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Up The Canyon

By TOM RUSSOM

It seems that Winter is moving in a little early this year. The Canyon received some more rain this week, some parts up to nine-tenths of an inch, which helped quite a lot. With some dry sown wheat the moisture will bring up the wheat.

We had just started sowing oats when this rain came. The snow and rain we had some two weeks ago was a big help to farmers, but back to winter time, it sure does slow down farming and the ground is very cold.

Well, the deer hunting got off to a fairly slow start; however, hunters began to come in better the last few days. The weather cooled off quite a bit, causing the deer to be more on the move. So it seems the hunting is moving along very well. In some cases the hunters have killed their allotment and pulled out of the field, while there are others still pounding away to get their deer.

There are quite a bit of difference in deer hunters stories. Some can go out and pound down on their deer the first day and back and pound down another, perhaps the next day, and there are others who go out and tell about seeing some 8 or 10 in a bunch, and suddenly something happens and the deer disappear and that is the story.

Here's a fairly good story you might like to hear. Four fine boys took a lease in our area and the last report we had, they had killed two gray foxes, one bobcat and no deer. It was reported another party on a place adjoining saw five deer on the place where the bobcat and fox were killed and the hunters shot into the deer and didn't kill a one. I wasn't in either party, but that sounds like some of my shooting.

Ah, yes, here's a good short one. Some hunters and myself were riding up the Canyon, just this week and one hunter said, "My, oh, my, isn't this beautiful," and then he asks, "Where is Mulberry Canyon?" And I said we are right in the middle of it. The land of milk and honey — a little short on both milk and honey — anyway everyone is in good spirits.

Remember the Lord's Acre Sale for this Saturday evening at the Pioneer Methodist Church. Come on out around 6 p.m. — sandwiches and drinks will be served. Then stay for the sale — you'll be glad you did.

LORD'S ACRE SALE IS THIS SATURDAY

The Annual Lord's Acre Sale will be held at Pioneer Church in Mulberry Canyon this Saturday, with the serving of sandwiches and drinks to begin at 6 p.m.

Joe Seymore, chairman for this year's Lord's Acre Sale, said that proceeds from the sale go to the church budget to pay on the upkeep of church expenses.

"This gives everyone a chance to have a part in the sharing of the church's business," said Sey-

Greely Aston Here Friday, Nov. 22

Greely Aston, Veteran Service Officer, will be at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank in Merkel Friday, Nov. 22.

Veterans and or their families may confer with Aston between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.



MERKEL ESSAY WINNERS — Taking first places in High School Conservation Contest were, from left, Mark Dudley, freshman, Robert Clemmer, sophomore, and Katherine Patterson, senior. There was no junior class entry. First place district winners in the essay contest will be honored at the annual awards banquet Dec. 2 in the Windsor Hotel in Abilene. Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., sponsors the event each year. (Staff Photo)

TRENT HS STUDENTS INVITED TO TEEN CENTER ACTIVITIES

Members of the Youth Activity Council met with adult counselors Mrs. G. R. Peachey and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leo Harris Monday evening and voted to invite the Trent High School students to

PREVIEWS

- THURSDAY**
P-TA Meeting
Baptist World Mission Conference
Merkel Garden Club
Merkel - Noodle Basketball
Woodman Meeting
- FRIDAY**
Trent Plays Jim Ned at Trent
Pep Rally at Trent
Baptist World Mission
Teen Center Open
- SATURDAY**
Baptist World Mission
Lord's Acre Sale in Mulberry Canyon
Library Open at 10 a.m.
- SUNDAY**
Worship Services
Stith Thanksgiving Service
- MONDAY**
Booster Club Meets
- TUESDAY**
Country Club Social
- WEDNESDAY**
Optimist Noon Lunch
Library Open at 2 p.m.

the next Youth Activity program. The next activity program at the Community Center will be this Friday evening, Nov. 22, and is to begin at "approximately 9:30."

"If you are looking for excitement come to the Merkel Teen Center Friday evening," said adult counselor, Mrs. Harris. "The Center does not offer just one branch of entertainment, but several activities."

The Teen Center has now acquired two new pin ball machines, one new juke box, a new Coca-Cola box, with various drink selections, plus a candy machine and also a pool table.

Election of officers will also be held Friday and a name for the Center will be selected by members.

Officers to be filled are president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, maintenance chairman, program chairman, sergeant at arms, and reporter.

Mrs. Harris explained that the present council and also officers were only temporary until members could meet and vote for a permanent group.

During Monday's meeting council members voted to invite Trent High School students after their

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Merkel PTA Meets Tonight at 7:30

The November meeting of the Merkel Parent-Teacher Association will be held this Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium, according to P-TA president, Gene Stewart.

"Since there are so many things being scheduled for this particular night, we are calling a short business meeting to discuss projects," said Stewart.

Stewart explained that choosing a project for the association year is a most important item for the P-TA, "and it is most important that the entire membership plan to attend."

Suggested projects are movie projectors and cold water drinking fountains.

There could possibly be other projects that are needed," said Stewart, "and for that reason we need parents and teachers here to give their suggestions."

Members' Social

Members of the Merkel Country Club and Golf Association will hold their monthly meeting Tuesday, Nov. 26 with a barbecue supper to be served at 7 p.m.

Howard Carson, Association president, said that following the supper the host committee had games planned for the occasion. He urged members and their families to plan to attend this activity.

Host and hostess for the Tuesday evening event are Messrs. and Mrs. Larry White, S. C. Dixon, Buddy Derrington, Howard Carson and Joe Mills.

Christmas Parade Is Saturday, Dec. 7

Santa Claus and "all the trimmings" will make his official entry in Merkel at the Annual Christmas Parade, Saturday, Dec. 7 at 2 p.m.

"Whether it rains, sleet or snows, Saint Nick will be greeting Merkel and area youngsters and oldsters with a hearty smile, hand wave and the showering of candy," said Bill Button, president of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce.

Of course, the weather could have a lot to do with the transportation method Santa uses for his official entry. Santa prefers a sleigh and eight tiny reindeer, but modern day transportation and the demands of Old Saint Nick, sometimes suggests helicopter, jet or a fast moving sportster.

In a meeting of the C-C Directors Tuesday afternoon, members voted to put up street decorations "immediately after the Thanksgiving holidays." They also voted to have a Christmas Tree in the center of the street at Edwards and North 2nd.

"We had a lot of favorable comment on our tree last year," said Button, "and we are going to try it again this year. It is hoped that citizens will enjoy the tree, its decorations, and the festive mood it gives to the pre-Christmas season."

Waymon Adcock will be Parade Marshal, with Billy King as assistant. Prizes for float entries will be \$50.00 for first place; \$25 for second place and \$10 for third.

The Chamber of Commerce is again sponsoring a Christmas Pos-

ter contest for the Primary and Elementary School. Leon Walker was appointed chairman of the Poster Contest Entry. First, second and third place prizes of \$3, \$2 and \$1 will be given students in each of the primary and elementary grades for winning posters. Poster deadline will be Wednesday, Dec. 18 and judging will be Thursday, Dec. 19. Winning posters will be on display in merchants' windows, said Button.

Organizations who plan to enter floats in this year's Parade are asked to contact Waymon Adcock or Billy King as soon as possible.

"We need to have an idea as to the number of floats," said Adcock.

A deadline for float entry will be announced in next week's Merkel Mail.

Directors also discussed business promotion activities for the Christmas Shopping season. It was decided that all promotions such as drawings would be left up to individual merchants.

Directors attending the Tuesday meeting were Johnny Hammond, Herman Carson, Ted Smith, Ray Wilson, Ben Robert Hicks and Button.

MERKEL BADGERS "OUT OF CELLAR"

The Merkel Badgers were out to show the Anson Tigers that they would not settle for the bottom of the cellar after their 21-14 victory Friday night. The Badgers ended up with a 2-5 rating while Anson had a 0-6-1 rating in 7-AA competition.

The Badgers proved to be stiff competition to all whom they encountered. Johnny Thompson got the Badgers into scoring range on the 5 yard line and one play later quarterback Bob Tate ran over for the TD, which put Merkel on the scoreboard in the first quarter.

Merkel's quick thinking Buster Tarpley recovered a fumble and Johnny Thompson raced 62 yard for another TD. Bob Tate passed to Bill Whisenhunt in the end zone for the extra points.

The Tigers came back in the third quarter to score when Jim

Rye ran over from the one yard line to put the Tigers on the score board.

On another fumble recovery Buster Tarpley put the Badgers on their way for another touchdown. Thompson carried the pig skin over on a 20 yard pass from Tate. Gaylon Doan for the extra point.

The Tigers came back after the Badgers' last score to pace down the field for their final score. Rye threw to Gary Faulks in the end zone to give the Tigers two more points.

The mighty and powerful Badgers held the Tigers to only 40 yards rushing and 24 passing yards. The Badgers proved to have the steel wall defense as they showed many of their opponents they wanted to win.

The Coaches and Badgers have given their best and represented Merkel well.

DISTRICT TITLE IS GORILLAS' AIM

By CONNIE HARRIS

The Trent Gorillas will be tangling with the Jim Ned Indians for the title of District Champs of 7-B this Friday night at Trent. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Jim Ned, who went in B competition from Class A, will be out for the title and will be giving Trent a good battle. It should be a game worth seeing.

The Gorillas stunned Bronte in the first play and kept them dazed until the final score of 40-6 in last Friday night's game at Trent.

Pat Carriker received the kick off and ran to the 20 yard line where Gaylon Brnovak crossed, took the pigskin, raced 80 yards past a Gorilla formed wall for the first TD of the opening seconds of the game. Trent had a 3 down and 1 to go on the 35 yard line when Brnovak dropped back and faked the line to hit Stan Hicks in the end zone. Tim Riggan piled over from the two for another TD in the first quarter. Quarterback Brnovak passed to Arthur Mabery for a two point conversion and ran over for another.

Bronte had saved a passing attack which they tried to use on Trent, but ace Stan Hicks picked off a Bronte pass in the third quarter and ran it back 56 yards. Bronte's only score came when Ronald Cooper plunged over from the two in the third quarter.

The King Kong defense had several outstanding players and they included Steve Reddin, Johnny Jones, Ted Simpson, Si Acuna, and Owen O'Kelly, all of whom go both ways to shut off the Bronte attack.

The Trent football team had told Coach Charlie Russell they would throw him in the shower

TRENT	BRONTE
11 First Downs	18
212 Rushing Yardage	174
166 Passing Yardage	91
15 of 23 Passes Completed	10 of 29
1 for 36 Punts, Average 4 for 38	1 for 22 Punts, Average 6 for 35
1 Passes Intercepted by 2	4 for 44 Penalties, Yards 1 for 3
6 for 60 Penalties, Yards 1 for 15	1 Fumbles Lost
1 Fumbles Lost	2



TACKLE COMPLETED—Trent's Gaylon Brnovak is waiting for Bronte's Nicky Arrot, but Ted Simpson completed the tackle and left Bronte just shy of a first down. The rampaging Gorillas walloped Bronte 40-6. (Photo Courtesy Abilene Reporter-News)



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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: Jimmy Leroy Tollett, Defendant, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this cita-

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Concealed
4. Cut off
7. Slumbered
12. Flower
14. Dimmer
15. Contended
16. Conscious
17. State abbr.
18. Chemical compound
20. Bend
21. Uncivil
22. Mutineers
25. Poems
26. Barter
28. Spreads buy
29. Ovens
30. Summit
34. Slip away
35. Fly aloft
37. Bees
40. Fish
41. Fabulous bird
42. Cycles of changes
46. Sun god
47. Concepts
48. Median
52. Rent
53. Renounces
54. One
55. Insect
56. Bitlike vetch
59. Rub out
61. Decay
62. German city
64. Animal
66. Pronoun
67. Knock
68. Valor
69. Director
70. Age
71. Interior
72. Practice
73. Cattle roundup
74. Body of water
75. Statute
76. Elevate
78. Hazard
79. Peer Gynt's mother
80. Concerning
81. Letter

Answer to Puzzle

DOWN

1. Ovens
2. Trespass
3. Mocked
4. Affection
5. Singles
6. Confined
7. Exempted
8. Statute
9. Elevate
10. Hazard
11. Woody plants
13. Musical syllable

Bicarb Anyone?

If you eat too much of the holiday bird
And pass back your plate for a second or third,
Tummy is certain to be in distress
And send out a frantic SOS
For a dose of bicarb to intercede
And counteract the effects of the feed,
So stock up on soda and you'll be set
To meet the overeating threat,
And administer the most effective buffer
For tummy of the turkey stuffer.

tion, same being the 16th day of December A.D. 1968, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 29th day of October A.D. 1968, in this cause, numbered 32,001-A on the docket of said court and styled In Re: Jimmy Susan Lynette Tollett.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: An adoption proceeding, 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

JOHNNY COX
Bookkeeping
Income Tax Service
Notary
114 Edwards 928-4943

Baptist Announce Worship Schedule

Members of Merkel's First Baptist Church observed a time

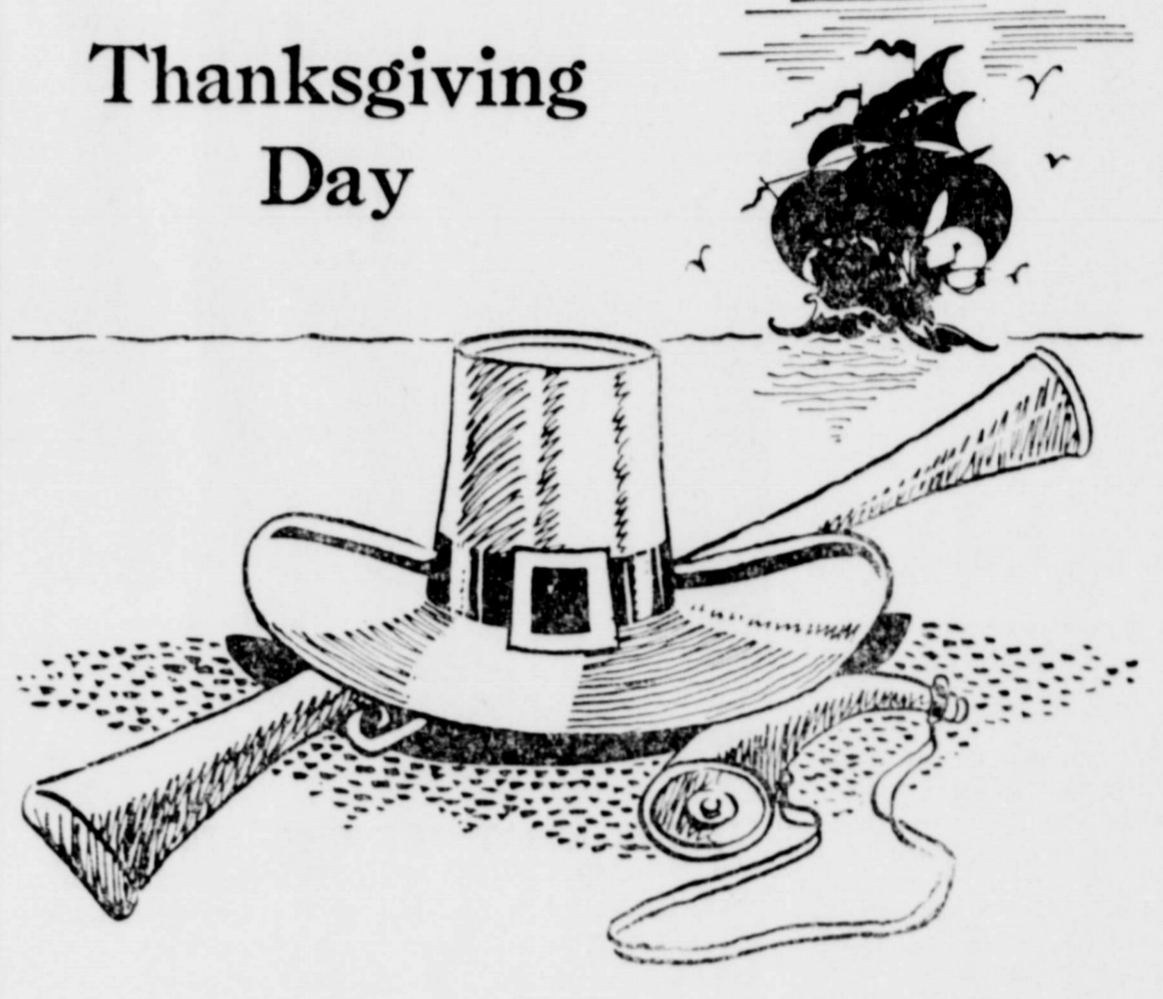
change in Worship Services, which began this past Sunday. The Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor, said that "it is hoped that this earlier schedule will be helpful and beneficial to all concerned."

er Service at 7 p.m.

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CHICAGO—The happy scene above will be repeated soon when 1,650 of the nation's most outstanding 4-H members begin to arrive at Chicago's Conrad Hilton Hotel for the opening of the 47th National 4-H Congress. The group pictured here was among the first arrivals at last year's session and lost no time getting acquainted.

The 4-H Congress is the highlight of the 4-H year, and this year will convene the first week in December. The delegates are between the ages of 15 and 19 years and represent all 50 states and Puerto Rico. They will travel to Chicago with expenses paid by private firms that support nationwide 4-H programs.

The young delegates are the top achievers in some 49 different 4-H categories.

Responsibility Is Theme
While in Chicago, the youths will hold assemblies to discuss the congress theme: Commitment to Responsibility. A colorful pageant written around this theme will officially open the session on Sunday afternoon, December 1.

In two half-day sessions the delegates will hear an address by Senior Editor of Reader's Digest, Charles W. Ferguson; and Judge of the County Court of Philadelphia, Juanita Kidd Stout. Judge Stout last year was honored as one of eight former 4-H members to receive the national 4-H Alumni Key award presented by Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation.

Among other speakers will be Dr. Harold Sponberg, president of Eastern Michigan University, and Dr. Luther S. Roehm, president of Merck Chemical Division, Merck & Co., Inc. The firm sponsors the national 4-H Horse program.

Delegates to the Chicago meeting will see, hear and learn many things which will expand their horizons and contribute to their education.

Balanced Program
Entertainment will include a pop concert played by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Arthur Fiedler, world-renowned conductor of the Boston Pops Orchestra. The Singer Company, a 4-H sponsor, will be the host for this musical treat. The recently restored Auditorium Theatre will be the setting for another exciting evening, courtesy of Tupperware, also a sponsor.

The spiritual centers around attending the historic Chicago Sunday Evening Club where Bishop John E. Hines of the Episcopal Church, New York City, will be the guest speaker. Sunday morning the traditional 4-H service will be conducted in Central Church by the Rev. Kenneth Hildebrand.

Many Sponsors
Among the nearly 60 firms and foundations that help make the national 4-H Congress possible are: Ford Motor Company Fund; Chevron Chemical Company—Ortho Division; Ralston Purina Company; American Forest Institute, Homelite, A Division of Textron Inc. and E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company.

Others include: United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of Trade; Sunbeam Corporation; The West Bend Company; Massey-Ferguson Inc.; Eastman Kodak Company; Union 76 Division, Union Oil Company of California; Moorman Mfg. Co.; International Minerals & Chemical Corporation; The Singer Company; Edwin T. Meredith Foundation; The Milwaukee Road; Cities Service Oil Company and Elgin National Watch Company.

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that talk turkey



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Miscellaneous

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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.

BURR HENDRICKS, W. M.
ROY MASHBURN, Sec'y.

FOUND — 1 pair prescription sun glasses left at Post Office. Also 1 pair glasses, black rim found in front of Johnson's Grocery and Cafe. Both pair are at Merkel Mail. Check at Merkel Mail. 38 2tc

FOR FREE — To give away, cute male puppy, rat terrier. Call 928-4944 or 928-5712. 38 1tc

BURMAGE SALE — At old Post Office building Sat., Nov. 23, final day, everything 1/2 price. 38 1tc

WANTED — I would like to keep infants and pre-school children in my home at night and possibly Thursdays. Call 928-5881 before 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m. 38 2tp

LOST — Bright carpet colors. Restore them with Blue Lustre. Rent electric shampooer \$1. Bullock Hardware & Gifts, Phone 928-5310. 38 1tc

DEER HUNTING — Lease by day, 20 miles south of Merkel on Farm Road 126. Phone 845-4183. 37 2tp

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

FOR COMPLETE BEAUTY CARE — Free facial, and a complete line of cosmetics, call Emma Shuggart, 928-5027 or Betty Satterwhite, 928-5665. 12 1tp

HELP WANTED
AT RIDLEY PACKING Company in Sweetwater. Young man, 20-35 years of age, driver's commercial license required, good wages, fringe benefits, steady year around work. Must furnish references. Contact Ridley Packing Co., Box 208, Sweetwater, Texas 79556. Phone BE 4-4336. 32 2tc

For Rent

FOR RENT — Two bedroom house on school bus route and FM road. Small rent, phone 928-5007. 38 1tc

FOR RENT — Furnished garage apartment, 2 rooms and bath. Call Mrs. E. B. Barnes at 928-5236 or see at 402 Ash. 38-2tp

FOR RENT — Two bedroom and bath house. Equipped with electric range and heaters. Andy Shouse, phone 928-5110. 37 2tc

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FOR SALE — Complete bathroom fixtures (tub, lavatory, comode, hot water heater) good condition. O. E. Harwel, 928-5870. 38 2tp

FOR SALE — 6 rooms, 2 bath house on 3 lots, double garage, water well, 4 pecan trees, 812 Oak Phone 928-5773. 38 2tp

FOR SALE — Good blooded polled Hereford Bull, coming 3 years old. Very gentle and no fence breaker. See Mrs. H. R. Chansey, 505 Yucca St., Merkel. 38 2tp

FOR SALE — Taggart oats, \$1.25 Bu. See Dick Leach. 38 2tc

FOR SALE — Frigidaire, cheap. See at Dean Higgin's Barber Shop. 37 2tc

FOR SALE — '59 Chevrolet pickup on butane, fair condition. Call 928-5098. 36 2tc

FOR SALE OR TRADE — Large three bedroom, 2 bath home with three rentals. Located 211 Oak Street, Merkel, Texas. Will make a very flexible deal with responsible party. Douglas Henry, Box 1486, Uvalde, Tex., Phone BR 8-6531. 24 1tc

FOR SALE
RESIDENCE, Lots 3 and 4, Blk. "A" G. F. West's Addition to Town of Merkel — 1/2 block North Merkel Elementary School. \$2,000.00. Terms to Credit worthy purchaser. The fruit trees and rose bushes are thrown in, no additional charge. See Booth Warren, F&M Nat'l Bank, Merkel, Texas. 37 2tc

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY
You buy the tools and equipment, we will lease to you the shop building on FM Road 126 North of IH 20 Hwy., Merkel. We might consider making alterations to this building to suit tenant. See Booth Warren, F&M Nat'l Bank, Merkel, Texas. 37 2tc

CARD OF THANKS
OUR HEARTFELT THANKS to all who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the beautiful service, floral offerings, food, prayers and other kindnesses, we are deeply grateful.
Mrs. George T. Moore
Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Murphree
Nieces and Nephews

CARD OF THANKS
SINCERE THANKS to friends, neighbors, churches for food, flowers, cards and prayers, during my illness and surgery in Hendrick Hospital.
Mrs. John Curtis

Wiloth Manages Palmer Station

Carl Wiloth, formerly of Abilene, has become the new manager of the Palmer Mobil Service Station in Merkel. He attended Moran schools and has worked for six years in the service station businesses and also automobile parts and repair business. He and his wife, the former Vayle Reamy of Merkel, live at 1007 Yucca Street. They have two children, a son, age 6, and a daughter, age 4.

Red Cross Sponsors "Voices From Home" to Servicemen

The Red Cross is again sponsoring its annual program of providing reel tape recordings for the families of servicemen on active duty overseas. Funds totaling \$100.00 for the purchase of tapes have been given by Mrs. Jack Mese of Miami Shores, Fla. She is the former Gladys Sellers, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Carl C. Sellers, long time Abilene residents. Mr. Sellers was for many years the Secretary of the Taylor County Chapter of American Red Cross. The program is known as "Voices from Home," and all those who have servicemen in their immediate family who are overseas are eligible to come in to the Red Cross or to one of the three Community Action Program Neighborhood Centers to make the recordings. Tapes may be made from Nov. 25 through Dec. 16, excluding Thanksgiving and Saturdays and Sundays. Appointments should be made by calling the following:
Red Cross Chapter House — appointments from 1 - 4:30 p.m. 677-2623.
Sears Neighborhood Center, Mr. Ben Aguirre — appointments in daytime and evening — 672-4991.
Carver Neighborhood Center, Mr. James Reager — appointments in daytime and evening — 677-3661.
Chestnut Neighborhood Center — Mrs. Lula Rodriguez — appointments in daytime — 673-5322.
This is an opportunity for the servicemen who are unable to be with their families at Christmas to hear the voices of their loved ones. Equipment for playing the tapes overseas is available in all recreational centers and in the offices of most American Red Cross Field Directors. A Polaroid picture will be made of the families recording tapes at the Red Cross Chapter House and will be included in the cassette which is sent to the servicemen.

Seventh Graders Elect Officers

Mrs. Andy Shouse's seventh grade students met recently for the election of officers and school representatives. Officers and representatives elected were Ronnie Sanford, president; Mike Edwards, vice president; Debbie Fincher, secretary - reporter, and Lee Ann Butman, treasurer.
Also Jimmy Land, fire chief; David Bowen, assistant fire chief; Roseann Noster and Troy Barnes, Red Cross Representatives; and Debbie Fincher and Ronnie Sanford, student council representatives.
Mrs. Shouse's English classes have been busy writing essays for the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District essay contest. Debbie Fincher was first place winner.
The room had their cany sale and it was "very successful." A portion of the money from the sale went to the Merkel Community Fund and the remainder is kept with the room for yearly expenses.

Beta Sigma Phi Has Pledge Meet

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Tuesday, Nov. 5 in the home of Mrs. Bobby DuBose for their Pledge Ritual meeting. Mrs. Billy Fisher took her pledge vows.
Mrs. Eddie Sandusky, assisted by Mrs. DuBose, presented the International Cultural Program on poetry.
Plans for the Pledge Dinner was announced and dinner was held Nov. 20 at the Asteroid Restaurant. Mrs. Jimmy Leverich, vice president, and Mrs. DuBose, social chairman, were in charge of the pledge dinner.

Robert Malones On Bermuda Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Malone left this past Tuesday for an expense paid trip to Bermuda, compliments of John Deere Tractor Co.
The Malones flew to Dallas and then left Tuesday evening for Bermuda. They will return to Merkel Monday.
The John Deere promotion was nation wide, and dealers who reached a quota in John Deere product sales, were awarded the trip, said Malones.

TEEN CENTER

(Continued from Page One)
Friday night game with Jim Ned. A charge of twenty-five cents will be the admission fee. Council members are eyeing the possibility of inviting other area high school students to attend the Teen activities. The club has around sixty active members, "with membership growing weekly."
In a recent work day meeting council members cut down trees around the center as a safety measure. Other projects encountered have been the remodeling of a lounge and game room. With money received from the Community Fund Drive other improvements, such as remodeling the restrooms and fixing windows will be undertaken. Miss Harris said that the "Teen Center is a vital part of the City of Merkel."
"The Youth Activity Program, which is being sponsored by so many interested Merkelites, give our young people something to do on weekends," said Mrs. Harris. "And young people as well as adults are grateful to the Lions Club for sharing their building with us."
Council members extend an invitation to all "interested parents to come by and see the club in operation."
Adult counselors are Leon Walker, chairman, Mrs. Peachey, Lawrence Hewitt, Mrs. Clyde Bunch and the Rev. Newton Daniel.



MISS JUDY AGNEW
... junior class favorite

Merkel Graduate Receives Honors

Miss Judy Agnew, a junior student at Hardin-Simmons University, was named class favorite and presented Nov-14 by an all-school assembly program in Behrens Chapel.

Miss Agnew, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Agnew, is a 1968 graduate of Merkel High School.

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MRS. ROBERT BRUCE ALLAMON
... formerly Melissa Ann Williams

WILLIAMS-ALLAMON VOWS ARE READ

Melissa Ann Williams and Robert Bruce Allamon were married Saturday evening, Nov. 16 at the Church of the Heavenly Rest Episcopal in Abilene.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Jack S. Williams Sr. of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Allamon of Merkel.

The Rev. E. P. Dentzer officiated. Organist was Mrs. Dub Wooten.

The bride, presented by her uncle, Mr. Daniel Martin, wore a chantilly lace gown with natural waistline and organza bow. Pearl petals and a lace rose held her veil. She carried white orchids and Stephanotis.

Heller-Bearden

Vows Exchanged

Miss Margaret Ann Heller and Oscar Olivia Bearden Jr., exchanged wedding vows Nov. 1 in the home of the bride's parents.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Heller of Farmerville, La., formerly of Merkel. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Olivia Bearden Sr. of Doansville are the bridegroom's parents.

The Rev. Joe Cannon officiated. The bride, a graduate of Merkel High School, is employed at Darabone Village in Doansville.

Bearden is a 1967 graduate of Doansville High School and is attending a trades school in Farmersville. He is employed with his father.

The couple is living in Doansville.

BADGER TRACKS

By WALLY KNIGHT

The Merkel Badgers played their last season game this year against Anson Friday night and won by a score of 21 - 13. The Badgers finished District this year higher on the pole than anyone had predicted. The game was dedicated to the senior players Bob Tate, Tex Barnhart, Kenneth Purser (one - punch Purser), Johnny Thompson, Gaylon Doan, Rodney Mashburn and Wally Knight; and also to the senior cheerleaders Debi Black, Ann Walker and Kathy Windham. A big thanks to the cheerleaders, students, teachers and boosters that supported the Badgers this year and a big GO to the Badgers of next year!

The Merkel High Football Banquet will be this Saturday night at the Ramada Inn in Abilene. The Football Hero and the Football Sweetheart will be acknowledged at the banquet. The boy and girl Band Favorites will also be recognized. Band students and football players are invited to the banquet free of charge. The banquet is open to all Merkel High School students and teachers. Persons who wish to attend the banquet should contact Mrs. Pat Dudley before Wednesday.

Basketball season starts this week. The boys and girls basketball teams travel to Rotan Tuesday night to play the Yellowhammers and then host the Noodle teams here Thursday night. The captains of the boys' varsity team are Bob Tate and Johnny Thompson. The captains of the girls' varsity team are Debi Black, Marylee Noster and Terry Sue Doan.

The Badger Band traveled to Odessa Saturday for the U.I.L. Marching Contest. The band put on a good show, but received a disappointing rating of third division. Despite the judges' decision, the band did a good job and put forth a good effort.

Rites Thursday For Mrs. Spence

Mrs. Hazel Kathryn Spence, 68, died at her Trent residence at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday of an apparent heart attack.

Funeral services are scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church of Merkel with the Rev. Raymond Dunn, pastor of the Fundamental Baptist Church of Sweetwater, officiating. Burial will be in Santa Anna Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 8, 1900, in Coleman County, she married Bob Spence in 1950 in Yuma, Ariz. The couple moved to the Trent Community in 1952 where they dealt in registered cattle. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church and had been in ill health since February.

Survivors include one son, Evangelist George Havens of Dallas; one daughter, Mrs. M. G. Keene of Beaumont; one grandson, Gary Keene of Beaumont; one granddaughter, Kathryn Keene of Beaumont; two brothers, the Rev. W. Lyle Pearce of Louisville, Ky., and Bob Pearce of Trinidad, Colo.; two sisters, Mrs. R. D. Holt of Copperas Cove, and Mrs. M. M. Mosley of Fredericksburg.

Pallbearers will be M. L. Spence, Bobby Spence, O'ell Freeman, Orville Cox, Ira King and Sherman Driggers.

Thanksgiving Dinner at Stith

The Stith Community Center is having their Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday, Nov. 24 at the Community Center, according to Mrs. Charles Reddin.

A covered dish luncheon will be served and "anyone who has ever lived in the Stith Community is urged to attend."

TEXAS FARM BUREAU DELEGATES "ACTIVE"

B. J. Gist, member State Board representing District 7 of the Texas Farm Bureau, returned this past weekend from attending the 35th Annual Convention in Dallas.

Says Gist, "It was a real good convention in view of the fact that the voting delegates were very active. They were especially active in making changes in by-laws where president and vice president would be elected by voting delegates instead of by the State Board members as it is done at this time."

The vote on this particular resolution passed by a large majority, but was not a two - thirds majority which was necessary to change the by - laws.

Services Held For Dora Harris

Funeral services for Dora Ione Harris, 77, were held Tuesday, Nov. 19 at the Starbuck Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Lynwood Harrison, pastor of the Coahoma United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in the Stith Cemetery.

Miss Harris died Sunday in Shady Oaks Nursing Home in Abilene after a lengthy illness.

Born Sept. 17, 1891 in Baxter County, Ark., she moved with her parents to the Stith Community in 1902. She had lived there until 1961, when she moved to the Shady Oaks Nursing Home. She was a member of the Merkel Methodist Church.

Survivors are one brother, Charles A. Harris of Bakersfield, Calif.; four sisters, Mrs. Herman Bloemsa of Long Beach, Calif., Maj. Connie Ruse of San Antonio, Mrs. W. T. Harlow of Brownwood and Mrs. Homer Patterson of Merkel; several nieces and nephews. Nephews were pallbearers.

The convention ended with the president and vice president still being elected by the board of directors.

Re - elected were Sidney Dunn, a Victoria cattleman and farmer, president; M. F. Frost, a farmer from McAllen, vice president, and Steve Lilly, a dairyman from Nacogdoches, secretary-treasurer.

Six men were re - elected to the Board of Directors by the convention delegates. They were H. L. King, Brownfield; J. T. Woodson, Gober; C. H. DeVaney, Coahoma; Dr. G. Kendrick, Marling; R. A. Fessler, Hondo; and J. M. Price, Corpus Christi. Ed L. Woodfin, a cattleman from Fresno was elected to replace Fay Mowery of Houston.

Attending the convention from the Taylor County Farm Bureau were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Vinson, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. McKee, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Perry, Benton Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Vearl Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bean and Mr. and Mrs. Derrell Dean.

Garden Club Meet At 4 P.M. Today

Members of the Merkel Garden Club will meet at 4 p.m. this Thursday at the Merkel Elementary Library with Meses S. D. Gamble, Dee Grimes and Mack Fisher as hostesses.

Program theme will be "Planting the Seed of Thankfulness," and Mrs. Oda Clark and Mrs. Ollie Dye will speak to the group on "What Thanksgiving Means to Me."

Arrangement suitable for a church at Thanksgiving will be presented by Mrs. Mary Click and Mrs. Clyde Bartlett.

Mrs. Click will also discuss "timely tips" from the Garden Club magazine, The Lone Star Gardener.



PAUL BROWN
... with U.S. Navy

On Supply Ship

Paul Brown, seaman with the U.S. Navy, is stationed in the Saigon area of Vietnam on the USS Pilliar, a supply ship.

In last week's Mail, we listed Brown as airman first class and we regret this error.

Brown is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Brown of Houston, former Merkel residents, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Don Reidenbach of Merkel. He is a graduate of a Houston high school.

Seaman Brown is planning a visit with his grandparents during the Christmas holiday.



Mrs. Scott Hosts Martha SS Class

Members of the Martha Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met with Mrs. Leon Scott, Nov. 14, with Mrs. Ernest Meeks as co - hostess.

Mrs. Ted McAninch gave the devotional on Thanksgiving.

After a short business meeting, refreshments were served to Meses Raymond Miller, Bill Sledge, W. L. Brown, Burley Bond, Irl Walker and Ted Pargament.

Also Meses Allen Agnew, Joe Hartley, W. T. Sadler, Byron Dunagin and visitors Meses Royce Hardy, Fred Johnson and McAninch.

CLASSIFIED ADS GET RESULTS

Miss Hudson Host To Stith HD Club

The Stith Home Demonstration Club met Wednesday evening at the Stith Community Center with Miss Louise Hudson as hostess.

Club president, Mrs. Curtis Clyburn, presided at the business meeting and also asked the opening prayer. Roll Call was answered with "My Favorite Party Food."

Mrs. Fannie Jordan presented a program on Christmas Decorations.

Refreshments were served to eight members.

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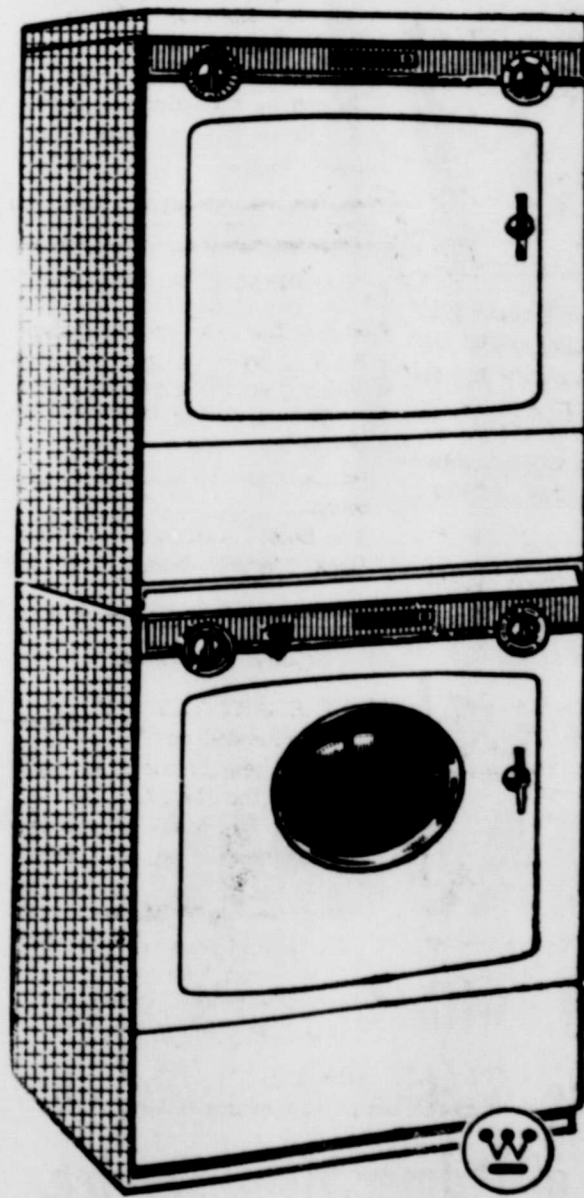
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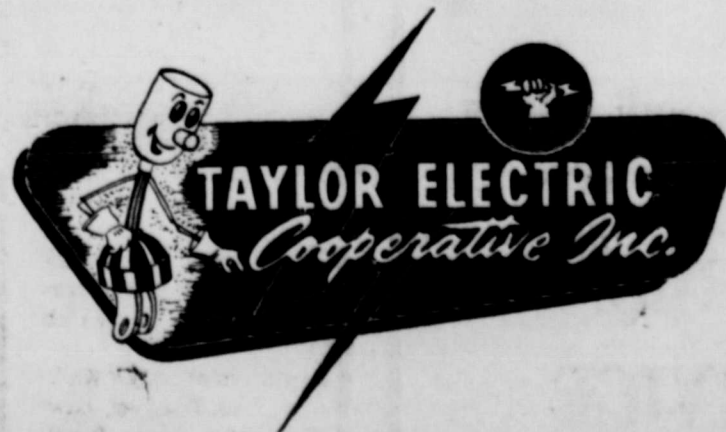
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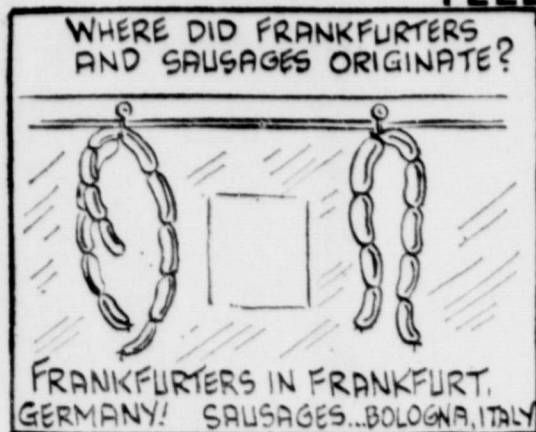
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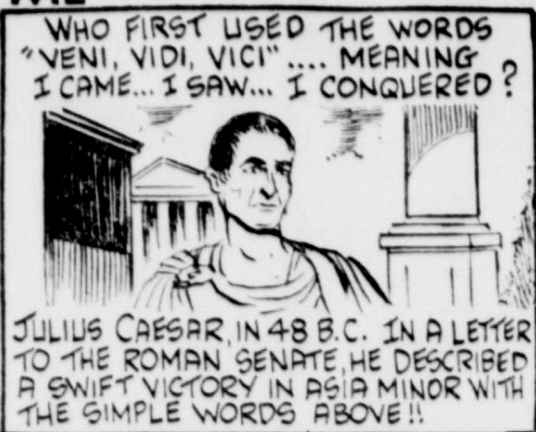


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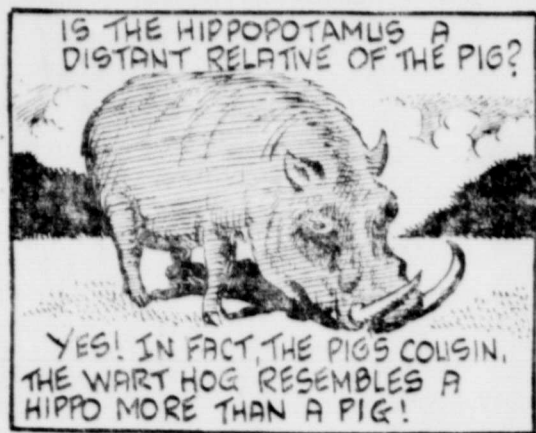
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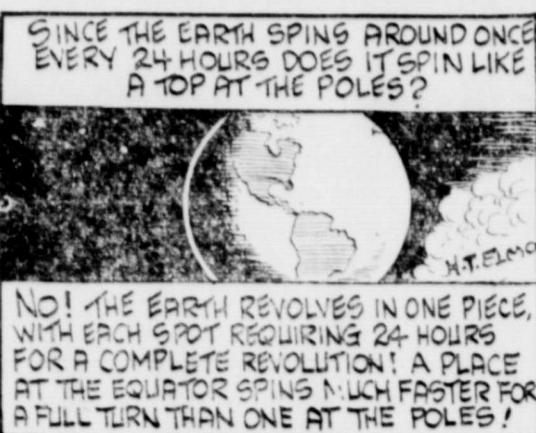
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Rudolph Kohl, Defendant.
Greeting:

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 30 day of December A.D. 1968, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 14 day of November A.D. 1968, in this cause, numbered 4442 on the docket of said court and styled In Re: Adoption of Elke Barbara Kohl and Astrid Gertrud Kohl.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: In Re: 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 14 day of November A.D. 1968.

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

Study Club Hears Lone Star Gas Representative

Mrs. Martha Harmon with Lone Star Gas Company, was guest speaker for the Fortnightly Study Club meeting Tuesday, Nov. 12. Meeting in the Home Economics room at Merkel High School, Mrs. Harmon presented a colorful array of Christmas gift food items, "Made in your own kitchen," packed in practical containers, and wrapped in colors of red and green. Foods on display were cookies, cakes and candy in decorative peanut butter jars, baking pans, and jelly glasses.

This display table was laid with perma press red corduroy with moss green fringe. Club president, Mrs. Ray Wilson, president, and Mrs. Mack Davis introduced the speaker.

Attending were Mrs. W. R. Cypert, Davis, Don Dudley, Bryan Dunagin, Mack Fisher, David Gamble and Newton Daniel.

Also Miss Christine Collins and Mrs. Comer Haynes, Wilson, J. Lynn Knight, Eddie Glenn Sandusky, Andy Shouse, Gene Stewart and S. D. Gamble.

HAMBY NEWS

By MRS. W. T. WILLIAMS

Mrs. John Deatherage and son, Clay of Anson, visited Mrs. Deatherage's mother in law Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker Williams returned home Tuesday from a few days visit with Mrs. Williams' brother, and family. Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Mackechaney of Wichita Falls.

Mrs. Alice Williams spent Monday night in Abilene with her son and family. Mr. and Mrs. Billy

Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Dean returned home Wednesday from attending the 35th Annual Farm Bureau Convention in Dallas. They went to Dallas with Mr. and Mrs. Billy Vinson, president of the Taylor County Farm Bureau.

There will be a Country Western Musical by the Gus Warren Band Friday, Nov. 22, at 7 p.m. at the Hamby School Auditorium. Admission is adults 25 cents, children 10 cents. Pie, cake, coffee and cold drinks will be sold.

The Home Demonstration Club had their Thanksgiving Supper

at the club house Friday with turkey and all the trimmings being served. There were some thirty people attending.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Gist returned Thursday from the Dallas Farm Bureau Convention. Mr. Gist had attended a board meeting earlier Thursday. Mrs. Gist joined her husband Tuesday to attend the banquet held Tuesday evening.

The young people of the Methodist Church had a social Wednesday night. Mrs. Maurice Brooks of Abilene presented films on the Holy Land.

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On the last page of the Commissioner's Report Summary, under the title "Investigation of Alleged Tax Fraud," there is listed "Plea of guilty or nolo contendere or conviction after trial - 1,173." Apparently, out of 10 million, there were still 1,000 who didn't volunteer.



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Susan McNary Honored at Tea

A gift tea, honoring Susan McNary, bride-elect of Rodney McClintock, was given Saturday, Nov. 16 in the home of Miss Christine Collins.

Hostesses besides Miss Collins were Mrs. L. A. Dudley, Andrew Baker, Harvey Alred, Clyde Alred, S. D. Gamble and Bob Gardner.

Also Mrs. Erma Black, Bill Teaff, Jimmie Russell and John West.

Bridal colors of red and white were carried out on the tea table.

PALMER MOBIL SERVICE IS NOW UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

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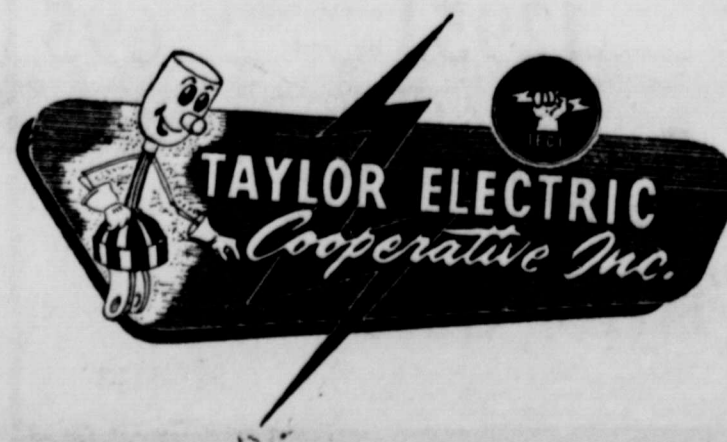
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Range Management

The 18th annual meeting of the Texas Section, American Society of Range Management, will be held Dec. 6-7 at the Commodore Perry Hotel in Austin. B. J. Ragsdale, Extension range specialist, says anyone interested in the improvement of the native grazing lands of Texas is invited to attend.

The program will be fast moving and speakers will cover subjects of vital importance in the range management field, Ragsdale said.

Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



The Annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held Sunday, Nov. 24 at the Stith Community Center. This is a Homecoming or all who live in the Community and for those who have once lived here. After dinner there will be an old time singing and visiting. It was a good meeting last year; let us make it better this year.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning, their children, Mildred and Lonnie Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Harris of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning and children spent Sunday in Ranger.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry spent Sunday, Nov. 10 in Merkel with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones, Jana and L. Cpl. Dale Farmer of Camp June, N.M.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry had their Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday. Their daughter, Martha of Irving, spent the weekend with them. Jana and Dale Farmer

4'H-ERS ALERT TO AUTO SAFETY DRIVING HAZARDS

"Will my son or daughter become a 1968 automobile accident statistic?" Parents of teenage drivers would like to be sure the answer is a decisive NO! But they can't be sure.

Deaths from motor vehicle accidents are at a peak period right now and will increase month-by-month through December. This prediction is based on estimates made by the National Safety Council for a similar period last year.

For the first six months of 1968, motor vehicle accidents caused 25,200 deaths and 900,000 disabling injuries, according to the Safety Council. This was an increase of 6 percent over the same period last year.

How to reduce this terrible toll? One thing parents and young drivers can do is get into a 4-H Automotive Safety program. Nearly 57,000 girls and boys are enrolled. Parents help by volunteering as project leaders.

This program supplements driver education in school and other driver training efforts. Its primary purpose is to develop the right attitude toward safe driving. In so doing, youngsters learn what makes an auto "go" and how the "go" can be safely maintained.

The Cooperative Extension Service supervises 4-H Clubs and projects, promotes community auto safety campaigns and helps to prepare the pre-driver for a driver's license. Parents, traffic officers, safety and highway engineers, and auto dealers help this all-out 4-H effort.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Conley of Kilgore is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley and Mr. and Mrs. Alanzo



The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company is national sponsor of the 4-H Automotive Safety program. The company provides incentive awards annually in recognition of outstanding individual and community achievements.

Here are a few tips offered by Fred Bergsurd, extension agricultural engineer at Kansas State University: (1) Drive defensively. Condition your mental reflexes to expect dangerous accident situations just as you have conditioned your reflexes in steering, breaking and accelerating. (2) Drive courteously. It pays immediate and continuous dividends. (3) Keep the whole traffic scene in view. . . not just the car ahead. (4) Don't drive if you are irritated or fatigued. (5) Keep your car in shape at all times.

For more information about the 4-H Automotive Safety program, contact the County Extension office or a local Firestone dealer. Inquiries also can be directed to Donald E. Osburn, National 4-H Service Committee, 59 E. Van Buren St., Chicago, Ill. 60605.

Methodist Pastor In Slaton Revival

The Rev. Newton Daniel is in Slaton this week assisting with the Revival Services at the United Methodist Church there. Rev. Daniel is pastor of Merkel's United Methodist Church.

Also assisting with the services will be the Darby's two sons, Wesley, pastor of United Methodist Church at Spearman and Hugh, pastor of United Methodist Church at Tahoka.

The Rev. Bruce Parks is pastor of the Slaton Methodist Church.

UIL Membership "May Stabilize"

AUSTIN — Membership in the University Interscholastic League is expected to stabilize in the next few years.

That is a prediction by the League director, Dr. Alben Williams.

The membership stabilization is due to consolidation of small schools and the emergence of larger districts, Dr. Williams says.

The Merkel Public School System is a member of the University

Interscholastic League Association, and participates in UIL contests, both academic and athletic.

The Texas Interscholastic League is already the largest academic - athletic organization of its kind in the United States. Last year, every four-year public high school in Texas was a League member.

Dr. Williams explains the 2,785 high school and junior high units participated during 1967-68, and that a unit may have several schools with numerous contestants.

NEW-ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Alexander, Woodbridge, Va., announce the arrival of a baby boy Nov. 15. His name is Jon Drew and he weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Scott, and great grandmother is Mrs. Sam Butman Jr.

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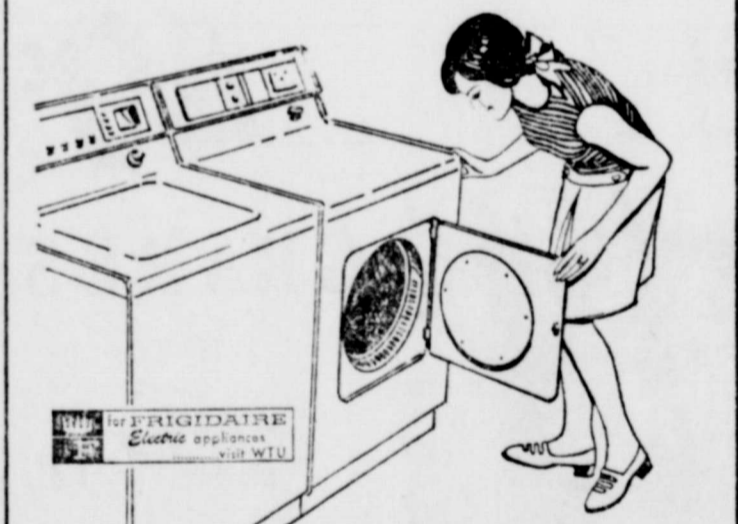
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Peterson. Rev. Jackie Conley, missionary to East Africa, and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Davis of Abilene were guests in the Bradley home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bauchhoffer, Jo Anne and Susie, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones spent Sunday in Fort Worth with their grandson and family. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jones and son, Mr. and Mrs. Truett Jones were also visitors in their son's home.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce McDonald of Taft, spent several days last week with his mother, Mrs. Nora McDonald. They also visit-

ed Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald and George and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McDonald of Anson.

Visitors attending services at the Stith Baptist Church Sunday morning were Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Davis, Abilene, and Jo Ann and Susie Bauchhoffer, Graham.

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

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