

NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Rev. and Mrs. Joe Norton, sons John and Bobby, and daughter Elizabeth of Hamlin were Sunday guests of their aunt, Mrs. M. Armstrong, and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Whitley and daughter Yvonne of Abilene spent Sunday of last week with Mrs. Hugh Campbell.

J. H. Roberts returned last week from Artesia, New Mexico, where he visited his son Roy and daughter, Mrs. Otis Foster. He went back this week to be with them again.

Mrs. Dent Gibson was in Fort Worth all last week, visiting her husband and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cannon.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond T. Smith of Galveston spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Boney and daughter Annette and Mrs. Boney's mother, Mrs. R. T. Gray, were in Mexia over the weekend.

Mrs. A. T. Sheppard is in Dallas, visiting her son Sterling who has been ill for a month.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sylvester

and family visited in Hobbs, New Mexico with his sister, Mrs. T. W. Overby and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Melton Cross and Mike of Abilene visited here Thursday of last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox were in Lubbock over the weekend and visited her father, D. R. Thompson, who is improving nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dismuke and daughter Debra of Ira spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Toombs and baby were in Linden over the weekend, visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Kate Surratt.

Washington

"As It Looks From Here"

OMAR BURLESON
Congressman
17th District



In his State of the Union message to Congress, President Eisenhower recommended that legislation be enacted to provide that a citizen of the United States, convicted in the courts of conspiring to advocate the overthrow of the Government by force or violence, be treated as having, by such act, renounced his allegiance to the United States, and forfeited his citizenship.

On August 15, 1950, I introduced a resolution calling for an investigation to determine the feasibility of deporting subversives, whether they be citizens of the United States or not, to some remote island in the Pacific Ocean.

A real Communist does not particularly care whether he has United States citizenship or not, but I think he would fear, most of all, being banished from the shores of this Country.

Put these warped minds together on some little island, and let them be whatever they want to be. They might even be self-supporting, and it's a cinch they couldn't swim back. There would be little expense.

If this Administration and this Congress really want to find the answer to the treatment of Communists, it seems to me this idea is worth developing. It has been

proved that some of the Communists who have been convicted of conspiring to overthrow this Government by force and violence, and who are now in our Federal prisons, have been carrying on outside. In addition, a prison is theoretically a place of reform. With this kind of people in with ordinary criminals, they have a fertile to continue to peddle their filth.

President Eisenhower's advisors are reported to be considering the proposition of disposing of farm surplus commodities to foreign countries, taking as payment the local currency of the particular country to which they are sold. In

turn, these currencies may be used to purchase scarce strategic materials which we need in this country.

This same idea was embraced in an amendment I offered last year to the foreign military aid bill. In fact, the proposal I submitted at that time went further. The money received from foreign countries, in payment for the surplus agricultural commodities, would be used for the same purpose for which we have been sending dollars into these various nations.

The idea accomplishes three important things — first, it amounts to trading surplus farm commodities which we can not use, for much-needed raw materials of

which we are in very short supply; second, it saves dollars which have been going into these foreign countries; and third, it will relieve the farm surplus problem which is one of the biggest headaches we have.

By relieving the supply of farm surpluses, it should increase the price of future farm commodities.

Outdoor Thriller Has Mighty Punch At Queen Theatre

Action, color and story-line have never been better served than they are by "Inferno," the outdoor thriller which opens Sunday and Monday at the Queen Theatre. "Inferno" presents its unusual story with a dramatic punch that is calculated to make you rock in your seat.

The story of a spoiled, spiteful and "soft" millionaire who learns to be a man the hard way when his faithless wife and her secret lover leave him to die in the middle of the Mojave Desert on the pretense they have gone to get help for him after he is handicapped by a broken leg, "Inferno" is continuously vivid, exciting and suspenseful.

Robert Ryan (always the equivalent of any film actor both in talent and the rugged ability to handle himself in physical action scores on both counts. As a matter of fact, it's his best film portrayal, and juiciest role, since the memorable "Crossfire" of some years ago. Rhonda Fleming, a beautiful redhead, has never been seen to better advantage.

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With the action set in the borderland state of "Zona Libre," lawlessly broken off from Mexico, the picture takes on many unusual aspects. It is in Technicolor.

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INGREDIENTS:
1 pound of beef (or veal) cut in cubes, about 1/2 inch
2 cups onion, chopped
1 cup celery, chopped
2 tablespoons butter or margarine

1/2 cup uncooked rice
1 cup chicken consommé or use 1 chicken bouillon cube dissolved in 1 cup of water
1 can (1 1/2 cups) condensed cream of mushroom soup
1/4 cup soy sauce
1 1/2 cup green peas (may be uncooked)
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 cup water

METHOD: Cook the meat, onions and celery in the fat until the meat is browned. Add the uncooked rice, chicken soup, mushroom soup, soy sauce, green peas, salt, pepper and water. Bring to a boil. Cover. Turn the heat as low as possible and leave over this low heat for 45 minutes or until the rice is tender and the meat is done. Stir occasionally.

This recipe makes 8 servings.



Rice and Short Ribs With Vegetables Make Mighty Succulent Fare

With meat so tender it fairly falls off the bone, and the rice white and fluffy, just waiting to catch any of the savory juices and gravy which might otherwise get away — your family will not be able to resist eating the very last bite of this simply wonderful tasting main dish.

Here is a sure fire appetite satisfier because hefty and hearty servings of the rice and short ribs are allowed each hungry eater. You will be glad to see that you can satisfy your family so inexpensively because this beef and rice dish is low in cost but really "fills up" those starving youngsters.

INGREDIENTS:
1/4 cup flour
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
2 pounds beef short ribs
1/4 cup fat
1/2 cup chopped onion
1 cup diced carrots
1 cup diced celery
1 cup water
1 tablespoon flour
1/4 cup water
4 1/2 cups hot cooked rice

PREPARING THE FLUFFY WHITE RICE: To make 4 1/2 heaping cups of white, fluffy, perfectly cooked rice:
1. Put 1 1/2 cups of uncooked rice,

3 cups of cold water and 1 1/2 teaspoons of salt into a 2-quart saucepan and bring to a vigorous boil.

2. Turn the heat as low as possible. Cover the saucepan with a lid. Do not remove lid nor stir rice while it is cooking.

3. Leave saucepan over this low heat for 14 minutes. Remove from the heat. The rice is now ready to use. However, leave the cover on the saucepan to keep the rice hot if you are not ready to use it immediately.

METHOD: Mix together the flour, salt and pepper. Cut the short ribs into six equal portions and dip into the flour covering all sides well. Melt the fat in a large skillet. Brown the short ribs in the fat. Add the onion, carrots, celery and water. Cover and cook over a medium low heat for about 1 1/4 hours or until the meat is tender. Add the 1/4 cup of water to the 1 tablespoon of flour and mix to make a paste. Slowly add, stirring constantly, to the liquid around the short ribs. Cook, stirring, for about 5 minutes. Serve over the hot cooked rice. Some of the gravy may be served in a separate dish.

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 W. M. U. Mon. 9:30 a. m.

Merkel Church of Christ
 Sunday:
 Bible Study 9:45 a. m.
 Morning Service 11:00 a. m.
 Young People's Bible Class 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.

Merkel Grace Presbyterian Church
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Worship Service 11 a. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.

Merkel First Methodist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School 9:50 a. m.
 Morning Worship 10:50 a. m.
 M. Y. F. 6:30 p. m.

New Live Oak Baptist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11 a. m.
 Training Union 6:45 p. m.
 Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.

Church of the Nazarene
 Services at the Merkel Church of the Nazarene are as follows:
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union 7:00 p. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.

Primitive Baptist Church
 Services held first Sunday of month and Saturday preceding.

Merkel Catholic Church
 Sunday Mass 10:30 a. m.

Noodle Baptist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
 Young People's Class 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.

Noodle Church of Christ
 Sunday:
 Bible Class 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship Service 11:00 a. m.
 Young People's Service 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.

Pioneer Memorial Chapel
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Service 11:00 a. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.
 Wednesday:
 Evening Prayer Service 7:30

Compre Baptist Church
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship, 2nd and 4th Sunday 11 a. m.

Trent First Baptist Church
 Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.
 Sunday:
 Sunday school 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union 6:45 p. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.

Merkel Assembly of God
 Sunday school 10 a. m.
 Morning Service 11 a. m.
 C. A.'s (Young People) 7 p. m.
 Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.
 Tuesday W. M. C. 2 p. m.
 Wed. Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.

Amity Baptist Church
 Morning Service 11:15 a. m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a. m.
 Evening Bible Class 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.

Trent Church of Christ
 Sunday:
 Sunday School 11:00 o'clock
 Bible Class 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.

Tye Baptist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union 6:45 p. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.

Merkel Calvary Baptist Church
 Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
 Morning Service 11:00 a. m.
 Evening Bible Class 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Worship 7:00 p. m.

Tye Methodist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School 10 a. m.
 M. Y. F. 7:00 p. m.
 Prayer Meeting 7:30 p. m.
 Morning Service 11:00 a. m.

Hebron Baptist Church
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union 7:00 p. m.
 Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.

Evening Prayer Services
 7:30 p. m.

NOTE TO FARMERS
 Farmers to construct or rebuild grain storage facilities, under recently enacted legislation, may write-off over a 60-month period the cost of the facility. Detailed information can be secured from Internal Revenue Service representatives. — A. & M.

Trent Methodist Church
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.
 Morning Services 11:00 a. m.
 M. Y. F. Services 6:30 p. m.
 Wednesday:
 Prayer Services 7:30 p. m.

NEWS

County Home Demonstration Agent Texas A. & M. College Extension Service
 By LORETTA ALLEN

Mrs. A. H. Hagar of Merkel Club recently attended a meeting for the Committee members, of Council. The members met and made recommendations to be presented to the January council meeting. Mrs. Hagar is on the yearbook committee. Mrs. John Hughes also attended this meeting.

Mrs. Allan King of the Blue Bonnet Club is on the Three E Committee. Miss Mable McRee of Union Ridge Club is on the Consumer Education Committee.

Linda Beard of Merkel is Dairy Foods Demonstrator for Merkel Senior 4-H Club. She is collecting recipes and learning to make milk drinks for part of her demonstration.

Kathleen Hagar gave a demonstration on Prune Whip at the Merkel Junior 4-H Club meeting. She is also president of her club and attends all committee meetings, such as the one held last Saturday in the Agricultural Building in Abilene. Mrs. L. B. Lowry, assistant home demonstration agent, gave an excellent demonstration on the care of hands. It seems like a lot of people besides 4-H Girls should have seen this demonstration.

Even though it has been dry the past few years, we have to hope it will rain this year. It's not too early to make plans for your 1954 home garden. The home garden can make a real contribution to the family's diet and health.

January is a good time to do some fireside gardening and look the new seed catalogue over and make plans for this year's garden. Well planned gardens don't just happen. Well planned gardens are easier to work, and will produce more on less space. Select a conveniently located garden site, which is close to water if you can have it to irrigate when needed. Prepare the soil by applying approximately two inches of well rotted barnyard manure or compost material and break or spade as deep as possible. Early preparation of the garden soil insures a good seed bed when vegetable planting time arrives.

SHEEP PRICES STEADY
 Hog prices may be slightly lower the last part of 1954 but sheep and lamb prices are expected to remain steady. — A. & M.

FREE BUILDING PLANS
 Building plans for more than 400 farm structures and equipment are available at the local offices of county extension service agents. A. & M.

Strange Facts About Polio

MAN'S FIRST ATTEMPT TO ALTER THE COURSE OF A POLIO EPIDEMIC.

250,000 CHILDREN IN U.S. AND ALASKA TOOK PART IN GAMMA GLOBULIN INJECTIONS IN 1953.

RECENT REPORTS ON USE OF THIS BLOOD FRACTION SHOW BENEFICIAL RESULTS.

POLIO PREVENTION
 ALTHOUGH 10% MARCH OF DIMES VACCINE \$5,000,000 FOR GAMMA GLOBULIN \$1,000,000 FOR INJECTIONS TOTAL \$26,500,000

NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR INFANTILE PARALYSIS
 LABORATORY DIRECTOR OF MARCH OF DIMES \$20,000 A YEAR—USED FOR MAKING THE TEST VACCINE AND IN OTHER POLIO RESEARCH

GET UP IRON LUNG BEING DEVELOPED WITH MARCH OF DIMES FUNDS TO FIGHT POLIO PREVENTS POLIO LIVES ON BACK

TO GET 500 MARCH OF DIMES VACCINES FROM MONTGOMERY, ALA. MASS. COLLOCATIONS, SHIP AT PREVENTING POLIO CRIPPLE WAS—EDDIE CRIPPLE

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MISS VIRGINIA—ANN CECILIA, OF NORFOLK, WHO TRAVELLED THROUGH IN THE MISS AMERICA DEBATE, WAS A RECOGNIZED POLIO VICTIM.

—SHE IS 50 FROM 1948 CLASS OF POLIO

POLIO PREVENTION!

THE NEW MARCH OF DIMES PROGRAM FOR VACCINE TESTS AND GAMMA GLOBULIN IN 1954

WILL COST?

1 \$1,000,000
 \$7,500,000
 \$26,500,000
 \$45,000,000

2 HOW MANY POLIO PATIENTS FROM PAST YEARS STILL WILL NEED HELP FROM MARCH OF DIMES IN 1954?
 15,000
 20,000
 41,000
 66,000

3 MARCH OF DIMES WILL SPEND \$10,000,000 FOR GAMMA GLOBULIN IN 1954. THIS IS ENOUGH FOR HOW MANY DOSEES?
 500,000
 1,000,000
 2,000,000
 3,000,000

4 YOUR CHANCE OF GETTING PARALYTIC POLIO BETWEEN AGES 1 TO 20 YEARS IS 1 IN 20
 1 IN 20
 1 IN 100
 1 IN 150
 1 IN 200

5 WHAT PER CENT OF POLIO VICTIMS RECOVER COMPLETELY?
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MERKEL F. T. A. WILL SEND DELEGATES TO STATE MEET
 The Merkel Future Teachers Association met in the high school library for its regular monthly meeting, the first Tuesday night. Jimmy Russell, president, presided over a business meeting, planning delegates to go to the district meeting in Abilene Jan. 23. The group voted to have as official delegates Jimmy Russell and Jacky McAninch.
 The club will send two paid delegates to the state meeting at Denton in February. Plans for several students to attend the State House of Delegates were made.

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Corky Cox discussed pledges for the club and increasing membership. Four members are to write speeches on "Top Notch Teachers . . . TNT." A contest over the state for the best original talk will be held at Denton. The contestants will try out by districts the first in Abilene January 23.
 The Merkel contestants for Miss Future Teacher will be Miss Sandra Patterson and Miss Joy Walker and for Mr. Future Teacher will be Sessions Hammond and Jerry Cunningham.
 The Merkel club will have two speakers eliminated and the other two will speak in the district meet at Abilene.
 The January meeting was very interesting. Several suggestions for projects in the local high school were made and voted upon. Joy Walker is saving materials for a good yearbook.
 Mrs. Ellen McReynolds is sponsor of the club.

COMPERE H. D. CLUB INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS
 The Compere Home Demonstration Club met Jan. 14 in Mrs. J. E. Touchstone's home for its first meeting of the new year. Mrs. Vernon Stanley, the outgoing president, introduced the new officers, and Mrs. Walter Kelso, the new president, took charge and presided for the business session.
 Mrs. I. B. Ray led the group in singing "America." Mrs. Ramsey led in prayer. Roll call was answered with "My goal for 1954." Minutes were approved and the finance report was given by the secretary, Mrs. Vernon Stanley.
 The club received first place and five dollars for its "scrap book" for 1953. The club also won the same amount for first place in 1951 and 1952.
 Plans for the new year were discussed. The club plans to contribute to the March of Dimes at its next meeting. The yearbooks were filled out for the first six months and supplementary work planned.
 The club voted unanimously to purchase a box of each of "Sympathy and Get Well" cards for use when needed.
 Officers for the new year are: President, Mrs. Walter Kelso; vice president, Mrs. Jess Foy; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Vernon Stanley; council delegate, Mrs. I. B. Ray; alternate, Mrs. Ab Hunter; reporter, Mrs. W. D. Ramsey; song leader, Mrs. Ben Adkins; parliamentarian, Mrs. Vernon Stanley.
 Committees appointed are: Membership, Mrs. Childers and Mrs. Griffin; finance, Mrs. Ray and Mrs.

Wright; program, Mrs. Touchstone and Mrs. Foy; 3E, Mrs. Goode and Mrs. Hunter; 4H, Mrs. Adkins and Mrs. Ramsey; recreation, Mrs. Vernon Stanley.
 Garden leaders are: Mrs. Ray and Mrs. Kelso; kitchen leaders, Mrs. Clyde Chancey and Mrs. Don Wright.
 The garden leaders will attend the training meeting at Anson Jan. 18 and bring their demonstration back to the club. The meeting adjourned to meet Jan. 28 with Mrs. Don Wright. The program will be "Planning a Garden."
 Mrs. Touchstone served refreshments to six members and one visitor and two children.

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MOVE TO LEVELLAND
 Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Hodges and sons moved Wednesday to Level-land where they will operate a farm. Mrs. Hodges moved to Merkel from North Carolina in 1903.
MERKEL FOLKS AT DEMONSTRATION OF GULF PRODUCTS
 Charlie Curb, Truett Perry, Irl Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Smith and Editor Hy White attended a gasoline power demonstration by the Gulf Oil Corporation in Abilene Tuesday night. Refreshments were served.
Donald Hunt Elected Reporter of Press Club
 Donald Hunt, son of Rev. and Mrs. Hugh H. Hunt, formerly of Merkel has been elected reporter for the McMurry Press Club.
 Donald whose home is now in Stanton, where his father is pastor of the Methodist Church, is editor of the McMurry War Whoop college weekly newspaper, and is a member of Ko Sari men's social club. He is a sophomore in McMurry.

Grand Opera Fete Starts Feb. 6 At San Antonio
 The Symphony Society of San Antonio's tenth anniversary Grand Opera Festival will again bring a score of leading opera stars to sing roles in four locally-produced offerings of "grand opera in the grand manner."
 The 1954 festival, staged at Municipal Auditorium in San Antonio with Victor Alessandro as musical director, will present Verdi's "Otello," Saturday night, Feb. 6; "La Traviata," Sunday matinee, Feb. 7; "Madame Butterfly," Saturday night, Feb. 13, and "Carmen," Sunday matinee, February 14.
 The complete production of "Butterfly" will move to Austin for a second performance at the University of Texas Monday night February 15.
 The casts of the operas, including singers from the Metropolitan, San Francisco, Milan's La Scala, Vienna State Opera and other leading companies in this country and Europe:
 "Otello" — Ramon Vinay in the title role;
 "Traviata" — Dorothy Kirsten as Violetta; Tallone as Marquis d'Orbigny, and Harris as Baron Douphol.
 "Butterfly" — Victoria de Los Angeles as Cio-Cio-San;
 "Carmen" — Rise Stevens in the title role.
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CHAMPIONSHIP RODEO IS SCHEDULED FOR EL PASO IN FEB.
 Plans for the Southwestern Championship Rodeo, scheduled Feb. 10-14 at the El Paso County Coliseum, have been cemented and fans are due to be treated to a well-rounded show which enjoys the reputation of being the fastest moving production of its kind in the country. Top specialty acts been signed to sandwich between rodeo events so that something will be going on in the arena at all times.

HOSPITAL NOTES
 Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were:
 As medical patients — Benny Wayne Melton, Dee Teaff, Mrs. H. T. Torrence, C. F. Schwartz, Mrs. Joe Seymore, Tom Harwell, Mrs. J. D. Gentry, Mrs. J. H. Bishop and Charles Hopper.
 For surgery — Mrs. H. A. Hartley.

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SERRA MISSION APRICOTS	No. 2 1/2	25c
LIBBY'S Tomato Juice	46 OZ. CAN	29c
ARMOURS — VEGETOLE SHORTENING	3 Lb. Carton	59c
SWANS DOWN Cake Mixes	2 BOXES	46c
ALL FLAVORS JELLO	3 BOXES	25c
TIDE	REG. BOX	29c
PRODUCE		
SUNKIST LEMONS	lb.	15c
IDAHO SPUDS	lb.	5c
CELLO CARROTS	bag	10c
GREEN CABBAGE	lb.	3c
TEXAS ORANGES	5 lb. bag	29c
Meats & Poultry		
DENISON FRYERS	lb.	49c
LOIN or T-BONE STEAK	lb.	49c
FRESH GROUND Hamburger	lb.	35c
LONGHORN CHEESE	lb.	49c
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EDITORIAL

ESSAY, POETRY WINNERS

The local high school English students are making a name for themselves. Eight won outstanding honor in essay writing, three won outstanding honor in poetry writing.

The essay writers won distinction by having their essays accepted for publication in "Young America Speaks," an anthology published by the National Essay Association. The poetry writers won distinction by having their poems accepted for publication in "Young America Sings," an anthology of high school verse.

The essay winning writers are: June Barley, Patsy Floyd, Jackie Hogan, Sessions Hammond, Kay James, Larry Joyce, Sandra Paterson and George Starbuck.

The poetry winning writers are: Conita Bagby, Wesley Pair and George Starbuck.

The fact that these students will see their writing in a national publication will be an inspiration to them and an urge to continue to write creatively.

These young folks are to be congratulated on their well-earned honor.

BASKETBALL ATMOSPHERE

Basketball here is getting off to good stride.

Salmon Salad Is Dieter's Delight



COOL, inviting Salmon Salad Bowl might be called the Dieter's delight, since hearty, flavorful canned salmon is a low-calorie food. It's a treat to eat just as it comes from the can, and it combines deliciously with garden-fresh low-calorie summer vegetables.

Canned salmon tallies only about 100 calories per 100 grams (slightly less than a quarter-pound and a very adequate serving). Moreover, it requires no calorie-laden dressing to make it taste good. One of the most popular ways to eat canned salmon is just "as is."

When you serve canned salmon in a summer salad, you get the benefit of its complete protein heartiness in a cool, inviting combination of colorful, flavorful garden vegetables. Here's nutrition a la king. And if you want a dressing, take your choice of a luscious Blue Cheese Dressing or a dieter's special low-calorie dressing.

- Salmon Salad Bowl**
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|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 7½-ounce can salmon | 2 carrots, made into curls |
| Watercress | 1 green pepper, cut in rings |
| 1 large sweet onion, sliced | 1 cup cooked or canned peas |
| 2 tomatoes, cut in wedges | 2 hard cooked eggs, sliced |
| ¼ cucumber, sliced and drained | |
- Drain salmon; flake, keeping

Coach Tommy Ellis' Badgers started the conference session with two wins and the boys are winning more games. They defeated Roscoe Plowboys 64 to 56 and beat the Albany cagers 78 to 45.

The Badger girls are also getting off to a good start. They beat Roscoe 17 to 16.

ON TV

How does it feel to be on TV? Frankly, we don't know. We never have been on ourselves so we are not in a position to tell. However, we have been on radio, as an announcer, one time in Kansas City, Mo., and the other time in Santa Barbara, Calif. But we take it that the experience is not the same.

Anyway, when we announced in Kansas City on the radio our friends wanted to know where the fire was, that we were talking too fast. How we did in California, we don't know, as we left the town before the matter was broadcast. It had been put on a record.

But getting back to how it feels to be on TV. As we said before, we don't know. But we do know how it feels to see our friends on the TV.

We happened to be at the office about the time the broadcast was to come on. Harry Woodrum invited us to come over and see and hear the home folks on the TV. We accepted his invitation.

As the time drew near for the program to start there was a certain hesitancy in the room, a feeling of expectancy, a slight nervousness. Then Western Parson smiled as he came on the TV. He told about being in Merkel, about the program and the amateur contests. Then he introduced the different numbers.

First the band came on, natural and life-like. There were Tommie

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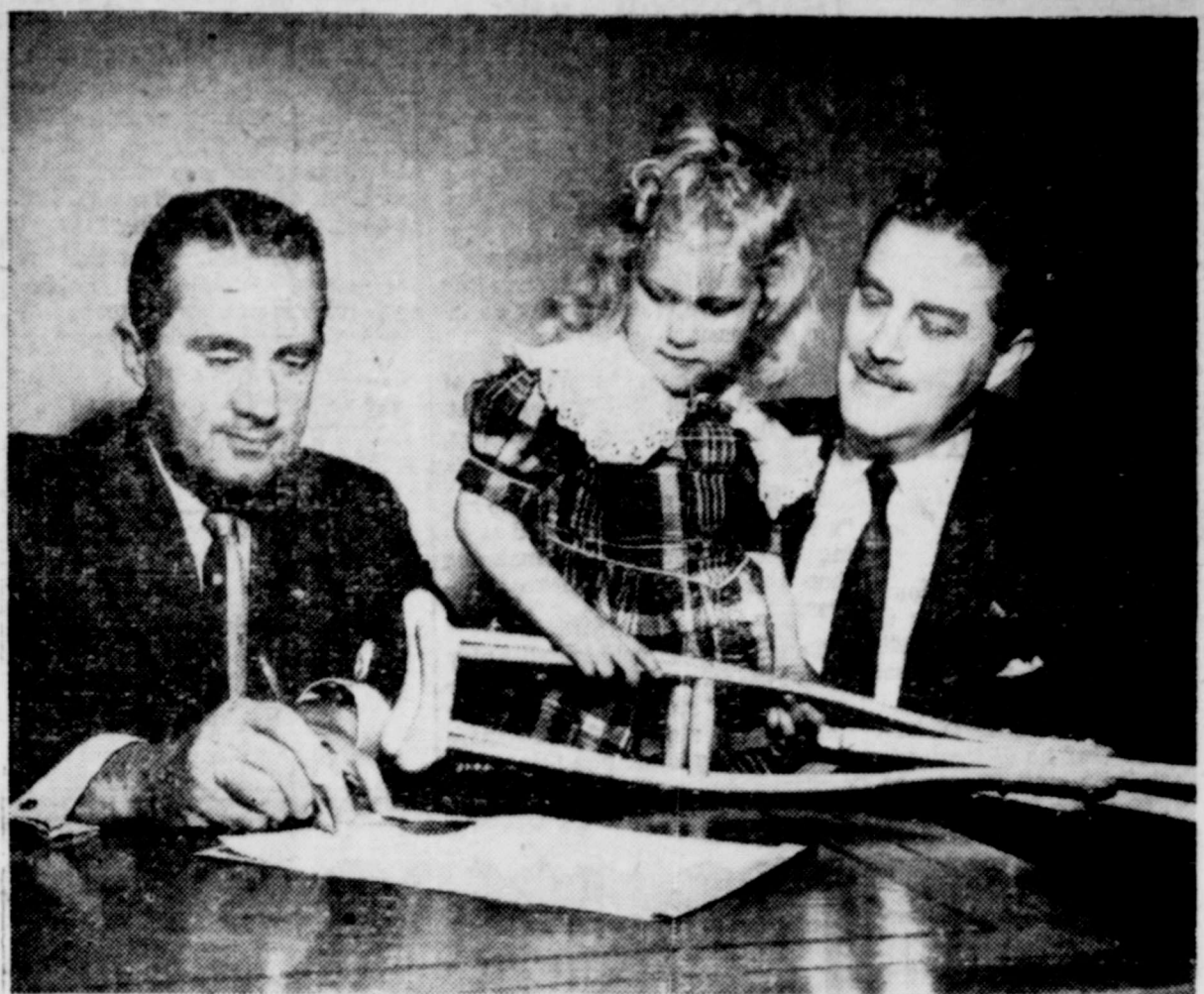
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MARCH OF DIMES MONTH in Texas, January 2-31, has been declared by Governor Allan Shivers, above left. As Governor Shivers signs the proclamation, he is watched by Ruth Ann Bryant, 3206 Cherrywood, Dallas, a three and one-half year old polio victim, and General Robert J. Smith of Dallas, State Chairman of the 1954 March of Dimes Campaign and President of Pioneer Air Lines. The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, through the March of Dimes Campaign, is seeking to raise an average of 50 cents for every person in Texas. Part of the 1954 plans are to conduct vaccine field tests in the State.

Cutler, Dillard Harris, Charles Beaird and Kenneth Collier. They played and the music came in nicely. Vicki Clark, the first grader, charmingly sang "I'm too Young to Tango."

The Barber Shop Quartet, including George Starbuck, Ralph Bartlett, Richard Chaney, Charles Beaird and Tommie Cutler, dressed in proper style for the scene and with the proper size mustache gave forth with sweet music.

Then the Gospel Quartet of the Assembly of God Church, including Dr. James H. Chaney, Mrs. H. S. Earp and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cyper with Mrs. Chaney at the piano, delighted the audience with their hymn singing.

That closed the Merkel part of the program. It was good to see all these folks on TV.

"WHITE-ICISM"

That's ALL — and the Sage of Figfield adds that TRYING to win has its fun just as winning has.

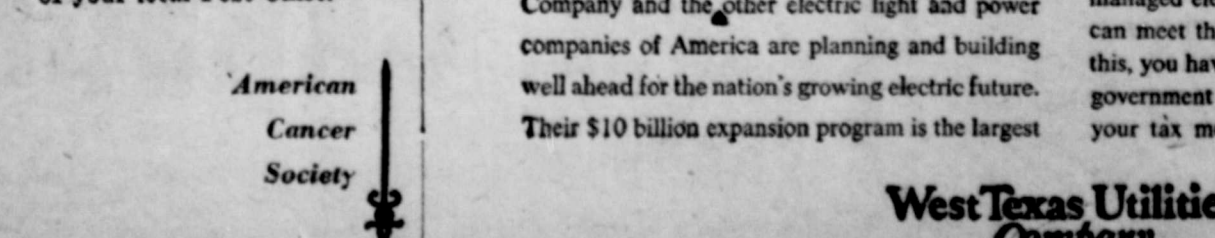


But why MEN over 45?

Our doctors still don't know why, but if you are a man over 45 you are six times as likely to develop lung cancer as a man of your age twenty years ago. They do know, however, that their chances of saving your life could be about ten times greater if they could only detect cancer long before you yourself notice any symptom. (Only 1 in every 20 lung cancers is being cured today, largely because most cases progress too far before detected.)

That's why we urge that you make a habit of having your chest X-rayed every six months, no matter how well you may feel. The alarming increase of lung cancer in men over 45 more than justifies such precautions. Far too many men die needlessly!

Our new film "The Warning Shadow" will tell you what every man should know about lung cancer. To find where and when you can see this film, and to get life-saving facts about other forms of cancer, phone the American Cancer Society office nearest you or simply write to "Cancer"—in care of your local Post Office.



13 NIGHT CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT H.S.U. SOON

A total of 13 night classes will be held at Hardin-Simmons University during the spring semester. A. B. Lee, registrar, announced. Spring registration will be held Feb. 1 and 2, with class sessions slated to begin, Feb. 3.

The classes will be offered in business administration, economics education, English, history, mathematics, journalism and sociology.

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Vicious Gambling Ring Is Broken Up At Queen Theatre

How a crusading sports columnist breaks up a vicious gambling ring with the charming assistance of the young woman society editor of his paper is the theme of "Hot News," the new Allied Artists romantic drama, showing Friday and Saturday at the Queen Theatre.

The picture stars Stanley Clements, Gloria Henry and James Flavin are featured as the society editor and a hard-punching sports editor.

The young columnist, a former boxer, starts his crusade, when an over-matched fighter dies as the result of a beating received in the ring.

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March of Dimes Contribution Now Stand at \$500

At the end of the second week of the local March of Dimes campaign a total of \$500 had been contributed, according to Principal C. A. Farley, local director. The largest donation during the past week came from the Merkel Public Schools. The primary school gave \$49, the elementary school donated \$47 and the high school, \$1.60. Merkel's quota this year is \$1500 which is an increase of 50 per cent over last year. Other important fund-raising events scheduled during the month are: Boy Scout collection at the traffic lights on Highway 80 on Jan. 23; collections at the Queen Theatre by Boy and Girl Scouts from Jan. 22 to Jan. 29; Mothers' March on Polio on Friday night, Jan. 29; and on Monday night, Feb. 1, the grade school will have a benefit double-header basketball game in the local gym.



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KILLS FIRST FOX

T. C. Allen killed the first fox he had ever shot at in his life. He was with Vestal Hicks Monday afternoon when Vestal called up two foxes. T. C. shot and killed one. The hunting was done five miles east of here on the Buster Horton place.

Early Filing Of Income Return Is Suggested

Early filing of your 1953 income tax return will be a big help to Uncle Sam said Ellis Campbell, Jr., district director of Internal Revenue.

"The vast bulk of Dallas District taxpayers will find no difficulty in making out their own returns, especially if they use Form 1040A," Mr. Campbell said. "But for those who have a problem or two, our office stands ready to give assistance or advice. If you need personal aid, visit our office at U. S. Post Office and Courthouse, 3rd and 4th St., on Pine St., Abilene.

"To obtain help and avoid the rush and pressure of last minute crowds come in now.

"It's true that the filing deadline is March 15, but little or nothing is gained by waiting until the last minute to pay up."

The district director stressed that careful reading of the instructions, accompanying the forms recently mailed out, will enable most taxpayers to prepare their own returns, often in less than an hour.

MAX MELLINGER AND SON SYLVAN AT EXHIBITORS SHOW

Max Mellinger and son Sylvan attended the National Fashion Exhibitors' showing of women's summer apparel in Dallas this week.

Depression Talk Is Wasted Time Says Publisher

"This country is due for a buyer's market — not a depression," said Palmer Hoyt, in reprising those who are trying to talk us into a depression.

Mr. Hoyt's remarks were made at the 7th Annual Mid-Winter Meeting of the Texas Press Association, held the past week-end in Austin.

Mr. Hoyt berated people who are "wasting a lot of breath and causing a lot of heartaches by insisting that we are going to have a depression."

"Newspaper advertising will play the major role in assuring prosperity in 1954," the publisher of the Denver Post stated, "for newspaper advertising is the one thing that

can make distribution match production."

Speaking about the rapidly increasing population of our nation Hoyt said, "Every month a city the size of Toledo, Ohio, is being added to the markets of this country. Such additions offer additional opportunity for selling."

In proving his point that we are getting farther and farther away from even the remotest possibility of a depression Publisher Hoyt cited that 1953 saw the greatest volume of goods and services provided in a single year, the highest employment and a flow of personal income exceeding all past years. More than a million new non-farm homes were built and private construction, other than residential, was at near-record volume.

Business spent more dollars for

JAMES H. CHANEY
Chiropractor
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PHONE 18

plants and equipment than ever before, he asserted. The market value of all the goods and services produced — the gross national production — was \$367 billion and the most conservative estimates show almost equal figures upcoming in 1954.

Louisiana produces most of America's sugar cane.

Halley's comet will reappear in 1985.

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ROY WAYLAND THOMAS LEAVES LAST WEEK FOR AIR FORCE DUTY

Roy Wayland Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Thomas, has enlisted in the Air Force. He left here Wednesday of last week.

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DEL MONTE PEAS Garden 303	2 cans	39c
DEL MONTE CUT GREEN BEANS	2 cans	43c
DEL MONTE 46 OZ. ORANGE JUICE	can	32c
DEL MONTE 303 PEARS	can	23c
KIMBELL NO. 2 BLACKEYE PEAS	2 cans	33c
CHUCK WAGON CHILI BEANS	3 cans	29c
IVANHOE MACARONI	2 cans	25c
LIBBY'S SPAGHETTI and MEAT BALLS	2 cans	39c
KENL RATION DOG FOOD	2 cans	29c

PARKAY OLEO	lb.	29c
OUR VALUE SALMON	can	29c
BEST MAID PICKLES	qt.	21c

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FRESH Ground Meat	lb.	35c
CHOICE BEEF CHUCK ROAST	lb.	39c
FRESH PORK ROAST	lb.	57c
SLICED BACON	lb.	65c
CHOICE BEEF SHORT RIBS	lb.	19c
WILSONS 4-6 AVERAGE PICNIC HAMS	lb.	49c
FRESH FRYERS	lb.	49c

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FRIDAY, SATURDAY, JANUARY 22 — 23

2 — BIG FEATURES — 2

"HOT NEWS"
STANLEY CLEMENTS — GLORIA HENRY

"JUNCTION CITY"
CHARLES STARRETT — SMILEY BURNETTE
Color Cartoon and Last Chapter of Sons of Geranimo

SUNDAY, MONDAY, JANUARY 24 — 25

"NOT 3 DIMENSION"
The Most Breathtaking Manhunt and Flaming Love even to criss-cross the Screen!

"INFERNO"
ROBERT RYAN — RHONDA FLEMING
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Features Sunday 2:28 — 4:31 Features Monday 7:08 — 9:01

TUES., WED., THURS., JANUARY 26, 27, 28
Zona Libre! Land without Law on the Rio Grande!
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"BORDER RIVERS"
JOEL McCREA — YVONNE DE CARLO
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Also Color Cartoon and Short
FEATURES 7:17 — 9:08

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WILSON Chopped Beef	can	33c

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Garden-Fresh **VEGETABLES**

FRESH JUMBO LETTUCE	head	12c
FRESH TOMATOES	lb.	19c
SUNKIST LEMONS	lb.	12c
RED MASH BAG SPUDS	10 lbs.	35c
FRESH CABBAGE	lb.	3c
FRESH RUTABAGER	lb.	5c
TEXAS BAG ORANGES	5 lbs.	33c
TEXAS BAG GRAPEFRUIT	5 lbs.	27c

ARMOURS SHORTENING	3 lb. carton	59c
WHITE SWAN COFFEE	lb.	89c
PURESNOW FLOUR	25 lb. print	\$1.93
DOMINO SUGAR	10 lbs.	89c
BEST MAID SALAD DRESSING	pint	19c
KIMBELL'S APRICOT OR PEACH PRESERVES	20 oz.	29c
VEL BEAUTY Bar Soap	each	22c
VEL or FAB	2 BOXES	55c
AJAX CLEANSER	2 cans	25c

PREMIUM CRACKERS	lb.	23c
WHITE LILY CHEESE	2 lbs.	69c
NESTLES SEMI-SWEET CHOCOLATE BAG		19c
DEL MONTE PEACHES	No. 2 1/2 can	25c
FRESH DATES	lb. box	23c
MAXWELL HOUSE INSTANT COFFEE	2 oz.	49c

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