

Between you

and me

By SARAH ECKOLS

Well the bicentennial year has officially begun and we will spend the next year (less 5 days) celebrating the 200th. birthday of these United States.

Too often I feel, we are not as aware as we should be of what it means to be fortunate enough to have this nation as our home land. For anyone who has traveled abroad the realization is greater and having seen other countries we can more appreciate just what it is to have the many conveniences and freedoms that we take for granted daily.

Some years ago I had the opportunity to travel to Venezuela. In that very beautiful country where I spent the whole summer of 1965, I saw one of the most modern cities in the world, Maracaibo, and also one of the most primitive areas in the world, far back in the Andes Mountains where there is no electricity to homes, farmers still plow with wooden plows and oxen, and people know what hunger is.

Over the next several months as the 200th. Fourth of July approaches let us each contemplate the meaning of being Americans. We sometimes may not feel like it is such a big deal, but believe me, it beats what everyone else has to offer.

I wish to extend a personal welcome to the newest Merkelites. The family of Nguyen Minh Tan arrived at the Abilene Municipal Airport Monday night. Needless to say it was a very touching and happy reunion. I hope these new Merkelites and Americans will find West Texas and West Texans very pleasant. Let's all show them a friendly Texan greeting when we see them.

There will be a shower given for the family July 15. They are in need of any household articles, clothing, etc. that you wish to give. These people are not looking for welfare. They want your friendship more than anything. Mr. Tan is looking for work and has applications in Abilene. If you know of a job you can contact Judge Millett at 928-5864 or 928-5114.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the Merkel Mail staff and operating procedure, I would like to tell you something about us. We are located at 917 N. 2nd. Street in what was once the Mack's Cleaners building. Our staff consists of seven persons, some of which are part time. Martha Sue Justice is the advertising manager; Ann Doan is typist; Marie Shanks, Dorothy Calhoun, and David Booth build ads; Pee Wee Pack is our printer in the commercial printing shop; Steve Lanham is owner and publisher and yours truly, Sarah Eckols is editor.

We are sorry to report that the Co-publisher, Cecil Plyler has sold his interest in the Merkel Mail and will be leaving the area to locate a commercial printing shop elsewhere.

The Merkel Mail is a weekly paper published on Thursday of each week. We are printed off set in Sweetwater. We average 6 to 8 pages per week. We have a deadline of Tuesday evening and must have articles and advertising in by 3 p.m. on Tuesday in order to best serve you.

We do not claim competition with a newspaper like the Abilene-Reporter News. We wish to serve Merkelites and area people with local and area news that is pertinent to us. Any time you have news that is of interest to the people please let us know. We like to know who is doing what, who has visited in Merkel, who has visited away from Merkel, who has gotten married, who has received honors and all local club news. With your cooperation, we can give the Merkel and area people what they want in a local new media. We also serve as local correspondent to the Abilene-Reporter News.



Former Merkelite Died Monday In Ft. Worth

Mrs. Clark Mundy, 65, of Fort Worth, a former long-time Merkel resident, died at noon Monday at Western Hills Nursing Home in Fort Worth after a six-month illness. Services were at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Lucas Funeral Home in Fort Worth, and graveside services were at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel. Born Vesta Hudson Oct. 7, 1909, in Dublin, she married Clark Mundy Dec. 18, 1929, in Merkel. The couple lived in Merkel from 1929 to 1942 and moved to Fort Worth. Mr. Mundy, who survives, worked in the Merkel post office.

Survivors in addition to her husband are two sons, Leonard of Fort Worth and Bill of Arlington; a sister, Louise Hudson of Merkel; two brothers, Ted and Rex Hudson, both of Rising Star; and three grandchildren.

Victory Singers

Meet July 14

The Victory Gospel Singers will hold their regular second Monday night singing July 14 at 7 p.m. at 307 El Paso Street in Merkel.

Raymond Morgan will be the song leader for July.

Shannon Bagby
...most outstanding twirler

McMurry Summer Music Camp closed June 28 with four Merkel twirlers receiving recognition for outstanding talents with the baton and superior attitudes.

Shannon Bagby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Bagby was awarded a trophy for Most Outstanding Twirler of the camp. Dion Wilkerson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wyman Wilkerson received a trophy for workmanship and attitude.

Featured twirlers for the closing concert were Shannon Bagby, Wendy Hogan, Lisa Owen and Dion Wilkerson all of Merkel. Merkel was represented by four out of five featured twirlers.

Other Merkel twirlers attending the music camp were Taresia English, Ann Melton, and Rene Aiken.

Rate Increase Order Received By Lone Star Gas

Rate Increase Order Received By Lone Star Gas - Lone Star Gas Company announced that it received an order from the Texas Railroad Commission authorizing an increase in its intracompany city gate rate to \$1.0399 per thousand cubic feet (Mcf) of gas. Lone Star's "city gate rate" is the intracompany charge by its Transmission Division to its Distribution Divisions for the sale of gas to residential and commercial customers and for distribution unaccounted - for gas. The new rate amounts to an approximate 10 cent per Mcf increase over an interim rate established in late April. When applicable to all residential and commercial customers, total additional annual revenues of \$12.2 million would result, based on gas volume sold to these customers in 1974. Lone Star will seek authorization where necessary for approval of burner tip rates from the local regulatory authorities.

The order, effective today, authorizes an automatic 85

percent pass-on of increased gas costs adjusted monthly. This compares with a 65 percent semi-annual adjustment provision previously authorized for Lone Star.

The 85 percent adjustment is for all gas purchased, including gas purchased from Lo-Vaca Gathering Company. In January, the Railroad Commission issued an interlocutory order requiring Lone Star to pay the same price other Lo-Vaca customer were paying, which is substantially in excess of the contract price. Lone Star is presently in litigation seeking to recover from Lo-Vaca and Coastal States the difference between the contract price and the higher price set by the Commission and associated damages incurred by Lone Star due to deficiencies under the contract.

The order establishes the mechanism by which the automatic gas cost provision will operate, including a requirement that a certified statement of the weighted average cost of purchased gas be filed monthly with the Commission. The order is designed to provide Lone Star an 8 percent rate of return on the fair value rate base set by the Commission and also establishes a two-tier rate system that provides for a 4 cent Mcf charge in addition to the \$1.0399 gate rate to residential and commercial customers in 18 cities in which the Commission determined Lone Star's distribution system sustained "unusual unrecovered expense."

Local Youths Attend State FFA Convention

Two Merkel FFA boys will attend the State Convention of the Future Farmers of America in Houston. They are Glen Braune, son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Braune and Bart Whisenhunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Whisenhunt. Chester Collinsworth, vocational agriculture teacher at Merkel High School and FFA advisor, will also attend.

Several thousand boys and girls from across the state will attend the convention. At will attend the convention at the Astro-Hall Exhibition Center located near the Astrodome in Houston.

The three attending from Merkel plan to take advantage of the opportunity to see a baseball game at the Astrodome while in the Astro city.

Farmers Union Play Day July 22 In Merkel

Farmers Union Youth Play Day for Taylor, Jones and Fisher Counties will be held Tuesday, July 22, at the First United Methodist Church in Merkel. The day-long activities will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will conclude at 5:00 p.m.

Young people ages 5 through 19 are invited to participate in crafts, games, recreation and "talk sessions." Classes will be scheduled for all ages, and study topics will include "Happiness is being in a farm family", "Understanding begins with communication", and "How to succeed by really trying", a slide series for young adults.

Mrs. Mac Seymore of Merkel, general chairwoman for the play day, advises that registration will begin at 10:00 a.m., with a \$1.00 per child registration fee. The \$1.00 registration fee will be applied to the premium payment of a \$1,000 life insurance award policy for 1976 which is awarded by National Farmers Union to Farmers

Union young people ages six through high school who complete the required study classes. The award insurance can only be made to children of current members of Farmers Union. Mrs. Seymore said that guests are welcome to participate in this play day and their attendance is encouraged.

Each child is asked to bring a sack lunch for the noon meal. Refreshments will be served both morning and afternoon.

Miss Linda Siderius of Montana, a member of the National Farmers Union youth activities staff, will direct the Farmers Union Play Day at the First United Methodist Church.

For information and pre-registration for the Play Day contact members of the Taylor County Farmers Union Youth Activities Committee: Mrs. Mac Seymore, Merkel, 915/928-5379; Mrs. Ford Smith, Jr., Merkel, 915/928-5868; Mrs. Billy Bob Toombs, Merkel, 915/928-5321.

Police Report

June 30-Patrolman Wimberly found the door of the Merkel VFW kicked in. He notified the sheriff's department. Investigation showed extensive damage to machines as well as burglary of money, beer and liquor from the premises. Approximately 4:30 a.m. three subjects were apprehended and arrested. They were taken to Taylor County Jail. One subject later admitted the robbery and stated that the other two had nothing to do with the incident. However the suspect claimed to have a juvenile partner. He was arrested and turned over to the Abilene authorities. The majority of the stolen property has been located and returned to the VFW.

July 1-The Merkel Police Department received a call at 8:15 p.m. concerning two young boys missing from their home. The youths, ages 10 and 11 were located approximately 3 1/2 miles south of town. They were returned to their homes.

Warm Merkelite Welcome Greetes Newest Residents

A very anxious Nguyen Minh Tan was at the Abilene Municipal Airport Monday evening awaiting the arrival of his wife, Nguyen Thi Ngoc Tan and their six children: Myne Thi Mai Trang, 15; Nguyen Thi Ngoc Thanh, 13; Nguyen Minh Tan, 11; Nguyen Thi Minh Thu, 9; Nguyen Thi Mai Thao, 6; Nguyen Minh

Tuan, 4, from whom he has been separated since their escape from Viet Nam when it fell recently to the communists. Tan was greeted by tiny arms around his legs, tears and hugs from his family. Though usually a stoic person, emotion ran deep at the reunion of this small group that was separated due

to war and tossed from place to place as refugees in a strange country.

Nguyen Minh Tan and his family are being sponsored in Merkel by Judge Lewis Millett, local justice of the peace and a retired colonel in the U. S. Air Force. Judge and Mrs. Millett, their children, Mrs. Millett's mother, several Merkelites and this reporter were there to witness this touching scene as loved ones were reunited after a two month separation.

Mrs. Nguyen Minh Tan and her six children escaped from Hanoi April 23 when it fell to the Communists. Tan stayed behind in order to destroy files that would be dangerous in the hands of the enemy.

The 41 year old former policeman narrowly escaped himself on the last U. S. helicopter to evacuate refugees from Hanoi. The family lived in a suburb of Hanoi where Tan has served for 22 years as a policeman. He was a major. Mr. Tan made news some time ago when he signed approval to let the orphan evacuation go through.

The Nguyen Min Tan family will be living in a mobile home owned by Judge and Mrs. Millett. A shower reception is planned for them for July 15 in the Catholic Church parish hall. The community is invited to attend this shower and extend a friendly and helping hand to neighbors. The shower is set for 7:30 p.m.

If you wish further information on what items would be most in need you may contact Judge Lewis Millett at 928-5864, Connie Harris at 928-4944, Iris Amerline at 928-4876 or Jocille Brady at 928-5705. A bank account has been established at Farmers and Merchants Bank and donations may be made to that fund in the form of deposits.

At the time this publication must go to press I was unable to get an interview with Tan due to his activities looking for a job. However, I plan to watch the progress of this family in our community and keep my readers posted as to the adjustment they are making as Texans.

It is unfortunate and interesting to note that during the evacuation of this family several members of the family including Tan lost their eye glasses. They literally came out of Viet Nam with nothing but the clothes on their backs.

George Hunter Died At 82

Services for George Hunter, 82, of 202 Country Club Drive were held at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Franklin-Bartley Chapel with the Rev. John Rankin of Lorenzo officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Hunter died at 1:10 p.m. in West Texas Hospital following a sudden illness.

A Lubbock County resident since 1919, Hunter had farmed in the New Deal Community until moving into Lubbock 20 years ago.

He was born in Merkel. Survivors include his wife, Cora; and two sisters, Mrs. Hattie Cox of 2829 24th St. and Mrs. Dora Clark of Fort Worth.

May Sales

Of Bonds

Over \$70,000

May sales of Series E and H United States Savings Bonds amounting to \$70,704 in Taylor County were reported today by County Bond Chairman Samuel L. Hill. Sales for the five-month period totaled \$478,419 or 39% of the 1975 sales goal of \$1,270,000.

Sales in Texas during the month were \$19,223,287 while the year-to-date sales totaled \$101,591,941 with 43% of the \$234.3 million 1975 sales goal achieved.



THE END OF A LONG JOURNEY-Nguyen Minh Tan (center) is greeted at the Abilene Municipal Airport July 2 by Judge Lewis Millett (left) and Dr. Thuy also

a refugee from Viet Nam. Tan was greeted with the traditional string of flowers in the colors of his native land, yellow and red.



PROUD FATHER, HAPPY FAMILY-Nguyen Minh Tan holds his youngest son for the first time in over two months since their escape from Viet Nam in April. Pictured

here with Tan is his wife and five of their six children as the family arrived at the Abilene Municipal Airport Monday evening.

A weekly public service feature from
Texas Department of Health Resources

Accent on Health

J.E. PEAVY, M.D., Director

Summer and vacations go together, but accidents can be an unwelcome vacation traveler unless precautions are taken, warns the Texas Department of Health Resources.

The Texas climate has something to offer for all who seek recreational pursuits--from seashores and lakes to forests and rugged mountains.

In most cases, summer recreation is associated with water for swimming, boating, water skiing and fishing. While great for recreation, water poses a serious threat to the safety of young and old alike.

Last year, for example 725 persons drowned in water-related accidents in Texas, according to Parks and Wildlife Department figures.

Swimming accidents took the largest toll--211 persons. Close behind were fishing accidents, accounting for 108 deaths. And boating, sailing, skiing and canoeing had a combined toll of 54 deaths.

Not all of these drownings involved swimmers and boaters.

In far too many cases individuals fell from a place of presumed safety--such as a dock or river bank--into the water and drowned.

Children are most susceptible to this type of accident. A good safety rule is to put a life jacket on every child playing near the water--just in case of a sudden, unplanned dip. All boaters should wear life preservers for the same reason. A near-tragedy recently on a Central Texas lake dramatically emphasizes this necessity. A young woman in a ski boat lost her balance during an unexpected turn, fell against the side of the boat and tumbled overboard. The next thing she remembers was regaining consciousness back in the boat.

One hundred persons drowned last year in falls into the water. Deaths occurred in such things as lakes, creeks, drainage ditches, mop buckets and inflated plastic swimming pools. And, 16 bathtub deaths were recorded.

How can you help make your vacation trip a happy, safe one?

First, make swimmers of yourself and your children. You can take lessons from such agencies as the Red Cross or private instructors.

Always swim in marked areas if possible, and never swim alone. If you get into trouble, your companion can toss you a life jacket or rope, or extend you a pole to help you reach safety. Never swim when chilled, overtired or overheated. Stay out of or off the water if a thunderstorm threatens. Rough water and lightning take their toll. Three East Texas duck hunters drowned last winter when a sudden norther caught them on a lake.

Always supervise small children constantly. They need your protection. It only takes seconds for a tragedy to occur.

If you're a boater, be certain your boat is in perfect shape and meets state and safety regulations--which includes having a Coast Guard approved flotation device on board for each person. It's a life-saving practice to wear a flotation device. If your boat should capsize, it's a good idea to stay with it--chances are that it will float, says the Department of Health Resources.

When pulling skiers, boat drivers should be aware of swimmers, other boats and obstacles above and below the water. Don't be a show-off on the water. Life is too precious to lose. All skiers should wear life preservers. Even good swimmers can be dazed by a hard fall while skiing--or be struck by a ski.

A good procedure is to have at least two persons in the ski boat--one to drive and the other to watch the skier. Learn the arm signals prepared specifically for skiers--and use them. It's hard to hear above the noise of a motor, but a hand signal can get the message across. For instance, a skier who falls should raise an arm to signal he's okay. Raising a ski will make you visible to other boats in the area.

When a person is entering the water from a boat, being picked up or having a tow rope moved into position to grab, the motor should be in neutral. Whirling propeller blades can kill or maim.

If you're out in the sun for extended periods, be cautious about sunburn. Get a little sun each day--and don't overdo it. Large doses can make you quite ill. Babies may sunburn in just a few minutes if their tender skins are exposed to direct sun rays or reflected rays. Cover them as much as possible.

Summer is a time for fun, so plan in safety with each of your recreational pursuits. A little thought pays dividends--in lives and lack of accidents.

3,000 Herds In Brucellosis Quarantines

AUSTIN--More than 3,000 cattle herds were quarantined for brucellosis as of June 1, Dr. H.Q. Sibley of the Texas Animal Health Commission has reported.

The infection rate among the 3,042 herds was 2.3 percent. Of the 268,711 cattle tested in May, 6,213 were found to be reactors. Number of herds pending tests and other investigations totaled 2,301.

Sibley said the highest percentage of infected herds is in the heavy rainfall areas of East Texas where cattle density is high.

Cemetery Donations

The following have made donations to the Merkel Cemetery Association:

Gladys Newton
Mrs. Opal Collier
Mr. and Mrs. Rex Hudson in memory of Mrs. Clark Mundy
Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hudson in memory of Mrs. Clark Mundy

Louise Hudson in memory of Mrs. Clark Mundy
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Mrs. Vernon Simpson
Mr. and Mrs. Weldon McAninch in memory of Mrs. Clark Mundy

Goldie Malone
Fredlyn Farmer
Spencer and Mary Bird J. G. McFarland
Mrs. Fletcher Jones in memory of Mrs. Clark Mundy
Mrs. Zelma Herring
Mr. and Mrs. Monta J. Moore
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Richards

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Louise (Addison) Fitzgerald in memory of the Addison Family
Jacqueline E. Lininger
Ganevera E. Middleton in memory of Annie L. Bickley
Mrs. Clyde Bartlett in memory of Curtis Clyburn
Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Higgins in memory of Curtis Clyburn
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Howard in memory of Curtis Clyburn

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Setser in memory of Vesta Mundy
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Castles
Floyd Steward
Mr. and Mrs. Benny Anderson

Mrs. Bill Evans
Rube M. Moorhouse
H. B. Merritt in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Madderra and V. L. Merritt
Derwood Langston
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Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Benson in memory of Curtis Clyburn

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Mrs. Clyde Beasley
Bland Partnership
Willard Paine
Mr. and Mrs. Don Doan
Mr. and Mrs. John Perry
Troy Sloan



HARRY J. ASLAN

Lions Elect New International President

DALLAS, TEXAS--Harry J. Aslan of Kingsburg, California, was elected President of the International Association of Lions Clubs at the 58th Annual Convention, June 25-28, 1975, in Dallas, Texas. Lions International is the world's largest service club organization with over 1,100,000 members in 147 nations and geographic areas around the globe.

Aslan, the fifth Californian to become President, operates "Three H Ranches" and an independent fruit packing plant and cold storage facility. A member of the Kingsburg Lions Club since 1949, his record of community service also includes the Kingsburg Community Chest, Sequoia Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the Kingsburg Hospital District and the Reedley College Advisory Committee. He also holds membership in the Kingsburg Chamber of Commerce, the Kingsburg Historical Society, Masonic Lodge, Knights Templar and Shriners organizations.

President Aslan's theme for his year in office, "Lionism Is Opportunity," emphasizes this year's major goal: to broaden the scope of humanitarian service each Lions Club provides for the needy and underprivileged people of the world.

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Miss Phillips Wed Raab July 4

Mary Beth Phillips became the bride of Robert Ray Raab in an evening ceremony July 4. Officiating for the wedding in the bride's home was Rev. Russell McAnally.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Cook of Merkel. Candelighters were Cindy Hutchin and Lisa Swinney, both of Merkel.

The bride is a graduate of Merkel High School and is a dental technician. She is not presently employed.

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The bride was given in marriage by her father and attended by Debbie Baird

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MSA Exhibition Game Tonight

those over 16 years of age and 25¢ for 16 and under.

The MSA teams are involved in several fund raising campaigns for their trip to Dallas for the State Tournament, July 25-27.

Everyone is invited to come out Thursday night and cheer for their favorite team.

The Merkel Miss Softball of America senior team will play the coaches, managers and mothers in the second exhibition game of the season. The game is scheduled for Thursday, July 10th, at 7:30 p. m. at the Little League Field.

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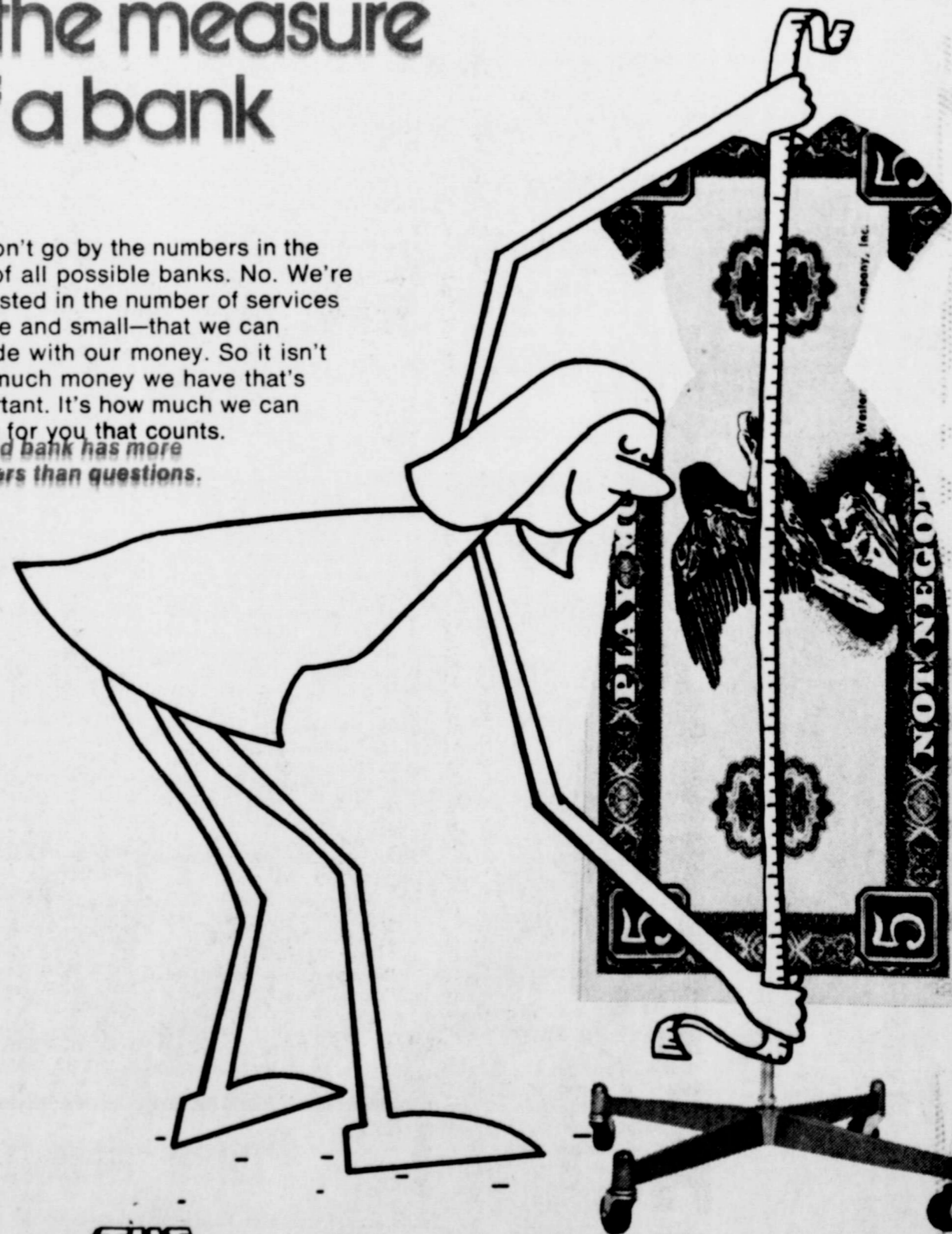
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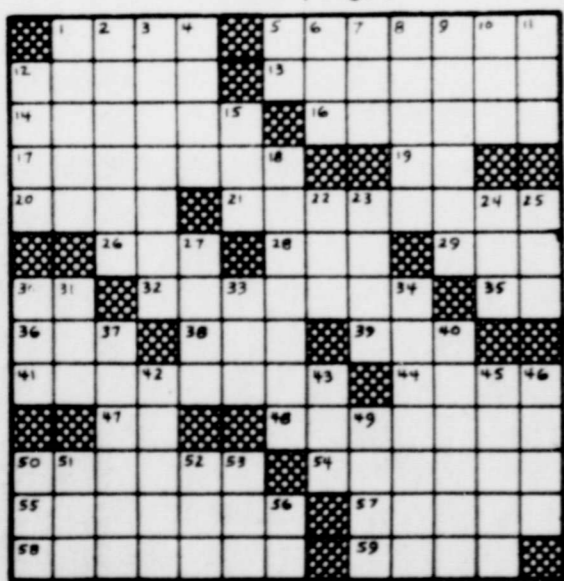
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MERKEL, TEXAS

Crossword Puzzle

Answer, Page 5



ACROSS

- 1. Cereal
- 5. Mapped
- 12. Gush
- 13. Halo
- 14. Antenna
- 16. Disease
- 17. Treated unfairly
- 19. Exists
- 20. Scotch shirt
- 21. Discovered
- 26. Roman bronze
- 28. Mist
- 29. Snow glider
- 30. Exclamation
- 32. News
- 35. Printer's measure
- 36. Japanese sash
- 38. Prefix: not
- 39. Salt: chem.
- 41. Lineage
- 44. Existence
- 47. English letters

DOWN

- 48. Struck down
- 50. Rang out
- 54. Combined
- 55. Asserts
- 57. Convent rooms
- 58. Croquette
- 59. War god
- 1. Musical drama
- 2. Dawn
- 3. Small toy
- 4. Male deer
- 5. Calcium: chem.
- 6. Droning sound
- 7. Macaw
- 8. Object from the past
- 9. Warms bread
- 10. Old age
- 11. Tunisian
- 12. Proverbs letters
- 15. Guided
- 22. 2000 lbs.
- 23. Ova
- 24. Supplement
- 25. Noise
- 27. Chant
- 30. Leap
- 31. Lincoln
- 33. Beetle
- 34. More saline
- 40. Small
- 42. Small islands
- 43. Flightless bird
- 45. Senses
- 46. Stops
- 49. Peruvian Indian
- 50. Average
- 51. Hebrew priest
- 52. Self
- 53. State: abbr.
- 56. Compass point

'74 Vegetable Stats In TDA Publication

AUSTIN--The "1974 Texas Vegetable Statistics," compiled by the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service, contains information on all major vegetables grown in Texas including monthly and seasonal average prices and vegetable production by areas.

For free copies of the booklet write Commissioner John C. White, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Tex. 78711.

Texas Turkey Recipes Free

AUSTIN--Tempting ways to use turkey can be found in a new Texas Department of Agriculture recipe folder, "Texas Turkey."

The folder contains nine recipes which call for turkey leftovers, parts and the whole bird.

For a free copy write Commissioner John C. White, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Tex. 78711.

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Miss Browning Is Bride of Boaz

Julia Ann Browning of Childress and Terry Lee Boaz of Bluff Dale, Texas exchanged marriage vows at 7 o'clock in the evening Saturday, June 21, in the Tell Southside Baptist Church.

The Rev. Calvin Nevels of Farmers Branch, former pastor of Tell Southside Baptist Church, officiated in the double ring rites.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. John Browning of Rt. 2, Childress and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Boaz of Rt. 3, Anson.

The church was decorated with gold arch candelabra, Miss Suzanne Brooks of Paducah was maid of honor and Mrs. Larry Browning of Bowie was matron of honor. Bridesmaid was Mrs. Kinney Hart of Snyder.

Rusty Hale of Granbury was best man. Groomsmen and ushers were Kinney Hart of Snyder and Larry Browning of Bowie.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a satin crepe gown designed with bodice overlay of Chantilly lace with natural waist line with tie belt, sheer lace sleeves with deep cuffs, and full gathered skirt with deep ruffle. Her dress was made by her mother. She wore a ripple-brimmed hat trimmed with satin and miniature carnations and she carried a cascade bouquet of white carnations with baby's breath on a lace covered Bible, with streamers tied with lover's knots flowing down from the Bible.

She carried out the old tradition by wearing an old locket belonging to her mother; diamond earrings, a gift from the groom, were her new items, and for something borrowed she wore a diamond heirloom ring belonging to Mrs. Larry Browning, her sister-in-law. Her blue garter was a gift from her second grade teacher, Mrs. L. A. Tucker of Estelline.

The bridal attendants wore green checked gingham empire dresses with rounded neckline and ruffle trimmed in cotton lace, puffed sleeves and gathered skirts with deep lace edged ruffles. The matron of honor carried a long-stemmed rose and the bridesmaids carried long-stemmed carnations.

The reception was held in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

Mrs. Rusty Hale registered guests at a table covered with a cutwork cloth and decorated with an oil lamp and small basket of flowers, a gift from Mrs. Leota Sherrell.

The bride's table was covered with lace over green. Her bouquet served as the centerpiece. Table appointments were in crystal and silver. The wedding cake was white decorated with white roses and bells.

Following a trip to Amarillo, the couple is now at home on Star Route, Bluff Dale, Texas.

For traveling the bride wore an apricot knit pant suit with sheer floral jacket.

The bride is a graduate of Tarleton State University with a degree in Business and English. She was a member of Alpha Chi at TSU.

The groom received a General Agriculture degree from Tarleton State University.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Boaz Jr. hosted the rehearsal dinner at Chapparel Inn in Childress.

Riding Club News

The Merkel Riding Club will hold its monthly pot luck supper and business meeting Thursday, July 10 at the Taylor Electric Co op Building. The meeting is set for 7:30 p.m.

The Merkel Riding Club will host an open Barrel race July 21 at the Merkel Riding Club Arena. This is a WFAA sponsored race and will feature \$50 novice, \$150 novice, \$250 novice, \$12 open, \$17 open and junior racing. There will also be open pole bending, flag racing, mens barrel racing and novice horse and rider competition.

There will be jack pot calf roping, steer roping and barrel racing Friday, July 11 at 8 p.m. in the riding club arena.

Merkel's Visitors

Recent visitors in the home of Ruth Pangle and Vivian Davis were Mr. and Mrs. Buck Moreland of Plains and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Davis of Orlando, Florida.

Star Nursing Home News

The biggest news at the nursing home is that it has been sold by owner, Mary Outlaw. After some three years of deliberation the difficult decision to sell was made and Mrs. Outlaw will be administrator.

Mrs. Geraldine Cox, LVN who recently had surgery is back on staff part time. Also back on staff is Carolyn Martin. She works in the office and is attending administrative training in Austin. After training and one year's apprenticeship under Mrs. Outlaw, Carolyn will be eligible to take the state examination to become an administrator. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cole of Abilene.

Continuing a kitchen supervisor will be Brenda (Doan) Roberts. Brenda received her training from Cisco College.

Calvary Baptist Church was in charge of services recently. The Assembly of God Church had services recently and conducted singing.

Members of the Church of Christ come each Sunday at 9 a.m. for a 30 minute service. We at the home wish to express our thanks for the faithful devotion these people have shown to this endeavor.

We are glad to report that Mr. James and Mrs. Dickerson have returned from the hospital.

Our congratulations and best wishes are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Des Roches who were married June 28. Mrs. Des Roches is an employee here.

Weekend visitors included Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Reese of Anson who visited his father, John Reese. Other visitors have been the Steve Davidsons from Springfield, Mo. who visited Gertrude Brookerson and also Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Brookerson of Tuscola who recently celebrated their 50th anniversary.

sary. Carol Jean and Mark Davidson played the violin and piano. The youngsters are members of the Springfield youth Symphony and orchestra.

We wish to express thanks for the kindness shown at the death of Lonnie Deatherage. Granny Deatherage hasn't been told of Lonnie's death and we ask that if you visit with her you do not mention it.

Imogene Williams has resigned her position here. We honored her with a going away party. She has worked for us several years and we wish her much success in her new work.

Also leaving our staff is Eloise Byrd, director of nurses. Succeeding her will be Thelma Wade.

Visiting from South Bend, Ind. are Mr. and Mrs. Norman Huddleston and family who are children of Mary Vaughn our social director.

We wish to say thanks to Mr. Veracruz for the black-eyed peas he gave to the home.

Xi Nu Chi News

The Xi Nu Chi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held a hamburger supper, Saturday June 28, in the home of Louise Dubose, for members and their families.

Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. John Brady and family; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Dubose and family; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris and family; Mr. and Mrs. John Ybarra and family; Mr. and Mrs. George Starbuck and family; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Garner; Mr. and Mrs. Peck Eager; Mamie Steck; Darla Mawson; and Alameda Bullock.

Special guest visiting from California were Mr. and Mrs. L. D. DeSimone and granddaughter.



The Taylor Electric Cooperative construction crew employees received a safety award for working 556 days without a lost time accident. On hand to present the award was Jess Watson, Safety Instructor with the Texas Job Training and Safety Engineering Extension

Service. Horace Childers, Line Superintendent, accepted the award on behalf of the Cooperative. Recipients of this award must work at least one year without a lost time accident.



Beach or lake outings can be fun especially when you plan ahead in preparing take along foods for the group. Perfect for beach or lake is the scarlet tea cooler and delicious chicken boats.

Here are the recipes as developed in the Nestlé Test Kitchens.

Scarlet Tea Cooler
2 cups cranberry juice 2 1.7-oz. pkgs. (1/2 cup)
2 cups water Nestea Iced Tea Mix
1/2 cup lime juice

In 1 1/2-qt. container, combine cranberry juice, water, lime juice and Nestea Iced Tea Mix; mix well. Chill in refrigerator until cold (about 1-2 hours). Makes about 4 cups.

Chicken Boats
2 cups cooked, cubed chicken 1 teaspoon lemon juice
1 4 1/2-oz. pkg. Primula 1/4 teaspoon salt
Pasteurized Process Cheese Spread with Bacon, cubed 1/4 teaspoon dill weed
1/4 teaspoon paprika
1/2 cup chopped onion 1/2 teaspoon cayenne
2 tablespoons chopped pimiento 4 hot dog buns

In small bowl, combine chicken, Primula Pasteurized Process Cheese Spread with Bacon, onion, pimiento, lemon juice, salt, dill weed, paprika and cayenne; mix well. Equally fill 4 hot dog buns. Wrap in aluminum foil. Makes 4 sandwiches.



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State Classes Year's First Cotton Bale



AUSTIN—The first bale of the 1975-76 United States cotton crop was classed June 23 at the Harlingen Cotton Classing Office, Agriculture Commissioner John C. White has reported.

Last year's first bale was classed on June 11, 1974.

McHayden Dillard of Dillard Farms, Harlingen, produced the bale which graded 42 with a staple length of 35 and a micronaire of 3.6. The variety was Tamcot SP37.

Nicotine is named for Jean Nicot a French ambassador to Portugal who planted some tobacco seeds in France.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nichols announce the birth of a son, Casey Joe born June 19 in Hamlin.

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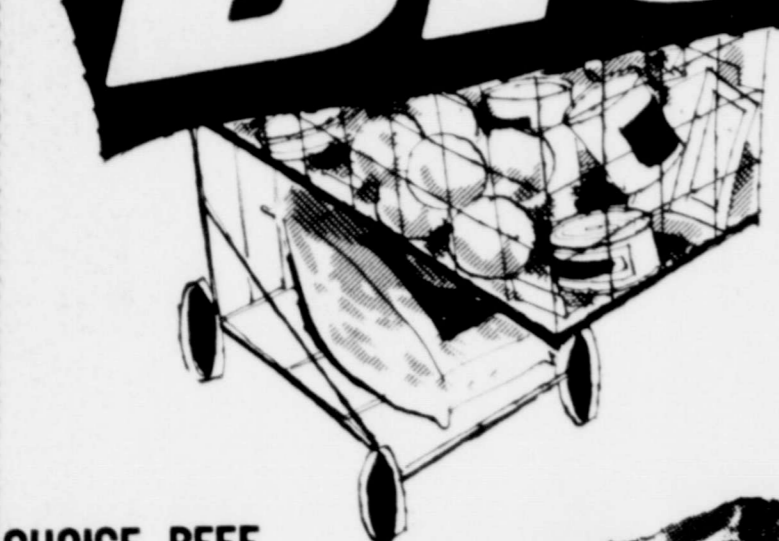
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ATKINS DILL OR SOUR PICKLES PINT JAR **39¢**

PHILADELPHIA CREAM CHEESE 8 OZ. PKG. **45¢**

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OCEAN SPRAY CRANAPPLE QUART **59¢**

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DEL MONTE 303 SPINACH 2 FOR **49¢**

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GLADIOLA FLOUR 25 LB. BAG **\$3.09**

SUNSHINE VANILLA WAFERS 11 OZ. BOX **49¢**

CALIFORNIA FRESH PEACHES Freestone LB. **59¢**

CALIFORNIA AVOCADOS EACH **19¢**

CALIFORNIA White Grapes **69¢**

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