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11-YEAR-OLD TYE BOY DROWNS NEAR TRENT

Funeral was held Tuesday at 4 p.m. in the Calvary Baptist Church in Merkel for Danny Gale Isenberg, 11, of Tye, who drowned Sunday afternoon when he fell through a frozen stock tank while skating.

The Rev. Cecil Wagner officiated, assisted by the Rev. Bill Swindler of the Trent Baptist Church. Burial was in Elmwood Memorial Park in Abilene under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Danny, a sixth grade student, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Isenberg of Tye.

Two other boys, Ronnie Steve Gilbert, 10, of Caps and Danny's 8-year-old brother, Randy Joe, also fell through the ice near the water's edge. Randy pulled himself out, and called two Trent men to the scene who saved Ronnie.

The men were Ronnie Freeman, 24, and R. C. Gilbert, 40, Ronnie's uncle.

The incident occurred about 1:30 p.m. when the L. B. Gilbert family, along with the two Isenberg boys, arrived for a visit with Carroll Gilbert, brother of L. B. who lives on the Wheeler farm about 8 miles north of Trent.

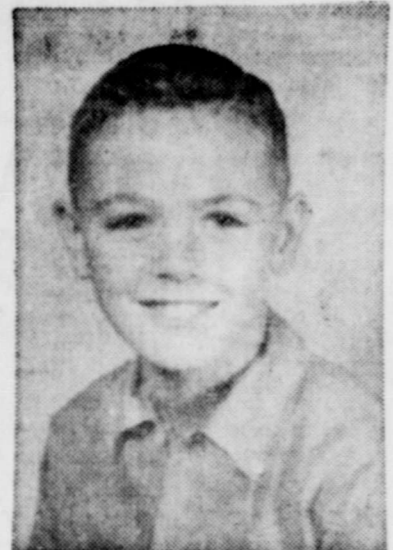
Mrs. L. B. Gilbert, mother of Ronnie, said they had picked the Isenberg boys up at Tye to take them along for a Sunday afternoon visit with her husband's brother and his family. "We intended to visit for a couple of hours and then we were going back home," she said.

The three boys jumped from the car immediately after they had stopped at the house. They ran to the tank, which covers about two acres of ground.

Danny and Ronnie skated about 40 feet out onto the frozen water when the ice broke, dropping both of them into water which Texas



DANNY ISENBURG
... drowns



RONNIE GILBERT
... saved

Highway Patrolman Jack Shields of Abilene estimated to be about eight feet deep.

Randy Joe only got a few feet from the bank when he fell through. He pulled himself out and ran screaming for help.

Freeman jumped into the near-freezing water and began breaking the ice ahead of him with his fists and arms as he worked his way toward the two boys. At this time, both youths were holding on to the edge of the ice and were staying afloat.

About the time Freeman reached them, breaking the final piece of ice around them, R. C. Gilbert tossed a rope to the three in the water. The two boys grabbed hold of the rope but after a few seconds, they lost their grip and went beneath the surface of the water. Freeman dove under the water and caught both boys, bringing them to the surface. The boys began struggling and fighting against Freeman, finally pulling him under the water with them.

As all three went under, Freeman lost both boys. He submerged again, and got young Gilbert but could not find Danny. He made repeated attempts to find him after taking Ronnie to the bank, but without success.

Another member of the family stopped a passing radio-equipped oil company car. The driver radioed into Merkel and the Volunteer Fire Department was notified. Fire Chief Waymon Adcock and his crew took one truck plus a motor boat to the scene.

The body of the Tye sixth-grade student was recovered about 3 p.m. with the use of grappling equipment by men in the boat. Resuscitation methods were applied but the boy had been under the water too long.

Danny was born Oct. 24, 1949, at Merkel. The family left Merkel about six years ago and moved to California. They had returned only two weeks ago, moving to Tye on Taylor St.

Other survivors include three brothers, Randy, Sherman Leroy, 13, and David Glynn, 3; paternal grandmother, Mrs. Eunice Isenberg of Tye, and the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Massey of Los Banos, Calif.

FUND STARTED FOR FAMILY

A fund for the family of Danny Gale Isenberg, the 11-year-old who drowned in a tank near here Sunday, has been started by friends and neighbors.

Anyone interested in helping the family may do so by sending contributions to Travis Smith, principal of Tye School.

Attend Conference

Attending the Eighth Annual West Texas Industrial Conference in Abilene last Thursday were the following from Merkel: Adelle Elkins, Mrs. Horace Harvare, Mrs. W. T. Sadler, Mrs. Bob Gardner, Herman Carson, Johnny Hammond and Woody Wilson.

Area FFA Youths Have Entries In San Antonio Show

Twelve area FFA members will have entries in the San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Feb. 10-19.

Under the supervision of Merkel agriculture teacher, Chester Collingsworth, four Berkshire Barrows, one Hampshire Barrow, one Angus Steer, one Hereford Steer and twelve lambs were entered by Freddy Toombs, Danny Malone, Farris Neill, David Scott and Tommy McAninch.

Trent vocational agriculture teacher, Albert A. Mabery, will supervise two Angus steers, two Hereford Steers, one Hereford Junior heifer, six Duroc barrows, two Hampshire barrows and four Poland China barrows entered by Lloyd Williams, Robert Williams, Dub Goodwin, Bobby Williams, Al Maberry, Lee Lanning and Ricky McElmurray.

Their entries are among more than 5,000 head of livestock and horses which will be at the Exposition. An all time high of \$156,679 in premiums and purses is offered, according to president E. W. Bickett, who also announced Saturday, Feb. 11 will be "Rural Youth Day" with some 35,000 rural youngsters expected to attend if good weather prevails.

Former Merkel Resident Wins AP Top Honors

Betty (Mrs. Earl Jr.) Hughes, women's editor of the Abilene Reporter-News, won first place in women's feature stories in the 1960 Texas Associated Press news and photo contests, according to an announcement made by the AP Managing Editors Association at its annual meeting in Fort Worth recently.

Mrs. Hughes' first place was won with a feature story, illustrated with pictures, on the reactions of first grade youngsters receiving their first report cards.

A Merkel High School graduate, Mrs. Hughes is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Gilbert of Merkel. She has been on The Reporter-News staff since Mar. 1, 1957, and has been women's editor since February, 1959. She is the mother of a daughter, Virginia, and a son, Richard. Her husband is credit manager of D&W Furniture & Appliance Co.

Hall Infant Dies In Hamlin

Darwyn Mark, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Hall of Hamlin, was found dead in his bed by his mother Wednesday morning, Jan. 25. Death was apparently due to strangulation.

The baby was born Oct. 15, 1960 in Hamlin.

Mrs. Hall is the former Bob Clift, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Clift of Merkel.

Funeral was held Wednesday afternoon in Hamlin. Survivors besides the parents are the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hall of Hamlin and Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Clift of Merkel.

JAYCEE FETE SPEAKER TO BE STATE PREXY

Richard R. Wadsworth of Irving, president of the Texas Junior Chamber of Commerce, will be guest speaker for the Merkel Jaycee Charter Banquet to be held in the school cafeteria Friday night.

Wadsworth, a salesman for the Boren-Malone Company, is part owner in the Wadsworth Manufacturing Company. He has held membership in the Jaycees for the past eight years and served Texas and Region 15 as state vice president in 1955 and was a United States Jaycee National Director in 1959-60.

In addition to his many Jaycee activities, he is a member of the Masonic Lodge, Dads Club, Little League, Scouts, C. A. F., Association of Manufacturers and the Pipeliners Association.

His duties for the Jaycee year of 1960-61 will include administrative work at the state headquarters in Grand Prairie, coordination for the state's various projects, visitations throughout Texas, and attendance at state and national Jaycee meetings.

Ernest W. Sears of Snyder, state vice president, will be present to conduct the installation of officers.



GRAND CHAMP STEER — Bob Benson, 15, Merkel FFA boy and son of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Benson of Merkel, stands at the halter of his grand champion steer of the regional Abilene Fat Stock Show. His vocational agriculture teacher, Chester Collingsworth, stands behind the 755-pound Hereford. The steer, named Tuffy, was bred by Dr. W. T. Sadler of Merkel. The premium animal sold for \$1,500 to the Citizens National Bank, First State Bank and Bank of Commerce, all of Abilene. (Reporter-News Photo)

BOB BENSON'S CHAMP STEER BRINGS \$1,500

Bob Benson, 15, son of Coach and Mrs. Carrol Benson, sold his 755-pound grand champion steer of the Abilene Fat Stock Show in last Wednesday's auction of pre-

mium entries at the Taylor County Exposition Center for \$1,500 to the Citizens National Bank, First National Bank, First State Bank and Bank of Commerce.

Young Benson showed the Hereford to the grand championship of the show Tuesday night. The steer, named Tuffy, was bred by Dr. W. T. Sadler of Merkel.

The regional reserve champion exhibited by Jackie Henson of Cedar Gap, Taylor County 4-H, old for \$1,000 to the Guitart Trust Estate, Abilene Savings Assn. and Pat Goodwin. Henson's calf was from the herd of his father, Arthel.

West Texas Utilities Co., Western Chevrolet Co. and Cosden Petroleum Co. also bid \$1,000 for the county grand champion steer exhibited by Del Davis of Merkel, Taylor County 4-H. Davis also won the Dorothea Griffin award presented to the boy or girl exhibiting the most showmanship, sportsmanship and cooperation during the show.

Four regional champion fat lambs sold for \$175 each. They went to KRBC-TV, Humble Oil & Refining, Miami Petroleum and Taylor Electric Cooperative. Exhibitors were Lanier Price, Concho 4-H, finewood; Gordon Hays, Ballinger FFA, intermediate; Knox Pittard, Mozelle FFA, Crossbred; and Katie Neill, Merkel, Taylor County 4-H, mutton breed (also county champion.)

Mrs. Della Allen Dies Here At 79

Funeral for Mrs. Della Watts Allen, 79, was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church. Mrs. Allen, a longtime resident, was found dead at her home Sunday afternoon by a neighbor.

Born Aug. 14, 1881 in Bell County, Mrs. Allen came to Merkel in 1901. She was the widow of the late H. P. Allen. He was a farmer in the Hebron Community and died in 1944.

Mrs. Allen was a member of the Baptist Church.

The Rev. Mart Hardin, pastor, officiated at the funeral assisted by the Rev. Jerry Don Reynolds. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Survivors are a son, Pickens Euell of Los Alamos, N.M.; a daughter, Mrs. Eura Weykoff of Singer, Calif.; four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Earl Baze, Cramer Reynolds, Leon Scott, Weldon Davis, Howard Hill and R. J. Miller. Members of the Abilene Fire Department were honorary pallbearers.

Farmers Co-Op New Member Of National Agency

The Farmers Co-Op Society of Merkel was unanimously elected to membership in the American Instituted Cooperation, the National educational and research agency for farm business organizations, at the A. I. C. winter trustees and membership meetings in New Orleans, according to an announcement by J. K. Stern, institute president.

The A.I.C. is chartered as a university in the District of Columbia and meets each August at a Land-Grant College.

Officers and directors of the Farmers Co-Op Society have been invited to participate in educational activities of the institute and to attend the 1961 meeting at the University of Minnesota, Minn.—St. Paul, Aug. 20-23. This is the largest annual conference on farm business problems and draws over 3,000 farm business leaders, university and government, farm and marketing specialists, farm credit men, and rural educational workers, including 1,200 rural members of youth organizations and young farmers.

Morris B. Smith, manager of the Merkel gin, has been entered on the register of the institute as the local representative.

Sgt. Dye Wins Top Honors For Testing Design

For the second time in less than six months, T-Sgt. J. R. Dye, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rubin Dye of Merkel, walked away with top money and honors in the 81st Tactical Fighter Wing Military Suggestion Program.

Dye is with the 81st Field Maintenance Squadron. His latest suggestion, that rewarded him with \$75, dealt with an improved method for the repair of aileron wells on F-101 Voodoos. His streamlined improvements makes it possible to have Voodoos back in flying condition two days earlier than normal.

Last quarter, Dye received \$65 for his suggestion concerning the inspection and repair of faulty oil service doors which had caused a great deal of damage to the F-101s.

14 Rattlesnakes, 2 Possums Share Den

John Oliver and son, Jimmy, found and killed 14 rattlesnakes under a bale of hay Saturday while feeding for Cramer Reynolds three miles northwest of Merkel.

Sharing the same den were two possums, Oliver said. All the snakes were full grown except one.

Anti-Communism Seminar Slated By Abilene Group

An American prisoner of war, two college presidents, and a businessman will be guest speakers for the second Jaycee Seminar Against Communism scheduled at the Abilene High School Auditorium February 10-11.

Conducting the sessions on Friday night and Saturday will be W. P. (Bill) Strube of Houston, president of Mid-American Life Insurance Co. and vice-president of Christian Anti-Communism Crusade. Strube spoke at the first Jaycee seminar and drew a capacity audience.

Other speakers will be Robert Morris, president of Dallas University, ex-chief counsel for the U.S. Senate Internal Security subcommittee, former communist counter-intelligence officer for the Navy, and presently a commander in the Naval Reserve; M-Sgt. Charles B. Schlichter, a prisoner of war during the Korean conflict, now stationed at Fort Sam Houston near San Antonio; and Dr. Guy D. Newman, president of Howard Payne College at Brownwood, and recipient of an award from the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge in recognition of the college's Democracy-in-Action program.

The Abilene Junior Chamber of Commerce sponsored a similar seminar in August. Jim Millerman, chairman of the Jaycee's committee to combat communism, stated that the second forum is being expanded to include more phases of the fight against communism. An admission charge of \$1 will entitle persons to attend any or all of the sessions.

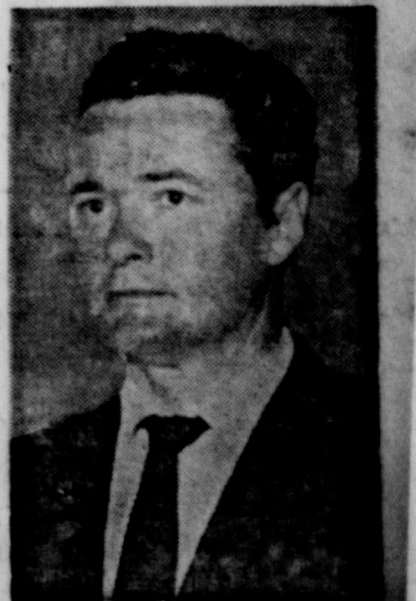
Friday evening's program will begin at 7 o'clock with sessions slated Saturday at 8:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

All church and civic groups of the West Texas area have been urged to send representatives to the seminar. Additional information concerning the Seminar Against Communism may be obtained from the Abilene Junior Chamber of Commerce, Box 678, Abilene, Texas.

Library Week To Be Observed April 16-22

National Library Week will be observed from April 16-22, it was announced today by the Texas Committee for NLW. This marks the fourth annual nationwide observance of a program designed to increase appreciation of the vital role of the printed word in our national life, and encourage support and use of libraries of all kinds by every American.

Chairman of the National Steering Committee is Norman H. Strouse, President of J. Walter Thompson Company. Sponsored by the National Book Committee, Inc. a non-profit citizen's group, in cooperation with the American Library Association, NLW receives the full cooperation of newspapers, magazines, and broadcasting media. Its theme for this year, "For a Richer, Fuller Life — Read!" will be developed in news, photo and feature stories, special articles by famous authors, lectures, and radio-TV programs across the nation.



WICHITA FALLS PASTOR — The Rev. William B. Cargill is the new pastor of the Wichita Falls Tabernacle Baptist Church. A graduate of Merkel High School, Rev. Cargill was born and reared in Mulberry Canyon. His mother is Mae Cargill of Fort Worth. He is a nephew of B. B. Reynolds.

GARDEN HINTS

By Merkel Garden Club

Time To Begin Garden Clean-Up

We will have some good garden weather the remainder of this month and February, so it will be a good time to start the Spring "house cleaning" of your garden. Stalks and leaves from many plants and vines can be cut back. It is good to add these to your compost piles. You may add to the compost all through the year. Now is a good time to add fallen leaves, especially pecan leaves as they contain so much tannic acid. Anything organic is constructive to put back in the soil. Orange peels, potato peels, old tomatoes and old fruit are beneficial. The addition of barnyard fertilizer will cause it to decompose faster. Avoid grass clippings since it does not add anything and there is danger of fungus. The treatment with a copper

ether product, occasionally, will act as a disinfectant.

Garden Preparation

Don't delay longer those garden tasks that can be done early and will save precious time later. Make an inventory of tools and implements. Repair any that are broken and put all into first class condition. Now is a good time to carefully examine all lawn mowers; send out for repairs any that need repairing, and send all to be sharpened. Choose experienced and reliable people to do this for you. By avoiding the last minute rush you are likely to get better work done. Continue to check regularly all bulbs that are being stored. Remove any that show signs of rot promptly. Dormant spraying of fruit trees as well as ornamental trees and shrubs that are infested with scale insects or other pests that may be controlled by this kind of spraying, should be done before new growth begins and at a time when temperature at night is not expected to go lower than 35 degrees.

FLOWER ARRANGING

Something remarkable has been happening all over America during the past decade or two. The art of flower arranging, by no means a new one historically, has subtly captured the imagination of people who formerly took but a passing interest in it. One has only to look at pictures of the most ancient art of China or Egypt, for example, to see that flower arranging has been practiced with truly consummate skill for many centuries. What is new today about flower arranging is that it is no longer an art of a privileged few; any one who has a small garden or access to a florist shop can share in the pleasure without expenditure of large sums of money. Not only this, but the observ-



FARM BUREAU "WEEK" PROCLAIMED—Governor Price Daniel is shown signing a proclamation designating February 5-11 as "Farm Bureau Week" in Texas. Looking on are (left to right) J. H. West, Bishop, president of Texas Farm Bureau, and Millard Shivers, Waco, TFB Director of Organization. Farm Bureau membership enrollment activities will be concentrated during this special "Week." The Texas Farm Bureau has had a gain in membership eight years in succession and has moved into first place in the South and fourth place in the nation.

ing eye of a flower arranger will also discover that the commonest weeds and grasses that grow everywhere along the roadsides can be used to enhance the flowers and foliage with which they are combined.

To the unimaginative a rock is a rock and a shell is a shell, but to the arranger they are treasures. Rocks and shells can be extremely effective as the dominant feature in arrangements that seek to imitate landscapes. Also rocks and pebbles help to disguise needle-point holders used to cover stems in arrangements.

Shells have their own fascination as a rich source of intricate patterns, shapes and colors. Use them imaginatively in arrangements of plant material that normally grow near the water.

Use nature's art in arrangements. Weathered wood can be decorative. One can find wood of interesting shapes, texture and color for the collection.

The changing seasons can be expressed in arrangements. Spring, summer, autumn and winter, each has its individual pattern of growth. Yours is the challenge to symbolize a season with branch, bloom and leaf.

Flowers can be arranged into many styles and shapes. Some of the basic ones are the triangle,

a popular one for symmetrical arrangements of both traditional and modern styles.

The completeness of the circular shape satisfies the viewers eye. The majority of flowers fall in that shape and arranging them in this design adds a pleasing element of repetition. Avoid monotony by using foliage that will offer contrast to the dominant round forms.

The crescent shape is a symmetrical and an essentially sophisticated design. Before attempting this shape arrangement, be sure stems of plant material to be used are pliable enough to permit manipulation.

The Hogarth curve or serpentine is a favorite for flower shows.

When the arranger has limited space the perpendicular line is often just what one needs. Gladioluses and their own spear-shaped foliage are excellent for arrangements of this type. However, many tall plant materials are equally adaptable.

The convex curve is a good line to follow when designing flowers for the table. This arrangement need not be tall to be effective, and when kept low will not interfere with across the table talk or view.

Flower arrangements which conform in shape to a right-angle

triangle are extremely popular with modern arrangers because of the attractive symmetry they make possible. Face the triangle to the right or left according to room location selected for the complete design. If arrangement is to be seen from both sides, arranger should remember to turn it around as she works making sure each view is attractive to the viewer. This shape arrangement is most effective in shallow containers.

The familiar phrase "Say it with Flowers" is meaningful, for flowers do have a special message. When entering a home where one is greeted by the sight of fresh flowers attractively arranged, one knows at once that he or she is in a home where beauty and hospitality are important. Flowers placed on a table say "this is a special event."

There is also a personal reward in selecting just the right flowers that will do most to add to the beauty of a home.

Deer Harvest Heavy In 1960 Season Closed

Preliminary reports indicated the 1960 deer hunting season, which closed Dec. 31, was the most successful in the history of the Game and Fish Commission, according to H. D. Dodgen, executive secretary.

Figures compiled by the wildlife management division show a definite increase in the kill on public hunts on the management areas. The Commission issued 2,430 permits for hunting on these areas. There were 1,841 hunters reporting and they killed 572 deer for an average of 31.07 percent hunter success. This included 261 antlered and 311 antlerless deer.

The antlerless deer kill in regulatory counties for the year was the highest of any previous year,

reaching a total of 16,948 killed for a 37.23 per cent hunter success on the permits issued. This hunting was over an area of 4,374,777 acres of land with 2,565 landowners participating in the program.

Field biologists estimated that the harvest would have been heavier except for rain soaked pastures during much of the season, which held down hunting.

Heaviest recorded kill was in Llano County, where 10,753 deer were killed. Of that number, 4,708 antlerless deer were taken. Last year Llano County checked 9,220 deer through the station there.

Harvest of antlerless deer in heavy numbers was recommended for the past season, in an effort to bring the deer population on many areas into balance.

Mrs. W. B. Higginbotham of Abilene visited her mother, Mrs. Ethel Harris, Thursday of the past week.

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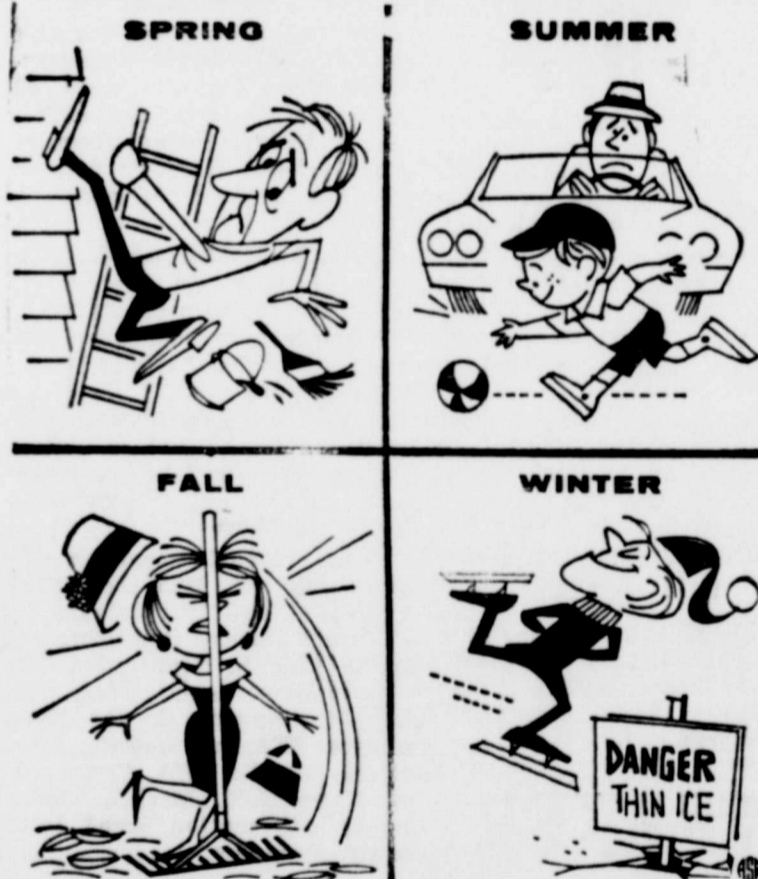
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They recently told newsmen in Chicago that "whether it is fall, winter, spring, or summer, everyone must constantly be on the alert to prevent accidents."

Winners Seek Four Safer Seasons

The national winners and all state safety winners received all-expense trips to the 4-H Club Congress from General Motors in recognition of their 24-hour-a-day, 365-day-a-year efforts to make all four seasons safer than ever before.

Typical of the group is Miss Pamela Gay Chiles, 17-year-old national winner from El Reno, Oklahoma. Once called "the No. 1 hazard" in her own house, she since has been crowned "Miss Oklahoma Farm Safety."

"Weather is especially worth watching in making the highways safer; driving must always be adjusted to the conditions of the moment," she said. "The early darkness of fall, the ice and snow of winter, the rain of spring, and the heat and care-free vacation attitude of many people in summer all present problems that could cause accidents."

4-H Safety GM Project 17 Years

General Motors is in its 17th year of sponsoring awards in the 4-H safety program which is conducted by the Extension Service of the state agriculture colleges, the United States Department of Agriculture and the National 4-H Service Committee.

Other national winners include: Elsie Clasen, 18, of Glenwood, Minnesota; James Fassett, 18, of Alstead, New Hampshire; Richard Hatler, 18, of Crossville, Tennessee; Frank Klepetko, 15, of Golden, Colorado; Christian Scherer, 18, of Olney, Illinois; Gwen Anne Smith, 17, of Reno, Nevada, and Vivian Warminski, 16, of White Deer, Texas.

Their seasonal summary: WINTER, SPRING, SUMMER, FALL MAKE EVERY SEASON SAFE FOR ALL.

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Can you remember the days when there were real political speakings? They were held in the daytime, in the inadequate shade of a grove on a blistering day in July. Can't you see, in your mind's eye, the speaker seated on the platform as he waits to be introduced? He was a portly man and wore an alpaca coat. He plied a palm-leaf fan vigorously and, to keep his standing collar from wilting, he tucked around it a handkerchief which was removed when he began to talk.

On the table was a white pitcher and, of course, a glass — for a speaker spoke for an hour in those days and he spoke with great force so that his brow and bald head glistened with perspiration and his voice grew husky and he shed that alpaca coat; and, in spite of his precautions, his collar wilted.

Present-day political speakers use a microphone and never march up and down the platform or lean over and point a finger in the face of those on the front row — why, they never even stomp or stomp or hit the table with a fist for, if they did, they'd lose their place in the manuscript they are reading from — and chances are they didn't even write the speech themselves.

Back in 1928 or 1930, I ventured into politics, purely involuntarily. You have heard the expression that "the office should seek the man" and that this-or-that candidate was "drafted." Well, I really was.

When I was the editor of the Ranger Times, a primary was held for State and County offices. No one filed for public weigher and so one of the linotype operators launched a write-in campaign (unknown to me) on my behalf, with the result that I received three votes.

This was a tie with the town drunk — let's call him "Bud" Brown (which isn't even close to the actual name). Before the second primary, however, the linotype operator found out I was not for his candidate for governor and so threw his support to "Bud" who won unanimously with six written-in votes.

As the office had no duties, and therefore no compensation, I bore up philosophically.

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Our heartfelt thanks to all who lent comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For a floral offering and other kindnesses, we are deeply grateful.

The family of J. S. Hutson, Mrs. R. N. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne H. Moore and Susan.

H-SU Schedules Debate Tourney For High Schools

Hardin-Simmons University's 1961 high school debate tournament has been scheduled for Feb. 17-18, according to Dr. DeWitte Holland, director of forensics at the university.

It will be an open tourney and any West Texas or Central Texas high school may send contestants. Dr. Holland said. Invitations have been mailed to all schools known to have teams but any coach who failed to receive entry blanks may secure them by writing Dr. Holland.

In addition to debate, contests will be held in five individual events — oratory, extemporaneous speaking, poetry reading, declamation and Bible reading. Preliminary and elimination rounds are planned for all events.

Debate will be on the national high school topic, "Resolved: That the United Nations Should be Significantly Strengthened."

There will be a sweepstakes trophy for the school compiling the most points in all events, first place trophies in both boys' and girls' debate, and first and second place medals in all individual events, Dr. Holland said.

Competition in the individual events will be held the afternoon of Friday, Feb. 17. Debate will start Friday evening, with eliminations set for Saturday morning and finals Saturday afternoon.

Hillcrest High School of Dallas won the H-SU sweepstakes trophy last year.

False Rumors, Dollar Shortage Plagues TRC

GONZALES—An "over-supply" of words as well as a shortage of dollars is plaguing The Texas Rehabilitation Center of Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation these days. Walter H. Richter, executive director, observed this week.

"Nearly anyone you talk to about this Center will inform you that the State is taking it over, or that the Methodist Church is taking it over, or that we are on the verge of closing down," Richter said.

"To my best knowledge none of these eventualities is about to take place—except that, if these rumors keep being repeated, our backers will be inclined more and more to withdraw their support. Then we might have to throw in the towel," he added ruefully.

Richter pointed out that he had knowledge of donations, some of them rather sizeable, being withheld because the donors did not wish "to invest in a losing proposition."

"The truth is that every dollar contributed will be expended on the care of severely disabled Texans whether we are in business two weeks or two centuries," he stated. "Only when the donation is not made and the care is not provided is it truly a losing proposition—and the only real losers are our handicapped citizens."

Richter acknowledged it is true that the Center's management is constantly seeking ways and means to strengthen its financial position.

"We would welcome an alignment with some organization or even the State if this would assure continuity for this vital and badly needed work, but at the moment there is not even a slight probability of this taking place," he stated.

"The surest way to keep this program going is for everyone to pitch in and help with a contribution—even if it is only a dime or a dollar," Richter said.



MERKEL CO-CAPTAINS, COACH AND GUEST — Merkel High School's four senior co-captains are pictured above with Badger Coach Carroll Benson and Baylor University Track Coach Jack Patterson, who was guest speaker for the Merkel football banquet held at the High

School cafeteria last week. Left to right are Patterson, Ronnie Reeger, Phil Seymore, Coach Benson, Jack Stallo and Lester Dorton Jr. Reeger was awarded a trophy as Most Valuable Back and Dorton was presented an award as Most Conscientious Player. (Reporter-News Photo)

Life Saving Award Given Henderson Man

A Life Saving Award for heroism during the November 1959 forest fire holocaust in Northeast Texas was presented to J. Russell Burd, fire supervisor, Texas Forest Service, at Henderson, January 19.

Burd is credited with saving the life of a crippled 70-year-old Negro woman, Mattie Jimmerson of Longview.

The award was presented in behalf of the Texas Safety Association by D. A. Anderson, head, Research and Education Department of the Texas Forest Service, College Station, before assembled staff and members of the Henderson district headquarters.

The citation reads as follows: "Life Saving Award is hereby presented to Joe Russell Burd who without regard for himself, did risk his own life in rescuing a fellow human being. Thereby, meriting the recognition of all persons who believe in universal concern and devotion for our mankind."

A blowup of forest fires was occurring in the East Texas area and while supervising forest fire fighting operations in Gregg County, Burd attempted to evacuate resident spectators from a county road soon to be engulfed by a roaring forest fire. As the fire reached the road, anguished cries of Mattie Jimmerson were heard screaming for help.

Burd, without consideration for his own personal safety, drove his pickup truck through the smoke and flames, placed her in the truck, drove away from the inferno, and saved the woman from a fiery death.

Care With Fire Necessary

Winter woods are dry and easy to catch fire, so take the proper precautions to prevent fire.

Hold burnt matches until cool, then break them. Shred your cigarette butts, as soldiers are taught to do. Douse your campfire thoroughly with water—then inspect it carefully before leaving.

Girl Scout News

Skating Diplomas

Merkel Brownies and Scouts have completed a ten-week skating course at the Plaza Skate Bowl in Abilene. Bill Anderson, twice named national skating champion, was instructor for the course.

All girls attending full time passed all test and received diplomas. Eligible for skate badges are Dorothy Torrance, Nelda Doan, Linda Windham, Ann and Alice Whisenhunt, Brownwyn and Karlen Gamble, Cathy Derrington, Nancy Evans, Linda Jacobs, Mamie Patterson, Cheryl Herring and Susie Wilson.

Providing transportation to Abilene each week were Mrs. Jim Torrance, Mrs. Albert Evans, Mrs. Jack Whisenhunt and Mrs. David Gamble.

Attend Jr. Hi Meet

Merkel Scouts, Dorothy Savance and Linda Windham, were the elected representatives for their troop to attend the Junior High Planning Board session in Snyder Jan. 12 at the First Methodist Church. Attending the West Texas Council meeting, which was held at the same time, were Mrs. Jim Torrance and Mrs. David Gamble. The girls helped to plan the types of activities engaged in by all Junior Hi troops.

Girl Scouts Meet

Girl Scout Troop 101 met Jan. 27 in the Scout Hut with Linda Smith, president, presiding.

Miss Nina Orsborn presented the program on "Sewing."

Leaders for the troop are Mrs. David Gamble and Mrs. Jack Whisenhunt.

Car Trunks and Bird Dogs

You bird hunters who carry your dogs in the car trunk should keep the car trunk closed, rather than partly open for ventilation.

Open tops only suck in gas fumes.

Close the top and "air" the dogs at regular intervals.

Game Official

Warns Against Contamination

AUSTIN—"A little carelessness can cause extensive damage," warns H. D. Dodgen, executive secretary of the Game and Fish Commission. "This was the case recently near Austin when insecticides were washed into a storm sewer which in turn poured these deadly chemicals into the Colorado River."

A few days back an Austin firm washed down some pallets on which insecticides had been carried. The chemicals flowed through a storm sewer and into the Colorado River. It wasn't long until hundreds of edible and rough fish began surfacing. As the river current carried the liquid death down stream, more fish fell victim to the chemicals. At last report, literally tons of fish had been destroyed. The destruction was carried into Bastrop County, and then into Fayette County, and on past La Grange.

In all, it has traveled over 100 stream miles, spreading death to the fish along the way. For the first few miles the chemicals produced nearly a complete kill of all fish in the river.

"Pollution is a serious problem in the state," said Dodgen, and

is caused by neglect and lack of interest in keeping our lakes and streams clean and healthy for all forms of game and fish.

Many times if a person would exercise a little foresight to the possible results of an action, there would be less contamination of these lakes and streams. So, think twice before washing any type of chemicals into drains. Let's stamp out pollution."

Quick as Jack Robinson

Here's a quick way to skin a rabbit for the pot. Slit across rabbit's back with a sharp knife. Grab hold of each side of slit and pull.

The skin comes off as easily as you skin a banana. Cut legs off at lower joint and your rabbit is ready.

Don't Overfeed Hunting Dog

A lean dog makes a good hunter. Don't feed your dog all his appetite calls for, or he'll get sluggish and hunt poorly. Better for his ribs to show a little — it's a sign he's in top shape.

Of 450,000 Colombian children who received CARE lunches at school last year, 112,500 never had breakfast; 31,500 had virtually no other food all day. To feed needy youngsters at home as well as at school, \$1 family packages can be sent to Colombia through the CARE Food Crusade, New York 16, N.Y.

1961 Texas Map Now Available To The Public

AUSTIN — The 1961 Texas Official Highway Travel Map — with "Over 60,000 Miles of Motoring Pleasure" as its theme — is now available to the general public.

Free copies of the new Texas motoring map may be obtained by writing the Texas Highway Department, P. O. Box 5064, Austin, or at highway district offices and travel bureaus. County tax offices have map cards on hand for requesting copies of the map.

Multilane-divided highway miles now completed and charted on the map total 2,067 miles, and include the finished sections of the seven National System of Interstate and Defense Highways located in the state. More than 350 farm-to-market and ranch-to-market road miles have been added to this year's map. Approximately 20,000 miles of the state's nearly 34,000-mile Farm-to-Market Road System are shown on the map. All of the 26,857 miles of Interstate, U. S. and State highways are shown.

Roadside parks having full picnic facilities are marked on the map with a green dot — 830 in all on the new 1961 map. A total of 52 State Parks are also shown, their location indicated by a green triangle. Two new recreation State Parks have been added to this year's map — Eisenhower State Park at Atlanta.

Major lakes and reservoirs are shown on the map, as well as countless rivers, creeks, and streams.

Cities and towns on the map total 1,827. City route maps for the state's dozen largest cities are also included — Amarillo, Austin, Beaumont, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, Lubbock, San Antonio, Waco, and Wichita Falls.

Panoramic Texas stretches out on the reverse side of the map in 14 full-color photographs which give a glimpse of the car-window views along the more than 60,000 of the Texas Highway System.

A section entitled "Facts About Texas" boils down the essential data on Texas' terrain, history, and industrial and recreational diversity.

More than a million Official Highway Travel Maps of the 1960 edition have been distributed—in-state, out-of-state, and to dozens of foreign countries. Out-of-state and foreign-country requests continue an upward climb as Texas becomes more and more well-known as a tourist state.

The map is also used by all state and governmental agencies in the state for determining official highway distances, mileage zones, and like information.

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UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

Well we feel like we have just had an awful storm. This 11 degree weather is almost too cold for anyone.

The livestock boys say it will take a lot of feed to get stock back to normal.

Ray Orsburn, who has several stock farms in the White Church area, reports that his cattle really shrank during the cold spell. However, he said he did get a load of calves off before the spell hit.

Leroy Riney and son, Jackie, have been working their lots and chutes over, getting ready to have their cattle tested. They are putting some steers on feed at one of their places.

Mrs. W. A. Harrison of Merkel, former resident of the Canyon, fell at her home Saturday morning and broke her hip. We regret

to hear of this unfortunate accident.

Little Kathy Griffin, who makes her home with Mrs. and Mrs. Joe Swinney, underwent an appendectomy at Sadler Hospital Saturday night.

Mrs. Luther Dunn of the Canyon is a patient at Hendrick Hospital, Abilene, where she underwent surgery the past week. We hope she will soon be able to return home.

The young people of the Pioneer church had charge of the program at the church Sunday night. The Rev. Vernon Henderson, district superintendent of Abilene district, brought the evening message.

Small grain is expected to really grow now with a few days of sunshine. The grain is greatly needed for grazing.

Dewell McLean, stock farmer in the Canyon, says one thing he did get done before the cold spell hit was to sow some oats.

He plans to sow more when the weather permits.

Jack Boggy of Merkel brought a bunch of snake hunters out to the Tom Russom ranch during the warm days before the cold spell hit. They caught 25 rattlesnakes out of three dens, some large ones. They caught them by hooks, by running the hooks in the dens and pulling the snakes out.

Mr. and Mrs. Payton Scott are here for a few days visit. Payton has just received his college degree, and says "thanks goodness for it." Mrs. Scott is the former Johnnie Tipton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burk Tipton of Merkel.

I would like to say "hello" to my sisters, Mrs. Odell Anderson of Kansas and Mrs. Ebb Bradshaw of Winnsboro, Texas. Both are subscribers to the Merkel Mail.

Arthur Moore of Blair believes that if anyone ever plans to stake off their ground and plant it, this year would be a good one to do so, as the ground is so wet.

40 Years Ago

Miss May Helman gave a birthday dinner last Sunday and had as guests Misses Nell Holloway, Gladys Middleton, Jewel Burns, Lorena Gazzaway, Fairy Orr and Alma Barzee.

At the parsonage no last Saturday evening, Rev. W. M. Murrell, pastor of the Methodist Church, pronounced the words which made man and wife of Mr. Nathan E. Wood and Miss Julia McDonald.

An old building located on Kent Street just north of the Merkel Lumber Company was destroyed by fire early Sunday night. The building had only been used for several years, as a storage house. I years gone by it was the home of the Merkel Evening Telegram, which publication has long since ceased to be published.

The stucco building formerly occupied by the Commercial Motor Company, has been converted into a cotton warehouse, and is now ready to be filled with cotton. Merkel Cotton Warehouse Company.

Word has been received from Dr. Miller and family, who are in California, that they will arrive home Saturday, Jan. 29th. Dr. Miller has been attending clinics at the college and on the coast while his family visited with former Merkel people who are now living in the Golden West.

After an illness lasting several months, Mr. I. C. Frier, splendid citizen of this city, passed away at the family residence in the north part of the city Wednesday evening at 9:15 o'clock. Deceased had reached the ripe old age of 78 years. He was born in Pike County, Missouri, and came to Texas at the age of nine, during the Civil War with the Union Army.

On last Friday evening Miss Johnnie Sears entertained a few of her chums with a slumber party. The guests all had arrived by 7 o'clock and from that time on there was much merriment.

Compre HD Club Meeting Held

The Compre Home Demonstration Club met Jan. 26 in the home of Mrs. Ab Hunter Jr. The meeting opened with a prayer by Mrs. I. B. Ray.

Mrs. Ray gave the council report. She was also named the club's delegate to represent Jones County at the district meet at Vernon April 10.

Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. Don Adair will attend a sewing course Feb. 1-2 in Abilene.

Mrs. Mary Newberry, county agent, gave a demonstration on "Planting Shade Trees."

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Dewey Ramsey on Feb. 9.

Severely disabled persons with 5 years of social security credits in the 10 years before being disabled can now be paid at any age under 65.

Fortnightly Club Hears Talk On 'Famous Women'

Mrs. Don Dudley and Mrs. S. D. Gamble furthered interest in the Fortnightly Study Club's program theme for the year, "American Panorama," by bringing discussions concerning "Famous American Women" during the Jan. 24 meeting, held in the home of Mrs. David Gamble.

In her "Profiles of Presidents' Wives," Mrs. Dudley characterized and marked the influence of each "First Lady," naming the following as general favorites: Martha Washington, known by her "mohair"; Dolly Madison, with her ability to influence several administrations; Elizabeth Monroe, remembered for her introduction of rouge to Washington society; Mary Lincoln, known as the extravagant spender on clothes she never wore; Ellen and Edith Wilson, who guarded the well-being of Woodrow Wilson; Eleanor Roosevelt, whose name appeared in headlines for twelve years; Bess Truman, who promoted much excitement in the world of industry by the announcement of her "salt diet," and Mamie Eisenhower, who contributed bangs for the hair stylists and friendship to the American public.

In her topic phrased "Our First Lady," Mrs. Gamble pictured Mrs. Kennedy as "reserved, but well-liked," and determined to protect her own personality from being dissolved by family position. The speaker noted that the First Lady has made history by adding the "Frontier Room" to the White House — the nursery.

Preceding the program, the hostess served coffee to the twenty members present.

Mrs. Ray Wilson, president, announced plans for observing this club year's project — a party to be given at four o'clock in the school cafeteria on March 28, honoring Merkel's Senior Citizens.

Lone Star Club Elects Officers

The Lone Star Club of Mrs. Andy Shouse's seventh grade room met Jan. 27 to elect officers for the next six weeks.

New officers are Ruben Duran, president; Lucky Patton, vice president; Jean Rickey, secretary; Wayne Thompson, reporter; Linda Luke, treasurer.

Stith News

By MRS. ERITZ HALE

The weather is the main news this week. Three inches of snow fell Saturday night on top of a heavy rain and sleet. We're hoping for better weather.

Lonnie Harris attended the Training Union meeting at the First Baptist Church at Anson Monday night.

The Rev. Bob Carter was visiting in the Stith Community Friday.

Sandra Hale and Mary Dunagin of Stith and Penny Gardner of Merkel spent Saturday night with Mrs. Ethel Canida of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Odie Filks attended funeral service for her uncle, W. W. Poston, at Merkel Tuesday, Jan. 24. We extend the family our sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hale, Shirley and Mike of Midland were supper guests the past week in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale.

Ira Stanley, Mrs. J. B. Harris, Lonnie and Johnie, Mr. and Mrs. Pat McDonald and Pat, Mrs. Fred Perry and Martha and Mrs. Ethel Canida and Sandra Hale attended the Fifth Sunday singing at the New Live Oak Baptist Church at Merkel Sunday. The next singing will be held at the Stith Baptist Church.

Mrs. M. E. West and Mrs. Paul Bradley attended funeral service for H. H. Spear held at First Baptist Church at Merkel Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 24.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry visited in the Spears home Tuesday morning.

Women of the W. M. U. of the Stith Baptist Church are making plans for the "Sweetheart Banquet" to be held for the young people at the community center on Saturday night, Feb. 11.

Mrs. Ned Watts Feted At Shower

Mrs. Ned Watts was honored at a pink and blue shower in the home of Mrs. Ray Wilson Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Nancy Watts and Mrs. Lester Dorton presided at the tea table which was centered with burning tapers. Appointments were in silver and crystal.

Other members of the house party were Meses. Horace Hargrove Nolan Palmer, Griff Barnett, Weldon McAninch and Bob Gardner.



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 TO: Hazel M. Smith, Defendant. Greeting:

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 6th day of March A.D. 1961, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 6th day of December A.D. 1960, in this cause, numbered 25,538-A on the docket of said court and styled Jimmie E. Smith, Plaintiff, vs. Hazel M. Smith, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on Jan. 24, 1958 and became permanently separated on Nov. 4, 1959.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment 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 17th day of January A.D. 1961.

Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas By Irene Crawford, Deputy. 46-47-48-49

Good Crow Decoys
 Stuffed owls, fox skins, leashed tame cats, and dead crows tied in trees, all make good crow decoys. But these decoys should be placed far enough away from your blind so that incoming crows won't know you are anywhere around — even when you start shooting.

To Improve Taste of Water
 Boil any doubtful water. To overcome the flat taste that boiling leaves, pour the water back and forth several times from one container to another. This restores the air which is responsible for the taste in water.



TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOL WEEK has been proclaimed by Governor Price Daniel for March 6-10. Receiving the proclamation for the tenth annual statewide observance is John McKee (right), who has served as State Chairman of the Texas Citizens' Committee for Public Schools Week since the week was inaugurated in 1950. Chief purpose of the observance is to induce more citizens — not only parents but all others — to visit the schools and see for themselves the functioning of our democratic system of education. More than 3,000 local and area committees are working for a record attendance of adults this year.

STATE CAPITAL
Highlights
AND Sidelights
 by Vern Sanford

AUSTIN, Tex.—When the Legislature faces a difficult problem on which there are sharp differences of opinion, the final legislation is usually a sort of Irish stew of compromises.

Ingredients for this session's main dish, state financing, are fast pouring into the pot. Simultaneously, Gov. Price Daniel and the Legislative Budget Board presented plans for state spending in 1962-63.

Governor Daniel recommended general revenue spending of \$479,964,734. Budget Board recommended \$356,183,172—a difference of \$123,781,562.

New spending recommended by the governor would include a medical care program for the aged, \$600 a year salary hikes for public school teachers and other improvements in education.

As a primary source of new money, the governor endorsed the payroll tax proposal recommended last fall by the State Finance Advisory Committee. He also approved raising state college tuition by \$50 a semester.

Daniel urged lawmakers to handle separately the deficit that's expected to be about \$65,000,000 by the end of the fiscal year. For this he tabbed a temporary 3 per cent natural gas tax, a franchise tax, escheat bill and transfer of the farm to market road program from the general revenue to the highway fund.

ANNEXATION LIMIT PROPOSED—A brake on headlong expansion of city limits would be provided in a bill introduced by Rep. W. T. Oliver of Port Neches.

Under the bill, cities could annex only 10 per cent of their surrounding territory each year. Meanwhile, each city would have a measure of control through "extraterritorial jurisdiction" of a zone from 1/2 to 5 miles deep on its perimeter. This would give the city direction over construction and sanitation codes and enable it to prevent the development of outlying slums.

Many officials feel that some Texas cities have gone overboard in annexing more territory than they are able to digest.

AUTO INSURANCE CHANGE—Sen. Grady Hazlewood of Amarillo, long time critic of present auto insurance regulations, has outlined a liberalized plan he will ask the Legislature to approve.

Changes recommended by the senator:

1. Use of only that part of a driver's record which was made since January, 1960, date the new merit system went into effect. As set up, insurance rates are based on driver's record for the past three years.
2. Eliminate from the list of violations causing insurance rate penalties (a) speeding less than 15 miles per hour over the limit (b) stop light violations involving amber, rather than red lights and (c) "creeping" at stop signs.
3. Eliminate from accidents that result in a penalty those where less than \$100 damage is caused. Present limit is \$25.

SCHOOLS' PORTION DOWN — Texas' public schools' share of state spending has dropped from 35.5 per cent in 1950 to 30.6 per cent in 1960.

In the 1950-60 period, the scholastic population increased 34 per cent, enrollment 46 per cent and average daily attendance 50 per cent. State spending on schools rose from \$187,000,000 to \$396,000,000.

Texas State Board of Education, TEA's policy making body, has recommended a raise for teachers, but did not specify how much it felt the raise should be.

WEALTH FROM THE PAST—There's money to be made in museums, mansions and missions—if they're kept up and made attractive to tourists.

An improved and increased array of historic spots could increase tourism 10 per cent and thereby state tax revenue \$1,750,000 a year, the State Historical Survey Committee reported to the Legislature.

Committee did not ask for state funds to renovate historic buildings. Instead, it suggested an \$82,775 appropriation for leadership and guidance of local groups who want to preserve or improve something in their locale.

Also recommended was a \$50,000 a year appropriation for the Civil War Commission to be used in setting up Texas' part in the centennial observance. Other states in the South, many of whom al-

ready have combined scenery and Civil War mementoes to make big drawing cards for tourists, have the jump on centennial planning.

PETTICOAT WAR — Women's rights advocates have come to Austin every session, as far back as most legislative observers can remember, to try to get rid of one or more of the Texas laws that treat women differently from men.

Every session, the women are treated with courtesy, viewed with amusement, and their bills are good naturedly buried.

This year the irked women, mostly members of the Federal Business and Professional Women's Club, are going all out. Instead of trying to get one or two individual statutes repealed, they are trying for a constitutional amendment guaranteeing equal rights for women and abolishing—at a stroke—all laws to the contrary.

Rep. Ben Atwell of Hutchins (Dallas County) will introduce the measure in the House.

NEW GOP CHIEF—Spokesman for the Texas Republican party's "new generation" of leadership is Tad Smith of El Paso.

Smith, a 32-year old attorney, succeeds Thad Hutchison of Houston who resigned.

Republicans are setting their sights on: (1) Getting revisions in the election code which they blame for their loss of Texas in the general election (2) Running a strong race in the April 4 special election to name a new U. S. senator (3) Building up momentum for a serious effort to challenge U. S. Sen. Ralph Yarborough when he comes up for re-election in 1964.

Three out of 5 people in Jordan must have relief aid. CARE Food Crusade packages form the basic daily diet for 3,500 children, many Arab refugees, in Jordanian orphanages and other institutions. The \$1 packages can be subscribed through CARE, New York 16, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Mashburn of Big Spring celebrated the third birthday of their daughter, Lee Ann, Jan. 22, in the home of Mrs. Mashburn's parents Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Booth.

\$50,485 In Taxes Paid In County By Railroads

Texas railroads paid \$50,485 in taxes in Taylor County during 1959, according to the Texas Railroad Association.

That amount was the county's share of the nearly \$10,000,000 the railroads paid throughout the state.

In addition, of course, was the large total in taxes the railroads' approximately 40,000 Texas employees contributed on their own property. The vast majority of railroad workers, many of whom live in Taylor County, own their own homes.

The largest railroad contribution in Taylor County was for the support of education. The school tax for 1959 totaled \$26,898.

City and village taxes amounted to \$12,602, while the share of the county government's operating expenses paid for by the railroads totaled \$7,092. The road and bridge fund gained \$3,372 from the railroads in 1959. All other taxes brought the total for the county to \$50,485.

"With the future of our country and state depending a great extent upon the education of our youth, I am glad to see that nearly half of the taxes paid by the railroads in '59, a total of \$4,565,103, went to support the schools," said Walter Caven, general counsel of the Texas Railroad Association. "Recognizing this need for education, many of our railroads also make scholarships available every year."

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Home Demonstration Notes

By LORETTA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent

Need to pare off a few excess pounds? Why not work out a plan for some regular exercise.

More activity in the daily routine can further the cause of a reducing diet, or with no change in diet at all it can bring about a gradual loss of excess fat, according to Marie Tribble, extension foods and nutrition specialist of the A&M College of Texas.

Long hours of strenuous exercise are not necessary to keep weight in check and, for many people, are not even recommended. But regular, less strenuous exercise can be surprisingly effective to lose or maintain weight while eating the same amount of food as before.

Nutritionists of the Agricultural Research Service gave this example: If an overweight woman, who gets just enough calories to maintain her weight, spends one extra hour every day at housework that keeps her moderately active and moving around instead of sitting, she used 90 more calories a day. In a year, if her diet remains about the same, she can lose 9 pounds. Then if she can change a second "sitting hour"

to some type of daily active recreation, without changing diet, she can use an additional 170 calories a day, and in a year shed another 15 pounds, or a total of 24 pounds.

Many people, of course, are not as free to get more activity into their daily routines, particularly those with fulltime jobs. Thus, leisure time offers the best opportunity for more exercise. Even though the time given to added activity may be short, if established as a regular routine it can have gradual and lasting effects on weight and also help muscle tone and circulation. For example, if a man who has been eating enough to keep his weight the same, can manage a 20-minute walk every day instead of sitting for that time, he can lose 5 pounds a year, provided he doesn't eat more food than before.

An apple a day may keep the doctor away, but it takes an orange a day — or its equivalent — to provide the vitamin C recommended for maintaining good nutrition, according to extension foods and nutrition specialists of the A&M College of Texas.

A food consumption survey carried out by U.S. Department of Agriculture showed that among more than 6,000 U. S. families whose food purchases were studied over a week's time, one in four was not receiving recommended quantities of vitamin C.

Citrus fruits are rich enough in vitamin C to yield a day's supply in one average serving such

BANK NOTES by Malcolm



A NYLON PARACHUTE—THE KIND USED FOR DROPPING FOOD TO THE WORLD WAR II—WAS CASHED AS A BANK CHECK AFTER THE WAR TO SEND SUPPLIES OVERSEAS.

A YOUNG SUPERINTENDENT OF A FLORIDA BANK, HAVING LEARNED FROM HIS WORKING HIS DEPARTMENT AFTER HOURS, HE STUDIED BANKING WITH THREE YEARS, THE BANK MADE HIM A TELLER, AND TODAY, HE'S AN OFFICER OF THE BANK.

THE DUCHESS OF WINDSOR PARADED HER CHAMPION PUG IN A RECENT DOG SHOW AT A NEW YORK BANK.

as a whole orange or a half grapefruit. Potatoes, tomatoes, peppers, Brussels sprouts and cabbage, as well as green such as spinach, mustard and turnip tops also contain vitamin C. However, more than one average serving of these other foods is needed to provide enough of the vitamin daily.

Vitamin C is not stored in the body, remind the specialists. That's why you need to include it in your diet on a regular day-to-day basis.

VETERANS INFORMATION

Q—I went on VA's pension roll this year, under the new system effective July 1, 1960, and I understand I will receive an income questionnaire soon, which also will ask about my net worth. Will you explain this term for me, please?

A—Net worth for VA pension purposes is the market value of all the property you own except your home and personal belongings necessary for your day-to-day living, such as your automobile, clothing, household furniture, jewelry and the like—anything necessary for your day-to-day living.

Q—Are there any restrictions on GI insurance that would make the policy invalid if the veteran is engaged in a hazardous occupation?

A—There is no such restriction on GI insurance. The veteran may engage in any occupation, no matter how hazardous, without alerting the terms of his policy or the amount of his premium.

Q—I understand that by a new law a World War II veteran now has until July 25, 1962, in which to file an application for a GI loan. Just what steps toward getting a loan have to be taken by that date?

A—By that date, a lender must at least have agreed to make the loan and must have requested VA's approval. The new law places no limitation on the time needed to complete the deal, once your lender has agreed and asked for VA's approval.

On Cooking Eels

Eels make great eating — once you get over the idea that they are kin to snakes.

You'll be won over the first time if you prepare them this way: Skin eel with pliers, then cut into inch-thick chunks (as you slice bread). Fry until meat is flaky and white.

Legend has it that cooked eel meat will turn raw again if laid aside to cool. Experiment proves this to be at least partially true.

Pharmacist Needed By VA Office

The Veterans Administration Regional Office in Lubbock, Texas has a vacancy for a Registered Pharmacist to perform relief duties.

The individual selected for the position will work when the Regular Pharmacist is in leave status or when the workload requires the services of an additional Pharmacist. Rate of pay will be \$3.10 per hour unless the individual has prior Federal Service which would justify a higher rate. Work would be performed between 8:00 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. Monday thru Friday, when required.

In addition to being a citizen of the United States, applicants must be a graduate of an approved school of Pharmacy and have one year of professional experience as a registered pharmacist. Also applicants must currently be registered as a Pharmacist in one of the states or territories of the United States or District of Columbia. There is no maximum age limit for this position.

Interested pharmacist may obtain additional information and the required forms by contacting Bill Howard in the Personnel Office of the Lubbock VA Regional Office, 1612 19th Street.

To Tighten Axe Handle
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DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

My old lady told me at breakfast this morning I was barking up the wrong tree by always hollering about politicians. She allowed as how there ain't nothing wrong with the politicians, claimed what this country needed was a new set of people.

I couldn't figger out if she was serious or gitting sarcastic, so I just said pass the butter please and it looks like we might git a nice shower today. Me and my old lady git along fine, despite the fact we've been hitched now fer about 40 year. And one of the reasons there ain't been no talk about divorce in our family is on account of when things git edgy around the place, I just set me a chair out in the front yard and start counting the shingles on the roof till the storm blows over.

Gitting along in married life is like handling a pair of mules, you got to work as a team, keep the single-trees even to git a good, steady pull. But it's a sight in this world the married couples this day and time that can't keep the single-trees even. I was just reading yesterday where a

woman in New York told the Judge she killed her husband to keep him from running around. Well, that'll stop it ever time. And I see where another one of them Hollywood movie stars is gitting a divorce in Reno. That must be a mighty busy highway from Hollywood to Reno. I don't see why some big promoter ain't thought of moving Niagara Falls about half-way between the two places. That would make it nice fer all concerned, git married in Hollywood, stop over at Niagara Falls for the honeymoon, then on to Reno fer the divorce. They could set up a dual highway, newly-weds traveling east on one of them, the newly-divorced going back west on the other.

Gitting away from the domestic situation fer a moment, this television feller Jackie Gleason said the other night that the formula fer success was to work half as much and git twice as much fer it. That seems to be the national trend in recent years. I reckon History is mighty puzzled over us, keeping the country strong and free and broke all at the same time. We're the only country in the world that's ever been able to pull this trick. We do it by using a slight-of-hand tax system. They say we got three million laws in this country trying to enforce the Ten Commandments. No matter how many we got, Mister Editor, it's a safe bet that more'n half of them has to do with taxes. And I ain't never saw nothing in the Ten Commandments about taxes.

Yours truly,
Gabby

In Afghanistan, horseshoe-shaped loaves of bread called "nan" are baked from U.S. flour sent in CARE packages to give 150,000 needy children a daily school lunch of milk and bread. The flour and powdered milk for the meal are gifts from Americans who give \$1 per package to the CARE Food Crusade, New York 16, N.Y.

BADGER TALES

By RUTHIE CORDER

Regardless of the fact that people keep trying to convince Kenneth Hays that cutting hotties are fun, he just refuses to try it—wonder why?

Sluggie is wearing plaids and carrying a magnifying glass around — does he listen to others too often?

Beth Dunagin walks around with a smile on her face and a glow in her eyes. Everyone had decided that she was in love, until someone asked her who he was. It wasn't a boy—Beth had finally found faith to believe in talking tables and the spirits.

Last Monday, Sandy Hale finally got up enough nerve to ask Tut Seymour to a church banquet that she was going to. —She nearly fainted when he didn't say no!

Dick Leach has finally discovered his great talent—he plays the cowbells like a master.

Senior plays arrived last week and parts were assigned. Two girls were completely satisfied with their parts — Lola Loflin and Carolyn Windham—could it possibly have anything to do with who they are playing opposite?

Mr. and Mrs. Holman West of Fort Worth visited in the home of his cousin, Mrs. Charlie West, Saturday, Jan. 21.

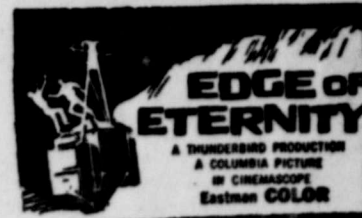
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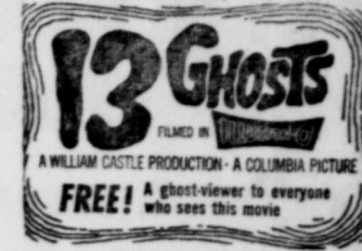
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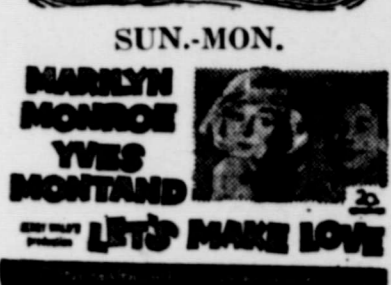
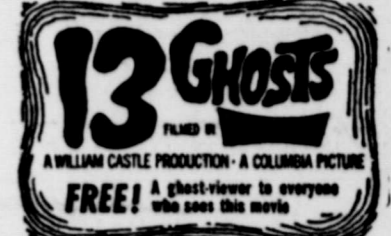
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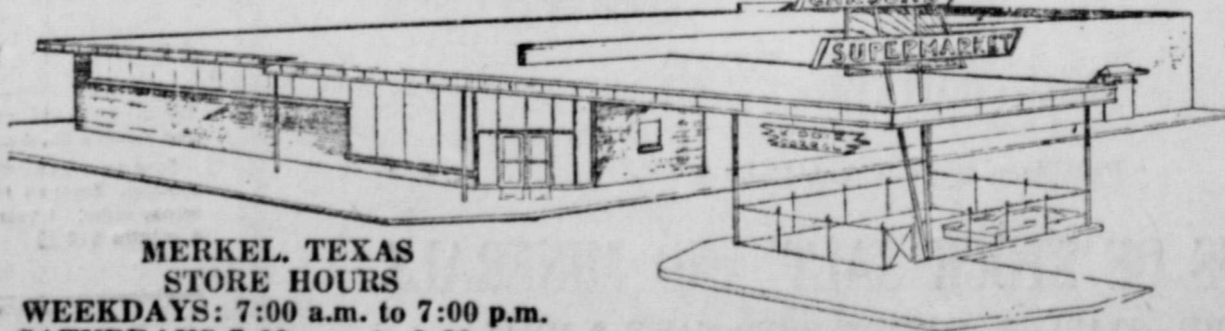
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