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Up The Canyon

> By TOM RUSSOM

The weather here in the Canyon is just ideal this morning cool and rainy - just real fall weather - make us want to get out our long sleeve shirts to wear and of course, straw hat days will soon be history for another year.

Most of the combine maize has been harvested; however a few small fields are yet to be harvested.

The hay crop is already in readiness for winter feeding, and there's the cotton crop to harvest. We just don't know much about the cotton crop yet. I was in a field of fairly late cotton this week and it didn't look as good as it did one week ago. The weevils have hurt it real bad.

Some farmers and stockmen in and around the Merkel area have sown some wheat for early grazing for livestock and some few got their wheat up and if rain should come in the next few days, the wheat would be well on the way to making grazing.

We had a report that Mrs. B. H. Riney is doing fairly well. Recently she had some of her sisters visiting her. Among them were Mrs. Dewey Hutchins, Mrs. Dixie Parker and a niece, Mary Joe Clark, all from Odessa. And a great niece, Mrs. George Bonds. Also Mrs. Riney's son, Paul and family from Lamesa, were

visitors in the Riney home. Mrs. Sam Butman has been on

the sick list this week. Recently in the Merkel area we think a good cattle sale was real good. Booth Warren, Merkel banker and rancher, sold a string of good choice Hereford yearlings. They weighed 673 and price was \$25.75 per hundred, bringing a total of \$5,000. We think that beats wheat or cotton crops. The Warren Ranch has been a dry spot in the Merkel area all the year. Just not much rain at all.

We received word just a few days ago from Houston from some friends of ours, Mr. and Mrs. Fayne Perry. Fayne has recently had surgery at the Anderson Hospital. He was raised in the Nolan area, worked on the Butman Ranch for several years and later moving to Asperment to manage the Andy Pruitt Ranch. It is unknown as when Perry will be able to return to his ranch home at Asperment.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Butman have just returned home from a visit with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Newby. They all took a trip to the Hemis-Fair and reported a very fine trip. Will reported all of South Texas was in good shape - green fields and pastures.

MHS Badger Band **Awarded Trophy**

The Merkel Badger Band was awarded first place trophy for best conduct in the Abilene Christian College Band Day held Saturday, Sept. 21.

Under the direction of band master Glenn Reed, the Badger Band participated in the Saturday afternoon parade, and competed with 21 other bands for trophies in marching, playing and overall conduct.

During the halftime activities at the ACC - East Texas State football game, the best conduct award was presented.



SPANISH CLUB OFFICERS — Heading the approximately 25 members of the newly organized Merkel High School Spanish Club, are from left, Virginia Duran, president; Billy Black, vice president; Allen Reed, secretary - treasurer, and Betty Ascencio, reporter. With club sponsor, Mrs. Mary Easton, members met Monday evening at the Merkel Restaurant for their first meeting. (Staff Photo)

Telephone's History Told At TTC Meet

our nuclear age, the telephone still stands out as one of the most universally useful and important developments of the past century," were Max Moore's There was a touch of humor in opening remarks to the members Moore's speech as he related in-

"Of all scientific marvels of Tuesday afternoon at the high school auditorium.

Moore related the history of the telephone - which "most people today take for granted." and guests of Taylor Telephone cidents leading to the introduc-Cooperative's annual meeting tion and descriptive use of the

H. M. BAGGARLY SPEAKS TO TAYLOR FARMERS' UNION

County Farmers' Union annual convention last Thursday was H. M. Baggarly, owner - publisher of the Tulia Herald, who spoke to members and guests on the History of Agriculture.

Baggarly, taking his topic theme from the Bible book of Genesis 4:2, "And Abel was a keeper of the sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground," he pointed out that many big business combines are buying thousands of acres of land from the coast to Canada with home offices in the large eastern cities.

"They start their planting in the deep south," said Baggarly, "and move as weather permits, north, moving their crews as they go. The harvest of crops is on the same basis."

Baggarly pointed out that, "In 1963 economists said we needed only one million farms, then revised the figure to 500,000, and now have cut that figure to 250,-

"Every time a few farm families move to the cities, trying to compete with skilled labor, both the towns and cities are in trouble." Baggarly continued. "Every tire a few farmers move to the cities a small town business house has to close, so soon we

have a large number of ghost towns, with only a memory of their former existence."

Preceeding the speech by Baggarly members met at 6:30 for a barbecue supper, which was followed by a business meeting. The meeting included the adoption of 10 resolutions to be presented at the State Convention to be held in Austin in December, according to Pete Morgan, Taylor County Farmers Union pres-

Noodle Patron Club to Meet

The Noodle Patron Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the high school auditorium Monday. Sept. 30, at which time plans will be made for the Halloween Carnival, according to president, Mrs. Frank Codington.

Noodle school fifth and sixth graders will present a short program, on Columbus Day, to be followed by the film, "The Challenge and the Chance," a report on the Governor's Committee on Education.

Mrs. Codington urged members to make plans now to attend this

early day telephone. He reminded people that the first telephone in Texas was owned by Col. A. H. Belo, publisher of the Galveston News, and the first dial telephone in Texas went into operanote in Clear e in 1492

"Taylor Telephone Cooperative is just a small segment of this vast industry of communication," said Moore, "but it still provides an important link in the communications complex of over 100 million telephones without which you would not be a part of this

The Cooperative's attorney, Bryan Bradbury of Abilene asked the invocation.

In the 1968 membership report, TTC manager, John Hardesty, told members that "We are experiencing an increase in the number of members on the system.

"At our annual meeting last September we had 2,210 members," said Hardesty. "At present we have 2.284, a net gain of 74 members in 12 months, as compared with 40 in the previous

Hardesty recalled the severe ice storms of last winter that prevented "as successful a year financially in 1967."

The TTC manager told members that improvements had been er are being made in exchanges surrounding Abilene. "We hope to have new systems in operation at Hawley and Buffalo Gap within the next few months," said

Directors elected at the annual meeting were Frank K. Antilley, Wingate, place no. 6; C. A. Fomby, Ovalo, place no. 7; Doyle Hefley, Lawn, place no. 8, and Jack C. Farmer, Clyde, place

Directors for the 1963 - 69 year besides newly elected ones are L. O. Huddleston, Hawley: L. A. Rister, Nolan; Clark Perkins, Nubia; Troy Sloan, Noodle, Charlie Myatt, Hamby.

Merkel Badgers Host Aspermont Friday

By CONNIE HARRIS

Merkel Badgers tangle with Aspermont Friday, and as the Abilene Reporter - News put it Sunday, "Friday night's game with Aspermont will prove how the Badgers will go into the 7-AA District.'

The Badgers will be out for blood as they do battle with the top rated 6 - A champs. Coleman, Ballinger, Haskell, Stamford, Hamlin, Winters and Anson will be awaiting the outcome of the game to see how the Badgers will rate for them after their 47 to 8 victory over the Baird Bears.

With the good blocking of the Merkel defense, Johnny Thompson ran 42 yards for a TD against Baird Friday night. Gaylon Doan kicked for the extra point. Thompson proved his skill again in the first quarter by running across the goal line, while Doan again added his boot of the pigskin to make the score 14-0.

The Badgers proved their skill before hundreds of fans as Bill Whisenhunt, quarterback, completed a pass to Bob Tate while he scooted across the goal line. Due to a bad ball from center the Badgers did not get the extra point. Tate came back in the third quarter to make the first TD. Doan kicked the extra point.

Mike McLean paced down field to make another TD and again Doan was the big man for the extra point.

Tex Barnhart ran 45 yards, but was tackled short of the goal line. Tate ran over for the next 6 points while the attempt for the extra point failed.

The second team, which had played some during the game, went into action after the fourth quarter began to hold the Bears. The offense of Baird paid off when Will Higgins ran 47 yards for the Bears' only TD. Larry Shellnutt ran over the extra

With the good backing of Tommy Anderson and Kenny Jernigan, Barnhart got within 5 yards of the goal line. Thompson slipped across for 6 points and Doan the extra point.

The Badgers would really have upset the Bears if Wally Knight had pulled his illegal stunt by carrying the pigskin 50 yards for

While the Bears were chasing Tate and the referees were looking for the ball, the fans as well as coaches were laughing.

The Merkel Booster Club urges all fans to plan to attend the pep rally at the Merkel gym Friday at 3 p.m. and to "bring bells for the football game Friday evening."

Dan Allen, Booster Club president announced this week that

aiming for more. Booster Meetings are every Monday at the Taylor Electric Cooperative building at 7:30 p.m. MERKEL 20 First Downs 131 Rushing Yardage 20

Passing Yardage 202 ... Mrs. Bill Tate is the Auxiliary 5 of 7 Pases Completed 5 of 15 Booster of the Week and George 0 .. Passes Intercepted By .. 0 English is Booster of the Week. 2 for 40 Punts, Average 2 for 35 "Membership in the Booster 5 for 45 Penalties, Yards 10 for 80 Club has increased to 135 mem- 1 Fumbles Lost 2

GORILLAS TO TAKE

By CONNIE HARRIS

The Trent Gorillas, after a 42-0 win over the Roby Lions last Friday, will "rest up" this Friday for their game with Rochester Oct. 5.

The Gorillas were out last Friday to show the Lions they had an cutstanding defense, and show them they did.

Halfback Gaylon Frazier showed Trent fans his skill in carrying the pigskin on touchdown runs of up to 77 yard. Frazier added to the offensive movement by runs of 40, 25 and in the second half 55 yards.

Jacky Williams, halfback from "Pat Carriker did good runni the Gorillas pulled him down on the 10 yard line. The Lions fumbled on the 3 yard line with Trent taking over.

Homemakers **Attend Meeting**

The Sixth Annual Convention of Area IV Homemakers was held Saturday, Sept. 21 at the Riverside Motor Hotel in Brownwood.

President Mrs. Hugh Baker of Merkel president at both morning and afternoon sessions. Greeting members and guests

was Mrs. Lawynn Rister of Hawley and Area IV FHA president. Attending from Merkel were Mrs. Billy Patton, Mrs. Dickie Dannheim and Mrs. Curtis Rob-

Also attending from Merkel were Hugh Baker and Tommy

Hosting the convention was Texas Electric Cooperatives.

TEEN CENTER SETS GRAND OPENING

Grand Opening for the Merkel Teen Center will be Friday, Sept. 27 at the Community Center building immediately following the football game with Asperment, according to Ann Walker, Teen

Miss Walker said that projects, including new curtains for windows and pop art posters have been completed and will be ready for the Grand Opening.

"Concessions will also be available," said Ann.

Membership Drive for the Teen Center will begin Friday and membership charge is 35 cents per month or 25 cents per night. Membership will be limited to Merkel High School students.

'A suggestion box will be ready Friday night for members to suggest a name for the Center," said Miss Walker. "A name will be chosen later from suggestions

Hosts for the Friday night opening will be Mr. and Mrs. Billy Lucas and Mr. and Mrs. Benny

"All Merkel High School students are given a special invitation to attend this Grand Opening," said Mis Walker.

controlled the ball with touchdown passes to Stan Hicks on a 70yard effort and to fullback Tim Riggan on a 5 yard run. Brnovak also hit Arthur Maberry on a 15-

The outstanding defensive was composed of Bob Wilborne, Steve Reddin, John Jones, Ted Simpson, Si Acuna and Owen O'Kelly. The defense has not been scored on

"The passing was exceptionally good as well as our running ability," said Coach Charles Russell. Roby, charged 90 yards before and carrying the ball, although he did not score."

Russell said that the boys will be ready for the Oct. 5 game.

11 First Downs Rushing Yardage .. 182 .. Passing Yardage 7 of 10 Pases Completed 2 of 6 2 Pases Intercepted 1 2 for 33 Punts, Average 8 for 28 6 for 37 Penalties, Yards 1 for 15 Fumbles Lost 3

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Booster Club Meets Noodle Patron Club Meeting TUESDAY

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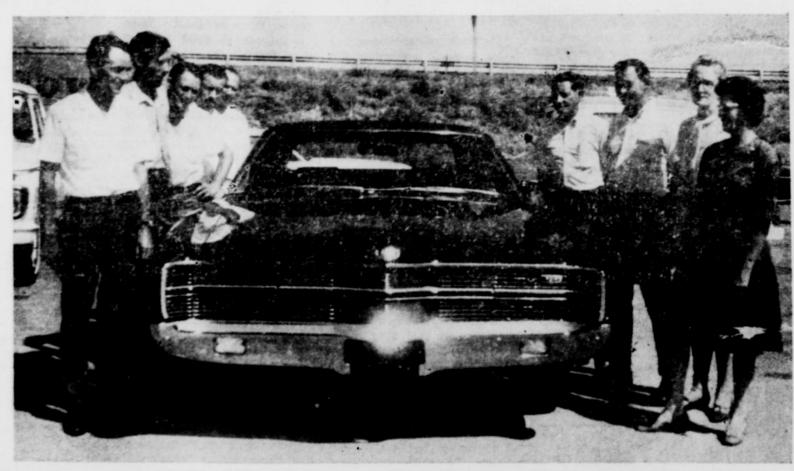
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BADGER TRACKS

By WALLY KNIGHT

The Merkei Badgers downed the Baird Bears Friday night at Baird by score of 47 to 8. The game marked the Badgers second straight victory. The Badgers will play the Asperment Hornets in their first home game this Fri-

Elections were held in the high school audit num Thursday no 10ing in order to elect class officcers, favirees speciers and Homecoming Queen nominces.

day night at 8.00 p.m.

The Freshman class officers are: Larry Hewitt, press ont: Cardy Wade, vice president ton Arn Dean, secretary Korry Thames. reporter. The Fromman favorites are Jan Beasley and Poly Diltz. The : spurse . are Mrs. McReynolds Mrs. Perkas, Mr. Tate and Mr. Williamson

Sophomine circo officers are Don Purser, president; Allan Arnwine, vice president: Vickie Robinson, se . etary Paul Thomes Whisenhura. Their sponsors are

Junior class officers are: Christy Lucas, president; Randy Doan, vice president; Kay Tipton, secretary; Steve Doan, treasurer; Carl Long reporter. The main. favorites are Dayna McAninch and Steve Doan Their sprisors are to the Merkel Cemetery Fund Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Wigga. Mr. Collinswort', and Mr. Antidge

The Senior Class officers are: Tex Barnha president. Red cy Mashbur. vice predict. Apn Walker, seere, or Kathy Wintham, report Johnny That pson, pari menaral little Plack, song leader. The senior favorites the Kay Lynn Conley and Wally Knight. Their spensors are Mrs. Blankenship, Mr. Walla and Mr. Robinson.

The nominees for Homecoming Queen are Katherine Patterson, Debbie Black, Donna Diltz and

The Merkel High School Band was one of Twenty - two bands that participated in the ACC Band Day activities in Abilene Saturday. The band won a trophy for showing the most outstanding conduct during the day. The band also marched and played in the halftime activities during the ACC - East Texas State football game Saturday night.

Mrs. Bill Tate was chosen as is reporter The Sophomore fa- the Women's Auxiliary of the vorites are Pattie Easter and Bill Booster Club for the Friday night game. Mrs. Tate will be honored Mrs. Easton, Mrs. Dudley, Mrs. by viewing the game from the E. Reed and Mrs. W. G. Reed. new press box.

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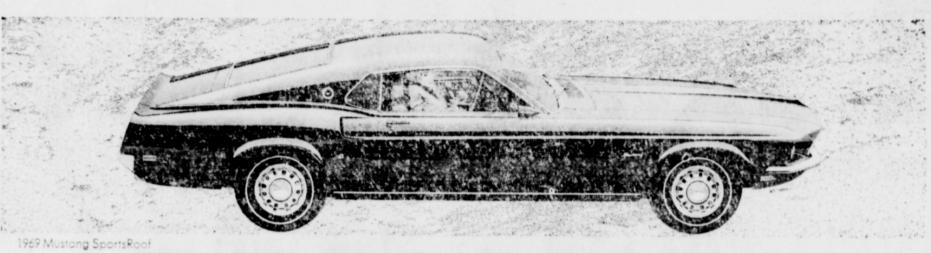
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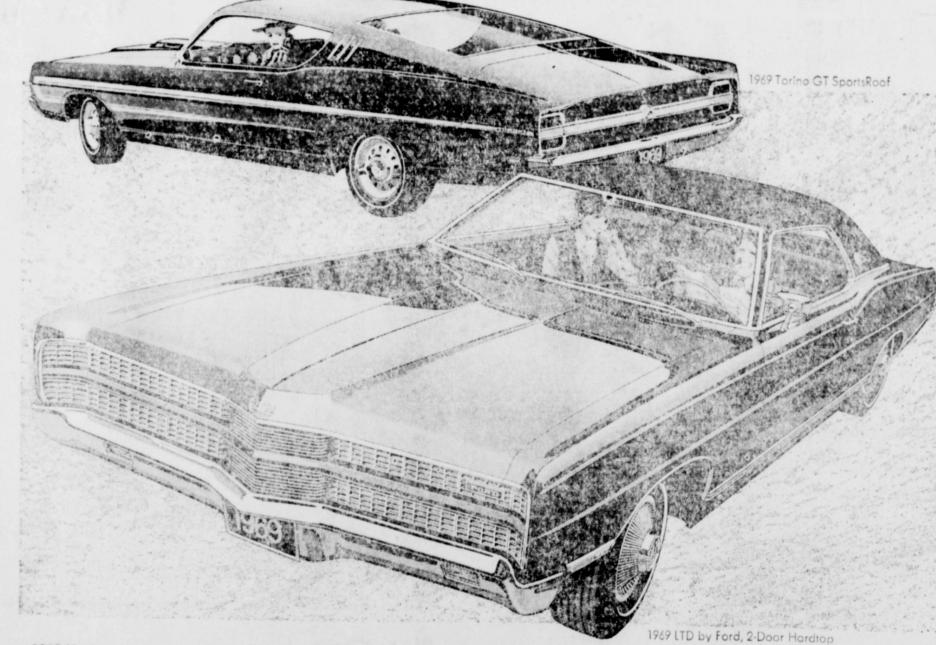
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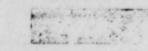
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Stith News By MRS.



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry visited in Cross Plains Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hudson. Visiting in the Perry home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Perry, Tye, and the Rev. James Wil-

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley Sunday were Mrs. Billy Ray Browning and children of Tuscola. Mrs. John Browning and the Rev. James Williams. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley visited Mr. and Mrs. Alanzo Peterson in Merkel Friday.

Mrs. Fred Perry was one of the lucky persons at the West Texas Fair. She drew a Westinghouse washer and dryer given by Taylor Electric Cooperative.

Margaret Foster visited Mrs. Fletcher Jones, Mrs. Clyde Jones and Mrs. Fred Perry, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. James Strong and Melinda of Odessa, spent Friday night with Mrs. Strong's mother, Mrs. J. E. Swindell. They also visited with the Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Swindell and Mac-Sherry. Visiting the Swindell's Sunday were Mrs. Jim Opella and Danny, Mrs. Mary Ann Thomas and Donny Thomas and Mrs. Lois Thomas, all of Wichita Falls.

James Hale of Midland visited his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale, Saturday.

Mrs. Sonny Hardin, James and Veronica of View, spent Sunday with Mrs. Hardin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn. The Roy Mashburns visited San Mashburn in Merkel Sunday night.

Ethel Canida visited several day in Abilene the first of the week with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning, Kay, Allen and Roy of Tuscola visited Mr. and Mrs. John Browning Sunday.

Lana Cox attended services at the Hope Church of Christ Sunday bock. She spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Recent Visitors

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas, were their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Robbins of

Mrs. Douglas said that they all enjoyed fish that the Robbins had caught over the Labor Day weekend when they were at Port Isabel. Approximately 191 pounds of red snapper was caught

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J. E. Costephens Dies in El Paso

John Ernest Costephens, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Costephens of Merkel, passed away Sept. 14 in El Paso.

Burial with full military honors was held in Fort Bliss National Cemetery Tuesday, Sept.

Mr. Costephens was born Feb. 4, 1888 in Mulberry Canyon, southwest of Merkel, where he residliams and Mrs. Margaret Craig ed with his parents, four brothers and three sisters until moving to Abilene in 1912 to attend Draughon's Business College. He moved to Roscoe where he was associated with his brothers, Roy and Marvin in the operation of a confectionary and theater. He was a member of the Roscoe Concert Band where he played

> During World War ! he was stationed at Camp Morrison, Va., where he was a member of the Post Band of the 647 Aero Supply Squadron.

Following his discharge he re-

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turned to Roscoe and operated the Strand (later Majestic() The-

On June 11, 1920 he married Miss Rose E. Wade, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wade. In 1937 the couple moved to Balmorhea where they owned and operated the Texas Theater. In 1949 Mr. Costephens retired and they moved to El Paso. He was a member of the Montana Street Church of Christ, and the American Legion Post No. 58.

Survivors are the wife of the home, 2815 Gold Street, El Paso, one sister, Mrs. George a Smith, Rt. 1, Box 160, Bertram, Texas, and a number of nieces and neph-

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Lamda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Sept. 17 at the Taylor Electric Cooperative with president, Mrs. Larry White, pre-

Burl King, Taylor County Tax-Assessor Collector spoke to members and guests on the subject

Plans for fall rushing of new pledges were announced by vice president, Mrs. Jimmy Leverich, and date was set for this past Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Almeda Bullock.

Mrs. Val Patterson was hostess for the Sept. 17 meeting.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Edward Sonny Hello, De-

fendant, Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COM-MANDED 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 4th day of November A.D. 1968, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 10th day of September A.D. 1968, in this cause, numbered 4322 on the docket of said court and styled In Re: Doris Ann Hello.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, towit: In Regard to Adoption 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 return-

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 di-

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 18th day of September A.D. 1968. (Seal)

> Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk, Domestic Relations Court Taylor County, Texas. By Irene Crawford, Deputy.

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Services Held For Allen Cade

Funeral services for Allen L. Cade, 81, were held Sunday, Sept. 22 in Starbuck Funeral Chapel, with Bro. Kenneth Jones, pastor of the First Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Cade, a World War I veteran and a longtime resident of the Abilene area, died Saturday in the VA hospital in Big Spring after being in ill health for some time.

Born Jan. 15, 1887, in Illinois, he moved to Strawn as an infant and moved to the Abilene area in 1905 where he had lived for the greater part of the time since

Survivors include his wife; one son, Allen Jr., of Rt. 4, Abilene; one daughter, Mrs. Betty Parmelly of Merkel; one brother, E. C. of Tye; two sisters, Mrs. J. H. Anderson of Fort Worth and

Mrs. W. E. Alford of Houston.
Pallbearers were Gordon Howell, Lowell Rutledge, Dean Higgins, J. D. Spinks, A. M. Hinds Sr., and O. E. Penney.

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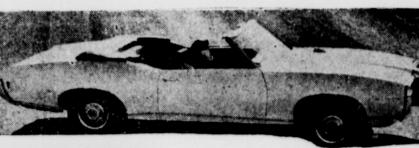
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per A.D. 1968, to Plaintiff's first

amended Petition filed in said

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A.D. 1968, in this cause, number-

ed 31-421-A on the docket of said

court and styled Susan Colbert,

Plaintiff, vs. Tony Martin Colbert,

A brief statement of the nature

of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were mar-

ried on the 9th day of October,

1967 and became permanently separated on or about the 13th day of

Plaintiff sues for divorce on

grounds of harsh and cruel treatment as is more fully shown by

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Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas

By Irene Crawford, Deputy.

September A.D. 1968.

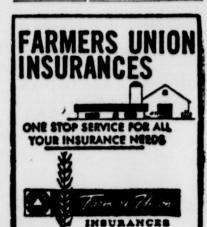
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February, 1968.

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