

After quite a rainy spell here in the Canyon, it looks as if we might have some spring - like weather. The Canyon must have gotten about two inches of rain altogether.

The weather was a little rough on the livestock and stockmen found it a little difficult to get feed to them due to the soft ground. A little sunshine will fix that in a day or so.

Here is the way I see the general picture for the farmers and stockmen in our area. Every farmer and rancher is loaded with cattle. It looks as we are going into spring in real good shape as far as grazing is concerned. And with livestock prices at an all time high, who can tell what might happen within the next 60 days which will be deep in to spring.

It could be there will be a complete sell will lots of the boys: it could be a cull out with a lot of the boys and keep the best animals for replacement herds. It could be that their bankers would help them make up their minds as to what to do. Anyway, it looks that a big story could be told in the livestock business in late spring or this summer.

During the rain we have received here, there was very little livestock water caught. The rain came slowly and looked like every bit went into the ground.

"A Man Never Stands As Tall As When He Stoops to Aid a Boy"

Through the efforts of "tall" men this fine community has had a fine program of Little League and Tee-Shirt League baseball for the boys here in Merkel and surrounding area to develop into leading men of society.

And it is time again to rise to their aid. Baseball season is just around the corner. Reegistration, tryouts, auction . . . then the first games are soon to be on tab.

But now we need your attention . . . please ... Friday night week, the 28th of March has been selected as the night to get the ball field in shape and ready to play, (be the weather cooperative). So we need YOUR Help.

It is easy to expect someone else to do the work, and then to expect the managers to let your son play. And programs are in danger of disrepute if attitudes of apathy and poor interest of the community are manifested, and stand only to fall.

Stand "TALL" and help your sons. We shall expect you Friday evening at 5:30, March 28.

> BILLY PATTON, President

FIRST BAPTIST **REVIVAL SERVICES BEGIN THIS SUNDAY** Revival services at the First

Baptist Church of Merkel will begin Sunday, March 23 and con-

Meeting Set Tonight, 7:30

been called for tonight at the ing." Merkel School auditorium at 7:30. "House Bill No. 300 which

to discuss House Bill No. 300 has ple attend this 7:30 p.m. meet- tin, and we, as citizens need to

Joe Lassiter, chairman of the could have a serious impact upon in the Bill could make Merkel Merkel School committee, and Merkel and area schools if passalso chairman of the Taylor ed, will come before the public control of its school system if County steering committee, said Education Committee this com- passed, said Lassiter.

A community - wide meeting that it "is most urgent that peo- ing Tuesday, March 25, in Ausbe well informed," said Lassiter. Proposed changes that appear and other area small schools lose

Top on the agenda will be the possibility of mass appearance of Merkel and area citizens at the hearing in Austin Tuesday.

'We definitely need to be there in large numbers," explained Lassiter. "Even though all of us may not be heard, the very fact that we appear, along with large representation from all over Texas, will most certainly have an effect on the outcome of this

A bus with a 41 seating capacity has been chartered to take Merkel and area citizens to Aus

"I have no doubt that we will be able to fill this bus immediately," said Lassiter, "and persons wishing to make the trip by bus, should contact Mack Fisher or any of the office staff at Merkel High School, pay their \$6.50 bus ticket and get signed up."

Round trip ticket is \$6.50 for persons desiring to go by bus.

Mack Fisher, superintendent d Merkel Schools, said Wednesday that "it is most important that people in our area plan to attend this meeting Thursday evening.

"We must continue to keep informed about every dctail of this bill." said Fisher. "Even though

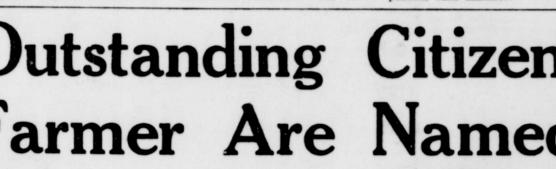
we have heard reports that it will

Outstanding Citizen; Farmer Are Named

Johnny Cox, Merkel Mayor, Chamber of Commerce manager, and a civic figure in Merkel was honored Tuesday night at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet, as the Outstanding Citizen

Oustanding Farmer was Comer Haynes, who has served for more than 29 years on the board of directors of Taylor Electric Cooperative and was also noted for his contributions to civic affairs in the Merkel area.

Bill Haynes, of Abilene, and son of the honoree, accepted his father's plaque. The honoree is presently in Atlanta, Ga., at an Electric Cooperative meeting Haynes paid tribute to his father in accepting the award. "He has not only been a good father and a good agriculture fig-



JOHNNY COX

... outstanding citizen

younger Haynes.

this plaque humbly."

city for four years."

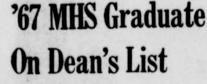
and that will be victory for the armers and ranchers.

Our entire community was shocked and made sad this week of the sudden death of a longtime resident of the Canyon, John Coomer. Mr. Coomer was spending the nigh Sunday with a brother in law, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Demerie and when they went to awake him for breakfast, they found him dead. John was a good man, and was always known for his handshaking and asking "How are you, It's good to see you."

John will be missed by all of us, and by his relatives who live here.

If anyone was living here in the Canyon some 60 years ago and knew a family named Lee White, who lived up in the White Church Community they will be glad to know that Lee and a sister, the former Lilly White, were passing through the Canyon and stopped off for a few minutes to visit. They asked about all the "older ones" who had lived here. They were en route to Lubbock to visit Lee's son.

Mrs. E. C. Ray has just returned from Houston where she visited a daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Steele. She returned by way of Fort Worth and visited a son and family, the Vernon Rays. Mrs. Ray reported a very enjoyable trip.



Miss Diana Knight, a 1967 graduate of Merkel High School, qualified for the Dean's 3.0 Honor Roll at Angelo State College during the fall semester

A semester grade average of "B" or better was neessary for listing on the honor roll, announced Dr. Hugh E. Meredith, ASC academic dean.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lynn Knight of Merkel, the honor student is an elementary educaion major at Angelo State.

tinue through March 30, pastor Kenneth F. Jones has announced. Morning services will be held Monday through Friday at 9:30 in the downstairs assembly, and evening services will begin at 7:30 in the main auditorium. The church is providing nursery acilities during all the services.

Guest evangelist will be the Rev. W. G. Perdue, pastor of First Baptist Church in Sweetwater. Rev. Perdue is a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth. He has served as evangelist in many churches in the United States, he has preached in Central America, Japan, Hawaii, Formosa and Hong Kong, Prior to becoming pastor in Sweetwater Rev. Perdue served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Crane, for

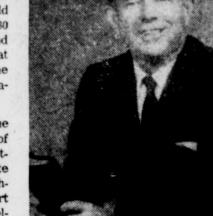
Guest Music Director for the revival services will be Mr. Frank Prewitt, minister of music and education at Northrich Baptist Church, Richardson, Mr. Prewitt was formerly with First Baptist Church of Colorado City in the same capacity.

more than seven years.

Mrs. Comer Haynes will serve as pianist and Mrs. Norman Winter will be organist. The evangelistic services will feature music by the revival choir and special selections by the guest music director. Pastor Jones has extended a cordial invitation to all

DIANA KNIGHT

... elementary ed major



REV. W. G. PERDUE ... guest evangelist

people in the Merkel area to attend these services. The distribution of the books entitled "Good News for Modern

Man," will continue throughout this week, Jones has stated. "It is the purpose of our church to place a copy of this fine book in every home in the Merkel area, and it is our hope that these books will encourage our people to .ead God's Word reguarly," said Jones. "These books

are being distributed with the compliments and good will of our church members. Distribution of the books is scheduled to be completed by Saturday, according to the church plans, and should any home be

missed, a call to the church office next Monday, March 24, will insure delivery. The church phone number is 928-5351.

Merkel Golf Assn. **Plans Work Day**

Truett Thompson, vice president of the Merkel Golf Association, reminded members that a work day will be held this Saurday at the golf course.

"We need to begin working on the course," said Thompson, "with sanding and seeding greens, and re - working tee boxes. Remember to bring shovels, rakes and hoes if you have them." Coffee and donuts will be serv-

Working time will begin at 8:30 a.m., said Thompson.

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Bank Employee Te Head Loan Department

Ted L. Smith, a teller at Farmers and Merchants National Bank has been transferred to the Loan and Discount Department of the bank

"Mr. Smith will be in charge ment and assistance. of the note cases and liability ledger." said bank president, Booth Warren. "He will accept payments on notes and has been and looking ahead." authorized to make certain types of loans, particularly on automobiles and appliances. Chamber of Commerce work,

Smith, a ten - year employee with Farmers and Merchants National Bank, is a member of the Merkel United Methodist Church, member of the board of directors of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, and past president of the Booster Club. He is currently treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce.

He and his wife, Nell, have two children, Jerre Kay, a fifth grader at Merkel Elementary School, and Cynthia Ann, a second grader at Merkel Primary School. They reside at 1530 Sunset.

The nominating committee of Taylor Electric Cooperative's 1969 annual meeting met on March 11th and made nominations for the vacancies which will be filled at the cooperatives annual meeting on April 17, according to Norman Winter, TEC manager.

committee are Weldon Edwards, Clyde, chairman; Dick Atkins, Tuscola; R. E. Clemmer, Mulberny Canyon; Berneil Teaff, Tye - Merkel, and H. H. McLeod, Trent.

Zone 1 - Taylor County - 1. J. R. Miller, incumbent; 2. Billy

Standard. Zone 2 - Callahan, Jones, Eastland, Shackelord counties - 1. Alton Whiteaker, incumbent; 2. Blan Odom.

Zone 3 - Coke, Fisher, Nolan counties - 1. C. L. McElmurry, incumbent; 2. Richard Gesin.

ure, but he is a good Christian gentleman as well," said the times. Get to know your community - its assets, potentials

> er to do something about it all. 'Involvement is most important in looking ahead. We must be involved in the offices of our country and our community get your feet good and wet. It is your duty as a good citizen

"Devotion and dedication to our great country and to the principles to which it stands is a must. We must stand up and be counted among the programs that are good."

Brown concuded with "Pride of community and country is not enough - we must be honest with ourselves. We should accept the past and say that the future must begin with me."

TAYLOR ELECTRIC SETS ANNUAL MEET

The cooperative's by - laws provide that additional nominations may be made in writing over the signatures of fifteen or more members not less than fifteen days prior to the annual

meeting, said Winter. Nominations may aso be made from the floor of the convention. The twenty - eighth annual meeting of the cooperative will be held on April 17.

Activities will begin with registration at 9 a.m. and continue throughout the day with drawing for attendance prizes, entertainment by L. C Agnew and a Western String Band, concert in gospel music by the Payne Family, barbecue lunch and the busi-

ness meeting at 1 p.m. Two thousand members and

guests are expected for the meeting which will be held at the cooperative annex in Merkel.

are also urged to attend this meeting, said Lassiter. 'School board members, school faculty, parents, and citizens in general whether you have children in area schools or not, plan now to be here tonight at 7:30,

said Lassiter.

Available for people to get at the meeting will be copies of the Bill Analysis and also a sheet containing names of the Public Education Committee that will hear House Bill 300 Tuesday.

"We possibly will want to write members of this committee," said Lassiter.

Committee members are George T. Hinson, chairman; Russell Cummings, vice chairman, and Bob Armstrong, Alan C. Atwood, Bill Bass, Rex Braun, Steve Burgess, Robert M. Burnett, Torro Christian and Jim Clark.

Also Harold Davis, Guy L. M. Floyd, Joe H. Golman, Jack R. Hawkins, W. Holmes Jr., Don Kubiak, Raul Muniz, Burke Musgrove. Henny Sanchez Jr., Carols F. Truan and Billy Williamson.

All members may be written in care of the House of Representatives, Austin, Tex.

"Teen" Council **Hears Reports**

The Merkel Teen Council met Tuesday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris for their monthly meeting.

Seven Council members attended, along with Mrs. Clyde Bunch and Lawrence Hewitt, adult counselors, attending.

President Mike Dudley called the meeting to order, and Alan Reed presented finance and expense reports. Council mem also discussed getting es on repairs for restrooms in the Teen Center.

Members of the nominating

Nominated for directors are:

In looking ahead, Judge Brown cited three points. They were:

takes and build for the future,"

said Brown.

COMER HAYNES . . . outstanding farmer "We should be an informed public, with the awareness and alertness to the truths of our

Cox, in accepting the tribute as Outstanding Citizen added, "I and liabilities, and work togetham greatly honored and I accept

With a touch of humor, Cox remarked that "It's rewarding to know that a person has friends, even after being mayor of your Cox also paid tribute to his

to participate. wife, Lola, for her encourage-

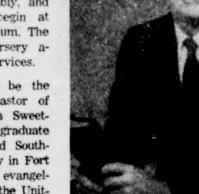
Guest speaker, 42nd District Court Judge Raleigh Brown, highlighted his talk with "reflection "After reflecting upon the past

members need to look ahead with optimism, correct past mis-

Dr. Don Warren presented

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possibly have rough sledding in Legislature, and even other reports that it can't possibly pass as written, we must not be too complacent." People in the Trent School area







TED L. SMITH

... receives promotion



Rod Robertson To Receive Award

ABILENE - Nineteen Reserve Officers Training Corp (ROTC) caclets at Hardin - Simmons University have been designated to receive the Academic Achievement insignia, awarded to those in the upper 10 per cent of their respective ROTC classes for the fall semester.

Rodney W. Robertson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Robertson of Merkel, was one of the recipients of the ROTC award.

A 1965 graduate of Merkel High School, he will receive the award at a special assembly of H-SU assembly.

King Attends Dallas School

Billy King associated with Malone Implement Company of Merkel, recently returned from a week training school held in Dal-

Sponsored by John Deere Company, King said the school emphasized new equipment that has come out in the past year. King received a cirtificate af-

ter completion of the school.







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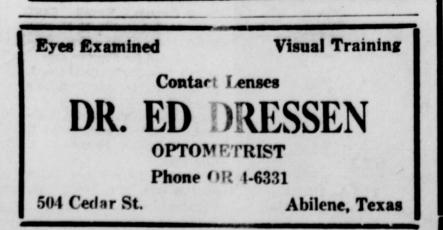
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RESOLUTION CALLING AN ELECTION FOR FOUR DIRECTORS

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TAYLOR MERKEL HOSPITAL DISTRICT WHEREAS, Merkel Hospital District was created under Article IX, Section 9 of the Constitution of Texas, by Chapter 90, Acts of the 60th Legislature, Regular Session, 1967; and WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of such Act, the Directors of the District are to be chosen by election; and

WHEREAS, the terms of four tion Directors will expire on April 5. 1939, and now it is deemed necessary to hold an election for the purpose of electing four Directors as required by the law above mentioned; Board of Directors

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MERKEL HOSPITAL DISTRICT: 1. That an electon be held within said District on the 5th day of April, 1969, for the purpose of electing four Directors for said District, with each of said Directors to serve for a term of two years from the date of this election, or until his successor is

elected and qualified. 2. That the polling places and officers of said election shall be respectively as follows: PRECINCT NO. 1

Location Merkel High School, Merkel, Presiding Judge, Bryan Dunagin, Alternate Judge, Dewell McLean

PRECINCT NO. 2 Location City Hall, Trent, Pre-

siding Judge, Mrs. Lettie Ham-News ner, Alternate Judge, Lenard By MRS. 3. The ballots of said election

FRITZ HAL shall have written or printed thereon substantially the follow-

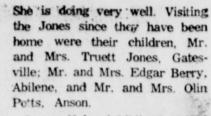
We are glad to see some sunshine this Monday morning, after MERKEL HOSPITAL DISTRICT having several days of light rain DIRECTORS ELECTION and show

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley April 5, 1969 spent several days last week with Note: Voter's signature to be aftheir daughter and family, the fixed on the reverse side. Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Row of OFFICIAL BALLOT

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4. That said election shall be Bledsoe. Mr. and Mrs. John Browning held under the Texas Eection wisited Wednesday in Wellington Code, except as otherwise providwith Mr. Browning's sister, Mrs. ed in the Act Creating the District; Florence Porter. Mrs. Porter has and only legally qualified electors been very ill, but is doing better residing within said District shall at this writing. be qualified to vote at said elec-

Mrs. Fletcher Jones came home Wednesday after spending twenty 5. Notice of said election shall four days in Hendrick Hospital. be given by publishing a substantial conv of this resolution in



James Hale of Midland visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz lest week. Mrs. James williams Hale, Saturday.

Curtis Clyburn had the flu is also on the sick list. Mr. and Mrs. Benny Hobbs and children were honored with a heuse warming Sunday night,

after church. Lewis Johnson of Anson visited Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry visited Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Perry at Tye Sunday.

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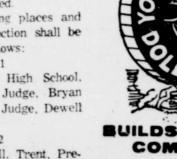
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6. Immediately after said election has been held the officers holding the same shall make return of the result thereon to

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MRS. RALPH RAY MILLER JR. . . . the former Sandra Gay Fox

FOX-MILLER VOWS READ SATURDAY

Sandra Gay Fox and Ralph Ray They carried yellow daisies. Miller Jr. were married Saturday, March 15 in the Tuscola First Baptist Church.

Jerry Miller of Church of Christ and brother of the bridegroom, cfficiated. Organist was Mrs. Arnold Marfield and soloist Linden Penland.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis P. Fox are the parents of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ray Miller Sr. of Merkel are the bridegroom's parerts.

Presented in marriage by her father, the bride wore a crepe gown with long sleeves and standup collar trimmed with pearls. A silk and pearl headdress held her veil. She carried daisies.

Judith Lou Cox of Abilene was counting from Draughon's Busimaid of honor. Stephanie Ann ness College and a bachelor of Miller of Shidler, Okla., was science in English literature from

John Coomer Dies at Age 72 John R. Coomer, 73, died at the

residence of Raymond Demerie in the Mulberry Carron community eary Monday morning. Justice of the Peace C. F. Rose of Roscoe, fixed the time of death at approximately 2 a.m. and the desth was apparently due to natural causes.

Funeral services were held Tuesday in Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. David Hutchins of the Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in White Church Cemetery.

Born July 5, 1895 in Dallas County, he moved to Mulberry Canyon at an early age and was married to Gladys Demere Feb. 9. 1920. Mrs. Coomer preceded him in death April 6, 1968. Survivors include one brother.

Dan, of Snyder; several meces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Aubrey Cox. Wade Ensminger, J. C. Riggan, Beryl Brown, Doyle Barnes and Lem Dudley.

Services Held For Mrs. Tarpley

Funeral services for Mrs. Octavia Tarpley, 77, were held Sunday, March 16 in Starbuck Funeral Chapel with the Rev. N. S. Daniel, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in Compere Cemetery.

Mrs. Tarpley, a longtime Jones County resident, died Saturday in Shar'r Oaks Nursing Home in nest Reynolds, groomsman. Can-Abilene, after an illness of three dlelighters and ushers were Gene months.

Born April 26, 1891, in Union County, Ark., she married W. B. Tarpley March 22, 1916. They moved to Jones County in 1916. He died in 1950 and she moved to Merkel in 1959. She was a member of Compere Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sons, Glyn of Abilene, Jack and Bill, both of Merkel; three daughters, Mrs. Chester Sutton of Dallas, Mrs. Doil Howerton of Abilene, and Mrs. Darwin Aaberg of Mammouth. III.; three sisters, Mrs. Mag McCaully of Madera, Calif., Mrs. Nancy Tarpley of Gore,

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Merkel's Annual Invitational Track Meet will be held here Saturday, March 22, with eight inson and Ronnie Aldridge. teams competing.

Teams competing in the Saturday Meet are Haskell, Stamford, Anson, Abilene Christian High School, Abilene High School sophomores team, Wylie, Clyde and Merkel.

Coach Gerald Williams said that preliminaries will begin at 9 a.m. and will be free to the public. "Finals, to begin at 1 p.m. will have a charge of 25 and 50 cents," said Williams.

District 7 Plays Set Tues., Mar. 25

The cast of Merkel High School's 'Six Who Pass While the Lentils Boil" are working overtime and putting the finishing touches to their presentation for the District 7-AA Play Contest, to be held in Stamford Tuesday, March 25.

Contests are being held at the Stamford High School auditorium and are scheduled to begin at 4:15 p.m. The Merkel Play will be given last (about 8 or 8:30 p.m.) After the final performances the judges will announce the winning cast and the all - star cast, as well as making comments about

each performance. Mrs. Don Dudley, sponsor, announced that a bus will be used to transport high school students interested in making the trip. "If there are enough studen's who wish to go by bus, we will schedule one," said Mrs. Dudley. Students wishing to go by

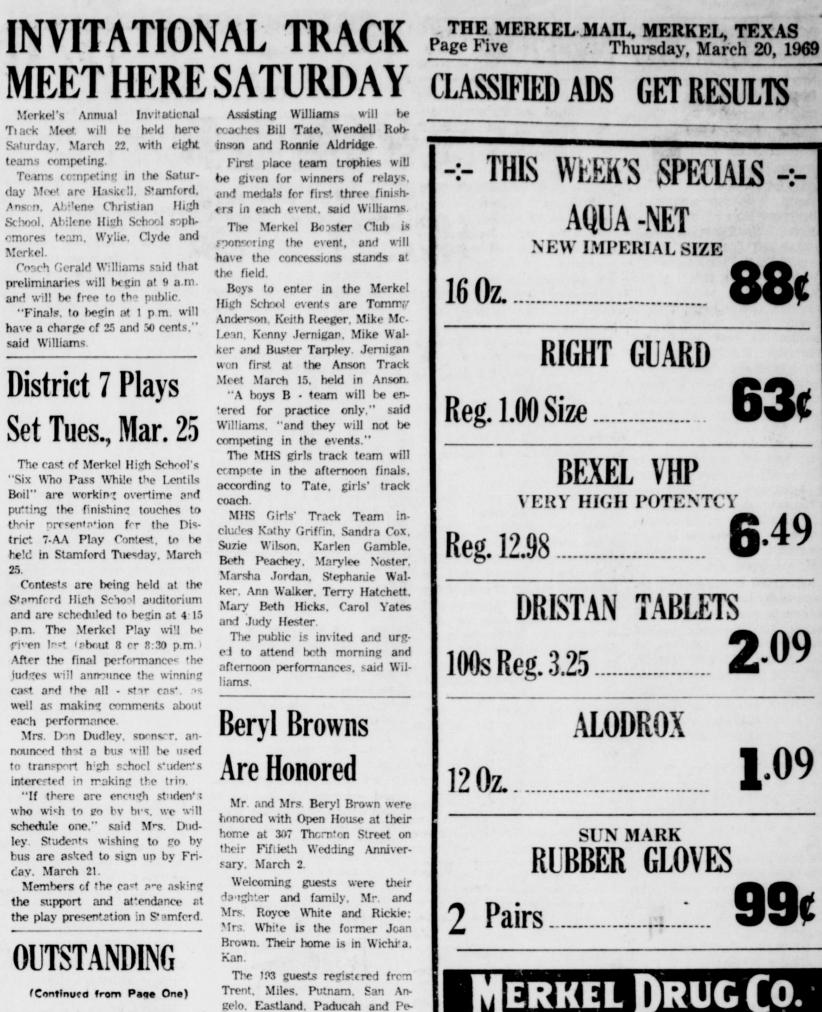
bus are asked to sign up by Friday. March 21. Members of the cast are asking

the support and attendance at the play presentation in Stamford.

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awards and served as master of ceremonies

The Rev. Kenneth Jones. pastor of the First Baptist Church asked the invocation and the Rev.



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bridesmaid. Flower girl was Beth Davis.

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Hardin Simmons University. He Okla., and Mrs. Lena Eastridge is employed in the Water Distriof Otoka, Okla.; 18 grandchildren bution Dept. of the City of Abiand one great - grandchild. Pallbearers were Leon Scott,

Best man was John Miller, bro-

The bride was graduated from

Abilene High School and attended

Abilege Christian College. She re-

ceived a bachelor of science in

medical technology from Hendrick

Memorial Hospital School of Med-

ical Technology. She is employ-

ed as chief technologist of Medi-

cal Service Laboratory in Abi-

The bridegroom was graduated

from Merkel High School. He re-

ceived a business degree in ac-

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OUR MESSAGE AND THEME IS:

"Christ The Only Hope"

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the of the brids groom and Er-

Fox, Mike and Steve Teaff.

Rehearsal dinner was hosted by Bobby DuBose, Pete Morgan. the parents of the bridegroom at Fred Johnson, Rodger Burfiend the home of the bride. and Connie Mack Seymore.

Newton Daniel, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, gave the benediction.

Ray Wilson was installed as new president, along with three new directors. Johnny Hammond, Mack Fisher and Vernon Mansfield.

Continuing directors are Herman Carson, Ray Wilson, Ben Hicks. Meyer Mellinger, David Gamble and Ted Smith. Honored as retiring directors

were Bill Button, Horace Boney and Lon McDonald. McDonald left Merkel last September to teach school in New Mexico.

Warren in citing achievements of the honorees stated that "the Outstanding Citizen is known in terms of years of service to his community. He has always been willing to help where needed."

Cox, a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, is presently Mayor of Merkel and maintains an Income Tax and Bookkeeping office on Edwards Street.

Cox has served for 20 years on the County Board of American Red Cross and for nine years on the County Board of the American Cancer Society. A member of the First United Methodist Church, he is presently teacher of the Business Men's Bible Class. He is a member of he USO board, past president of the Merkel Lions Club, president of Zone Six of the Texas Municipal League, and a member of the Council of Governments Executive Board.

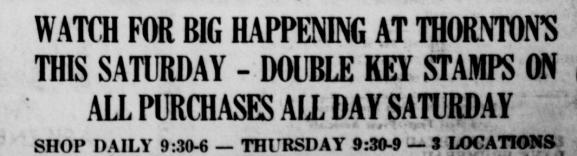
Comer Haynes began his farming with his father and brother, Bill, on a farm southwest of Merkel. He later bought the farm and acquired other land to bring the present size of his agricultural holdings to 1,400 acres.

He and his wife live at 410 Oak in Merkel. Their two sons, Bill and Dr. Jack live in Abilene. They have seven grandchildren. Havnes helped organize the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District and served on the Board of Directors for a number of years. He also helped organize the Farmer's Co-op Gin and has served on its board almost continuously.

He was recognized in 1965 for 25 years of service on the Taylor Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors.

A member of the First Baptist Church, he has been Sunday School Superintendent for eight ars and a trustee for 15 years.

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LEGAL NOTICE

ORDER FOR SCHOOL TAX ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTIES OF TAYLOR, JONES, SHACKELFORD AND CALLAHAN HAMBY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 1 OF TAYLOR. JONES, SHACKELFORD AND CALLAHAN COUNTIES, TEXAS WHEREAS, heretofore, on the 11 day of March, 1969, a petition was presented to me, ROY SKAGGS, County Judge of Taylor County, Texas, praying that an election be held in HAMBY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 1 of Taylor, Jones, Shackelfor and Callahan Counties, Texas, at the earliest date practicable. for the purpose of submitting to the resident qualified property taxpaying electors of said District, who own taxable property therein and who have duly rendered the same for taxation, for their action thereupon a proposition establishing a maintenance tax under the provisions of Article 2784e-1, V.A.T.C.S., as hereinafter set forth: and.

WHEREAS, it affirmatively appears to my satisfaction that said petition is signed by more than twenty (20) resident qualified property taxpaying electors of said HAMBY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 of Taylor, Jones, Shackelford and Callahan Counties, Texas, who own taxable property in said District and who have property therein subject to taxduly rendered the same for taxation: and.

WHEREAS, it further affirma- allowed to vote at said election. tively appears that said School District has been heretofore established and as so established by posting three copies of this contains an area of 130 square miles, and that no other district has been reduced in area below nine square miles by reason of District, which posting shall be the creation of said District;

NOW, THEREFORE, I. ROY SKAGGS, in my capacity as County Judge of Taylor County, Texas, DO HERBEY CERTIFY that an election be held in said District on the 5th day of April, 1969. which date is sufficient to allow notice to be published one time the posting of the notice of said at least ten (10) days prior to election for at least ten (10) full the date set for said election. days prior to the date of said

election, at which election, in ac- election, the officers holding the cordance with said petition, the same shall make returns of the qualified property taxpaying elec- tesult thereof to the Commis-

DISTRICT NO. 1 of Taylor, Jones, Shackelford and Callahan Counties, Texas, and the officers of said election shall be as follows: S. J. CANON Presiding Judge MRS. E. S. BRADY Judge MRS. G. W. GRANTHAM Clerk Dan Loftin Jr. is hereby appointed as Clerk for ABSENTEE VOT-ING at the election herein ordered and absentee voting shall be conducted at Hamby School Building, and said Clerk shall keep the office open between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. each day that is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or an official State holiday, all in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 5, V.A.T.C.

S., Election Code. IT IS ORDERED that the ballots for said election shall be prepared in sufficient number and in conformity with Chapter 6, V.A.T.C.S., Election Code, and printed on such ballots shall appear the following proposition: "SCHOOL TAX"

The word "FOR" and beneath it the word "AGAINST" shall be made to appear on the left of the proposition. A square shall be printed on the left of each of the words "For" and "Against" and each voter shall place an "X' in the square beside the statement indicating the way he wishes to vote.

at three different places within

the boundaries of said School

done not less than ten (10) days

prior to the date fixed for said

election, and additionally, such

notice shall be published in a

newspaper of general circulation

in the area of the District and

in this county of jurisdiction, such

WITHIN five (5) days after said

NONE but resident qualified property taxpaving electors of said School District, who own ation and who have du'w rendered the same for taxation, shall be

THE SHERIFF of this County shall give notice of said election Rust. Order for School Tax Election

members attending heard a talk by Joe Baisden on "Hidden Services." and Mrs. Martha Harmon rf West Texas Utilities, spoke on "Magic With Convenient Foods." Theme of the Workshop was 'Be a Young Homemaker With Style, Charm and Poise."

Social security beneficiaries who earned over \$1,680.00 in 1968 and don't get their reports filed with social security by April 15, 1969. face some penalty actions against

THE MERKEL MAIL, MERKEL, TEXAS Page Six Thursday, March 20, 1969

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married Oct. 4, 1940, and became

separated May 3, 1968. Plaintif

sues for divorce on the grounds

of Mental cruelty. Plaintiff prays

that she be awarded custody of

the minor child, and for an equit-

able division of the community

property. as is more fully shown

by Plaintiff's Petition on file in

. If this citation is not served

within ninety days after the date

of its issuance, it shall be return-

' The officer executing this writ

shall promptly serve the same

according to requirements of law,

and the mandates hereof, and

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) Issued and given under my hand

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Ezelle Matthews, Defend-

ant, 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 Homemakers

Attend Workshop

Homemakers was held this past Saturday at the Abilene Christian College Student Center with seven from Merkel attending.

tending were Mmes. Hugh Baker, Nancy Dannheim, Curtis Robbins, Charles Jacobs, Glenn Bicknell, Wayne Irvin and Gany

After a coffee and registration

their 1969 checks.

lene, Texas, this the 10 day of March A.D. 1969. (Seal)

> Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk. Domestic Relations Court Taylor County, Texas. By Marie Gill, (Deputy. 3 4tc





Merkel, Texas





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ol District for tors of said their action thereupon:

"SHALL the Commissioners Courts of Taylor, Jones, Shackelford and Callahan Counties, Texlevy and collect in the manner provided by law an annual ad vaflorem tax at a rate not to exceed ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS (\$1.50) on each one hundred dollars' valuation of all taxable property in HAMBY COM-MON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 OF TAYLOR, JONES, SHACKEL-FORD AND CALLAHAN COUN-TIES. TEXAS, for the further maintenance of public free schools in said District, as provided by the terms and conditions of Article 2784e-1, V.A.T.C.S., as amend-

THAT SAID ELECTION shall e held at the HAMBY SCHOOL. Route 1, Abilene, Texas, within the HAMBY COMMON SCHOOL

tes required by law for holding a general election SAID FLECTION shall be held And conducted as provided by

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of the 1925 Texas Revised Civil Statutes and amendments

DATED this the 11th day of March, 1969. ROY SKAGGS

County Judge, Taylor County, Texas 3 1tc

62 63 or 64 years old? If your 1968 earnings were around the \$2,500 - \$3,000 mark, you just might be due some social security checks for 1968 if you see your social security representative ear-

CLASSIFIEDS GET QUICK RESULTS



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ly in 1969.

Fatigue

Relieve fatigue from physi-cal exertion with added rest and sleep. On the other hand, if you experience fatigue from a sedentary occupation and way of life, get some exercise. Brisk walks, jogging, cycling and sports, such as golf or bowling are helpful. Also, check your environment at work and home for causes of fatigue. Bad lighting, poor ventilation, excessive noise, and variations in temperature may be at fault. If fatigue becomes chronic, see your doctor.

Nose-Bleed

Tilt your head backward hen a nose-bleed occurs. Loosclothing at the neck and through the mouth nose. To arrest face. If





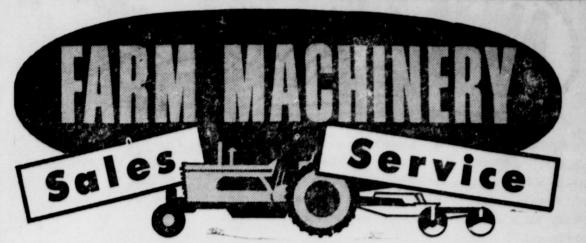
THE MERKEL MAIL, MERKEL, TEXAS ge Seven Thursday, March 20, 1969 Mrs. McElmurray **Hosts Gardeners**

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Oda Clark, Peachey, Mary Click, Charlie Sherrell, Roy Hunter and Herbert Patterson.

Also Miss Christine Collins and Williams, G. D. McConnell, John Mmes. Dee Grimes, Raymond ny Cox, Lottie Everett and host-Ferguson, John Shannon, Jarrett ess, McElmurray.



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