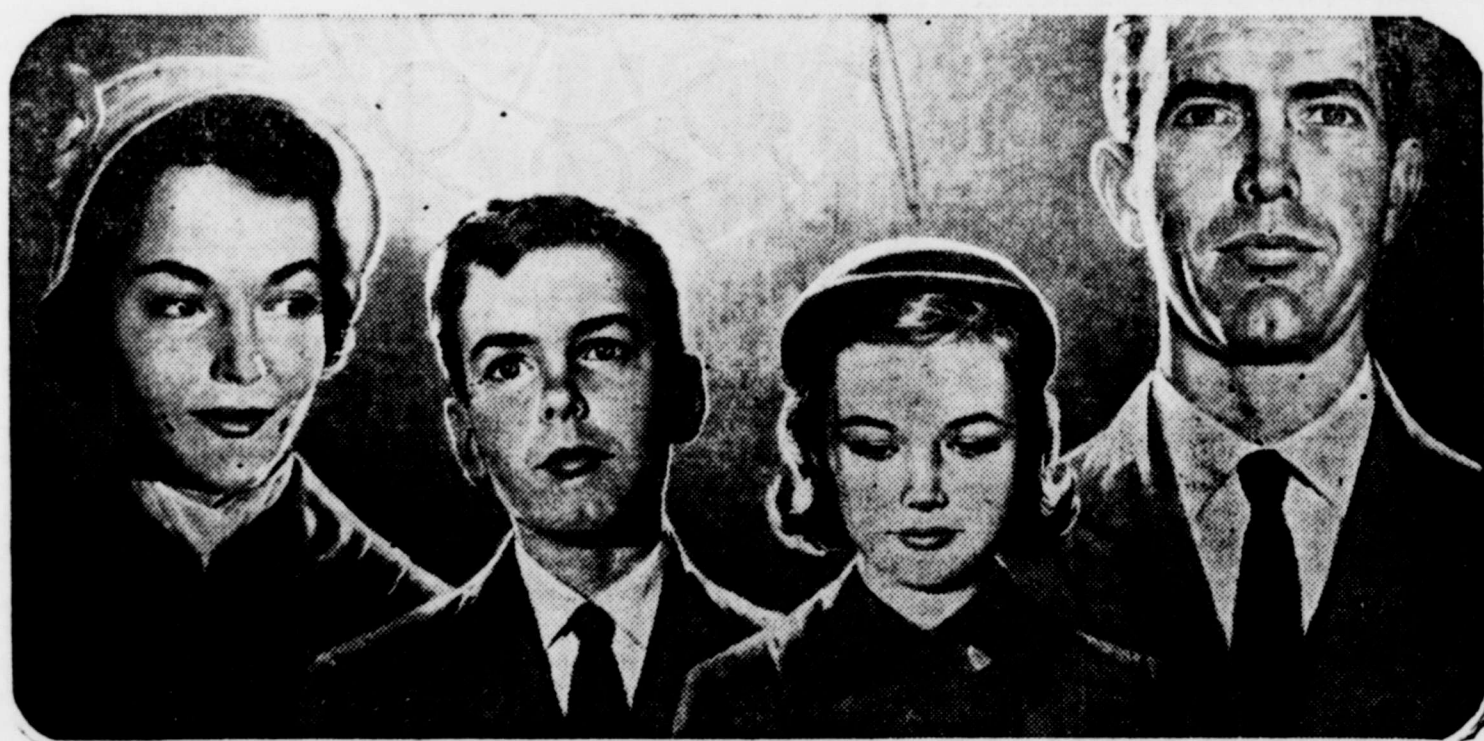
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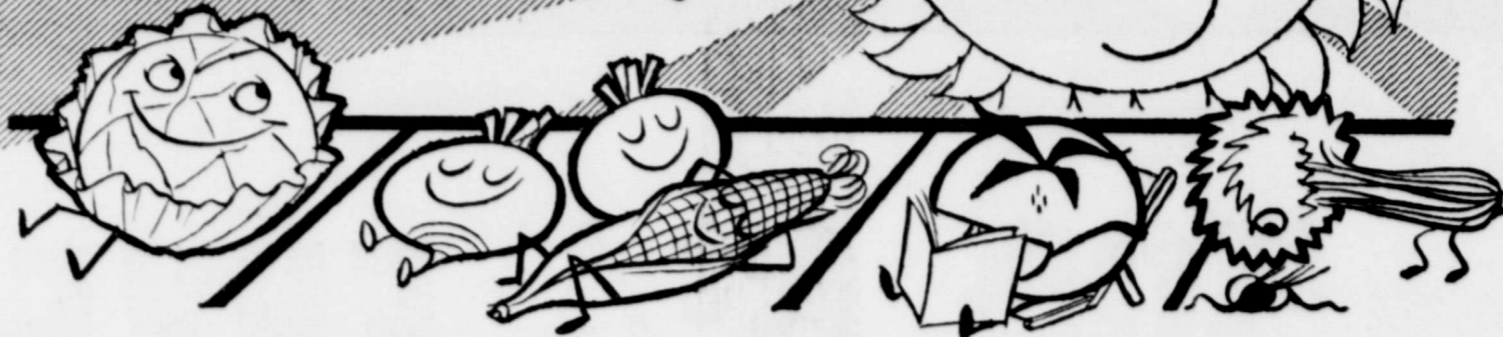
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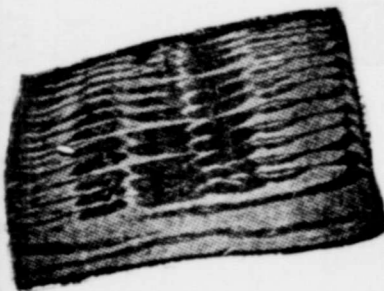
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