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Up The Canyon

By TOM RUSSOM

More wet and cold weather has come to our area the last few days, making it a little rough on livestock at this time, but promising a "pay off" this Spring.

Wild rye or wheat, some people call rescue grass, is already on its way, making early grazing for livestock. Then, too, the early weeds will come up and just a little warm sunshine will start things on its way.

Last Sunday morning, after I had had my breakfast and was sitting in my easy chair listening to the radio, you know who began talking? I was our good friend, John Toombs, who has a program every Sunday morning.

John was telling about a time he was invited up to Lubbock to take part in praying for rain. And if I understand right, he is getting ready in a few days to plan a prayer for rain program again. Now, be sure to get this and not get me wrong — while John was telling this I was looking out the side door of my den, seeing it raining right down and the water was spouting off my house top.

Now John, you being a good Baptist, I am mindful of the fact that it takes just a little more water for him, than it does for us thirsty Methodists. Now John knows that I love him, but at this time I just can't join him in praying for rain.

I would like to take it upon myself to invite him to come back to beautiful Mulberry Canyon where the fountain feeds the little streams, where John, as a young boy, used to wash off the mud from his feet. John Toombs is going to read this for he takes the Merkel Mail. I want to say to him my faith in praying for rain is just as it has been all of my life. If the shoe gets too tight and it looks as if it is the last source, I could get ready real quickly to take part in a prayer service.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Scott had Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Duncan of Fort Worth in their home over the weekend and for dinner guests Sunday, they had their son, Barry Scott and family and the Tom Russoms.

The former Nettie Ensminger of Portland, Oregon, a longtime resident of the Canyon and school girl friend to Lottie Butman Everett, is spending a few days in Lottie's home. Last Sunday afternoon, a cousin of Nettie's, Mrs. Beulah Wetsell and family of Abilene drove up to visit them. Mrs. F. R. Demerie, an aunt to Nettie, also was a visitor.

Pioneer Church took a program to the Starr Nursing Home Sunday afternoon. Dewell McLean spoke to the group in the absence of the pastor, the Rev. David Hutchins.

The former Velma Orsborn and her husband, attended church here Sunday and were dinner guests in her father's home, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Orsborn.

Mrs. Bily Riley and baby son of Novice, spent the weekend in her parents' home, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ray.

CUB SCOUT BANQUET SCHEDULED FEB. 24

The Merkel Cub Scouts will have their Blue and Gold Banquet Monday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Merkel Cafeteria.

Grady Knight, Cub Master, said that prospective members are invited to attend the banquet.

"We would like to have every boy in Merkel, ages 8 through 11, as a member of one of our Scout troops," said Knight, "and this banquet is for any boy interested in becoming a member."

Knight said that Cub Scouts "always have a schedule chocked

full of activities... hikes, camps and crafts."

Time table for dens are:

Den 4, Monday at 3:30 p.m., Mrs. Albert Baruch and Mrs. Jerry Brown, den mothers; Den 1 and 3, Tuesday, 3:30 p.m., Mrs. E. V. Walters and Mrs. Billy Holmes; and Webelos, Tuesday, 7 p.m., Knight and L. S. Tipton, leaders.

Pack meeting is the last Monday night in the month and all dens and parents are invited to attend, said Knight.

Merkel Youths Are Named TEC Oratorical Winners



PLANNING AHEAD — Norman Winter, right, manager of Taylor Electric Cooperative, takes time out to go over tour plans with Monday evening's TEC Oratorical winners, Mike Steck and Kathryn Criswell. Both winners will join around 100 other boys and girls from across the state for a 17-day tour of Washington, D.C. in June. (Photo by TEC)

LAW ENFORCEMENT IS LIONS PROGRAM

Merkel Lions Club members and guests heard Major C. A. Veteto, Assistant Chief of Police of the Abilene Police Department, speak on Law Enforcement at their Tuesday noon luncheon.

"To have good law enforcement we must all join the same team for the same purpose," said Veteto, "and I know that the people of Merkel are for good law enforcement. We must use our influence — exercise our right to vote and put qualified people in

our law enforcement departments."

Veteto pointed out that "crime has increased 83 per cent while the population had only a 10 per cent increase."

"I sincerely believe our law enforcement will get better," he added. "It may get worse for a time, but with better educated and better trained law enforcement officers, we will see much progress in the years to come."

Maj. Veteto joined the Abilene Police Department in November, 1935. He was a patrolman for several months; in 1944 was made Traffic Captain, and in 1955 he was made Training Captain and taught the first training program for the Abilene Police Department. He is a first aid instructor and also a fire arms instructor.

In 1962, he was made Assistant Chief and still holds that position with the rank of Major.

Rites for Student Set for Friday

Funeral services for George Michael Peachey, 17-year-old son of M.Sgt. and Mrs. G. R. Peachey of Merkel, will be held Friday at 4 p.m. at the Merkel First Baptist Church.

Officiating will be the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor, the Rev. N. S. Daniel, pastor of the United Methodist Church, and the Rev. Bill Tanner, pastor of the Stratford Baptist Church, and former pastor of the Merkel Baptist Church.

Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, with Starbuck Funeral Home in charge.

Young Peachey was found shot at his home about 9:30 p.m., Tuesday.

A senior at Merkel High School, George Michael was born May 30, 1951.

Survivors are his parents; one brother, Steven Ray of the home; two sisters, Beth and Susan, both of the home; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Peachey of California and Mrs. Ora Griggs of the home.

Washington's Birthday Holiday At Post Office

Saturday, February 22, will be observed as a national legal holiday and all post offices and postal installations will adhere to holiday schedules and instructions in providing service on this day.

No window service will be provided. There will be no delivery of mail by city or rural carriers and these employees will not be scheduled for duty.

Regular holiday lockbox service will be maintained.

Special delivery service will be provided, stated Postmaster Wrenn Durham.

CITIZENS URGED TO MAIL FORMS FOR TOP CITIZEN AND FARMER

Forms for the Outstanding Citizen of Merkel and the Outstanding Farmer or Rancher are "coming in rather slowly," according to CC president, Bill Button.

"With our Chamber Banquet only a few weeks away, we need our citizens and area farmers and ranchers to begin suggesting names of people to be honored," said Button.

A form for suggesting outstanding citizens and farmer or rancher appears in this edition. Forms are to be brought or mailed to the CC office in Merkel.

The Annual Banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18 and to be held at the Merkel School Cafeteria at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets at \$2.00 each will go on sale this week, with Herman Carson heading the sales.

Judge Raleigh Brown, of Abilene will be guest speaker for the



JUDGE RALEIGH BROWN
... Merkel CC speaker

occasion and Dr. Don W. Warren will emcee the banquet. Judge Brown, presently serving as District Judge, 42nd District Court, is also Presiding Judge of the Seventh Administrative Judicial District.

Presently chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Regional Education Center, Judge Brown is past president and past secretary of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center. He is a director of the Abilene United Fund, member of Board of Directors of the Abilene Mental Health Association, and past member of the board of City - County Welfare Agency.

Judge Brown is active in Abilene Civic Affairs, being past president of the Chamber of Commerce, Abilene Exchange Club, and State Exchange Clubs, and past chairman of the Abilene Goodfellows.

His formal education includes Middle Tennessee State University, Vanderbilt University School of Law, and Southern Methodist University School of Law.

He is a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Abilene, a member of the official board, and is presently serving as chairman of the finance commission.

Judge Brown was twice elected as member of the House of Representatives, State Legislature, and was former assistant County Attorney. He practiced law with the firm of Bradbury, Tippen, Brown and Cross.

Married to the former Margaret Sears of Abilene, they have three teenage daughters, Nancy, 18, a student at SMU, Betsy, 15, and Julie, 14, students in the Abilene Public Schools.

Welcoming guests will be Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Max Murrell and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith.

Cards to CC members went in the mail last week for the election of three directors. Manager Johnny Cox, said that approximately twenty five cards had been returned, but the remainder were due in this week. He urged those who had not mailed in their cards to do so as soon as possible.

Election of a chamber president will follow the directors' election.

'Pretenders' Busy Practicing Plays

The stage of MHS auditorium is "alive" with play activity.

Members of the cast of the four one-act plays to be presented Thursday, March 6 are busy working overtime learning parts, and going through scenes, and getting better every practice.

The plays are being presented by "The Pretenders" of the MHS Drama Club.

It's nothing unusual to hear their director, Mrs. Don Dudley, say, "Let's go through that scene again."

Plays to be presented are "Once Upon a Playground," "Of Poems, Youth and Spring," "Feathertop," and "Six Who Pass While the Lentils Boil."

The play, "Six Who Pass While the Lentils Boil," will be competing with the other 7-AA plays in competition on March 25 in Stamford.

Playing the leading part in "Of Poems, Youth and Spring," is Donna Diltz. She will be playing opposite Wally Knight. Other members of the cast include Terry Wozencraft and Kay Lynne Conley.

The public is invited to attend the presentation of all four plays, to be held at the high school auditorium.

Washington Tour Date Is In June

"My Future in Rural Texas" was the topic for both Taylor Electric Oratorical Contest winners, Mike Steck and Kathryn Criswell, when they spoke to a large crowd gathered at the Taylor Electric Cooperative meeting room Monday evening.

Mike, son of Mrs. Mamie Steck, is a sophomore at Merkel High School and Kathryn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Criswell, is a junior at MHS.

In speaking to the group Monday evening, Mrs. Criswell said: "Men do less than they should when they do less than they can."

She reminded the people that "these words of wisdom must have been the guidelines for those enterprising rural citizens of my area who fashioned and dreamed of a rural electric cooperative."

"They did not discredit the past, but pressed ever onward to the future, setting their dreams above the stars," she said.

In her speech, Miss Criswell compared the growth of the rural electric cooperatives to the growth of a tree.

"With its roots implanted in Texas soil, the plant began to grow from a sapling into a sturdy tree — strong and dependable."

"Thousands of rural and suburban residents can enjoy the modern comforts of electrical conveniences. This would not be possible if the cooperative did not exist. This is one of the dreams that has become a reality for me and all rural Texas youth, and we can look to the future that it was indeed good and wonderful when those pioneering souls of yesterday said, 'Let there be light,' and 'there was light.'"

"The rural electric cooperatives are concerned with the future of the people not only in the rural areas, but all of Texas," said Mike Steck, in his discussion of "My Future in Rural Texas."

Mike reminded his audience that "it must be remembered that the essential factor for the cooperative to be successful and continue its existence is you, the member, to support your organization."

"With an attitude of support, we can start building today the future of tomorrow by participating in the co-op and enjoying the many benefits of Rural Electric Cooperative," said Steck.

Steck pointed out that the economic area is of great importance.

"For instance," he said, "as our nation continues to grow, more people look to the rural areas to provide the food and fiber to help them be fed and clothed. Hence, the cooperatives are playing a proud role in making our farms more productive. Taylor Electric Cooperative plays an important part in getting the farm products to the consumers, fresher, healthier and safer, not only in our own community, but all over Texas."

The "Youth in Action" Oratorical Contest winners will leave in June for a 17 day tour of Washington, D.C., sponsored by the Taylor Electric Cooperative.

NOTICE

Burl King, Taylor County Assessor - Collector will be in the Trent City Hall Saturday, February 22nd from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to sell Taylor County car and truck license plates.

People wishing to purchase plates will need to bring their car title and last year's license receipt.

This is the only day this year car tags will be sold at Trent.



FRIENDSHIP TEA — The Fortnightly Study Club's Friendship Tea, hosted by Mrs. Ben Hicks last Tuesday, honored teachers and members of Merkel's womens' clubs. Club president, Mrs. Ray Wilson, center, is serving members, Miss Christine Collins, left, and Mrs. Don Dudley. (Staff Photo)

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PUGGY



by Horace Elmo



MR., MRS. J. C. RIGGAN
... to observe anniversary

Columbus Riggans to Observe Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. (Columbus) Riggan will observe their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary Sunday, March 2, at their home on Taylor Street in Merkel.

Hosting the celebration will be their children, Mrs. Kent (Betty Lou) Satterwhite, Jimmy Riggan, Mrs. Pete (Elsie) Swinney, Mrs. Weldon (Lola Mae) Holmes, Muriel Riggan, all of Merkel, and Denzil Riggan of Sweetwater.

The Riggans were married March 6, 1919 at Trent by a Methodist preacher.

"By the time we got to the Methodist parsonage, a sandstorm had come up and it was so dark, we just stayed in the buggy to get married," said Mrs. Riggan.

"I'll never forget that sandstorm." Both Mr. and Mrs. Riggan were longtime resident of Mulberry Canyon, having moved there when small children with their parents. Mrs. Riggan is the former Grace Brown, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Brown.

Mrs. Riggan said that her parents were "about the first ones moving to the Canyon when they were children."

Riggan, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Eulless Riggan, was born in Sarah County, N.C., and moved with his parents to Mulberry Canyon when he was a young boy.

Now retired, Riggan owned a stock farm in the Canyon and

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Conjunction
- Asian country
- Toward the stern
- Constellation
- Narrow Norwegian sea
- Sorrow
- Dress
- Drudges
- Bother
- Enrolls
- Woody plant
- Japanese coin
- Exclamation
- Essay
- Slaves
- Moos
- Consume
- Withered
- Cotton cloth
- Crowd
- At present
- Weep
- Valley
- Extinct bird
- Spaniard
- Tall building
- Falsehood
- Seized; slang
- Sea eagle
- Dais
- Unhappy
- But
- Before
- Aged
- Farm tool
- Edible tuber
- Restorations
- To and —
- Stitch
- Rope fiber
- Pedal digit
- Marsh
- Club
- Soft cap
- Turf
- Highest point
- Not rich
- Scheme
- Siberian river
- Charles
- Lamb
- Tall grass
- Canine
- Musical note

DOWN

- Seaweed
- Rare gas
- Business district
- In case that
- Bite of
- Deal
- sparingly
- Sarcasm
- Confuses
- Inspires
- with fear
- Armed place
- Girl's nickname
- Neither
- Fats

Answer to Puzzle

Across: 1. AND, 2. JAPAN, 3. AFT, 4. ORION, 5. SUNDREND, 6. GRIEF, 7. DRESS, 8. DRUDGERS, 9. BOOTHER, 10. ENROLLS, 11. WOOLLY, 12. YEN, 13. EXCLAMATION, 14. ESSAY, 15. SLAVES, 16. MOOS, 17. CONSUME, 18. WITHERED, 19. COTTON, 20. CROWD, 21. AT PRESENT, 22. WEEP, 23. VALLEY, 24. EXTINCT, 25. SPANIARD, 26. TALL, 27. FALSEHOOD, 28. SEIZED, 29. SEA EAGLE, 30. DAISY, 31. UNHAPPY, 32. BUT, 33. BEFORE, 34. AGED, 35. FARM, 36. EDIBLE, 37. RESTORATIONS, 38. TO AND, 39. STITCH, 40. ROPE, 41. PEDAL, 42. MARSH, 43. CLUB, 44. SOFT, 45. TURF, 46. HIGHEST, 47. NOT, 48. SCHEME, 49. SIBERIAN, 50. CHARLES, 51. LAMB, 52. TALL, 53. CANINE, 54. MUSICAL.

also was with a contracting company for twelve years before his retirement. His hobbies are "watching TV and working in his yard."

Mrs. Riggan enjoys crocheting and gardening. Friends and relatives are invited to the anniversary celebration between 2 and 4 p.m.

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Services Held For Mrs. Farmer

Funeral services for Mrs. Adrian Farmer, 70, longtime resident of Blair, were held Monday in the Calvary Baptist Church, with the Rev. Hershell Emith, pastor, officiating. He was assisted by the Rev. Jim Sellers, pastor of First Baptist Church of Trent. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, un-

der direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Sarah Estella Doan February 26, 1896, in Earth, she moved to Blair in 1900 and to Merkel about our months ago. She married Adrian Farmer Feb. 26, 1916 at Merkel. Mr. Farmer died in 1963.

Survivors include five sons, Ed- die of El Paso, Edward of San

Antonio, Travis of Abilene, Dar- rell of Merkel and Fredlyn of Dallas; one daughter, Mrs. Law- rence Hewitt of Merkel; 11 grand- children; six brothers, Virgil L. e., Carl and D. C. Doan, all of Mer- kel, Herman Doan of Abilene, Roy Doan of California and Claude Doan of Kermit.

News were pallbearers



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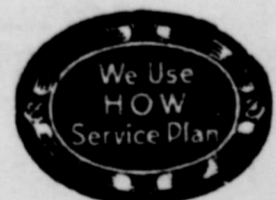
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MASONIC MEETING
Stated Meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710 on 2nd Saturday and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Members urged to attend.

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The family of
Burl S. Stephens

CARD OF THANKS

OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH expresses their appreciation to the Merkel VFW for the use of their hall Saturday, Feb. 15, during the dedication ceremonies of their new church.

Jenes HD Women Attend Workshop

Attending the District III Home Demonstration training-planning meeting held at Spur on Friday, Jan. 31, were three Jones County women and HD agent. They were Mrs. Clyde Chancey and Mrs. Ab Hunter, Jr., both of Comper Club, and HD agent, Mrs. Mary Y. Newberry. Mrs. Chancey is the 1969 Jones County THDA chairman and Mrs. Hunter is the 1969 H.D. Council chairman.

Purpose of the meeting was to train THDA chairmen of District III for their duties and to plan the Spring district meeting, to be held in Childress April 29.

Mrs. Chancey gave training on the THDA handbook. Other topics of discussion were THDA contributions, duties, worksheets, credential cards and presentation of resolutions.

Three Jones County delegates to the Childress meeting will be elected at the February council meeting.

State THDA Convention was announced for Sept. 17 and 18 at Dallas. Delegates from Jones County to attend this meeting will be elected in July.

Area FFAers to Be In 'Calf Scramble'

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, which began Feb. 19 and goes through March 2, will have two Merkel area boys participating in the calf scramble.

Rusty Holloway of Merkel will scramble March 1 and Mark Williamson Jr., of Trent, on Feb. 22.

The Houston Livestock Show's calf scramble will again qualify as the "world's greatest" when the first of a series of 16 contests takes place. When 384 boys scramble for 192 calves, each contest becomes an exciting highlight of the show.

NOODLE 4-HERS LEAD BUSY LIVES

Three Jones County 4-H Club girls are doing outstanding work as 4-H Junior Leaders for younger 4-H Club girls, according to Mrs. Mary Y. Newberry, Jones County Home Demonstration agent.

The Junior Leaders are Patti Rivers, Joyce Hegan and Lettie Griffith, all members of the Noodle 4-H Club.

Patti, the 16 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Byers of Rt. 2, Merkel, is the leader for 10 younger 4-H Club girls of Noodle. They have finished the foods unit on "Food and Fun" and are preparing to begin a clothing unit.

Joyce, 13, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hogan of Merkel, and Lettie, 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Griffith, also of Merkel, are leaders for a foods unit for 6 younger 4-H Club mem-

Cleaners SS Class 'Observes' Spring

The Gleaners Sunday School Class of the Merkel United Methodist Church met Feb. 12 for a luncheon in Fellowship Hall.

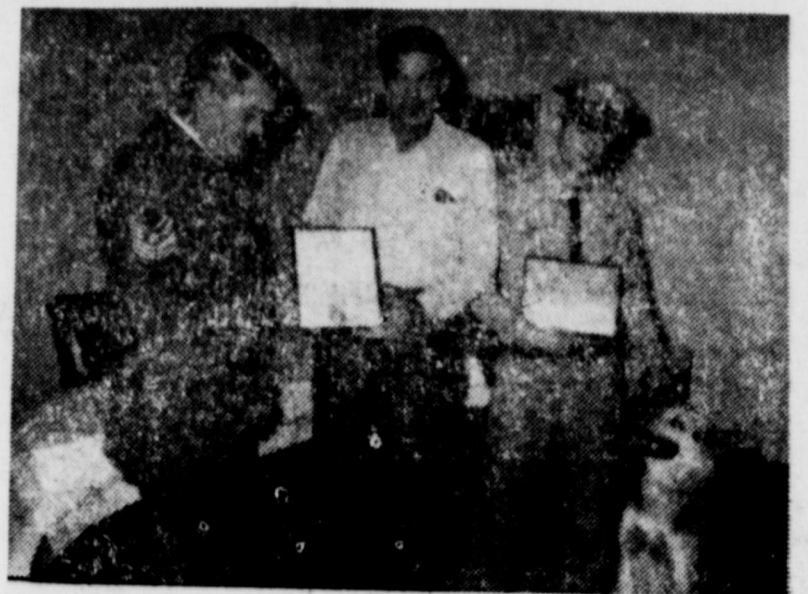
Spring colors and flowers decorated the luncheon tables. The Rev. Newton Daniel asked the invocation; Mrs. Lottie Everett gave a devotional entitled "Thankful and Cheerful, and group singing followed.

Class president, Mrs. Minnie Howard, presided at the business meeting. Mrs. Roy Bacaus gave the closing prayer.

Visitors attending were the Rev. and Mrs. Daniel and Mrs. Nettie Gerec of Oregon.

Members attending were Mmes. W. T. Tombs, Bacaus, Everett, Ross Ferrier, Herbert Patterson, M. L. Douglas and Dee Grimes. Also, Howard, O. R. Douglas, Harold Odum, Winnie Cyrest, John Shannon, Denzil Cox and Mary Clark.

Also E. L. Harvell, Sully Moore, T. K. Anderson, Lee Tipton and Miss Mabel McRee.



PHOTOGENIC — "King," the trained police dog, seen almost always in the company of Merkel Chief of Police, Mike Briley, seems rather pleased to be included in the picture. At left, Sgt. Rodney G. Arnold, NCOIC of 96th Security Police Squadron Sentry Dog Section at Dyess AFB, is receiving a certificate of appreciation from councilman Horace Hargrove, center, for his work in training "King." At left, Chief Briley is shown hold "King's" leash. (Photo by Connie Harris)

Citation Given To Dog Trainer

Last week a certificate of appreciation was presented to the man who was responsible for training Merkel's now legally owned police dog, "King."

Responsible for "King's" training was Sgt. Rodney G. Arnold, non-commissioned officer in charge of the 96th Security Police Squadron Sentry Dog Section at Dyess AFB. Presenting the certificate was councilman Horace Hargrove.

Sgt. Arnold has been training dogs since March 1965, and he has trained approximately 400 dogs for the military. One of Sgt. Arnold's dogs was killed in Vietnam shortly before this citation was presented. The dog was protecting his handler's life.

"King," now legally owned by the City of Merkel and handled by Chief Briley, is "available to

any law enforcement agency which might request assistance in scouting and in finding lost children."

Beta Sigma Phi Sets Bake Sale

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will have a Bake Sale this Saturday, Feb. 22 at Carson's Super Market, according to president, Mrs. Larry White.

The sale will begin at 9 a.m. and special orders may be called in to Mrs. John Brady at 928-5706.

Proceeds from the sale will be used toward the chapter's year's projects.

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THE BERL BROWNS TO BE HONORED

Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Brown will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary Sunday, March 2 at their home at 307 Thornton Street in Merkel.

They will be honored with an Open House by their children, Mr. and Mrs. Royce White and their son, Ricki. Mr. and Mrs.

Former Merkel Principal Gets Appointment

LUBBOCK — C. A. Farley, former principal of the Merkel Elementary School, has recently been appointed Coordinator of Title I Programs for the Lubbock Public Schools.

Farley will supervise the reading, physical education, library, medical and welfare programs in seventeen Title I schools of the Lubbock Independent School District.

He was principal of the elementary school of Merkel between 1943 and 1950, principal of Lubbock Christian School for five years, Coordinator of the Adult Basic Education Program for Lubbock for one year and during the past three years has been principal of the Posey Elementary School in Lubbock.

Feb. 28 Deadline For City Election

Vernon Wade, Merkel businessman, filed Wednesday morning for a place on the City Council, according to city secretary, Mrs. Flossie McKeever.

Previously filing were Horace Hargrove and Henry Melton. Hargrove, with Taylor Electric Cooperative, and a member of the Merkel City Council, filed for mayor, and Melton, with Horace Boney Insurance Agency, filed for a council seat.

Filing deadline is 5 p.m. February 28.

Wade is owner of Bill's Flowers in Merkel.

Election will be held at the City Hall April 1, and Mrs. Pat Cypert has been appointed election judge.

Vacancies to be filled at the city election are for mayor and two councilmen.



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By MRS. FRITZ HALE



We have had several days of dreary wet weather, but what moisture we have received will be a help.

Mrs. Don Holden and baby of Dallas visited her aunt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Benny Hobbs, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bauchoffer, Suzie and Jo Ann, visited last weekend with Mrs. Bauchoffer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Perry. Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones during the weekend were their two daughters, Mrs. Olive Potts of Anson and Mrs. Edgar Berry of Abilene. Also, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Perry and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Davis were supper guests Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley. Mrs. A. M. Evans of Abilene visited the Bradleys Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Stephenson and Melissa of Midland spent Friday through Sunday in the home of Mrs. Stephenson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald and George.

Mrs. Mamie Hardin of Midland spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hale, Shirley and Mike of Midland, visited Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rushing, Abilene, visited in the Hale home Sunday.

Mrs. Abb Evans returned to her home Saturday, after spending ten days in the West Texas Medical Center in Abilene. Mrs. Evans had surgery Thursday, Feb. 6, and is now doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fikes visited Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hindman in Abilene Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Babe Tarpley took Mrs. Tarpley's cousin, Kid Jones, to Jayton Tuesday and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Hamlin Strandland. Mr. Jones was a frequent visitor in the Tarpley home while he was stationed at Ft. Hood. He has received his discharge and has returned to his home in California.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning visited Saturday with Mrs. Browning's father, the Rev. O. B. Tatum at the Starr Nursing Home. Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning and children of Tuscola had supper Saturday with the John Brownings.

Mrs. Wanda Maxwell of Anson visited Mr. and Mrs. Babe Tarpley Friday.

Mrs. Fletcher Jones entered Hendrick Memorial Hospital Monday and had surgery scheduled for Wednesday.

Ethel Canida returned to her home Sunday, after a three-day visit in Fort Worth with relatives. Mrs. Canida spent the weekend in Abilene with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rushing.

Peter, Paul, Mary At ACC March 20

ABILENE — Peter, Paul and Mary, internationally applauded folk-singing trio, and Ray Charles, one of the world's most popular singers, will be the third and fourth Moody Coliseum Attractions at Abilene Christian College.

Peter, Paul and Mary will sing in ACC's Moody Coliseum - Auditorium Thursday, March 20, and the complete Ray Charles show will entertain Thursday, May 15. Admission will be \$2, \$3 and \$4 for each show.

The Association and Up With People Sing - Out presented concerts last fall at Abilene Christian.

Tickets may be obtained through the mail to Moody Coliseum Attractions, Abilene Christian College, ACC Station, Box 7998, Abilene, Texas 79601, with a self-addressed, stamped envelope. They go on sale publicly March 3.

Merkel Golf Assn. Supper Is Tuesday

The monthly meeting of the Merkel Golf Association will be held Tuesday, February 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Merkel Country Club.

Supper will be served, and all members and their families are urged to attend.

Landeros Services 50 GUESTS ATTEND Held Wednesday 4-H TASTING TEA

Graveside services for Marcello Landeros, 47, Merkel resident who died Monday, Feb. 17 in Hendrick Memorial Hospital from injuries received in a one-car accident between Abilene and Hawley Sunday, were held Wednesday in Rose Hill Cemetery with the Rev. John Howlett, pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church officiating.

Starbuck Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Born Jan. 24, 1922 in Thurber, he married Tomasa Rocha in 1943 in Mexico. He had lived on the Tarpley farm the past four years.

Surviving are his mother, Juanita Landeros of South Texas; his wife; four sons, Mauro of Rt. 2, Merkel, Jose Juan of Abilene, and Marcello and Jesse, both of the home; three daughters, Lidia Landeros of Mexico, and Cornia and Tomasita, both of the home; two brothers, Joseph of Michigan and Jesse of South Texas; and three sisters, Bessie, Cruz and Mary Landeros, all of South Texas; seven grandchildren.

HD Club Women Hear Ag Teacher

Parliamentary Procedure was the program for the county-wide meeting for the Jones County Home Demonstration Club, held Thursday, Feb. 19 at the Anson Lions Club with 43 attending.

Home Demonstration Club women and 12 non-club members attended the covered dish luncheon and the program that followed.

Dennis Ellebracht, Anson vocational agriculture teacher, led the program. He was assisted by vocation boys, Leroy Creel, Warren Dezier, Joe Loflin, Jay Creemeens, Jimmie Andrus and David Bailey.

Members of the Merkel 4-H Club welcomed guests to the Annual Tasting Tea held Sunday afternoon at the Methodist Fellowship Hall.

Approximately fifty guests viewed the seventeen tables spread with foods for tasting.

The Tasting Tea is held each year just prior to the County Food Show.

Mrs. White Hosts Beta Sigma Phi

Mrs. Larry White hosted the Feb. 4 meeting of the Beta Sigma Phi. A cultural program on ballet was presented by Mrs. Johnny Roddy, captain, and Billy Lucas and Jimmy Leverich, assistants.

Miss Karen Gamble spoke to the group on ballet and demonstrated some ballet dances.

Attending were Mrs. White, Leverich, Lucas, Roddy, Bob DuBose, Alma Bullock, Brady and Billy Fisher.

Taylor County Food Show will be held this Saturday in the Westgate Shopping Center in Abilene.

4-H members participating in the Tasting Tea and also welcoming guests were Christy Boone, Danna White, Cindy Byrd, Marsh Clyburn, Becky Young, Deborah White, Gail Boone and Suzie Wilson.

Also Mary Jo Reddin, Patricia Boyd, Zana Mansfield, Pam Mashburn, Jerrie Stephan and Annette Stephan.

Also attending were 4-Her Jodie Roddy, Jackie Harris and Vickie Redding.

Junior leaders, Kathy Mansfield, Betsy Johnson and Dayna McAninch, served refreshments.

Other Junior Leaders are Mary Jo Reddin, Suzie Wilson, Kathryn Criswell, Gail Boone, Lee Ann Holloway and Dianne White.

Betty Foster, Home Demonstration agent, and Anna Botard, assistant Home Demonstration agent, were special guests.

Adult leaders, Mrs. Jack Boone, Charles Reddin, Curtis Clyburn, and Robert Stephan, assisted 4-H members in preparing for Saturday's Show.

Mike Briley New Chief of Police

Mike Briley, Merkel Night Policeman, was this week promoted to Merkel Chief of Police, replacing D. B. Bowen, whose contract was severed.

Taking Briley's place as night policeman is Ralph Whittenberg, who was formerly with a trucking company in Tye, and now living in Merkel at 211 El Paso.

Whittenberg received his police training while with the Army Artillery as Military Policeman. He was administered the oath of office by Mayor Johnny Cox Monday, Feb. 17.

Briley, in taking over the new job, expressed appreciation to Merkel citizens for their cooperation in the past and urged continued help in maintaining law and order.

"City law enforcement is a citizens' affair," said Briley, "and with the help of all Merkel Citizens, we can have good enforcement."

Former Chief Bowen was out of town this week, and had not been contacted by press time.

Retired Teachers Meeting Is Set

The Retired Teachers Section of District XIV of the Texas State Teachers Association will hold a luncheon meeting on March 7 at 12:15 p.m. at Lavender's Cafeteria, River Oaks Village in Abilene, according to Miss Lavada Ratliff, president.

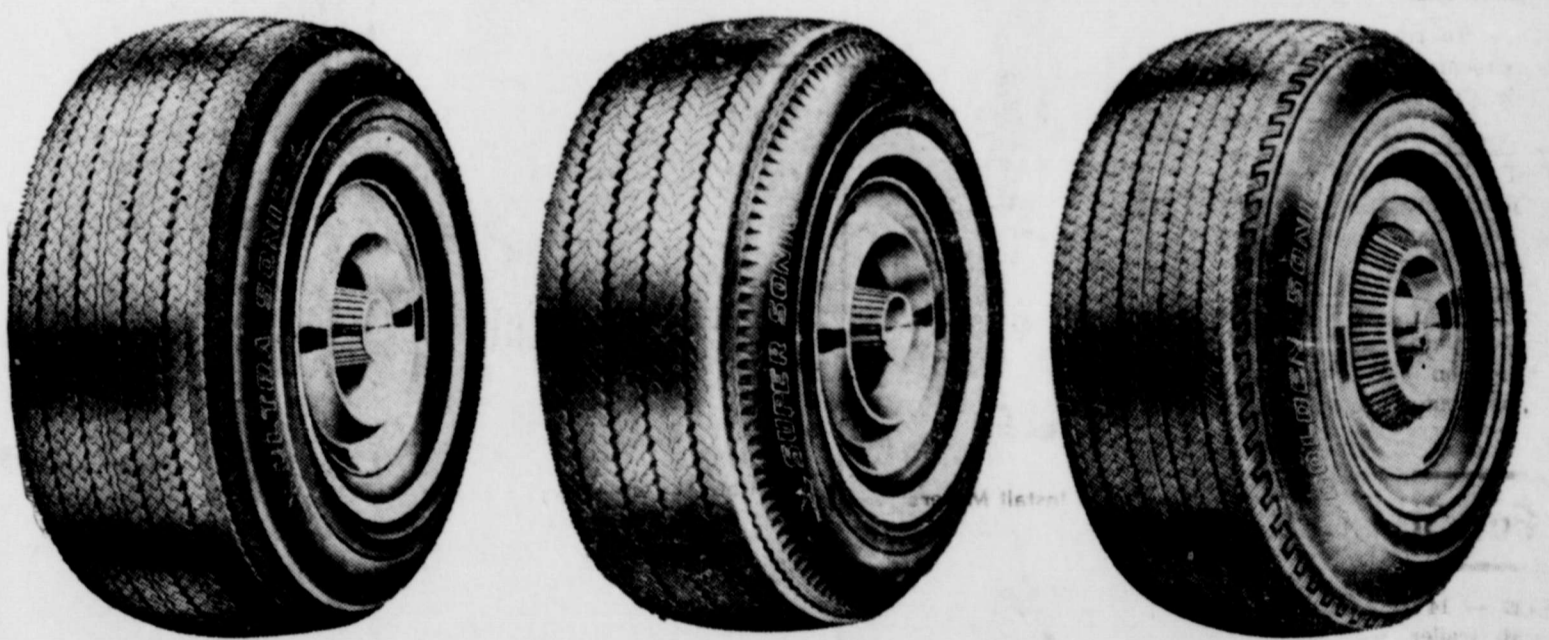
R. R. Tuley Jr., district manager, Social Security Administration, will speak on "Medicare and Participation in Its Benefits."

Time will be given for the answering of questions, said Miss Ratliff.

Retired teachers and teachers nearing retirement are invited.

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RUTLEDGE-BEASLEY WEDDING VOWS READ

Wedding vows were read Saturday at the Merkel Church of Christ for Linda Carolyn Rutledge and Larry Scott Beasley. Ancil Jenkins of the Noodle Church of Christ, officiated. A Cappella chorus was directed by Burl McCoy of Abilene.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Daniel T. Rutledge and the late Mr. Rutledge. The bridegroom's parents are Mrs. Lee Beasley of 3301 So. 6th, Abilene, and Mr. Scott Beasley, 2817 Hickory, Abilene.

The bride was presented in marriage by her brother, Kermit D. Rutledge of Odessa.

Mrs. David Riney was matron of honor, and Sherry Martin, Abilene, bridesmaids, sisters of the bride. Delisa Moore was flower girl.

Troy Baccus of Houston was best man, groomsman was Gary Carpenter of Abilene.

Ushers were Gary Hart of Fort Worth, Erroll Rutledge of Abilene, brother of the bride, and David Riney.

Candlelighters were Diane and Danny Moore of Fredericksburg.

The bride wore a pearl de sole gown with sequin trimmed chantilly lace at neckline. Bell sleeves were lace and A-line skirt was trimmed with lace appliques. Chapel train was detachable.

Lace pearls trimmed the pearl de sole pillbox hat, holding her veil. She carried an orchid encircled by pompons.

Attendants wore empire gowns of willow green velvet with satin streamers. Matching bows held their veils. They carried yellow mums.

Reception was at the Merkel Restaurant.

The bride is a graduate of Merkel High School, attended Cisen Junior College and is employed at Thornen's Department Store in Abilene.

The bridegroom is an Abilene High School graduate, attended Hardin - Simmons University. He is employed by Carpenter Truck Repair, Inc., Abilene.

Mrs. Carl Baccus hosted the rehearsal dinner at the Merkel Restaurant.



I Hate Linings!

I hate linings. Well, I don't exactly "hate" them... but I do feel my back rising when that extra layer of fabric is a flimsy nothing that creeps, crawls and runs through a whole periphery of funny things. (After all, I did pay for a beautiful face fabric, and I think I deserve the best inside story too.)

What's more, that goes for fashion, much more than fashions for living. When, oh when, will somebody invent a winter coat with its very own lining, fastened permanently to the back of the fabric? We're luckier when it comes to home fashions. In case you haven't caught up with them yet, you really ought to look into the drapery fabrics—they're called Roc-lonized—with a permanent, built-in self-lining.

The process is a secret, but what it does is obvious: cut out the cost and bother of a separate lining by replacing it with a velvety, suede-like all-in-one drapability. A delight! And a happy thought for the budget, too.

Speaking of budgets, I'm not so sure that less is always more, in the wise-buys department. Frankly, I'm intrigued by the new way of buying window fashions — from the "customized" services that are springing up in so many department stores and specialty shops. For very little more, you can pick your fabric-like insulation and rain-no-stain protection, with all of the new performance features—that are such a big help in homemaking—and you'll know that your draperies will measure up to your requirements.

Which is more than I can say for any other fashion about-the-house. As a matter of fact, why don't more manufacturers give us consumers a choice? We don't all wear the same hat size, gentlemen... or am I fighting a losing battle? Well, at least there's progress on the drapery front—so I guess us women will just live in hope!

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'DRIFTWOOD' TOPIC FOR GARDEN CLUBS

The Merkel Garden Club and Sweetwater Garden Club were hosts to over thirty members and guests Saturday, Feb. 13 at the Taylor Electric Cooperative building.

A program "Using Wood Forms in Flower Arranging" was presented by Mrs. Marvin Stamford, of Stamford, Texas.

Mrs. Stamford, a well-known judge of flower shows is also a lecturer and demonstrator in floral art.

Mrs. W. L. Brown, program chairman, introduced the guest speaker.

"Withered or drift wood is nature's own handwork and is never minotinous in form or texture," said Mrs. Stamford, as she exhibited her more than twenty designs, using wood, candle holders, fruit trays and containers. She also exhibited bases made of wood forms.

Guests attended from Sweetwater, Trent, Abilene, Munday and Merkel.

Former Merkel Resident Dies

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Rose of Kilgore, and a former resident of Merkel, were held Saturday at Rader Funeral Chapel, with the Rev. J. Howard Edgington, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial was in Kilgore Cemetery.

Mrs. Rose, 81, had lived in Kilgore 15 years, coming from Merkel. She was a native of Salado.

She is survived by a son, W. A. Rose of San Salvador; two daughters, Mrs. Frank Blanchard of Port Arthur and Mrs. M. L. Kinzer of Norco, Calif.; and two halfbrothers, George Learstang of Madill, Okla., and Walter Learstang of Ada, Okla., and a niece, Mrs. Joe Titsworth of Kilgore.

Picnic Concludes 4-H Cooking Class

Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club "Chefs" Cooking Class met Feb. 11 in the home of Mrs. Harvey Bryan for their last class. The meeting was concluded with a picnic in the back yard.

Attending were Betty Brynn, Billy Wells, Jeffery Wells, and other members. Betty Bryan and Judy Brnovak.

Cooking class leaders are Mrs. Betty Brynn, Betty Brnovak and Mrs. Layne Wells.

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I read in God's Word (Acts 20:28) that the "Lord PURCHASED the CHURCH with His BLOOD." Am I to believe He died to purchase a BUILDING??? I read in Acts 11:22 that the church had EARS. Am I to believe the building had ears???

WHAT THEN IS THE CHURCH???

The CHURCH (The Greek word is EKKLESIA meaning "called out body.") is PEOPLE... God's SAVED people!!! In Acts 2:17 after the PEOPLE believed the things preached concerning Christ were told "everyone of you "REPENT and be BAPTISED (verse 36-38) the "SAVED" people were "ADDED" by the Lord to the "CHURCH," not to a building but to a body of people that belongs to the Lord. Those people were then "bought" with the blood of Jesus Christ.

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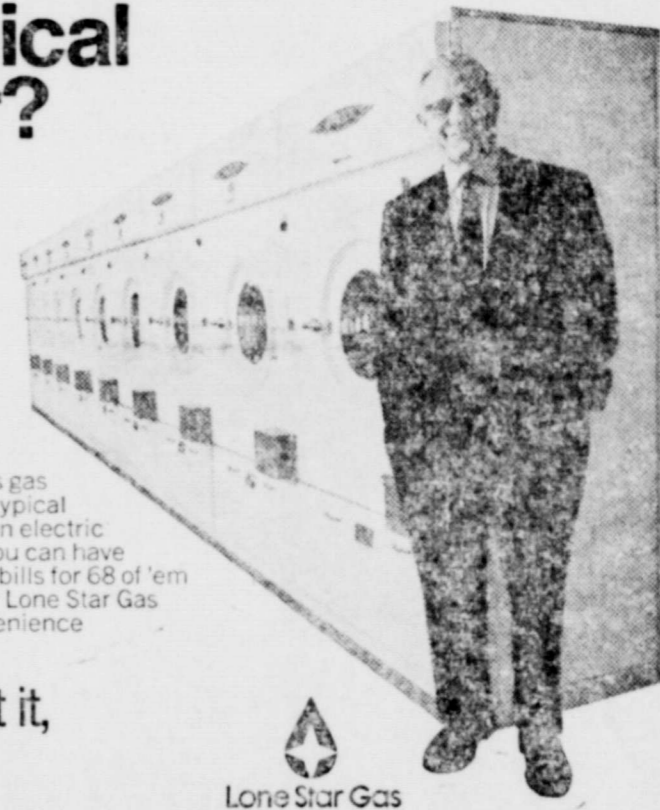
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Wedding Plans

HOLLOWAY-GRIFFIN

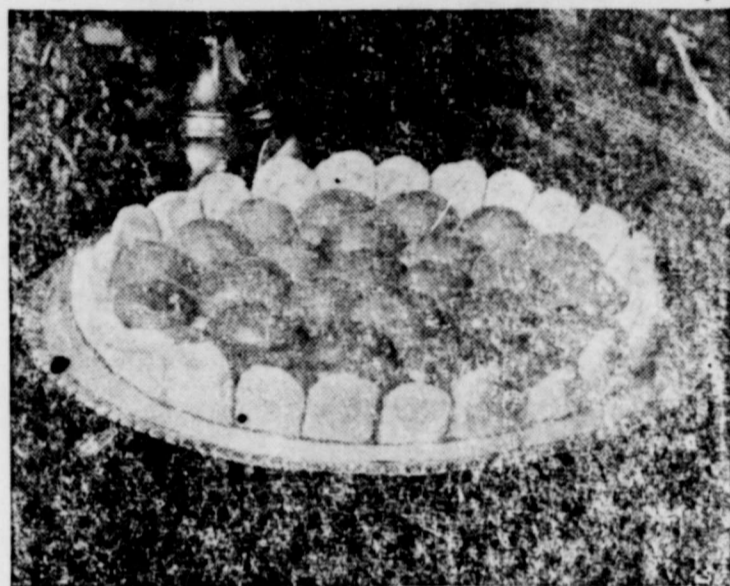
Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. Holloway have announced the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn Sue, to Odis Hadden Griffin, son of Mrs. O. H. Griffin and the late O. H. Griffin.

Both are Merkell High School graduates. The bride-elect will receive a BBA degree in May from Hardin-Simmons University where she is a member of Epsilon Eta Phi business sorority, Aloha Chi honorary scholastic fraternity, and Epsilon Tau Pi. She is employed with the Bureau of Economic and Business Research at H.S.U.

Her fiancé is majoring in mechanical engineering at Texas Technological College. He is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

The wedding has been set for May 30 in First Methodist Church.

Sweet Treat For Calorie Counters



A dessert that has everything, as far as dieters are concerned, is one that has very little in the way of calories. Of course, the flavor and appearance should be especially inviting, just as they are in this pretty Apple-Apricot Charlotte. Low calorie canned apricots and applesauce provide the delicious waist-watching flavor combination — the perfect finale for any meal.

Apple-Apricot Charlotte

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| 12 to 16 whole ladyfingers | 2 tablespoons lemon juice |
| 2 to 3 cans (8 ounces each) low calorie Diet Delight apricots, drained | 1 jar or can (8 ounces) low calorie Diet Delight applesauce |
| 1/2 cup instant nonfat dry milk | 1 teaspoon almond extract |
| 1/2 cup ice water | 2 tablespoons granulated sugar, approximately |

Cup bottom of a flat 9" or 10" rimmed serving dish with ladyfingers, rounded side down. Cut some of the split ladyfingers in half cross-wise, to make a scalloped rim. Sprinkle ladyfingers lightly with juice drained from apricots.

To prepare filling, first chill bowl and beater. In electric mixer or with rotary beater, whip milk and ice water until soft peaks form, approximately 4 minutes. Add lemon juice and whip until stiff, about 4 minutes. Fold in applesauce and add almond extract and sugar to taste. (Sweeten foods to be served cold slightly more than usual.)

Pour filling into ladyfinger shell and refrigerate until filling is firm, about 30 minutes. Top filling with drained apricots, placing them flat side down and covering filling completely. Makes 10-12 servings.

Total calories: approximately 941
Calories per serving: approximately 94
NOTE: Shell and filling may be frozen.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Chester O. Rowell, 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 24th day of March A.D. 1969, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 3rd day of January A.D. 1969, in this cause, numbered 4501 on the docket of said court and styled Derlie Jean Rowell, Plaintiff, vs. Chester O. Rowell, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were legally married Nov. 15, 1960 and

became permanently separated July 4, 1963. Plaintiff sues for divorce, 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 7th day of February A.D. 1969.

(Seal)
Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk,
Domestic Relations Court,
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By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
51 dtc

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Should You Limit Low-Calorie Drinks?

Those artificially-sweetened soft drinks continue to gladden the hearts of calorie-dodging dieters. Today one bottle out of ten of soda pop is a "diet drink."

But some nagging questions about the most widely used synthetic sweeteners are still bothering public health specialists and keeping their laboratories busy. What the scientists are trying to find out is not only "What's the limit?" but also "How safe are they?"

Almost all low-calorie soft drinks and diet foods are sweetened with cyclamate, an artificial sweetener in use since the early 1950's. A study by the National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council, released in December, warned that totally unrestricted use of these chemicals was not a good idea. The report asked for more research. It also said that cyclamate intake of five grams a day (less than one-fifth of an ounce), should present no hazard to adults. However, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration is not sure that five grams of cyclamate a day is a prudent dose.

Safe Intake
So until new studies of artificial sweeteners are completed, the FDA counsels that safe intake should be based on body weight. Daily consumption, it recommends, should be limited to .07 grams for every 2.2 pounds of a person's weight.

According to these figures, an individual weighing 120 pounds should limit himself to less than three 12-ounce bottles of diet drinks a day. A 60-pound child should not be permitted more than 1 1/2 bottles a day. The 150-pounder's daily cyclamate limit would be 4.05 grams—the amount of sweetener in four bottles of diet drinks. Dieters who also use diet foods, and sweeteners on grapefruit or in coffee, would have to take the additional ration into account, and cut down on their total.

In a study to be issued later this year, the NAS is expected to report on a number of adverse effects that have been attributed to cyclamate. One of these is the finding by a Food and Drug Administration team, as well as other scientists, that a cyclamate by-product in the body may impair human genes.

75% Less Effective
A research group at the University of Michigan found that cyclamate cuts down the effectiveness of an antibiotic drug, commonly prescribed for children, by as much as 75%. Another scientist has discovered that cola drinks boost the amount of free fatty acids in the blood. When the drinks are sweetened with cyclamate, the increase in the fatty acids takes place steadily; sugar seems to delay this undesirable effect for several hours.

Waistline-watchers are not going to enjoy cutting down on their one-calorie-to-the-bottle refreshments. But fewer diet drinks shouldn't work any hardship on most adults or on active, on-the-go youngsters. For them, there's always "regular" soft drinks—sugar, sweetness, energy and all. And no question marks.

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