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By H. T. Elmo

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B. B. BUT, MISTER....

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PUGGY

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DID THE CROOK GET AWAY?

I'LL SAY HE DIDN'T!

MRS. JONES THOUGHT IT WAS HER HUSBAND AND SMACKED HIM OVER THE HEAD WITH A GOLF CLUB!

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 Page Two Thursday, Nov. 23, 1972

New Explorer Post Is Formed

There is a new Explorer Post forming in Abilene, It will be Post #92 which will have the special interest of audio, such as stereo kit building, learning to make quality tape recordings, 3 tracks reel to reel, cassette, etc.

The Post is open to youth 15 to 18 years old and to 14 year olds attending high school.

William R. Steinert, who is the Post Advisor, pointed out that it will be possible to obtain a 3rd class radio operator's license. The license will enable the holder to operate broadcasting equipment. "KFMN Radio has concented to be our sponsor and will advise us in learning to operate the equipment," said Steinert.

An explorer post is an organization associated with Scouts but geared toward young adults and their interests. No scouting experience is required to become an explorer. An explorer post is a coed organization open to both young men and young women.

Persons interested in joining the new post are asked to meet at KFMN Radio Station in the Alexander Building, 7th floor at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 27. The Alexander building is located at the corner of N. 1st and Pine in Abilene.

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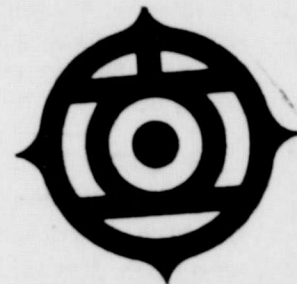
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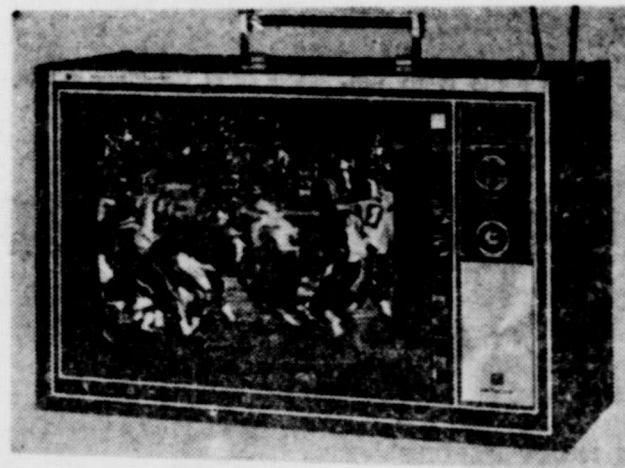
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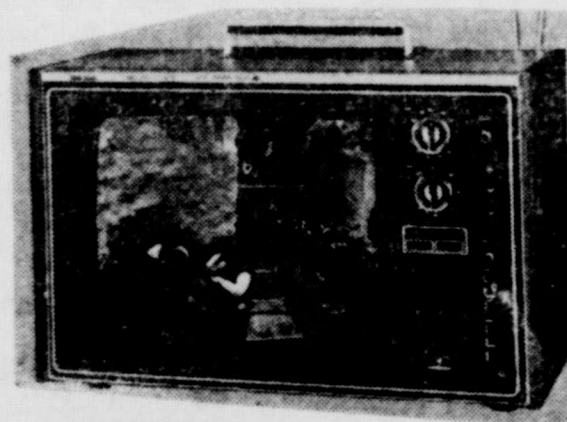
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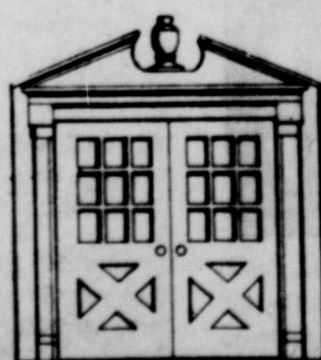
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THE GORILLA GROWL

By ALLEN GREGORY

Friday, November 17 started out as a big day for the "Fightin' Gorillas" and all their fans. Everyone was in a high spirited mood and everything seemed to be just perfect. Posters were placed on nearly every corner of the gym and up and down the halls. The people here all felt that feeling of being a winner, but fate had a different idea in store for us and it was extremely disappointing. That feeling of winning was soon interrupted with the agony of defeat. Things just didn't seem to want to function adequately at O'Brien and they didn't.

It was obvious that the O'Brien Bulldogs were out to wallopp the Gorillas and that they did. The Gorillas put up a great battle but just didn't get enough momentum, aroused to come home victorious. The Bulldogs scored first and never let the Gorillas catch up. The Gorillas showed them that they didn't give up easily, but neither did they. The final score was Trent 12 - O'Brien 48. The O'Brien Bulldogs now advance to Bi-District while the Gorillas put their uniforms away for this year and turn to another sport - Basketball. Hopefully, the Gorillas

will have better luck here. We have the potential for a great basketball team and plan to let all opponents to know about it.

As the hush of football season's end falls over the Gorilla Stadium, these following young men will hang up their blue and gold jerseys forever (which always makes us nostalgic - for we know that next year, we'll be missing them - and remembering: Tim Golson, Bill Hamner, Monty Heatly, Khris James and Roy Lee Sharp.

All of our good wishes and prayers are with Steve Bland, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bland and quarterback for the Gorilla football team. At this writing, he is in Hendrick Hospital in Abilene as a result of injuries received in the 3rd quarter of the O'Brien game, Nov. 17. This was Steve's 16th birthday. His broken leg will be in a cast for quite a while. I understand, Hurry and come back, Steve!

When you hear the word "Cheerleader" around the halls of Trent High School, you immediately think of four energetic and spirited girls who give "100 per cent" in doing their part and more to keep up spirit for the members of the Gorillas Team, the coaches and the fans. In addition to decorating the halls each week and planning pep rallies, last week before the Homecoming game, these girls, Judy Brnovak and Becky Bryan - Seniors Tina Hamner - Junior and Becky Freeman - Sophomore made sure that each member of the team received individual attention. They made each boy a brown pillow case with their name, number, weight, and a "Fight Slogan" on it in white and gold liquid embroidery. These pillowcases were delivered to each boy's room at his home - and provided for each a most pleasant surprise. These girls are to be commended on their hard work and dedication.

This past week was Spirit Week for the Gorillas and there were awards given to the Most Spirited Teacher and Most Spirited Class. The Cheerleaders had the task of choosing the Most Spirited Teacher and some task it turned out to be! The teachers really went to work, even up to the final day. The teachers did such a good job and there was difficulty in choosing the best one, so the Cheerleaders had to figure out a solution. The solution really surprised everyone. The solution they came up with was a tie. The winning teachers were Mrs. Jan Cogburn, Junior Sponsor and Mrs. Vicky Adkins, 7th grade sponsor.

The teachers had to choose the Most Spirited Class and the winning class was the Senior Class.

The Trent Chapter of the FFA held a meeting Friday morning, under the sponsorship of Mr. Jon Henderson, Vocational Agriculture instructor at Trent High. In freshman Ag, the following five boys received the Green Hand degree. Tim Reed, Mickey Moses, David Hackney, Bob Reed and Rocky McKinney. The Green Hand degree is the first degree you can accomplish in FFA, being able

to recite the creed and being regularly enrolled in Vocational Agriculture. Receiving the Chapter Farmers Degree were Steve Bland, John Slaughter, Randy Scott, Alvis Moses, Jeffrey Wells, Lonnie Mitchell, Billy Beaver, Tom E. Evans, Weldon Beaver and Mac Sipe. Requirements for this degree are being able to lead group discussions for fifteen minutes; earning at least \$50.00 in Supervised Occupational Experience Program; or having \$50.00 productively invested in a project.

FFA members discussed plans for the Trent Stock Show which will be held in January and Junior superintendents were appointed by an Executive Committee. The group made plans to meet in the School Library at 7:30 Monday night to elect the Senior Superintendents (adults).

One of the most faithful, as well as the cutest Gorilla - backers is the little Mascot for the team and Cheerleaders, prissy "Missy" Simpson, 5 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Simpson. She's made all of the pep rallies and the games - stayed right out there with the "big" girls, through all kinds of weather that this football season brought - and she's a doll!

With everyone receiving their report cards last week in Trent, some parents may be bewildered by those comments the teacher wrote on their youngsters report card. The following is a "spoo" translation on those comments:

"Michael does not socialize well." (This means Mike is always beating some other kid's brains out.)

"John is progressing very well for him." (Don't feel so happy, Pappy - this means Johnny is a dope. He's 12 years old and he's

just learning 2 and 2 make 4, which as teacher points out, is progress - for him.)

"Frank's personality evidences a lack of social integration." (This is a nice way of saying Frank is a stinker.)

"Oscar shows a regrettable lack of self - control." (This means Oscar doesn't do what teacher wants. Self control means how much control the teacher has over ole Oskie.)

"Henry seems emotionally immature." (Get out little Hank's birth certificate. Mother - this means that teacher thinks you lied about his age to get him in school.)

"Jerome participates very fully in class discussions." (This may be good or bad. It means that Jerry never shuts his big yap. Perhaps he'll grow up to be a salesman.)

"James is an individualist." (Another nice way of saying James is a trouble maker.)

"David does not harmonize well with his group." (This has nothing to do with his voice. Teacher means that he can't get along with his classmates, or, everybody in the class is out of step but Davey boy.)

"Richard's work indicates a lack of mastery over the upper ranges of the fundamental combinations necessary for arithmetical computations." (Don't rush to a psychiatrist! Just teach Dick his 7, 8 and 9 tables - he doesn't know them.)

"Nathan's lack of muscular coordination prevents him from participating fully in body - building activities." (Cut down on the calories Mom - Nat's too fat to play games.)

"Robert is a well adjusted, wholesomely integrated individual." (Jackpot, brother, you're in. Bobby is teacher's pet!)

When the Trent Gorillas stopped for a meal at the Cliff House Restaurant in Stamford after the Trent - O'Brien tilt last Friday night, they were sweetened up with cake, compliments of the Trent Cheerleaders (and I believe Mrs. Frank Brnovak had just a "tad" to do with it.) The treat

was a big surprise; and big in the sense of the word, for it had "Coach Frasier and Coach Cogburn" in the center, had all around the cake each boy's number, designating that special piece of cake for him. All decorated in blue and gold - very pretty - and such a nice thing to do!

Last Monday the Junior High basketballers from Trent journeyed to Buffalo ab. Their first workout was last Saturday, and was

exciting for the youngsters. The results of the game were: Trent girls - 32, Buffalo 10. The boys had a harder time in receiving their victory. They won 12-11. A surprise win for the boys.

We are also very concerned for Mr. Othell O'Kelly, who is having tests run at Hendrick Hospital. We hope things go well for him.

'Til next week, keep a smile on your face.

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MISS BECKY BLAND
 ... engagement announced

Becky Bland, David Odom Set January 13th Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bland, Trent, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Becky to David Hugh Odom, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Seyliff of Kilgore. The wedding is set for January 13 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Abilene.

Becky is a junior student at Tarleton State College, Stephenville, where she is a member of the rodeo, basketball and gymnastic teams. David is a senior business major, and a member of the Tarleton Football team.

Miss Bratcher Named 'Sister of Month'

The Taylor County Young Homemakers chose Sherry Bratcher as their Little Sister for the month of November. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bratcher of Route 2, Merkel, and a Junior in Merkel High School. She has held the office of FHA Treasurer and has served on the Mock Vote Committee for the Straw Poll election held in school

recently. She has played the clarinet in the high school band for the past two years. She is a librarian for the school library and is a member of the M.H.S. Drama Club.

Sherry attends First Baptist Church in Merkel and sings in the church choir. She would like to be a teacher for primary students after completing her education.



SHERRY BRATCHER
 ... selected Little Sister



BILLY JACKSON
 ... on honor roll

Jackson Named To Honor Roll

KEDDVILLE — Billy Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dickerson, formerly of Merkel, is among the record 125 students at Schreiner who academic work during the first quarter has earned for them listing on the honor roll and honorable mention tallies from the dean's office.

Jackson's average of 3.6 (A-) or better qualified him for the higher of the two lists, the honor roll. He is a college sophomore.

GIRL SCOUT

By LOYCE BAKER

Twelve members of Brownie Troop 103 met Tuesday, November 14 at the Scout Hut. Members began painting on projects to be given at Christmas gifts.

Several members have sold all their Girl Scout Calendars. Stacy Seymore served refreshments.

Missionette News

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Missionettes and their families enjoyed an imaginary "Trip to Africa" followed by a weinener roast Friday night, Nov. 10 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Teaff hosts for the meeting.

Those attending were the Joe Swinney family, Val Wiloth family, Debbie, Judy and Allan Glascocks, Thelma and Janet Wade, Mrs. Ransom Price, the Rev. and Mrs. John Curtis, Marie Wheeler and daughters, Lisa and her grandmother, Mrs. John Davis, Billie Walters and family, and the Bill Teaff family. Several visitors were present.

A flannelgraph story was presented by Mrs. Ransom Price. Missionettes met Nov. 18 at the Assembly of God Church. Songs were led by Susan Wheeler, Jewel boxes were made in hand craft. The next meeting will be Sat. Nov. 25 at 2:30 p.m. in the Assembly of God Church.

Open house and house warming for Wayne Adcock will be Sunday, Dec. 3 from 2-5 p.m. at his new home at 801 Ash

Vet Questions & Answers

EDITOR'S NOTE: Veterans and their families are asking thousands of questions concerning the benefits their Government provides for them through the Veterans Administration. Below are some representative queries. Additional information may be obtained at any VA office.

Q — About two years ago, I received VA outpatient treatment for an injury sustained in service and verified by VA. Can I receive treatment again from VA?

A — Yes, if you have established this service-connection with VA. Suggest you apply for treatment again.

Q — Do Social Security benefits reduce a veteran's compensation from VA?

A — No. VA does not count any income against compensation

for service connected disabilities, including Social Security payments. Income is a factor for pensions for non-service connected disabilities, however.

Q — May a veteran pay off a GI loan before date final payment is due?

A — Yes. A VA-guaranteed loan may be partially or fully paid at any time ahead of schedule. However, part payments may not be less than one monthly payment or \$100, whichever is less.

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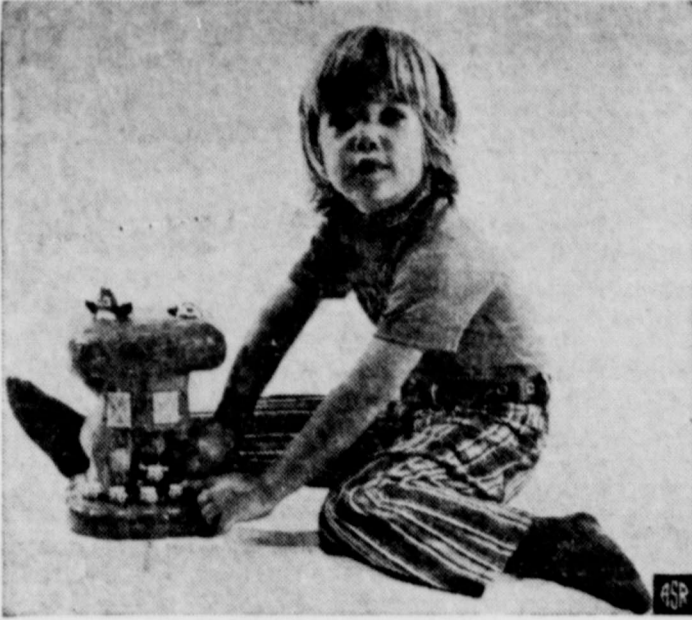
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With a Winnie-the-Pooh Push-Button Hunny Tree from Sears, Roebuck and Co. that visit isn't as impossible as one might think.

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up he pops! Winnie himself is there. The child pushes the hunny pot button and Winnie lifts his hunny pot and makes a "click" sound. But Pooh's not the only one making an appearance. Tigger and Owl pop out of the tree with a "click" and a "tweet." Piglet, Kanga and Roo go "squeek" and "squawk" as shutters pop open to delight the child.

The toy, designed for two to six year olds, is available at most Sears stores and through the company's Christmas catalog.

Sweets Sweeten the Football Action



Sweet treats sweeten the action for football fans — always hungry, and always ready for something new in the snack department. Crunchy confections made with football's own NFL Training Table Foods offer fans a bonus in "football flavor". Take a half-time break with Chewy Nougat Bars. Or serve up a tray of Fruity Cereal Squares (pictured) with mugs of coffee.

CHEWY NOUGAT BARS

3 Tbsps. butter
1/2 lb. marshmallows
4 cups Wheaties
1/2 cup pecans or walnuts, coarsely chopped

1/2 cup shredded coconut
4 squares (4 ozs.) sweet or semi-sweet chocolate, melted

Butter square pan 8 x 8 x 2 inches or 9 x 9 x 2 inches. In a large saucepan melt butter and marshmallows over low heat, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Fold in cereal, nuts and coconut. Turn into prepared pan; pat mixture even in pan with buttered back of spoon. Pour chocolate over top; spread in thin layer. Chill about 1 hour or until set. Cut into bars, 2 x 1 inch. Makes 32.

FRUITY CEREAL SQUARES

1 pkg. (3 ozs.) fruit-flavored gelatin
1/2 cup light corn syrup
Butter 9-inch square pan. In a large saucepan blend gelatin powder, corn syrup and butter. Heat to boiling over medium heat, stirring constantly. Remove from heat; stir in cereal until thoroughly coated. Turn into prepared pan; pat mixture evenly in pan with buttered back of spoon. Cover. Place in refrigerator until set, about 30 minutes. Cut into 1 1/2-inch squares. Makes 3 dozen.

2 Tbsps. soft butter
4 cups Cheerios

NURSING HOME NEWS

By MARY OUTLAW

Mrs. Roberson, Mr. Riggins and Mrs. Davies have been on the sick list. All are improving except Mrs. Davies and we do hope she will be better soon.

Grace Ingram, one of our 2-10 shift aids had eye surgery and after surgery her doctor sent her to the nursing home for care. We appreciate the doctor's interest and we are glad to have her here, but we will be glad when she can be back to work.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Shaw of Gainsville has been visiting her father, William Wines. They are pleased with his care and his contentment here in the home.

Mrs. Spivey visited with her daughter in Abilene this past week.

Our sympathy goes to Imogene Williams, one of our aids who works days, on the loss of her loved one, Keg Isenberg. We have known Keg a long time and I'm sure he will be missed by his loved ones and friends.

Our pear season is almost over but it will be time for turnip and green harvest. So we don't have much time between one fruit or vegetable until another comes along. Seems we never catch up.

The Tye Methodist Church filled their appointment Sunday. They had exchanged with the Pioneer Church. We had a real

good service and thank you all for coming.

Mr. Parsons from the Health Dept. visited the home and found nothing wrong in our Nursing Home. Good work staff.

Mrs. Pauline Haynes of Brownwood, Medical Advisor for the state, visited our home Thursday. We really enjoy her visits. She is such a nice person.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Roys, of Odessa, and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Roys of Dallas visited their parents, Mr and Mrs. Chester McDonald on the weekend.

We wish to thank Lela Gibbs of Cross Plains for the many bushels of pears she gave the home this year. Her being a widow, she gave more than a widows mite. She has always been real nice to the Home. We met her during her friends stay in our Nursing Home and have grown to love her very much. She is past seventy years old, but doesn't look her age even having to walk with a cane due to a fractured hip last year. She even helped pick the pears.

Mrs. Carolyn Davies was admitted to the West Texas Medical Center in Abilene Thursday afternoon. We wish her a speedy recovery.

When the highest section of steel is placed on a large building during construction, the American flag is displayed.

BAGGING THE BUCK

Are deer being over-hunted? According to game management experts employed by Remington Arms Company, deer herds in most states are often underharvested. Even though deer are more prevalent in most areas than ever before in our history, many hunters have a hard time finding them. The reason? Most hunters never stray more than a mile from the road. When hunting season is on, the wise deer move deep into the woods. The daytime hunter must remember that deer like to feed at dawn and dusk... that's when they leave the ridges to drift down to low ground, and that's the best time to bag them.

KITCHEN AIDS

You don't need a magazine-layout kitchen to be an efficient cook. The 3M Company office efficiency experts suggest ways to get your kitchen together: 1) Can't tell basil from oregano? Label your spice jars with Scotch package sealing tape. 2) Organize your canned foods according to category. 3) A loop of Scotch Magic transparent tape will tack your recipe in view while you work. Keeps frequently-used recipes from getting smeary, too. 4) Keep pretty pots and pans in the open on a pegboard. 5) Build a shelf for small appliances so they won't cause counter clutter.

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For further information, including a four-color brochure and dealer listing, send 25¢ to Boler American Corporation, 412 Union National Building, Wichita, Kansas 67202. Information on obtaining dealerships is also available by writing to the same address.

World on Wheels
by Parnelli Jones

Q. My son handles a powerboat extraordinarily well and plans to race next season. Are there any average guys who race powerboats successfully against big guns like Dr. Bob Magoon?

A. Yes, an outstanding example is business executive Bob Sinclair who heads Volvo Western Distributors in Torrance, California. Sinclair isn't your average offshore powerboat racer—at least he doesn't fit the image that most people have of the men who drive the big thousand horsepower brutes. He doesn't have the muscular machismo of many of his competitors. Sinclair is a family man with six children. He doesn't have the hundreds of thousands of dollars that are behind Dr. Magoon. Sinclair thinks the increase in entry fees to \$100 is exorbitant, and he doesn't have hired talent to handle repair and maintenance on his boat. He and a couple of friends do their maintenance after working hours. In fact, that's probably one of the reasons that Sinclair uses a high quality motor oil like Castrol XLR. Anti-wear and anti-scuff agents guard against friction and engine wear. He's also a fan of Castrol's Super Outboard Oil, certified by the Boating Industry Association. In spite of his shoe-string budget, Sinclair is just as successful (more so in some ways) than any of the big name drivers. He's won his class in every race he's ever entered and he recently set a new speed record on the coast of Baja California!

eco-logic
by Sarah Church

BAKING SODA FOR HOLIDAY SCOUR POWER

This is the season of turkey and cranberries and pumpkin pie—and all the family gathered for a feast.

It also means working overtime in the kitchen. With food everywhere, on the stove, in the oven, on countertops and tables, you'll need lots of scour power. There'll be mountains of greasy pots and pans to wipe up. Plus sinks and work surfaces to scrub.

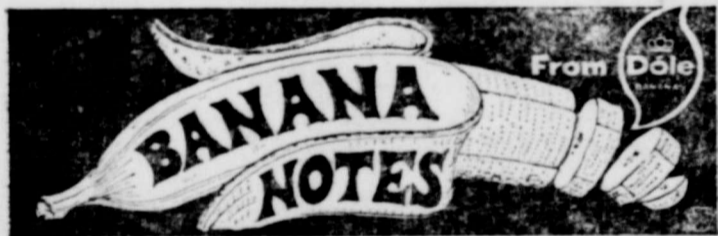
If you're planning to use an ordinary scouring powder for these tasks, think again. Most cleansers contain bleaches, phosphates and other chemicals that are dangerous to use around foods. You have to be very careful where you shake the container, and also be sure no residue remains on utensils or food preparation areas.

The solution is an easy one: use baking soda for these clean-up tasks.

Baking soda emulsifies grease, scours gently but effectively, and won't scratch porcelain or cookware. It's so safe and pure you can brush your teeth with it.

For a handy container, try a plastic squeeze bottle meant for ketchup. A slight squeeze and the soda is directed just where you need it.

Another plus: soda can soothe the aftereffects when you've overindulged at the dinner table!



Quality Dole bananas are an inexpensive, tropical treat available year round. So as not to let those banana bargains go to waste, the food experts at Dole banana kitchens have developed this unusual and delicious way of serving them.

BANANA CREPES

- 4 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1/4 cup melted butter
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup sifted flour
- 8 small Dole bananas
- Sauce
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 cup orange juice
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 teaspoon grated orange peel
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/4 cup Curacao or Grand Marnier liqueur
- 3 tablespoons brandy

For crepes, beat eggs, milk, 1/4 cup melted butter, salt and flour until smooth. Heat an 8-inch skillet, brush with butter. Add 2 tablespoons batter; tilt pan to spread. Cook over moderately low heat until brown on both sides, turning once. Cut bananas into halves lengthwise. Place one-half on each crepe; fold over. Place in chafing dish.

Combine sauce ingredients except brandy; heat to boiling; pour over crepes. Spoon brandy over all. Ignite with match. Spoon flaming liquid over crepes. Makes 8 servings of 2 crepes per person.

Note: For ease of handling crepes, heat and serve half the crepes and sauce in chafing dish; then repeat.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Fredrick Roy Lee Billmeier, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of

the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 11th day of December A.D. 1972, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 25th day of October A.D. 1972, in this cause, numbered 7583 on the docket of said court and styled Ex Parte Opal Marie Billmeier, a minor, Plaintiff.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Dependent & Neglected Child as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 25th day of October A.D. 1972.

(Seal) Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD, Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas By Marie Adkins, Deputy.

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Is Baptism Symbolic and Therefore Unnecessary for Salvation?

There is something "symbolic" ("serving as a sign of relation or connection" Funk & Wagnalls Dictionary). Romans 6:1-18 gives a complete Discussion of this. In verses 3-5 the "symbolic" or "relation" and connection is shown to be the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

1st "death" is discussed. Jesus died because of sin (Matt. 20:28). He died physically to take away the curse of death brought upon us by Adam's sin (Romans 5:12-21) and to take away the hear of death (Heb. 2:15). He died that He might suffer the guilt and punishment of OUR sin (Isa. 53:5; Col. 1:19-22; II Cor. 5:21). Thus it is here in Romans 6 established that to have salvation we too must die to sin... this is of course REPENTANCE to and of sin (Luke 13:3; Romans 2:4).

2ndly, "burial" is discussed. Jesus was of course buried and our baptism is as here discussed "symbolic" of that burial. Baptism then can neither be "sprinkling" nor "pouring" as neither is a "burial." Furthermore the word baptism in the English is taken from the Greek word "baptize" which means "to dip, plunge, immerse." So again the word itself explains that baptism is a "burial" just as the verse explains.

3rdly a "resurrection" is discussed. Jesus, being witnessed by more than 500 witnesses (I Cor. 15), came from the grave. The "symbol" of baptism is simple, after being buried in water one is to be brought forth out of the water thus "resurrected" Acts 8:38, 39).

Thus these verses stress baptism is "symbolic" BUT the question remains, does this make baptism "UNNECESSARY" for salvation? Is it "symbolic" ONLY? Can it be "set aside" as "unnecessary"? If one will continue the context of Romans 6 through verse 17, 18 it would be plainly understood, but first let us see two points:

1 — IT IS DOCTRINE. ("that which is taught or set forth for acceptance or belief; that which is held to be true" Funk & Wagnalls Dict.). Jesus himself "set it forth" to be accepted and believed, he taught baptism's essentialness after his death and resurrection, Matthew 28:18-20 and Mark 16:16.

2 — IT IS A DIRECT COMMAND not only found in the above stated scriptures but in Acts 2:38, 10:48; 22:16 and other passages. To say baptism is "unnecessary" is to say the COMMAND of God, the Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit lead Apostles is UNNECESSARY. If that be true one would have GREAT DIFFICULTY with such verses as Titus 1:2 and James 2:10.

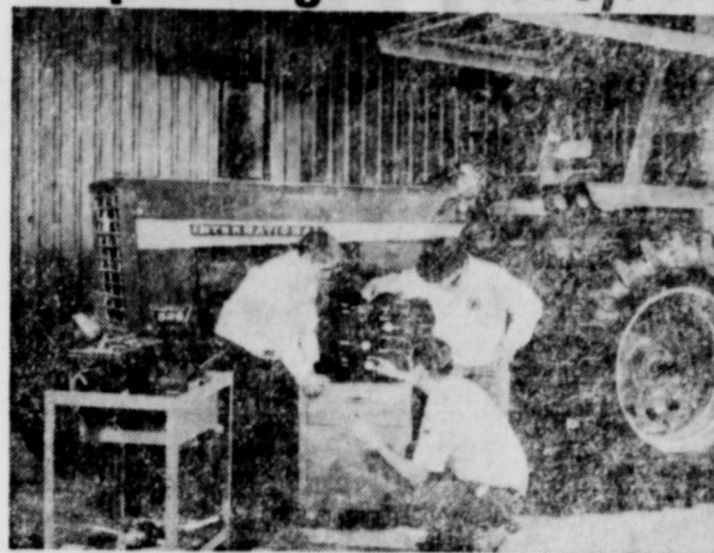
The only conclusion one can then draw is that Baptism is "symbolic" AND "necessary."

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Some 87,400 other young people are finding similar outlets for their skills in projects dealing with the care and usage of small engine powered machines, Johnson reports.

Together they make up the participants in the national 4-H petroleum power program, supervised by the Cooperative Extension Service and sponsored by American Oil Foundation for 28 years.

While safety is a prime

objective of the program, daily care and simple repair of machines are also stressed, Johnson explains. "And there's plenty to learn whether working with a multi-horsepower tractor or a mini-bike, lawn mower, snowmobile or other similarly powered piece of equipment," the program associate added.

4-H'ers put their knowledge to good use... Stan Benson, of Greeley, Colo., a 1971 national scholarship winner in the 4-H petroleum power program, set up a tractor safety check throughout his home county of Weld, in Northern Colorado.

Marvin Clark, another national winner last year, from Atlantic, Iowa, worked with small engines by starting a small lawn care business. His business grew so rapidly that when college intervened,

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Members involved in the national 4-H petroleum power program also receive other recognition. American Oil Foundation offers four gold medals of honor to outstanding 4-H'ers in each county. An all-expense trip to the National 4-H Congress in Chicago, Nov. 26-30, is given to a winner in each state and six \$700 scholarships are awarded national winners in the program.

American Oil Foundation also supports two U.S. Tractor operators' contests - Richmond, VA, Sept. 24-26, or at Tulsa, OK, Oct. 1-3.

For information about the 4-H petroleum power program or the tractor operators' competition, contact the county extension office.

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from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 18th day of December A.D. 1972, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 1st day of November A.D. 1972, in this cause, numbered 7601 on the docket of said court and styled Ruth Ann Klein, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married on or about August 24, 1966 and became permanently separated on or about March 27, 1971. Plaintiff sues for divorce as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my

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