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Up The Canyon

By TOM
RUSSOM

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Nubia story will relate school and church history.

Nubia School was located across the creek on the east side. It was a one teacher school with grades from one through eight, with about 35 or 40 pupils. A few of the teachers who are still remembered so often are Miss Hale, Mrs. Victor Harris, Miss Fley Hilton, Miss Lena Lilly, Miss Fannie Clark, Myrtle Vaughn and Bertha Stanley.

Everybody walked to school, many as far as two miles. The children would get so cold; Ucle Jim Blackburn's blacksmith shop was handy for children to stop in and warm. His shop was always so nice and warm, and he would rub the children's hands, and warm them with his big bellows. Mrs. Blackburn was the school's mother. She always gave first aid — mending the children's torn clothes and hurt feelings. Should some one forget his lunch she saw that the boy or girl was fed. John Toombs of Abilene, was a pupil of Miss Bertha Stanley.

Thanksgiving was a big day at the school. Old Daddy Walker, who was post master at Nubia, used to come and tell the Thanksgiving Story of how our forefathers came to America so we could worship God as we pleased.

The closing of school was a big event, with program, new dresses and lots of visitors. A stage was erected on the outside of the school building to accommodate the crowd. Once when a little girl was reciting a poem, somebody threw a rock and hit her on the arm. Another time some one threw a whiskey bottle and hit a lady on the head, causing severe injury. Judge C. D. Cob, (longtime justice of the peace in Merkel), held court in one of the stores.

Mary school terms were only three months long. One young lady expressed the desire to go to Hardin - Simmons College to get an education, but her father thought she was too young to go to college. She stayed home and was married at 16 years of age.

Conveniences were far from modern at Nubia school. A dear neighbor had a good well of water which provided drinking water. The same neighbor furnished a rest room for the girls. The boys had facilities of their own.

The roll call looked something like this:

Anna May West, Ernest Boyd, Dow Boyd, Bea Martin, Clyde Latimer, Pearl Toombs, Vernon Simpson, John Blackburn, Hosea Davenport, Audra Reynolds, Lena Davenport, Euna Boyde, and Ellen Stanley.

Also Guy Boyd, Fannie Blair, Ruth Martin, Lillie Latimer, Will Toombs, Hattie Hunter, Lilly Cordill, Marshal Parker, Hubert Davenport, Mae Reynolds, Walter Lucille Boyd and Ona Stanley.

Also Grover Blair, John Toombs, John Tillinghast, Johnny Latimer, Jim Toombs, George Hunter, Sally Blackburn, Houston Parker, Carrie Davenport, Vonita Reynolds, Kyle Blair, Jim Martin and Roy Stanley.

The school building was a two story building. The bottom floor accommodated the school and church services and the upstairs was used for a Lodge Hall. Nubia had the finest lodges in the county, and the nicest place to meet. The Woodmen of the World, Rebecca, and I.O.O.F. Lodges, were of the best in Taylor County.

Later, when Nubia school consolidated with Riney school and

MSA PROGRAM BEGINS JUNE 6

Recreation program director, Bill Tate, reminds parents and students that June 4 is deadline for pre-registering for the Merkel Summer Recreation Program to begin June 6.

"Fees for the program prior to June 6 is \$7.50 for the entire summer months," said Tate, "and after June 4 the fee is \$9.00 or \$1.50 per week.

Memberships for the activity program may be obtained from the Chamber of Commerce office, the Merkel High School office, or at Tate's residence at 1562 South 3rd St.

Sponsored by the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, the Summer Activities Committee and the Merkel Independent School Board the program will be designed for "all age groups."

"There will be thorough supervision for all age groups," said Tate, and we would like to have all age groups participating in this program."

The activities program is scheduled Monday through Friday, beginning each day at 9 a.m. and lasting until 5 p.m. (Weight program to be conducted at the High School Gym, will be from 6 until 8 p.m.)

Activities will include track and field, volleyball, weight lifting, badminton, tennis, basketball and indoor games. Swimming will be scheduled from 10 until 12 noon on Wednesdays and Fridays of each week. "For those who do not swim, supervisors will be on hand at the school gym," said Tate.

No events will be regularly scheduled on Saturday because of the track meets. Age groups to be used in special events are 10 and under, 11-2, 13-14 and 15 to 17.

Tournaments will be held in badminton, tennis and shuffleboard.

Darrell Neal Ueckert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ueckert of Rt. 1, Merkel, was selected for membership in the Texas Tech chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, a national academic honorary society.

The honor was announced May 5 at an initiation banquet in the Tech Union, honoring 179 students, representing all six of Tech's schools.

Requirements for membership in the select honorary include the top 10 per cent of their class for seniors and graduate students and the top two per cent for juniors.

Ueckert, a Merkel High School graduate, and a graduating senior at Tech, has been honored with several outstanding awards, including the Agronomy Faculty Award, 1963 - 64, and All School Recognition in 1962 - 63 and 1963-64 for scholarship.

NOTICE
In recent months many people have become lax in observing STOP signs and SPEEDING. With school out and hundreds of children playing in the streets and riding bicycles one never knows when a child will dart out across the street.

Failure to observe traffic regulations, thereby causing the death or a serious injury to a child would certainly be a horrible, haunting memory.

Your city officials urge you who drive to cooperate in the observance of all traffic and safety rules.
Thanks,
Johnny Cox, Mayor.

**Pentacostal
Begins Revival**
Revival services are in progress at the United Pentacostal Church. Evangelist is Dickie McMahan, who is a graduate of Wylie High School, and is now enrolled in Texas Bible College at Houston.

"Gospel singers from several cities in Texas have been invited to participate in the revival," said pastor Travis Starnes. "We give a special invitation to all to come and hear Dicke and the good gospel singing."
The church is located at 502 Kent Street and evening services begin at 7 p.m.

Burks Muffler Corporation Will Be Moving to Merkel

ACTIVITIES TOLD BY C-C PRESIDENT

Announcement was made at the Merkel Chamber of Commerce meeting held Thursday, May 26, that Burks Muffler Corporation will be ready to open soon.

"The new industry is securing equipment," said C-C president Max Murrell, "and have been interviewing people for jobs." Along with the new employees who already live in Merkel, there will be approximately four employees who plan to move to this city.

Burks Muffler Corporation will manufacture glass pac type mufflers and related exhaust items at the Merkel plant and in addition to their scope in Merkel they will also be exclusive distributors for a stock type muffler that is manufactured in South Dakota.

The new firm will move into the building that was formerly occupied by Max Murrell Chevrolet Co.

H. M. Burkhardt, corporation president, and his wife who now live in Abilene, plan to move to Merkel in the near future.

In speaking to the approximately thirteen chamber members who were at the meeting, Murrell explained that "progress plans for the new hospital in Merkel were shaping up well and that he felt that the people of Merkel would see the hospital as a reality in the near future."

"I am disappointed that more members were not present for this meeting," said Murrell, "since we are getting quite a number of projects started."

In speaking to the group represented Murrell pointed out that any city's chamber of commerce is as active as each member will help it to be. I can do little," said Murrell, "but with all members working and meeting together, we can do much."

Other chamber sponsored activities discussed at the meeting were the Babe Ruth League, Park project, "Operation Sparkle," and the Summer Recreation Program.

Murrell said that the Chamber of Commerce had advanced money to the Babe Ruth League and the Park Project, to be repaid through gate receipts and signs to be sold for the ball park fence.

The Merkel Summer Recreation Program also assisted by the Chamber of Commerce, will have chamber member Lon McDonald working with program director, Bill Tate.

Democrats Urged To Vote June 4

Taylor County Democrats will operate 14 polls next Saturday to serve voters in the 41 voting precincts of the county, according to J. Neil Daniel, Taylor County Democratic Executive Committee.

Daniel said that the consolidation of polls was authorized by the county executive committee "in line with provisions of the Texas Election Code."

Box J, Precincts 24 and 27 will vote at the Merkel School Gym, with Raymond Ferguson, presiding judge.

The short ballot consists only between Crawford Martin and Franklin Spears for attorney general.

"We are urging all Democrats to vote," said Daniel, "for we feel that every qualified Democrat should take part."



PRESENTS GIFT — Elementary Principal Leon Walker, says thank you to Steve Doan who presented the eighth grade gift at the recent Eighth Grade Graduation Program. The gift, an overhead projector, will be used in the elementary building. (Photo by Reddin)

CHURCH OF CHRIST SERVICES AT TRENT

Ed H. Eznor of Abilene Christian College will be the speaker in the meeting at the Church of Christ which begins June 5th at Trent.

It will continue through June 12th. Services during the week days will be at seven a.m. and eight p.m. Sunday services will be at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Song services will be under the direction of William R. Reese.

The Friday evening service will be specially directed to the young people. The subject will be "Rejoice in Thy Youth."

Other subjects are, "Your Responsibility and Mine," "Confidence in God's Word," "The Promises of Restoration," "The Two Cups of Crucifixion," "The Powerful Word — Made Weak in Man," "My Lord and My God," "God's Doctrine of Human Progression," "Serving the Spiritual Needs of Man," and "The Christian's Great Anticipation."

Mr. Eznor is a graduate of David Lipscomb College of Nashville. He received his master's degree from Abilene Christian College and his doctor's degree from Louisiana State University.

He has held gospel meetings in Texas, Louisiana, Maryland, Tennessee, Virginia, and other states.



ED H. EZNOR
... guest speaker

The public is invited to all of these services.

Residing in Lubbock

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jack Mansfield are living at 1712 West 16th Street, Lubbock, after their March 5 marriage at Altus, Okla.

Mrs. Mansfield, the former Martha Ann Tipton, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Tipton Jr., Merkel. Billy Jack's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Mansfield, also of Merkel.

The couple plan to attend Texas Tech in the fall.

"Operation Sparkle" is a program to be used by all Chamber of Commerce's in Texas whereby a beautification program will be put into use in preparation for tourists who will attend the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City and the HemisFair in San Antonio, also in 1968.

Official holidays designated by the chamber of commerce for Merkel are Jan. 1, July 4, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Murrell pointed out that many cities observe only 4 holidays a year, whereas Merkel has included Labor Day.

Also discussed at the C of C meeting was the Merkel Development Foundation, which is a non-profit organization with its purpose to encourage new business and industry to relocate and move to Merkel. "Our by-laws and committees have already been set up," said Murrell, "but we need to select individuals who will sign the corporation charter."

Another chamber of Commerce meeting is scheduled for July. The date will be announced at a later date.

Swimming Pool To Open June 5

Sunday, June 5 will be "free swim" for all desiring to take advantage of opening day for the Merkel Swimming Pool, said pool manager Robert Shouse.

Shouse, a 1965 graduate of Merkel High School completed his freshman year at McMurry College this spring.

Repair and improvements have been made on the pool and surrounding areas said Shouse and a lifeguard will be on duty all hours that the pool is open. "The pool can be obtained for parties and picnics after 6 p.m. by reservation," he said.

A program for ladies and children swim will be reserved each Thursday morning from 9 a.m. until noon.

The concession stand will serve light refreshments and hot dogs.



JIMMY CRAWFORD
... enters boot training

Inducted In Navy

Jimmy Crawford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Onis Crawford, left Thursday, May 26, for Dallas for induction in the Navy. He left Dallas Friday for San Diego, Calif. for his nine weeks basic training.

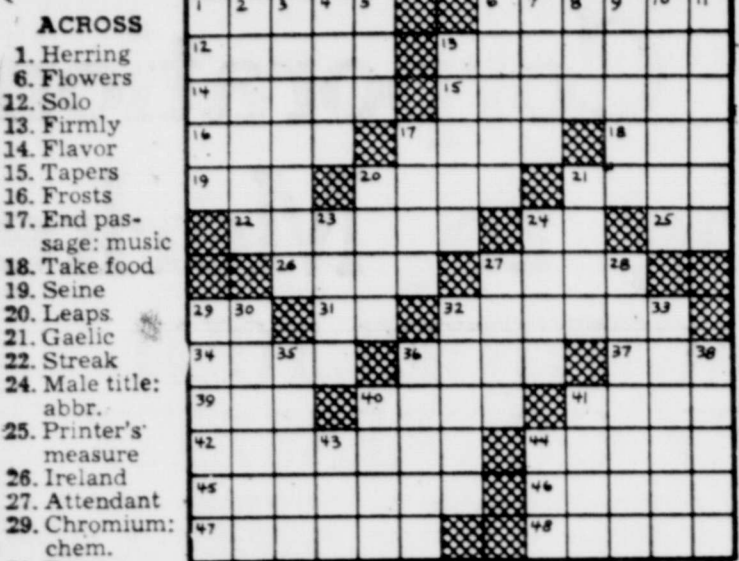
Crawford has been attending Texas A&M University prior to his induction.

PUGGY



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Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1. Herring
- 6. Flowers
- 12. Solo
- 13. Firmly
- 14. Flavor
- 15. Tapers
- 16. Frosts
- 17. End passage: music
- 18. Take food
- 19. Seine
- 20. Leaps
- 21. Gaelic
- 22. Streak
- 24. Male title: abbr.
- 25. Printer's measure
- 26. Ireland
- 27. Attendant
- 29. Chromium: chem.
- 31. Pronoun
- 32. Grow to be
- 34. Limbs
- 36. Rod
- 37. Companion: slang
- 39. Mimic
- 40. Narrow opening
- 41. Tableland
- 42. Reference
- 44. Uncovered
- 45. Mother and father
- 46. Coral island
- 47. Meat slices
- 48. Concise
- 11. Method
- 13. Range
- 17. Contend with
- 20. Employ
- 21. Therefore
- 23. Edges
- 24. Spice
- 27. Skin
- 28. Ruler
- 29. Fastening devices
- 30. Iterate
- 32. Blessings
- 33. Stands
- 35. Class; sort
- 36. Schemes
- 38. Dipper
- 40. Submerge
- 41. Counterpart
- 43. Beverage
- 44. Club

Answer to Puzzle



DOWN

- 1. Shiny fabric
- 2. Arranges
- 3. Roselike object
- 4. Insects
- 5. Golf mound
- 6. Amphibians
- 7. Forearm bone
- 8. Cover
- 9. Lazy one
- 10. Satisfy

BELLS on Independence Day!

This year there will be many four-year-old Americans ringing bells on July Fourth, who will grow up believing that this was always the custom. Actually it was, from the first Independence Day till about a century ago when the sounds of peace were drowned out by the noise of war, and the day became celebrated only with firecrackers and rockets.

Writing a book on *The Seasons of America* Past a few years ago, the author unearthed the story about Independence Day bell-ringing, and he mentioned that "it seems with firecrackers disappearing we might well revive that early American custom." The idea quickly took hold and, supported by organizations and churches and newspapers, it reached millions of people. In 1963 it was passed in Washington as Senate Concurrent Resolution 25, requesting that all American bells, public and private, church, school, fire, college and town bells ring simultaneously at 2 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on July Fourth. Some places now ring bells for two minutes, others for four minutes, along with many radio, TV programs, and even public loudspeakers in parks, race-tracks, ball games and on ships at sea.

For the past three years the "Bells on Independence Day" project has been included in Governors' Fourth of July Proclamations, and this holiday which was losing much of its solemn significance, was rekindled into a day of bells ringing out America's birthday, just as it was in the beginning.

It has been said that a thing must be done four times before it becomes a habit, so this fourth year, for the revival of the early American custom of ringing bells on Independence Day, is a most important one. Perhaps there will be no great bells within reach of your hearing, perhaps you will seem to be the only one ringing a small handbell; but you will know that all over the nation in every state, millions of bells will be ringing out the message of democracy and liberty.

A safer and less noisy pastime for children, let them ring bells on this day, proclaiming it America's Birthday. And wherever we are, let us remember this greatest of American days with joy and reverence.

Bells on Independence Day
Eric Sloane, Warren, Connecticut 06754

Church Assembly Set for June 10

W. P. Shropshire, presiding minister for the Abilene congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, has announced a three-day assembly which is to be held in Llano, Tex. June 10-12, 1966.

"The meeting is to be held in the Llano High School Auditorium and is for advanced Bible instruction and a study of modern gospel preaching methods," Mr. Shropshire said.

Part of the program is especially being arranged for the youth. Mr. Shropshire explained, "for that reason whole congregations with their families young and old alike will be in attendance."

Mrs. Chancey Hosts Comper HD Club

The Comper Home Demonstration Club held their May 12 meeting in the home of club member, Mrs. Clyde Chancey.

Mrs. Dwain Johnson presided, with opening prayer given by Mrs. Eulan Hatfield.

A program on "Cleaning Upholstery and Carpets," was given by Mrs. Don Adair.

Refreshments were served to Meses Ab Hunter, Jr., Hatfield, Adair, Johnson and Chancey.

make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 23 day of May, A.D. 1966.

(Seal)
Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk,
Domestic Relations Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Marie Gill, Deputy.

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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: Sheila Smith, Defendant.
Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Court of Domestic Relations 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 13th day of June A.D. 1966, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 6th day of December A. D. 1966, in this cause, numbered 2299 on the docket of said court and styled Jimmie E. Smith, vs. Sheila Smith, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature

of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on January 1, 1965 and became permanently separated on or about September 15, 1965.

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 the 29th day of April A.D. 1966.

(Seal)
Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk,
Domestic Court, Taylor
County, Texas.
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.

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this cause, numbered 2538 on the docket of said court and styled Loyd A. Reeves, Plaintiff, vs. Agnes Dupree Reeves, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about July 20, 1962, and became separated on or about July 23, 1962. Plaintiff sues on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment. There were no children born of this marriage and no community property accumulated, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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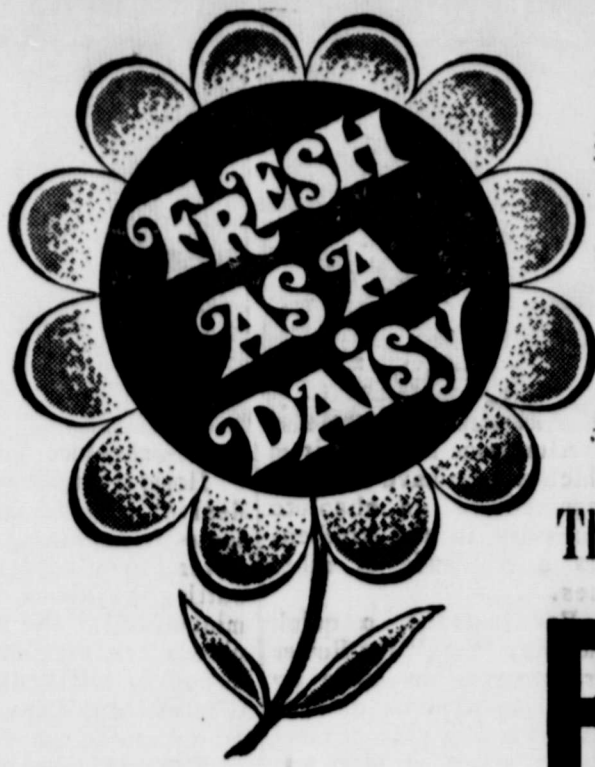
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White Swan Whole 303 can

Green Beans 2 for **45¢**

Morton's

Salad Dressing qt. **35¢**

OLEO Kraft's Parkay 2 for **49¢**

Shortening Crisco Limit 3-lb. can one **69¢**

BEANS Ranch Style 300 Size 2 for **29¢**

VIENNAS Hormel 2 for **39¢**

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Folger's 1-lb. can **69¢** 2-lb. can **\$1.38**

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MISCELLANEOUS

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M. A. (Sarg) NOSTER
1404 Herring Dr.
Merkel, Texas
Phone 8-5565

MASONIC MEETING
Stated Meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710 on 2nd Saturday and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Members urged to attend.

D. C. HENDRICKS, W. M.
ROY MASHBURN, Sec'y.

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WANTED — Ironing to do. Mrs. A. B. Gregory, North 3rd and Nolan. Phone 8-5586. 13 3tp

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Curried Potato-Mushroom Casserole
(Makes 4 to 6 servings)
1/4 cup PLUS 2 tablespoons butter, or new Danish margarine
1-1/2 cups (three 4-oz. cans) fancy sliced button mushrooms, well drained
1 cup very thinly sliced onions
1/8 cup flour
1 cup (8-oz. pkg.) small curd creamed cottage cheese
1/4 cup chopped parsley
1/4 cup dry sherry
1 teaspoon salt
Dash black pepper

Curried Potatoes:
1 cup water
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup homogenized milk
1/2 teaspoon curry powder
1-1/4 cups (one section of 4-1/8-oz. box) Borden's instant whipped potatoes, (dry flakes)
In a heavy skillet, melt 1/4 cup butter or margarine over low heat. Add mushrooms and onions; sauté 10 minutes, or until tender. Stir in flour. Add cottage cheese, parsley, sherry, salt and pepper; mix well. Turn mixture into an ungreased 9-inch square or oval casserole. In a medium-size saucepan, combine water, salt and remaining butter or margarine; bring to a boil. Remove from heat; stir in milk and curry powder. Add potato flakes; stir gently until flakes are soft and moist. Beat briskly with a fork or wire whisk. With decorating bag, pipe potatoes over top and around sides of mushroom casserole. Place under broiler (about 6-inches from flame) 5 minutes, or until potatoes are lightly browned. Serve immediately.

HIGH-PRICED LAND MAY CAUSE HARDSHIP, LOSS TO COMMUNITY

About sixty years ago when the Santa Fe Railroad extended rail service into West Texas, the line was surveyed through Abilene. Property owners along the route of survey felt that the road could not possibly be built elsewhere and raised the price of the property proposed for the right of way to a ridiculous and unreasonable price. They soon learned that the railroad not only could but did bypass Abilene. Had the property owners been more reasonable the railroad would have built as original plans called for and Abilene would now have a population of at least 200,000.

Competition between towns is just as real as in business. Many towns and cities have lost factories and various industries, furnishing employment to hundreds, even thousands of people, because strategically located property had values mushroomed to unreasonable heights making it unprofitable to operate under such conditions.

Likewise and for the same reason towns and cities have lost, because of unreasonable prices for property, schools, State and Federal institutions and hospitals. Every town and community desperately needs a hospital. The situation becomes appallingly tragic when we consider the elderly who are in most cases unable physically or financially to be carried long distances for hospital care.

Everyone since the dawn of time has grown old and feeble (unless taken by some cause in more youthful years). But the life of a hospital extends on and on bringing health and comfort to thousands. We do not think of a hospital as a mere building with doctors and nurses, but a memorial, a humanitarian institution of kindness for those in need, made possible by those who CARE.

A young married couple building a home, an individual starting a business, a city desiring to render the greatest service possible to all the people must have cooperation. May it always be truthfully said of those of us in Merkel that Merkel is a clean, friendly town, but also a cooperative town.

Sincerely,
JOHNNY COX, Mayor

Training Course To Begin June 5

Officers and men from Abilene, Texas' Naval Reserve Construction Battalion Division 8-19 will join 600 other SEABEES from a five state area June 5 in Reserve Mobil Construction Battalion 22' military training program for mobilization readiness.

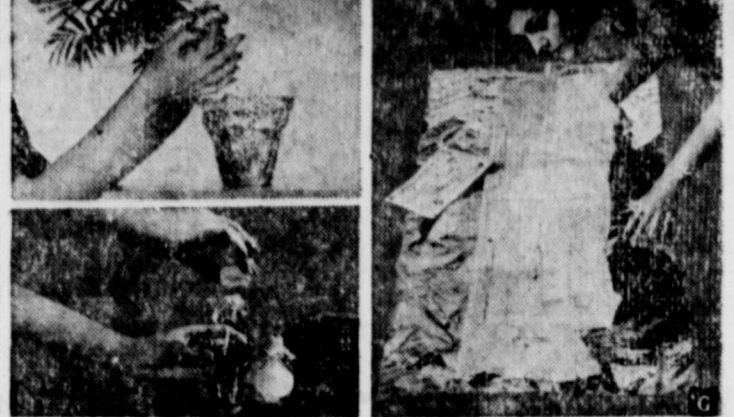
Richard E. McAnelly, Utilities-man Chief, who lives at 1410 South 7th St., Merkel, will take part in the two weeks tour of training duty at Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Seabee Division 8-19, of which Chief McAnelly is a member, is currently fourth in the nation and the number one division in the Eighth Naval District.

1966 marks the 25th anniversary of the American Tree Farm system.

Forest fires in the United States cost every tax payer \$20 annually.

FOIL PROVES ITS VERSATILITY



Aluminum foil, an item which women have long recognized as an absolute necessity in the kitchen, has a multitude of other uses.

For instance, a quick and easy "frog" for flower arrangements is made by crumpling a piece of foil, placing it in a vase or bowl of any shape or size and molding the foil to the bottom of the container. Next, merely insert the flowers into the foil. To insert the stems more easily, punch holes in foil with an ice pick or some other sharp object.

Shiny aluminum foil makes a most decorative wrap around the pots of plants and when transplanting, aluminum foil wrap "containers" will hold soil and plant until transfer from one pot to another can be completed.

For a fancy, yet inexpensive gift package, suggests Anaconda Aluminum Company, crinkle up the foil and smooth it out for a handsome textured gift wrap.

Mobiles and decorations are fun to make out of aluminum foil. These are good rainy day or "sick-in-bed" projects that will keep the youngsters busy and the mothers happy. Children's school books covered with aluminum foil are well-protected from inclement weather and all the scuffing that

grade-schoolers give them.

Home seamstresses can design original dress patterns by combining parts of several favorite patterns and cutting the pieces from aluminum foil. The pattern pieces can then be easily stored by rolling them on a tube with any directions stored inside the tube.

The problem of matching shoes with milady's latest creation can be solved by using left-over material and aluminum foil, covering shoes with the pliable foil to make a pattern from which to work.

To avoid damaging delicate fabrics with corsage pins or jewelry, place a small piece of foil on the inner side of the dress and pin through this.

Bottles, always a hazard when traveling, can be made leak-resistant by cutting a piece of foil slightly larger than the circumference of the cap and inserting it over the top of the bottle. When the cap is tightly replaced, the bottle is securely sealed.

Working gals who like to carry small vials of perfume or cologne in their purse will find this tip especially helpful.

These are only a few of the thousands of ideas which women all across the country are discovering for using a versatile aluminum foil.



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REMEMBER TO VOTE SATURDAY, JUNE 4

"Summer soldiers" and "sunshine patriots" threatens to dictate the election results June 4 by their conspicuous absence from the polls.

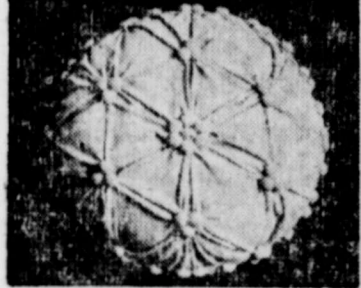
A poor voter turnout could mean that a very small minority of Texas citizens choose the candidates who will be governing all the citizens.

The June primary falls in vacation season and lots of voters may take a vacation from their duty as citizens as well as from their work.

An exhortation to vote merely for the sake of voting is inadequate. It needs to be amplified with the reminder that voters should thoughtfully consider the candidates and the issues and cast an INTELLIGENT vote.

With one major state office — Attorney General — at stake and many important local races, Texans cannot afford to take a vacation from voting without paying a price in loss of freedom for which no installment re-payment plan can be devised.

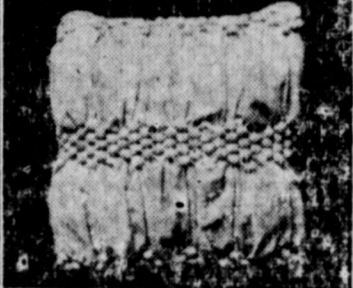
DESIGN FOR SOFT LIVING: POP SMOCKED PILLOWS



No matter how your home is furnished, chances are you could be sitting prettier. Attractive pillows can be hand-stitched from an exciting new pattern; you cannot machine-sew these unusual accessories or purchase them in stores. The pillows add lively color and texture interest to upholstery — and since you custom-make them yourself, you are automatically cushioned against high expense.

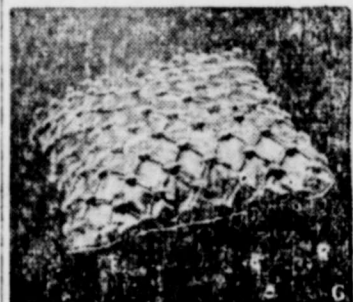
McCall's Pattern #8215, a real comfort to the creative sew-it-yourself decorator, includes three "pop smocked" pillows with a rich luxurious look. Many sewers will remember a McCall's pillow pattern that became a best seller a couple of years ago.

The new design for soft living will produce a 12-inch round pillow as well as a 12 and 14 inch square, each in a different "pop smocking" motif. Velveteen or satin, studded with stuffed knobs or "pops" which release fullness in interesting patterns, create bright sheen and deep shadow across the surface. Despite this intricate look, the sewing is a soft touch even for beginners.



Because their beauty of design requires considerable accuracy, however, these pillows can only be done by hand.

The pattern outline in #8215 is ironed directly onto the wrong side of the fabric.



The pillow top is a single piece of material on which circles are gathered up with a running stitch around a piece of batting; you may use the cotton balls sold in drugstores. The knife-edge pillows, finished with self-covered welting, will fit standard foam pillow forms — but instructions for making inner cases, or adapting the pillows into seat pads are included.

After you've finished your project, just sit back and enjoy it. With these pillows, you can really rest on your laurels in style.

NOODLE NEWS

By SIMMONS CALLAWAY

Visitors in the A. D. McCain home Sunday were Mrs. Donald Payne and Mrs. Carl Baccus of Abilene, Mrs. Roy Baccus, Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Heron, Noodle and Mrs. Jesse Swindell, Stith.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jackson visited their son, Carl Jr., and family in Waco last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hendon, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Swindell, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Jones, Mrs. Ted McAninch and Tonja, visited Mrs. Alice Cooper Sunday afternoon in home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell. Mrs. Cooper just returned from the Anson General Hospital where she had undergone surgery.

"Yours truly" received word last Thursday that her niece's husband, W. C. Brown, died of a heart attack. The Browns lived in Merkel in the early forties. He is survived by his wife, one daughter and two grandchildren.

Vacation Bible School at the Baptist Church is this week.

Mrs. Auddie Maxwell and daughter, Mrs. Alton Faulks, visited Mr. and Mrs. Doc Callaway recently. Mrs. Tex Ellis from Stamford visited the Callaways last Wednesday.

Mrs. Eva Hobbs spent a few days last week with the O. D. Putnams.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wheeler went to Crane Saturday to help their daughter, Sara, get moved back home for the summer, since her school is out.

TB Nurses' Assn. Sets Homecoming

Members of the Texas Graduate Tuberculosis Nurses' Association will hold their annual homecoming for graduate of the Sanatorium School of Nursing, June 3-4.

Homecoming activities will get underway with a reception at the Nurses' home on the McKnight State Tuberculosis Hospital grounds from 6 until 9 p.m.

A business meeting will be held Saturday morning from 10 until 11 a.m.

Dr. Ione Huntington, acting clinical director at McKnight, will speak at 11:30 a.m. Dr. Robert B. Skinner, medical director of tuberculosis hospitals in Texas will be guest speaker at 8 p.m.



BOOKMOBILE OFFERS INTERESTING 'FARE'

Boys and girls of Merkel are invited to join the reading club jointly sponsored by the Abilene Public Library and Texas State Library. The bookmobile librarian will register readers first through eighth grades and give them a reading log issued by the Texas State Library, on which they can record their reading. When they have read 12 books, they will be eligible for a reading certificate issued by the State Library.

The bookmobile will offer interesting reading fare to boys and girls with time to read books of their choice — books of adventure, magic, mysteries, sports, hobbies, romance, far away places and interesting people and animals.

Services Held For Mrs. Lawson

Funeral services for Mrs. Lela A. Lawson, 82, were held Wednesday, May 25 at the Calvary Baptist Church, with the Rev. Jesse Swindell, pastor of Noodle Baptist Church, officiating.

Mrs. Lawson died Monday, May 23 at Happy Haven Nursing Home in Abilene, after a lengthy illness.

She was born April 22, 1884 in Little Rock, Ark., and married Fred D. Lawson Dec. 10, 1902 at Gorman. They moved to Merkel in 1906. Mr. Lawson died in 1941.

She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Merkel.

Survivors include two sons, Raymond D. of Abilene and Joe of Lovington, N.M.; eight daughters, Mrs. Loye Walker of Lovington, N.M., and Mrs. Fay Dawkins, Mrs. Avis McHane, Mrs. Velma Henson, and Mrs. Johnny Campbell, all of Abilene, Mrs. Ernie Moody of Wichita Falls, Mrs. George Hargis of Fort Worth and Mrs. Henry Zavilla of Phoenix, Ariz.; 16 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Peace Corps Test Slated for June 11

Merkel area residents interested in putting their skills to use in developing nations around the world are invited to take the Peace Corps Placement Test at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 11, at the Post Office building in Abilene.

The Peace Corps uses the Placement Test to determine how an applicant can be utilized overseas. The Test measures general aptitude and the ability to learn a language, not education or achievement.

During the summer, dates for bookmobile calls at Merkel are June 11, 25, July 9, 23, August 6, 20 and Sept. 3, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

When registered bookmobile borrowers are in Abilene, they may select materials from the Abilene Public Library, and after using it, return it to the Abilene Library or the bookmobile.

TSCRA to Meet In Wichita Falls

The Board of Directors of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association will hold its quarterly meeting at the Trade Winds Motor Hotel in Wichita Falls June 17-18.

An executive committee luncheon at noon June 17, will kick off to a start. That afternoon, the Animal Health Committee will meet for an important discussion on the brucellosis program in Texas. The committee is headed by Dolph Briscoe Jr., Uvalde.

Two men prominent in the brucellosis program have been invited to appear before the committee, said Joe S. Fletcher, secretary - general manager of the Association. The two men are Dr. A. M. Pickard, a veterinarian from Raymondville, and Dr. E. A. Schilf, who heads brucellosis work for the USDA.

The Honorable Graham Purcell, Congressman from District 13, Wichita Falls, will appear before the directors at a morning meeting June 18, to discuss the report of the National Commission of Food Marketing.

Tree Farming pays dividends. The Texas Forestry Association urges you to put you idle and lazy forest lands to work.



MR. AND MRS. E. E. HEALER
... observes anniversary

Healer Children Host Reception

Approximately sixty guests from Dallas, Brownwood, Houston, Roscoe, Roby, Snyder, Abilene, Merkel and Sweetwater honored Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Healer Sunday, May 22, at their home in Sweetwater in observance of their twenty-fifth anniversary.

The reception was hosted by their children, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Healer and Mr. and Mrs. James Healer.

The serving table was overlaid with white linen cloth, with an arrangement of white and silver used as centerpiece. A family tree was drawn, using pictures of the Healer family and Mr. and Mrs. Healer's parents, the late Rev. A. C. Healer and Mrs. Healer of Sweetwater and the late Mr. and Mrs. Artist Cook, formerly of Merkel.

Last Premium Is Collected

Texas 65 Health Insurance Association has collected its last premium.

Association, authorized by 1963 Texas Legislature to offer health insurance coverage to all Texans past 65, will be replaced on July 1 by Medicare.

UP THE CANYON

Continued from Page One

formed L.X.L. District, the W.O.W. built a new building. It was also two stories.

In 1901 some men matched their purses — each giving \$500.00 to build a Methodist Church at Nubia. Two of the men were Mr. Tom Toombs and Mr. Sam Butman Sr. A Methodist minister by the name of Ledger helped with the building. This was a very fine place of worship. At different times the Baptist congregation, the Primitive Baptist, Holliness, and the Church of Christ used the building for their services. Many fine families would come from miles around in hack, buggy, wagon or even covered wagon. Among the familiar names are Tipton, Boyd, Stengel, Toombs, West, Shafers, Blairs, Meadows, McCord, Riggan, Butman, Cordill, Ensminger, Blackburn, Latimer, Brandon, Riney, Martin, Casey, Perry, McLean, Bradley, Stanley, Dudley, Anderson and Bradley.

A Methodist minister, Bro. T. H. Davis, drove a buggy from Jim Ned to preach once a month. Elm Grove Church was also on this circuit.

EDITOR'S NOTE: To be continued next week.



Old Buildings at Fort Richardson by E. M. Schiweiz

FORT RICHARDSON

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Across the western face of Texas, the brooding ruins of forts ... here and there a restored barracks or hospital bring back a bloody page in history. A history that tells of marauding redskins thundering southward from Indian Territory, killing in their wake, pushing on to the Mexican border. A history that tells too of the hard and lonely life of the U.S. Army troopers who manned these strategic forts.

Fort Richardson, near Jacksboro, was one of the more important of these outposts. Here Kiowa Chieftains Satanta and Big Tree were incarcerated before their trial for a bloody massacre. But life in all frontier posts was much the same ... best expressed by the soldiers themselves, "a long time between paydays."

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Obviously the best guarantee to enjoying the water and the safeguard against drowning is to learn to swim. The ability to swim over-

comes the fear and sheer panic that grips non-swimmers when confronted with a water emergency.

If you can swim a little, learn to swim better. Age is no factor—many people have passed the beginner swimming test at the age of seventy-five and children can be taught to adjust to water and to swim at an early age. A Red Cross booklet "Teaching Johnny to Swim," available from Taylor County Red Cross Chapter is an easy-to-follow, illustrated guide for parents teaching very young children to swim said Don Wooten, Taylor County Water Safety chairman.

Swimming instruction for children and adults is available in communities across the nation. The Red Cross community learn-to-swim programs, using Red Cross volunteers as instructors, make no charge for the instruction.

Being prepared to help someone else when he gets into trouble in the water is the golden rule of sportsmanship and can be done easily and safely even by those who cannot swim.

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Artist's rendering of 115-acre Six Flags Over Texas located midway between Dallas and Fort Worth. The \$14,000,000 historical theme amusement park, now the most popular single tourist attraction in the State of Texas, features more than 75 rides, attractions and shows. An estimated 1.8 million people from all over the United States will visit Six Flags during the 1966 season.

CONSERVATION

TOP DISTRICTS TO BE CHOSEN

Middle Clear Fork Soil (and water) Conservation District has entered the 20th annual Goodyear competition to select the nation's top 53 conservation districts, according to Joe Antik, Abilene, district chairman.

Activities of the district will be weighed against the performance of other districts in the state in determining the outstanding district in the annual event sponsored by The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company of Akron, Ohio.

Key agricultural leaders will serve as judges and will select the state winner. Soil conservation efforts from January 1, 1966 through Dec. 31, 1966, will be considered.

Grand award for the 53 districts selected nationally will be an expense paid, work-study trip to Arizona in December 1967, for one member of the district governing body and the outstanding farmer-cooperator in each winning district. The 106 men selected will be guests at Goodyear Farms, a 14,000-acre farm operation near Phoenix.

Antilley said the district's outstanding cooperator will be selected from over the 1,600 farm op-

Makes National Honor Society

Marilyn Latimer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Latimer, former residents of Merkel, was recently inducted into the Abilene Lincoln Junior High School National Honor Society.

This honor is based on scholarship, school citizenship, service, leadership and character.

Members and parents were guests at a tea following the induction.

Tornado Protection

With the tornado season here, each family should plan its safest place for protection, reminds civil defense specialists of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. A few minutes spent in planning could mean the difference between safety and serious injury or even death.

erators enrolled in the district program. Nationally, over 2,000,000 farmers in over 2,950 districts have signed cooperative agreements with local Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

Stith
News

By MRS.
FRITZ HALE



Farmers were busy planting cotton and milo last week. Early feed is looking good and the wheat harvest is getting underway.

Those attending the Vacation Bible School at the Methodist Church in Tye last week included Mrs. Fred Shotwell and Patti, the Charles Fikes children, Mrs. Orval Ely, Randon Neilson and Becky.

Mrs. Charles Reddin and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn attended a workshop in the home demonstration club agent's office in Anson last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hudson are home after spending several days in the Anson General Hospital. They are doing fine.

Little Miss Patti Shotwell was one of the pupils of Miss Thelma DeMontville, who appeared in a recital of dance in Radford Auditorium at McMurry College Friday evening.

Approximately forty attended the Home Demonstration Meeting last week. The 4-H girls from Merkel and Noodle modeled dresses they had made.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hale and Mike of Midland brought his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale, home after a two week visit. The Hales also visited their daughter, Mrs. Odell Newton, Kathy and Roger in Monahans.

Mrs. Orval Ely and Becky visited Mrs. J. E. Swindell Thursday. Mrs. Martin Cook and Evelyn visited Mrs. Swindell Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Blondy Hanson and Carolyn visited the Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Swindell Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Malone, of Taylor visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Malone and Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale over the weekend. Bobby is teaching in the Taylor High School this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kelso and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vantress are visiting in Rogers, Ark. this week.

Myrna Lyles of Hardin - Simmons University spent the week-end services at the Stith Baptist and Mrs. Ira Stanley. She attended with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry, Mr. and Mrs. John Browning and Ira Stanley attended the Fifth Sunday Singing at the Hodges Baptist Church Sunday afternoon.

Six Flags Now Open All Week

Six Flags Over Texas will now be open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. This schedule will be in effect throughout the summer months until Labor Day, Sept. 5.

The popular 115-acre tourist attraction in Arlington has been operating on weekends only since opening this year on April 15.

Attendance figures to date are 162,468 as compared to 175,077 last year at the same time. However, Six Flags officials consider the current figures gratifying inasmuch as torrential rains this spring affected approximately 75 per cent of the Park's total operating days.

Reporting on Monday will be another 500 college and high school students who have been added to the Six Flags staff for the summer months. This brings the total complement of the Park's famed corps of lively young hosts and hostesses to 1,500.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EDITOR'S NOTE: — Letters to the editor do not necessarily express the view of the editor nor of this paper. But The Merkel Mail will continue to run letters to the editor as long as same are not libelous, in good taste, and they must be signed.

Dear Editor:
The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5683, wish to take this opportunity to express their sincere appreciation to Taylor Electric Cooperative, the Girl Scouts and the Merkel Mail for their support in the pro-

motion of "Buddy Poppy" Sales. We had a very successful day, with sales totaling \$120.44, and again, thank you for the part each of you played in making this successful. Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 5683, Merkel Texas Mrs. Viola Ensminger, president.

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Doan Named Post 5683 Commander

Officers of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5683, were elected at their regular May meeting. Wallace Doan was named post commander and Juan Bier, senior vice commander.

Other officers elected were Onis Graham, junior vice commander; Neely Tittle, quartermaster, Eric

Anderson, judge adjutant, and Lindy Smith, chaplain and post adjutant.

Directors elected were Earl Mashoun, three years; Ocell Barnes, two years, and O. R. Gladden, one year.

FIRE DEATHS BY AGE

NEW YORK — The highest death rate by fire is among persons 65 years of age and older, according to the Insurance Information Institute.

Hawaiian Chicken Wins In National Contest



Her recipe for Hawaiian Chicken recently won Mrs. John Stegmuller of Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii, a grand prize in the Koro Cooking Contest. As the grand winner from Hawaii, Mrs. Stegmuller, like the other 49 grand state winners, is entitled to a double-decker Caloric gas range in her own choice of color. The prize-winning recipe from Hawaii is given here.

Hawaiian Chicken

2 pounds chicken thighs, fresh or frozen
Salt, if desired
3 tablespoons margarine
2/3 cup karo all purpose syrup

1 (3-1/2-ounce) can flaked coconut
5 to 6 slices canned pineapple, drained
Mandarin orange slices, drained

Thaw chicken pieces, if frozen chicken is used. Sprinkle with salt, if desired. Melt margarine in shallow open roasting pan. Turn each chicken piece in margarine to coat. Arrange in a single layer. Bake in a 400 degrees F. (hot) oven about 45 minutes or until golden brown. Meanwhile mix corn syrup and coconut. Set aside. Remove cooked chicken from roasting pan. Place pineapple slices in pan in drippings; place two chicken pieces on each slice. Spoon corn syrup-coconut mixture over the chicken. Bake 15 minutes longer or until coconut is nicely browned. Serve hot with mandarin orange slices as garnish. Makes 5 to 6 servings.

TEXAS 4-H CLUB ROUNDUP AT A&M

COLLEGE STATION (Sp.) — It's roundup time in Texas. 4-H Roundup that is. On June 7 and 8 some 1,400 4-H boys and girls from every section of the Lone Star State will be on the campus of Texas A&M University to participate in the state's oldest regularly scheduled 4-H event.

The traditional barbecue will officially open the program on the evening of June 7 and will be followed by the first general assembly in Kyle Field Stadium. A highlight of the assembly program will be the presentation of awards to individuals and business concerns which are strong supporters of 4-H on the district and state levels.

Winners will be determined on June 8 in 30 different team demonstration and judging events, ranging from Beef Cattle Business Junior Symposium to Vegetable Production and Marketing. Each of the participants will be a winner since they have already been awarded county and district honors. The two high scoring teams in district competition are eligible to participate in the state contests.

Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, Ben Barnes, will be the featured speaker at the banquet which will honor contest winners and donors on the evening of June 8.

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"Terrible Disaster to the Arctic Fleet"—the headline read in the November 7, 1871 issue of the New Bedford "Shipping List" - the whaler's newspaper.

In a single catastrophe, New England had lost thirty-three ships—a major part of its whaling fleet.

The tragedy crippled, but did not destroy America's whaling industry, for as detailed in the famed "Disaster Books" of the Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company, a substantial portion of the fleet was insured.

During the "Golden Age of Whaling," ships put out from New England seaports and worked their way around Cape Horn and into the Bering Sea where whales were plentiful.

As recorded in Atlantic Mutual's chronicles of 1871, the New England fleet started assembling in the Bering Sea during May, it hunted whales during midsummer, slowly sailing northward in search of new catch.

As usual, the ships were scheduled to sail home with the approach of the first

winter gales about mid-October.

Weather unfortunately is no respecter of timetables, and that year winter came early. On August 29, 1871, gale force winds and driving snow closed in on the whaling fleet.

On September 2, Atlantic Mutual reported that the moving ice pack trapped and crushed the brig "Comet."

Then, the ice pack moved slowly, but relentlessly to catch and crush each of the thirty-three ships.

On September 14, over 1,200 persons, many of them children, set out in small boats to waiting rescue vessels. Many of the small boats were all but swamped, but miraculously everybody reached the rescue ships.

Undaunted and in the tradition of the sea, the New England whaling fleet continued year after year to battle the frozen North. But the Arctic tragedy of 1871 will be remembered so long as men hunt the behemoth of the seas—the great sperm whale.

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