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OPEN HOUSE TO HONOR MR., MRS. MCWILLIAMS

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McWilliams will be honored on their Golden Wedding anniversary Sunday, Dec. 4, with open house in their home hosted by their children.

Friends and relatives will call between the hours of 2 and 5 p.m.

The couple was married Dec. 4, 1910, at Denison. Both were residents of the Mount Pleasant community south of Merkel.

Mrs. McWilliams was Etta Mae Shouse, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Shouse, longtime

Taylor County residents. She was born Jan. 19, 1894, at Fayetteville, Ark., and came to Texas at the age of six.

Mr. McWilliams, a native Texan, has lived most of his adult life in Taylor County. He was born March 8, 1886, and is a son of the late Rev. and Mrs. A. F. McWilliams.

Children of the couple who will attend the celebration with their families are five sons, Chester of Merkel, Joe Clyde of Willcox, Ariz.; J. Ward of San Angelo, Sherwood of Midkiff and Derwood of Jal, N. M., and two daughters, Mrs. E. R. Thompson Jr. and Mrs. W. B. Grant, both of Big Spring.

Decorations at the open house will include a metallic Christmas tree with gold ornaments.

Refreshments will be served from a lace covered table centered with a bouquet of gold mums and candles.

Mrs. Windham Hosts Reunion

Mrs. R. E. Windham of 405 Runnels St., Merkel, hosted a reunion for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren Thanksgiving Day.

All of her children except one, Norman Windham of El Paso, were present. Three different groups of four generations were present.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Windham and children, Larry, Linda and Kathy, of Merkel; Mrs. Thelma Thomas of Abilene; Mrs. Alta Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hobbs and sons, Butchie Dale and Dane of Grand Prairie; Mr. and Mrs. Hosea Windham of Las Vegas, Nev.; Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Moore and son, Roger of Blair; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams and children, Vicki and Steven of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Elliott and children, Cindy and Scott, of Sweetwater.

Visiting in the afternoon were the Rev. and Mrs. Phillips of Cooper and Mrs. Tom Russell of Nubia.

Mrs. Whisenhunt Succumbs At 82

Mrs. J. B. (Sallie Lida) Whisenhunt, 82, died at 10:30 a.m. Friday at her home in White Church Community, Route 4, Merkel.

Funeral was held Saturday at 4 p.m. at the Merkel Methodist Church. Officiating was the pastor, the Rev. J. Alvis Cooley, and the Rev. John Ferguson, Hereford Methodist minister. Burial was in White Church in southwest Taylor County. Starbuck Funeral Home in charge.

She was born Feb. 7, 1878, in Hill County and moved to Taylor County at the age of 13. She married J. B. Whisenhunt in March of 1897 and had lived in the White Church Community since then.

Survivors are the husband; three sons, W. M. of 2066 Henson in Abilene, and R. F. and E. L., both of Route 4, Merkel; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Stith Residents To Have Meeting

The annual meeting of the Stith Community will be held Saturday, Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m.

A sandwich supper will be served and new officers elected.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Steele visited Mr. and Mrs. Doug Pyburn in Abilene Thanksgiving Day. Doug is recovering from surgery. The Rays and the Steeles attended the ACC-McMurry game that afternoon.



FIVE-POINTER—Larry Hargrove, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hargrove, bagged a five-point buck on the Henry Tillett place about 10 miles south of Merkel last week. He was accompanied on the hunt by his father, who didn't bag anything.

Mrs. Lippard, 86, Dies In Eastland

Funeral was held Sunday, Nov. 20 at Eastland in Hamner Funeral Home Chapel for Mrs. Allie Lee Lippard, 86, who died at her home there Friday.

The Rev. James Campbell, pastor of Eastland First Methodist Church, officiated. Burial was in Eastland Cemetery.

The daughter of the late W. P. and Martha Harper, Mrs. Lippard was born in Italy, Tex., Feb. 10, 1874. She moved to Eastland from Abilene six years ago.

She married Lon B. Lippard in Oklahoma, Aug. 20, 1898. A veteran of the Civil War, he died June 18, 1926.

Survivors include five sons, A. S. of Beaumont, S. L. of Almagordo, N. M. and L. B. of San Angelo and A. L. of Fort Worth; two daughters, Mrs. O. A. Glasswinkel of Abilene, Rt. 4, and Mrs. C. L. Fields of Eastland; 20 grandchildren and 45 great-grandchildren; two half-brothers, W. R. Harper of Fruita, Colo. and John Harper of Oklahoma City.

BADGER TALES

By Ruthie Corder

It was a struggle for most of us to make it back to school after the holidays — but we did it. Now all we need is some more. Maybe we won't suffer from school too much though — it's just about three weeks until Christmas.

The Senior Class will probably have their Christmas party Dec. 19 this year. The 12th was the only other open date. I don't think any of the other classes have set a date — they may have a hard time finding a time or place.

Basketball has really got into the swing of things in the last week — for the girls. They had games Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. It looks as if it is here to stay.

Last week Mr. Reed had band try-outs for the chair arrangement — and you should have seen some of the changes that took place. Audrey Reagan and Carol Sue McAnich are sitting first and second chair flute. Larry Howard is sitting second chair clarinet, and there are changes in almost every section. Tuesday when I got to school you almost couldn't get in for the instruments sitting on the steps. It looks like Mr. Reed finally found a way to get people to practice.

Because there were no open dates in December the football banquet will be held in January. The theme this year will be showboat — I think, and it will probably be real nice with that much extra time for planning.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray had the following guests for a turkey dinner Monday, Nov. 21: Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Ray and children, Mark and Martha of Abilene, Mrs. Kenneth Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Steele and sons, Randall and Mike, of Houston, the Rev. and Mrs. Joe McCarthy and children, Connie, Mike, Johnnie and Mark, of Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church.

Mrs. E. W. King has returned to her home from Paris, where she was called to the bedside of her brother, C. G. Steele, who was hospitalized at St. Joseph hospital, due to a heart attack.



CLARA BARTON IN MERKEL—This picture of last year's fifth grade students at Merkel Elementary School and accompanying write-up about their study of Clara Barton, appeared in the December issue of Jr. Red Cross magazine. Left to right, they are Bronwyn Gamble, Phyllis Newby, Dick Walker, Jimmy and Patricia Ann Whisenhunt, and Rae Lynn Brubaker. The students, under teacher-sponsor Mrs. Johnny Cox, framed and placed a picture in the school library of the famed "Angel of the Battlefield" of the Civil War who was founder of the American Red Cross; saw a film about Miss Barton's life; read aloud from two books about Miss Barton's work; and planned and built a series of displays about Red Cross services in the school foyer.

Junior High Basketball

Dec. 1—Roscoe here 7 p.m.
Dec. 8-9-10—Jr. High Tournament here.

Dec. 17—Roscoe-there-afternoon.

Jan. 5-6-7—Anson Tournament there.

Jan. 9—District Game—Haskell, 6 p.m.

Jan. 12-13-14—Jim Ned Tournament—there.

Jan. 16—District Game—Hamlin—here, 6 p.m.

Jan. 23—District Game—Albany—here, 6 p.m.

Jan. 30—Open date.

Feb. 6—District Game—Anson—there.

Feb. 9—District Game—Haskell—here, 6 p.m.

Feb. 13—District Game—Hamlin—there, 6 p.m.

Feb. 16—District Game—Albany, there, 6 p.m.

Feb. 20—Open date.

Feb. 23—District Game—Anson—here, 6 p.m.

Dr. C. F. Williams, Ex-Merkelite, Dies

Dr. Charles F. Williams, 64, Abilene physician since 1923, died at Hendrick Memorial Hospital at 2:20 p.m. Wednesday Nov. 23 after a lengthy illness. His home was at Fort Phantom Hill Lake.

Born Sept. 3, 1896, at Oenaville, he moved to Merkel with his parents in 1908. His father was Dr. George M. Williams, early Taylor County physician.

He graduated from Merkel High School and then from medical school in Kansas City, Mo., in 1918. He opened his first office in Waco but moved back to Merkel after a few weeks when his father became ill. He then took over his father's practice.

Dr. Williams moved to Abilene in 1923, opening an office at 116 1/2 Chestnut St., which has been his office since. He married Irene Cox on Sept. 10, 1924.

He became ill Aug. 1 while on vacation at Salt Lake City. He was flown back to Abilene and entered Hendrick. He had been in the hospital since.

Dr. Williams was a member of the American and Taylor-Jones County Medical Society, the Abilene Rotary Club, and the Highland St. Church of Christ. He was also a Shriner.

Survivors include his wife and three nephews, E. B. Hendricks of 1801 Briarwood Dr., Marion Rice of 1402 Victoria St., and Edwin Rice of Alhambra, Calif. Funeral was held at 10 a.m. Friday at the Kiker-Warren Chapel here with burial in Elmwood Memorial Park.

Club's Tasting Tea Set Dec. 1

Merkel Garden Club will host a tasting tea Thursday, Dec. 1 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Jarrett Williams.

Tickets will be one dollar, which will include recipes for food prepared by Garden Club members.

The tea is open to the public.

Jaycee Chapter Planned Here; Meet Set Dec. 5

Plans for a United States Junior Chamber of Commerce (Jaycees) for Merkel are underway with an organizational meeting slated at the Merkel Country Club Monday, Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m.

Chuck Spicer, president of the Abilene Jaycees chapter which is extending the Merkel chapter, will be present at the meeting.

The Jaycee organization is a non-profit, civic service organization dedicated to providing leadership training for its members through active participation in community betterment projects.

It is the world's fastest growing young men's association with more than 200,000 members located in 3,694 local chapters in 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Franklin Myrick is the temporary chairman and Buddy Martin is temporary secretary for the local group.

Young men in the Merkel area are invited to attend the meeting.

George Crow, 89, Dies In Lubbock

George Crow, 89, resident of Merkel for five years, died in Lubbock Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the home of a son. He had suffered from leukemia.

Born March 13, 1871 in Leake County, Miss., he was a member of the First Methodist Church here.

Prior to moving here five years ago, he had lived in Mulberry Canyon since 1888.

His wife died in 1955. Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the First Methodist Church in Merkel with the Rev. J. Alvis Cooley, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Mertie Moore, Mrs. Mittie Dier and Mrs. Burnice Toombs, all of Merkel; two sons, Bernell and Odell, both of Lubbock; one brother, Tom Crow of Rogers, Tex.; 12 grandchildren, including Mrs. R. L. East of 1980 Sayles and Mrs. C. W. McCall of 801 S. Willis, in Abilene, 17 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Skippy Winter Dies Here At 14

Delma Edward (Skippy) Winter, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mina A. Winter, died Friday at 11 a.m. in Sadler Hospital here after an illness of three years.

Funeral was held Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church with the pastor, the Rev. Mart Hardin, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

He was born May 7, 1946 in Abilene and had been a lifelong Merkel resident. He was a member of the Baptist Church and the Boy Scouts and had been active in Little League. He attended the 7th grade here last year.

Survivors include the parents, one brother, Philip, 15, of the home; the paternal grandmother, Mrs. M. E. Winter of Merkel; and maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Diltz of Merkel; and a half-sister, Janice Jackson of Seminole.



Harold D. Austin
...retiring manager



Frank J. Hobbs
...district manager

WTU HEAD ANNOUNCES PERSONNEL CHANGES

Changes in the personnel of the Abilene District Office of West Texas Utilities Company were announced today by Cal Young, WTU President, following the retirement on December 1 of Harold D. Austin, District Manager.

Frank J. Hobbs, Assistant District Manager in Abilene since 1945, and employed by WTU for more than 30 years, has assumed his new duties as District Manager.

Russell Crownover, former Abilene Local Manager and WTU's Chief Pilot since 1956, will succeed Mr. Hobbs as Assistant District Manager. E. L. Jackson will continue to serve as an assistant district manager with headquarters in Cisco.

The Abilene district includes Abilene, Albany, Buffalo Gap, Bradshaw, Clyde, Cisco, Cross Plains, Hawley, Lawn, Merkel, May, Moran, Ovalo, Putnam, Rising Star, Scranton, Trent, Tye, Throckmorton, Tuscola and Woodson.

During the 39 years that Harold D. Austin has been employed by he has worked in various capacities, including that of bookkeeper, West Texas Utilities Company, local manager, assistant commercial manager, industrial manager, and district manager. He also assisted in the organization of two of the company's operating districts, and the consolidation of two others.

Mrs. Austin is the former Helen English; they will continue to live in Abilene at 802 Rivercrest Drive. He plans to devote part of his time to the operation of his irrigated cotton farms in Reeves County near Pecos. Plans are being made for a new home.



Mr. and Mrs. Billy Fisher of Merkel announce the arrival of an 8 lb. 15 oz. son, William Allen, born at 1:54 a.m., Nov. 23.

Fisher is employed by Sorjourner Drilling Corp. He and his wife also have a daughter, Cindy, 2.

Grandparents are Mrs. H. D. Wells and Mr. and Mrs. Gaines Fisher.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger L. Burfield of Merkel, Route 2, are announcing the arrival of a 7 lb., 14 oz. son, David Lee, on November 22.

Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Tom Maddox of Merkel. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Pete Burfield of Merkel.

YULE DECORATIONS CONTEST SET AT TRENT

The Trent Garden Club is sponsoring a Christmas decoration contest with prizes to be given in three categories—doors, yards and windows.

Deadline for entries is Dec. 14. Judging will be on Dec. 15. Entry blanks (below) should be turned in to Mrs. Weldon Beasley.

Any resident of Trent is eligible to participate in this contest.

TRENT CHRISTMAS DECORATION

ENTRY BLANK

Name

Address

Type Entry Yard Window Door

Fill in and send to Mrs. Weldon Beasley, Trent, by Dec. 14.



NEW DECORATIONS—Pictured are Merkel's new lighted Christmas decorations which were put up this week. They are single drape lighted aluminum garlands 12 inches in diameter with five reinforced fiberglass bells on each line. Although merchants on the blocks displaying the decorations contributed their share of money needed, clubs and individuals are also urged to contribute to the project. (Staff Photo By Terry Gardner).



Home Demonstration Notes

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent

Taylor County Home Demonstration Council had its annual meeting last Thursday, 1961 officers elected were — Mrs. Edgar Holly, Chairman, Mrs. Charles Smith, Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Herman Hamon, secretary, and Mrs. Riley Miller, Treasurer.

Native shrubs of ornamental value are found in all parts of Texas. They add interest to farm and home grounds and save dollars, too.

Shrubs can be marked now and transplanted to the grounds during the winter. It's easy to spot

shrubs which have attractive berries and bright fall leaves at this time of the year. It's also easy to select the evergreen shrubs you may be looking for.

Valuable native plants are often found growing in nearby pastures, old fields, canyons and breaks. Those found near your home will be especially well adapted to the soil and climate and will usually thrive when moved to the home grounds. They may take less care than introduced plants.

There are many possibilities. Examples are the ceniza and

agarita or algerita, which grows in the southwestern area; native hollies, bayberry, cherry laurel and Indian cherry in East Texas. Evergreen sumac or kinikinnik, mountain laurel, Texas Madrona, Texas Arbutus, cedars, and Arizona Cypress are found growing wild in Central and West Texas. Shrub hunting can be fun for the whole family. This is the time of the year to enjoy it.

One of the most popular bulletins on the available list now is "CHRISTMAS TIME AT HOME" — written by extension foods and nutrition specialists of Texas A&M College.

And no wonder... this colorful bulletin is filled with ideas for Christmas menus, Christmas food gifts, and lots of tested recipes for cakes, cookies, holiday breads, candies, and even holiday beverages that will be sure to please family or friends. Here is one I used from this bulletin last year and we liked very much.

HOLIDAY DELIGHT

- 3 cups sugar
 - 1 cup light corn syrup
 - 1 1/2 cups light cream
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
- Combine sugar, corn syrup and light cream and cook to a soft-ball stage over medium heat. Remove from heat and begin beating immediately. It will begin to thicken and change color. Add vanilla and continue beating. Have ready the following fruits and nuts, and add slowly to mixture:
- 1/2 lb. Brazil nuts, halved
 - 1/2 lb. pecan halves
 - 1/2 lb. candied cherries
 - 1/2 lb. walnuts, coarsely chopped
 - 1/2 lb. candied pineapple, cut in large pieces

When these are all added, mixture will be thick and sticky. Pack into waxed paper lined loaf pan, pressing down firmly with a wet spoon. Place in refrigerator to chill. After a few hours the sticky syrup will become firm and almost white in color. Cut into pieces after 24 hours. Store in refrigerator until ready to use.

Call or write me at 317 Pecan Street, Abilene, and ask for a free copy of "CHRISTMAS TIME AT HOME."

Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE

The beautiful Thanksgiving Day was spent many different ways in Stith. Some folks worked — the gin ran all day — some went visiting and some had visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Pick Payne had Thanksgiving dinner with their son, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Payne in Guyman, Okla. They returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rolene Finch and children and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Finch of Hodges, spent several days last week in Arkansas visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hal Payne.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. West spent Thanksgiving with their grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Manly Denton in Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Mundy and Lynn of San Antonio, ate Thanksgiving dinner with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Van-trees.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harris and Johnnie spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Harris at Vealville, Ark.

Those attending the workers conference at the First Baptist Church in Anson Tuesday of last week were the Rev. Bob Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn and children, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones, Mrs. W. L. Ledbetter and Sharon.

Mr. and Mrs. Truett Jones of Cross Plains spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Browning Thanksgiving were her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. O. B. Tatum and a grandson, Lonnie Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hodges visited Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wayne Berry and children of Lubbock visited over the weekend with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry and her parents, Mr. and

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by Cary Lane, WOMEN'S TRAVEL DIRECTOR

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NEVER GIMB WITH A GUN AT A WALL OR FENCE, PUSH YOUR GUN ON AHEAD OR HAND IT TO A FELLOW HUNTER.

WATCH YOUR BACKGROUND. HILLS, FLAT SURFACES MEAN RICOCHET.

OTHER TIPS: YELLOW IS THE BEST COLOR FOR HUNTING CLOTHES. IF YOU'RE LOST OR NEED HELP FIRE THREE SHOTS AT EVEN INTERVALS, REPEAT A FEW MINUTES LATER.

WHEN DUCK HUNTING FROM A BOAT, TWO COMPANIONS SHOULD FACE IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS IN WOODS, WALKING SIDE BY SIDE IS SAFEST.

THE BEST GENERAL ADVICE: ALWAYS TREAT A GUN AS THOUGH IT WERE LOADED.

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Mrs. Pual Bradley. They attended services at the Sixth Baptist Church Sunday morning. Other church visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Corning of Fort Stockton.

The Baptist people gave their pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Bob Carter, a "pounding" Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. John Windland made a trip to Eastland Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns, Mrs. Annie McDonald and Sam Burns attended the funeral of Pete Cheatum in Waco Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hale and children of Midland, Lester Jr. and Joyce Dalton of Truby visited Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale and Sandra Sunday.

Charles Hale returned to his

home in Holyoke, Mass., Wednesday after a two months visit with his parents.

E. J. McDonald has bought the J. B. Harris home and is having it repaired. Jay Rause of Abilene is doing the work.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry ate Thanksgiving supper with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Lilly and children in Abilene.

Guests for dinner Sunday in the E. L. Berry home were the Rev. and Mrs. Bob Carter and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wayne Berry and children.

The annual business meeting will be held at the Community Center Saturday night, Dec. 3. Officers will be elected for the coming year. A sandwich supper will

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"Use of seat belts by every driver — and the day may come when this will be nearer a reality — could cut the traffic death toll by 5,000 a year, the number of injuries 60 per cent.

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PORK & BEANS

2 FOR 39c

MISSION

303 CAN

PEAS

2 FOR 29c

JOLLY TIME

10 OZ. CAN

POP CORN

2 FOR 35c



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HORMEL

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HORMEL

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DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

The ladies at our church held their annual social Friday night and my old lady reports it was a humdinger. I pity the pore souls that wasn't able to attend. A bunch of wimmen at a church social can tarnish a absentee's reputation faster'n a hungry hog can eat a ear of corn.

They've been holding these socials onct a year since way back in 1940. Of course the wimmen out here ain't what they were in 1940. Some of 'em are two or three years older. But them added years has made 'em much better talkers, according to the rumors I git, and at these socials they hardly stop to give a

breath of fresh air—one of the few things most of 'em ain't agin. They can't be telling the truth more'n half the time because as much as they talk there just ain't that much truth.

My old lady said they voted unanimous to write to the Federal Communications Commission and demand a special television channel fer housewives on Saturday afternoon. They claim right now, fer instant, that they can't git nothing but football. It seems to me this is a mighty bad attitude fer church wimmen to take being agin such character-building enterprises.

My old lady went to the affair wearing a hat, so I reckon all of

'em did likewise. It must have been a sight in this world. The one my old lady had on when she left—well, just between me and you Mister Editor, I've saw better looking lids on a pressure cooker.

I see by the papers where a delegation of Indians is pestering Ike again to take that scalping picture off the walls in Congress. If I was Ike I'd solve the problem by having the picture touched up so the Indian would look like a feller from the Revenue Department and the victim like a taxpayer. This would make it so popular they'd have to move it over to the National Museum of Art.

The papers was quoting Congressman Celler of New York as saying the other day that "if our government is to remain solvent, it must raise taxes, spend less, or do both." The thing that puzzles me about this quotation is how a feller that knows that much about arithmetic ever got elected to Congress. If we can elect a few more in 1960 that seems to know how to add and subtract, it might go down in our history as the year Congress discovered the barrel had a bottom to it.

Another interesting item from Washington this week was the noe about a group of government clerks starting a social organization and calling it the "Coffee And Confusion Club." They might run out of coffee onct in a while, but they'll always have enough confusion to operate 100 per cent.

Yours truly,
Gabby

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I GIVE YOU TEXAS

By BOYCE HOUSE

There was a young newspaper reporter in a Nevada mining town many years ago. He and two friends staked out a claim but each thought the other would do the small amount of work that had to be done within 30 days to complete the title — and so they lost the claim. The new owners developed one of the richest gold mines in Virginia City.

Anyone would say that for a man to lose a million dollars is certainly a misfortune — but the newspaperman was Mark Twain. If in his twenties he had had riches dumped in his lap, he might not have had the incentive to write and so the world would have lost "Tom Sawyer" and "Huckleberry Finn."

Sometimes, what appears to be a misfortune later proves not to have been.

When Billy Rose (with whom I worked at the Fort Worth Cas a Mens in 1938 and 1947) was a young man he had an ambition to write songs so he went to the New York City library and studied titles, tunes and techniques of the hit songs of the past dozen

years, then he composed such favorites as "Wedding Bells are Breaking up That Old Gang of Mine" and "Without a Song."

It is said that a newspaper writer, who was sent on an out-of-town assignment, returned to New York by a different route than the managing editor had instructed him as the writer figured it made no difference, anyhow. But the Johnstown flood hit just then and, if he had gone the route he had been told, he would have been the first out-of-town newspaperman on the scene. The result was that, when he got back to New York, he was fired.

In Big Spring, a drive-in cafe features a "chicken gizzard basket." And in Abilene the slogan of the Hill & Hill Company is, "Head for the Hills."

Noodle HD Club Meeting Held

The Noodle Home Demonstration Club met Nov. 15 with the president, Mrs. Carol Best, presiding.

Mrs. Hazel Spurgin led the opening prayer.

Minutes were read by the secretary, Mrs. Louise Parham. Mrs. Pauline Cox brought a report on the state convention.

Members discussed family night which is to be held Dec. 10.

Mrs. Hubert Sullivan gave a demonstration on cake decoration. She discussed different types of pans to be used.

Mrs. Best and Mrs. Campbell, hostesses for the day, served sandwich squares, punch and cake to Mmes. Ueckert, Ritchie, Maxwell, Parham, Sullivan, Leslie Cox, Will Spurgin, Hazel Spurgin, Dillard, Hill, Mrs. Chess Cox and Mrs. Earl Palmer, a guest.

Meringue Crested APPLE JUICE PIE



Here's a gay surprise... a meringue topped pie that stars apple juice. True, it has a bit of lemon juice and grated orange rind for old time lemon-pie sake... but its zing and refreshing zest stem right from apple juice itself. The true spirit of the apple is there, held captive in the smooth, tender filling, under the toasted meringue.

This pie is a dazzler for looks, too. You can bring it out as a tea time refreshment. Or serve it at a luncheon party. Or, best of all, make it an often-time treat for your family.

For all its extravagant look, the pie is most simple to make. The apple juice filling is easy, and the pastry can be a mix.

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| 1 cup sugar | 3 eggs, separated |
| 3 tablespoons cornstarch | 1 tablespoon grated orange rind |
| 1/2 teaspoon salt | 1 tablespoon lemon juice |
| 2 cups apple juice | 9" baked pastry shell |

Mix together in top of double boiler 1/2 cup sugar, cornstarch and salt. Gradually add apple juice; cook, stirring constantly, until thickened. Cover; cook 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Beat egg yolks; gradually add hot apple juice mixture. Return to double boiler; cook until thickened, stirring. Add orange rind and lemon juice. Cool. Pour into baked pastry shell. Beat egg whites stiff, gradually add remaining 1/2 cup sugar, beating constantly. Spread meringue on filling. Broil until brown. Cool.

Dr. Steinman Is Speaker At Trent Club Meet

The Trent Community Garden Club met Nov. 21 in the school cafeteria for a program presented by Dr. George J. Steinman, chairman of the Department of Religion at McMurry College.

Dr. Steinman spoke on "Wood Sculpture and Dried Arrangements." A collector of wood and dried plant material, Dr. Steinman showed several examples of his work. He showed the group how to make dried arrangements and told them what tools they needed to work with.

"If you have to have a hobby, have a creative hobby," he said. He stressed the idea of making something out of nothing.

Hardware wire plaques made by club members were judged with first place going to Mrs. Ronnie Freeman. Second and third places went to Mrs. Othel Barnhill.

There were 21 members present and the following guests: Mrs. W. T. Sadler, Mrs. Harold Odum, Mrs. John Shannon, Mrs. Dale Litton, Mrs. C. L. Sherrill, Mrs. Buford Allen and Mrs. B. H. Jones, all of Merkel; Mrs. L. R. Andrews and Mrs. Melvin Thompson of McCaulley; Mrs. Albert Maberry of Sylvester; Mrs. Billie Fox and Mrs. H. H. McLeod of Trent.

Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. O. V. Barnhill, Mrs. J. M. Freeman, Mrs. Ceell Taylor and Mrs. Geta Williamson.

The next meeting will be Dec. 5 when the program will be "Beauty In The Home At Christmas."

Bluebonnet HD Club Gives Party At School

Members of the Bluebonnet Home Demonstration Club went to Abilene State School Thursday, Nov. 17, where they gave a birthday party for some of the women patients.

Following the singing of songs, refreshments of ice cream and cookies were served.

Goodbyes were said by Mrs. Tom Russom, Mrs. Frank Bronvak and Mrs. Murrel Riggan, the committee in charge.

Miss Joan Maxwell of Dallas was home for the week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Paul Maxwell and boys of Anson, Mr. and Mrs. Nath Maxwell and the Bill Maxwells, all of Noodle.



Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts.—(Psalm 139, 23.)

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Our heartfelt thanks to all who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the beautiful service, floral offerings, and other kindnesses, we are deeply grateful.

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Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Diltz and Family
Mrs. M. E. Winter and Family.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvie L. Clemmer and children of Imperial and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rogers and sons of Andrews were Thanksgiving weekend guests in the home of their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Homer Shanks.

Visitors in the Bill Maxwell home over the weekend were Mrs. R. F. Warren of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Nath Maxwell and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hendon and Brenda.

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JULIA ACUNA BECOMES BRIDE OF FIDEL LEAL

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church was the scene Saturday morning of the wedding of Julia Acuna of Trent and A.C. Fidel Leal of Dyess Air Force Base.

The Rev. Thomas Leahy, pastor of St. Francis Catholic Church in Abilene, officiated at the double ring rites at 10 o'clock.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pascual Acuna of Trent, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Leal of Mercedes are parents of the bridegroom.

Wedding music was presented by Rosie Silba, organist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a ballerina length dress of white chantilly lace fashioned with fitted bodice, long tapered neckline. Lace ruffles adorned the skirt.

Liz West Weds Charles Eager

Mary Elizabeth West and Charles Glenn Eager were united in marriage Nov. 25, at 7 p.m. in the parsonage of the First Methodist Church.

The Rev. J. A. Cooley, pastor, officiated at the double ring ceremony which only members of the family attended.

The bride is the daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Robert Grimes of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Eager, Route Four, Winters, are parents of the bridegroom.

Honor attendants were Lynn Knight, cousin of the bridegroom, and Bitsy and Jill West, daughters of the bride.

Assisting at the reception following the ceremony were Mrs. J. S. Knight and Mrs. Lynn Knight.

The bride is employed as a dental assistant in Abilene. Eager operates the K&E Service Center in Merkel.

The couple will make their home in Merkel.

Thanksgiving visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McClain were their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Russom and children of Eunice, N.M. They also visited Mr. Russom's mother, Mrs. Jesse Russom.

Mrs. Nettie Shelton and Mrs. J. R. Walling of Big Spring were weekend visitors here in the homes of Mrs. W. M. Elliott and Mrs. Jennings Winter.

Mrs. Dick Musser and son, Stevie of Arlington, visited in the home of their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Ruby Grimes the past weekend.

A crown of seed pearls held her shoulder length veil of imported silk illusion. She carried a white orchid and white carnations.

Honor attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Sesario Acuna of Sweetwater. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Pete Barrera Jr. and Beatrice De Leon, both of Abilene; Lupe Acuna of Trent, sister of the bride, Lupe Perez of Sweetwater and Carmen Berria.

Jessie Acuna and Douglas Barnhart, both of Trent, were ushers. Groomsmen were Pete Barrera Jr. of Abilene, Jose Angle of Anson, Audillo Adamaz of Sweetwater, Felis Acuna of Merkel and Celestino Castillo of Sweetwater.

The bride's attendants wore street length dresses of red chiffon over taffeta with pleated skirts, red satin belts and boat collars. Their gloves, shoes and feather clip hats were white. They carried bouquets of white carnations.

The reception following the ceremony was held in the Merkel Community Center. Members of the houseparty were Mrs. Jessie Silba of Rochester, sister of the bride, and Mrs. Jessie Acuna of Weatherford and Ruby and Ann Acuna of Trent, all aunts of the bride.

Following a wedding trip to Fort Worth, the couple will reside at 2002 Merchant St. in Abilene.

The bride is a 1957 graduate of Trent High School and a 1958 graduate of Patricia Stevens Business School in Fort Worth. She is employed by Mead's Frozen Foods, Inc. in Abilene.

The bridegroom was graduated from Mercedes High School in 1958.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Drake of Longview and Mrs. J. W. Welch of Sweetwater were Monday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hartley.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Hail visited her brother, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Coats and children of Austin the last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Mathews of 810 Pioneer Drive, Abilene, were Thanksgiving guests in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mathews Sr. Other visitors were a granddaughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stallo, Jerie Joel and Jana, of Midland. The elder Mr. Mathews, a patient in Sadler Clinic Hospital, is reported slightly improved.

Mrs. Dave Johnson and sons, Bruce, Wayne and Ray, accompanied by Miss Naylejn Durham, of Jenia, La., were holiday visitors in the home of Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller.

UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

Well everyone Up the Canyon had a very fine Thanksgiving this year. The weather was ideal and people in good spirit.

Most of the time the kids come home to see Pa and Ma on Thanksgiving, but this year so many postponed the Thanksgiving visit so that they could be home for Christmas.

Most of the crops are out in our area and most of the grain sown. Rain is needed at this time. Cattle and sheep herds are shaped for the winter.

The Canyon could be in good shape if we have rain soon, otherwise a dry winter would make it rough on the stockmen, especially.

At the Hereford sale in Sweetwater Saturday, stockmen from Blackwell said it is almost as dry there as during the drought, with little rainfall the past year or this year either.

One of the oldest mothers of our community, Aunt Sally Whisenant passed away last Friday. She was 83 and had lived in the Canyon for a number of years. She was always "Aunt Sally" to all us boys, who are getting up in years.

Mr. George Crow, another early day resident of the Canyon, passed away Friday at the home of his son in Lubbock. He was well known in this area.

The Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Phillips of Lubbock spent Thanksgiving in the home of the Tom Russoms. They visited other friends here, and expressed regret at not having more time so they might visit all their friends here.

Mrs. A. R. Toombs of Merkel spent the weekend in the homes of her children, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Toombs and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sevmore.

Ida Mae King, who is attending Texas Tech, was home for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Steele of Houston were holiday visitors in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Ray. The group were in Abilene for the McMurry-ACC game.

Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Everett of Crosbyton were here the past week for a few days' visit.

J. B. Sloan and daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gray, all of Big Spring were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Butman and children Thanksgiving. They also visited other relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill White of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russom and son Sunday afternoon. The Whites' were in the grocery business at Blair in 1946.

Edd Dye of Post, who had not been here for 20 years, was visiting old friends in the Canyon during Thanksgiving. Edd got his first schooling at the Butman school in 1920.

The first few days of deer season the hunters really warmed up the barrels on their guns. It's a little quiet now, with only 12 or 15 deer killed thus far.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Duncan and Mrs. Lee Carrell of Fort Worth spent the weekend in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman. Other visitors were the Rev. and Mrs. Wayland Dowden and children of Plains.

Prover Blair is still doing fine since he came home from the hospital. He told us this week he is now able to get around quite a lot.

We talked to Uncle Jack Latimer this week and he said he is feeling well eats and sleeps good, and that is as much as a young person can expect.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brnovak had as Thanksgiving guests Mr. Brnovak's sister and family from Temple.

Mrs. Wade Hosts Study Club Met

The Fortnightly Study Club met Nov. 22 in the home of Mrs. Brandon Wade, with Mrs. Wren Durham presiding. Twenty members answered roll call.

"Our Freedom of the Press" was the theme of the program, presented by Mrs. Henry West and Mrs. Bob Gardner.

Mrs. Gardner told of the busy day in the office of the newsman, where he offers a sympathetic "I'm sorry" perhaps a hundred times or more. She read excerpts from several 1903 editions of the Merkel Mail, comparing the style of that year with the style of today's writing. Mrs. Gardner brought for display several bound old files of the home town paper.

In discussing "Thirty Years Ago with Frank Grimes," Mrs. Henry West read favorite lines written by the well-known editor. She selected for study his editorials based upon the subject of "Law," showing that Mr. Grimes always includes just the needed bit of philosophy. Mrs. West closed her discussion by quoting from "Autumn Leaves" and "Plum Jelly."

Mrs. Earl Hgbes served from a lace covered table centered with a Thanksgiving arrangement of flowers and dried foliage, highlighted with fruit.

Wanda Horton, John Montgomery Vows Solemnized

Afternoon rites Thursday in the home of the bride's mother marked the marriage of Wanda Louise Horton and John Davis Montgomery of Cross Plains.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Pearl Horton, 2758 Simmons Ave., and Vayden Horton of Lockney.

Montgomery is the son of Mrs. S. O. Montgomery of Cross Plains. The Rev. H. S. Earp read the double ring ceremony at 4 p.m.

James C. Horton of Lubbock gave his sister in marriage and was best man.

Bonita McCowen was maid of honor. She wore a suit of blue brocade satin and had matching accessories. Her corsage was of white carnations.

The bride had designed the ivory brocade suit which she was wearing. Jacket had fitted sleeves and picture collar. Her satin headdress held a shoulder length veil. She carried a ring which belonged to her grandmother. Her bouquet was of orchids which topped a white Bible.

At the reception following the wedding Mrs. Vayden Horton and Mrs. Glendell Williams served. The couple will reside in Cross Plains where Montgomery is a stock farmer. He is a graduate of Cross Plains High School.

The bride is a graduate of Merkel High School and attended Draughon's Business College. She is a former employee of the Abilene Reporter-News where she worked in Classified Advertising.

Guests of Mrs. Kenneth Ray Thanksgiving were her sister and family, the Henry Wards of El Paso.

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Mrs. T. H. Davis
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CARD OF THANKS

The kindness and sympathy of neighbors and friends in our recent sorrow will always remain with us as a precious memory. Our sincere thanks and gratitude for all those comforting acts.

The family of George Crow.

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas — GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
To: Claude Burdine, Defendant.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District 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 26th day of December A. D. 1960, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 10th day of August A. D. 1960 in this cause, numbered 25-188-A, on the docket of said court and styled Novelle Burdine, Plaintiff, vs. Claude Burdine, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married Nov. 12, 1955, and became permanently separated on or about January 1, 1960. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment and asks for custody of the minor child of plaintiff and defendant 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 16th day of November A.D. 1960.

Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk,
42nd District Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Irene Crawford,
Deputy. 37-39-39-40

Visiting in the home of Mrs. B. Windham, 405 Rannels St., last week were Mr. and Mrs. M. Windham of Las Vegas, Nev.

GARDEN HINTS

By Merkel Garden Club

To prolong the life of cut flowers attention is focused on the stem-ends and the water-conducting vessels. The tubes need to be kept open at the base and free of substances that accelerate the growth of bacteria. The structure of the plant determines the treatment each receives.

Woody branches, as Forsythia, Lilacs, and Perennial Chrysanthemums receive moisture better if the stem-ends are split one or two inches.

The Poinsettia and other stems with milky, yellow, or colorless fluid may be steeped one to two inches in boiling water for one and one-half to three minutes, meanwhile protecting the leaves and flowers with several thicknesses of newspaper. Another way is to split the stems for an inch or more and sear in a flame. In either case stems need to be placed immediately in water.

The stems of bulbs, as Tulips need to be cut diagonally with a sharp knife; then split up through the white portion into the green part. Condition the treated stems in cold water.

To keep well flowers should be gathered in the advanced bud stage or nearly mature stage and placed immediately in a container filled with water.

Cutting flowers in the late afternoon is preferable to early morning cutting because of the high food content of food built up during the day. The overnight conditioning period is sufficient for most flowers, and at night there is less evaporation of moisture through the foliage.

There are many other factors that make cut flowers last longer, but one of the most important is checking the growth of bacteria. The garden containers, condition containers, and vases should be kept clean with hot sudsy water with the addition of a small amount of ammonia. Chemicals from the florist may also be used.

Stems should be recut frequently to enable the stem to take more moisture, and leaves may be removed to prevent or check evaporation.

Changing the water frequently in the container will also help to prolong the life of cut flowers.

November and December are sometimes called "the lazy months" for gardeners because there isn't the sense of rushing and urgency that one feels through the other seasons of the year. But — there is plenty to do in our gardens now.

The most important thing is to put the gardens "to bed" properly for the long winter rest. Begin by cleaning out all dead annuals and debris from flower beds. Get winter weeds out as they take valuable plant food and water from soil. Fork carefully around shrubs and tender perennials. Then dust or spray with insecticide all over top of soil and around curbs. This will kill many insect eggs that would start damaging plants in the spring.

Next, put that good mellow compost you've been making all these months around shrubs, roses and other plants. As an "extra blanket" for warmth, get those leaves you didn't dare burn, and heap around plants to keep the moisture in and the cold out. Those lilies that didn't bloom this year will have a much better chance to bloom next year if you pile leaves over them to protect them from low temperatures. Most important is to water during

winter. Not so frequently as in summer, but deep watering.

Now is a wonderful time to plant and plan beauty in your garden for next year — and with gardeners there is always a "next year." Here are some things you might do now:

Feed peonies a cupfull of bone meal each. Dig trench around each plant and sprinkle bone meal in it and water well. On a warm day divide those crowded perennials, water well and give a little protection with leaves.

Finish putting out those bulbs you bought. It isn't too late. Put a few Narcissus bulbs in rocks and water. Put in cool dark place 'til leaves are two inches tall. Then set in window. They should bloom by Christmas.

Set roses, shrubs and pecan trees out now. Western Schley has proven to be a good producer here. Get big trees — it pays.

Now comes the good part of gardening for this time of year — planning for next year's garden. Get out those nursery catalogs or visit your nearest nursery. That's all it takes to set the mood for a better garden.

You will probably want to make many changes in your garden design. Put your plans on paper and you won't forget where you plan to plant what. Tired of so much green in your yard? Put some color into it by planting beautiful colored foliage shrubs and plants. Try Red Barberry, a shrub with beautiful reddish purple foliage the year round and it thrives here. Eonymus Alatus (burning bush) is a lovely shrub with green foliage turning brilliant red after frost.

Convolvulus cneorum (perennial morning glory) has grey foliage that is wonderful for flower arranging. Order several astilbe plants. They are good for shady places and have red plumes and bronze foliage. Try Hellenium also known as copper spray. It is a new perennial that is very colorful in fall, in shades of orange, red, bronze and yellow.

Last of the "good things" gardeners can do at this time of year is enjoy the countryside, fields, mountains and creeks by searching for weathered wood, seed pods, seed heads and dried material for beauty through the short dark days of winter. After all, gardening is fun the year round. Try it!

Hunting Season In Full Swing Throughout State

The Texas hunting season now is in full swing with practically all species available to the gun, according to H. D. Dodgen, executive secretary of the Game and Fish Commission.

Deer and turkey seasons opened in most areas Nov. 16. Duck season previously had opened Nov. 11. Goose season had opened Oct. 26. Quail season also is in progress in all the Trans-Pecos counties, and in several others in the State. Quail season will open in the Possum Kingdom area Nov. 24, and in the remainder of the State Dec. 1.

Although the dove season in the North Zone ended Oct. 30, it will remain open in the South Zone through Dec. 5. Most of the South Zone area reports a bountiful supply, but with deer and turkey season open most of the shooters are turning to the larger game.

Although hunters report seeing many ducks and geese, warm weather has been a barrier to successful hunting in many areas. There hasn't been enough cold weather as yet to bring them down to decoys, and there is so much water on the ground both the ducks and geese are badly scattered.

A number of seasonal waders have been added over the State, and every effort will be made to reduce illegal kills, according to Dodgen.

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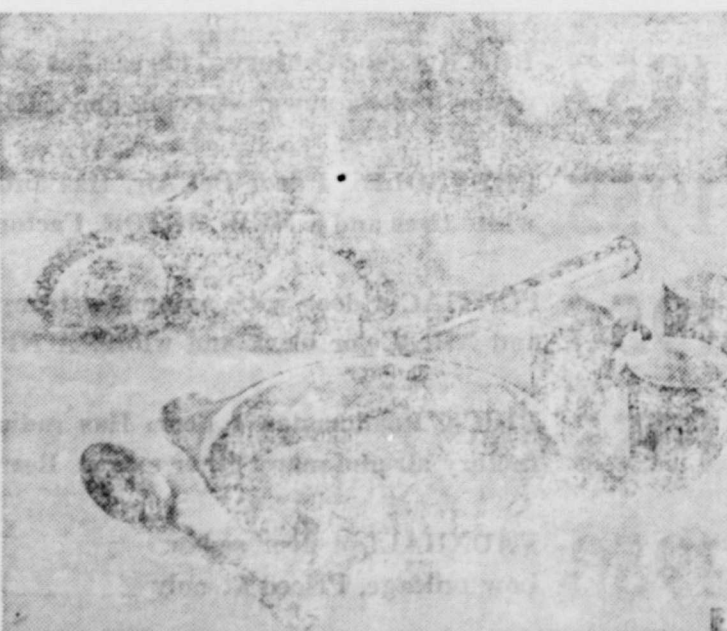
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- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons dry yeast
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 tablespoon oil

Measure water into a bowl (use 1/2 cup). Add yeast and sugar. Stir until dissolved. Add 1 egg. Add flour and salt. Knead in a warm place, for 10 to 15 minutes. Stir down. Drop by spoon into boiling stew, and cook until tightly and evenly browned. Makes 12 dumplings.

20 YEARS AGO

When Messrs. and Mesdames Pierce and Vernon Horton celebrated their anniversaries together on Sunday, Nov. 17, the mother of the Horton brothers

was the honored guest. The celebration took place in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Horton. Congratulations were extended Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Horton for their tenth anniversary and to Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Horton for their fourth anniversary. Three Merkel boys, Jack Smith, Billy Dunagin and Ural

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Kingsberry, entered training Monday with Co. G, 112th cavalry, National Guards, who will remain at Abilene about 10 days and later will be stationed at Fort Bliss, El Paso.

With two victories, two losses and one tie, the Merkel Badgers have a .500 rating in the percentage column to hold third place in District 6A. Colorado City is tops with five straight wins. Rotan, second with four victories and one defeat.

Merkel and Abilene FFA boys won first places in the annual chapter conducting contests of the Abilene FFA federation at the Abilene high school Tuesday. Merkel won the senior chapter contest, with Abilene, Lawn and Novice, second, third and fourth, respectively.

40 Years Ago

F. C. Sanders, who for the past year has made his home in Merkel with his daughter, Mrs. H. T. Merritt, left last week for Tennessee, to spend the winter with his children in that his old home state, where for many years he resided as one of the most substantial and well known citizens of his home town. He has a host of friends here who regret his departure.

Ira Garrison who has been in Georgia for several months in the interest of his oil business, returned to his home here Thursday.

H. M. Rose and the barbers connected with him desire to express their most sincere thanks to the public in general for the liberal patronage extended them.

Mr. J. S. Thomas accompanied his daughter, Mrs. W. A. Holt on her return to her home in Tipton, Okla., for a few days visit.

Closing Out Sale — If I can't sell all my goods to one man, I can sell them out to the people. Come and see me at once, A. L. Jobe.

In his meanderings about last Saturday morning City Marshal J. H. Wichester got it into his head that he would "red hicker" and proceeded to trail up the gentleman who had been seen carrying a couple of suit-cases, which seemed to be unusually heavy, and which were found set aside in a local blacksmith shop. Upon investigation it was found that the suit cases were well loaded with "good old corn whiskey" so the Marshal patiently waited for the owner to return for same, and at which time he placed him under arrest, and the sheriff at Abilene notified, who immediately sent a couple of deputies over for the accused, who was placed in Abilene Jail.

Messrs. J. L. (Jinks) Winter and W. R. Walker, both well known citizens of this city, have this week opened up a new Coal and Feed business, in the old Express office building near the depot. These gentlemen are wide-awake and will no doubt enjoy a fair share of the patronage in their lines.

Miss Jessie Mae Cox of Abilene was the guest of Miss Zoe West last Sunday.

B. H. Hollingsworth of the C. H. Oil and Development returned first of the week from a visit to California and other western states.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Mashburn and daughter, Lee Ann, of Big Spring were weekend guests in the home of Mrs. Mashburn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Booth.

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VETERANS INFORMATION

Q—I am a Korea veteran, insured under VA's new-type low-cost term insurance, which cannot be renewed after my 50th birthday. Does this also mean age 50 is my deadline for converting my term insurance to one of VA's permanent plans?

A—Not necessarily. You cannot renew your term policy after age fifty. However, if you renew in the five year period which includes your fiftieth birthday you can CONVERT during that time. As an example, if you renewed for five years at age 48, you could convert to a permanent plan any time up to age 53.

Q—VA is not currently sending me my monthly GI insurance premium due notices because I have an application for the disability rider pending. Until I get back to paying by the premium due cards, what kind of information should I send VA when I pay my premiums?

A—Give your name in full, and the number of your policy. Include also the letter or letters before the policy number. Depending on whether you are a World War One, World War Two or Korea veteran, the letter prefix will be V, K, RH or RS. Give both the number and letter prefix. This will speed crediting your account with your payment.

Q—Is it possible to attend school less than half-time under the War Orphans Education program?

A—No. War Orphans payments may not be made to a student attending school less than half-time.

Q—Is every disabled Korea veteran entitled to special vocational rehabilitation training?

A—No. This training is available only to disabled veterans who need it to overcome the handicap of their service-connected disabilities. However, those who don't need vocational rehabilitation training may be eligible for Korean GI Bill training.

Q—Before the new pension law went into effect, I was getting pension from VA as a disabled World War I veteran. This September I received a bequest which will put my income for this year above the legal limit. When I again become eligible to receive pension may I return to the old system of payment or must I come under the new law?

A—You may continue to receive payments under the old law, so long as you tell the VA immediately of this excess income you have received. To protect yourself in your right to get pension under the old law later on, do not wait until the end of the year to report income to VA.

Q—A neighbor of ours, a veteran holding GI insurance, has been hospitalized for some months and another person has been handling the payment of his insurance premiums for him. Does that person have the right to make any change in the way the premiums are paid, or to modify the beneficiaries of the policy in any way?

A—He definitely does not. The policyholder himself is the only one in a case like this who can make any changes affecting premiums or the payment of proceeds to beneficiaries.

Q—In talking with other veterans I get the impression not everyone understands that compensation and pension are two different things. Will you define each kind of payment, as it applies to living veterans?

A—Compensation is payable to eligible veterans whose disabilities are DUE to service. Pension is payable only to eligible veterans whose total and permanent disabilities are NOT DUE to service.

Q—May a veteran change his Korean GI Bill program if his progress in his present course has not been satisfactory?

A—He may, providing he shows that the lack of progress was not due to his own misconduct, neglect or lack of application, and if he has not changed his program prior to that time.

Quail Season Modified For Several Areas

The quail season in a number of Texas counties under regulatory control has been modified by the Game and Fish Commission, according to W. J. Cutbirth, Jr., assistant executive secretary.

Biologists reported an "abnormal" quail year throughout the state, with a spotted population. Generally, however, the season was liberalized in those counties not under general laws.

In the Possum Kingdom area the new season will be from Nov. 24 through Jan. 20. The daily bag limit will remain at 15 and 45 in possession. Quail numbers in this area are much higher this year, according to the biologists. However the food supply is short and a carry-over loss can be expected after bad weather sets in.

In the Trinity-Brazos regulatory area the quail season was set at Dec. 1 through Jan. 31. The bag limit here will be 12 per day and 36 in possession.

In the Trans-Pecos area the season will open Nov. 1 and close Dec. 31. Crockett County has been added to the Trans-Pecos area this season.

In the Panhandle area the season will be Dec. 1 through Jan. 16 with the bag limit of 12 and 36 in possession.

No changes were made in either the Northeast Texas or the Southeast Texas areas, where the season will be from Dec. 1 through Jan. 16, with the bag limit of 12 and 36. In South Central Texas the season will open Dec. 1, and close Jan. 16, except in Dimmit and Zavala counties where the season will be Nov. 1-Dec. 31, inclusive. All other counties of Texas are under the general laws, to run from Dec. 1 to Jan. 16, except in a few counties where special laws apply.

Mrs. Baker Hosts Union Ridge Club

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club met Nov. 18 in the home of Mrs. Andy Baker with Mabel McRee presiding in the absence of the president, Mrs. Denzel Cox.

Roll call was answered with "How I would like to change my kitchen."

Miss McRee gave a council report.

Loretta Allen, Home Demonstration agent, presented the program on "Taking a Look at House Plans."

A refreshment plate was served to Mrs. Clyde Newton, Mrs. M. L. Douglas, Miss McRee, Mrs. Baker and Miss Allen.

Recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker were their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Cadmus Brown and family of Barnhart, a son, Jimmy Walker of El Paso, and Mrs. Walker's brother, Omer Reeves of Missouri.

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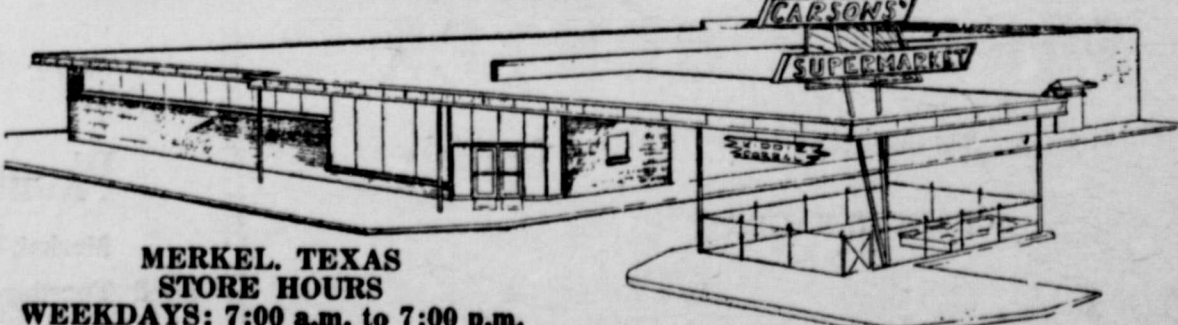
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