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Up The Canyon

By TOM
RUSSOM

This beautiful weather we are having right now is farmers' and ranchers' weather — good on livestock, good on farming and above all, it is good on mother sheep lambing. So, it is ideal weather on everything, even fishing. Some people are doing some fishing and having fairly good luck.

At the Frank Brnovak Ranch this week sheep tagging was under way.

The last three weeks we have been in four counties, reaching across Howard County, west, across Stonewall County, north to Runnels to the South, and we find things here at home in as good shape or better than any area were were in. Nearly all of the good farming land north of Big Spring has been listed up for spring planting.

We were in Big Spring on New Year's Day to visit Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gray. Mrs. Gray is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sloan and a niece of Mrs. Russom.

We dropped by for a short visit with the Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Phillips, who also lives in Big Spring. The Phillips said tell everyone down here hello. Rev. Phillips was a long-time former pastor of Pioneer Church.

We regret to hear of Mack Seymore getting hurt in a car wreck this week. He is in Cox Memorial Hospital at this time.

Well — well, we are having some Abilene men doing some bob cat hunting on our place. We always welcome hunters to kill rattle snakes and bob cats and other animals that are destructive to livestock. There has been some livestock damage on some herds recently, just at the Divide on ranches of Louis Cook, Bary Scott and the Carmack ranches. Baby lambs and kid goats can be cleaned out by wild animals of such mentioned.

Mrs. Dewell McLean has just returned home after spending several days with their son who underwent serious surgery recently in the Great Lakes Naval Hospital. Mrs. McLean said they talked to Hollis Sunday night and he reported feeling good and able to be up and around the hospital after taking his treatments. So we rejoice with the McLeans for that report.

Miss Beverly Butman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Butman, has returned to California, where she will be working for a newspaper there. She spent Christmas with her parents here.

The Rev. and Mrs. David Hutchins, pastor and wife of Pioneer Church, were dinner guests in the Hugh King's home Sunday.

MERKEL "B" TEAM TOURNAMENT JAN. 9

A "B" Team Tournament will be held at the Merkel Gym beginning this Thursday at 4 p.m., and is to continue Saturday, Jan. 11.

The Merkel Booster Club is sponsoring the basketball tournament and president Dan Allen urges "the town to come out and support the B-team boys and girls." Allen went on to say that "this is a chance for the B-teams to have more games."

Thursday's schedule is Clyde vs. Wylie (girls) 4 p.m.; Clyde vs. Stamford (boys) 5:30; Merkel vs. Roscoe (girls), 7; and Merkel vs. Roscoe (boys to begin at 8:30.

RECREATION FACILITY GETS ENDORSEMENT

A new \$150,000 recreation facility came a step closer to the Merkel area Tuesday night as members of the long-range recreation committee decided to endorse tentative plans and to make application for a federal loan for the installation.

The plans shown by architects call for improving the present Merkel County Club Golf Course.

Construction of:
Swimming Pool and Patio.
Roping Arena, Bleachers, Water Well and Fencing for Riding Pasture.

Recreation Center.
Picnic area.
Tennis Courts.
Numerous other facilities.

John Wolfe, representing the federal agency to make the loan, explained details of the proposal to Dr. Don Warren and members of his committee. He said a temporary steering committee could start negotiations for the loan. Then a permanent committee and officers would negotiate the loan. To be eligible for the \$150,000 in the Merkel area, from 193 to 215 members would be needed for the recreational organization.

An initiation fee of \$50 and an annual monthly dues of \$7.50 were discussed, as well as other requirements necessary for the federal loan.

TC FARM BUREAU MEMBERSHIP WEEK

Farm Bureau membership workers will be calling on their fellow farmers and ranchers in Taylor County this coming week (January 13-18) to help boost membership in the state's largest

farm organization, according to Billy Vinson, president of the Taylor County unit.

Governor John Connally, in one of his last official acts, designated the week of Jan. 13-18 as "Farm Bureau Membership Week" in Texas and urged Texans to "cooperate in the recognition and observance of this week."

Judge Roy Skaggs, Taylor County Judge, issued an official proclamation Wednesday designating the week of Jan. 13-18 as Farm Bureau Week in Taylor County. (His proclamation is printed on page five of this edition).

A Texas Farm Bureau 1969 legislative program will be launched in Austin Jan. 22-23 at a joint legislative membership conference at the Terrace Motor Hotel.

More than 400 county Farm Bureau leaders — including presidents, legislative and membership committee chairmen — are expected to attend the conference which gets underway at 1 p.m. Jan. 22 and concludes at noon next day. Several from Taylor County will be in attendance, said Vinson.

Purpose of the bi-annual meeting, according to TFB president Sidney Dean of Victoria, is for Farm Bureau leaders to get a better understanding of state and national issues affecting agriculture and to discuss plans for implementing Farm Bureau policies.

Governor - Elect Preston Smith will address a banquet on the evening of Jan. 22. All legislators and high state government officials have been invited to attend the banquet.

"We believe that agriculture is facing a crucial period both in legislation and marketing," said Dean. "We will succeed only if agriculture is organized in a strong united effort."

"Surely farmers and ranchers must be organized if they are to be effective in having a voice in the directions that agriculture takes," said Vinson.

"And your membership in the Taylor County Farm Bureau is strongly solicited."

Homemakers Meet Tonight

The Taylor County Young Homemakers will have their regular meeting at 7:30 tonight at the Taylor Electric Cooperative building.

Homemakers' president, Mrs. Dickie Danneheim, said that Mrs. Betty Foster, Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent, will be principal speaker.

"Sewing Tips" will be the program topic.

School Supporters Organize; Oppose Recommendations

Supporters of the Merkel school system organized Tuesday night in a three-hour public forum meeting to oppose turning into law the recommendations of the Governor's Committee on Public School Education.

In its reported form, the recommendations would rip control

of the Merkel Independent School District from those living in its present boundaries and combine control of the Merkel Schools into a Taylor County School System.

Attending the meeting were State Representatives Frank Calhoun and Grant Jones.

Rep. Jones said he was "convinced after this meeting and from others similar that the people in the rural areas are against this program."

"What we need is some way to convince the people in the city," he said.

Consensus seemed to be that

the city areas would be in favor of the proposed district changes and tax overhaul as it would apparently lighten the big city financial load.

County School Superintendent Clive Pierce, who would lose his job or be forced to win a county-wide support including the overwhelming power of Abilene, to retain his position as Taylor County School Superintendent, which would place him over the Abilene schools as well as the county schools, said to remember that the Governor's recommendation is just that — a recommendation. He urged those present to let the Governor, Lt. Governor and other state officials know how they felt on the proposed changes.

"The Merkel Independent School District has been outstanding throughout the years," said Pierce. "With forty-two and one-half courses offered in High School, and rated AA by the State Evaluation Committee, such a system is very rare."

Rep. Calhoun urged those present to send "him letters from the heart." He said a stack of form letters did not impress him, but that personal letters did. He said "write him that he needed those 'resents' help and ideas.

Gordon Asbury, Abilene attorney who was instrumental in organizing opposition to the proposed changes in other county schools outlined some of the other district's thinking and urged letters to state officials.

Mack Fisher, Merkel School Superintendent, said he believed the meeting was very beneficial as it allowed citizens a better grasp of problems involved. He estimated that there were approximately five hundred at the meeting.

Joe Earl Lassiter was moderator.

Joe E. Lassiter School Chairman

Joe Earl Lassiter, Abilene businessman, Merkel resident and former Merkel school board member, was elected chairman of a committee Tuesday night to do whatever is necessary to prevent the loss of local control of the Merkel School District.

Also named to the committee was Booth Warren, treasurer; Horace Boney, vice chairman; Mrs. Glenn Reed, secretary; Mrs. Dave Brumbeau, publicity and advertising.

Pastor Kenneth Jones and Gene Stewart were named members at large.

Lassiter said an early meeting of the committee would be called.

Mack Seymore 'Is Improving'

(Condition Wednesday morning of Mack Seymore, who was injured in an automobile wreck Monday morning, is improving, according to a hospital spokesman. Seymore's mother, Mrs. Joe Seymore, said that she visited with Mack late Tuesday and he "seemed to be feeling some better."

"He received several cuts and bruises, but the doctors said no bones were broken," said Mrs. Joe Seymore, "and that it will take some time for them to heal. It is hoped that he will be released from the hospital the latter part of this week."

Driver of the other car involved in the wreck was Mrs. Derrill (Janele) Farmer, who received minor cuts and was treated at a local doctor's office and released. Her daughter, Vickie, a passenger in the car, also received cuts and bruises.



GETTING READY FOR THE SHOW — Members of the Merkel Vocational Agricultural class were at the Ag Barn bright and early Monday morning getting grounds ready for the 1969 Stock Show to be held this Saturday, Jan. 11. Overseeing activities was vo-ag teacher, Chester Collinsworth. (Staff Photo)

MERKEL'S STOCK SHOW SLATED TO BEGIN SATURDAY, 11:30 AM

A Horse Show with approximately 25 entries will kick off the Merkel Stock Show this Saturday, Jan. 11 at the Ag Barn, 11:30 a.m. is the time set for the Horse Show and L. J. Gray is superintendent.

Following the Horse Show the Stock Show will begin at approximately 12:30 with Jake Joyce, principal of schools at Winters as Judge.

Stock entries as of Monday, Jan. 6, included twenty steers (light and heavyweight) sixty lambs and 25 swine.

Vo-Ag teacher, Chester Collinsworth, said that entries would

continue this week and the number should increase some.

Benny Melton, Stock Show secretary said Wednesday that many merchants had been contacted for donations, but others would be contacted this week.

"If we miss any one for a donation, please let us know," said Melton. "Since this is one of the main activities for our 4-H and FFA boys and girls, we need as many donations as we can get."

The Taylor County Young Homemakers will head the concession stands and foods of various kinds will be served, along with cold drinks.

Assisting with the show will be R. E. Clemmer, Don Dudley and Truman Holloway.

Katie Neill, FFA Sweetheart,

Bank Deposits At Record High

All-time records for deposits were revealed Monday by the Farmers and Merchants National Bank in Merkel and Home State Bank of Trent.

Deposits for Farmers and Merchants National Bank were \$4,106,397 for the 4th quarter, ending Dec. 31, 1968, a total of \$1,162,46 over the 4th quarter in Dec. 1967.

And Booth Warren, F&M Bank president, said that "deposits in early January were even higher."

Home State Bank showed an increase of \$628.36 for the 4th quarter over the 4th quarter in 1967, with deposits totaling \$6,637.54.

Golden Acres Seed Meeting Is Jan. 13

The Merkel Elevator, plant of Abilene Grain Co., and agent for Golden Acres Seed, will have a meeting Monday, Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Merkel Restaurant. Invitations were mailed this week to farmers and ranchers in the area, said Jack LaRoe, manager of Merkel Elevator.



KATIE NEILL
... Merkel FFA Sweetheart



KATHERINE PATTERSON
... MOD queen contestant

Merkel HS Senior Is Queen Hopeful

Katherine Patterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Patterson, and a senior at Merkel High School, is a queen entry in the March of Dimes queen contest to be held during the MOD tele-rama Saturday and Sunday on KTXS-TV.

Katherine is co-editor of the school's annual staff, a member of the Drama Club, president of Merkel Chapter Future Homemakers of America, National Honor Society officer, and 2nd Lt. in the Badger Band.

A class favorite her junior year, Miss Patterson was crowned homecoming queen at the Homecoming activities this past year.

The winning queen will be crowned Sunday, Jan. 12 at 1 p.m. and will reign over the TAP Carnival and the TAP Dance to be held in February.



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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, 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 — that 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. 6963, 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.

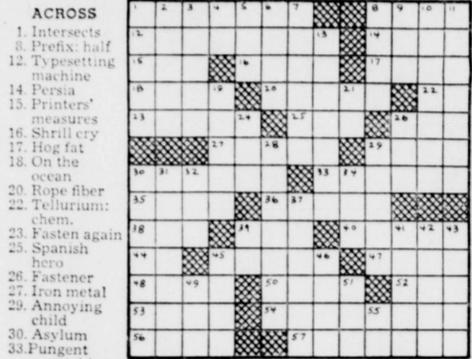
Said application will be heard and acted on by said Court at 10 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of this citation, the same being the 13th day of January, 1969, at the County Courthouse in Abilene, Texas.

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.

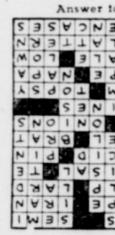
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT at office in Abilene, Tex-

Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- Intersects
 - Prefix: half
 - Typesetting machine
 - Persia
 - Printers' measures
 - Shrill cry
 - Hog fat
 - On the ocean
 - Rope fiber
 - Tellurium: chem.
 - Fasten again
 - Spanish hero
 - Fastener
 - Iron metal
 - Annoying child
 - Asylum
 - Pungent vegetables
 - Wings
 - Conifers
 - Wily
 - Tree
 - turvy
 - Musical syllable

- Incline
- California valley
- Gem
- Eli
- Humble
- Bones: anat.
- Slovenly
- Tidy
- Surrounds
- Uncluttered
- Wash lightly
- Start
- Therefore
- Pen
- Vision
- organs
- Interweave
- Window ledge
- Age
- Man from Mars
- Depressions
- Greek letter
- Church passage
- Public notice
- Greek letter
- For
- Uses
- Buffalo
- Musical instrument
- Compressed circle
- 24 hours
- Seine
- Skewer
- Building wing
- Losses color
- Plant germ cell
- Opens wide
- Wood strip
- Dash
- Judean king
- And so forth
- Tantalum: chem.



Fresh Green Bean Chowder with a Snap



Tender green beans are snappy eating with a good contribution of vitamins A, C and minerals. This crispy slender legume is suggested in a tureen of hearty chowder with fresh onion slicing its way through our succulent soup.

Though we enjoy this vegetable during all seasons, Florida is the big winter supplier. When buying, look for beans that are crisp and have a fresh, bright appearance. Generous ladles of our New England style Snap Bean Chowder make a great lunch or supper entree for cold weather days.

- GREEN BEAN CHOWDER
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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 pound fresh green beans | ¼ cup butter or margarine |
| 2 medium-sized onions | ¼ cup flour |
| 1½ cups water | ½ teaspoon pepper |
| 1 beef bouillon cube | 3 cups milk |
| 2½ teaspoons salt | |
- Remove ends from green beans and cut into 1-inch lengths. Thinly slice onions. Combine beans, onions, water, bouillon cube and 1 teaspoon salt in large saucepan. Cover and cook over medium heat 10-12 minutes or until beans are tender; do not drain. Remove from heat. Melt butter or margarine; blend in flour, remaining 1½ teaspoons salt and pepper. Gradually stir in milk. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens and reaches boiling point. Stir in vegetables and vegetable liquid; heat to serving temperature, stirring occasionally. Makes about 6 cups.

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as, 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.
44 4tc

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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 26th 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: Adoulen 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.

Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk,
42nd District Court,
Taylor County, Texas,
By Faye Terry, Deputy.
44 4tc

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Carlos D. Roberts, Defendant, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COM-

MANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty - two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 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 4377 on the docket of said court and styled Doretta 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.

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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.
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RESOURCES	
Loans	\$1,244,448.19
Overdrafts	875.12
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	9,000.00
Banking House	50,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	10,000.00
Other Real Estate	2.00
AVAILABLE CASH:	
U.S. Government Bonds	\$1,159,965.94
Municipal Bonds and Warrants	952,787.32
Cash and Due from Banks	1,223,139.23
Total Available Cash	3,335,892.49
TOTAL	\$4,650,217.80
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 170,000.00
Surplus	150,000.00
Undivided Profits and Reserves	228,820.15
Dividend payable Dec. 31, 1968	15,000.00
DEPOSITS	4,106,397.65
TOTAL	\$4,650,217.80

The Above Statement is Correct.
BOOTH WARREN, President

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- Miscellaneous -

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MASSONIC 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.

KEEP your carpets beautiful despite constant footsteps of busy family. Get Blue Lustre. Rent shampooer \$1. Bullock Hardware and Gifts. Phone 928-5310. 45 ltc

WANTED — Any kind of yard work such as pruning trees and cleaning lots. Go anywhere in a 30 miles radius. Cecilio Hernandez, Rt. 3, ph. 928-5074. 45 2tp

FREE—One Alaskan Husky puppy and one 6 mo. old Collie puppy. Call Nubia 848-4104, needs a good home.

FREE — To give away, darling puppies — part collies, phone 846-4167. 45 2tp

WANTED — Experienced truck stop hand. Pay \$128.50 a week. See Ray Reynolds from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. 45 2tp

LOST — Power take off shaft approximately 2 ft. long. Lost out west of Merkel shortly before Christmas. If found please call O. W. Dickerson, 928-5296. 44 2tc

LOST — 25 head cattle strayed from my place 1 mile south of Blair. Branded right hip with "Tlover S." \$200 reward for information leading to recovery of cattle. Any information will be confidential. Stanley Tordis. 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 823-2145. 42 4tc

FOR COMPLETE BEAUTY CARE — Free facial, and a complete line of cosmetics, call Emma Shuggart, 928-5027 or Betty Satterwhite, 928-5365. 12 1tp

WANTED — Full time beauty operator. Good location, good business, and hours. Write The Merkel Mail, P. O. Box 428, Merkel, Texas, 79536, giving name, address and experience, if any. 44 2tp

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Study Club Sees Holy Land Slides

Mrs. Comer Haynes was hostess to the Fortnightly Study Club, when members and guests met for their December meeting.

Topic of study was "There is a Land of Pure Delight." Maurice Brooks, an Abilene attorney, showed slides of his trip to the Holy Land, a program that highlighted the meeting and the Yuletide Season.

Attending were Meses Mack Davis, Lem Dudley, Don Dudley, Lige Gamble, J. Lynn Knight, David Gamble, Ben R. Hicks and Bryan Dunagin.

Also Meses Johnny Cox, Ray Wilson, Mack Fisher, E. G. Sandusky, John Boyd, Newton Daniel, Dave Brumbeau and guests Meses, F. M. McDonald, Alma Collins, H. C. Reid and Mr. Comer Haynes and Mr. Johnny Cox.

Goodfellow Toys

Three boxes of toys were donated this Christmas to the Goodfellows by members of the Pathology Consultants, meeting for their Christmas party in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Jarrett Williams.

Mrs. Mary Mesler, co-chairman for this year's Goodfellows said guests brought toys to be given to the Merkel Goodfellows for children of needy families.

Working with Mrs. Mesler in collecting clothing for Goodfellows was Mrs. Pearl McCortney.

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

FOR SALE — 1962 Impala Spt. Cpe. Clean, good condition. See Paul Carson. 44 2tp

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all my friends for the beautiful cards, food, visits and your prayers during my illness. Thanks to Brother Jones and Brother Sharp for their many visits in my home.

With a grateful thank you and may God bless each and every one.

Mrs. Ruby Irvin



BIBLE STUDY

'Tis one thing now to read the Bible through,
Another thing to learn to read and do.
'Tis one thing now to read it with delight,
And quite another thing to read it right.

Some read it with design to learn to read,
But to the subject pay but little heed;
Some read it as their duty once a week,
But from the Bible no instruction seek.

While others read it with uncommon care,
With no regard to how nor where:—
Some read it as a history, to know
How people lived three thousand years ago.

Some read it to bring themselves repute
By showing others how they can dispute:
While others read because their neighbors do,
To see how long 'twill take to read it through.

Some read it for the wonders that are there:
How David killed a lion and a bear;
While others read it, or rather in it look,
Because, perhaps, they have no other book.

Some read the blessed Book, they don't know why,
It sometimes happens in the way to lie,
While others read with uncommon care,
But all to find some contradictions there.

One reads with father's "specks" upon his head
And sees the thing just as his father did;
Others read it through Calvin or Scott
And think it means exactly what they thought.

Some read to prove a pre-ordained creed,
Thus understand but little what they read;
And every passage in the book they bend
To make, as I've often thought,
To teach the book instead of being taught.
—Author Unknown

Jesus asked, "How readest thou." Luke 10:26b
It is a fact that the Bible is being read by a great many people. It is also a fact that we are reaching different conclusions in our investigations. IS THIS THE WILL OF GOD? IS IT TRUE THAT GOD HAS NOT MADE HIS WILL PLAIN ENOUGH IN ORDER FOR MAN TO BE SAVED? This would be a reflection upon the goodness and mercy of God Almighty. Jesus said, "You shall know the truth and it shall make you free." (John 8:32) ONLY WHAT THE BIBLE REALLY SAYS IS TRUTH, not what man has made it to say.

"VISIT WITH THE CHURCH OF CHRIST"
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W. H. Pogue Dies at Age 90

Funeral services for Willard H. Pogue, 90, early day resident, were held Wednesday, Jan. 8 in the Merkel United Methodist Church. The Rev. Newton Daniel, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mr. Pogue, known as an "old-

en days" settler, died Monday in Starr Nursing Home after a long illness.

Born March 13, 1878, in Tennessee, he moved to Brackettville at an early age and to Merkel in 1919. He was a retired carpenter and a member of Merkel United Methodist Church.

Survivors are two brothers, Comer M. of Eustland, D. M. of Snyder; a sister, Mrs. Mattye Burks of Odessa; several nieces and nephews.

Fortnightly Club To Meet Jan. 14

Members of the Fortnightly Study Club will have their first meeting of the new year in the home of Mrs. Eddie Glenn Sandusky Tuesday, Jan. 14.

Program theme for the Jan. 14 meeting is "American Pavilion," and Mrs. J. Lynn Knight is program chairman.

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TEEN CENTER PLANS 'BIG HAPPENINGS'

Members of the Teen Council met this week, reviewed past activities and made plans for Saturday night's activities.

Council members attending were Mike Dudley, Steve Doan, Randy Doan, Alan Reed, Mike Warren, Bob Hammond, Judy Hester, Beth Peachey and Mignon Crawford. Adult sponsors attending were Mrs. G. R. Peachey and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris.

"Big Happenings" are set for

Wednesday Rites For Mrs. Toombs

Mrs. J. M. Toombs, 88, long-time area resident, died Tuesday, Jan. 7, in Herdick Memorial Hospital after a short illness.

Funeral services were held Wednesday in the Merkel United Methodist Church with the Rev. Newton Daniel, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Effie Daisy Riney, July 11, 1880, at Monroe City, Mo., she moved to Abilene in 1932 and to Mulberry Canyon in 1934. She married Mr. Toombs Nov. 19, 1939. They moved to Merkel in 1941. Mr. Toombs died in September of 1951.

Survivors are one son, Harry, of Lubbock; three daughters, Mrs. Warren Higgins of Seguin, Mrs. Joe Risinger of Odessa and Mrs. Irvin Thompson of Merkel; four brothers, J. T. Riney of Slaton, L. E. and D. H. Riney, both of Merkel, and Claude Riney of Rogers, Ark.; one sister, Mrs. Mae Bush of Merkel; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons and one daughter. Nephews were pallbearers.

Are Deer Getting Smarter Now?

An item of interest hit the Merkel Mail this week concerning deer and the deer hunting season last day that is.

Billy King said he saw 22 deer the last day of the season (Jan. 8) on the Fred Williams place, just outside of Trent.

"I'm not complaining with as many deer roaming around, if they could possibly know that it was the last day for them to be wary," said King.

King, who chalked up 4 deer this season, three on the Williams place and one in West Texas, said he hadn't seen that many deer on one place "since he had been hunting."

OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION

By

ROY SKAGGS, County Judge
Taylor County
Abilene, Texas

Greetings:

Agriculture makes a vital contribution to the economy of Taylor County, our State and our Nation; and

The productive efficiency of our farmers and ranchers has helped stabilize food prices and the cost of living for all our citizens; and

This record of achievement has resulted from educational and technological advancements in agriculture under the free choice system; and

Farmers and ranchers have recognized the value of joining together in an organization effort to promote and protect their interests; and

Four out of five farm and ranch families in this Nation belonging to a general farm organization are members of Farm Bureau; and

Farm Bureau is a free, independent, non-partisan, non-governmental, voluntary organization of families united for the purpose of analyzing their problems and formulating action to achieve educational improvement, economic opportunity and social advancement, thereby promoting the national welfare.

I, Roy Skaggs, County Judge of Taylor County, do hereby designate January 13-18 as FARM BUREAU WEEK in Taylor County, and urge our citizens to give due recognition to this observance honoring the Taylor County Farm Bureau.

In official recognition thereof, I hereby affix my signature this 8th day of January, 1969.

Signed ROY SKAGGS
Taylor County Judge

Conda H. Wylie Service Held

Conda H. Wylie, 86, a man who earned the title "Father of the Cattlemen's Roundup" for his generosity to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, died Monday, Jan. 6, after suffering an apparent heart attack at his home at Fort Chadbourne.

Funeral services were held Wednesday in the Ballinger United Methodist Church with the Rev. Piez Todd, pastor, officiating.

Mr. Wylie's two favorite charities were West Texas Rehabilitation Center and the Methodist Church.

He was born Dec. 7, 1882, on the old Wylie Ranch on the Colorado River between Ballinger and Brent.

Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Mrs. Maurine W. Richards of Clearwater Beach, Florida; one grandson; six great-grandchildren.

Officials of the WTRC have established a Conda Wylie Memorial Fund.

Editorial

FARMERS! WHY ORGANIZE?

Mr. Farmer or Rancher, did you know that you are a distinct minority? In this nation's past history, rural areas in general and farm and ranch people in particular were in firm control of the political power of this nation. It is no longer so. We are a minority group.

According to the latest figures from the U.S. Department of Commerce, less than 6 per cent

SMS-Sgt. Peachey Returns Home

SMS Sgt. George Peachey returned home Tuesday, Jan. 7, after a year's duty in Vietnam.

Peachey, with the Air Force, was Field Maintenance superintendent in Tuy Hoa

of this country's total population is considered rural. This does not mean that farming and ranching is no longer of importance to the

Peace Corps Test

Merkel area residents interested in putting their skills to use in developing nations around the world are invited to take the Peace Corps Placement Test at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 10 at the Post Office building in Abilene.

The Peace Corps uses the Placement Test to determine how an applicant can best be utilized overseas. The test measures general aptitude and the ability to learn a language, not education or achievement; an applicant can neither pass nor fail.

United States economy. Agriculture is still the nation's largest industry. Although farmers and ranchers are a small percentage of the population, we must not be bypassed in vital legislation.

Surely farmers and ranchers must be organized if they are to be effective in having a voice in the directions that agriculture takes. Taylor County Farm Bureau with 886 members, the largest farm organization in the county, is seeking to increase its membership through a county wide campaign.

Although Texas Farm Bureau is the third largest state in the national organization that is the largest of all general farm organizations, it needs the support and participation of even more farmers and ranchers if agriculture is to have the strong voice it so badly needs.

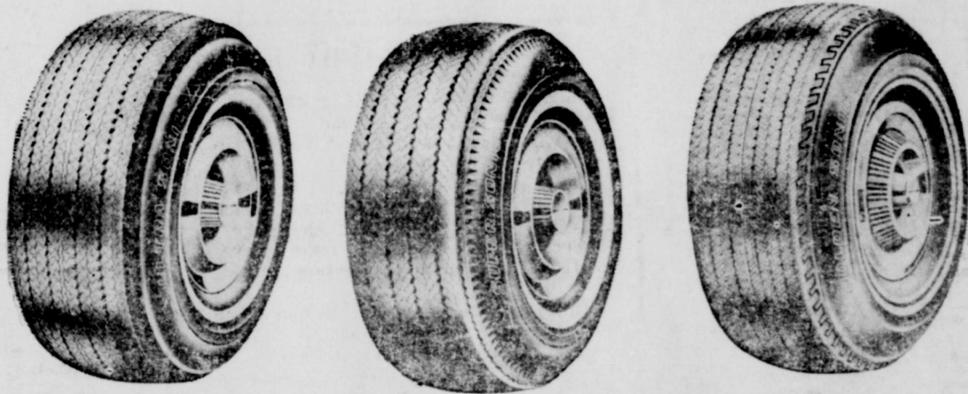
Mrs. Lucas Hosts Beta Sigma Phi

The Lambda Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Monday evening, Jan. 6, in the home of director, Mrs. Almeda Bullock, for a cultural program, with Mrs. Billy Lucas, hostess.

The cultural program on Absolute Music was presented by Mrs. Jimmy Leveridge with Mrs. W. J. Roddy assisting.

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THE 30 PAGES OF GIVER PAID TO JUDAS ISCAIOT FOR BETRAYING CHRIST WERE PROBABLY "BONDING" ACCORDING TO COIN EXPERTS. THE DENAR COINS WERE POPULARLY KNOWN AS "KING'S TREASURES" ON THE ROVERSE. ONE WAS THE PICTURE OF JESUS'S OVAL-GROUNDED SCHEMEL OF WISDOM.

WHY? HOLY'S SILVER STERN AND BELL THE OTHER WITH AN INDIAN WOODS WARRIOR IN NEW YORK IN 1838 AND ITS DESIGNER THE DUTY WAS CREDITED BY A FRENCH MAN. B. C. IN THE END OF THE 19TH CENTURY A PAPER MONEY.

BADGER TRACKS

By WALLY KNIGHT

Students are back from the Christmas holidays. Everyone enjoyed the rest but mid-term tests are being given this week and everyone will have to do some studying for a chance.

The boys and girls Badger basketball teams both won trophies for 1st place at the Hewley Invitational Tournament. The teams have a very good chance to win the district title.

The Merkel High students will be able to let off steam after all of the tests this week at the Teen Center. A live band from Abilene is expected to perform. All high school students are invited to attend.

Katherine Patterson, a senior at Merkel High, was elected by the student body to represent Merkel in the March of Dimes campaign in Abilene. Lots of luck Katherine.

J. V. Hesters Entertain Guests

Holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Hester were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Frank Warren and family of Haskell; Mr. and Mrs. Williams Hester and children of Big Lake, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gurganus and children of Fayetteville, N.C.

Also visiting with the Hesters were Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hendricks and children of Merkel, and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hester and children of Garland.

Holiday Visitors

New Year's guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Patterson were Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Patterson Jr. and son Tommy, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wayne Patterson, all of Arlington.

Also visiting the Pattersons were their grandson, Mike Wallace, who is stationed at Ft. Wolters in Mineral Wells and Burl C. Brown, who is stationed at Ft. Sill, Okla.



NEWLY-ELECTED LEADERS OF STATE'S LARGEST FRATERNITY
These four men were elected to top office in the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas during its 133rd Annual Communication held in Waco. Heading the 240,000-member fraternal order during 1969 will be (left to right): J. Guy Smith of Dallas, regional commander of the Texas Department of Public Safety, who was elected Grand Master of Masons in Texas; Deputy Grand Master Hal Burnett of Alpine, a rancher; Grand Senior Warden Joe W. Steed of Mount Pleasant, who is Field Representative for the General Land Office of the State of Texas; and G. D. "Honey" Hindman of San Benito, a retired ginner who was elected Grand Junior Warden. Over 4,000 representatives of 970 Texas Masonic Lodges attended the Waco meeting.

'Daniel Boone' to Star At Fort Worth Rodeo

Fess Parker, star of the "Daniel Boone" television series, will be the special guest attraction at the 1969 Fort Worth Stock Show Rodeo January 24 through February 2. The tall Texan is noted for his vocal talents as well as his acting ability, having chalked up over a million sales with his recording of "Davy Crockett".

Appearing with Parker at all 20 rodeo performances will be the New Establishment, a youth-oriented musical group recently featured at Disneyland. Other specialty acts signed for the Fort Worth Rodeo are Jerry Olson's Trained Buffalo and Elaine Kramer's Six-Horse Roman Ride.

Over 450 professional cowboys will vie for a purse of better than \$75,000 in the rodeo's action events. Tickets are available by mail from the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, P. O. Box 150, Fort Worth, Texas 76101.



FESS PARKER ... TV's 'Daniel Boone'

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- Did I Say Something Wrong — Tony Douglas
- Watching the Trains Go By — Tommy Overstreet
- Day — Hugh X. Lewis
- Tonight We're Calling It a Eve to Eve — Kenny Vernon
- Lawenda Lindsey
- Oh, What a Woman — Jerry Reed
- Each Time — Johnny Bush
- Pick Hit
- God Is Alive and Well — The Stonemans



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 County Court At Law Court of Taylor County, of the 23rd day of March 1967, of said Sun Appliance & Electric, Inc. for the sum of Four Hundred forty four dollars and 00/100 (\$444.00) Dollars and costs of suit, under an Execution, in favor of Sun Appliance & Electric, Inc. in a certain cause in said Court, No. 4021 and styled Sun Appliance & Electric, Inc. vs. Campbell's Refrigeration, a partnership composed of Lloyd L. & Johnny Campbell, Jr., placed in my hands for service, I, George Maxwell as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 3rd day of January 1969, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Lot 9 & N. 20' of Lot 10, Block A, Wellington Addition of Block 18 & 19, better known as 410 Meander Street, City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of Johnny Campbell, Jr., and that on the first Tuesday in February 1969, the same being the 4th 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 George Maxwell I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Johnny Campbell, Jr.,

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 3rd day of January 1969.

GEORGE MAXWELL Sheriff Taylor County, Texas. By Robert H. Alexander Deputy 45 3tc

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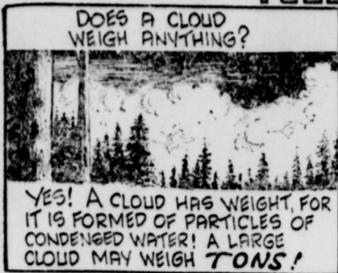
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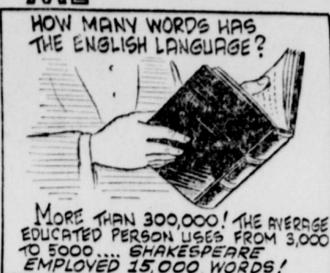
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HAMBY NEWS

By MRS. W. T. WILLIAMS

Miss Sarah Casey left Monday for her home in Millstone, Ky. after spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Darrell Dean and her brother, Richard Casey. David Mack Gist entered the hospital Tuesday. He has pneumonia and is better at this writing.

We are sorry to learn of the death of Mr. Reason Barrett in California. He is the brother in law of Mrs. Charlie Box and lived here several years ago. He is survived by his wife, Imogene, and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Oran Elnore and children of Lubbock, spent the holidays in our community.

Mr. H. O. West returned home from the hospital Tuesday, after spending five days there.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Deatherage spent New Year's Day with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs.

John Deatherage of Anson. Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hersey of Hereford spent part of the holidays with Mrs. Hersey's aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Foster and cousin, Mrs. C. H. Smith.

Mr. Clyde Hamblen came home from the hospital Thursday, after spending two weeks there.

Mrs. Clyde Enmons and children of Arlington spent the holidays with her sister in law, Mrs. Charles Smith Jr., and her aunt Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Foster. Mrs. Hessie Coleman returned Saturday after visiting her sister in law, Mrs. Grace McMahon in Munday, and her sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Frazier of Abilene.

Mrs. J. T. Casey of Sheo is visiting her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Dean this week.

Doyle W. O'Donald and Miss Darrell Tate of Brown will be married Jan. 11 in the First Baptist Church at Bryson. Miss Tate is the daughter of D. D. Tate of Bryson and Doyle is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. O'Donald of Harby.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Smith had as their guests during the holidays their children, Mr. and Mrs. Don Clammer and children of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Don Cook and children of Richardson and George Smith of Fort Worth. Mrs. Alton Whiteaker had the good word that her sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. C.

W. Moore of Nolan were out of the Sweetwater hospital and were home.

... are sorry to hear that A. J. Baggett re - entered the hospital Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo McIlroy visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shotwell, north of Tye, Sunday.

Services Held For E. E. Akin

Funeral services for E. E. Akin were held Saturday, Jan. 4, in the Merkel United Methodist Church with the Rev. Newton Daniel, pastor, and the Rev. Jarrell Sharp, pastor of the Stamford United Methodist Church, officiating. Masonic graveside rites

Inaugural Plans Are Shaping Up

During the recess session hall, secretaries and other workers in the legislature are busy addressing invitations from Governor-elect Preston Smith and Lt. Governor-elect Ben Barnes to the Jan. 21 inauguration festivities.

Smith's inauguration promises to be the "most public of any such event since Austin became the capital of Texas." He wants everybody to come help him celebrate his assuming the chief executive's office.

Five of the six inaugural halls will be free. The formal hall in Austin's Municipal Auditorium featuring Henry King and His Orchestra, will be the only one for which admission will be charged.

Television Star Jimmy Dean, a native of Plainview, Tex., will entertain at each of the five "free halls." And other famous Texas — Glen Campbell, Buck Oven, Ray Price, Charlie Pride and the Golden Brass — will play for dancing.



THE FIRST FOUR—Lt. Governor Preston Smith (center) happily displays the first four tickets sold to the 1969 Democratic Victory Dinner. The dinner will be held in Austin on Jan. 20. Smith will be inaugurated as governor the next day. The \$25 tickets now are on sale throughout the state. At right is Dr. Elmer C. Baum, chairman of the State Democratic Committee, which is sponsoring the dinner. At left is former Lt. Gov. Ben Ramsey, now on the Railroad Commission. Ramsey and Dr. Baum are general chairmen of the Austin Inaugural Committee.

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