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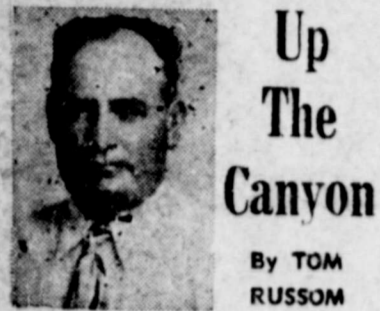
# The Merkel Mail

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## Up The Canyon

By TOM  
RUSSOM

The weather here in the Canyon this morning is extremely cold, with a 14 degree reading, and that's cold for Mulberry Canyon. And all of this coming after some real fine, warm weather during Christmas and a few days afterward.

People are saying Christmas is now history — they are taking down their Christmas trees, taking down the decorations and lights and putting them away until another Christmas comes. I think people in the Canyon had a very fine Christmas and not too much sickness.

We had a report from Dewell McLean Sunday saying their son, Hollis, is still doing well and has been moved back to his home since his surgery. Mrs. Dewell McLean will return home here the second of January if Hollis continues to improve.

All of the Joe Seymore family were at home during Christmas and on the same day they all talked to Mrs. McLean on the telephone.

Joe Seymore, who lives on the east side of the Canyon, reported a low of 10 degrees during the sudden cold spell.

The stockmen of the Canyon and on top of the Divide have already been feeding their livestock for 30 days and now that winter is here, three long months of winter, and perhaps the worst is yet to come. I think it will take a lot of feed to do the job. But thanks to be, we have a lot of feed.

Louis Cook, rancher just on top of the Divide, reports he and Mrs. Cook have just ordered five Merkel Mails for their relatives — one going to Louis' cousin, Mr. and Mrs. John Hampton of Port Arthur; one to Mrs. Cook's son, Billy H. Phillips of Carlsbad, N.M.; one to Mr. and Mrs. Junior Crawford of Big Lake and one to Louis' sister, Mrs. Powers at Tuscola. Everyone of those have told us how they enjoy news from home.

On the afternoon of Christmas Day the Tom Russoms and Mrs. Lottie Everett drove over to Aspermont to visit the Fayne Perry family. Fayne, who has been ill for quite some time, is doing fairly well. We got to see all of the children. Fayne's children were raised in the area and remember so many living here.

Last summer, during the long and warm days a group of friends in the Canyon and on top of the Divide organized a friendly Cook and Eat Out Club. We would have the cook out at each other's place at different times. Say, once a month. The number of the party reached as high as thirty. When the weather got too cold to eat out, Mrs. J. L. Cook said, "I wish we could have another party and supper." So, during Christmas, the party had a supper at the Merkel Restaurant.

Those who attended the get-together were the Russom family, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Butman and Steve and Beverly, Mr. and Mrs. Price Floyd, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cook, Joy, Jean and Mary Beth, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Cook and Lea, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Patterson, Jerry Patterson and a friend from Irvin and Bryan and Mrs. Bradbury from Abilene. Bryan, an Abilene attorney, was the afternoon speaker for the party.

Tom Russom introduced the speaker by saying, "Bryan and Mrs. Bradbury are no strangers to you people and it is certainly wonderful to have them as our special guests of the evening."

The people gathered there were



**TRENT'S CHAMPION** — Glen Bryan, Trent High School student, exhibited the championship steer for Trent's 1968 Stock Show, held Saturday, Dec. 28. Bryan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bryan. (Photo Courtesy Abilene Reporter-News)

## TRENT'S 1968 LIVESTOCK SHOW NAMES SEVEN DIVISION WINNERS

Trent's Community Stock Show championship winner was Glen Bryan's Angus steer "Martin." Glenn, an 18 year old senior at Trent High School, showed his winner to a "good crowd" gathered Saturday.

Named reserve champion was another Angus, shown by Billy Wells.

T. C. Blankenship of Hamlin was stock show judge. General superintendent was John Hamner with Arthur Maberry, junior superintendent. Mrs. John Hamner was senior secretary, with Glen Bryan and John Bland as junior secretaries.

Pam McElmurray, a Trent High School junior and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clovis McElmurray exhibited the grand champion barrow of the show, winner of Hampshire division.

Sheila Hamner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hamner was awarded a belt buckle, courtesy of the Southside Kiwanis Club of Abilene for superior showmanship.

The Taylor Electric Cooperative annual trophy was presented Monty Heasley for overall showmanship.

Other livestock winners besides Bryan and Miss Hamner were Becky Freeman, poultry and rabbits; and Gaylon Brnovak, sheep.

Judging results are:

**Poultry**  
Broiler Pens — 1 and 2 Steve Reddin, 3 and 4 Lathan Henager, 5 and 6 Ted Simpson.  
Turkeys — 1 and 2 David Harkney, 3 and 4 James Harkney.  
Capons — 1 and 2 Steve Reddin.  
**Rabbits**  
New Zealand Does — 1 and

Champion, Becky Freeman, 2 and Reserve, Weldon Beaver.  
Dutch — 1 and champion, David Dickerson.  
Overall Champion — Becky Freeman. Overall Reserve, Weldon Beaver.

**Sheep**  
Rambouillet Lambs — 1 and Champion, Judy Brnovak, 2 and reserve, Gaylon Brnovak, 3 Gaylon Brnovak.  
Cresbred — 1 and 2 and champion, Judy Brnovak, 2 and reserve, Gaylon Brnovak, 2 Gaylon Brnovak.  
Grand champion lamb — Gaylon Brnovak.

**Breeding Swine**  
Berkshire Gilts — 1 Arthur Maberry (reserve champion).  
Berkshire Shows — 1 Maberry (champion).  
Chester White Gilts — 1 and champion, Mark Williamson.  
Chester White Sows — 1 and Reserve Champion, Williamson.  
Duroc Gilts — 1 Ted Simpson, 2 Bob Welborn, 3 Joe Beaver.  
Duroc Sows — 1 Welborn, 2 Simpson, Champion and Reserve Champion, Simpson.  
Hampshire Gilts — 1 Monty

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# Meeting Set To Hear New School Plans

## MERKEL COULD LOSE CONTROL

A meeting to study proposed changes in school administration that could make Merkel lose control of its school system is set for next week.

At the end of 1968 the Governor's Committee on Public School Education unfolded details of a

controversial plan to shake up school district boundaries and dramatically revise finance formulas.

Indications are that it will have rough sledding in the Legislature.

People in the Trent School District met recently to discuss the Governor's Committee School Report and to map plans to forestall such a program.

This coming Tuesday, Jan. 7 at 7 p.m. at the Merkel High School auditorium, school officials, parents, teachers and all interested parties are urged to attend a meeting for the purpose of discussing the Governor's Committee Report.

Mack Fisher, Merkel School Superintendent, said, "It is most important that everybody plan to attend this meeting. For the more we know about this detailed plan, the more equipped we will be as individuals to do something about it. To know is to understand, and to understand is to better work together."

Meeting with the group will be Legislators Grant Jones and Frank Calhoun, and Taylor County School Superintendent, Clive Pierce, and Gordon Asbury, who has been working with small

schools on the proposed plan.

According to the report of the Governor's Committee, reorganization plan to help make Texas schools better and more efficient "would limit 219 of 254 counties to one school district each." General rule is that all operating 12-grade systems should be either countywide in size or contain at least 2,600 students in average daily attendance.

Exception would be sparse area districts stretching over a county or more with less than 1,600 pupils and 24 special - purpose units like that operated in connection with military bases.

Governor's Committee recommended that the Legislature adopt its proposed district maps for further study by special local countywide committees charged with approving the new pattern or "recommending something better to suit their own area needs." State Board of Education would compile the final reorganization plan by June 1, 1971.

Projected plan would slash the number of school districts from 1,218 to 354. All but 19 of 662 districts which now have less than 500 pupils would be elim-

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**REMEMBER**  
The Tuesday, Jan. 7 Meeting  
7 p.m. - High School Auditorium  
HEAR THE GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE  
REPORT ON SMALL SCHOOLS

## GOODFELLOW FUND ENDS WITH \$298.25

Merkel's 1968 Goodfellow contributions totaled \$298.25, according to co-chairman, Mrs. W. R. Cypert.

"We still had money coming in after Christmas," said Mrs. Cypert "and we appreciate all contributions, people donating time and everything that was done in any way to help the needy families this year."

Lawrence Hewitt, 1968 Goodfellow chairman, said that with the \$298.25 contributed and the \$150.00 from the Community Fund "many families and especially children were given help this Christmas."

"Clothes and food were requested most, with toys for the children," said Hewitt, "and we were able to fulfill many requests."

Mrs. Cypert expressed a "thank you" especially to Mrs. W. H. Leamon, Mrs. E. V. Walter and Mrs. Ray Wilson in helping to dress dolls donated this year.

### Latest Contributors

Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. Buchanan	\$500
Irven Thompson Butane	10.00
Young Homemakers	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Butman	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. John West	10.00
Duplicate Bridge Club	50.00
Clarence Horton	2.00
Doreas Sunday School	
Class	10.00
Anonymous	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. John C. Edwards (in lieu of Christmas cards to Merkel friends)	4.00

## Poster Contest Winners Named

Winners in the Primary and Elementary Schools Christmas Poster Contest were named Dec. 23. The contest was sponsored by the Merkel Chamber of Commerce.

Winners in the Primary School Contest were Bart Whisenand, first place; Jerrie Stephan, second place; and Marsha Clyburn, third place.

Elementary winners were Donna White, first; Annetta Stephens, second; and Janie Lynn Clark, third. Judges were art students from McElurry College.

## Area Young People to Enter Fort Worth Stock Show Competition

News releases to the Merkel Mail this week indicate that several young people from the Merkel area will enter their stock in competition in the 1969 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show Jan. 24 through Feb. 2.

The releases include Michael Ray with two Hampshire Swine, Bill Holloway, Hereford Cattle, and Lee Ann and Rusty Holloway and Terry Wade with Aberdeen Angus and Charolais.

The entry deadline for cattle, horses and sheep and swine has just passed, and Stock Show president - manager, W. R. Watt and other officials are in the midst of tabulating the mound of entries. Poultry, rabbit and pigeon exhibitors have until Jan. 15 to submit their entries.

"We've still got a lot of work to do," said Watt, "but so far it looks like we have some outstanding entries and are headed for another excellent show."

The 1969 Fort Worth Rodeo is proud to have Fess Parker, star of the "Daniel Boone" television series, as its guest performer, Watt said.

The Six - Horse Roman Ride and Olson's Trained Buffalo also will be presented at all 20 performances.

More than 450 cowboys are scheduled to go all - out for a share of the purse exceeding \$75,000.00.

Persons in the Merkel area wishing to purchase tickets to the Show may contact Mayor Johnny Cox at the Merkel Chamber of

Commerce, or they may write Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, P. O. Box 150, Fort Worth Texas 76101.

# '... and I swear to do better'

An old adage goes something like this — "New Year's Resolutions are made to be broken" — but if they're never made, isn't that even worse?

"In line with that, there's another saying — "It is better to attempt a solution to a problem and fail, than never to try at all..."

So even if New Year's Resolutions are quite often broken, we at least have given serious thought to something constructive for the New Year.

And our city leaders are thinking in terms of Merkel when they proclaim their resolutions on the first day of 1969.

Mack Fisher, superintendent of Merkel School System, has this to say concerning his resolution:

"Of course, being a school man, my resolution will naturally center around schools and what I can do to further their progress. So, my New Year's Resolution will be to do everything in my power to continue the tremendous progress of our school system in teacher training, educational innovations and methods."

"To do the best I can on the jobs I undertake," is Leon Walker's new resolution. Walker is

principal of Merkel Elementary-Primary Schools.

As president of Merkel's Chamber of Commerce, Bill Button, when interviewed agreed there "were many resolutions he could

make if he would only keep them."

"Just go to work, is my resolution," is Button's declaration. "Too little has been done in the past year in terms of Chamber



**WE RESOLVE** — Mack Fisher, left, Merkel School Superintendent and Frank Breaux, Lone Star Gas manager, agree that New Year's Resolutions are "mighty important but require some serious thought." (Photo by Connie Harris)

of Commerce Work, and I need to get busy."

Booth Warren, president of Farmers and Merchants National Bank, resolves "Considered Appreciation for the Past — all that has transpired during 1968 — Dedicated application from day to day in the administration of the duties, obligations, opportunities afforded us — with Optimistic Anticipation of the Future."

Joe McDuff, president of the Merkel School Board, resolves "to keep better informed and to do everything possible to keep Merkel schools as progressive in the future as they have been in the past."

Frank Breaux, manager, Merkel Lone Star Gas, resolves to "serve people better in the coming year . . . be a better gas man."

"A year to be kind, compassionate and understanding of the frailties of those attempting to do more for others and our town," is the resolution of the Merkel City officials.

"We wish for all health, happiness, and prosperity the year of 1969 can bring," says Merkel Mayor, Johnny Cox.

B. J. Gist, member advisor for

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**THE FIZZLE FAMILY**



THE MERKEL MAIL, MERKEL, TEXAS  
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**Crossword Puzzle**

**ACROSS**

- Test
- Military unit
- Grassland
- By hand
- Turkish title
- Allusion
- Plural suffix
- Gnarls
- One who suffix
- Grate
- Three
- Kind
- Caution
- Doctors slang
- Fruit
- Exile
- Twofold
- Animal skins
- Help
- Cut
- Musical note
- Revere
- Be
- Made gay
- Night before
- Traps
- Season
- Detests
- Weeping
- Prepares for college
- Skull cavity
- Sea
- Sounder
- Prepares for college

**DOWN**

- Color
- Teeter
- Utter
- Public notice
- New
- Autos
- Single
- Operate
- Walkers
- Key rain
- Gone
- Profession
- Arrangement
- Accomplished
- Barbers
- Chaperon
- Departure
- New
- Sketched
- Abrasive
- Bird class
- Prepare for publication
- Latvian coin
- Anger
- Greek letter
- Neon: chem.

**Answer to Puzzle**

**ACROSS**

- TEST
- UNIT
- GRASSLAND
- BY HAND
- TITLE
- ALLUSION
- SUFFIX
- GNARLS
- ONE WHO
- GRATE
- THREE
- KIND
- CAUTION
- DOCTORS
- FRUIT
- EXILE
- TWOFOLD
- ANIMAL
- HELP
- CUT
- MUSICAL
- REVERE
- BE
- MADE
- NIGHT
- TRAPS
- SEASON
- DETESTS
- WEEPING
- PREPARES
- SKULL
- SEA
- SOUNDER
- PREPARES

**DOWN**

- COLOR
- TEETER
- UTTER
- PUBLIC
- NEW
- AUTOS
- SINGLE
- OPERATE
- WALKERS
- KEY
- GONE
- PROFESSION
- ARRANGEMENT
- ACCOMPLISHED
- BARBERS
- CHAPERON
- DEPARTURE
- NEW
- SKETCHED
- ABRASIVE
- BIRD
- PREPARE
- LATVIAN
- ANGER
- GREEK
- NEON

**Viva! Plan A Fiesta Fare Picnic**



Serve family or friends zesty fiesta franks when next cooking over coals. Appraise their lusty outdoor appetites with fiesta franks built on a bun with crispy tortilla chips—layered with the lively new Texas-style chili and topped with shredded lettuce and Cheddar cheese.

The intriguing addition to this popular sandwich is the savory Texas-style chili. Available in handy zip top cans, with or without beans, the chili is simply opened and heated in the can over coals. While the franks are grilling, the zesty Texas-style chili is heating.

For a finale to the fiesta fare picnic melt chocolate bits in a clean zip top can. Dip bite-size pieces of banana or pretzels into the chocolate fondue for dessert.

**Fiesta Franks**

- Yield: 10 franks
- 15 or 15½ ounce can Texas-style chili
  - 10 franks
  - 10 frank buns
  - Tortilla chips
  - Shredded lettuce
  - 4 ounce package shredded Cheddar cheese
- Open a zip top can of chili with or without beans. Place over the coals to heat. Meanwhile, grill the franks. Assemble the sandwich by layering a frank bun with tortilla chips. Add a grilled frank and top with several tablespoons of warm chili. Add shredded lettuce and Cheddar cheese.

Humble Oil & Refining Company received the 1968 Smokey Bear Award in recognition of its outstanding service in making forest fire prevention announcements on the Southwest Conference football broadcasts during the 35 years of Humble's radio sponsorship. The citation was accepted on behalf of Humble by Paul W. Edge, Jr., Western Region Manager (center) from Paul R. Kramer (left), Director of the Texas Forest Service and John H. Courtney (right), Forest Supervisor, Texas National Forest, U. S. Forest Service.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
County of Taylor

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain execution issued out of the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, of the 15th day of November 1968, by District Clerk of said County for the sum of Eight thousand Five Hundred Four and 88/100 (\$8,504.88) Dollars and costs of suit, under an Execution, in favor of Abilene Savings Association vs. Mel Thurman et ux Louise Thurman, placed in my hands for service, I, George Maxwell as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas did, on the 18th day of November 1968, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Lots 9 and 10 in Block 1 of College Heights Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas and levied upon as the property of Mel Thurman and Wife Louise Thurman and that on the first Tuesday in January 1969, the same being the 7th day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. by virtue of said levy and said execution I will sell said above Real Estate at public vendue, for

each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Mel Thurman and Wife Louise Thurman.

And in compliance with 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.

Witness my hand, this 18th day of November 1968.

GEORGE MAXWELL  
Sheriff Taylor County, Texas.  
By Robert Alexander, Deputy  
41 3tc

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THE STATE OF TEXAS  
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas —

**GREETING:**  
You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
To: Robert Doggett, 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 20th

day of January A.D. 1969, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 4th day of November A.D. 1968, in this cause, numbered 4423 on the docket of said court and styled Bobbie Doggett, Plaintiff, vs. Robert Doggett, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were duly and legally married January 13, 1963 and lived together until August 17, 1964, at which time they separated because of Defendant's conduct. Defendant was guilty of cruel treatment toward Plaintiff. There is no community property and one child was born to this union 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 2nd day of December A.D. 1968. (Seal)

Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk, Domestic Relations Court Taylor County, Texas  
By Kathryn Williams, Deputy  
41 4tc

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THE STATE OF TEXAS  
To: William Ray Belyeu, De-

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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 the 5 day of Dec. A.D. 1968. (Seal)

Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk, Domestic Relations Court Taylor County, Texas  
My Marie Gill, Deputy.  
41 4tc

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**MEDITATION CALENDARS**  
FOR 1969

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DOES THE TAILOR BIRD OF INDIA ACTUALLY SEW ITS NEST?

WHAT IS THE ORIGIN OF OUR CALENDAR OF TODAY?

DOES THE BRIGHT PLANET VENUS HELP DESERT TRAVELERS?

IS AN ALLOY STRONGER THAN THE METAL OR NON-METALS WHICH COMBINED TO FORM IT?

YES! SELECTING 2 LEAVES AT THE END OF A TWIG, IT SEWS THEM TOGETHER AT THE EDGES WITH ITS BILL USING VEGETABLE FIBRE FOR THREAD! THEN IT PUSHES SOFT COTTON-LIKE DOWN BETWEEN THE LEAVES FOR A NEST!

OUR CALENDAR WAS INTRODUCED BY JULIUS CAESAR IN 45 B.C. AND READJUSTED BY POPE GREGORY IN 1582!

YES! VENUS SERVES AS A KIND OF ALARM CLOCK TO DESERT NOMADS... A WARNING TO START MOVING BEFORE THE BROILING SUN SCORCHES THE DESERT!

YES! BRASS, FOR EXAMPLE, IS MUCH STRONGER THAN EITHER THE ZINC OR COPPER OF WHICH IT IS COMPOSED!

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Bama

**MILK** Pet Tall Can 2 for **33¢**

**Dressing**

Wishbone 16-Oz. Bottle **39¢**

**SYRUP**

Wes Tex Waffle Qt. **39¢**

**MILK**

Foremost Homo 2 1/2 Gal. 2 for **99¢**

BAMA

**Peanut Butter** 18-OZ. JAR **49¢**

**TAMALES** Wolf Brand 300 Size **29¢**

**VIENNAS** Swift's 2 for **39¢**

**CORN** Rose Dale 300 Can 2 for **35¢**

**Wesson Oil** 24-Oz. Bottle **45¢**

**FLOUR** 5-Lb. Gladiola Bag **49¢**

GLADIOLA **CAKE or FROSTING MIX** Box **10¢**

COLLEGE INN **NOODLE & CHICKEN** 16-Oz. Jar **29¢**

NABISCO  
**CRACKERS**  
1-LB. BOX **33¢**

BAKERS  
ANGEL FLAKE  
**COCONUT**  
4-OZ. CAN  
2 for **45¢**

FOREMOST  
**EGG NOG MIX**  
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**TIDE**  
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**HUSH PUPPIES** Pkg. **25¢**



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**CARROTS** Cello Bag **10¢**

**BANANAS** Lb. **10¢**

RUSSETT **SPUDS** 10-Lb. Bag **49¢**



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TERMS: Cash in advance, unless an account is already established.

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### - Miscellaneous -

FOR MONUMENTS and CEMETERY CURBING  
M. A. (Sarg) NOSTER  
1404 Herring Dr.  
Merkel, Texas  
Phone 8-5563

MASSONIC MEETING  
Stated Meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 719 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.

LOST — 25 head cattle strayed from my place 1 mile south of Blair. Branded right hip with "T over S." \$500 reward for information leading to recovery of cattle. Any information will be confidential. Stanley Toombs. 42 2tc

WANTED — Fulltime construction hands needed. Contact Wayne Jackson, Cal - Tex Feed Yards, Trent. 42 2tc

SEPTIC TANK service, Hansen Plumbing Co., Anson, Texas. Phone 923-2145. 42 4tc

FOR COMPLETE BEAUTY CARE — Free facial, and a complete line of cosmetics, call Emma Shuggart, 923-5027 or Betty Satterwhite, 923-5365. 12 1fp

LOST — Power take - off shaft approximately 2 ft. long. Lost out west of Merkel shortly before Christmas. If found please call O. W. Dickerson, 923-5296. 44 2tc

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FOR RENT — Two bedroom house on school bus route and FM road. Small rent. Phone 923-5108, 923-5007. 40 1fc

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FOR SALE — Good buy on clean 1961 Bel Air. Powerglide Chevrolet sedan. Clyde Wurst. 42 1fn

FOR SALE — Fender electric guitar and case. Also amplifier. Good condition. 923-5968.

FOR SALE — Taggart oats, \$1.25 bushel. See Dick Leach. 42 1fc

FOR SALE — Assume loan, no down payment, on three bedroom house, bath and 1/2 water well, 1409 Sunset. 923-5714. 43 2tc

FOR SALE — Zenith Console TV, good condition. Call Mrs. W. C. Landers, 811 Brickhaven, 923-5530. 43 2tc

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Carlos D. Roberts, 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 17th day of February A.D. 1969, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 31st day of December A.D. 1968, in this cause, numbered 4497 on the docket of said court and styled Dorothy J. Roberts, Plaintiff, vs. Carlos D. Roberts, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were duly and legally married Dec. 24, 1954, lived together as husband and wife until on or about Aug. 15, 1966. No children were born, and none adopted, and no community property acquired by Plaintiff and Defendant, 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 31st day of December A.D. 1968.

(Seal)

Attest R. H. ROSS Clerk, Domestic Relations Court Taylor County, Texas By Faye Terry, Deputy. 42 4tc

### I SWEAR

(Continued from Page One)

Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., has this to say concerning New Year's Resolutions:

"We have to live a little every day and make a few resolutions with every sunrise, for we cannot afford to wait until January 1 to make resolutions. Therefore I resolve to be a little more intense in the New Year, for we have one less year in which to do the things we need to get done."

As for the publisher and editor of the Merkel Mail — they have resolved to support the projects of the community using the news media to keep the public informed of the needs of the community and the progress of work being done to better the town.

And editor resolves to have as many crossword puzzles as possible in 1969.



## MRS. FINLEY BARNETT ... formerly Miss Christi Lucas LUCAS BARNETT WEDDING VOWS READ

Wedding vows for Christine Oleta Lucas and William Finley Barnett were read Monday, Dec. 23 at the Merkel Church of Christ. Billy Patton, minister, officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Tom South were soloists with an a cappella chorus.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Newell Lucas and the late Mr. Lucas. Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Barnett are parents of the bridegroom.

Billy Lucas presented his sister in marriage. Mrs. D. L. Bowen, sister of the bride, matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Kathryn Criswell, Donna Diltz and Terry Dawn. Shannon Shelton was flower girl. Russell Lucas ring bearer.

The bridegroom's father was best man. Groomsmen were Robert Shores of Abilene, Danny Wade of Winters and Robert Wilson.

Tom Brulon of Stanton, Tim Beasley, Robert Crawford and Dale Shields seated guests. Melinda Bowen and Craig Bowen lighted candles.

The bride's gown was of peau de seie and chantilly lace. A narrow satin band with flat bow marked the empire waistline. The chapel train extended from the shoulders. A crown of pearls held her veil. She carried a white

### Services Held For Mrs. Andrews

Funeral services for Mrs. Lela Andrews, 70, were held at the Macedona Baptist Church in Abilene, Thursday, Dec. 25. The Rev. Robert Giles, assistant pastor, officiated. Burial was in City Cemetery in Abilene, under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mrs. Andrews was found dead at her home Tuesday morning, and Merkel Justice of the Peace, Roy Buchanan, ruled her death from natural causes.

Born June 8, 1899 in Waco, she married Henry Andrews in 1920 at Lorenzo. He died in 1954. She had lived in the Merkel area for several years before moving to Abilene six years ago.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Leona Dickey of Abilene; two brothers, John Quincy and Ernest Adams, both of Waco; three sisters, Mrs. Emma Houston and Mrs. Cordelia Jackson, both of Waco; and Mrs. Roberta Jones of Dallas; one grandson, Otis Wylie of Abilene; one great-grandchild.



## MRS. MCFARLAND DIES AT AGE 76

Mrs. Elma McFarland, 76, Merkel native and prominent social worker, died Monday, Dec. 23, at the home of her son in Laredo, where she had been visiting for the past three months.

Funeral services were held Tuesday in Starbuck Funeral Home with the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor of First Baptist

Church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. McFarland was the daughter of a businessman who came to Taylor County in 1879. She was born in Merkel, March 6, 1892. She married Frank C. McFarland in Merkel in 1919. He preceded her in death in 1936. In 1938, Mrs. McFarland was appointed by the welfare department to open an extension office in Taylor County. She retired in 1956 after 29 years of service with the welfare office. She also was Merkel representative for the American Red Cross for several years.

Survivors include one son, Frank C. of Laredo; two brothers, J. D. and Roy Carroll Shepard, both of Dallas; one sister, Mrs. Frank Hamm of Merkel, two grandchildren. Nephews were pallbearers.

### Gleaners SS Class Has Annual Party

The Gleaners' Sunday School Class of the United Methodist Church met Dec. 18 in Fellowship Hall for their annual Christmas luncheon. Christmas tree colors decorated the serving tables.

Mrs. Newton Daniel asked the invocation; carols were sung by the group, and "Universal Peace" was presented by Mrs. Denzil Cox and Mrs. Roy Baucus.

Gifts, stacked under a Christmas tree, were exchanged. Guests attending were Mrs. Daniel, Berryman and Cynthia Pinklow.

Members attending were Mmes. Tom Largent, Abilene; and Edna Brown, Ross Ferrier, O. E. Harwell, Denzil Cox, Minnie Howard, Herbert Patterson, Roy Baucus, Chester Cox, John Shannon, M. J. Douglas, E. M. Dean and W. W. Toombs.

Also Mmes. Dee Moore, Sally Moore, Winnie Covert, T. K. Anderson, Mattie Billingsley, Mary Click, Lon McElmurray, Lee Tipton and Misses Louise Hudson and Mabel McTea.

Reception was held at Taylor Electric Cooperative building. A junior at Merkel High School, the bride is president of her class and a twirler with the Badger Band. The bridegroom is a graduate of MHS, attended Tarleton State College and will enter McMurry College this coming semester. He is employed by KWFA radio station.

His parents hosted the rehearsal dinner at the Asteroid Restaurant. The couple will live on Rt. 2, Merkel.

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### Birthday Party Honors Youngster

A birthday party honored Tammie Dee Hicks on her seventh birthday Monday, Dec. 22.

Given by her mother, Mrs. Eldon Hicks at the home of Tammie's grandmother, Mrs. Marvin Freeman, former guests wished Tammie a "Happy Birthday."

Youngsters attending were Jackie and Suzie Reed, James, Cheryl and Robert Freeman, Rebecca Sipe, Danny Freeman, Velma Perkins, Lynn, Donna and Brenda Seaton, Kirk Hicks and Kerry Gardner.

Assisting with the birthday party were Sandra Gardner, Cresta Sipe, Alyene Freeman and Tammie's sister, Debra.



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TAMMIE HICKS ... birthday honoree

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68 PONTIAC Catalina 4 door sedan, air and power, 15,000 miles, like new, verdoro green, gold interior 3195

62 PONTIAC Bonneville 4 door, air and power, good tires, white with blue interior 795

63 PONTIAC Ventura 4 door sedan, air and power, real clean 895

65 CATALINA 4 door sedan, air and power, new tires, white, burgandy interior, nice, only 1395

65 PONTIAC Bonneville 2 door hardtop, air and power, power seats, power windows, electric rear antenna, nice black exterior, red interior 1795

64 PONTIAC Catalina 4 door sedan, automatic, power, factory air, new tires, etc. 1195

66 CATALINA 4 door sedan, air and power, real nice car, beautiful Burgundy color, with matching interior 1795

63 PONTIAC Catalina 4 door sedan, automatic, power, factory air, red 695

62 PONTIAC Catalina 4 door sedan, V8, automatic, factory air, new tires 695

62 OLDS 88 4 door sedan, air, power, white, gold interior 695

64 T-BIRD convertible, radio, heater, power, air conditioning, automatic, new tires, black color, nice clean car 1395

66 RAMBLER Classic 770, 2 door hardtop, 6 cylinder, standard shift, factory air 1295

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## MISS NANCY RICH WED TO FELIX BOYD

Nancy Lorraine Rich and Felix Reed Boyd were married Friday, Dec. 27 at the First Baptist Church. The Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor, officiated. Don Carson was organist. Vickie Payne, soloist.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben E. Rich are parents of the bride, and Mr. and Mrs. John Felix Boyd are parents of the bridegroom.

Mr. Rich presented his daughter in marriage. Suzie Riney was maid of honor. Best man was David Seymore.

Dana Rhodes of Abilene was flower girl. Terry Owen was ring bearer.

Earl Rich of Ft. Menmouth, N.J., brother of the bride and William Boyd, brother of the bridegroom, seated guests. Candelighters were Don Rich of Abilene and Robert Boyd, also brothers of the bride and bridegroom.

The bride wore a candlelight peau de soie gown with bell sleeves and A-line skirt. Alencon lace appliques were at neckline, hemline and on sleeves. Peau de soie roses held her veil. She carried carnations.

Maid of honor wore an empire gown of pink embossed satin. Her brief veil was caught to a pink rose. She carried a long-stemmed white rose.

The bride and bridegroom are seniors at Merkel High School. They will live at 1055 So. 2nd. He farms and ranches with his father.

Her parents hosted the recep-



... the former Miss Rich

### TOP TEN

- The Girl Most Likely — Jeanie C. Piley
- Did I See Something Wrong — Tony D'Armas
- Until My Dreams Come True — Jack Greene
- Too Hard to Say I'm Sorry — Merv Shiner
- Tonight We're Calling It a Day — Hugh X. Lewis
- Each Time — Johnny Bush
- Darling You Knew I Wouldn't Lie — Conway Twitty
- Watching The Girls Go By — Tommy Overstreet
- I've Got You — Kenny Vernon and Lawanda Lindsey
- I Never Got Over You — Carl and Pearl Butler

### PICK HIT

Oh, What a Woman — Jerry Reed

## MERKEL SCHOOL

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nated. There would be 25 multi-district counties (those of larger population) with from two to 13 districts. All of the latter would have fewer districts than they now have.

Committee's proposals for figuring local districts' adjusted share of a basic foundation school program will also prove controversial, particularly in rural areas. Local share is calculated on the actual property taxpaying ability in each district.

In many counties the number of districts would be reduced drastically. In Taylor County the reduction would be from 10 to one.

Gene Stewart, president of Merkel's Parent-Teacher Association urged Wednesday that "all parents members of the P-TA or not, make every effort to attend the Tuesday meeting."

Supt. Pierce said that besides Trent, other schools in Taylor County that have had meetings to discuss the recommendations of the Governor's group include Hemby, Buffalo Gap, Jim Ned, Butterfield, Tye and Wylie.

"All of these places have organized with a chairman, co-chairman and executive committee," said Pierce. "Funds have been raised to write letters to Rep. Jones, Rep. Calhoun, Sen. David Rutledge, Gov. E. B. E. Ben Barnes, Governor-elect Preston Smith and Mr. James Weeks, area representative as member of the State Board of Education."

Supt. Pierce said proponents of the change show that their plans are for the education budget of the state to be two and one-tenth billion dollars in ten years. He said the present budget is 840 million dollars. He said the plans for the change are that to begin with each district will pay 20 per cent of the cost and the state will pay 80 per cent, but that in ten years the ratio is to change to 30 per cent local and 70 per cent state.

To do this, said Pierce, "there will have to be a raise in assessment of property tax..." He said that this will increase the local tax by almost three times.

He said money for the increase is figured at a one per cent increase in sales tax for \$150 million dollars annually for the schools.

A personal income tax that would raise from \$75 to \$100 million annually.

Increase in corporate income tax to produce from \$50 to \$100 million annually.

For each one per cent increase in oil and gas taxes \$35 million could be raised annually.

And income to permanent school fund from oil and gas bonuses and leases would produce \$30 million annually.

## LIVESTOCK

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Hestley, 2 and 3 Pam McMurray, 4 Maberry, 5 Sheila Hamner. Hampshire Sows — 1 Bill Hamner.

Champion — Bill Hamner. Reserve Champion — Heatley. Poland China gilts — Simpson. 1 Stan Hicks.

Champion — Simpson. Reserve Champion, H. S. — 1 Maberry.

Crossbred Gilts — 1 Maberry. 2 1/2 Hamner. 3 Maberry.

Crossbred Sows — 1 Sheila Hamner.

Champion — Sheila Hamner. Reserve Champion Maberry.

Barrows  
Heavy Berkshires — 1 and 2

Maberry  
Light Berkshires — 1 Mac Sipe. Champion — Sipe; Reserve Maberry.

Chester Whites — 1 and champion Williamson.

Light Durcs — 1 Williamson. 2 Bill Hamner. 3 David Hackney. 4 Johnny Jones. 5 Joe Beaver.

Heavy Durcs — 1 Maberry. 2 Williamson. 3 Jones. 4 Weldon Beaver.

Champion Durc — Maberry. Reserve Champion, Williamson.

Light Hampshires — 1 Pam McMurray. 2 Maberry. 3 Pam McMurray. 4 Williamson. 5 Bill Hamner.

Heavy Hampshires — 1 Pam McMurray. 2 Hestley. 3 Pam McMurray. 4 Sheila Hamner.

Williamson.  
Champion Hampshire and Reserve Champion — Pam McMurray.

Light Poland Chinas — 1 Williamson. 2 Maberry.

Heavy Poland Chinas — 1 Maberry.

Champion Poland China — Williamson.

Reserve Champion — Maberry. Light Spotted Polands — 1 Williamson. 2 and 3 Tom McLeod.

4 Bill Beaver.

Heavy Spotted Polands — 1 McLeod.

Champion Spotted Poland — Williamson.

Reserve Champion — McLeod. Yorkshire — 1 and champion, Bill Hamner.

Light Crossbred — 1 Bill Hamner.

ner 2 McLeod. 3, 4 and 5 Sheila Hamner.

Heavy Crossbred — 1 and 2 Tom McLeod. 3, 4 and 5 Sheila Hamner.

Champion Crossbred — Bill Hamner.

Reserve Champion — Tom McLeod.

Grand Champion Barrow — Pam McMurray.

Beef Heifers  
Angus Heifers — 1 and champion, Steve Reddin.

Hereford Junior Yearlings — 1 Ted Simpson.

Champion Hereford — Simpson. Reserve Champion — John Bland.

Santa Gertrudis — 1 and champion, Mark Williamson.

Grand Champion heifer — Red-

din.  
Reserve Grand Champion — Simpson.

Steers  
Angus — 1 Glen Bryan. 2 Billy Wells. 3 Jeffrey Wells.

Champion — Glen Bryan. Reserve Champion — Billy Wells.

## Up The Canyon

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most impressed with a statement that Judge Bradbury made. He said problems were sure to come and if it were not for problems we wouldn't have anything to live for. Throughout his talk, he drew laughter and applause from the party.

# 1968 ACTIVITIES



Summer Recreation Program



Santa Made "Official" Entry in December



Merkel's First City Sales Tax Check



Merkel Riding Club Activities

## 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, not less than ten days before the return day thereof, exclusive of the date of publication, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy — (but if there be no newspaper so printed in said county, then that you cause the said citation to be posted for at least TEN days before the return term thereof as required by law).

CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Dora Ione Harris, a person of unsound mind, No. 6953, County Court, Taylor County, Texas. Hattie H. Harlow, Guardian, in the above numbered and entitled estate, filed on the 23 day of December, 1968 her verified account for final settlement of said estate and requests that said estate be settled and closed, and said applicant be discharged from her

trust. Said application will be heard and acted on by said Court at 10 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation, the same being the 13th day of January, 1969, at the County Courthouse in Abilene, Texas.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at said above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting application should they desire to do so.

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.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 27 day of December, A.D. 1968.

(Seal)  
MRS. CHESTER HUTCHESON  
Clerk of the County Court,  
Taylor County, Texas,  
By Janice Lyons Deputy



"Connecting" Merkel's 1968 P-TA Project



Opening of Teen Center

## Tops Texas in 4-H Home Improvement Program

A Texas teenager whose home improvement efforts were so successful they became the subject of community tours has received top honors in state 4-H Club competition.

Marilyn Ann Brown, 13, of Troup, an eight-year veteran of 4-H activities, will attend the National 4-H Congress in Chicago, Dec. 1-5.

Miss Brown, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Brown, will be the guest of The S&H Foundation, Inc., which sponsors the home improvement project for more than 185,000 4-H members in the 50 states and Puerto Rico.

Miss Brown, who said she acquired proficiency in carpentry, electricity, upholstery and interior decorating through her project work, said many of her decorating ideas came during tours of fabric shops and department stores.

The Brown home was selected last year by community agencies as an example of how attractive home improvements can be made at a low cost.

The enterprising young woman will join more than 1,600 other state award winners in



Marilyn Brown

Chicago for a five-day whirl of receptions and tours that will include visits to the Art Institute, Museum of Science and Industry and the Shedd Aquarium.

Other activities planned by sponsoring companies include a pop concert in Orchestra Hall and a farewell party in the grand ballroom of the Conrad Hilton Hotel.

Winners are selected by the Texas A&M University Cooperative Extension Service.

## Wedding Plans

### MALONE-DUNCAN

Mr. and Mrs. Mark L. Malone announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy, to Mr. Kenneth Duncan, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Duncan of Trent.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Merkel High School, attended Gail Business College and is employed with the County Tax Office.

A Trent High School graduate, the prospective bridegroom will graduate in May from Abilene Christian College where he is a member of Trojan Social Club. He is ranching and farming at Trent.

A January wedding is planned.

### Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERY ONE!

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Browning Christmas Day were Mildred and Lonnie Harris, Dallas; Billy Ray Browning and children, Tuscumbia; the Rev. and Mrs. Jack Bedford and children, San Angelo; the Rev. O. B. Tatum, Starr Nursing Home, Merkel; and Ona Spence, Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. James Strong and Melinda of Odessa spent the weekend preceding Christmas with Mrs. J. E. Swindell and the Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Swindell and MacSherry.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Berry in Abilene, Saturday, Dec. 20. Mr. and Mrs. Jones had all of their children home for Christmas dinner and tree. Attending were Messrs. and Mrs. Jerry Jones and Jason of Fort Worth; Truett Jones, Gatesville; Olin Potts and Don Wallace, all of Anson; and Edgar Berry of Abilene. Visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Paterson, Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Omar Mae Les Allen of Rising Star, Bishop, Odessa, and Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor of Taylor; Mr. and Mrs. James

Having Christmas dinner with the Fritz Hales were their daughters and their families and their sons and families. They were Mrs. Jenn Newton, Kathy and Roger, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Malone and Monica Ely of Taylor; Mr. and Mrs. James

Hale, Shirley and Mike, Midland; and Charles Hale of Merkel. Mrs. Charles Hale, David and Steve and Mrs. Ronald Hale of Holyoke, Mass. and Ronald B. Hale of Chanute AFB, Ill., were not able to attend. Other visitors in the Hale home were Ethel Canida, Merkel; Mrs. Ola Chapin and H. B. Chapin, Boswell, Okla.; Butch Sparks, Midland; Mrs. Orval Ely, Beckie, Neilson and Randon, Stith.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn, Don, Marsha and David and Mr. and Mrs. Omer Bishop and family of Odessa celebrated Christmas, Dec. 24 in the home of the Truett Thompson family in Merkel. The Clyburns visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Koch in Abilene Christmas Day, and also visited in the home of Mrs. Mason Barker and family in Hodges.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley, their daughter and family, the Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Row and children of Bledsoe, spent Christmas in San Antonio with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wayne Berry and children. Mrs. Berry was doing much better at the last report.

Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner of Merkel visited Mrs. Nora McDonald recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale, Ethel Canida and Charles Hale visited Mrs. Ada Newton in Anson Sunday and also visited the Burl Walker family.

## Merkel Students Get Scholarships

ABILENE — Two Merkel students are among nearly 500 scholarship recipients at Abilene Christian College.

They are Debi Corder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Corder, 802 Yucca in Merkel; and Cathy Derrington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Derrington, 1002 Trundy in Merkel.

Scholarships are awarded on a basis of achievement, character, and need.

## Riggan Children Home for Holiday

Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Riggan had all of their children home Christmas Day.

They were Mr. and Mrs. Pete Swinney and family, Mr. and Mrs. Murrell Riggan, Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Riggan and family of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Kent Satterwhite, Billy Jane Clark of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Swinney, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Riggan and Mrs. Lola Mae Holmes and boys.

Also with the Riggans Christmas Day were Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Harris and son, Roger, of Houston.



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## E. C. Rays Host Christmas Party

A Christmas tree, program, exchanging of gifts and a Turkey dinner, highlighted the E. C. Ray's Christmas Eve Party with twenty-two attending.

Children present were the Hor-

ace Steeles from Houston, Doug Pyburns of Odessa, Vernon Rays from Fort Worth, Kenneth Rays (Jr.) from Midland, Billy Rays of Nwice, Kenneth Rays (Sr.) of Merkel, and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray.

Mrs. E. C. Ray and Loyce Steele and Sheri went to Odessa Dec. 28 to visit Peggy Rudd, who had major surgery. Mrs. Ray says Peggy is doing nicely.

Among the 1.7 million Vietnam era veterans are 14,000 under 20 years of age.

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## Gripping Power From A Spray Can

FLINT, MICH. — Drivers stuck on ice or in deep snow this winter can give their tires extra gripping power with a spray on traction improver capable of providing up to three times normal traction.

Called AC Liquid Tire Chain, the compound is being distributed by AC Spark Plug Division of General Motors and is available at service stations, auto dealers and other retail outlets handling AC products.

It is offered in four-ounce pressurized cans which contain sufficient traction improver for several applications on each driving tire.

Offering drivers the convenience of push-button tire chains, the compound is a mixture of resins which react with water to form a sticky coating on the tire tread, improving traction on ice or snow. It is not harmful to tires or the car finish.

Drivers stuck on ice or snow should follow four steps for successful use.

First, spray the compound on the exposed tread of each driving tire. About five seconds of spraying time for each tire is adequate.

Second, spin the tires slowly to spread the AC Liquid Tire Chain around the tread and permit it to mix with the water present in snow or ice. Water is required to start the chemical reaction which forms the sticky coating.

Third, wait 60 seconds to be sure the chemical reaction is complete.

Fourth, drive out slowly, trying not to spin the tires. The traction improver will stay on the tires for several miles when driving on snow covered roads. However, it wears off quickly when traveling on hard-surfaced highways.

Liquid Tire Chain was given limited usage during the 1967-68 winter season, following development of the



LIQUID TIRE CHAINS — Mountain roads and deep snow provide the perfect setting for this lovely model to demonstrate the effectiveness of traction improving compound being distributed by AC Spark Plug Division of General Motors. Called AC Liquid Tire Chain, the compound is simply sprayed on the rear tires, providing up to three times normal traction to help free a motorist stuck on ice or in deep snow. It is available from service stations, auto dealers and other retail outlets handling AC products.

compound by Dow Chemical Company. A survey among those drivers who used the traction improver indicates almost universal success.

The compound is effective at temperatures as low as 20 degrees below zero, F. In addition to its intended usage of freeing stuck motorists, it also has been used successfully on snow blowers and small snow plows, bicycle tires, snowmobiles and even the bottom of boots and rubbers.

A push-button application system available as an option on most 1969 Chevrolet

models permits a motorist to apply the traction improving compound to the auto's rear tires without leaving the driver's seat.

The system includes a control button mounted on the instrument panel and vacuum-powered applicators located in the car trunk over each rear tire. The applicators each contain a four-ounce can. The cans may be replaced when empty but only AC Liquid Tire Chain cans are suitable for replacement use in this push-button application system.

## CONSERVATION PROGRAM HAS "LASTING INFLUENCE"

"The Great Plains Conservation Program has proved that it has lasting influence," states Paul Larson, Area Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service. "We all know some of the outstanding benefits of the program; however, the true test of any conservation program is how well the producer maintains, improves and keeps the conservation program applied to the land

whenever it is applied."

A recent analysis of 500 GPCP contracts in this area shows that only 11 or three per cent are not being maintained. Most of these contracts that have not been maintained have had a change in ownership. These had only a few acres of grass seedlings being plowed out and put back to cropland where erosion will be a problem. This is very reassuring as the GPCP is in its eleventh year of operation and it is significant that the program is proving effective in helping landowners complete lasting conservation programs.

In reviewing conservation plans on these expired contracts we were told by many that without GPCP assistance they conservation plans could have never been completed. Of special assistance has been the co-ordinating help of the Farmers Home Administration, Agricultural Conservation Program and the GPCP in helping young farmers stabilize their operations so they could stay on the farm. Other outstanding accomplishments have been the establishing of grass on sub-marginal cropland and eroding rangeland.

Especially are the grass seedlings standing on deep sand, which were non-productive and eroding prior to stabilization.



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**Doctor  
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Consultant, National Dairy Council

**NUTRITION A LA CARTE**

Well, it's a New Year and perhaps a good time to adopt a new technique for communicating nutrition information to you. During the past year, I've stuck strictly to one topic at a time. But there's a host of nutrition information that can be presented in short, easy to remember form that doesn't need a whole column to explain.

For this reason, every now and then this year I plan to vary the one topic columns with occasional columns we'll call "Nutrition A La Carte." Today's column is an example of what I mean:

- In general, adult men are likely to have better eating habits than women. Mothers are prone to neglect their own meals while tending the family, or because they are figure conscious without understanding the basics of figure control. Mothers need an adequate, balanced diet just like the rest of us, perhaps more so.
- If you are not overweight, see to it that you don't change. Physicians are learning that it is much easier for people to control their weight before they get fat than to reduce afterwards. It is also possible that being overweight triggers a disturbed metabolism making it doubly difficult to reduce again.
- Of all our citizens, teenagers girls seem to have the poorest eating habits. Dietary studies show they are figure conscious and apt to skip or skip on nourishing foods. Breakfast especially. Crash diets should be avoided. Teenage bodies are in an important period of development,

leading to motherhood. Help your teenager get a good diet.

- The idea that certain foods can cause arthritis, or cure it, is unfounded. Extensive research has failed to show that the absence or presence of any food or vitamin will either cure or cause any form of arthritis. Careful medical examination of people who claim cures usually show the people didn't really have arthritis.
- Remember that breakfast means literally to "break the fast." Your body needs food when you get up in the morning, to make up for the fasting you have experienced through the night. You also need food for the energy you'll expend during the morning. Waiting until lunchtime to eat a real meal can put unnecessary stress on your body.
- Your teeth are living structures, even though portions of them are not. The dentine and enamel are inert. But your teeth also contain blood vessels and nerves. Also, your jaw bone is a living structure, dependent upon good nutrition, especially calcium, phosphorus, and vitamin D. These nutrients are plentiful in milk.
- While research continues in the broad area of heart disease and the possible relationship of diet to it, homemakers should not embark on fad diets or completely cut out any one food. Rather, a well-balanced diet including moderate amounts of fat, both saturated and unsaturated, should be followed, unless your doctor prescribes otherwise.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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To my 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: Walter Earl McClelland,  
Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 3rd day of February A.D. 1969, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 24th day of November A.D. 1968, in this cause, numbered 32,654-A on the docket of said court and styled in Re: Plaintiff, vs. Adoption of Minor Child, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Adultery 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 19th day of December A.D. 1968.

(Seal)  
Alfred R. H. ROSS Clerk,  
42nd District Court  
Taylor County, Texas  
By Faye Terry, Deputy.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF

LENA RIES, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that original letters testamentary upon the estate of Lena Ries, deceased, were issued to me, the undersigned, on the 2nd day of December 1968, in the proceeding indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that I now hold such letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in Taylor County, Texas, are hereby required to present the same to me respectively, at the address below given, before suit upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitations, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law. My residence and post office address are 600 Wilburn Resenberg, Texas 77471, County of Fort Bend, State of Texas.

DATED his 23rd day of December, 1968.

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**Ralph Fisher, Long Time  
Social Security Official Dies**

Ralph T. Fisher, 59, associated with the Abilene social security office for over 25 years, died in an Abilene hospital Sunday evening, December 29, after several months' illness.

Mr. Fisher was well known

throughout the fifteen county social security district and visited here often.

He was a Methodist, Mason, and Rotarian, and was active in Scouting. He had been with social security for 30 years serving

in the Austin and Lubbock offices before moving to Abilene in 1944. At the time of his death he had been Assistant District Manager for 14 years.

He is survived by his widow, Anna Rae Fisher of the home, 2101 Salinas, a son, Ralph T. Jr. of Beaumont, a daughter, Mrs. Alice Ann Murph of Albuquerque, three grandchildren; a sister, Myra of Brownwood.

Funeral services were held

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In spite of this plain teaching, many are living one life and hoping to die another. They live the life of the unrighteous, but, like Balaam of old, they pray, "Let me die the death of the righteous and let my last end be like His." (Num. 23:10)

We are like the little boy who listened to his Bible Class teacher tell the story of the Rich man and Lazarus. (Luke 16:19f) The teacher then asked the class, "Which would you rather be, the Rich Man or Lazarus?" This particular boy very honestly replied, "I would rather be the Rich Man while I live and then be Lazarus when I die."

Don't count on burning your candle in the service of the Devil and blow the smoke in God's face with any hope of being found well pleasing to God.

Become a sheep! Live as a sheep. Then you can die as a sheep. (Galatians 6:7)

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