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Up The Canyon

By TOM
RUSSOM

Well, some are saying we need rain in our area and some say the land is too wet to plow, so I say let it rain. The wheat and oats are doing well, and a good rain, followed with some warm sunshine, would just about fix things.

The stockmen are reporting sheep are beginning to lamb and lots of baby calves are being born.

It is a beautiful sight to go to the pasture to feed and see the mother animals coming in with their babies. Then when all of the babies get there they seem to put on a little show, trying to see which one can jump the highest. Of course, in a year or so they are big animals, ready to go to market. I am in the business, I know.

We just had a report from Booth Warren, saying they are really getting lots of lambs, kid goats, at the Ranch and I know Booth would always welcome a rain to grow weeds for those mother animal. And I know he is getting a lot of baby calves, too.

Boothe says he "sure has a good, reliable hand on the Ranch in Rubin Dye," and it is something when we can get people so dependable.

We had some Merkel folks visiting in church Sunday at Pioneer. They were Mrs. F. R. Demerie, Mrs. Lottie Everett, Mrs. Winnie Cypert, Mrs. Mary Click and Miss Mable McRee. We love and welcome visitors and say "come back again."

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Miles had their daughter, Mrs. Georgia Griffith and three children in their home over the weekend.

Sue King, who is a student at Texas Tech, was visiting in her parents' home, Mr. and Mrs. Allen King. Also Allen had his sister, Mrs. W. S. Healy of Mobile, Ala. visiting with them. Buddie King, son of the Kings, also of Texas Tech, was home with the family.

Miss Velma Orsborn's wedding will be this Friday night at 8 p.m. at Pioneer Church. She announced the date Sunday morning, and everyone is invited to attend. Velma is a home Canyon girl.

Jaycee Wives Need Recipes

The Merkel Jaycee Wives are compiling a cookbook, entitled "The Art of Cooking in Merkel." "If you have a favorite recipe passed down from your mother or grandmother, please share it with us," said Mrs. Cory Lash, Jaycee Wives president. "We need 100 of your best recipes to be published with your name."

Recipes may be in any of the following categories: hors d'oeuvres, pickles and relishes, salads, vegetables and soups, meat, fish and poultry, bread, rolls and cookies, cake and pastry, desserts, candy, and jelly and preserves.

All recipes may be sent to Mrs. Cory Lash at 804 Brickhaven, Merkel.

Recipes for the book will be chosen by the club on the basis of their "unusual character and originality."

Proceeds from the advertising and sale of the book will be donated to the fun being raised by the Jaycees and Optimists for a playground.

Deadline for mailing recipes is April 1.

MERKEL HIGH BAND WINS OUTSTANDING AWARDS AT FESTIVAL

The Merkel High School Band, under the direction of Glenn Reed, won the trophies of the Most Outstanding Concert Band and the Most Outstanding Sight-reading Band in "Class A;" at the Sixth Annual Lamesa Band Festival March 5th.

Concert selections played by the

Jaycees Back Community Development

The Merkel Jaycees are backing Mayor Johnny Cox and the council in their quest for community development. "The Jaycees, in coordination with the Merkel Optimist and other local clubs, are making plans to construct a park area and playground," said Cory Lash, Jaycee publicity chairman.

The Jaycees are undertaking some fund-raising projects, one of which is a Bingo Night, scheduled for Saturday, March 26. The thing will be held, beginning at 7:30 p.m., Lash said.

The Community Development committee is asking that other civic clubs in Merkel join in this project.

For information concerning the fund-raising activities, citizens are asked to contact Jaycee members, Carl Giles, Joe Alves or Lash.

RECORD NUMBER VISIT SCHOOLS

In order to coincide with the regular visitation week, Merkel's Public School observance of the special Texas Education Week was changed from March 7-11 to March 1-4.

Mack Fisher, superintendent of the local schools, reported that the interest shown by the patrons of the schools during the special observance week as being very encouraging. "Their interest," Fisher stated, "will serve as a challenge for the students, teachers, and the administration to put forth greater efforts to meet

Merkel band were: "Burnished Brass" by Cacavas, "First Swedish Rhapsody" by Leidzen, and "Irish Folk Song Suite," by Erickson.

Other bands that entered the festival were Jayton, Borden County, Rankin, Monahans Cadet Band, O'Donnell, Seagraves, Tahoka, Jal, N.M., Fort Stockton, Monahans, Seminole, Pecos, Lamesa, Lee High of Midland and Clovis, N.M.

Other bands winning trophies were Class B, Jayton, concert and sight reading; Class AAA, Monahans, concert and sight reading and Class AAAA, Clovis, concert playing and Lee of Midland, sight reading.

Judges for the Lamesa Band Festival were Gene Witherspoon of Arkansas Tech., Dr. John Green of West Texas State University, and sightreading Judge, Ray Robbins of Phillips High School.

The Lamesa Festival has been an annual trip for the Merkel Band for the last five years. The students are housed in the home of Lamesa band students on Friday night and entertained with variety show and dance. This year's show featured the Texas Tech Stage Band, the Lamesa Stage Band and the "Slumtown Symfunny."

Highlighting the Saturday activities was a concert by the Texas Tech Concert Band under the direction of Dean Killion and the presentation of the trophies to the outstanding bands.

the needs of a changing world." The high school reported the highest number of visitors ever recorded on the opening day.

Leon Walker, principal of the elementary and primary schools, reported that "the special week was being observed with more and more interest each year. Many of the visitors," Walker stated, "expressed a keen interest in the visitation program."

Edwin Read, principal of the high school, stated that "interest is increasing with those parents who have children in the high school."

Chamber of Commerce Banquet Tonight, 7:30 P. M.



BRAND NEW — Fire Chief Waymon Adcock, left, and Fireman Chester McWilliams give Merkel's new fire truck the "once over." The new truck is built to meet specifications for Merkel. (Staff Photo)

MHS Stage Band Will Entertain

Merkel's Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet is scheduled tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the school cafeteria.

R. L. McMillon, an Abilene insurance man and a well-known banquet speaker, will deliver the principal address.

McMillon has spoken over 100 times each year throughout the United States and Canada to sales congresses, conventions, sales executives club, annual chamber of commerce banquets, and civic clubs. He is president of the National Life Underwriter Training Council and has written and had published many articles on selling and human relations.

The Merkel High School Stage Band, under the direction of W. G. Reed, will entertain during the dinner hour. The Stage Band is composed of members from the high school band, which was a recent first-place winner in the Lamesa Band Festival.

A. C. Tinch Jr., of Lubbock will be the master of ceremonies at the banquet. Tinch is bond manager of the Lubbock branch office of the Fireman's Fund American Insurance Companies.

Musical numbers will be presented by students of the Department of Music at Hardin - Simmons University, Abilene.

Dwight Holland, Minister of Merkel's Church of Christ will ask the invocation, and the Rev. John Emery, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church will ask the benediction.

Other highlights of the banquet program will be the introduction of guests and the installation of officers.

Officers for the 1966 year to be installed are Max Murrell, president; Bill Button, vice president, and Johnny Cox, secretary-treasurer. New directors to be installed are Button, L. E. Finch and Lon McDonald.

Some Tickets Left

"Tickets are going rather fast," said sales chairman Horace Bonney. "However, there are some left and may be purchased from my office or from Max Murrell Chevrolet until 5 p.m. today."

MERKEL RELAYS TO BE HELD SATURDAY, MARCH 12

The second annual Merkel Relays will be held Saturday, March 12 at Badger Field.

There will be a division for boys from area Class A and B schools and a girls' division which will be limited to eight teams," said Coach Bill Tate.

Trophies will be awarded to first and second place teams in the boys division and to the first team only in the girls' division. Medals will be given to the first three individuals in each event.

The meet will be held on the new track field which has been completed at Badger Field," said Tate.

Tate expressed appreciation to the Merkel Booster Club and others "who had a part in making track possible."

Boys' teams participating in the event besides Merkel will be Rotan, Roscoe, Aspermont, Wylie, Roby, Jim Ned, Cross Plains, Albany, Knox City, Paint Creek, Loraine, Trent, Archer City, Clyde, Bronte, Rule, Abilene Christian High School, Hobbs, Santa Anna, Munday, Ira and Weller.

The eight girls' teams will be from Roby, Trent, Santa Anna, Hobbs, Aspermont, Wylie, Jim Ned and Merkel.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9:15 — Coaches meeting
9:30 — Boys — Broad jump, discus, pole vault — finals
11:00 — Girls — Broad jump, discus — Finals

PRELIMINARIES

9:45 — Girls 600 yard dash

9:55 — Boys 120 yard high hurdle
10:10 — Boys 440 yard relay
10:20 — Girls 220 yard dash
10:30 — Boys 100 yard dash
10:50 — Boys 440 yard dash
11:10 — Girls 80 meter hurdles
11:20 — Boys low hurdles
11:40 — Girls 100 yard dash
11:50 — Boys 220 yard dash

FINALS

12:45 — Girls shot put, high jump
1:30 Boys shot put, high jump
2:30 — Boys 440 yard relay
2:35 — Girls 440 yard relay
2:40 — Boys 880 yard run
2:50 — Girls 60 yard dash
2:55 — Boys 120 yard high hurdles
3:05 — Girls 100 yard dash
3:10 — Boys 100 yard dash
3:15 — Boys 440 yard dash
3:25 — Girls 80 meter hurdles
3:40 — Boys low hurdles
3:55 — Boys 220 yard dash
4:00 — Girls 220 yard dash
4:05 — Boys mile run
4:15 — Girls 880 relay
4:20 — Boys mile relay

Medicare To Be Discussed Mar. 11

A meeting of special interest to people over 65 and to sons and daughters of parents over 65 is being held Friday, March 11 at the Taylor Electric Cooperative Building.

The March 11 meeting is set to cover topics that were scheduled at the Jan. 28 meeting which was called off because of the weather.

L. H. McAden, Merkel Area Representative, said the talk will be by representatives of the Social Security Agency and "will concern Medicare and also general provisions of the Social Security."

"A question and answer" period will be given at this meeting, he said, and McAden encouraged people to come prepared to ask questions concerning Medicare.

The meeting is set for 7 until 9 p.m., and people needing transportation are asked to call McAden at 928-5948.

CANDIDATES FILE FOR CITY AND SCHOOL ELECTIONS

A number of candidates have filed for places on the city and school elections which are scheduled for April.

Candidates filing for a place on the City Council are Royce Hardy, Clyde Wurst, Bobby DuBose, Horace Hargrove and George West.

Council members whose terms expire are Wurst, J. L. Fisher and Onis Crawford.

The City Election will be held at the Community Center, April 5, with Mrs. F. Y. Gaither appointed election judge.

School Board

At the close of the filing period for places on the Merkel School Board, it was reported that the

names of one incumbent, Joe McDuff and Orval Ely had been submitted for the two places to be filled on April 2.

Other members of the school board are Odis Griffin, Joel Henry, Ben Robert Hicks, Dr. Jarrett Williams and Johnny Teaff. Mrs. John Hardesty, secretary of the board, did not refile for the place she now fills.

The election will be held in the local high school gymnasium with Dewell McLean appointed election judge. He will be assisted by Mrs. Raymond Ferguson, Mrs. F. Y. Gaither and Bryan Dunning.



PARENT VISITATION WEEK — Getting a "first hand" report on her son's academic progress is Mrs. Seth D. Ragan, left, during parent-teacher conference with Mrs. Edwin Read, Merkel High School Science teacher. (Staff Photo)

THE FIZZLE FAMILY



LITTLE BADGER TRACKS

By RANDY DOAN

This week is the starting week for the Fire Prevention Poster Contest. Deadline for turning in your poster is March 31.

The Junior Conference Volleyball game will be held March 17 in the school gym. Games will start at 5 p.m. with both boys and girls playing.

The fourth six weeks honor roll ended Feb. 25 and several students were able to make the roll. Students who are in the Honor Roll for the 4th six week period are: Dianne Allen, Becky Holloway, Zana Mansfield, Jeri Mullenix, Connie Ragan, Jeanette Tanner, Jerry Beaird, and Joe Higbee of Mrs. Carroll Benson's fifth grade room.

From Mr. R. E. Bratcher's room students were Linda Black, Mary Beth Boyd, Patsy Button, Mark Clemmer, Don Clyburn and Kay Crenshaw.

Honor roll students from Mrs. Mack Fisher's sixth grade room are Kerry Thames, Debbie Bowen, Margo Hunter and Shelia Smith.

Mike Allen, Jan Beasley, Sandy Hogan, Patricia McDuff, Mary Jo Reddin, Debbie Teaf, Cindy Wade and Carol Whisenant were students who made the honor roll from Mrs. Paul Orsborne's room.

From Mrs. Andy Shouse's seventh grade room, were John Dixon, Gail Gentry, Mike McLean and Paul Thames.

Students from Mr. Mack Davis' room were Stanley Casady and Linda Sandford.

Students from Mrs. Norman

Winter's 8th grade room were Don Warren and Pat Moore.

held March 24, starting at 4 p.m. at the Badger Stadium. The schools that are scheduled to attend are Jim Ned, Wylie and Merkel. The meet will include boys and girls events.

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Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Disdain
5. Mark briefly
8. Casual talk
12. Ice cream
13. Stray
14. Plaster
15. Entrance
16. Salter
18. Reexamine
20. Shaft
21. Decline
22. Boy's nickname
23. Mimic
26. Attempt
28. Compact
32. Reckless
34. Dry
36. Antlered animal
37. Crawl
39. Weep
41. Children's game
42. Roman bronze
44. Seize; slang
46. Number
48. Volcano's mouth

DOWN

1. Wound
2. Protuberance
3. Single thing
4. E. Indian pepper plant
5. Pranksters
6. Metallic rock
7. Treatise
8. Over-shadowed
9. Intimation
10. Toward
11. Norse war god
17. Let flow
19. Squat
23. Bow
24. Average
25. Compass point
27. Affirmative mark
29. Seine
30. Ocean
31. Work unit
33. Sky
35. Combined action
38. Peep
40. Block
43. Cracks
45. Lowest
47. voice: mus.
46. Eristle
49. Tissue: anat.
50. Send forth
51. Tears
52. Jewel
53. Beverage

Answer to Puzzle

ACROSS: 1. DISDAIN, 5. MARK, 8. CHAT, 12. ICE CREAM, 13. STRAY, 14. PLASTER, 15. ENTRANCE, 16. SALTER, 18. REEXAMINE, 20. SHAFT, 21. DECLINE, 22. BOY, 23. MIMIC, 26. ATTEMPT, 28. COMPACT, 32. RECKLESS, 34. DRY, 36. ANTLERED, 37. CRAWL, 39. WEEP, 41. CHILDREN'S, 42. ROMAN, 44. SEIZE, 46. NUMBER, 48. VOLCANO'S, 17. LET, 19. SQUAT, 23. BOW, 24. AVERAGE, 25. COMPASS, 27. AFFIRMATIVE, 29. SEINE, 30. OCEAN, 31. WORK, 33. SKY, 35. COMBINED, 38. PEEP, 40. BLOCK, 43. CRACKS, 45. LOWEST, 47. VOICE, 46. ERISTLE, 49. TISSUE, 50. SEND, 51. TEARS, 52. JEWEL, 53. BEVERAGE.

Religious Review

ATTEND CHURCH SUNDAY!

- GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
Floyd G. Kinser, pastor
- SUNDAY
Sunday School 10:00
Worship Service 8:30
- FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**
Newton Daniel, pastor
- SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45
Worship Service 10:55
Youth Meeting 6:00
Evening Worship 7:00
- WEDNESDAY**
Choir Practice 8:00
- CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**
5th and Runnels
John W. Emery, pastor
- SUNDAY MORNING
Sunday School 10:00
Worship Service 11:00
- SUNDAY EVENING
Training Union 6:45
Worship Service 7:30
- WEDNESDAY**
Evening Service 7:30
- 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
Mid-Week Service .. 7:30 p.m.
Choir Practice 8:30 p.m.
- CHURCH OF CHRIST**
Dwight Holland, pastor
- SUNDAY
Bible School 9:45
Morning Worship 10:55
Evening Classes 6:00
Evening Worship 6:45
- WEDNESDAY**
Bible Classes 8:00
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**
Bill Tanner, pastor
- SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Radio Broadcast .. 10:15 a.m.
Worship Service ... 10:50 a.m.
Radio Broadcast 11:00 a.m.
Youth Choir 5:00 p.m.
Training Union 8:30 p.m.

School Children and the Flu Bug



This year may set high records for upper-respiratory diseases such as the "flu bug," especially among school-age children.

The "flu" may be characterized by headache, chills, high fever, sore throat and cough. If such symptoms occur, check your child's temperature immediately. Body temperature is nature's "early warning system." Call the family physician if you notice any signs of illness.

Dr. Theodore J. Bauer, Medical Director of Becton, Dickinson and Company, recommends the following steps for easily and correctly taking a child's temperature.

First, make sure that the mercury column of your thermometer is below 95 degrees. If the mercury level is too high, bring it down by shaking the thermometer with a snapping motion of the wrist. Then, have your child sit or lie down and insert the thermometer under the tongue, a little to one side. Caution the youngster to keep his lips closed and breathe through his nose. Tell him not to bite down or try to talk.

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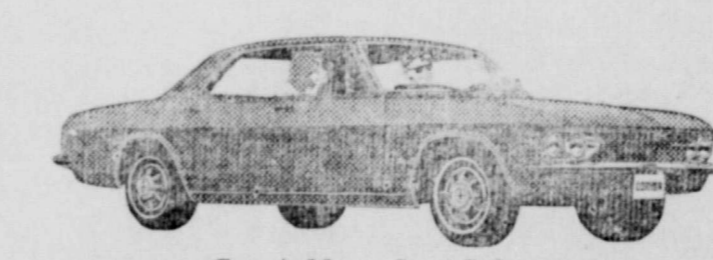
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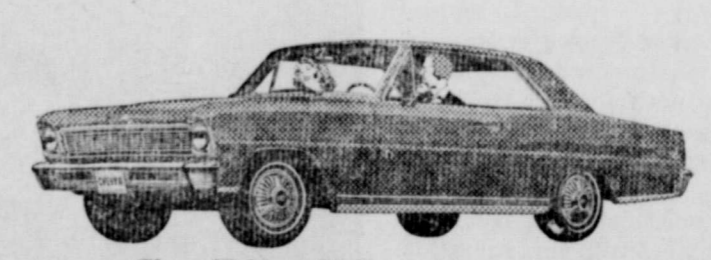
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KEEPING TAB ON MERKELITES AND AREA RESIDENTS

By JACKIE DOAN

Jimmy Brown has returned to Ardmore, Okla., after spending the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Edna Brown. Jimmy works for a geophysical company in Ardmore.

Reports have it that the Bill Hays' and the Craig Humphreys' had a wonderful time fishing at Falcon Lake, near Zapata, Tex. They stayed at the Beacon Lodge Trailer Park. Mrs. Humphreys reported that "fishing was excellent every day with large catches of huge crappie and bass." Bill Hays caught the largest crappie — weighing 2 1/4 lbs. black bass, and Mrs. Humphreys caught the largest crappie — weighing 2 1/4 lbs.

Besides the good time fishing, Mrs. Humphreys reported a fish she thought she had "in the bag." It seems that somewhere someone was trying to make a joke "work." Bill and Craig said they saw a fish swimming around in an old car top in the lake. They supposedly left to go and get it. When they returned, Mrs. H. asked if they caught the fish and both replied, "No, the fish had rolled the windows of the car up while we were looking for bait."

Mr. and Mrs. James Nelson of Snyder were visitors in the John Oliver home this weekend. Mr. Nelson is Mrs. Oliver's brother.

You can't beat the innocent sayings of a child, as Art Linkletter proves in his book, "Kids Sure Rite Funny".

"Although I am rather weak in biology, I am the best they is in English class."

"Most words are easy for me to spell once I get the letters right."

"I have on occasion dranken coffee. I like it black, mixed half and half with cream."

"We are not to run in class even if teacher don't see us because even if teacher don't see us Jesus can and he might tell the principal."

"Santa's reindeer get around so fast because they have athletes feet."

"Mad dogs must be shot as we have no way of telling who they are mad at and might bite."

You can listen to thunder after lightning and tell how close you came to getting hit. If you don't hear it then you got hit, so never mind."

'Busy Bees' Have Sewing Projects

The "Busy Bee" 4-H Club met Monday, March 7 in the High school home economics room. Members continued their sewing of shifts, skirts and blouses.

Refreshments were served to club members Tonja McAninch, Jan Beasley, Sandy Hogan, Cle Juan Douglas, Stephanie Walker, Mary Jo Reddin, and one new member, Mary Beth Boyd.

Adult leaders present were Mmes. June Hogan, Glenn Teaff, Charles Reddin and Donald Douglas.

The next "Busy Bee" meeting will be Monday, March 14.

Tax Man Sam Sez

Internal Revenue Services' new automatic data processing system makes complete and accurate tax returns a must. A major factor in the success of the IRS high volume data processing system is the speed and accuracy with which acceptable data can be fed into machines. Be sure to use the right line so IRS can put your tax return on magnetic tape with speed and accuracy. It will save you trouble as well as the good tax folks.



Peace Corps Test Set for March 12

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, March 12 at Room 2201, Post Office Building, Abilene. The Peace Corps uses the place-

ment test to determine how an applicant can best be utilized overseas. The test measures general aptitude and the ability to learn a language, not education or achievement.

The placement test takes about an hour and a half. An optional achievement test for applicants who have studied French or Spanish requires another hour.

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TRENT GARDEN CLUB PRESENTS 'FLOWER ARRANGING HISTORY'

The Merkel Garden Club was guest of the Trent Community Garden Club Monday, March 7 in the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc. Building.

"History of Flower Arrangements" was presented by the Trent Club and was grouped into eight arrangement periods. Arrangements and costumes of the speakers, depicting the era in

history represented, were colorful and authentic.

Mrs. J. M. Stowe extended welcome to the visitors and introduced Mrs. Othel O'Kelley, narrator.

Receiving guests were Mrs. C. W. Edwards and Mrs. Mary Click. Mrs. Geta Williamson presided at the register.

Serving on the Hospitality Com-

mittee were Mmes. H. A. Holt, Geta Williamson, Stella Cutler, W. L. Brown, Mary Click and Erma B. Black.

Members presenting the program, and the period represented were Japanese, Mrs. W. L. (Lotus Blossom) Brown; Renaissance, Mrs. Othel (Antoinette) Barnhill; Victorian, Mrs. Claude (Astor) Butler; Pioneer, Mrs. Erma B. (Elviry) Black; Traditional, Mrs. Geta Williamson; Arrangements by Mrs. Weldon (Clara Bow) Beasley; Modern, Mrs. Ronnie (Mo'derne) Freeman; Abstract, Mrs. Odell (Abbystraction) Freeman, and Avante Garde, Mrs. Odell Freeman; Arrangements by Mrs. Jack (Avan-nie) Bright.

Little misses dressed as space phantoms, presented an arrangement "So This is What Flower Arranging is Coming To." They were Cindy (Space Sprite) Beasley, Robbie (Astroid Beam) Freeman, and Rebecca (Moon Elf) Freeman.

Guests attending the Flower Arrangement Show were Mmes. Herbert Paterson, Charles Sherrill, John Shannon, A. H. McElmurray, O. B. Leach, Duning McConnell, Della Brown, and Audrie McNeal, all of Merkel.

Also Mmes. R. M. Ferguson, Ora Griggs, Olga Peachey, Johnny Cox, Denzil Cox, W. S. J. Brown, A. M. McNary, Dee Grimes, Jarrett Williams, Dee Blakeley and Lige Gamble, also of Merkel.

Abilene guests were Mrs. K. H. Fleming, Gladys Buchanan and Mrs. W. H. Buchanan.

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BADGER TALES

By DEBI CORDER

Most of you probably know by now that the band students caride away two big beautiful trophies at Lamesa last Saturday. We won first in concert playing and a first in sightreading. Mr. Reed and all of the students were thrilled about the "first," aside from the shock and disbelief. Mr. Reed was so shocked he fainted and Almer Barnes and Robert Wilson had to carry him to the bus. Actually, he did not faint, they just did it for fun. We were especially proud to get this honor because we were one out of six class A bands competing for the trophies.

There is a regional track meet which is going to be held all day Saturday, March 12. When Mr. Tate recently asked Mrs. Ryle to get some volunteer girls to help serve in the cafeteria, Kathy Whisenhunt wasn't the least bit hesitant to raise and wave her hand, saying she was not going



to pass up an opportunity like that!

Parent - teacher conference is over again, and I haven't seen any sudden changes in anybody yet, in the way of studying harder. Actually, these conferences probably just discouraged students more, because what is worse than two nagging parents?

For those of you who are losing faith and patience, only about one hundred and twenty - six more days until summer vacation!

HEART FUND DRIVE GOES OVER \$300

Over \$300 in donations was collected Tuesday, March 1 in the house to house campaign for the Heart Fund Drive in Merkel.

Some 25 volunteers conducted the local drive Tuesday night.

Local chairman, Tommie Cutler wishes to thank all those who contributed to this worthwhile drive. "Special thanks goes to the girls of the Merkel High School Homemaking Department and their instructor, Mrs. Ryle, for their help in making this drive a success in our area," he said.

Those who helped in the Heart Drive are Connie Lackey, Ann Walker, Penny Tanner, Ghronda Tarpley, Ann Carson, Marylee Nester, Pat Bunch, Wally Knight, Bob Hammond, Sharon Dean, Katherine Patterson and Jo Ann Stallo.

Also Connie McCarthy, Frances Doan, Kathy Whisenhunt, Mary Johnson, JoAnn Lassiter, Jimmy Laverich, Mrs. Adele Jones, Mrs. Dolores Toler and Mrs. Jane Fudge.

If you have not made a contribution and wish to do so you can still mail your donation to "Heart Fund Chairman" Tommie Cutler, Route 3, Merkel, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Onis Crawford and family were in Hamlin Sunday, March 5, to assist in open house, honoring Mrs. Crawford's parents on their Golden Wedding Anniversary. The honorees were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Morris.

Rayon, made chiefly from wood, was first manufactured commercially about 60 years ago.

CEMETERY FENCE FUND SPONSORED BY GARDEN CLUB

"Happiness is a Modest Thing," was the program topic for the Merkel Garden Club's meeting Thursday, March 7, held in Mrs. Charlie Sherrill's home.

Mrs. Herbert Paterson discussed several types of violets and

their care.

In presenting a talk on African Violets, Mrs. John Shannon pointed out that "African Violets reward anyone giving them T.L.C. (tender loving care)." "Violets should be potted in sterilized soil," she said, "and placed in diffused light. They thrive best at temperatures between 65 and 80 degrees, and should not be moved around."

Christine Collins lead a discussion concerning the Cemetery Fence Fund and reported that the club had "voted to underwrite 150 feet of new fence."

Mrs. Clyde Bartlett appointed committees to work in the April 23 Placement Show to be held in the home of Mrs. Jarrett Williams.

Members present were Mmes. John Shannon, Herbert Patterson, Joe Hartley, Mary Click, Ora Griggs, Olga Peachey, Dale Litton, Erma Black, Raymond Ferguson and Johnny Cox.

Also Mmes. Dee Grimes, Jarrett Williams, A. H. McElmurray, W. S. J. Brown, Buck Leach, W. T. Sadler, W. L. Brown, Clyde Bartlett, Charlie Sherrill and Miss Christine Collins, and one visitor, Mrs. Lottie Everett.

Mrs. Riney Hosts Blue Bonnet Club

The Blue Bonnet Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Leroy Riney March 1, with eight members and one guest, Mrs. E. S. Healy of Mobile, Ala., attending.

The group answered roll call with hints for making a sick room cheerier or a sewing idea. The program was on gardens and lawns, presented with suggestions by each club member.

NOODLE NEWS

By SIMMONS CALLAWAY

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Clement and daughter, Lauree, visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Doc Callaway Friday evening. The Clements are from Snyder.

Ernest Dixon had surgery at Scott and White Hospital, Temple last Monday, Feb. 28. As of this date, March 7, he is still in the intensive care unit. This is Mr. Dixon's second major surgery in less than two months. His wife, Leta, is in Temple with him.

Mrs. Eva Hobbs, Merkel, is spending a few days with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Oren Putman.

Charles Palmer was home last weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Palmer, Charles is attending Cisco Junior College.

Woody Wade visited the Ben Nichols' last Friday. Mr. Nichols is not doing too well at this writing.

A.I.C. Billy Sloan is visiting his wife, Barbara and son, Wayne, in Merkel, and also his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Sloan of Noodle.

Col. Karl Bonneaux Jr. spent Sunday with his parents. He is on his way to Saigon where he will be for one year.

ACTIVITIES BEGIN FOR BRUSHSTOMPERS

The Merkel Brushstompers are planning a busy season ahead. Saturday, March 12 is scheduled for a "clean - up" day at the Arena, and "all members and their families are urged to be there for work," reports Mrs. Jack Boone, publicity chairman. Mrs. Boone said that work would begin Saturday morning and "if everything was cleaned up early, no afternoon work would be necessary."

The Brushstompers are invited to ride in the Oldtimers' Parade in Abilene, Saturday, March 19. "Fifty dollars will be given to the winning riding club," said Mrs. Boone "and all members are urged to ride."

"Playnight" begins for the Riding Club Saturday, March 19, with members to be at the Arena at 7:30.

Officers for the Brushstompers Club are Edwin Read, president; Walter Henslee, vice president; and Mark Williamson, secretary-treasurer. Directors are Read,

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A gift party honoring Mrs. Doug Stephenson was held recently at the Stith Community Center. Mrs. Stephenson is the former Pat McDonald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald of the Stith Community.

lone served refreshments from a cut-work table centered with pink geraniums and sweet peas. The napkins were engraved "Doug and Pat."

Nancy Evans presided at the register.

Hostesses were Meses. Mark Malone, Fred Perry, Paul Bradley, Billy Dunagin, Fletcher Jones and Albert Evans.

Also Meses. Calvin Irvin, Ray Perry, Curtis Clyburn, Elbert

For The Man Who Drinks At His Desk



New foam plastic coffee cups are gaining widespread acceptance in offices throughout the country. Executives and secretaries can leave their desks for nearly an hour and still return to a hot cup of coffee without that familiar cardboard taste. Made of a rigid foam plastic called Dylite, which is produced by Sinclair-Koppers Company, the cups stay cool to the touch, have no odor or taste and won't leave stains on furniture.

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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: The heirs of W. T. Winter, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 4th day of April A.D. 1966, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 14th day of February A.D. 1966, in this cause, numbered 30,090-A on the docket of said court and styled City of Merkel, Plaintiff, vs. Earl Stevens, Bill Stevens, Mrs. Ralph Stevens Sabin and the heirs of W. T. Winter, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: for delinquent taxes on the following property:

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

BEING a tract of land out of the West one-half (W-1/2) of Lot No. 2, Block A, Thornton Subdivision of Blocks 13 and 25, College Addition to the City of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas and being the South 87' and the East 68.6' of said W-1/2 of Lot No. 2, save and except the following described portion which was conveyed as R.O.W. to the State of Texas for Interstate Highway 20 and beginning at a point South 13' and West 100' of the NW corner of said Lot No. 2, Block A, Thornton Subdivision; THENCE South 80 deg. 38' East 54.54' to a point for corner; THENCE South 72 deg. 36.5' West 3.8' to a point, and continuing in a Southwesterly direction which is South 84 deg. 12' West 53' to a point for corner; THENCE North 9 deg. 20' East 15.58' to the place of beginning, 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 13th day of February A.D. 1966.

(Seal)
Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk,
42nd District Court
Taylor County, Texas.
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
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FARM TOPICS

Why Waterways?

(Special to The Merkel Mail)

Grassed waterways are like a foundation that supports a house. All water conservation practices on the farm may depend on the proper functioning of the waterway.

Control of erosion by grassed waterways is important to both farm and city people. They provide safe outlets for terrace water and water that enters from adjoining land for the farmers. For the city people grassed waterways prevent eroding fields from depositing silt into our water reservoirs and recreation lakes.

Waterways properly established and maintained are not "wasted" acres. Waterways may be used for hay, grass seed production,

or limited grazing, besides serving as safe outlets for fields. In most cases the number of acres within the waterway is less than the number of acres that were damaged by gullies before the waterways was established. The waterway does much toward improving the appearance of the farm besides this saving in acres.

Check the low areas and drainage ways on your farm after the next heavy rain. Chance are there will be finger gullies on the fields and silt deposits in the low areas. This indicates the need for a grassed waterway, then terraces after the waterway is established. If you live in the city and don't have a farm to check, go to your city water reservoir or favorite recreation lake. If you

... large amounts of silt, and murky water near where a stream enters the reservoir it is evident that grassed waterways are needed to help slow down this filling of the lake with silt.

Now is not too soon to start on planning and construction of a grassed waterway for your farm. Cost-share assistance is available through the Great Plains Conservation Program administered by the Soil Conservation Service and through the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. The supervisors of the Middle Clear Fork Soil and Water Conservation District urge farmers to contact your local Soil Conservation Service for technical assistance on planning and design of your waterways. Make sure you have a strong foundation for your conservation practices.

CLASSIFIED ADS
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Homemakers Will Meet March 10

The Taylor County Young Homemakers will meet Thursday, March 10 at the Cooper High School home economics department at Abilene at 7 p.m.

A representative of the Abilene Garden Club will present the program on dried arrangements.

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Here, for example, is how you make a bed and sofa. Start with a box approximately 6 1/4 inches long, 4 1/2 inches wide and 2 inches high. (The lid of a one-pound candy box is the right size.) Spread glue over the top of the box, and place a piece of fabric, slightly larger than the top, over it. Repeat the same procedure to cover the sides, remembering to always smooth

the fabric with your hand before cutting off the excess.

To make the pillow, take five paper tissues, fold them the length desired for your bed or sofa and roll them. Cut fabric the same length as the pillow size, glue the inside of this rectangle of fabric and set the roll of tissues inside it. Pin fabric around tissues until glue is set. Cut round pieces of fabric for the ends of the bolster or pillow, and glue to ends.

Arms for the sofa are made the same way. For a sofa, the box should be approximately 6 inches long, 3 inches wide and 2 inches high. Both the bed and sofa can be dressed up with self-sticking shelf ruffing. A household of furniture, a car, even a swimming pool can be made following directions such as those above. Just write to Dorothy Nugent, 4330 Paul Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19124, for a richly illustrated 48-page book of directions. Cost, including postage, is less than three dollars prepaid.

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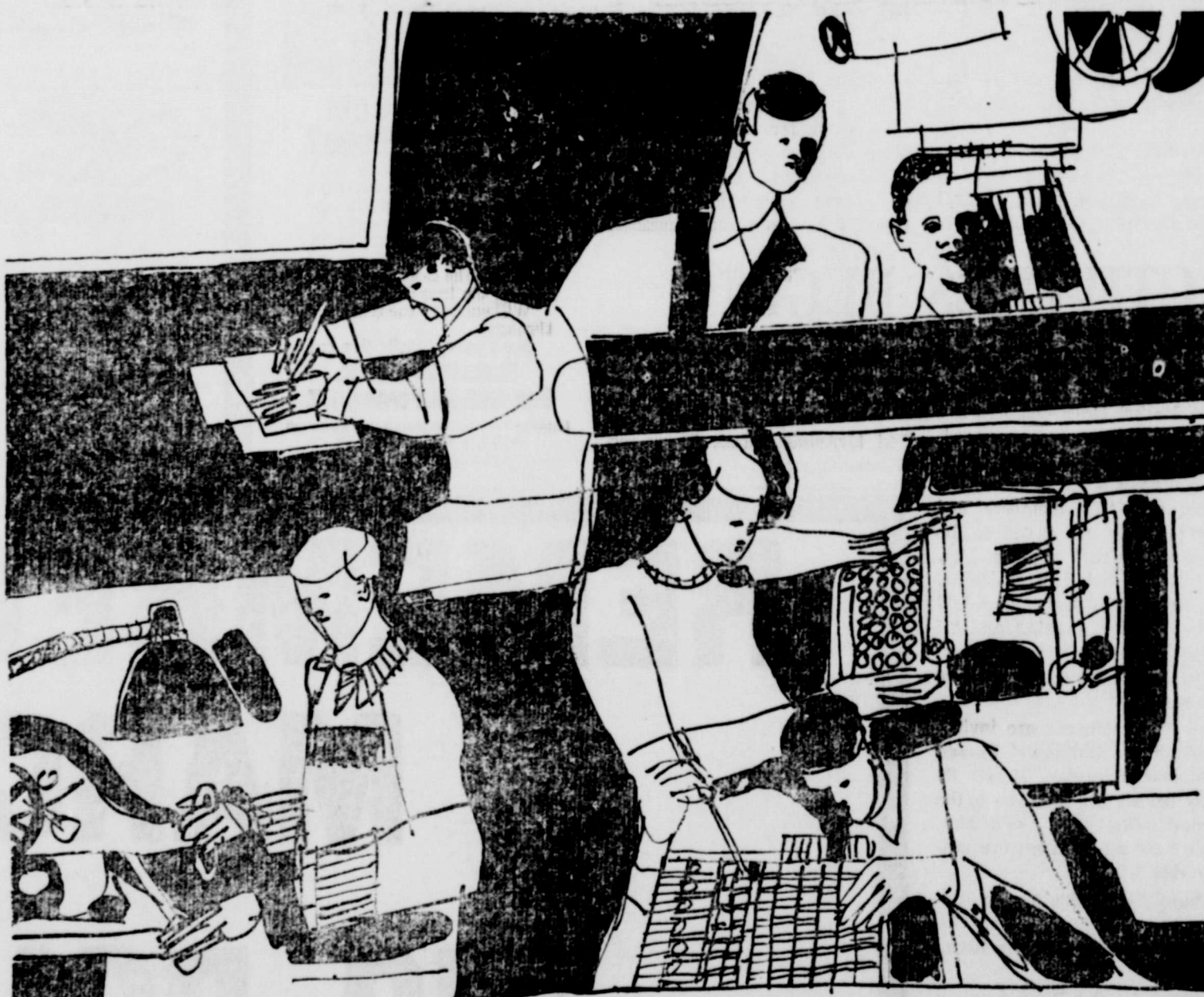
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Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



We had some dust storms and cold weather last week.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hudson back to our community. Mr. and Mrs. Hudson moved last week from Merkel to Mrs. Pick Payne's place.

Mrs. Ollie Fowler, daughter of Mrs. John Hobbs, left Thursday for her home in California. She has been helping take care of her mother for several months. Mrs. Hobbs continues to improve. Visitors in the Hobbs' home last week were Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Hobbs, Grand Prairie; Gaston Hobbs of Lubbeck; and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jones.

Mrs. Sonny Horton had dinner Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn and Rodney. Mrs. Horton and Mrs. Mashburn visited Sunday afternoon with Mrs. John Shaw and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shaw in Hawley.

Mrs. J. E. Swindell had all her children home recently. They are Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Swindell Jr., and Ricky. Mr. and Mrs. James Hardin, Mr. and Mrs. James Strong and Melinda and the Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Swindell. Also Miss Judy Waller of Athens visited the Swindells.

CEMETERY FUND

The Merkel Cemetery Association received the following contribution:

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(Donors to the Lawn Mower Fund will be published at a later date.)

Mrs. Harris Hosts Dorcas S.S. Class

Mrs. Lige Harris hosted the First Baptist's Dorcas Sunday School Class meeting Thursday, March 3 in her home at 404 Rese Street.

Devotional was presented by Mrs. T. J. Bird, with prayer by Mrs. Homer Finch.

Refreshments were served to Mmes. Sam Swann, Finch, J. W. Tiner, Lard, Emory Wilburn, Houston Robertson, Bessie Jackson, Myrtle Walker, W. M. Hays, E. M. McDonald, C. P. Stevens and Ethel Powell.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry visited last week at the Knox City Hospital with Mrs. Perry's uncle, Will Smith, who is seriously ill.

Visitors in the Fred Perry home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Perry, Tye and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Perry.



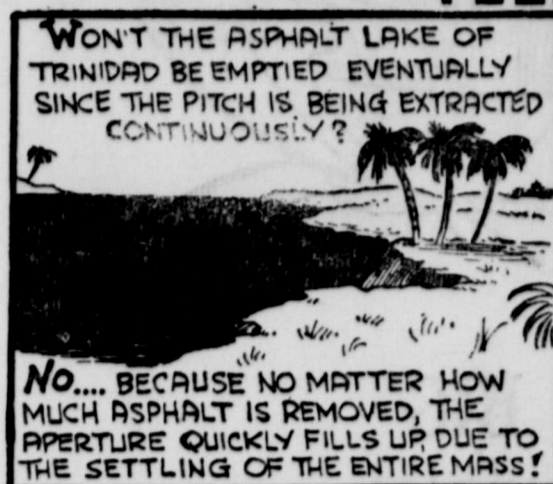
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R. Wayne Hester, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. (Buster) Hester of Rose, Merkel, is among students at North Texas State University, Denton, who made the dean's list for the past semester.

Wayne is a member of the Accounting Club, and is a Junior Accounting Major.

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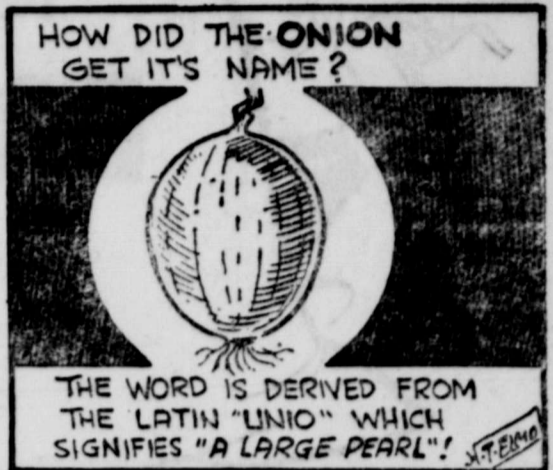
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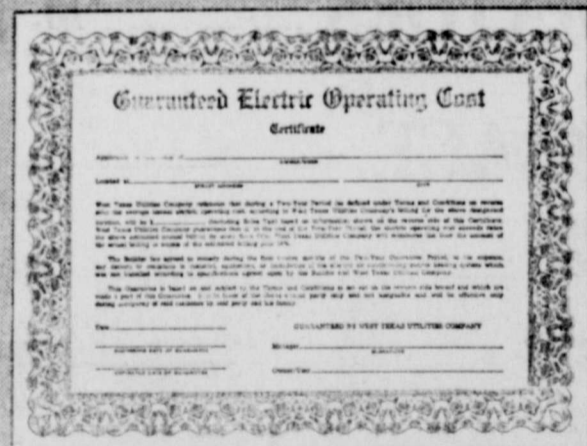
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