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Up  
The  
Canyon  
By TOM  
RUSSOM

## Merkel's Community Fund Drive Will Begin Friday, Oct. 25 With Breakfast

Well, we have just got to talk about the weather some more.

Some farmers are concerned about the dry weather; could be leading us into a drought, perhaps could be one like we remember in the 50s.

Here we are well into October and no wheat grazing in sight for livestock. At this time there are many stock tanks that are very low and some are already dry. That is a big problem for stockmen.

And that is not all of the problems. There are many stockmen shaping up their livestock herds, getting ready for winter, which is not too far away. And too, the prices are still high, making it more inviting for stockmen to send their livestock to market. Then, at least, there is a question being pondered as to who might be moving into the White House after the election in November. So it is just a pretty good time, looks like, to get our business in the light, or where we can at least see it.

Sunday was a big day at Pioneer Church. Dewell McLean, lay leader of the church, had the laymen at work. First, a former pastor of the Pioneer Church, Larry Sullivan, was speaker at the 11 a.m. service. Sullivan is now of Abilene. The message was real fine.

Mrs. F. R. Demerie of Merkel, a long time resident of the Canyon, was here. She said it is good to come back home and be in a fine service.

Well, the Merkel Homecoming brought many former residents back home. While chatting with a fine friend in the Merkel Drug Saturday morning, Tom Largent, I noticed on his class card it was 1908. And coming up from Fort Worth were Tom Barber and T. O'Neal and W. Harper. All three dropped in for a short visit with us and also a visit with Tom Blair's sister, Mrs. B. H. Riney. Tom is a former resident of the Canyon.

Mrs. H. Rusom of Merkel has suffered a severe stroke and has been in bad shape. All of her family were called to her home. We would like to send our sympathy to the C. R. Tittle family in the loss of a husband and father.

We want to send our "hello" this week to the Fayne Perry family. Fayne has been in the Anderson Hospital in Houston for some three or four weeks.

We want to send our sympathy to the Adrain Farmer family in the loss of a father and husband. Adrain lived here most of his life and had a world of friends here and was well loved by everyone.

## PARCEL POST RATES GO UP SATURDAY

Postmaster N. W. Durham reminded postal customers today that higher parcel post and catalog rates will go into effect Saturday, Oct. 19.

The rate increase will average 10.5 per cent and in most cases will mean an additional ten cents postage per parcel.

The higher rates were approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission in July.

Under the new rates the minimum charge for local parcel delivery will go from 40 to 50 cents. The minimum charge for parcels destined outside the local delivery area will be raised from 50 cents to 60 cents.

Almost all parcels that are charged up to \$1.10 under present rates will go up 10 cents. This

Merkel's Community Fund Drive will be officially "kicked off" Friday, Oct. 25 at 7 a.m. with a breakfast at the Asteroid Restaurant.

This announcement was made this week by Bill Button, president of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce.

W. J. Roddy, owner of the Asteroid Restaurant and Motel, is the 1968 Community Fund chairman and will be working with directors, representing the various local, civic and social clubs of Merkel.

Directors and organizations they represent are, Mack Fisher, Lions Club; Max Murrell, Opti-

mist; Mrs. Billy Lucas, Beta Sigma Phi; Mrs. Hugh Baker, Young Homemakers; Mrs. W. L. Brown, Garden Club; Mrs. Dave Brumbeau, Fortnightly Study Club, and Alvin Wozencraft, Merkel Riding Club; Mrs. Lucas is vice president of the board, and Mrs. Baker is secretary.

In a meeting Monday morning, Roddy told directors that "with all of us working, plus the fine help from volunteer workers the Merkel Community Fund should go over the top."

"Our list of activities right here in Merkel are many," said Roddy, "and this is even more reason for all of us to get the job

done in as little time as possible and try to raise as much money as we can."

A list of organizations and activities to help through the Merkel Community Fund include the Summer Recreation Program, Youth Activity Program, Library, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Heart Fund, March of Dimes, Red Cross, American Cancer Society, U.S.O., West Texas Rehabilitation Center, Goodfellows, Abilene Boys Ranch.

Directors and workers will be on hand at the Friday, Oct. 25 kickoff breakfast and Sam Hill, vice president of First State Bank

in Abilene will speak to the group. Hill, active in community affairs in Abilene, has long been an active worker with the United Fund campaigns in Abilene.

Roddy told directors that placards with the words "Merkel Community Fund" were in the process of being printed and would be presented to business houses when the drive begins.

"We are lumping all drives in this one major drive," said Roddy. "Organizations that desire to benefit from the drive are asked to meet with directors at the Asteroid Monday, Oct. 21 at 10 a.m. and present their requests." Restaurants and cafes in Mer-

kel agreed Wednesday to give the proceeds from their coffee sales during stated hours beginning Friday, Oct. 25.

Roddy, with the Asteroid, said that all coffee and doughnuts bought between the hours of 8 and 10 a.m. Friday will be given to the Merkel Community Fund. McAlister, with the Merkel Restaurant took the hours of 2 until 4 p.m. Friday afternoon and will donate all money for coffee to the drive.

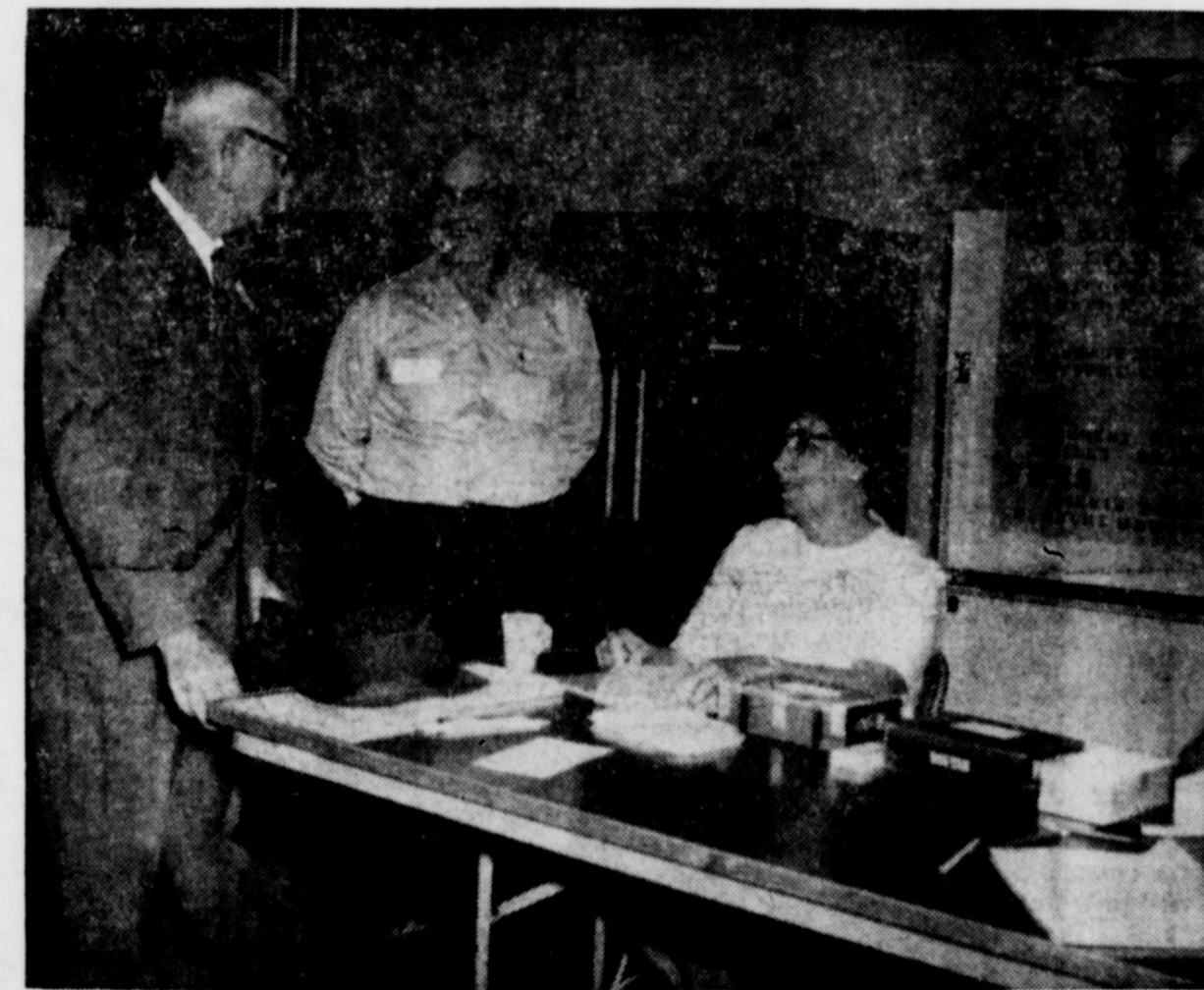
David Gamble with Melko Drug will take from 8 until 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 26 for Fund Drive coffee contributions.

Maurice Johnson with Johnson's

Ninth Street Grocery and Cafe said that he would "take the whole week," from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. And all coffee purchased between those hours for the entire week would be donated to the drive.

A list of workers are to be completed by Monday, Oct. 21 and turned in to directors so that they can be notified of the breakfast, said Roddy.

"We are more than pleased with the early response we are getting to this Community Fund Drive," said Roddy. "And we are most optimistic concerning its outcome."



REMEMBER WHENS — Were words heard often Saturday at the Homecoming registration desk in the West Texas Utilities building. Joe Bickley, left, of Abilene, and class of '04 "remember when" with Emory A. Jones, also of Abilene, and class of '23. Mrs. Denzil Cox takes time out from registering to enjoy their conversation. (Staff Photo)

## HOMEcoming '68

### 'THANK YOU' GIVEN TO ALL WORKERS

Merkel's '68 Homecoming is now history, except for thank yous and appreciations to be expressed to so many people "who did so much to make the Saturday activities such a success."

"And there are lots of thank yous to be said," said '68 Homecoming president, Tommy Cavelier. "The success of this Homecoming was due mainly to people

willingly pitched in and gave of their time in so many ways, and we are most grateful."

Three hundred Exes registered with 122 from out of town, according to Mrs. L. S. Tipton, 1968 Homecoming secretary. Eighteen attended the X - Lettermen's breakfast Saturday morning, held at the Asteroid Restaurant.

Officers elected for the Ex-students Association for 1969 Homecoming are Ben Robert Hicks, president; Nowlin (Corky) Cox, vice president; Mrs. Don King, secretary, and Mrs. Lawrence Hewitt, treasurer.

During halftime ceremonies at the Merkel-Haskell football game a jam-packed stadium saw Miss Nora Foster, crowned Miss Home Queen, Isadora Meltinger Mr. X, and Katherine Patterson crowned High School Homecoming Queen.

The Honor Class of 1913 was also given recognition during the ceremonies.

Special appreciation was expressed by Cutler to Mrs. June Gregory and "all who helped with the registration," to Wayne Adcock and his assistants in arranging and directing the Homecoming Parade, and to the Trent High School Band and instructor, Mrs. Barbara Davis, and to Glen

## Friday Singing

The Third Friday Night Singing will be held this Friday at the victory Baptist Church, according to association president, Mack Seymore. "All who enjoy good singing are invited to attend," said Seymore.

## FLOWER SHOW SET FOR OCTOBER 26-27

"Seeds and Season" will be the theme of Merkel Garden Club's annual Flower Show, to be held Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 26 and 27 at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

Mrs. Oda Clark, Flower Show chairman, said that hours for the show will be from 3 until 6 p.m. Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday and "is open to the public."

Entries will be received between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26, with judging to begin at 1 p.m., said Mrs. Clark.

The Artistic Division will present arrangements in "Spring and Summer," using fresh flowers, and mass arrangements; "Autumn," using dried and painted or treated material and dried or treated seeds, pods, grasses; and "Winter," using designers' choice of materials.

## MHS Badgers To Host Stamford This Friday

By CONNIE HARRIS

Merkel Badgers will be out to muzzle the Stamford Bulldogs Friday night at Badger Stadium and tie the district into a three-way tie.

Dan Allen, Booster Club president, said that the Badgers would be ready to host the Bulldogs and he trusted that the "fans will be ready to 'jack the Badgers.'"

Stamford called Mack Fisher Monday, requesting "more tickets." Stamford has always been known for their spirit and backing of their team, and it "looks as if there's going to quite a bunch of rooters" here for the Bulldogs.

Stamford has 36 boys out for football and brings in a new team for both offense and defense. They have good speed and play well.

In last Saturday's Homecoming game Badger Johnny Thompson kicked the pigskin deep into Indian territory to start the ball game. Quarterback Bob Tate passed to Tex Barnhart who ran 11 yards to make the Badgers' first down. Badgers came back in the second quarter with only 4 successful tries and made a TD. Thompson charged to the goal line and Gaylon Doan attempted the extra point which failed.

Charles Franklin proved to be Haskell's most successful player by making several first downs. Gary Felker made a touchdown to put Haskell on the scoreboard on a 60 yard run. Lanny Ivy kicked the extra point to put the

Indians out and over the Badgers.

Thompson intercepted a pass to help the Badgers on down the field, but the attempt for a TD failed and was short on the 3 yard line, with the Indians taking over.

Again the Indians were ready to race down the field for another TD made by Ray Pittman. Ivy booted the pigskin for the extra point. The ball switched hand twice before the Indians, Charles

Franklin raced for the "marker," with Ivy kicking the extra point.

Paul Thames was out Friday night, not just to intercept passes but to block them also. Thames caught a pass in the end zone to bring the ball out to the 20 yard line. After the Badgers' four attempts for a first down failed, Bob Aycock made a TD, with extra point failing.

Final score of the evening was

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## MESQUITE DISTRICT WORKSHOP IS SAT.

The Merkel Fortnightly Study Club will host a Mesquite District Workshop Saturday, Oct. 19, with meetings to be held at the United Methodist Church.

Merkel Study Club president, Mrs. Ray Wilson, said the theme of the workshop would be "Workshop: Don't Underestimate - Federate!"

Registration will be held from 9 until 10 a.m. and will include a welcome coffee. At 9:30 an Executive Board Meeting will be held.

At the 10 a.m. general assembly meeting, district president, Mrs. W. V. Wheeler will call the meeting to order; Mrs. L. H.

## Lion Clubbers Hear Earl Watts

Earl Watts, a former Merkel resident, and former member of the Merkel Lions Club, and now Executive Director of the Abilene Council on Alcoholism told Merkel Lion members and guest at their Tuesday luncheon that "The problem of alcohol is pretty wide spread, and is taking a national toll of our billion dollars in the industry of our country."

Watts said that this cost is in absenteeism, slippage and in ineffectiveness, and that "alcoholism is now rated in third place in major health problems."

In citing that problems of alcoholism is draining off 120 million dollars in Texas and 1.2 million dollars in Taylor County, Watts said that alcoholism is either directly or indirectly the cause of delinquent driving where fatal accidents occur, police arrests, family court cases and suicide victims.

"This problem is not a micky mouse kind of a problem," concluded Watts "in that it involves all of us either directly or indirectly."

## PREVIEWS

- THURSDAY  
Freshman Football  
Junior High Football
- FRIDAY  
Pep Rally  
Badgers Play Stamford  
Teen Center Open  
Trent Football  
Third Friday Night Singing
- SATURDAY  
Library Open at 10 a.m.  
Mesquite District Workshop
- SUNDAY  
Church Services
- MONDAY  
Booster Club Meeting
- TUESDAY  
Junior High Football  
Study Club Meets
- WEDNESDAY  
Optimist Noon Luncheon  
Library Open at 2 p.m.

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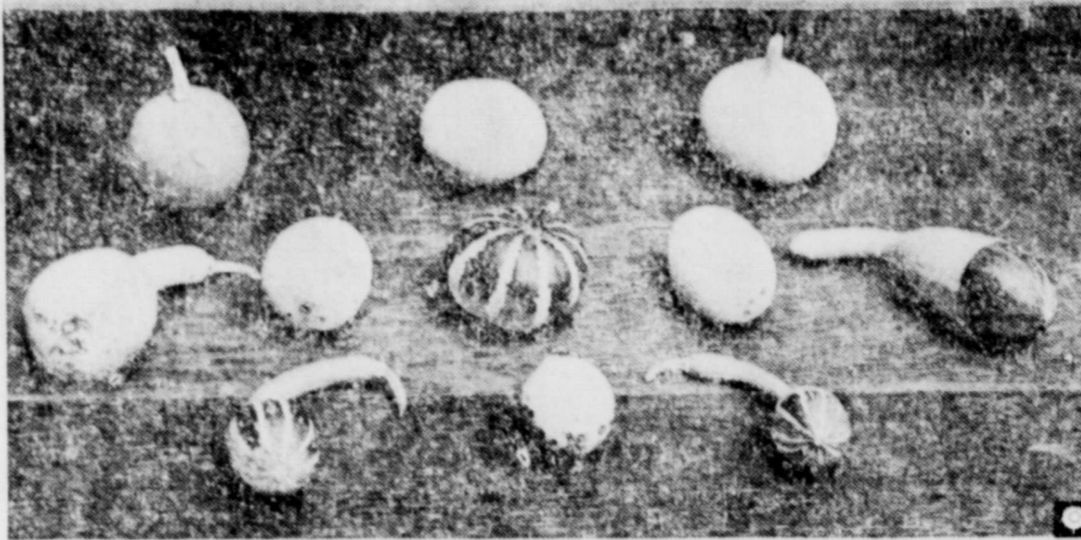
TO: Gary W. Norwood, Defendant. Greeting:  
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable County Court at Law of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days 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 16th day of September A.D. 1968, in this cause, numbered 6636 on the docket of said court and styled West Texas Utilities Company, Plaintiff, vs. Gary W. Norwood, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Balance unpaid on merchandise bought as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

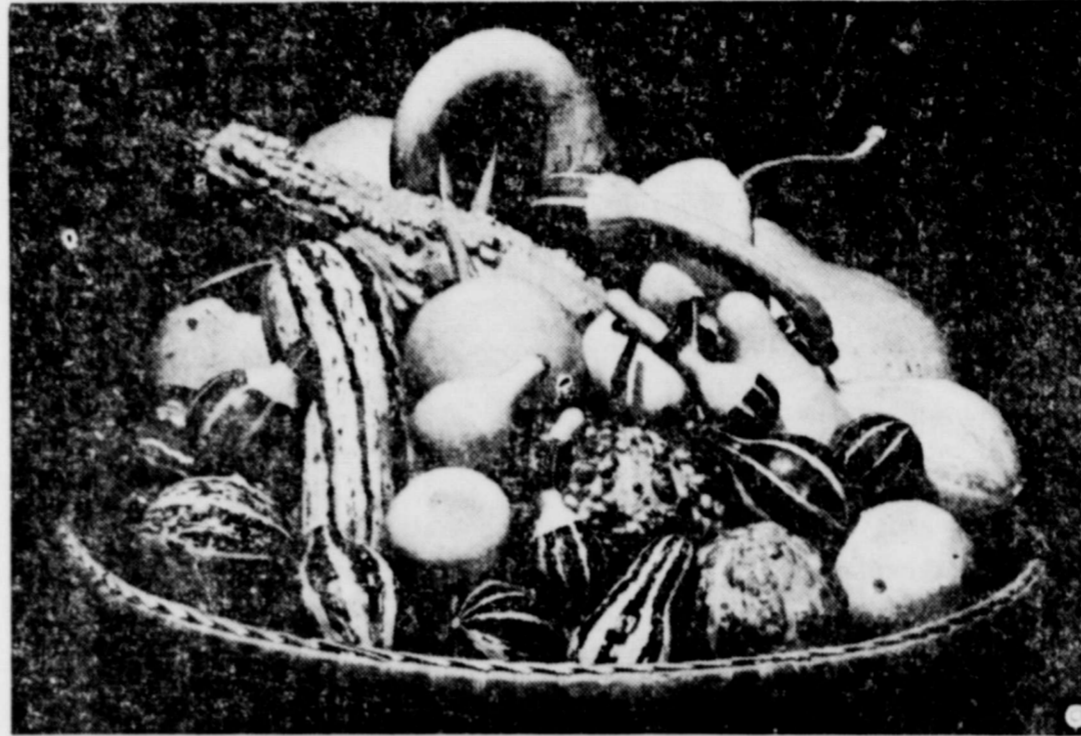
If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and

## WHEN "TOGETHERNESS" COUNTS



Little ornamental gourds should be picked off the vine with an inch of stem attached just before the first killing frost. Hang them up, with strings attached to the stems, in a place that's warm and dry. In a week or two they'll be dry and ready to wax or varnish to add sheen to the bright colors. Even then, seen one by one, they give little impression of their collective beauty.



When they're arranged in artistic groups, however, their appearance is quite different. This is when "togetherness" counts. Giant gourds, medium size gourds and the little fellows all add varied forms and colors to a single picture. Therefore a neutral-colored container is a necessity. The straw tray illustrated is an especially appropriate choice. Neutral-toned pottery is also good.

make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 16 day of September A.D. 1968.

(Seal)  
Attest: Mrs. Chester Hutcheson  
Clerk, County Court at Law  
By Shirley Tennison, Deputy.  
31 4tc

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TO: Edward Sonny Hello, De-

fendant, 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 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, to-wit: 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 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 18th day of September A.D. 1968.

(Seal)  
Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk,  
Domestic Relations Court  
Taylor County, Texas.  
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.  
30 4tc

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL  
ESTATE UNDER EXECUTION  
AND ORDER OF SALE  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF TAYLOR

By virtue of an execution and Order of Sale issued out of the 42nd District Court of Taylor, County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 18th day of September, 1968, in favor of Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff, and against the said Betty Jean Evans, Individually and as Guardian of the estate of Steven Lynn Evans, Darla Gaye Evans, Jeffery Scott Evans and Melanie Renee Evans, Minors, Defendants, in the case

of Federal National Mortgage Association vs. Betty Jean Evans, Individually, et al. No. 31,882-A, in such court, I did on the 8th day of October, 1968, at 2 o'clock p.m. levy upon the following described tract of land, situated in the County of Taylor, State of Texas, as the property of Betty Jean Evans, Individually, et al.

BEING Lot 13, Block 3, Thornton Heights, an Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas; SUBJECT to an undivided 4-320ths non-participating royalty interest conveyed by warranty deed dated October 23, 1949, of record in Volume 527, Page 336, of the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas.

and on the Fifth (5th) day of November, 1968, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. on said day, at

the courthouse door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of the said Betty Jean Evans, Individually and as Guardian of the Estate of Steven Lynn Evans, Darla Gaye Evans, Jeffery Scott Evans and Melanie Renee Evans, Minors, in and to said property, as prescribed by law.

And in compliance with the law, I give this notice by publication in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in The Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County, Texas.

GEORGE MAXWELL  
Sheriff of Taylor County,  
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By Robert Alexander, Deputy  
32 3tc

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Fresh Louisiana yams will be in markets everywhere starting in October. Team them with moist pasteurized prunes as in this casserole.

### SUNNY YAM AND PRUNE CASSEROLE (Makes 4 servings)

- 4 medium Louisiana yams, cooked, peeled and quartered or 2 cans (1 pound each) Louisiana yams, drained
- 1/2 cup diced California prunes
- 1 1/2 cups sliced red apples (about 1 medium)
- 1 can (8 3/4 ounces) pineapple tidbits, undrained
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon frozen chopped chives
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon each: ground allspice, ginger and monosodium glutamate
- Water
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon butter or margarine
- 1/2 cup flaked coconut

In 2 1/2 quart baking dish, combine yams, prunes and apple slices. Drain pineapple; reserve syrup. Add pineapple to yams. In saucepan, blend sugar, cornstarch, chives and spices. Add enough water to reserved syrup to measure 1 cup; gradually add to sugar mixture. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until sauce is slightly thickened and clear. Remove from heat; stir in lemon juice and butter. Spoon over yams and fruit. Bake, basting occasionally, in 375° (moderate) oven 15 to 20 minutes or until apples are tender. Sprinkle with coconut, bake 5 minutes longer.

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**GARAGE SALE** — Six families having sale in rent house at 306 Thornton St. Four blocks west of farm road to Noodle. Men's, women's, teenagers', children's, baby items and miscellaneous. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Oct. 17, 18, 19 33 1tp

**LOST** — Sow between my home and locker. White, weighs about 250 pounds. If found call 864-4165 or see P. R. Floyd.

**SEWING WANTED** — Dorothy Perkins. Call at 846-4354. 31 2tp

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**GARAGE SALE** — At the Old Post Office building Saturday, Oct. 12. Sponsored by the Catholic Church of Merkel. Clothes, dishes, and miscellaneous items. For every dollar worth you buy, you receive a 10 cent article free. 32 fr

**RUMMAGE SALE** — Sponsored by Methodist Gleaners' Class. Every Saturday at 917 North 2nd. Clothes, furniture, pillows, miscellaneous. 30 1fr

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**FOR SALE** — Two bedroom house on two lots with double garage and well. See owner. 411 Cherry. 33 2tp

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## Sybil Brown Weds Ronald Simpson

Miss Sybil Anne Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cadmus Brown of Liberty Hill, became the bride of David Ronald Simpson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Simpson, also of Liberty Hill, Saturday, Sept. 28 in the home of the bride's parents, with the Rev. T. P. Patterson officiating.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose a street length dress of white satin brocade, topped by a long sleeved coat of brocade. White satin shoes and a headband of lace completed the ensemble. She wore a corsage of white carnations.

Maid of honor was Maria Brown, sister of the bride.

Cadmus Irl Brown, brother of the bride, was best man.

Both bride and groom are honor graduates of Liberty Hill High School. The bride is employed by the Department of Public Safety, Austin, and the groom is employed at West Texaco in Leanders.

The couple will be at home in Liberty Hill.

Out of town guests at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Simpson of Austin; and Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker of Merkel, maternal grandparents of the bride.

## WOW District Meet Held Here

The District Convention of the Woodmen of the World was held at the Merkel Community Center Monday evening with the Woodman Grover, 6523 of Merkel as hostess.

Officers attending the district meeting were state manager, E. A. Bowers and Mrs. Bowers, and the northwest district state secretary, H. B. Davis and Mrs. Davis.

Two area managers, E. H. O'Connell and Joel and Mrs. Low of Abilene also attended.

Approximately 45 were present with visitors attending from San Angelo, Cisco and Abilene.

## NOODLE 4-H CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

The Noodle 4-H Club's Club was organized for the 1968-69 school year when Mrs. Mary V. Nowiser, Jr., Jones County Home Demonstration Agent, met with them at the Noodle School Cafeteria on Tuesday, Oct. 8.

The agent discussed the aims of the 4-H, the meaning of 4-H, the emblem, motto, pledge, prayer and the requirements of a 4-Her.

The different demonstrations and projects the 4-H Club girls can carry were discussed. The different areas that 4-Hers can

work are Foods and Nutrition, Clothing, Money Management, Public Speaking, Bedroom and Home Improvement, Leadership and Safety.

Officers elected were Mary Cochran, president; Debbie Cill, vice president; Patsy Bister, secretary; Kathy Evans, council delegate, and Patti Maxwell and Patsy Starr, recreation leaders.

Patti Byers and Joyce Hogan are Jr. Leaders for this group and will work with one Foods Unit of younger girls and one Foods Unit of older girls.

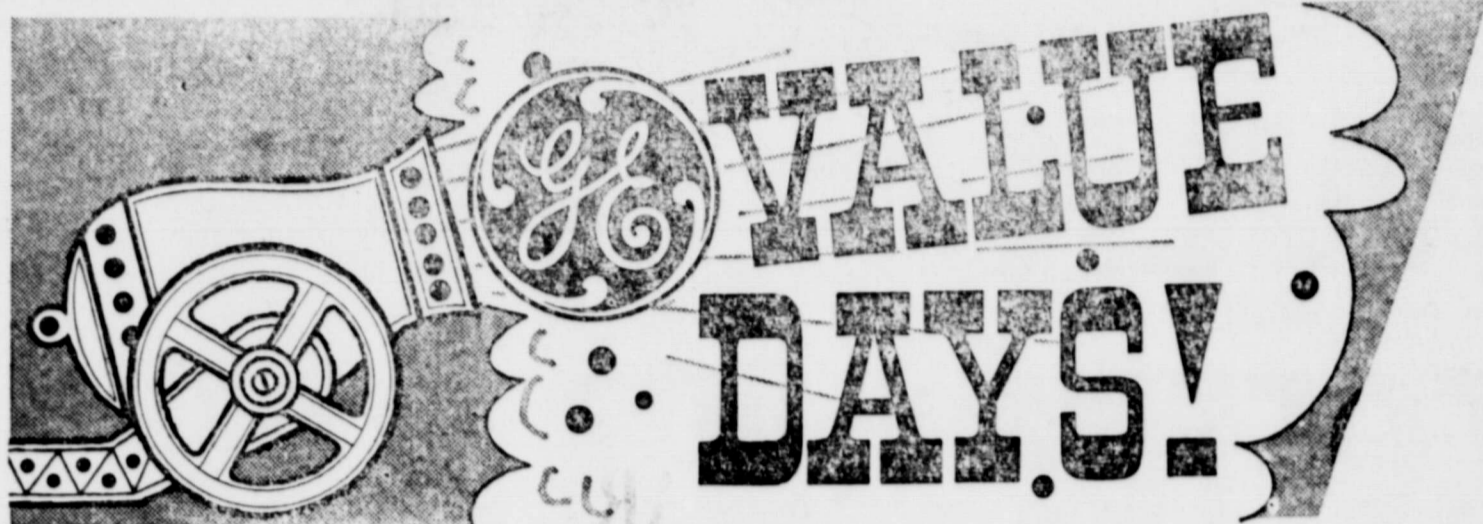
## Birthday Dinner Fete Andy Shouse

The family of Andy Shouse celebrated his birthday at his home Sunday, October 6 with a dinner and gift party.

Those attending were two sisters, Mrs. C. T. McCormick and Mrs. J. A. McWilliams, and a brother, Clyde Shouse and wife. Several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews also attended.

Scott Andrew Shouse, three week old grandson was the "youngest" attending.

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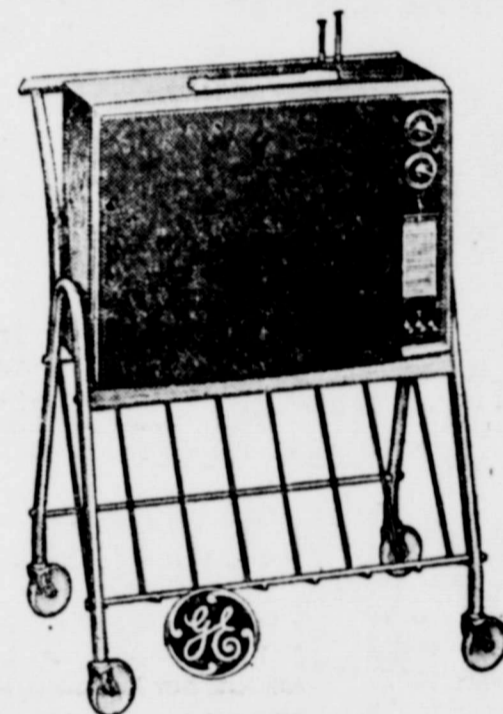


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## HAMBY NEWS

By MRS. WILLIAMS

Mr. Thomas Earl Watts recently visited his cousin, Gordon Faulk, who was hurt in a truck accident in Merkel last week.

Mrs. J. M. Foster returned to Ruidoso, N. M. Tuesday with some friends and will be home Friday.

B. J. Gist is in Waco attending a Farm Bureau Board meeting. He will return Friday.

4-H members and leaders from Hamby and other Taylor County towns were honored Monday night at the 16th Annual Awards Banquet, held at the Windsor Hotel in Abilene. The affair was given by the Key City Kiwanis Club, and the Agriculture and Conservation Committees of Abilene.

Special awards for tenure of service were presented to adult leaders. Those receiving certificates for 5-10 years were Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Moore; for 10 or more years, Mrs. Casey Moore, Mrs. Charles Smith Jr., and Mrs. Dan Snow.

4-H winners were Bobby Joe Linahan and Don Lewis, Field Crop; Butch Lenahan, Grain Marketing; Cheryl Dean, Home Economics; Billy Dan Snow, Leadership; and Joe Eddy Gist, Swine.

The Rev. Kelley E. Scott of Abilene and pastor of Hamby Methodist Church was in the community this week, visiting members.

Lots of friends of Robert Evans of Abilene attended his funeral Thursday morning. Mr. Evans was born at Hamby, grew up here and attended Hamby school.

Eddy Gist attended an FFA meeting in Waco Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Mackehney of Wichita Falls spent Friday and Saturday with his sister, Mrs. Walker Williams.

Miss Diana Williams of Abilene spent the weekend with her grandmother, Mrs. Alice Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Linahan have Mr. Linahan's mother from Louisiana visiting them this week.

Mrs. Bobby Gossett gave her son, Gary, a birthday party on his 7th birthday at her home Wednesday.

Larry Scott of Abilene visited at the Methodist Church Sunday morning.

Susan Dean, a student at McMurry College, spent the weekend with her parents.

Mr. Dob Allen, lay leader of Grace Methodist Church in Abilene, gave the message at the Methodist Church Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker Williams visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shotwell of Tye Sunday afternoon.

Several from Hamby attended the Taylor County Farm Bureau annual convention Saturday at Wylie. A chili and bean supper was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo McElroy were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shotwell at Tye Friday.

Members of the Hamby 4-H elected Shirley Lilly as president. Randall Moore was elected to serve as vice president.

## Study Club Hears

### Talk on Chess

Mrs. Don Dudley was hostess to the Merkel Fortnightly Study Club Tuesday, Oct. 8, with the topic of study being, "Nothing Is Achieved Without Enthusiasm."

Mrs. Andy Shouse gave a report on the game of Chess, and presented Dennis Britton, who gave a demonstration on playing the game. Mrs. John Boyd told of the fastest game ever played, "Joe Alai."

Members were reminded of the Mesquite District Workshop to be held here Saturday, Oct. 19, with the Study Club as hostess.

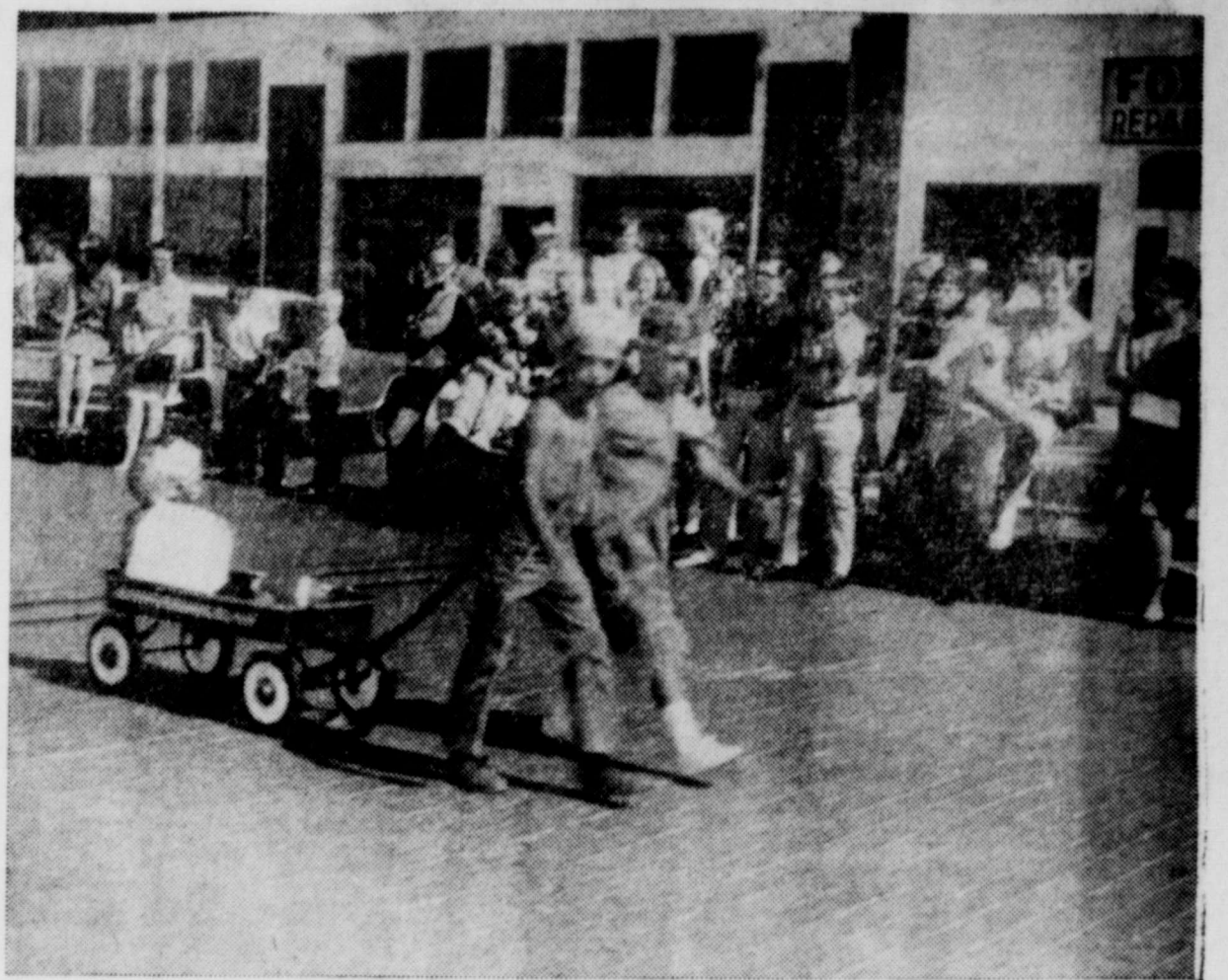
Attending the Oct. 8 meeting were Mrs. E. G. Sandusky, Bryn Dunigan, Johnny Cox, Ben R. Hicks, Shouse, Ray Wilson and J. Lynn Knight.

Also Mrs. W. R. Cypert, Conner Haynes, Dudley, Boyd and club guest, Dennis Britton.

## CLASSIFIED ADS GET RESULTS



Parade float in Hamby, Texas, during the 16th Annual Awards Banquet. The float was decorated with a banner that says "YES THANKS TO MERKEL".



Football player Russell Lucas is carried on a float during the parade. The float is decorated with a banner that says "YES THANKS TO MERKEL".



Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ MALE

Cotton harvesting got under way last week and is turning out good.

The Rev. James Williams, pastor of the Stith Baptist Church, conducted the services at the Starr Nursing Home in Merkel Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning attended the special program at the Victory Baptist Church in Merkel Thursday night and heard the Payne Family sing.

Mrs. Glen Bicknell was honored with a "pink and blue" shower at the Stith Community Center Thursday night.

J. R. Mashburn of Carlisbad, N.M., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn and Rodger, over the weekend.

Mrs. Royce Mashburn left for her home in Richland, Wash., after a three week visit with her mother, Mrs. John Shaw and her sister and family. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn, Mrs. Shaw and the two Mrs. Mashburns visited in Abilene Monday night with Mrs. Roxie Meeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale, Mrs. Rennie Hale and Charles Hale, visited over the weekend in Taylor with Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Melene and Monica. Mrs. Bonnie Hale and Charles spent Sunday at Lackland AFB with Rennie Hale.

Visitors attending services at the Stith Baptist Church Sunday were Jo Ann and Susie Buchhofer of Graham. The girls were visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Hobbs of Grand Prairie visited Mrs. John Hobbs and the Benny Hobbs family during the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Benny Hobbs and Mrs. John Hobbs visited Mrs. Ina Kelso at the Anson Care Home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning and the Rev. O. B. Tatum visited the Billy Ray Browning family at Tuscola Saturday.

## Morgan-Davis

### Vows Exchanged

Brenda Kay Morgan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Morgan and William Ray Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Davis of Rt. 3, exchanged wedding vows at the United Methodist Church in Merkel Friday, Oct. 11. The Rev. Jim Sharp, pastor of the United Methodist Church of Trent, officiated.

Pam Walla was bridesmaid and Nick Davis was best man. Presented in marriage by her father, the bride wore an A-line dress of lace and satin, and a white pillbox veil.

The bride is a graduate of Merkel High School and of Commercial College in Abilene.

The groom is a student at Cisco Junior College and is employed at an Enco Station in Abilene. The couple is living at 1608 Tower Twin in Abilene.

## FARMERS' UNION ACCEPTS SEVEN RECOMMENDATIONS

The District III Farmers Union Cotton Committee composed of cotton growers representing the 17 District III counties of the Rolling Plains has prepared seven recommendations for the 1968 cotton program.

Area Farmer Union members of the committee are F. T. Hogan Jr., Connie M. Seymore, committee secretary, and Allen Morgan.

Members of the committee sent their recommendations via telegram to Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman.

The following changes and recommendations for the 1968 Cotton Program were unanimously adopted:

1. That mandatory diversion on cotton be increased from 5 per cent to 12 1/2 per cent.
2. That diversion payments be raised from 6c to 10c per pound.
3. To leave "skin row" regulations unchanged from 1968.
4. Leave the 3 to 5 years county proven yield regulations as are.
5. Leave cotton loan rate as it is at 90 per cent of world market.
6. Have no limitations of payments on farm programs.
7. Study feasibility of dividing representation on the State ASCS Committee into districts over the state.

## MERKEL 4-H NEWS

By MARY BETH BOYD

The Merkel 4-H Club met Thursday, Oct. 3 for their regular monthly meeting.

4-Hers gathered at the John Boyd home for a hayride to the Robert Stephan home. Some sixty members, parents and leaders enjoyed the weiner roast afterwards.

Meeting was called to order by Robert Boyd, president. 4-H Club Motto, pledge and prayer were led by Patricia Boyd and the American Pledge, led by Jeri Stephan.

Mrs. Robert Stephan, an adult 4-H leader, spoke to the group on the importance of keeping good records. She also pointed out that in order for the Merkel 4-H Club to be successful all members would have to work together to make it that way.

Paul Tucker then led the group in games.

The club observed National 4-H Club Week by displaying an exhibit in the West Texas Utilities building. The display was the making and processing of cotton.

The club also exhibited record books which proved that members were not asleep but do work with many projects.

The Key City Kiwanis Club of Abilene and Agricultural and Conservation Committees honored Taylor County 4-H Club members at the 16th Annual Awards Banquet at the Windsor Hotel Monday, Oct. 7. Approximately 250 persons were on hand to see the presentation of awards to the top 4-Hers from all over the country.

Tommy Cutler, service advisor with Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., was given the "Friend of the 4-H Award," by the county club, the highest award made to a non-member on the county level.

Merkel 4-H Club winners at the banquet were Robert Boyd, agriculture; Terry Wade, beef cattle; Jeri Stephan, clothing; Dayna McAninch, citizenship; Gail Boone and Christi Boone, dress revue and Suzie Wilson, foods and nutrition.

Also Patricia Boyd, foods and nutrition; Betsy Johnson, horse; Kathryn Criswell, leadership; and Gaylon Boone, swine. The club received a blue award for outstanding contribution to 4-H Club work.

## Newspaper Editor Talks to Sorority

Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Mrs. Alameda Bullock Tuesday evening, Oct. 15, with club president, Mrs. Larry White, presiding.

Guest speaker for the evening was Mrs. Dave Brumbeau, editor of the Merkel Mail, who spoke to members and guests on the cultural program, "Prose."

Mrs. Brumbeau gave quotations from press writers on the subjects of love, hatred, fear, faith, patriotism and religion.

Following the program, the Ways and Means committee announced that Beta Sigma Phi would have a game night for the public Saturday, Nov. 2 to be held in the dining room of the Asteroid Restaurant.

Plans were also announced that the Pledge Ritual would be held Nov. 5 and the Pledge Dinner, Nov. 12 and would be headed by Mrs. Jimmy Leverich, vice president.

Hostess for the evening was Mrs. Bullock.

## Baggett Fund Is Started Locally

A fund has been started for the Mack Baggett family, with contributions being made and left at the Glamour Bar Beauty Shop and the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, according to Mrs. Marlene Peel.

Mack, who was seriously injured a few weeks ago when a horse he was riding fell on him, is a patient at the West Texas Medical Center, Room 220.

Mrs. Peel said that he would have to be in the hospital from six to ten weeks and "will be an indefinite period before he will be able to return to work."

The fund was started by the employees of the Glamour Bar Beauty Salon where Mrs. Baggett is employed.

"Many people have expressed a desire to help," said Mrs. Peel, "and anyone who would like to make a contribution may do so at the bank."

## Trent Gorillas To Hermleigh This Friday

Trent Gorillas will be all out as they travel to take on the Hermleigh Cardinals at 8 p.m. Friday and will go after their number 5 victory to lead the district as the only unbeaten team.

Centerback Gaylon Brumvak scored the first touchdown in last Friday's game with the Central Catholic Chargers. Stan Hicks kicked the extra point. Wingback Pat Carriker plunged from five yards out to put the Gorillas ahead 12-0 before the half.

Central Catholic's only score came from a fumble by the Gorillas after the half.

The Gorillas "King Kong" defense tackled Steve Reddin, nose guard Tim Riegan, and Johnny Jones, linebackers Ted Simpson and Pat Carriker. Coach Charles Russell said Monday "the team's effort is tremendous." Final score was Trent 26, Central Catholic 6.

## TEEN COUNCIL TALKS ABOUT MEMBERSHIP

The Teen Council met at the Merkel Restaurant Tuesday evening, Oct. 14 to discuss age groups, lighting, guests and activity dates concerning the Youth Activity Program held at the Community Center on weekends.

Bill Button spoke to the group about the Merkel Community Fund and asked the young people to set a quota and to work on the drive which opens officially Friday, Oct. 25. Button represented the Merkel Chamber of Commerce and also the City Council.

Herman Carson and Onis Crawford attended the meeting and represented the Lions' Club which owns the Community Center and opened the building to the youth activities. Carson told the group that Lion members had voted to "cutting down of several trees and shrubs east of the building and possibly installing lights outside the building."

For the Teen Council, the main topic of discussion was the age group members and their guests.

Council voted that membership would be offered only to Merkel High School students, and members only may bring a guest, and "will not be over 19 years of age."

Mike Dudley and Bob Hammond were appointed to get a candy machine and another coke box.

## Hamby HD Club

The Hamby Home Demonstration Club met Thursday afternoon with president, Mrs. J. E. Deatherage, presiding. Mrs. W. T. Williams gave the opening exercise and read the Ten Commandments by Sam Leverenson.

Roll Call was answered with "A Mistake I Made While Driving." Council report was given by Mrs. W. T. Grantham. Mrs. C. G. Smith gave tips on clothing. Mrs. Gist gave tips on landscaping.

Mrs. Betty Foster, county agent, presented a program on Selection of Accessories for Rooms in Our Home.

and a pin ball machine. The Teen Center will be open Friday and Saturday nights, and "all high school teens are urged to attend."

Ann Walker, chairman of the Teen Council, ask that anyone having card tables and folding chairs they would like to donate to the activity program, could contact any of the council members.

Council members besides Ann are Larry Hewitt, Corky Land, Beth Peachey, Judy Heister, Pat Bunch and Mike Dudley.

## BADGERS

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the Indians 27, Badgers 6, and the Badgers got a "taste of a loss" in 7-AA.

Booster of the week for the Saturday game were Joe Alves and John Brady. Kathy Leverich was the lady booster. This Friday night's Boosters of the Week will be Pat Williams and Vincent Barnett. Mrs. Betty Whisenand will be the lady booster.

At Monday evening's Booster meeting, Allen, in referring to the Merkel football team, said, "The boys have shown their desire to win and their ability to compete in 7-AA Conference, but the town spirit seems to be on a Class-C level."

"It's a good thing to be on the right track," continued Allen, "but if you don't keep moving you'll continue to get run over. The boys need the full backing of the Merkel fans, from the first kickoff to the last TD, whether they're winning or losing."

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## LINKLETTER'S BOOK ON KIDS' SAYINGS IS HUMOR PACKED

**EDITOR'S NOTE** — The review on Art Linkletter's Book "Kids Say the Darndest Things" is reviewed this week by Mrs. Bobby DuBose.

"Kids say the Darndest Things" — is just exactly that — a collection of funny and sometimes very wise sayings of small boys and girls. The pages represent the delightful responses of over

15,000 children over a span of 27 years, through a gentle prying into their lives and minds by the author. It is a record of things close and meaningful to the little ones in a great big new world; the everyday thoughts and reactions of "Ordinary" kids — their beliefs and experiences.

Here we find imagination, curiosity and the need to find out

what life is all about. The wonderful intimate life of childhood in honest, funny and sometimes pathetic sayings, is descriptively revealed.

Somewhere among the hundreds of anecdotes in this book, every reader is sure to find one that reminds himself of his own youth or that of his sons or daughters.

It is easy to see this book was written by a man who loves children, and one with an insight into their bright minds and young hearts.

All kids seem to confide in Mr. Linkletter and regard him as a special friend.

He has done us all a fine service in sharing with us this rec-

ord of what our children believe and the happy way they let us look into their world of wonders and magic.

MRS. LOUISE DuBOISE

### Haynes Elected To MCFSWC Board

Farmers and ranchers in Zone 5 of the Middle Clear Fork Soil and Water Conservation District elected Billy C. Haynes of Abilene to serve as their representative to the District Board for the next 5 years. Haynes has been serving in the position temporarily since the resignation of Joe Antilley of Elmdale who is now serving on the State Soil and Water Conservation Board.

Haynes is actively engaged in farming in Callahan County and owns the Abilene Livestock Auction. His father, Comer Haynes of Merkel, served for many years on the Middle Clear Fork Board.

### VETERANS LAND BOARD SALE

The Veterans Land Board will receive sealed bids at the General Land Office, Austin, Texas, until 11:00 o'clock A.M., November 19, 1968, for the sale of 65 tracts of land. There will be 32 tracts offered to eligible Texas veterans only in Brown, Callahan, Cameron, Clay, Dickens, Gaines, Guadalupe, Hidalgo, Hunt, Jasper, La Salle, Liberty, Milam, Potter, Rains, Randall, Reeves, Yoakum and Zavalla Counties. There will be 33 tracts offered to non-veterans and eligible Texas veterans in Cameron, Dimmit, Hidalgo, Maverick and Newton Counties.

Tracts may be financed through the Veterans Land Board. For information and listing of tracts write to:

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Austin, Texas 78701

### 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 same are not liable, in good taste, and they must be signed.

### This Writer Urges Vote for Nixon

**Editor:**

Concerning the article (UP THE CANYON) in your Oct. 3 issue, I must be counted in the number of the people who say this country is in a mess. In the last few years, the respect of this nation has sunk lower than ever before all over the world. Hardly a day goes by without hearing of an American flag being burned, an Embassy being wrecked or an American Ambassador being insulted. At the present time we are worse off in every area of the world, than we were when President Eisenhower left office. And you check back and see what political party President Eisenhower is and was affiliated with.

Things WERE in a mess in the late 20's and 30's but that doesn't lessen the situation today. Never before has there been such disrespect for law and such despair in the hearts of Americans as there has been since the Republicans lost power.

Come November 5 I hope Americans will vote for a man who knows what America's problems are and how to solve them sensibly. I hope Americans will vote for Mr. Richard M. Nixon.

LARRY POWELL  
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and is engaged in farming south of Merkel.

The chairman for the election convention was H. C. Stanley — Taylor County Agent. The election was held at the Elmdale School Tuesday night.

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### Lt. Benson Now With Air Defense



Lt. Robert C. Benson and family have been assigned to the 29th North America Air Defense Division at Duluth AFB, Duluth, Minn.

His duties include liaison officer between the Army, Air Force and Canadian Air Force personnel. He is also air defense artillery director for the Minneapolis-St. Paul Air Defense.

Lt. Benson reported on Aug. 28, after completing a nine-week course for Air Defense Officers at Ft. Bliss, Tex. He is a 1967 graduate of Texas A&M University and former assistant agricultural agent of Wichita County, Wichita Falls.

### Macaroni...The People's Choice



You don't have to put it to a vote to know that macaroni and cheese are a winning combination. Serve this prize-winning Macaroni and Cheese with Olives during National Macaroni Week—October 17-26. Or prepare it for a group of friends to enjoy at an informal supper on election night.

This recipe, developed by the National Macaroni Institute, is an economical one, and easy to prepare. It can be served buffet style, which makes it a suitable choice when you'll be eating while grouped around the television set.

- MACARONI AND CHEESE WITH OLIVES**  
(Makes 12 servings)
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| 2 tablespoons salt          | 1/4 teaspoon pepper                                   |
| 4 to 6 quarts boiling water | 1 quart milk  |
| 1 pound elbow macaroni      | 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 pounds process American cheese, grated |
| 1/2 cup butter or margarine | 3/4 to 1 cup sliced pimiento-stuffed olives           |
| 2 tablespoons flour         |   |
| 1 teaspoon salt             |   |
| 1/2 teaspoon celery seed    |   |
- Add 2 tablespoons salt to rapidly boiling water. Gradually add macaroni so that water continues to boil. Cook uncovered, stirring occasionally, until tender. Drain in colander.
- Meanwhile, melt butter in large pot. Blend in flour, 1 teaspoon salt, celery seed and pepper. Stir in milk and cook and stir until thickened. Add cheese; stir until melted. Remove from heat. Add olives and macaroni and mix well. Place macaroni mixture in 9x13x2-inch baking pan. Sprinkle with seasoned bread crumbs, if desired. Bake 15 to 20 minutes in 400° (hot) oven, until lightly browned and bubbly.

### WOULD YOUR CONGRESSMAN VOTE FOR GEORGE WALLACE?

Some fine Texans are tempted to vote for the 3rd party candidate because they admire his stand and his statements on some of the major campaign issues . . .

#### STOP AND THINK WHAT WILL ACTUALLY HAPPEN . . .

The best that Wallace supporters can hope for is enough strength to throw the election into the turmoil of a Congressional election by the House of Representatives . . .

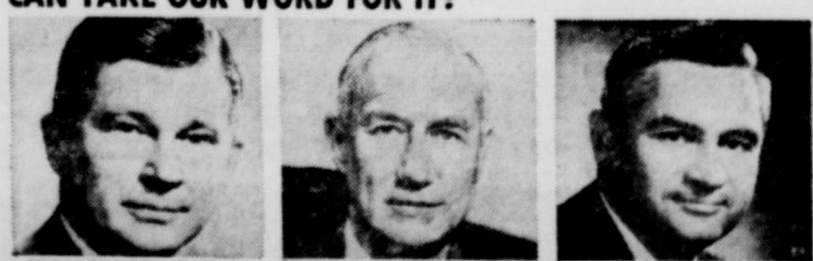
#### THEN WHAT HAPPENS?

The answer is certain and simple. Wallace supporters are at the mercy of Washington Politicians! Every vote for George Wallace automatically becomes a vote for Hubert Humphrey!

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## BADGER TRACKS

By WALLY KNIGHT

The Badgers lost their first district game Saturday night at Merkel. The game was Merkel's Homecoming. The final score was 27 - 6. The Badgers are still in the running for district championship and will journey to Stam-

ford Friday night to play the Stamford Bulldogs.

The senior bonfire was held Friday night at 7:30. Homecoming parade was held Saturday afternoon. Following the parade a giant pen - rally was held in the high school gymnasium. A drill team from San Angelo performed, the Badger Band played, and the cheerleaders led several yells. Football players and manager and coaches were recognized at the pen rally. The gymnasium was filled with many fans and exes of Merkel High.

Katherine Patterson was crowned Homecoming Queen at the football game Saturday night. Mr. Isadore Mellinger was named Mr. Fixe and Miss Foster was named the Coming Home Queen.

Mr. Vincent Barnett and Mr. Pat Williamson were selected as the Booster Club representatives for this week. Mrs. Betty Whisenant was chosen to be the Women's Auxiliary representative.

The Teen Club was open Saturday night following the football game. A crowd of seventy teenagers was reported to have attended. The club will be open this Friday night following the game and all Merkel High School students are invited to attend. Admission is 25c at the door or 35c for three weeks.

The Badgers still need your

backing when they take on the Stamford Bulldogs this Friday night. This will be the Badgers' third district game.

## CEMETERY FUND

The following made recent donations to the Merkel Cemetery Fund:

- Walter Teaff
- Mrs. Dee Perry
- Mrs. Ada Mae Johnson in memory of Delia Kuykendall
- J. P. Spears
- Mrs. F. G. Sears
- Mrs. John Morgan
- Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eager in memory of C. R. Tittle
- Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hicks in memory of C. R. Tittle
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- Mrs. Cynthia Pinckley
- Ella Neeb
- Mr. and Mrs. Troy Sloan
- Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Douglas
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- Willard Paine
- Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Gardner
- C. S. Phillips
- D. W. Sieglitz
- Mrs. Stanley Stanford
- C. Roy Stevens
- Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sheppard
- Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson in memory of C. R. Tittle
- Mr. and Mrs. William R. Cwper in memory of C. R. Tittle
- Mrs. Vernon Horton
- Wilbur and Grace Thomas in memory of C. R. Tittle
- Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent in memory of C. R. Tittle

## Weekend Visitors

Enjoying a family get-together Saturday and attending the Merkel Homecoming were children of Mrs. Lige Harris.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harris of Ballinger. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Harris, Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Don Riney, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harris, all of Merkel. Also visiting Mrs. Harris was her brother, Oscar Miller of Modesto, Calif.

## NEW HOURS TOLD

Astroworld today announced new operating hours for this fall of 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays only. The new schedule will go into effect immediately, eliminating Friday operations.

## College Night Is October 29

College bound juniors and seniors and their parents will have an opportunity to attend three discussion groups to obtain information about colleges in which they are interested, according to Mrs. Gwendolen Jay, counselor for Cooper High School in Abilene.

Representatives from thirty two institutions of higher learning will participate in College Night to be held in Abilene, Tuesday, Oct. 29 at 7:15 at the Cooper High School auditorium.

In the general assembly Mr. Jerome Vannoy of McMurry will

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discuss types of financial aid - scholarships, loans and work-study programs, and general procedures for applying. Col. Johnny M. Rice, professor of Military Science at Hardin - Simmons University will discuss the young man's military obligation and the ROTC program.

"College Night affords an excellent opportunity for students and their parents to obtain first-hand information about the colleges in which they are interested," said Mrs. Jay. "and Merkel area students and their parents are given an invitation to attend."

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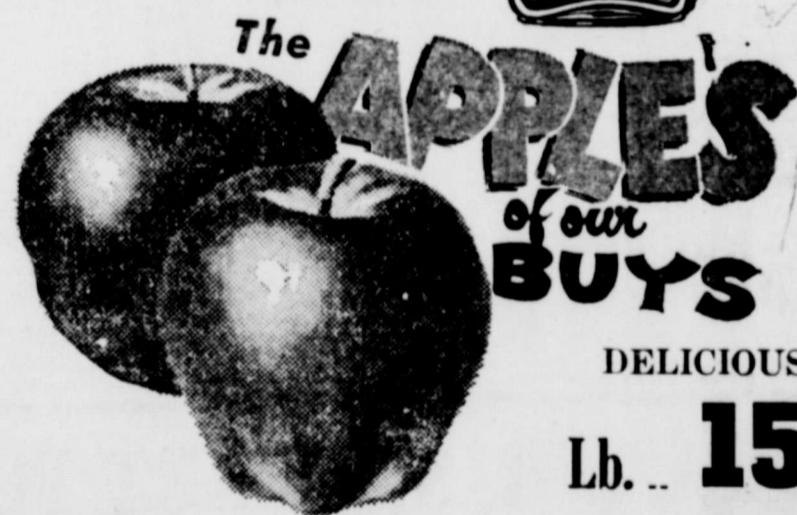
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