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Up The Canyon

Some showers fell across the Canyon this week. They will help farmers and ranchers watching and hoping we get more rain during this spell. We got about one inch Tuesday.

Deer hunting is well underway. But the number of deer that have been killed is small. There haven't been many deer killed up the Canyon. Some 10 or 15 deer would be about it and that a very low number for deer in this vicinity. Some ranchers who have had deer killed on these places are reporting this year that not any have been killed. Hunters are plentiful, too.

That Tuesday rain will be a big help. More grain will be planted now.

Reports are that when Herbert Swinney returned to his home after a week end deer hunting trip here that he learned his wife had had a stroke. He was visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney.

We, as parents, are very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Davis for the fine leadership they are displaying in their work with the Canyon 4-H Club boys and girls. The meetings are getting better all the time and we just want to say "Thanks."

This Friday night at 6 p.m. we are to have supper at the club center at the Pioneer Church ground. And then we are having our Lord's Acre program and sale. The women of our community have completed a fine quilt, which will be sold along with a number of other things.

We want everybody to come be with us and have a fine time. A. D. Scott is president - chairman. This will be our thirteenth annual program and sale.



TO PREACH — John D. Shackelford, senior student at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, will be guest pastor at the Merkel Presbyterian Church on Sunday, November 24. Mr. Shackelford received his bachelor of arts degree from San Diego State College in California. He served an internship last year as student assistant pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Niagara Falls, New York.

Merkel - Trent Bands Place

Merkel and Trent High School bands were among the 50 marching bands that participated Saturday in the University Interscholastic League Marching Contest held at the San Angelo stadium. Bands were judged both on inspection and marching. The Merkel Band rated first on marching and inspection while Trent Band rated second on inspection and third in marching. The bands were required to be on the field from five to eight minutes and were penalized one rating if their times were more or less than the allotted time. The marching judges were Dr. J. B. Garner of West Texas State, J. B. King of Hale Center and B. B. Wood of Levelland. The inspection judge was Richard Thomas of Kermit Junior High School.

Merkel Man Shot In Gun Mishap

Robert Leo Harris, 22, was shot in the right foot Tuesday shortly after 3 p.m. when a gun accidentally discharged as he and his companions were riding in a car south of Merkel.

The group had started on a hunting trip at the time of the accident, they reported.

Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harris, was admitted to Sadler Clinic - Hospital where he is expected to remain for several days. A hospital spokesman said part of the bone on the outside of Harris' right foot had been shot away.

Recounting Day Held By Eight

Eight former members of the Salt Branch Baptist Church had a day of "recounting old memories."

The meeting was held November 14 at a dinner after which Christmas presents were distributed.

Those attending included: Mrs. Will Higgins, Mrs. W. M. Mays, Mrs. W. E. Petty, Mrs. E. H. Thompson, Mrs. A. J. Horton, Mrs. Austin Robertson, Mrs. Houston Robertson and one visitor, Mrs. Selena Teaff.

FIVE GROUPS HEAR SAFETY PROGRAM

Safety programs were presented to five Merkel groups Tuesday by Bill Leonard, vice president of the Safety Association.

Leonard spoke to employees of Taylor Electric Co-Op and Union Texas Petroleum Company, high school and elementary school students, and Lion's Club members.

He spoke to the Merkel students on cautions in falling, lifting, eye care, fire prevention and traffic.

A program of industrial safety and traffic cautions were presented to the remaining three groups. Leonard stated statistics showing that traffic in the U.S.A. is

Merkel Citizens Begin Plans For Holiday Season Festivities



PART OF THE TEAM — These three ends and center will play for Merkel in the bi-district game Saturday night at Big Spring for the Class A tilt. From left

to right are ends Hal Coor and Charles Danheim, center Richard Owen and end Larry Owen. (Photo Courtesy of Abilene Reporter-News)

MERKEL - FOOTBALL CITY, USA

It ain't business as usual in Merkel.

It's football.

That's the climate and the philosophy — Football City, USA. Business houses will close early Saturday, at 5 p.m. instead of the regular Saturday closing if the urgencies of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce are met.

That's to allow everyone to go to the game in Big Spring.

The bi-district game will get underway at 7:30 p.m. at Big Spring and sees Merkel, District 6-A champions, pitted against Seagraves, District 5-A champions.

Calvary Baptists Average Gains

The Calvary Baptist Church has gone over its goal twice in Sunday School attendance and have fallen short twice in the current attendance drive.

On an average the Rev. Marvin Clark, pastor, reports the church is well ahead.

Goal for the coming Sunday is 120. Goal for the final Sunday, December 1 is 125.

Tickets On Sale For Merkel Game

Tickets are on sale at Merkel High School at 50 cents for students and \$1.50 for adults.

Mack Fisher, school superintendent, stated that the price of student's tickets would be \$1 if they are bought at the gate in Big Spring Saturday night when the Merkel Badgers play Seagraves in bi-district game.

Service Officer Planning Visit

Greely Aston, Taylor County Veterans Service Officer, will be at the F & M National Bank in Merkel from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Friday, November 22.

He will advise veterans and dependents on problems concerning benefits.

Parade Slated For December 6

Plans are beginning to take shape as Merkel Merchants and Civic leaders work on Christmas festivities for the holiday season.

A Christmas parade has been slated for 3:30 p.m. December 6. Entries for the parade must be registered at the Chamber of Commerce office no later than Tuesday, December 3, stated Mary Hargrove, Chamber of Commerce Secretary.

The parade is open to anyone interested in entering. The Merkel Merchants are especially urged to enter floats, Mrs. Hargrove stated.

A children's division will also be in the parade.

First, second and third place prizes will be given to parade entries.

The parade will form at 2:45 at the corner of N. 2nd and Runnels.

The main attraction of the Christmas parade will be noted by the arrival of Santa Claus to the Merkel area.

Santa's headquarters during his stay in Merkel will be at the Chamber of Commerce office.

Also slated for the holiday season is a residential lighting contest. First, second and third place prizes will also be given in this division of the holiday festivities.

December 17 has been set as the deadline for these entries. The judging of the entries will be Friday, December 20.

Anyone interested in this division of house or yard Christmas decorations must submit an entry.

Working on the holiday festivities are Ray Wilson, chairman of the Christmas parade and lighting committee, Mary Boone, president of Sigma Beta Sorority, Mrs. Lige Gamble, president of the Garden Club and Mary Hargrove.

Mrs. Hargrove added that there are many more Merkel citizens working together to make this an outstanding parade.

The Beta Sigma Sorority is assisting in arrangements for the parade and the Garden Club is in charge of arrangements for the judges.

Stith Cemetery

Recent donations to the Stith Cemetery in memory of Mrs. S. R. Dwiggs were: Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bird Sr., Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bird Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Cross, Mrs. Eunice Massey, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cypert.

All You Can Eat With Pie or Cake A Little Extra

All you can eat. And entertainment, too. All for 50 cents.

That's what the Merkel Band Parents plan for a spaghetti supper to be held Thursday, November 21, at the High School Cafeteria.

Pies or cake will be 15 cents extra.

The stage band will provide the entertainment for the supper which will be from 6 until 8 p.m.

Proceeds from the supper will be applied on air conditioning, band jackets and other awards.

IT'S HOLIDAY TIME IN MERKEL

The holiday season has rocketed into Merkel with jets going full blast.

The Ministerial Alliance has planned a union Thanksgiving service. The Chamber of Commerce is planning a Christmas parade to dazzle the youngsters.

Merchants are pushing a "Holi-Daze" Christmas opening promotion that's a Christmas present.

It's holiday time in Merkel. The union Thanksgiving Service sponsored by the Merkel Ministerial Alliance will be held Wednesday, November 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the First Methodist Church.

The services will be led by the ministers of the churches with the Rev. John Curtis, pastor of the Assembly of God Church, as the speaker.

The public is invited. The Christmas Parade has been scheduled Friday, December 6 at 3:30 p.m.

Ray Wilson said business houses are urged to participate in the parade and that further details will be announced later. Merkel merchants are opening their holiuay season with special sales in a "Holidaze" promotion which starts in this week's Merkel Mail, pages nine, ten and eleven.

MERKEL MAIL GETS CALL FROM SANTA

The Merkel Mail received a telephone call this week from the North Pole — and it was none other than "ole" St. Nick himself!

Santa Claus just called to say, "Tell those boys and girls to start writing those letters to Santa."

Santa said for all the boys and girls to bring their letters to the Merkel Mail Office and we'll see that they get to the North Pole.

Religious Review

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Marvin H. Clark, pastor

SUNDAY MORNING
Broadcast 9:00
Sunday School 10:00
Worship Service 11:00

SUNDAY EVENING
Training Union 6:45
Worship Service 7:30

WEDNESDAY
Evening Service 8:00

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00
Preaching Service 11:00

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Howard Marcom, pastor

SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45
Preaching 10:55
Youth Meeting 6:00
Evening Worship 7:00

WEDNESDAY
Choir Practice 8:00

NEW LIVE OAK BAPTIST CHURCH
Bill Williams, pastor

SUNDAY
Sunday School 10:00
Preaching Service 11:00
Training Union 6:00
Preaching Service 7:00
3rd and El Paso Streets

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Kenneth Joines, pastor

SUNDAY
Bible School 9:45
Morning Worship 10:30
Evening Classes 6:00
Evening Worship 6:45

WEDNESDAY
Bible Classes 8:00

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
W. D. Tanner, pastor

SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45
Sunday School Broadcast 10:15
Morning Service and Broadcast 11:00
Training Union 6:30
Evening Service 7:30
Youth Council Meeting .. 8:30

TUESDAY
WMU Visitation 9:30
Sunbeams 9:30
Jr. G.A. 9:30

WEDNESDAY
Evening Services 7:30

THURSDAY
Visitation

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
John Curtis, pastor

SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45
Preaching 11:00
Evening Preaching 7:00

WEDNESDAY
Mid-Week Evangelistic Service 7:30

THURSDAY
Young People Service .. 7:30
Radio Broadcast Monday thru Friday 9 a.m.
Mrs. Elsie Roland has returned home after visiting her daughter in Washington.

SOCIETY

By MRS. T. J. AMASON
Correspondent

Mrs. John Hill of Grand Prairie was a visitor in the home of her mother, Mrs. Frank Hamm and family last week end.

Miss Mary McKeever and Miss Martin McKeever of Plainview were the house guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McKeever this past week end.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Peek of Crane are visiting their daughter and son in law, Mr. and Mrs. Danny R. Braby.

Mrs. Ward Berryman and children, Gail and Frankie of Abilene were visitors in the home of her mother in law, Mrs. Bettie Sue Berryman. They also visited her uncle, Charles Curb.

Mrs. Elmer Criswell of Plainview visited in the home of her aunt, Mrs. V. Garner recently.

Also visiting in the Garner home last week end were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Garner of Farwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Breaux had their children home for the week end, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Grimmitt of San Antonio and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Breaux and children of Odessa.

Also visiting in the Breaux home was her mother, Mrs. Dessie Lewis from Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Lewis and Kyril Ann from Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Long from Cross Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl McKeever and son Kelly of Crown Point, New Mexico, were visitors in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McKeever and Mr. and Mrs. Erick Anderson last week end.

Mrs. Bill Springer of Abilene was a guest in the home of her mother, Mrs. N. L. McLeod last week end.

Mrs. H. L. McLeod of Roscoe visited her mother-in-law, Mrs. N. L. McLeod Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Knight and children, Rodger and Melinda of Midland visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Knight last week end.

Mrs. W. L. Terrell of Rotan is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sandusky.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cobough and daughter Kim and Mrs. Carl Doan and daughter, Francis, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Shaw and family in Abilene last week end.

Mrs. Pierce Horton and son, J. T. of Plainview visited in the home of her mother, Mrs. E. M. Blackburn last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Earl Lassiter and children visited friends in Austin recently.

Mrs. N. L. McLeod visited with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton McLeod and grandson, Douglas, in Trent last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Blackman of Lamesa visited with Mrs. N. L. McLeod recently. She accompanied them to Beaumont. She visited Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bowers, W. T. Blackman of Houston, and Mr. and Mrs. Gable Phillips of Port Arthur.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Turner and children, Jimmie and Sherry of Fort Worth, visited in the home of her mother, Mrs. J. W. Tiner this past week end.

Visiting Mrs. Lucy Ford and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wozencraft were Mr. and Mrs. Russ Blair and daughter, Brenda, of Enterprise, Ala. Also visiting were Judy Scott and baby.

H. C. Fronabarger from Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Jones Deavenport from Duncan, Okla., were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Oden.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baze were Mr. and Mrs. Willie Cook from Morton.

Mrs. Pearl Smith and granddaughter, Kayla Cross visited in the home of her cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Watts Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Watson visited in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Amason and family in Graham las week end.

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Toliver and Linda visited their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Toliver and son Steve in Bronte last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Doan and children visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan in Abilene last week end.

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Fresh Apple'd Ham Loaf
2 Washington apples
2 cups tomato juice
¾ cup brown sugar, firmly packed
1 lb. ground cured ham
1 lb. ground fresh veal or pork
1 cup rolled oats
1 egg
¼ tsp. pepper

Peel and core apples; cut each apple into 12ths. Simmer apple wedges in 1-cup tomato juice and brown sugar combined; basting until tender. Add remaining tomato juice to meats, oats, egg and pepper. Mix with fork until blended. Arrange a portion of the apple wedges in a fluted mold. Spoon in meat mixture and pack ever-so-lightly. Bake in a 350° oven 1½ hours. Serve with remaining apple wedges and tomato syrup. Serves 8 to 10.

Broiled Wine-sap Crowns
2 tbsps. catsup
2 tbsps. brown sugar
2 tbsps. salad oil
1 tsp. prepared mustard
3 Washington apples, cut in ½-inch rings, unpeeled

Stir ingredients together until sugar is dissolved. Brush apple slices with mixture; broil slowly. Turn, brush second side with sauce; broil until lightly browned. Place on meat patties, surround with cooked, buttered peas. Garnish with extra apple slices.

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Merkel Man Receives Medal

Senior Master Sergeant Tillman J. Rutledge son of D. T. Rutledge of 402 Manchester St., Merkel, received the United States Air Force Commendation Medal for meritorious service. Sergeant Rutledge was awarded the medal for his outstanding performance of duty while serving as an inventory supervisor at Keesler AFB, Miss.

The Sergeant, who graduated from Merkel High School, attended Florida State University. He is now assigned to the 7500th Air Base Group as a warehousing

superintendent.
Sgt. Rutledge, a 22-year veteran, served in the Pacific Theater of Operations during World War II.

His wife, Joyce, is the daughter of Mrs. L. B. Mills of Rt. 2, Bonifay, Fla.

Making the presentation was Colonel Franklin W. Horton, group commander.

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Brownies Hold Investure Tea

Members of Brownie Troop No. 62, under the leadership of Mrs. R. E. Dayton and Mrs. Pat Cypert, held their Investure Tea November 18 at the Scout Hut.

Patrol one, Connie Ragan leader, was in charge of cakes; Patrol two, Jeri Mullenix, decorations; Patrol three, Kay Hollar, drinks.

Guests were the families of the Brownies. Mrs. David Gamble, Girl Scout neighborhood chairman, was special guest.

Receiving Brownie membership pins were:
Cecelin Wade, Sherry Bratcher, Cynthia Steck, Debbie Fincher, Judy Shields, Jacqueline Johnson

and Kathy Cypert.
Membership stars went to: Binky Baccus, Diana Dayton, Dianne Allen, Dora Ascencion, Jeri Mullenix, Kay Hollar, Zane Mansfield and Carrie Ragan.
Officers of the troop include: Cynthia Steck, president; Zana Mansfield, secretary; Debbie Fincher, treasurer and Christine Mienna, reporter.

WOMEN PAST 21 WITH BLADDER IRRITATION

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- MERKEL 20, ROTAN 6
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EDITORIAL - Taking care of school property should be important to each pupil and parent. We were taught from the time we were small children to take care of our toys and belongings at home. School properties should be no different from our own personal belongings. During the summer months as well as during the school year much of our school finances are spent in repair and replacement of either damaged or destroyed school property. Careless marks are found on desks and buildings; paper litters our playgrounds and our textbooks and library books are marked to a point of needed replacement.

Public schools receive their operating finances from tax-paying patrons of the school. It is only right that they be justly concerned as to how the property is abused. As citizens of this school community it is the responsibility of each student to do his part in taking care of school property as though it were his own.

If we students were more careful in the way we treated school equipment our school properties would be in better shape for those who will be in school after us.

SPORTS - Mr. Mack Davis is now the official coach of the Junior Badgerettes and Mr. Charles Warford is devoting his efforts to the Junior Badgers.

The Junior Badgers were declared champions of the Eula Junior Tournament this past week end. The Junior Boys defeated the Wylie Junior Bulldogs in the championship finals. They had previously defeated two fine Junior teams from Leuders and Hawley. Bob Tate and Butch Bruce were named to the All-Tournament teams.

The Junior Badgerettes lost their first round battle to the Leuders Junior Girls but they went on to defeat Elmdale in the semi-finals and Eula in the Finals of the consolation bracket to bring home the consolation trophy. JoAnn Lassiter was named to the all-tournament team at the close of the tournament.

The Junior Badgers and the Junior Badgerettes will host the Anson Junior Cubs in the local gymnasium on November 25th. Games will begin at 6:00 p.m.

UNITED FUND - The Elementary and Primary Buildings had reached \$69.80 in their goal of \$153.60 for the United Fund as of Friday the 15th. The campaign will end on November 27. It is felt that the goal will be more than reached at that time.

SAFETY - A program on Safety was presented to pupils of the Elementary School in the School Auditorium on Wednesday, November 19th.

As part of the school's program to provide means of improving safety in our school, the Student Council Safety Committee has organized a Safety Patrol under the sponsorship of Mr. Earl Bratcher. Members of the Patrol are: Joe Dudley, Stuart Bishop, Raul Lerma, Victor McAnelly, Wayne Carrey, Victor Menking, Mike Dudley, Bob Hammond, Johnny Thompson, Dale Shields, Troy Walters, Gary Hicks, Dennis Kinsey, Larry Riney, Buster Tarpley, Billy Higgins, Robert White, Mike Holmes, Mike McLean and Paul Thames.

EIGHTH GRADE GIFT - The eighth grade students are in the process of raising money for their annual gift to the Elementary School which is presented to the school at the close of school. The students are selling boxed candy at a dollar per box. All profit from this sale goes toward the purchase of the gift.

HONOR ROLL - Friday, November 22nd, will end the second six week period of the 1963-64 school year. Students are anxiously awaiting the results of their grades. For the first time the honor students from each room will

be recognized. Many teachers report that pupils in their rooms have improved in their work as a result of trying to make the honor student for the six week period.

A tip of the hat to High School - The Merkel Elementary School is proud of the accomplishment of the High School Band on their performance in San Angelo Saturday, November 16th. May you carry the Purple and Gold to even greater heights.

The Junior Badgers are going to be backing the Badger Football team all the way next Saturday, November 23rd when they play Seagraves in the bi-district showdown.

A vote of thanks - The Elementary school is grateful to the Fortnightly Study Club for their gift of a set of books, "Understanding Geography," which will be placed in the central library of the Elementary School.

STITH NEWS

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



The annual Thanksgiving dinner will be held at the Stith Community Center, Sunday, Nov. 24.

This is a community affair and everyone is invited to attend. We especially want to invite our friends and neighbors, formerly of the community, to come.

There will be a singing in the afternoon.

The gin is still running. The cotton is almost out. The farmers have been blessed with a bountiful crop.

The sick fold of the community are better. M. E. West came home from Sadler Hospital last Saturday.

Benny Hobbs is recuperating from the mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley attended the funeral of Mrs. F. G. Bradley in Abilene Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Noel McDonald of Taft visited last week with his mother, Mrs. Nora McDonald and the F. J. McDonald family. They also visited her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley. The attended the F. G. Bradley funeral.

Bert Miller of Corpus Christi is visiting with his sister and brother in law, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. West. Other visitors in the West home Sunday were the Rev. J. E. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vantress and Roy Kelso returned Saturday from a weeks visit in Rogers, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Clearly spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Hale visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Malone Sunday.

HDC Members Discuss Flowers

Arrangements of flowers was the theme of the program given by Mrs. Paul Bradley and Mrs. J. E. Hudson at the Stith Home Demonstration Club meeting.

President Mrs. Ida Mashburn, called the November 13th meeting to order. Role call was answered with "The last physical checkup I had was..." Mrs. Hudson asked the devotional and Mrs. Olive Swindell led the prayer.

Plans for a club Christmas party were discussed. Refreshments were served to nine members, four children and the following visitors:

Mrs. Homer Finch, Mrs. O. E. Harwell, Mrs. Marvin Douglass, Mrs. A. M. Evans and Miss Mable McCree. The hostess gift went to Miss McCree.

The next meeting will be November 27 at 2 p.m. at the Community Center. Mrs. Roy Perry will be hostess.

TROOP 18 WINS THIRD AT ANNUAL CAMPOREE

Boy Scout Troop 18, sponsored by the First Methodist Church, won third place at the annual Camporee of the Chisholm Trail Council held at Paint Rock, November 9-10.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Betty Ruth Bramlett, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Court of Domestic Relations of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in the City of 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 16th day of December A.D. 1963, to plaintiff's petition filed in the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas, on the first day of April A.D. 1963 and thereafter duly and legally transferred heretofore in July A.D. 1963 to the said Court of Domestic Relations of Taylor County, Texas, and filed and

docketed in said Court of Domestic Relation in, as and under cause No. 188 and now pending in said last named court and numbered 188 on the docket thereof and styled S. W. Bramlett, Plaintiff, vs. Betty Ruth Bramlett, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: a suit by plaintiff against said defendant for divorce based on cruel treatment of plaintiff by defendant and being of such a nature as to render their living together insupportable, and also for the care and custody (by plaintiff) of four minor children born of the marriage of plaintiff and defendant, namely, Evelyn Bell Bramlett (a girl), Betty Ann Bramlett (a girl), Shev Nathan Bramlett (a boy) and Wanda Lou Bramlett (a girl), all as is more fully shown by plaintiff's petition on file in said 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 28th day of October, A.D. 1963.

(Seal)
Attest: R. H. ROSS, Clerk of the Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas, By Irene Crawford, Deputy. 34 4c

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Wylie Independent School District

Signed: ROY MONAHAN, President of the Board of Trustees. 35 3c

Announcement

Cub Scout Pack No. 20 will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, November 25 in the Cub Scout Hut.

Compere HDC Sets Yule Party

Members of the Compere Home Demonstration Club have set a Thanksgiving supper November 21 in the home of Mrs. A. Hunter.

The supper will be potluck. Besides the Thanksgiving supper plans were discussed for the county Christmas party which will be held December 5 at Anson. Everyone is to bring a covered dish and a gift. Plans also were made for the Compere HDC Christmas party to be held December 19 in the home of Mrs. H. N. Turner.

Mrs. Dewey Ramsey, hostess for the meeting, gave a program on "Centerpieces for Party Decorations."

Noodle HDC Gets Make-Up Tips

Special beauty tips in cleansing your face were presented members of the Noodle Home Demonstration Club.

Representatives from Merle Norman Studio in Abilene were featured in the program. Mrs. Dick Skidmore and Miss Wilma Cox were models.

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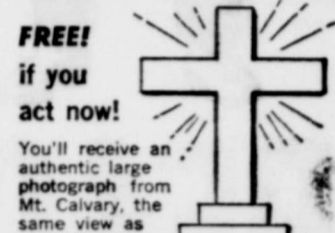
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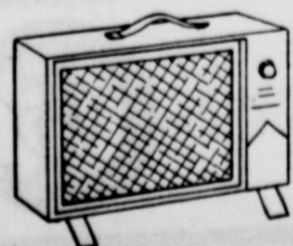
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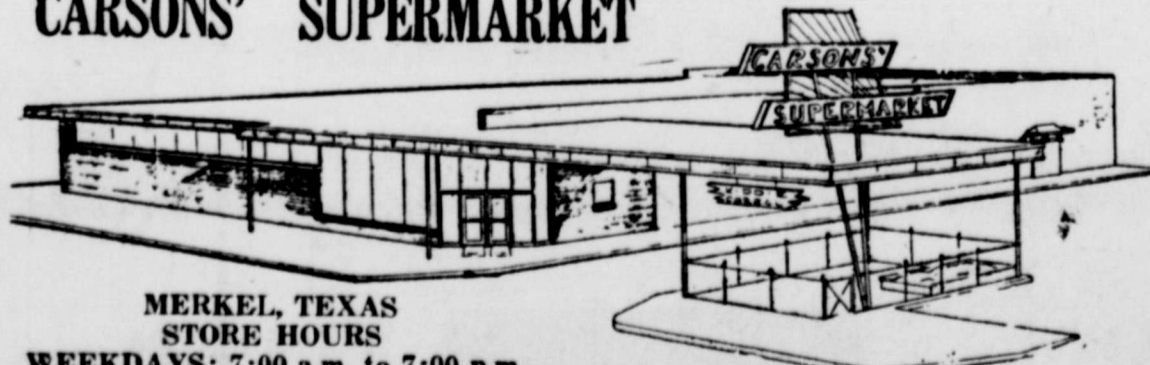
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