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Dear Helen: Recently we touched on one of the causes of over weight, excess carbohydrates, and now, as promised, and I do believe calories should be counted.

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State 4-H Winners Remember Thrills of Chicago Congress

Five youngsters have returned home to Texas after attending the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago.

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While in Chicago, the Texans joined some 1,500 other delegates in panels and discussions, sightseeing, and other recreational and educational activities.



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R. J. Miller, Popcorn Popper	Mrs. Henry Brady, Toaster
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Registration still going on, for 14 electrical appliances to be given away Saturdays Jan. 8 and 15.

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Old Highway 80 — East
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Spoiling the Customer with "Service"

Like proud but indulging grandparents, the captains of American industry are spoiling today's consumer. They learned long ago that the synonym for "success" is "pamper" and for "growth" it is "coddle." Of course, another cause for this indulgence, and perhaps the more important one, is "service."

As one of the leading more from this attitude than the American consumer. The lady of the house has only to hint that she would like another dial on her dishwasher and presto, she will get three. She has asked for, and gotten, ovens that clean themselves, teeth that get brushed automatically, and breakfast cereals that do all but play a tune.

Even the world of investment has shared in this era of emphasized "service." For example, the mutual fund industry was founded on a simple, unadorned principle, but its expansion has been predicated largely on giving the investor many unique services not readily available in other investment media.

As a result, the growth of the list of services available to a mutual fund shareholder, according to the Investment Company Institute, has kept pace with the rapid growth of the industry itself—from 1 million shareholders with assets of \$7.5 billion in 1955 to 3.5 million and \$32 billion today.

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sweetener falls in the same category. Now our vegetables, the cauliflower is very light in both carbohydrates and caloric count, and also provides some of our needed minerals.

The cheese sauce adds to the calories, but is high enough in protein to aid us in breaking down some of our past excess. The fresh green beans, one of our best diet bulk foods in the mineral rich category, contain only about 25 calories per cup full. Now we come to our gourmet's delight, the baked tomato. No calories, or carbohydrates worth counting, but rich in vitamin, especially with much needed vitamin "C". In case some of the ladies have not prepared this taste treat, try this — cut a one inch hole around the stem area of your tomato. Put in a pinch of salt, a dash of pepper and garlic powder, add a generous pinch of M.S.G. Foil wrap leaving hole open, and run in the oven or broiler, until done. P. the way Helen, some people have said, it's worth going on our diet just to learn about the broiled tomato.

So much for the homemaker hints. The meat? Yes the calories are there, but we can stand them, because the protein and minerals are also high, and so we can get rid of those we don't need. We discussed the breads and desserts in another article, so just remember if your meal doesn't seem complete without them, stay with fresh fruits for a while. A spoon of cottage cheese will give this a better appearance, and will not

Jan. 7 Date Set For Jehovah's Witness Assembly

The Abilene area congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses will attend their semi-annual circuit assembly in Fredericksburg, Jan. 7-9.

"The assembly program of activity is built around the theme, 'Increasing Our Praise to Jehovah,'" said W. P. Shropshire, presiding minister of the Abilene area congregation.

Six members of the Abilene congregation from Merkel plan to attend the assembly in Fredericksburg, including Dr. Eleanor Weldon and Mrs. Dorothy Curb.

The purpose of the 15-congregation assembly, from Wichita Falls to Fredericksburg and Abilene to Mineral Wells, is to analyze the circuit's activities with regard to the number of active Witnesses, average hours each month per witness, effectiveness in calling back on interested persons, and teaching ability in conducting Bible studies in the homes.

upset your balance. For the other two meals, in the mornings . . . two eggs, poached, boiled or fried in a teflon pan with no grease. Two strips of very crisp bacon, or better still, two small thin hamburger patties, and one piece of whole wheat toast. If you like juice, make it tomato. For your noon meal, try soup and salad. Soup will provide quick energy and the salad will take care of your mineral needs. If you carefully select each dish for one month, giving due consideration to carbohydrates (keep it low), calories (as low as possible within the realm of reason), proteins (high), minerals and vitamins (high), you should lose about 10 pounds. If your loss is greater, you are going too fast. If it's less, your count is off, or you are not being honest with yourself. Remember you can be overweight and still have many basic deficiencies, so be careful and use good common sense. Let us know how you succeed.

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You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being Monday, the 21st day of February, 1966, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. before the Honorable District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Court house in Abilene, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed on the 3rd day of January, 1966. The file number of said suit being No. 30-018-A. The names of the parties in said suit are: Fletcher A. Grant, Plaintiff; and the above named parties as Defendants.

The nature of Plaintiff's suit and claim being substantially as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff claims title and right to possession to the hereinafter described land and says that Defendants are claiming title in and to such land and are interfering with the Plaintiff's right of possession to such land, whereby Plaintiff brings this suit in trespass to try title under Article 7364-V.A.C.S. of the State of Texas, to determine title and right of possession in the following described lot situated in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, to-wit: Being Lot No. 10, Block 18, in Scott Highway Place, according to map of said Scott Highway Place of record at page 278 of Volume 1, of the Plat records of Taylor County, Texas; said Scott Highway Place being a subdivision of Lots 4 and 5, Block 17 and all of Block 18 of the Harris Addition to the City of Abilene, Texas.

If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this 3rd day of January, A.D. 1966.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL of the District Court of Taylor County, Texas, on this 3rd day of January, 1966.

(Seal)
R. H. ROSS
Clerk of the District Court of Taylor County, Texas
By Irene Crawford, Deputy
44 4tc



IT'S GONNA BE GOOD — Agree the girls of the Mulberry Canyon 4-H Cooking Class. Anticipating delicious peanut butter cookies are, from left, Teresa Clemmer, Pam Mashburn, Cindy Whisenhunt, and Debbie Mashburn. (Photo Courtesy Taylor Electric Cooperative)

KEEPING TAB ON MERKELITES AND AREA RESIDENTS

By JACKIE DOAN

(Editor's Note) — That long-looked-for-day finally arrived — the day when the "editor" could write Keeping Tab. It seems, as Mrs. Jones at the Merkel Drug put it so mildly, that "Jackie is trying to join that "band of angels" she so aptly inducted Mrs. J. into. The story as I get it goes like this — Jackie got a little "bowled over" during the New Year's weekend and got a "ketch" in her back. Under doctor's orders, she is to stay right there on the floor where she landed! At least, her telephone call to the Mail Monday noon gave the impression that she had to stay "grounded" in Abilene (at her mother's) until she could get home and back to work.

The "ruse" didn't work — Jackie is back at work this bright Tuesday evening, but as to the copy above, let's see if "she's" man enough to try it — that is, leave the above copy right where it is.

We still have some Christmas visitors not listed last week: Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark Sr. were Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Clark and Bobby, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Latta of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Clark, Randy and Janie, Mr. and Mrs. Joe McDuff and Patricia, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Danford of Batesville, Miss.; Mrs. Ress Baker, Grand Prairie, Mrs. Mrs. Devereal Teaff, Tye, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sullivan, Larry, Jerry, Cindy and Vickie of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Paxton Hays had all of her family with them on Christmas day. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes of Merkel; one brother, J. W. Hughes and family of Big Spring; a sister, Mrs. Cal Hagood and family, Arlington; one son, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hays of Abilene. Their daughter living in Little Rock, Ark., was unable to attend. They plan to be home the middle of January.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry R. Miller of Nesconset, Long Island, N.Y., are the parents of a son, Jerry Jr., born Dec. 19. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller Sr., and the maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cook of Gilliland.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas had their children with them over the holidays: Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Clarkson, Batesville, Miss.; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Robbins, Sonora; Mrs. Walter Henderson, Odessa; and Mr. and Mrs. Devereal Teaff, Merkel; their granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hays, Abilene. Other guests were Mr. Dee Teaff, Mr. and Mrs. Paxton Hays, Mrs. Ress Baker, Grand Prairie, Mrs. Sam Cheek, Mrs. O. E. Barber (sister of Mrs. Douglas), Miss

CARD OF THANKS

OUR HEARTFELT THANKS to all who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the beautiful service, floral offerings, and other kindnesses, we are deeply grateful. Our thanks also to Dr. Sadler, Dr. Warren and the staff at Starr Nursing Home.

The family of Mrs. Annie Boone.

Mable McCree, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Baker and daughter.

Mrs. Val Patterson had her niece, Mrs. James E. Pate and sons, Santa Rosa, Calif. and Mrs. Sybil Galazin, Walnut Creek, Calif., also her son, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Patterson, Pat and Pam, Austin, visiting her for Christmas.

Holiday visitors in the home of Mrs. E. B. Barnes and L. D., were Mrs. T. L. Burgess and son J. D. Bauchman, Beathany, Okla., Walter Dunbar, Tuscola, and Mrs. E. P. Hurd, Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Ford Jr. had the daughter and grandson, Mrs. D. W. Putman and Hobbs of Alexandria, Virginia visiting them Christmas and this past week. Mr. Putman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Putman of Noodle. He is stationed at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, attending Nuclear School. Also visiting in the Ford home was a nephew, Mr. and Mrs. James David Ford, who is attending college in Arlington, Virginia. Mr. Ford is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ford, Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon J. Jones and daughters of New Orleans, La. visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Jones and R. D. Their daughter, Mrs. E. L. Clary, granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Lilly; great - granddaughter, Pamela Lilly, all of Abilene, also visited.

Robert and Johnny Sledge and sons, El Paso and Jimmy Sledge, Irving, were home for Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sledge.

The "editor's note" stands — with just one word of advice — ALWAYS pick a bowling ball up with two hands, not one. I was informed of this AFTER the game AND the slipped whatever you call it!

Cotton Classing On Steady Pace

(Special to The Merkel Mail)
Cotton classing at the Consumer and Marketing Service in Abilene continued its steady pace last week. About 31,500 samples were processed by 11 classers which brought the season total to 337,800 bales.

Light amounts of precipitation and high humidity slowed harvesting for the past two weeks which enabled classing to stay about current with sample receipts. B. B. Manly Jr., in charge of the USDA office said he expects another 3 to 4 weeks of classing at the present pace which will put the season classing total near the expected 450,000 bales.

The total number of magazines distributed in the United States in 1952 was 1.8 billion. In 1964, the total rose to 4.7 billion.

Services Held For Former Merkel Resident

Services for J. A. Jaynes of Lubbock, father of Mrs. R. E. Harris of Merkel, were held in the Franklin - Bartley Chapel Jan. 1 with the Rev. J. Waid Griffin, pastor of Asbury Methodist Church officiating.

Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park Cemetery in Lubbock. Mr. Jaynes is a former resident of Merkel, having lived here from 1914 until 1928. He died at his home Friday, Dec. 31.

Born in Grayson County, he was a retired farmer. Jaynes moved to Lubbock from Tahoka in 1939.

Survivors include his wife, four sons, Floyd, Temple City, Calif., and George T., James O., and William E., all of Albuquerque, N. M.; three daughters, Mrs. Carl Higgins, Atlanta, Tex., Mrs. Harris, Merkel, and Mrs. J. H. Stalcup, Tahoka; a granddaughter who was reared in the Jaynes home, Mrs. Troy Pierson, Irving; 22 other grandchildren, 53 great-grandchildren and 12 great - great-grandchildren.

Services Held For Mrs. Snow

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ensminger attended the funeral services for Mrs. Dayton Snow Sunday, Dec. 2 at the Methodist Church in Colorado City.

Mrs. Snow, 85, was Mrs. Ensminger's aunt and is a native of Mulberry Canyon. She came with her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Edmoor Blackburn, who were pioneer settlers of Mulberry Canyon.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Grady Patton of Brownfield.

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Trent Show Sets Record

A record entry of 223 and a purse of \$1,212 were made at the 13th Annual Trent Community 4-H and FFA stock show Tuesday, Dec. 28. Major winners in the show were Tom McLeod, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. (Spud) McLeod; Pam McMurray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clovis McMurray; Arthur Mayberry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mayberry; and Jerry Shafer, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Shafer.

Glen Bryan, a newcomer, won the over-all showmanship trophy, which was presented by J. Lynn Knight of Taylor Electric Cooperative. Another newcomer, Bill Hamner, also won a trophy.

The swine division was the strongest in the show, with 99 entries. More than 50 per cent of the swine entries were produced by breeders in the community.

The overall champion pen of hogs was a Poland China trio entered by Pam McMurray and the overall champion reserve pen was a trio of Hampshires, entered by Arthur Mayberry.

First place winners in each division are as follows:

POULTRY — Ronnie Ponder,

broilers and champion broilers; Elton Payne, reserve champion broilers; Danny Kiser, breeding fowls; and champions: Gaylon Brnovak, capons, light; and reserve champion Tom McLeod, capons, heavy, pen of three and champion capon; Owen O'Kelley, reserve champion pen.

RABBITS — McLeod, does, champion doe, doe and litter, reserve champion; Monty Heatley, reserve champion; Becky Bryan, fryers, Harry Hellums, bucks and champion buck.

SHEEP — Judy Brnovak, Rambouillet breeding cheep, fat lambs, champion lamb; Tom Stevens, Hampshire and Hampshire crosses; Gaylon Brnovak, reserve champion.

COMMERCIAL CATTLE — Mark Williams Jr., Ginger Williamsen, and John Reed, prime grades.

BEEF HEIFERS — Pam McMurray, Angus, champion angus heifer; Arthur Mayberry, reserve champion, Hellums, Herefords and champion hereford; Jerry Shafer, reserve champion.

BEEF STEERS — McMurray, lightweights, and champion; J. Shafer, reserve champion (Hereford).

BREEDING SWINE — McLeod, Berkshires and Berkshire crosses; Becky Bryan, ducce sows; Mayberry, ducce gilts and reserve champion; McMurray, Poland sows, Stan Hicks, Poland gilts.

BARROWS — Chester White, light and heavy; McLeod, grand champion and pen of three; Bryan, ducce, light; Pat Carriker, ducce, heavy; and reserve ducce; Eddie Mitchell, Hampshires, light; Bill Hamner, Hampshires, heavy; Mayberry, Grand and reserve champion Berkshires; McMurray, grand and reserve champion of Polands; Bryan, crossbreeds, light; McLeod, champion crossbreeds.

Showmanship awards were presented to Tom McLeod, poultry; Gaylon Brnovak, cattle; Arthur Mayberry, swine, and Glen Bryan, over-all.

Mrs. J. Gibson Honored at Party

A stork shower was held in the home of Mrs. Craymer Reynolds Tuesday, Jan. 4, complimenting Mrs. Jerry Gibson.

A social hour and refreshments were enjoyed by approximately thirty guests.

Party hostesses were Meses, A. L. Cunningham, Grand Knight, Craymer Reynolds, Alvin Wozencraft, Leon Scott, G. D. McConnell, Charlie Knight, Opal Malone and Vel Patterson.

Christmas Music Presented 4-Hers

The December meeting of the Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club was held with the 4-H Pledge and Prayer, led by Teresa Campbell. Suzzie Riney led the American Pledge, and Mark Dudley presented the inspiration.

Folk songs and Christmas music was sung by Almer Barnes, who accompanied himself on the guitar.

Gifts were exchanged preceding game time and refreshments.

HD Agent Speaks To Bluebonnet's

Miss Loretta Allen, County Home Demonstration Agent, presented the program for the Tuesday, Jan. 4 meeting of the Bluebonnet Home Demonstration Club.

Miss Allen presented a program on "Better Foods and How to Prepare Them."

Refreshments were served to ten members.

Mrs. Harvey Bryant will host the Jan. 18 meeting.

Heart-Fund Ride

Eddie Snell, a cowboy who is riding horseback from California to Washington, D.C. on behalf of the Heart Fund, was presented with an Honorary Texan Citation at the State Capitol recently by Gov. Connally.

Snell, who lost an 18-month-old daughter with congenital heart disease a few years ago, does not accept money for the fund. But he encourages people to mail contributions addressed to Heart Fund, in care of the local Postmaster.

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Homemakers Group Completed Cooking Lessons

The Merkel 4-H Club's Little Homemaker group has completed Unit I-B Cooking lessons. The group has enjoyed cooking experiences planning meals, and learning about food nutrition.

Members of the Little Homemakers are Connie Ragan, Diane Allen, Dayna McAninch, Gail Black, Christie Lucas and Linda Sanford. Connie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Ragan, Merkel, has been a 4-H Club member two years.

Another two-year member is Diane Allen, daughter of Sgt. and Mrs. James Allen, Merkel.

A three-year member is Christie Lucas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Newell Lucas of Merkel.

Other two-year members are Dayna McAninch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted McAninch, Rt. 2; Gail Black, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Black, Rt. 1; and Linda Sanford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Sanford of Rt. 1, Tye.

The adult leaders are Mrs. Seth Ragan, Mrs. James Sanford, and Mrs. Bill Black.

Services Held For Mrs. Stanley

Funeral services for Mrs. Ethel Berbee Stanley, 66, were held on Sunday, Dec. 26, with Starbuck Funeral Home in charge. The Rev. Jess Swindell, Noodle Baptist pastor officiated, with the Rev. T. Gerald Carter, assisting.

Mrs. Stanley died Thursday, Dec. 23, at Hendricks Memorial Hospital after a month's illness.

Born Sept. 14, 1899 at Merkel (Mulberry Canyon) she had lived there all except five years of her life. She married Johnny Barbee in November of 1921. He died Aug. 21, 1960. In March of 1963 she married Lee Stanley.

Surviving are her husband; five daughters, Mrs. Royce Springate of Riverside, Calif., Mrs. J. P. Helsey of Jal. N.M., Mrs. Ernie Urouhart of Midwest City, Okla., Mrs. Ed Black and Mrs. Edgar Head of Abilene; three sons, Johnny and Charles Barbee, both of Abilene, and Donald Barbee of Carlsbad, N.M.; four stepchildren, Vernon Stanley, Merkel, Howard Stanley of Midland, Mrs. Sherwood Tucker of Fort Stockton and Mrs. Melvin Evans of Odessa; a sister, Mrs. Margie Tate of Santa Ana, Calif.; two brothers, A. D. Coats of Abilene, and Clayton Coats of Big Spring; 21 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services Held For Mrs. Muse

Services for Mrs. Sarah Eveline Muse, mother of Mrs. H. N. Odum, were held Monday, Dec. 27, in Cleburne. Mrs. Muse died Dec. 25.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Odum, Merkel, and Miss Fannie Muse, Burlingame, Calif.; three grandsons, nine grandsons, nine great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild.

Mrs. Muse, 96, was born Feb. 13, 1869. She had lived in Cleburne for sixty years.

GOODFELLOW DRIVE TERMED 'SUCCESS'

"The Merkel 1965 Goodfellow Drive went 'over the top' due to the hard work of many people," said Truman Belcher, drive chairman.

Belcher expressed his thanks to all who "gave of their time and also financial assistance to make the drive a success."

"The Goodfellow committee worked hard, and I know there were times when they needed to be at their own places of business," said Belcher, "but when a meeting was called, they were there."

Appreciation was expressed to the women volunteers who "sorted clothes, sized them and placed on racks in the Goodfellow building."

Merchants who donated articles and gave discounts were thanked by Belcher.

The Homemaking class of Merkel High School was given special

recognition for their part in repairing and dressing dolls donated as well as expressed appreciation to Fire Chief Waymon Adcock and the firemen who repaired toys donated.

"The total number of people given help through the Goodfellow Fund was 365," said Belcher. "Of this total there were 116 adults and 269 children."

CASH DONATIONS

Previously donated	\$240.00
Merkel Jaycees	15.00
Floyd Sourell	5.00
Merkel VFW	15.00
V. P. Ffyon	5.00
Wilson Food Store	10.00
F & M National Bank	
Employees	19.00
Fisherman's S.S. Class	5.00
Anonymous	13.00
Merkel Duplicate	
Bridge Club	100.00
Rey Largent	10.00
TOTAL	\$437.00

WTU NAMES NEW ASST DIST. MGR.

W.K. (Bill) Ramsey, district manager for West Texas Utilities Company in McCamey for more than 11 years, has been named assistant district manager of the company's Abilene District.

The announcement of Ramsey's new assignment was made recently by J. F. Longley, WTU executive vice president, and Frank Hobbs, Abilene district manager. "Initially the new assistant district manager will devote most of his time becoming acquainted with and assisting in the operation of the other towns in the Abilene District," Mr. Hobbs said. "These towns include Cisco, Albany, Throckmorton, Mer Cisco, Albany, Merkel, Tuscola, Throckmorton, Cross Plains, Rising Star, Clyde and Moran."

A native West Texan, Ramsey began his 28 years of service with WTU as a clerk in the company's Eastlanger office and the following year was transferred to McCamey, where he worked in the district and local office until 1942 when he entered the Armed Forces for service in World War II and served 3 1/2 years.

Born in Robert Lee, Texas, Ramsey attended the Abilene Public Schools and following graduation from Abilene High School, attended Hardin - Simmons University, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1936.

During his long residence in McCamey, Ramsey was one of McCamey's leading citizens and civic workers. He served as president of the Lions Club and a member of the board of directors. He is also a past president of the McCamey Chamber of Commerce, a former board member, and a former chairman of the board of



W. K. (BILL) RAMSEY
WTU assistant dist. mgr.

stewards of the First Methodist Church.

Mrs. Ramsey is the former Elmira Warren of McCamey. They were married in Rankin in 1940. Their daughter, Prudy, is a 1965 graduate of the University of Texas and is now serving as a teacher in the Arlington Public Schools.

The Ramseys are now residing in their new home at 3018 Willis in Abilene.



Texas Teen Leaders Cherish Memories of 4-H Recognition

Allen McCloy, 18, of Morse, built, street signs put up, and Hansford County, and Elaine Herrmann, 18, of D'Hanis, Medina County spent five busy and exciting days at the 44th National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago Nov. 23-Dec. 2.

The two Texas 4-H'ers were sent to the congress as winners of Santa Fe Railway System sewing machine. In her nine years of 4-H work she has made 213 garments.

The interior of the Herrmann ranch house gives evidence of her knack for painting, laying linoleum and making curtains. Other of Miss Herrmann's 4-H projects include foods-nutrition (3,400 dishes), freezing and canning, and lamb raising.

For girls like Miss Herrmann, dreams do come true. "All my years in 4-H," she says, "I have dreamed of winning a trip to Chicago."

Helping tear down an old bowling alley is not usually lady's work, but community beautification winner Barbara Dischinger won the newly established community beautification award. The Sears-Roebuck Foundation presented her with a \$25 U.S. savings bond.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson McCloy, young McCloy carried dairy, poultry, garden, beef, horsemanship and home beautification in his nine years of 4-H Club work. He also was valedictorian of his high school class.

His 4-H projects have earned him a total of \$1,485.28. Outstanding among his 4-H efforts was his part in the Morse Junior Leaders drive to upgrade the town. A community center was

"America's fading beauty."



Miss Herrmann



McCloy



Miss Dischinger

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By MRS. FRITZ HALE



The weather is clear and cold, fine for finishing all the farm work. Cotton harvesting is almost over.

Mrs. and Mrs. E. L. Berry's family met in the home of Mr.

and Mrs. Bud Lilly and Tony, Abilene, for Christmas dinner. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Audrian Berry, Littlefield; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Berry, Abilene; Mrs. and Mr. Robert Wayne Berry and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Holt of San Antonio.

Mrs. and Mrs. Paul Bradley had all their children home for their Christmas dinner. They are the Rev. and Mrs. Hubert Row and children, of Edmondson, and Mr. and Mrs. Berry and children of San Antonio.

Mrs. and Mrs. Jerry Jones, Fort Worth, spent Monday night with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs.

BANK NOTES by Malcolm

DID YOU KNOW...



DURING THE CIVIL WAR, A PHILADELPHIA ENGRAVER TURNED DOWN AN ORDER TO MAKE COIN-STAMPING DIES FOR THE CONFEDERACY. HE FEARED ARREST BY THE UNION FOR AIDING THE ENEMY.



TO CELEBRATE ITS GRAND OPENING ONE BANK IN ARKANSAS PURCHASED AN EXTENSIVE COLLECTION OF ART BY ARKANSAS PAINTERS. LATER, THE BANK LOANED THE COLLECTION TO CIVIC GROUPS AS A CULTURAL PRESENTATION.



GOLD HAS NOT CIRCULATED IN THE U. S. AS MONEY SINCE 1933 AND THE GOVERNMENT'S SUPPLY IS HELD IN THE FORM OF GOLD BARS TO SAVE THE EXPENSE OF COINAGE. BEING A STANDARD OF VALUE, GOLD'S WORTH IS THE SAME WHEREVER THE FORM.

The Road Report . . . BY ARBA



"About one-half of fatal accidents are single-car accidents."

Faulty driving, emergencies and distractions are the main cause of single-car accidents involving women. Those involving men are usually the result of speed, drinking or drowsiness. The chances of being involved in a single-car accident are about 2 1/2 times greater if the driver is alone.

AMERICAN ROAD BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION

IT'S A FACT! by THE MERKEL

PRESIDENT JOHNSON, AWARE OF THE GROWING POPULARITY OF BIKES, AND THE NEEDS OF AMERICA'S 57,000,000 CYCLISTS, URGED CONGRESS . . . TO ENCOURAGE A NATIONAL SYSTEM OF TRAILS, BUILDING UP TO MORE THAN A HUNDRED THOUSAND MILES . . . IN OUR NATIONAL FORESTS AND PARKS.

STEWART J. UDALL, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, IS IMPLEMENTING PLANS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF MORE BICYCLE PATHS IN OUR NATIONAL AND LOCAL PARKS.

DR. PAUL DUDLEY WHITE, FAMOUS HEART SPECIALIST, AND CHAIRMAN OF AMERICAN BIKE MONTH (MAY) FOR THE SECOND YEAR, SAYS THAT CYCLING "IS ONE OF THE BEST WAYS TO MAINTAIN PHYSICAL FITNESS."

Rural Project Celebrated Jan. 3

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning attended a family "get together" at a cabin on Brownwood Lake last year's night. Others present were Mildred Harris of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning of Tascala and the Rev. and Mrs. Jack Bedford and children of Cottonwood and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Harris of Dallas.

Mrs. Nora McDonald spent several days last week with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McDonald and Bill of Anson. Mrs. McDonald also visited Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Butler.

Dell Green of Olney visited Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Murry Toombs and Tommy of Lubbock spent Christmas with Sam Mashburn.

Mrs. Jean Newton, Kathy and Roger of Monahans, and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Malone of Taylor had New Year's dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale.

Those on the "sick list" are Ira Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jones and Mike and Regie Williams.

Walter Vantress was brought home recently from Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene. He is getting along very well. He attended services at the Hope Church of Christ Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mundy of San Antonio spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Vantress.

Visiting Mrs. John Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. Benny Hobbs and children and Mrs. Ollie Fowler during the Christmas holidays were Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Hobbs and son of Grand Prairie, Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Hobbs of Fort Worth, and Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Chaney and children of Richardson.

Guests for Christmas dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holt were Mr. and Mrs. Don Holden of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Beauford Buntin and family and Mr. and Mrs. Benny Hobbs and children.

Celebration of Texas' First rural community service project, financed by the U. S. Farmers Home Administration was held in Childen Monday afternoon, Jan. 3. The meeting was attended by Cong. W. E. Pease and national Farmers Home Administrator Howard Bertsch.

The celebration was held "to thank Cong. Pease and the government for their help" in obtaining a \$152,000 loan and grant authorized last week.

The Childen service system will be built with a \$79,000 grant insured loan by the First State Bank of Childen and a \$73,000 grant from the Farmers Home Administration. It is the first project in the nation to be approved under legislation, financing of both sewer and water systems in rural communities up to 5,500 population.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EDITOR'S NOTE: — Letters to the editor do not necessarily express the view of the editor or of this paper. But The Merkel Mail will continue to run letters to the editor as long as same are readable, in good taste, and they must be signed.

OPEN LETTER TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Gentlemen:

You seem to have stirred up a hornet's nest with your dog ordinance; and the enforcement of same. Evidently about the only dog haters we have in town must be on the city council. I have heard quite a few opinions on the subject; but have heard none who are in agreement with our city council on this subject. . . .

You are trying for some reason, to make a small town act like a city. Now, why do you suppose most of us live in Merkel? Because it is still a small community, where we can enjoy the pleasures of a small community.

Back to the dogs — most people who own a dog, are people who have no children at home, and love their dog almost as much as if it were a child; or parents with children, and the whole family love their dog as another member of the family. I am sure there is not one home out of twenty in Merkel that has a good yard fence to keep their dog penned up. And I am also sure that not many of that number can afford to build a yard fence to keep their dogs in . . .

I am trying to comply by keeping our dog on a chain. He is a perfectly harmless dog, and all

He wants of life is a full stomach, kind words occasionally. He has his rabies shots regularly, and I would gladly pay the city dog tax on him, if I could let him run free . . .

I drove by the so called "dog pound" one morning after the great "round up" and saw a fight I think the Mayor and all the city council should have witnessed. It would surely have made all of you have a nice warm feeling inside. There were four small boys on bikes, at the wire gate, and inside was a sad forlorn small puppy. It was hard to tell which were the most miserable—the boys or the puppy.

— Mrs. C. L. Arnold

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NOODLE NEWS

By SIMMONS CALLAWAY

Cold weather has made it's entry here this Monday morning — with a twenty - nine degree reading and a big frost.

Our sympathy goes out to the O. D. Putman family on the death of his brother in law, J. W. Gray of Clyde.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell drove out to Fort Stockton Friday night and visited their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Earl Smith. Then on their way home Sunday evening they stopped in Big Spring and visited for awhile with another daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Newell Lucas and Christe from Merkel visited Sun-

day with Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Bowen and children. Mrs. Bowen is their daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Harve Deen had word from their son, Carroll (Mike) and wife, telling them about their new grandson, James Bradley. He was born Dec. 21. The Deens have another son, Bren, two years of age. They live at Borger.

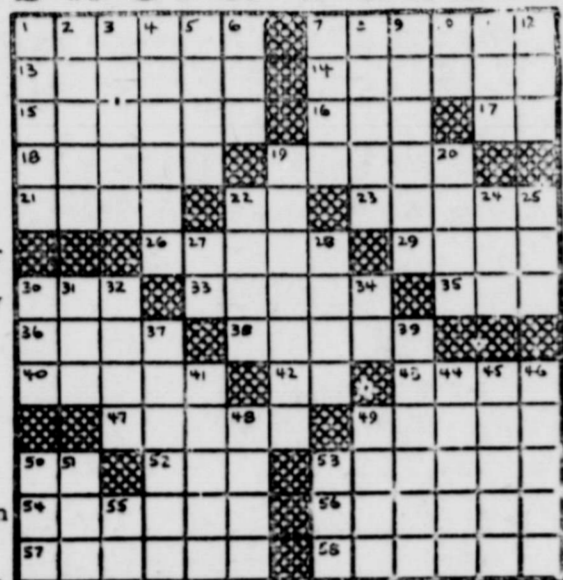
Bill Love from Winnipeg, Canada, is holding a series of meetings this week at the Noodle Church of Christ. The time is 7 p.m. each evening.

The following folks enjoyed a New Year's eve get together in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Bonneau's Friday night. They were Mr. and Mrs. Dock Callaway, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Sloan, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Putman, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Touchstone and Mr. and Mrs. Carol Best. They stayed until the clock struck 12!

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Farm machine
7. Exertion
13. Come forth
14. More impoverished
15. Twigs
16. Sin
17. Greek letter
18. Fairies
19. Tranquillity
21. Nautical ropes
22. Argon: chem.
23. Bread ingredient
26. Unspoken
29. Mix
30. Vision organ
33. Evil spirit
35. Pig pen
36. English title
38. Pacific islands
40. Pleasing sounds
42. Tellurium: chem.



Answer to Puzzle



DOWN

1. Assault
2. Infer
3. Sinew
4. Least wet
5. Prods
6. Thing: law
7. Rapier
8. Raid
9. Compels
10. Either
11. Corded fabric
12. Prefix: three
19. Man or ape
20. Consumes
22. Top flyers
24. Be seated
25. Endeavor
27. Public notice
28. Large book
30. Tree
31. Thee
32. Formerly
34. Negative
37. Command
39. Turkish mountain
41. Bird
44. Enraged
45. Alma —
46. Suns
48. Prescribed amount
49. Indian
50. Ship's stern
51. Possesses
53. Finish
55. In the matter of

TELL ME

WHY IS 13 KNOWN AS A BAKER'S DOZEN?



THIS STEMS FROM OLDEN TIMES WHEN FINES WERE IMPOSED FOR SHORT WEIGHT! BAKERS ADDED AN EXTRA UNIT TO THE DOZEN IN ORDER TO BE ON THE SAFE SIDE!

WHAT IS THE CURVATURE OF THE EARTH PER MILE?



THE EARTH'S CURVATURE IS APPROXIMATELY 8 INCHES PER MILE!

HOW FAR DO SOME BIRDS MIGRATE?



THE DISTANCES VARY! THE GOLDEN PLOVER OF THE ARCTIC, FOR EXAMPLE, TRAVELS SOUTHWARD 8000 MILES ACROSS THE EQUATOR TO THE PAMPAS OF FAR-OFF ARGENTINA!

CAN A MIRAGE BE PHOTOGRAPHED?



A GOVERNMENT BUREAU STATED ITS BELIEF THAT A MIRAGE CAN BE PHOTOGRAPHED IF CLEARLY VISIBLE!

Mr. and Mrs. Vess Justice had all their children home for New Year's eve — they were Mr. and Mrs. Tim Mason and children, Kansas City, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Poplin and children, Midland, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Justice and children of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Slena have moved into their newly remodeled home in Noodle. Their son, Harold and family have moved to the home formerly occupied by Troy and wife.

R. D. Ely and family have moved to Tye.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Marshall had their children visiting them this past Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Mays, Texas City, spent some time with Mr. Mays' sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dillard, last week.

Legal Notice

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

GREETING:

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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Christian DuPont Flowers, 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 21st day of January A. D. 1966, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 24th day of May A.D. 1965, in this cause, numbered 1902 on the docket of said court and styled Tommy Arnold Flowers, Plaintiff, vs. Christian DuPont Flowers, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant went through a marriage ceremony in Brevonnes, Aube, France, but never at any time lived together as husband and wife. Plaintiff here-in alleges that same was the result of a fraud and misrepresentation of material facts. Plaintiff sues for annulment of this marriage.

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.

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shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 16th day of December A.D. 1965.

(Seal)
Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas.
By Irene Crawford, Deputy. 42 4tc

LEGAL NOTICE

SCHOOL BUSES FOR SALE

The Merkel School Board is receiving sealed bids in the office of the local school superintendent for 5 school busses listed as follows:

- GMC, 1953 Model, fair body, some parts missing
 - 1 1954 Chevrolet, fair body, but some parts missing
 - 2 1955 Fords, one fair shape
 - 1 1957 Ford, fair shape
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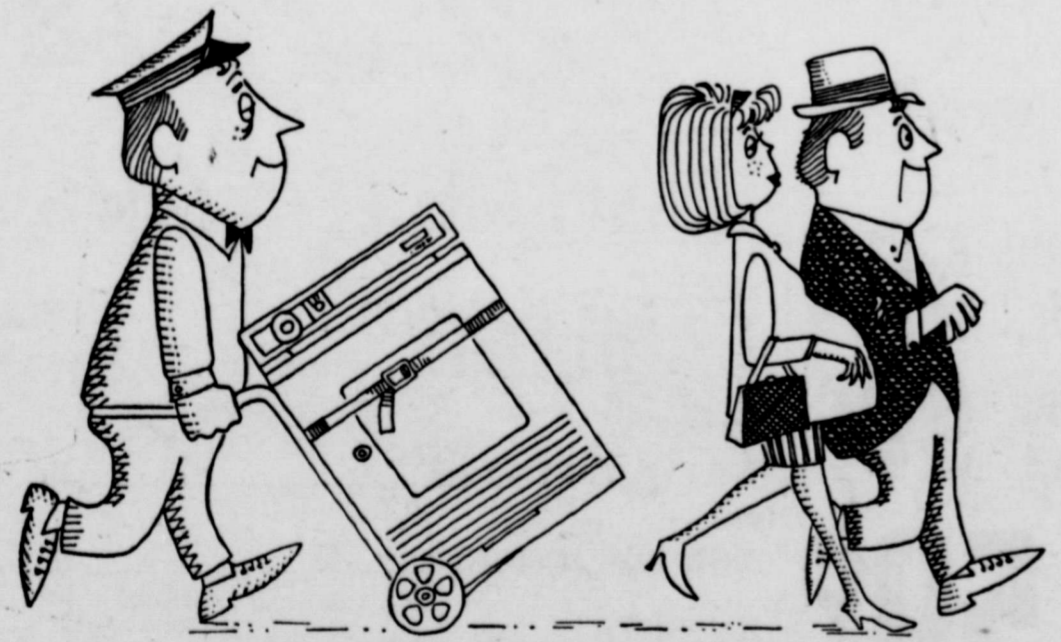
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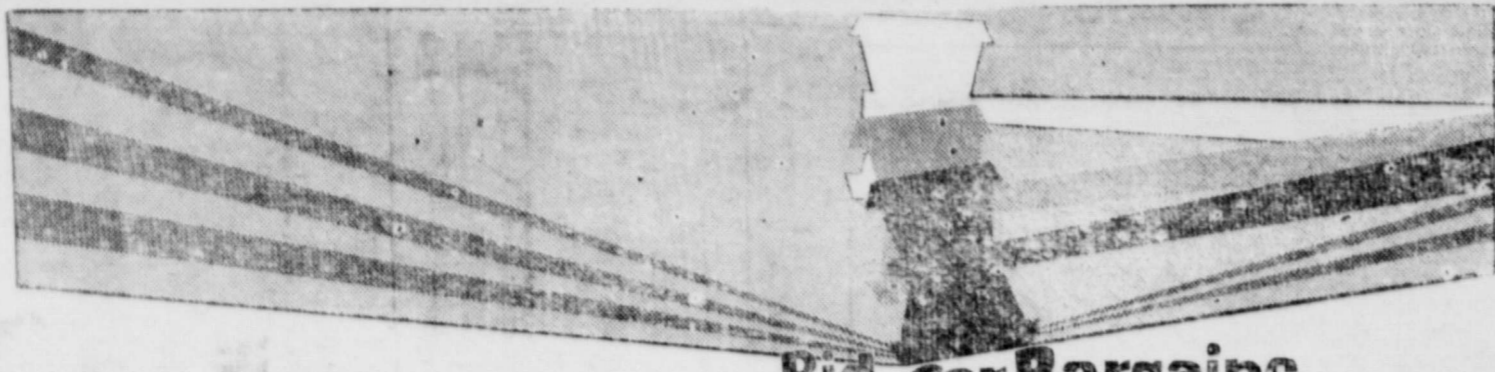
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LIBBY'S NO. 2 JUICE PINEAPPLE 2 for 29¢
LIBBY'S 303 PUMPKIN 2 for 29¢
LIBBY'S SLICED OR CRUSHED 1½ Can PINEAPPLE 2 for 49¢
LIBBY'S 303 WHITE C.S. CORN White C.S. 2 for 33¢
WELCH DRINK GRAPE-APPLE qt. 29¢

**COFFEE
BISCUITS
SNOWDRIFT
FLOUR
PET MILK**

Maxwell House (1 Limit) Pound Can	65¢
Pillsbury or Ballard 3 for	19¢
3-Lb. Can	59¢
Yellow Rose 5-Lb. Bag	39¢
Tall Can 3 for	39¢



BACON HORMEL RED SHIELD Pound	69¢
FRANKS HORMEL ALL MEAT 12 Oz. Pkg.	45¢
SAUSAGE GOOCH OLD VIRGINIA 2 Lb. Pkg.	1.39
GROUND BEEF FRESH 3 LBS.	\$1.00
CALF LIVER FRESH POUND	49¢
SUMMER SAUSAGE SPICY LB.	59¢
ROAST CHUCK CHOICE BEEF 7-BONE lb. 53¢ Blade Cut LB.	45¢
FRYERS Grade A Pound	25¢
ROAST CHOICE BEEF Club	73¢

FROZEN FOODS

BIRDSEYE DRINK AWAKE 9-oz. can	29¢
PATIO DINNER MEXICAN each	39¢
MORTON READY TO EAT PECAN PIE each	49¢
GONZALI PIZZA PIE each	79¢

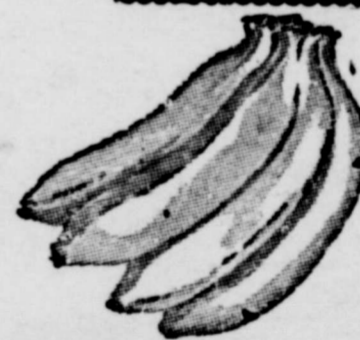
DASH Giant Box	59¢
DOWNY King Bot.	99¢
TIDE Giant Box	59¢

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BANANAS
Lb. **12¢**

RUBY RED GRAPEFRUIT 6 for	39¢
FRESH CABBAGE lb.	3¢
CALIFORNIA NAVEL ORANGES lb.	12¢
DRY YELLOW ONIONS lb.	5¢
RUSSETS SPUDS 10-lb. bag	39¢

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