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PLANT DEDICATION SET FOR SEPT. 7

The Soil Conservation Service Plant Materials Center at Knox City, Texas, will be dedicated on Sept. 7, 1967, according to plans announced today by H. N. Smith, State Conservationist, Temple. Donald A. Williams, SCS Admin-



Up
The
Canyon
By TOM
RUSSOM

Well, everything here in the Canyon is just about as usual — except the nights are real cool and a little better prospect for rain.

Hay baling is getting off to a good start. Our area will produce enough hay to winter the livestock this winter. There was a little carry over hay from last year.

We get the report that cotton thus far, looks real good, that is in the Merkel and surrounding area.

Talked to many farmers who where here for our annual singing from as far away as San Angelo and up in the Plains area. They said that for crops, pastures and livestock things looked very good. Around Hamlin, we got a report that milo is beginning to turn red and is good.

There's a lot of feed lots over West Texas and even in our own area, and it is thought that a large amount of milo will be bought.

In the livestock sale recently Johnson Brothers have sold their calves to a Nebraska buyer, who has bought the Johnson's calves for many years. The steers weighed 550 and sold for 27 cents a pound. The heifers weighed in at 525 and sold for 26 cents a pound. Maurice Johnson, owner of a grocery store and cafe in Merkel is one of the Johnson Brothers. They own ranching interests in the Opalin area. Johnson reported that their mother cows will be in good shape to go into winter, after selling the calves off.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russom were in San Angelo last week looking over the sheep market. Found some 10,000 head of sheep on the market. Bought a load of light weight lambs, weighing 50 pounds, to put on field pasture. The Russoms are also beginning to ship some calves this week. Calves won't be too heavy, but the price is good.

Well, the 4th annual Singing was held last Sunday at Pioneer Church, and is now history. B. B. Little of San Angelo will serve another year as our president.

Included in the large crowd attending were Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon, Mrs. Don Riney and son, Tommie, and the Lem Dudleys.

Our thanks go to the Taylor Electric Cooperative for the use of their sound system and also other equipment.

Well, the wedding bells will ring again at Pioneer Church Sunday night, Aug. 20. Malinee Seymore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seymore, will be married to Allen Harman. Time will be 6:30 p.m. Malinee says "I want everybody who would like to come to my wedding, to feel free to do so."

The Seymore Family Reunion will be held this weekend at the Presbyterian Camp at Buffalo Gap. Joe said, "all friends are welcome to come visit with them at that time."

Mrs. Dewell McLean reports that their son, Hollis, will leave service on the 28th of this month and will be home. Hollis always

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istrator, Washington, D.C., will speak at the public ceremony.

The center finds, evaluates and puts into use new plants to solve both farm and non-farm problems. It serves Texas, Oklahoma and adjoining states.

Other SCS plant material centers proved and introduced such plants as King Ranch Bluestem, Texas Buffelgrass, Uvalde Sidecats Grama, Cheyenne Indiangrass and Weeping Lovegrass.

About 850 selections of grasses, forbs and shrubs are being evaluated at the new center. Planting materials being used include seed, sprigs and rootstock.

People from Merkel area interested in development of forage crops are invited to attend this dedication according to Arneal Scott, Work Unit Conservationist. He said, "It will give everyone an opportunity to observe the procedure used in development of improved forage grasses."

4-H Club Members To Meet Aug. 17

Members of the Merkel 4-H Club will meet at the Rose Hill Cemetery Thursday, Aug. 17, at 3 p.m. to take part in their Community Service Project, according to club reporter, Robert Boyd.

"Each member is asked to bring hoes, rakes and necessary tools for working at the cemetery," said Boyd. "A weiner roast and social will follow the work-time, and each member should bring money to pay for their share of the food."

The Taylor County 4-H Beef Tour was held Aug. 14, with Terry Wade, Randy Bond, Robert and Patricia Boyd exhibiting their steers on the Tour.

3rd Friday Night Singing Aug. 18

The annual Third Friday Night Singing will be held this Friday, Aug. 18 at the Victory Baptist Church.

Church pastor, the Rev. W. G. Richardson, invites "everyone who enjoys good singing to come at 7:30 p.m."

Victory Baptist Church is located at 307 El Paso Street in Merkel.



COLLEGE BOUND — These 1967 Merkel High School graduates take "time out" from a busy schedule of preparing for college this fall. The young ladies and the colleges they are attending are, from left, Mamie Patterson, McMurry College; Jeanie Anderson, Hardin - Simmons University; Cathy Derrington, Abilene Christian College, and Bronwyn Gamble, The University of Texas. (Staff Photo)

Civic Clubs Hear Hospital Talks

MERKEL LIONS CLUB HEAR MRS. HARDESTY

Speaking to the Merkel Lions Club at their regular noon luncheon concerning the up-coming election for the Merkel Hospital District was Mrs. John Hardesty, member and secretary of the Hospital Board.

Mrs. Hardesty outlined the background of the hospital planning, and informed members and guests present that "in early 1966 civic leaders in the Merkel area began investigating possibilities of getting a hospital here."

Mrs. Hardesty stressed the fact that "no more than 75 cents per \$100 valuation can be assessed to any tax payer in this district for the hospital. The 75 cents per \$100 valuation is based solely on County valuation," said Mrs. Hardesty.

In an interview with Burl King, Taylor County Tax Assessor - Collector, Mrs. Hardesty gave as an example the assessed valuation on a \$10,040 home as being \$2,010.

"At 75 cents per \$100 valuation," said Mrs. Hardesty, "the taxes would be \$18.83 per year."

In commenting on the question concerning "staffing the hospital," Mrs. Hardesty emphasized the fact that "we definitely would have to have a hospital before we could begin to staff it."

"Certainly the board and other people in the Merkel area have looked into the possibility of staffing the hospital," said Mrs. Hardesty.

Guest of the Lions Club was J. D. McCullough of Stephenville, and Lions' District Governor.

In speaking to the group, McCullough urged members to "vote Sept. 9 whether you are for or against the hospital district."

"Apathy," he said, "can be a dangerous habit. And failure to vote either for or against can be a form of apathy."

McCullough urged Merkel Lions to "serve at the local level."

"The Lions motto this year," said McCullough, "is World Understanding through Lionism," and beginning with an understanding of your community will expand the world understanding."

Other guests attending the noon luncheon were Bob Long of Lubbock and Jack Crane of the Elmwood West Club in Abilene.

AN EDITORIAL

HOSPITAL BUILDING IS FIRST COMMUNITY MUST STRIVE

(Editor's Note: Dr. Jarrett Williams, Pathologist at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene, and a resident of the Merkel area, comments this week on the Hospital District.)

Virtually everyone living in the area described as the District wishes a hospital to be established as referred to in the Hospital Bill. The very presence of a hospital in a community lends a feeling of security, often false and undeserved. Nevertheless, a hospital building itself suggests that the community is alert, progressive and, most importantly, that nurses and physicians are available to render medical aid. A hospital, then, is more than brick and mortar. It is an institution with dedicated people to take care of the sick.

In reality, the character of the building and its exact location often makes little difference. In the Sunday edition of the Abilene Reporter-News, August 13, there was an article concerning a complete, well equipped but mobile hospital in Vietnam larger than Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene, but without brick and mortar.

But people can become accustomed to being without immediate medical care, without hospitals, without physicians and medical personnel. And, as people become immune to this lack of what is commonly called essential facilities, the community dies gradually and there is little outside public and business interest in the community. So the arguments in favor of having a hospital in the general area of Merkel can be accepted as desirable and even mandatory. A community can grow and stay alive only if the people have adequate medical care among other essentials.

A hospital can be established in

VOTE
SEPT. 9

BURL KING SPEAKS TO OPTIMIST CLUB

Burl King, Taylor County Tax Assessor - Collector in speaking to the Merkel Optimist Club at their noon luncheon Wednesday

gave members and guests an idea of what the taxpayer would be assessed on a \$5,000, \$10,000 and a \$20,000 home.

"Since the Hospital District assesses on the same ratio that the county assessment ratio is, your tax will be on the 25 per cent basis," said King.

The market value of a \$5,000 home would be \$1,250 at the 25 per cent ratio assessment, which would cost the taxpayer \$9.38 for the hospital.

On a \$10,000 home, the 25 per cent ratio assessment is \$2,500 and the hospital tax will be \$18.75.

On a \$20,000 home, at the 25 per cent ratio assessment of \$5,000 the hospital tax will be \$37.50.

During the question and answer period, King was asked "who is eligible to vote?"

"If you have property on the 1967 state - county tax roll, and if you have registered, and live within the boundaries of Precinct Two, then you are eligible to vote in the Sept. 9 election, answered King.

"However," said King, "if you do not have property rendered now, it is too late to render at this time."

Herman Carson, member of the Hospital Board, explained to the group that the 75 cents per one hundred dollars valuation (county) of property in Precinct Two "means just that."

"The levy of 75 cents means that we can go no higher, and it might be much less," said Carson.

Guest at the club's noon luncheon were Dr. Don Warren and members of the Hospital Board.

Homemakers To Meet at 7:30

Members of the Taylor County Homemakers will meet today at 7:30 p.m. at the Taylor Electric Cooperative building to organize a Homemaker Chapter in Merkel.

Mrs. Hugh Baker, member of Taylor County Young Homemakers, said that women in the Merkel area who are interested in joining this chapter are invited to attend.

Mrs. Newton Daniel, wife of the First Methodist Church pastor in Merkel, will speak to the group, said Mrs. Baker.

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25 YEAR TENURE — Albert Maberry, Trent, right, receives the 25 year tenure award of the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association from the organization's president, E. A. Roquemore of Arlington. The award was presented at the Annual Awards Breakfast for the Association in recognition of the dedicated service rendered by Vocational Agriculture.

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: Paul Headstream, 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 4th day of September A.D. 1967, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 5th day of July A.D. 1967, in this cause, numbered 3452 on the docket of said court and

stayed Irene Headstream, Plaintiff, vs. Paul Headstream, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married August 18, 1960 and became permanently separated in July 1963.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 20th day of July A.D. 1967.

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

By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
21 4tc



BESS MYERSON
... fashion seminar speaker

Retailing Seminar Slated Aug. 24-26

Bess Myerson, a former Miss America and one of the nation's leading television personalities, will reveal the secret of putting beauty into Fashion at the Retailing Seminar Aug. 25-26 at the Dallas Apparel Mart.

The Dallas Apparel Mart will precede by one day opening of the week-long Winter Holiday Market, also at the Mart.

Merchants attending from Merkel will be Mrs. Dee Grimes and Mrs. Cyrus Pee of Bragg; Sylvan Melling of Mellingers, and Mr. and Mrs. Onis Crawford of Crawfords.

The former Miss America has been the commentator on the CBS annual New Year's Day Tournament of Roses broadcast for the last eight years. Television shows have featured Miss Myerson on I've Got a Secret and Candid Camera.

Turner Reunion Held August 13

The descendants of the late M. and Mrs. F. Z. Turner had their annual reunion at the Merkel Community Center, Sunday, Aug. 13.

Relatives and friends attended included Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kenney and daughter, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kenney, Mesquite; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bayes, Ackery, and Mrs. Lola Page, Mrs. Stella Barnard, Mrs. Meda Owens, Mrs. Gertrude Hamlin, all of Big Spring.

Also Mrs. Nellie Wall, Clovis, N.M.; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Richardson, Texico, N.M.; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Turner, Monument, N.M.; and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Castle, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Loyd, and Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Castle and son, all of Knett, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Maserang, Eagle Pass; Mrs. Leola Warren, Mrs. Vannie Henslee and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gottschalk and baby, all of Abilene, and Bruce Stevens of Sylvester.

Those attending from Merkel were Mr. and Mrs. Houston Martin, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dye and boys, Mrs. E. M. Blackburn, Robert Dye, Ruben Dye, Ford Smith Sr. and Mrs. Rex Martin, and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ensminger.

Dercas SS Class Holds Meeting

The Dorcas Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met Wednesday, Aug. 10 in the home of Mrs. Eunice Massey with Mrs. T. J. Bird as co-hostess.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Mrs. R. Y. Buchanan. Mrs. Massey gave the devotional.

A committee was appointed to select new officers for the coming year.

The business meeting was concluded with Prayer by Mrs. P. F. Harris.

Refreshments were served to Mmes. Clara Driver, M. T. Head, Mary Jones, Homer Finch, Callie Price and Jewel Meeks.

Also Myrtle Walker, Earl Foster, Bessie Jackson, Ira Moore, J. T. Tiner, Buchanan, Harris and Massey.

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TAYLOR

NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, by virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said Court on the 28th day of May, 1967, in Cause No. 20,790-A on the docket of said Court, wherein Southwest Savings & Loan Association was plaintiff and First National Bank of Abilene, Abilene, Texas, Unites' States of America and Carl Williamson and Vicky Williamson were Defendants, I did, on the 7th day of August, 1967, levy on the following described tract of land in Taylor County, Texas, and being:

The South 63 feet of the North 142 feet of the East 116 feet of Lot 1, Block No. 2, Sayles & Hughes Subdivision of Block No. 11, B. Austin Survey No. 91 (lying West of Meander Street) in the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

And on the 5th day of September, 1967, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock a.m. and 4:00 o'clock p.m., on said day, at the Courthouse door of said County, I will offer for sale and sell said property at public auction, for cash subject to the right of Defendant United States of America to redeem said property for a period of 120 days from the date of such sale.

Dated at Abilene, Texas, this 7 day of August, 1967.

JOHN W. THOMAS, Constable
FRED OWNEY, Deputy
23 3tc

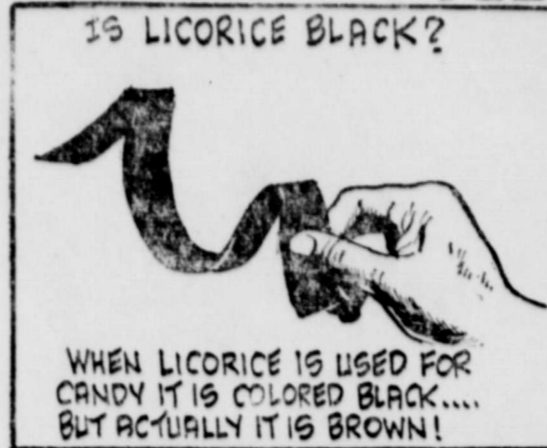
Harrison Reunion

The Harrison Reunion will be held Sunday, Aug. 20 at the State Park near Buffalo Gap.

An invitation "is extended to anyone who wishes to attend."

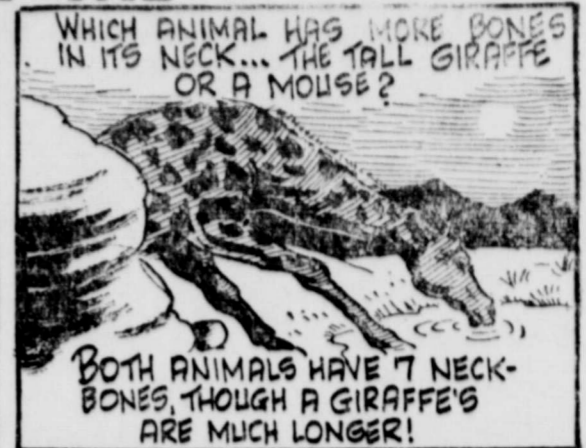
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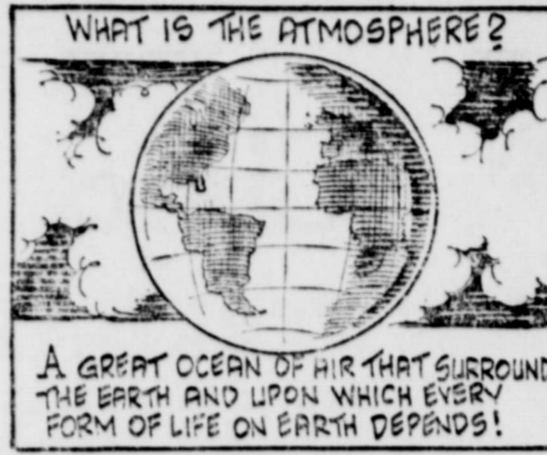
IS LICORICE BLACK?

WHEN LICORICE IS USED FOR CANDY IT IS COLORED BLACK... BUT ACTUALLY IT IS BROWN!



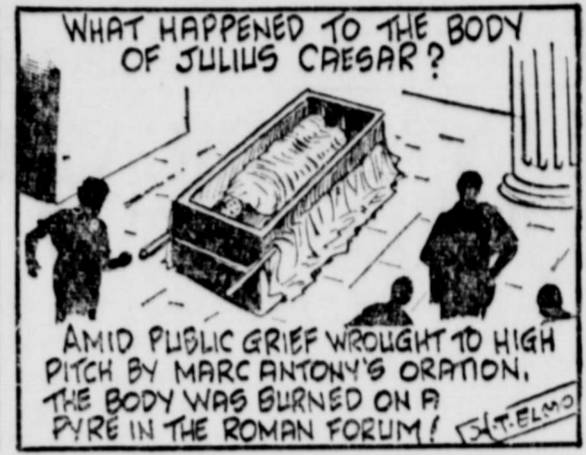
WHICH ANIMAL HAS MORE BONES IN ITS NECK... THE TALL GIRAFFE OR A MOUSE?

BOTH ANIMALS HAVE 7 NECK-BONES, THOUGH A GIRAFFE'S ARE MUCH LONGER!



WHAT IS THE ATMOSPHERE?

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WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BODY OF JULIUS CAESAR?

AMID PUBLIC GRIEF WROUGHT TO HIGH PITCH BY MARC ANTONY'S ORATION, THE BODY WAS BURNED ON A PYRE IN THE ROMAN FORUM! (S.M. ELWOOD)

T-DPS RELATES NEW LAWS CONCERNING VEHICLE INSPECTION

The Texas Department of Public Safety would like to remind motorists that "we are fast approaching the beginning of a new motor vehicle inspection period and that the laws relating to vehicle inspection has been changed."

Monday, Aug. 28, 1967 will start the new period of inspection for all vehicles operated and registered in this state except trailers and semi trailers whose gross weight and that of the load carried is 4,000 pounds or less.

Until this year, only the brakes, lighting equipment, horn and warning devices, mirrors and windshield wipers were to have been inspected. The new law adds several items that must be inspected.

Now, in addition to the above, front seat belts have been added as an item that must be inspected and is therefore required equipment. Front Seat Belts are required on every motor vehicle in which belt anchorages were a part of the manufacturers original equipment. On American made passenger cars, all models beginning with 1962 models were part of the original equipment and must be inspected.

Steering has also been added to the required items. Steering will be inspected for lash, to see that it does not jam on full turns and fluid in power steering meets the recommended level.

Wheels and rims will be inspected for bent rims, flanges, loose or missing bolts or nuts or cracks or other defects that might impair proper inflation or operation.

Another change in this law raises the fee for inspection from \$1.00 to \$1.75. If the vehicle passes or is rejected, \$1.75 is the fee.

If a person must have some repairs, parts or adjustments they may take their vehicle to the place of their choice and have the item corrected. If the owner then returns to the inspection station with the rejection slip within one week the mechanic need only inspect one item and the inspection sticker will be placed on his windshield at no additional cost.

People think that the fee is for the inspection sticker but this is misinformation. The fee of \$1.75 is for the inspection and not for the sticker.

Every motor vehicle that is involved in an accident where there was at least \$25.00 damage done to their vehicle, the law requires that this vehicle be inspected again after repairs have been made, before it is operated on the streets and highways of this state.

The deadline when all vehicles must be inspected is April 15, 1968. This means that every owner has seven and one half months in which to have their vehicle inspected. The purpose of the mo-

tor vehicle inspection law is to discover any defect in a vehicle that might become a link in the chain of events leading up to an accident, and to remove that link and thus prevent a probable accident.

Documentary Film Is Now Available

DALLAS — The Internal Revenue Service has a new documentary film for showing to civic and other public organizations. The 20 minute color film is entitled "Mission for Millions."

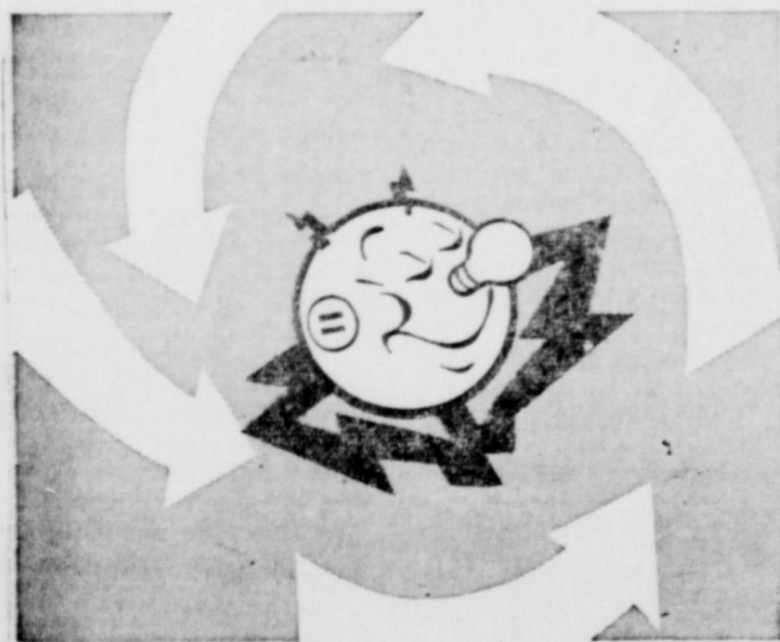
A copy of the film can be obtained by a civic organization by contacting Jim Hodges at Area Code 214, RI 9-2481, or by writing P. O. Box 594, Dallas, Texas 75221.

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2-Lb. Can

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KING SIZE

\$1.19

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KING SIZE

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DONALD DUCK 12-OZ.

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29¢

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Lb. **19¢**

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39¢

CRISCO OIL

48-Oz. Bottle

89¢

OLEO

Kraft's Parkay

2 Lbs.

49¢

Gladiola

FLOUR

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59¢

25-lb. bag

\$1.98



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- Miscellaneous -

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

ROY MASHBURN, W. M. DAN BUTLER, Sec'y.

NEED A NEW WELL DRILL-ED? An old well cleaned out? Call **Robert Higgins**, 4-5898. Also sell and install **Meyers Pumps**. 51-tfc

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WANTED — Hay baling. Will haul. Contact Stan Hicks, Trent, 962-9275, or 962-9884. 22 4tp

LOST — Green chisel foot piece for three-point hitch John Deere chisel plow on the Old Noodle Road about ten days ago. If found, please contact Cramer Reynolds, Phone 928-5570. 24 2tc

WANTED — Printer's Devil for Merkel Mail. To work after school at least three afternoons a week. Must be 16 years of age or over. Apply in person Thursday p.m. this week, Mon. Tuesday or Wednesday of next week.

LOST — 910 pound Polled Hereford bull. Has sale tag number 5314. Strayed out of Leon Toombs pasture (17 miles south-west Merkel) Friday, Aug. 11. Phone 928-5638. 24 2tp

LOST bright carpet colors. Restore them with Blue Lustre. Rent electric shampooer, \$1. Bullock Hardware, Phone 928-5310. 24 1tc

RUMMAGE Sale — Portable TV, air conditioner, clothes, dishes, pots and pans. 1202 No. 6th St. 24 2tp

WANTED — Good used ironer. Prefer Ironrite. Call Mrs. Bob Dye at 928-4978. 24 2tp

GARAGE SALE — Some brand new items, some used. Aug. 17, 18, 19. Mrs. Benny Melton, 1529 Sunset. 24 1tp

- For Rent -

FOR RENT — Furnished apartment. Three rooms and bath. 411 Ash. Mary Collins. Phone 928-5746 or 928-4728. 19 tfe

FOR RENT — Unfurnished two bedroom house. Clean, plumbed for washer, back yard fenced. Close to school. 928-5326. 24 2tp

FOR RENT — Nice, clean furnished two bedroom apartment, fenced yard. Reasonable. Phone 928-5669. 24 2tc

FOR RENT — Now available for rent Cortrex. Effortless way to lose unwanted pounds and inches. Call Mrs. John Brady, 928-5765. 25 tfe

FOR RENT — Two bedroom furnished or unfurnished house. Contact Mrs. H. R. McKeever, 928-5611 or after 5 p.m. 928-5577. 24 2tc

FOR RENT
 Nice 2 bedroom furnished duplex, 1304 No. 2nd.
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 REAL ESTATE

- For Sale -

FOR SALE — Two bedroom house. 2 baths, den, living room, kitchen, garage, and fenced yard. Call 928-5492. 9 tfe

FOR SALE — 3 bedroom house on Yucca St., 1700 ft. floor space. Phone 928-6906. 2 tfe

FOR SALE — Good used pink sofa. Faye Ueckert. 928-5765. 24 2tc

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FOR SALE — Used refrigerator, good condition, cheap. 302 Locust St., Phone 928-5391. 24 2tp

FOR SALE — The A. J. Canon Estate farm. 196 1/2 acres at Stith. Call Mrs. Weldon McAninch after 5 p.m. 928-5102. 24 4tc

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Children Honor Former Merkelite

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Berry of Ebers, formerly of Merkel, were given a surprise party recently. The occasion was in celebration of the couple's 50th Anniversary, according to a daughter, Mrs. B. F. Dowlan of Lake Jackson, Tex. Thirty-one children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren attended.



Religious Review

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 5:30 p.m.
 Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.
 WEDNESDAY
 Women's Missionary Society 9:30 a.m.
 Sunbeam Band 5:15 p.m.
 Junior GA's 8:45 p.m.
 Intermediate Royal Ambassadors 3:30 p.m.
 Midweek Service 7:30 p.m.
 FRIDAY
 Junior Choir 3:30 p.m.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
 Newton Daniel, pastor
 SUNDAY
 Sunday School 9:45
 Worship Service 10:55
 Youth Meeting 8:00
 Evening Worship 7:00
 WEDNESDAY
 Choir Practice 8:00

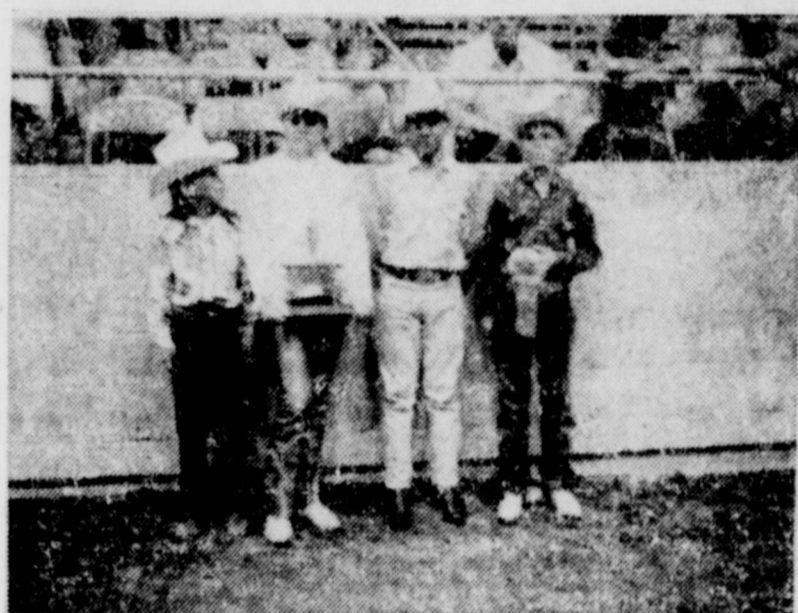
CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Dwight Holland, pastor
 SUNDAY
 Bible School 9:45
 Morning Worship 10:55
 Evening Classes 6:00
 Evening Worship 6:45
 WEDNESDAY
 Bible Classes 8:00

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.

VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH
 307 El Paso St.
 W. G. Richardson, pastor
 SUNDAY
 Bible School 10:00
 Worship Service 11:00
 Evening Service 7:00
 WEDNESDAY
 Evening Service 7:00

MISSION BAPTISTA BETHEL
 Juan Nix, pastor
 Sunday School 10 a.m.
 Morning Worship 11 a.m.
 Training Union 6 p.m.
 Evening Worship 7 p.m.

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 JAMES SINCLAIR, pastor
 SUNDAY
 Sunday School 10:00



STATE HORSE SHOW PARTICIPANTS — Members from Mulberry Canyon and Merkel 4-H Clubs who participated in the State Horse Show held at Odessa last week are, from left, Cindy Whisenhunt, Kathryn Criswell, Mark Dudley and Jeff Whisenhunt. Cindy placed 9th in halter, Kathryn, first in pole bending, Jeff 5th in barrels, and Mark and Jeff qualified in the finals for showmanship.

WT FAIR ANNOUNCES 'UNIQUE' CONTEST

A unique contest, not one featuring animals, will be one of the many highlights of the West Texas Fair Sept. 11-16 in Abilene.

It is a tractor-driving contest and contestants will be 4H and FFA youngsters. It is designed to advance safety, skill and efficiency in the use of power farm equipment, according to Tommy Cutler, chairman of the contest. Cutler is Member Service Advisor for Taylor Electric Cooperative in Merkel.

A total of \$310 will be awarded the eight youngsters who turn in the best score for the event with \$100 earmarked for the champion, Cutler said.

The contest will be held in two sections with eliminations set for 8:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 15, with the finals set for Saturday, Sept. 16. Cutler said.

Contestants must be regularly enrolled members of either a 4-H Club or the FFA and must be at least 14 years of age but must not exceed age 20 prior to Jan. 1, 1967.

The program, which has gained popularity each year, is made possible by the West Texas Fair Association and farm implement dealers who exhibit at the Fair.

In the finals, the 12 highest scoring youngsters of the preliminary events, will compete for the prizes with a written examination to precede the driving part of the contest, Cutler said.

Scoring in the contest will be on a "penalty" system which means that the lowest score will win.

Cutler emphasized that former first place winners are not eligible to enter the contest.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NUMBER SIX ON THE BALLOT

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Section 33, Article XVI, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 33. The Accounting Officers of this State shall neither draw nor pay a warrant upon the Treasury in favor of any person for salary or compensation as agent, officer or appointee, who holds at the same time any other office or position of honor, trust, or profit, under this State, except as prescribed in this Constitution. Provided, that this restriction as to the drawing and paying of warrants upon the Treasury shall not apply to officers of the National Guard or Air National Guard Reserve, the Air Force Reserve, the Officers Reserve Corps of the United States, nor to enlisted men of the National Guard, the Air National Guard, the National Guard Reserve, the Air National Guard Reserve, the Air Force Reserve, and the Organized Reserve of the United States, nor to retired officers of the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps, and retired warrant officers and retired enlisted men of the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps. It is further provided, until September 1, 1969, and thereafter only if authorized by the Legislature by general law under such restrictions and limitations as the Legislature may prescribe, that a non-elective State officer or employee may hold other non-elective offices or positions of honor, trust, or profit under this State or the United States, if the other offices or positions are of benefit to the State of Texas or are required by State or federal law, and there is no conflict of interest with the original office or position; prohibiting elected officers under this state or the United States from holding any other office or position under this state; and adding members of the Air National Guard, Air National Guard Reserve, Air Force Reserve, and retired members of the Air Force to the list of persons exempted."

Section 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on November 11, 1967, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon the following:

"FOR the constitutional amendment allowing non-elective state officers and employees to serve in other non-elective offices or positions under this state or the United States until September 1, 1969, and thereafter only if authorized by the Legislature, if the offices or positions are of benefit to Texas or are required by state or federal law, and there is no conflict of interest with the original office or position; prohibiting elected officers under this state or the United States from holding any other office or position under this state; and adding members of the Air National Guard, Air National Guard Reserve, Air Force Reserve, and retired members of the Air Force to the list of persons exempted."

"AGAINST the constitutional amendment allowing non-elective state officers and employees to serve in other non-elective offices or positions under this state or the United States until September 1, 1969, and thereafter only if authorized by the Legislature, if the offices or positions are of benefit to Texas or are required by state or federal law, and there is no conflict of interest with the original office or position; prohibiting elected officers under this state or the United States from holding any other office or position under this state; and adding members of the Air National Guard, Air National Guard Reserve, Air Force Reserve, and retired members of the Air Force to the list of persons exempted."

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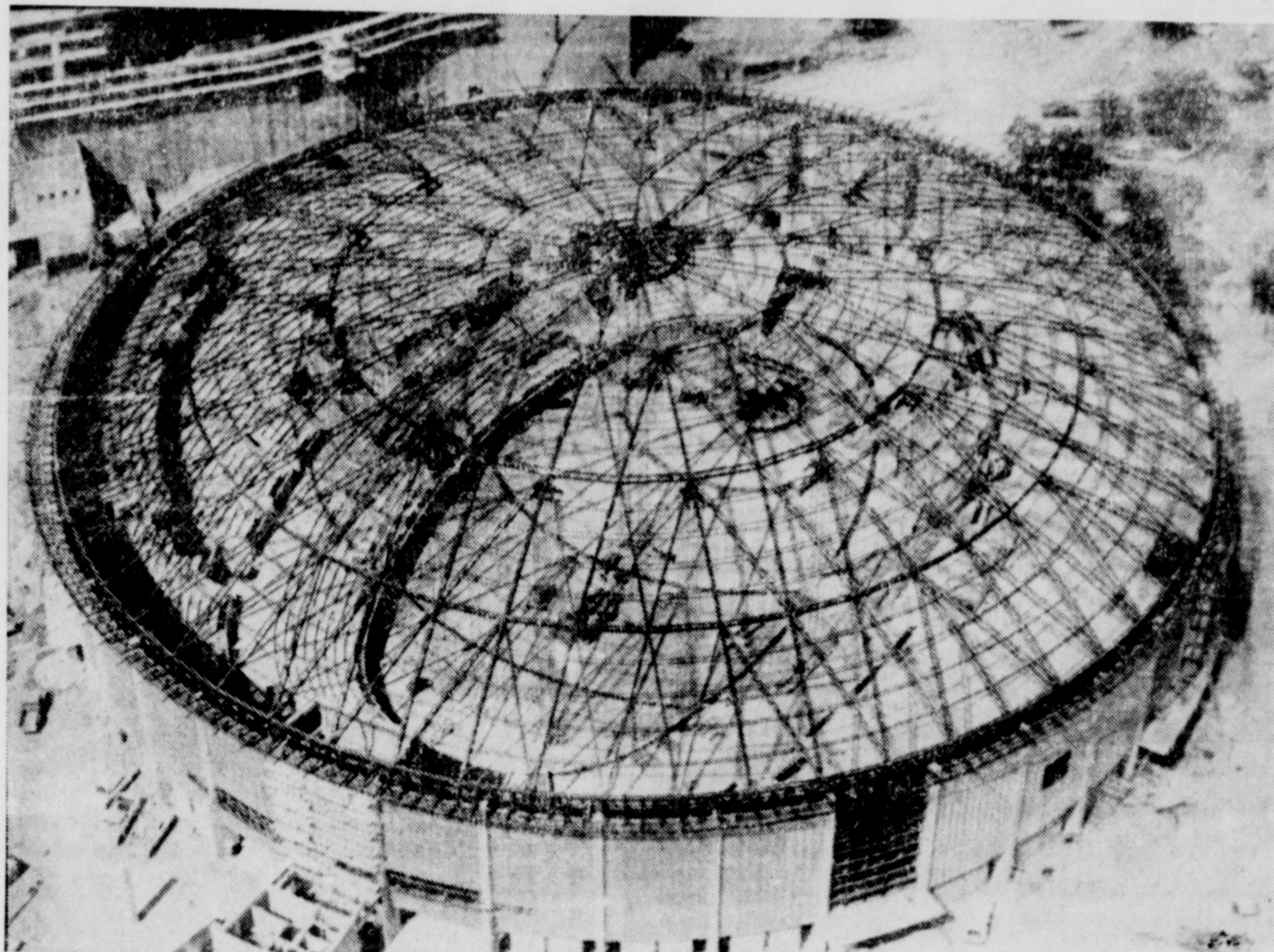
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VERSATILE ARENA — Sports events, circuses, political rallies and many other functions can be held in the 10,200-seat arena that is a part of the City of San Antonio's \$10.5 million

Civic Center on the HemisFair 1968 site. HemisFair will have full use of the arena and adjacent fine arts theatre throughout the exposition. (Photo Courtesy HFA)

4-H Record Book Winners Named

The Taylor County 4-H Record Book winners were announced this week by the Taylor County Agricultural Extension Service. Merkel 4-H Club winners were:

Achievement — Dayna McAninch and Robert Boone.
Agricultural — Randy Bond.
Beef — Terry Wade.
Clothing — Susie Wilson and Mary Jo Reddin.
Dress Revue — Gail Boone.
Horse — Betsy Johnson.
Safety — Andy Stephan.
Swine — Leslie Reddin.
Public Speaking — Kathryn Criswell and Finloy Barnett.
Beef Business — Robert Boyd.

To Receive Degree

Mrs. Sherman Bradley of Richardson, Texas, will be among the 129 summer graduates of Hardin-Simmons University. She has earned the Master of Education degree in Elementary Education.

Mrs. Bradley is the former Beth Dunagin. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Dunagin of Merkel.

DID YOU EVER HEAR OF A JUJUBE TREE?

Ever hear of a Jujube Tree? Ever see one?

The Jujube Tree is an Oriental tree, and grows very good in this area, since its natural habitat is an arid region, says Mrs. Lottie Butman Everett.

And if you want to see a Jujube Tree, Mrs. Everett has one right in her front yard at 1212 South Fourth Street here in Merkel.

Mrs. Everett, in recounting the history of the tree, said that "this is the tree that supposedly furnished the fruit of the lotus eaters, encountered by Ulysses during his wanderings as recorded by 'Homer in The Odyssey.'"

In delving into history, Mrs. Everett recalled that the ancient Greeks used the term lotus to apply to many different trees which grew edible fruits.

"The Jujube is the only tree with the fruit formed on the leaf," said Mrs. Everett. "The lacy foliage glistens in the morning light, and is laden with little green apples which later turn brown. They can be eaten raw, candied, and then taste like a poor quality date."

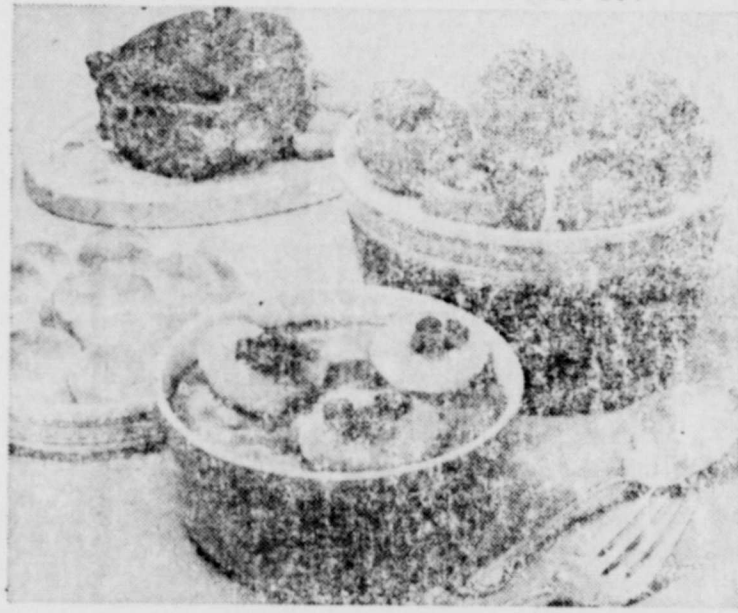
Our friend, the squirrel is extremely fond of the little apple-like fruit or date. They are sometimes called Japanese Date, said Mrs. Everett.

Mrs. Everett concludes that one cannot tell if the fruit has the same "magical effect" on the squirrel as on the ancient lotus eaters. (Recall the effect of the fruit on the lotus eaters was to make them forget their home land and ties of family and friends.)



BRANCHES OF A JUJUBE TREE — Mrs. Lottie Butman Everett is holding a cluster of the little apple-like fruits growing on the Jujube Tree in her front yard. The little green apples later turn brown, and can be eaten raw or candied. (Staff Photo)

HEARTH-WARMING DESIGN



We've come a long way from Early American days when the open-hearth kitchen was an institution. But, as if to recapture the decorative warmth of those times, our modern kitchens are returning to the feeling of the open-hearth.

The current upsurge in antique collecting attests to this trend. America's leading manufacturers are also incorporating this wonderful old charm in the design of everyday, practical dishes and cookware.

Corning Glass Works has recently designed an exciting new Hearth Group collection for its Pyrex ware line. The authentic feeling of hand-painted provincial floral motifs beautifully enhances built-in versatility in the Hearth Group's Brittany Blue pattern Bake 'n Serve Sets.

Each set has a casserole with a rimmed cover that also doubles as a shallow baking dish. The versatile cover can be used by itself in the oven or does double duty by simultaneously covering a main dish and baking rolls. At the table, it makes an ideal trivet under a hot casserole.

Because the Hearth Group's Bake 'n Serve Sets are made of Pyrex brand heat-proof glass, they can go straight from the freezer to a preheated oven without a worry and then to the table, where the Brittany Blue pattern complements any modern-day decor.

Notice From Texas DPS

The Texas Department of Public Safety would like to urge all licensed drivers, 14 and 15 years of age with a restricted driver's license, who have completed both phases of a Driver Education Course, to be sure and go to your nearest Driver's License Office and take your driving test and have the restriction removed before August 28.

The new Drivers License Law age change goes into effect on that date.

If the drivers who license is restricted to having a licensed driver 21 years of age or older in the front seat, fails to beat the August 28 deadline they will have to wait until their 16th birthday. This information is for the benefit of the recent graduates of driver education course.

JONES COUNTY FAIR SET AUG. 21, 22, 23

The Junior and Teen - age Department of the Jones County Fair Aug. 21, 22 and 23 will be open to the boys and girls of Jones County, according to Mrs. Hubert Sullivan, superintendent of the Youth Division.

Entries may be made Monday, Aug. 21 from 1 until 5 p.m. (Perishable foods must be entered by 8:30 a.m. Aug. 22.)

Ribbons will be awarded all entries, said Mrs. Sullivan.

The senior (teen - age) division is open to the youth in the 9th through 12th grades, said Mrs. Sullivan. Boys and girls through the 8th grade are eligible to enter the junior division.

Entries may be entered in the following categories: clothing, miscellaneous articles (pillow cases, aprons, towels, etc.) food preparation and food preservation, art, hobbies and collections.

HOSPITAL

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rate, it would appear that the best plan is not for a simple crash program to obtain relief temporarily, but rather a long range program for survival of the community medically. As bad as the situation may appear at the moment, one may assume that if the medical profession is not revitalized with younger people, this area may find itself without any physician in the next ten or fifteen years.

An informed and resolute community can possibly solve this problem. It cannot be solved by dollars and cents or a building alone. Establishment of a hospital is the first move in solving this problem. The community then needs to continue planning for the future — vigorously!

Up The Canyon

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comments on his mother's food when he gets home.

This Friday, Aug. 18 at the Abilene State Park, the Taylor County Sheep and Goat Raisers will meet for their 34th Annual Meeting. A barbecue dinner and a good program are on the agenda. Everyone who has sheep or goats or are interested, are welcome to attend, Loyd Perry, vice president reports.

Our hello this week goes up to our folks at Big Spring — Mr. J. B. Sloan and family, the Harold Grays.

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Gospel Meeting Begins Aug. 21

A Gospel meeting will be held at the Noodle Church of Christ beginning Monday, Aug. 21 and ending Aug. 25.

E. R. Harper, a Herald of Truth Evangelist will be the speaker for the 8 p.m. meetings. Don Wilks will direct the singing.

Area people are "invited to attend the week - long meeting."

PERSONALS

Mrs. John Oliver and M. E. Nelson visited heir cousin, Miss Thelma Nelson at the Concho County Hospital in Eden Saturday, Aug. 12.

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NEW FFA PRESIDENT — Danny Burns of Pittsburg was elected president of the 50,000 member Texas Association of Future Farmers of America during their 39th Annual State FFA Convention in Dallas in July. The new state FFA Sweetheart is Roxann Thurman, 17 year old daughter of Harold C. Thurman of Dumas. (Photo Courtesy TAFFA)

HIGH CALIBER MEN, WOMEN NEEDED AT FBI HEADQUARTERS

On July 26th FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover completed 50 years of service in the United States Department of Justice. During this period he has seen many crisis arise which threatened our security. No crises, however, has been more critical than that which faces the Nation today, with world conflicts, threats of internal subversion, rising crime rates, and civil disobedience. J. Gordon Shanklin, special agent in charge of the FBI's Dallas office, which covers this area, advises that high caliber young men and women are needed to fill vacancies at the FBI's Washington, D.C. headquarters and to share the opportunity of meeting the challenges which are presented.

Mr. Shanklin informed that positions are available for typists and clerks. Starting salaries are \$4,269 for typists, and \$3,925 for

clerks. Applicants must be citizens of the United States, high school graduates, and at least 16 years of age. Additional details, arrangements for persons interviews, and applications for employment may be secured by contacting Mr. Shanklin at Room 209, 1916 Commerce Street, Dallas, telephone RI 1-1851, or by contact with the nearest FBI resident agency (located at Abilene, Amarillo, Fort Worth, Lubbock, Paris, San Angelo, Sherman, Texarkana, Tyler and Wichita Falls.) According to Mr. Shanklin, many persons occupying clerical positions in Washington attend the colleges and universities in the Nation Capitol while working for the FBI.

Be sure to sign up for medicare in one of the 3 months before you become 65 so protection will start with the month you reach 65.

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: Howard Lloyd Baggett, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations 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 13 day of September A.D. 1967, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 3 day of August A.D. 1967, in this cause, numbered 3520 on the docket of said court and styled Veda Rae Baggett, Plaintiff,

vs. Howard Lloyd Baggett, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married December 11, 1932 and became separated on or about February 27, 1962. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment. There were two children born of this marriage and now over the age of twenty-one. There is no community property to be divided as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 3 day of August A.D. 1967.

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

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

more than offset by increased property values, to say nothing about the expense and inconveniences of driving forty to fifty miles to see relatives in another hospital. Without a hospital a town can't grow. A town that does not grow soon dies.

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Hospital at Home Could Save a Life

A very large per cent of the people in the Merkel area are over sixty five. In a hospital, away from home, relatives and friends — one can be very lonely.

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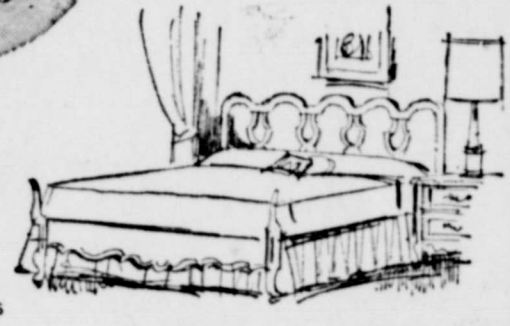
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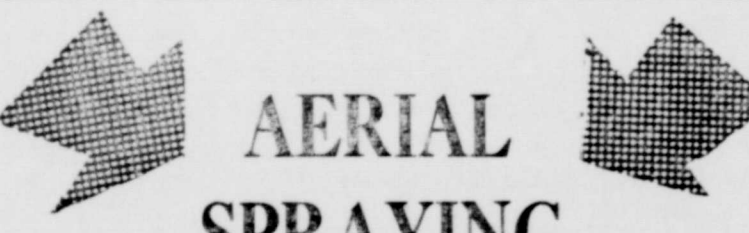


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TOWER OF THE AMERICAS — Shown is architect O'Neil Ford's sketch of the 622-foot Tower of the Americas at HemisFair '68, the Texas World's Fair opening April 6, 1968 in San Antonio. From the revolving restaurant and observation levels at the top, 1,750 visitors an hour will view the surrounding South Texas countryside. (Photo Courtesy HFA)

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Fishing gear
- Shriek
- Not awake
- Color
- Wound mark
- Within
- Beginning
- Chief
- French "and"
- Age
- Meat pin
- Hints
- Awful
- Exclamation
- Cook in oven
- Father
- Clothes
- Not better
- Current unit; elect.
- Humor
- Exists
- Hog fat
- Swamp
- Fruit
- Sun god

DOWN

- Game
- Exact
- Satisfaction
- Cylinder
- Tottered
- Edam or Swiss
- Turkish title
- Pork meat
- Female hog
- Neat
- Be a member
- Wire fastener
- Stove
- Suffix; more
- Small islands
- Coast
- Physician; abbr.
- State; abbr.
- Not sweet
- Actor's part
- Bone; anat.
- Hen's crop
- Girl's name
- Limb
- Bow
- Suffix; past tense
- Exclamation

Answer to Crossword Puzzle

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
S	E	E	H	C	D	E	E	9	9	9	A
R	E	L	T	O	V	E	9	9	9	N	E
O	T	O	P	R	A	V	A	N	T	E	W
H	S	R	A	V	D	L	A	R	D	9	9
S	I	L	I	M	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
A	M	P	E	R	E	9	9	9	9	9	9
G	A	R	B	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
D	A	D	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
D	I	R	E	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
E	T	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
T	O	W	N	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
S	C	A	R	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
A	S	T	E	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
T	A	C	K	L	E	9	9	9	9	9	9

NOODLE GRADUATE TO TOUR EUROPE

Sara Wheeler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wheeler of Trent, left Love Field, Dallas, Aug. 9. She flew to McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey, where she left with a plane load of teachers for Frankfurt, Germany, Aug. 10.

Miss Wheeler will spend a year in the Netherlands as an elementary librarian in the dependent school. While there she plans to visit friends in England, Switzerland and Germany.

Christmas, 1967 will be spent with her sister, Joyce, wife of Staff Sergeant Jimmy Saylor at Madrid, Spain. Before returning to the States in 1968, Miss Wheeler and the Saylor plan to tour Europe together. Sgt. Saylor's tour of duty will be concluded

Peace Corps Test

Merkel area residents interested in serving with the Peace Corps in developing nations are invited to take the Peace Corps Placement Test at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 19, at room 2201 in the Post Office Building in Abilene.

The test measures general aptitude and ability to learn a foreign language, NOT education or achievement. It is given to determine where and how an applicant will be happiest and best utilized overseas. The test requires no preparation and is non-competitive; an applicant can neither pass nor fail. The test takes approximately one hour and a half.

Daniel B. Smith Dies at Age 87

Daniel B. Smith, 87, died Monday, Aug. 14 at Starr Rest Home in Merkel.

Funeral services are set for 3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16, at the First Methodist Church. Officiating are the Rev. Newton Daniel, pastor, and the Rev. John Curtis, pastor of the Merkel Assembly of God Church.

Burial will be in the Elmwood Cemetery in Abilene.

He was born Nov. 20, 1879 in Kentucky. He married Pearl Sandlin April 7, 1907. She died

May 26, 1964.
He was a 60-year Mason and was a Methodist. He moved to Merkel in 1959.
Survivors are a sister in law, Winnie Cyfert of Merkel; three other Smith sisters in law in Oklahoma; and several nieces and nephews.

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Stith News
By MRS. FRITZ HALE

All the crops are looking pretty good but a good rain would be fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Ely and children visited the Carlsbad Caverns last week.

Paul Bradley has been feeling much better the last few days. Visitors in the Bradley home during the week were Alvin Byrd, Tye; Mrs. Lucy Ford, Mrs. Jewel Dunagin and Mrs. Eunice Massey of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Davis, the Rev. and Mrs. James Williams and children, Abilene; Ira Stanley, Fletcher Jones, Mrs. Marvin Holloway and Becki, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry and Mrs. Benny Hobbs. Also Gary and Bruce Berry of San Antonio. Bruce is staying with his grandparents for a while.

Walter Vantress is still in Hendrick Memorial Hospital but is doing very well. Mrs. Vantress came home last week. She had surgery on her eye and was in the hospital several days. Mrs. Pete Walsh of Rogers, Ark., is staying with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Garnett, Don and Wayne of Stanton, California and Mrs. Ruby Hill of Borger visited Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale Friday. Mr. and Mrs. James Hale and Mike of Midland visited his parents Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Harris and Kathy and Mrs. Manice Hardin and Melissa Stephenson of Midland are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns and Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald. Mr. and Mrs. T. Burns and daughter of Abilene visited in the Burns home Sunday.

Bruce Berry spent the weekend with his great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry.

F. J. McDonald was on the sick list last week but he is feeling better.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Ely, Randon, Neilson and Becki attended a birthday celebration at Cobb Park in Abilene Sunday in honor of Mrs. Ely's father, G. C. Bond of Rising Star. There were approximately 35 attending.

Visitors attending service at the Stith Baptist Church Sunday morning were Melissa Stephenson, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald and Mr.

and Mrs. Ervin Benthall.
The Prairie View Baptist Church of Anson gave their pastor, the Rev. Jesse Swindell a wrist watch for his birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones accompanied by his son and wife, Mrs. and Mrs. Truett Jones of Gatesville and a daughter, Mrs. Edgar Berry of Abilene, returned home Friday after a two week tour of the Eastern States. The first stop was in Monroe, La., with a visit with relatives there. Two days were spent in Alexander City, Ala., where Mr. Jones was reared. They visited the Baptist church there. Mr. F. Jones, the father of the late Rev. J. L. Jones was the first pastor of the church. It was organized when Fletcher was four years old and is still a very active church. They also visited two days at Williamsburg and Jamestown, Va. Visited the William & Mary College organized in 1693. Mrs. Jones' grandparents, the late Mr. and Mrs. John Nunnally attended the college in the 1800s.

The group also visited Washington, D.C. two days. Most important places visited there were the National Capitol, Arlington Cemetery, Smithsonian Institute, Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials. They also went to the top of the Washington Monument. On their way home they went through the Shenandoah National Park, Va. Also they stopped at Oakridge, Tenn. and crossed the Mississippi River at Memphis, Tenn. They reached Fort Worth Thursday and had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jones. They had a very enjoyable trip but were very tired bunch of folks.

Children attend Riggan Reunion

The Riggan Reunion held Sunday, Aug. 13, at Abilene State Park was attended by all nine children. They were Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Riggan, and Mrs. Leona Conley, all of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Gold Riggan, Lamesa; and Grant Riggan, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Riggan, and Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Riggan, all of Big Spring; and Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Riggan, Phoenix, Ariz., and Mrs. Mary Harris and Mrs. Jessie Conley, both of Houston.

The approximately 131 relatives and friends attending came from Oklahoma City, Okla., Phoenix, Ariz., Houston, Big Spring, Lamesa, Stanton, Dallas, Apple Springs, Bedford, Sweetwater, Abilene, Trent and Merkel.

Services Held For J. B. Price

Funeral services for J. B. Price, shooting victim at a Lake Fort Phantom Club early Saturday morning, were held Sunday, Aug. 13 at Starbuck Funeral Home. The Rev. H. S. Earp officiated and burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Charged with murder with malice in Justice of the Peace Albert Story's court in Anson Saturday afternoon was M. A. Chaney Jr. The charge was filed in the Anson Court since the scene of the shooting was in Jones County.

Price was born July 3, 1937 in Merkel and had lived here all of his life. He worked as an oil field driller.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Price Sr. of Merkel, two sisters, Mrs. Margie Steely of Merkel and Mrs. Betty Wright of Abilene.

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