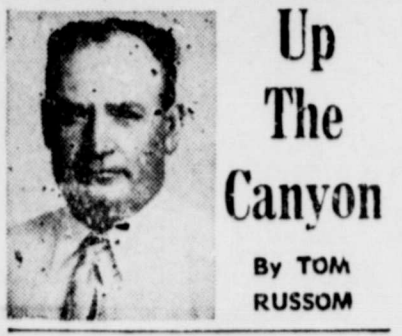


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## Up The Canyon

By TOM RUSSOM

I guess the weather, perhaps, would be one of the things in the news this week. Last Saturday night, the Canyon got another million dollar rain; it rained all night and some reported up to 1½ inches of rain.

If ever I saw the table more competely set for a beautiful serving, so to speak, I think it is now. It is the general belief that spring is here; however, we are still having some cold nights in our area, and perhaps will for quite some time.

It is not expected that there will be much early spring planting due to the ground being so cold.

Most of the calves and lambs have been marked up in our area. Some of the stockmen are creep feeding the calves and lambs more so year after year. The Easter market on the lambs opens next week in San Angelo, and it will be a strong market too. So, after ideas are formed and expressed, everything in the livestock market and general outlook for farming is ideal.

An early day pioneer of the Canyon passed away last week at the Starr Nursing Home in Merkel. She was Mrs. Leroy Frazier. Mrs. Frazier was a longtime resident of the Canyon and very active in church work here. I recall she and her husband would bring their family to church in the wagon. She was the mother of Mrs. Beryl Brown of Merkel.

Just to name the other Pioneer Church mothers left are Mrs. A. R. Toombs and Mrs. F. R. Demerie, both of Merkel, Mrs. Pat Addison, Blair; and Mrs. O. W. Reed of the Canyon. These are the ones who are carrying on the church work when I was a barefoot boy.

Lester Dorton Jr.'s family were visitors at Pioneer Church Sunday.

Mrs. Dorton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Buddie Windham of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weston and son of Midland were here for the John Coomer funeral recently. Mrs. Weston is a niece of Mr. Coomer. Mrs. Weston told us when they retire they plan to move back to her old home place, which they have been improving lately.

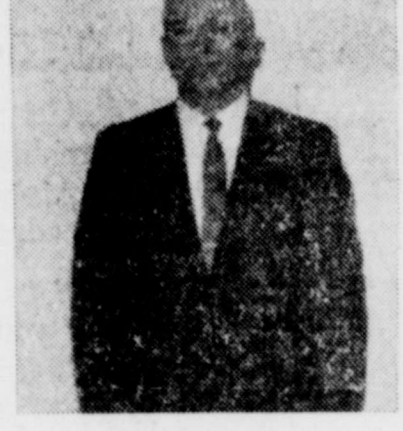
Mr. and Mrs. Allen King Jr., of North Platt, Neb., are here visiting Allen's mother, Mrs. Allen King Sr., and other relatives. Allen is in the livestock business in Nebraska. I know they are enjoying some of this southern sunshine.

Louis Cook, rancher on top of the Divide, says he is still proud of all of that hay he stored up last summer.

We received word here this week from Mrs. Fayne Perry of Houston, where Fayne went for a check up, that Fayne was too weak to be flown home by plane. So our hello this week goes down to Houston to the Fayne Perrys, our close friends.

# Merkel's City Election Is Tuesday, Apr. 1

## MAYOR, COUNCILMEN TO BE ELECTED



HENRY BRADY  
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DERRELL FARMER  
... work toward best goals

With Merkel's City Election coming up this Tuesday, April 1, there are six candidates for the two council vacancies to be voted upon.

Councilman Horace Hargrove, filing for the Mayor vacancy, has no opposition.

Council candidates are Henry Brady, Darrell Farmer, Royce Hardy, Benny Melton, Vernon Wade and Leon Walker.

Brief facts, including years of residency in Merkel, civic activities, and a statement concerning candidates' interest in the city government, follows.

**HENRY BRADY**, a resident of Merkel since October, 1961, is a daily commuter to Abilene, where he is employed in the Accounting Department at Hendricks Memorial Hospital.

Prior to Brady's moving to Merkel, he was in the business and credit department at Joske's of Texas in San Antonio. He is a graduate of Hamlin High School and attended San Antonio College.

Brady is an active member of the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department, having served two years as secretary - treasurer and was recently elected for the third year.

He and his wife live at 820 Oak. They have three children, George, 18, and now with the U.S. Navy; Elaine, 15, a sophomore at Merkel High School; and Carolyn, 12, a seventh - grader at Merkel Elementary School.

"I shall be happy to faithfully execute any duties set forth by the people of Merkel, and will endeavor to give my best if elected," was Brady's comment concerning his election to the council seat.



HORACE HARGROVE  
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tended schools in Merkel. He attended Abilene Christian College, later working for a farm equipment company in Abilene.

It was Feb., 1962 that he went to work for Boney Insurance Agency and in March of 1963 that he received his Solicitors License.

He and his wife, the former Annette Boney, have twin girls, ages 6. They live at 1529 Sunset Drive.

"I plan to make my home here in Merkel and I feel that I would like to be a real part of our town. And in my own way to make Merkel just a little bit better," commented Melton concerning his running for councilman.

Melton is active in work with youth of the community, acting as adult sponsor for the Merkel Teen Center and manager of a Merkel Little League team. He

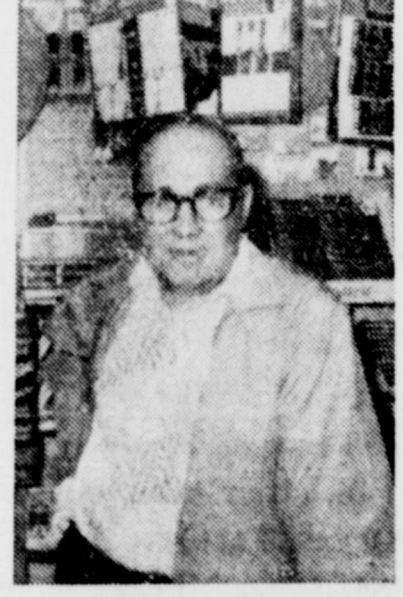
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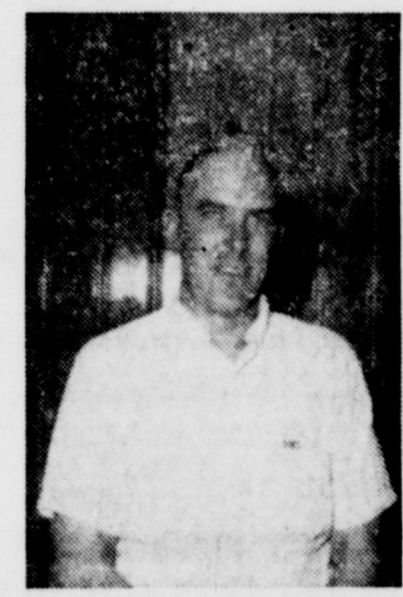
VERNON WADE  
... desires to become involved



LEON WALKER  
... offer myself for service



ROYCE HARDY  
... interested in Merkel



BENNY MELTON  
... to make Merkel better

## HOUSE BILL 300 SPEECHES GIVEN FOR AND AGAINST

**By CONNIE HARRIS**  
Merkel and area citizens and the Taylor County Farm Bureau members who made the trip to Austin Tuesday and who were in the Texas House Chamber were on hand for the first big hearing on proposed public school reform.

They heard speeches by Mrs. J. O. Conner of Waco, who called attention to Texas ranking 28th in the nation in education and endorsed the "whole packet;" Rep. DeWitt Hale of Corpus Christi insisting that "we must fight for improvement for our children and our grandchildren;" and Glen Ivy with the Texas Education Agency, Austin, who gave a run-down on research figures, and many more talks on for and against the bill.

"Compulsory consolidation is going to have to be abandoned and we will have to obtain our objectives in some other manner," Rep. Hale, sponsor of the House bill, told the House Public Education Committee.

The most controversial proposal of the bill is the requirement that most school districts would have to have 2,500 pupils or be countywide — a proposal that would eliminate all but 3.3 of the present 1,111 districts.

While five members of the CO-SEP explained the 35-page bill opponents of the bill waited to testify.

Tuesday, April 1, the Education Committee will hear a bill sponsored by the Texas State Teachers Association, raising salaries by the same amount, but "providing 5 per cent annual increments for the next 10 years."

"The Challenge and the Chance" the report of Governor's Committee on Public School Education, has been read by few," said Hale, "but it's understandings have been tangled and told by many who do not understand the report."

Representatives from Merkel who attended the hearing left Austin after the hearing closed, and arrived here at approximately 4 p.m. Wednesday.

## AT TRENT Pupil-Teacher Basketball Fete

The Trent Eighth Grade students will stage a basketball game against the Trent School faculty tonight at 7:30 at the school gym.

Admission will be fifty cents for adults and twenty-five cents for students. Proceeds will be used for the eighth graders' trip to Austin.

Teachers to participate in the game are Mrs. Linda Heatley, Barbara Davis, Cyrus Patterson, Amelia Heatley, Linda Wiltse, Edith Rudd, Vera Sharp, Geneva Maberry, Mildred Toombs and Mr. Albert Maberry. They will be coached by school superintendent, John Young.

Eighth graders playing will be Roy Sharp, Tom McLeod, Judy Brovak, Joseph Beaver, Bill Hamner, Monty Heatley, Becky Bryan, Anetia Frazier, Paul Poin-dexter, Allen Gregory and Evelyn Messes. They will be coached by Mrs. Cal McAninch.

**DERRELL FARMER**, a native of Merkel, attended Merkel schools and was with the U.S. Marines for five years. He is plant superintendent at Taylor Telephone Cooperative, having begun work there as a lineman thirteen years ago.

He and his wife, the former Jennell Shaffer of Blackwell, live with their three children at 1408 Stewart Street. He is completing two years on the city council.

A member of the First Baptist Church, Farmer is a past member of the Optimist Club and served on its board of directors while a member.

"With Merkel facing some important decisions in the next few months, I believe we need councilmen who have an insight into city government and will work toward the best goals," were Farmer's comment concerning his re-filing for city councilman.

**ROSS HARDY**, owner of a grocery store here, comes from the neighboring city of Stamford. He is a graduate of Stamford High School and following his graduation he was with the U.S. Air Force for four years. Upon discharge from the service, he was employed by a department store in Stamford and was active in civic affairs while living there.

They have lived in Merkel since 1963 and have two children. Concerning his aspiration for councilman, Hardy said, "This is my home and I plan to live here the rest of my life. I am intensely interested in Merkel and its affairs and if I can do anything to help its progress, I want to do so."

**BENNY MELTON**, raised on a farm in the Blair Community, at-

## MHS JUNIOR PLAYS IS THIS FRIDAY

Merkel High School's Junior Class will present three one act plays Friday, March 28 at the school auditorium.

Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. and director is class sponsor, Mrs. L. C. Wiggins.

Plays to be presented are "It's Cold In Them Thar Hills," by Roma Greth; "Beat It Beatnik," by Ann C. Marter, and "The Capricious Pearls" by Virginia Kidd. And play-goers will find "just about anything they like in the three combinations — pathos, humor (lots of it), and the dramatic.

For down - right hill-billy humor, try "Them Thar Hills." The very title emphasizes the rellicking fun to be presented. Cast includes Dennis Osborn, Pat Moore, Carolyn Gilmore, Margaret Jennings, Renee Benier, Deanne Robinson, and Terry Derrington.

Then try on the "Beatnik" for size. If you didn't get enough

laughs of "The Hills" then you're sure to hit a "ringer" with the Beatnik. Kay Tipton and Dee Warren are the main characters, and filling important spots are Danna Phillips, Christie Wiley, JaNell Lassiter, Betty Ascencio, Billy Black, Larry Riney, Steve Doan and Gary Bigbee.

"The Capricious Pearls" is something else — you'll have some laughs, but you'll also want to "choke" some robbers who appear on the scene, who spend their time trying to steal some pearls. But the old lady victim outwits 'em, you can bet. The "Capricious" around cast includes Randon Ely, Cathy Beard, Randy Doan, Troy Walter, Kathryn Criswell, Donna Diltz, Kathy Mansfield, Mignon Crawford, Meiba Seymore, Ja Nell Lassiter, Nelda Tuckey, Barbara Higgins and Dayna McAninch.

Admission charge is twenty-five cents for students and fifty cents for adults. Proceeds from the plays will be used toward the Junior - Senior Banquet.

## Merkel Riding Club to Sponsor Trailride Sat.

The Merkel Riding Club is sponsoring a Trailride this Saturday, with assembly to begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Farmers Co-op Gin. Riders will leave at 2 p.m. with their destination the Taylor Electric Cooperative grounds on the Tillet place, south of Merkel.

Riders are to bring picnic lunches or weiners for roasting for themselves and invited guests. The club will provide the drinks. "The Club extends an invitation to anyone who likes to ride to join the members on the Trailride," said Mrs. David Gambie, member.

## All-Sports Fete Set for April 26

An All - Sports Banquet has been scheduled for Saturday, April 26, sponsored by the Merkel Booster Club.

Dan Allen, Booster Club president, said that the event will be held at the Merkel School Cafeteria.

Planning committee for the banquet includes Vincent Barnatt, chairman and Lawrence Hewitt, Coach Wendell Robinson, Mrs. Roy Mashburn, Mrs. Jackie Dean, and Mrs. J. Lynn Knight. Coach Robinson announced Wednesday that guest speaker will be Gordon Woods, head football coach at Brownwood.



**I'VE HAD ENOUGH!** — Or so brother Larry Riney thought when he attempted a swing at his sister, Donna (Phillips) in the play "Beat It Beatnik," to be presented by the MHS junior class along with two other one - act plays this Thursday night. The father and mother attempting to "block the wallop" are played by Ja Nell Lassiter and Steve Doan. (Staff Photo)

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TO: Ezelle Matthews, 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 21 day of April A. D. 1969, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 24 day of June A.D. 1969, in this cause, numbered 4189 on the docket of said court and styled Juanita Matthews, Plaintiff,

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**ACROSS**  
1. California peak  
7. Riddle  
13. Lubricator  
14. Diverse  
15. Snobbish: slang  
16. Bearlike  
17. Dust  
18. Ancient Persian  
19. Relative  
21. Bundles  
22. Sine  
24. Devoured  
27. Bow  
28. Conger  
31. Brags  
34. Edible seed  
37. Try  
38. Scented plants  
39. Pig pen  
40. Tattler  
43. Go astray  
44. Faischood  
45. Hawk's nest  
47. Gaelic John

**DOWN**  
2. Slightly colored  
3. Distress signal  
4. Indian native  
5. Bitter crystals  
6. Parch  
7. Tell secrets  
8. Some  
9. Bird  
10. Regular  
11. Pronoun  
12. Move smoothly  
13. Egyptian king  
14. Yes  
15. Sea eagles  
16. Couches  
17. Therefore

**ANSWER TO PUZZLE**

ACROSS  
1. MOUNT SHASTA  
7. RIDDLE  
13. LUBRICANT  
14. DIVERSE  
15. SNOB  
16. BEAR  
17. DUST  
18. PERSIAN  
19. UNCLE  
21. BUNDLES  
22. SINUS  
24. DEVOUR  
27. BOW  
28. CONGER  
31. BRAGS  
34. SEED  
37. TRY  
38. PLANTS  
39. PIGPEN  
40. TATTLER  
43. STRAY  
44. FISHHOOD  
45. HAWK  
47. JOHN  
DOWN  
2. COLORED  
3. SIGNAL  
4. NATIVE  
5. BITTER  
6. PARCH  
7. TELL  
8. SOME  
9. BIRD  
10. REGULAR  
11. PRONOUN  
12. MOVE  
13. KING  
14. YES  
15. EAGLES  
16. COUCHES  
17. THEREFORE

**MRS. C. DILLARD RETURNS FROM MO.**

Returning home this past week from St. Louis, Mo., was Mrs. Clayton Dillard of Needle.

Mrs. Dillard visited her son, Dr. and Mrs. Burl Dillard and their children, David, Nancy and Marni. While there, she cared for her grandchildren while Dr. and Mrs. Dillard were on a trip to Venezuela and on a Safari up the Amazon River wilderness.

She visited the Shaw Gardens, the Missouri Botanical Gardens, the Linnalan House, the oldest greenhouse west of the Mississippi, and many other historical places.

They also visited friends, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Betta in Caracas. A 1951 graduate of Needle High School, Dr. Dillard had speaking engagements at Caracas, Venezuela Medical University and also Miami University.

Mrs. Clayton Dillard spent some of her time visiting historical spots while she was in Missouri. They included Jefferson Memorial, Tower Grove home of Henry Shaw, boyhood home of Eugene Fields, the Art Museum, and a permanent building of the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair in Forrest Park.

Also visits to McDonnell Planetarium, Municipal Opera, Jewel Box Zoological Gardens and the St. Louis Zoo.

**James R. Boaz Dies At Age 33**

James Richard Boaz, 33, died Monday, March 24, in an Abilene hospital after a short illness.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning in Rose Hill Cemetery with the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home. Mr. Boaz was born Sept. 19, 1936, in Abilene.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Boaz Jr., of Anson; one brother, Terry of Tarleton State College; his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Jim Boaz of Merkel.

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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 10 day of March A.D. 1969.

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### Services Held For Mr. Burton

William Irving Burton, 85, a longtime 5th Community resident, died Saturday, March 22 in Hendrick Memorial Hospital, after a four-weeks illness.  
 Services were held Monday in Abilene, with the Rev. J. H. Hamblen, retired pastor of the Evangelical Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in the 5th Cemetery with Masonic graveside rites.

Born Oct. 12, 1883 in Van Zandt County, he moved to the 5th Community in 1905. He married Samantha West in Merkel in 1919. She died in 1950. He retired in 1948, and in 1952 he moved to Abilene and married Mrs. Laura Newberry Davis on Sept. 20, 1952.

Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Mrs. Dwayne Garrett of Amarillo; one sister, Mrs. Lizzie Ross of Trent; three brothers, the Rev. Marvin P. Burton of San Antonio, Ossie Burton of Clude and Henry of Stephenville; several nieces and nephews.

### Taylor - Jones Singing Sunday

Jones and Taylor County Singing Convention will meet with the Victory Baptist Church Sunday, March 30 at 2 p.m., according to convention president, Dewey Niedeecken.  
 Victory Baptist Church is located at 307 El Paso.

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MRS. LIGE HARRIS ... celebrates birthday

### NEW ARRIVALS

### Mrs. Lige Harris Birthday Honoree

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kennedy of 304 Yucca are the parents of an 8 lb. girl born March 17, named Kristen Leigh.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bagby of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kennedy of Abilene.

Mrs. Lige Harris celebrated her 83rd birthday Saturday, March 22 with a surprise birthday dinner, held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Russel.

Those attending were her children, Messrs. and Mrs. Bill Harris of Ballinger; James Harris, Amarillo; Leo Harris, Merkel; Don Riney and Larry, Merkel; and S. G. Russell, also of Merkel.

Grandchildren and great-grandchildren attending were Messrs. and Mrs. Jerry Russell, Danna and Doyle, Billy Lucas and Russell, and Robert Harris, all of Merkel; Tony Hayes, Debbie and Beckie, Coahoma; and John Wilson, Eric and Johnny, Abilene.

Mrs. Harris has 14 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Her main hobby is piecing quilts. She is a member of the First Baptist Church.

Except for thirteen years, Mrs. Harris has lived in Merkel since 1900. She was born in East Texas and came to Merkel with her parents.

At the surprise party Mrs. Harris received many nice gifts and cards from friends as well as her family.

### Officers Elected At Pack Banquet

Leon Harris was elected Cub Master at the Blue and Gold Banquet of the Merkel Cub Scouts, held at the Merkel School cafeteria recently.

Other officers elected were Jerry W. Russell, assistant Cub Master; Dr. D. W. Warren, representative, and committeemen D. C. Hendrick, Bill Tarpley and Dean Smith.

Mrs. E. V. Walters was named Den Mother's Coach, Mrs. Jerry Brown, Den Mother, and Grady Knight, Webelos leader.

The next pack meeting will be Monday, March 31 at the Scout Hut at 7 p.m.

Mrs. Walters said that helpers were needed, "especially someone to take a den of nine year old boys."

Anyone interested in helping with the Cub Scouts are asked to attend the March 31 pack meeting.

"And a special invitation is given to boys, ages 8 through 11 to join the Cub Scouts," said Mrs. Walters.

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## NOTICE

It has been called to our attention that several City Ordinances are being violated, names:

1. Putting into the trash barrel dirt, rocks, scraps of metal and other heavy objects. Our contract with trash hauler does not include emptying of barrels of excessive weight. Emptying large trash barrel with ordinary trash gets very tiring long before the day is over; trash barrels with excessive weight are so heavy that one man can not lift them.

2. Digging holes in the alley is another hazard to driving trash trucks and fire trucks.

3. Piling tree trimmings, logs, etc. in the center of the alley is also prohibited. The house on fire might be yours or that of a friend. If the fire truck cannot get through the alley and should lose a few minutes' time in going another direction could mean the difference of a home destroyed or minor damage if reached a few minutes earlier.

4. Vehicles, implements, machinery or any other object that blocks the entrance to or from an alley is also a serious fire hazard.

City Ordinances cover each of the above. It is sincerely hoped that everyone will at once cooperate and remove any obstructions if any exist or drastic measures will have to be used to enforce the law.

Our town can be only as clean and attractive as we as citizens will cooperate to make our yards and alleys attractive.

Very Sincerely,  
**MERKEL CITY COUNCIL**

## MULBERRY CANYON 4-H NEWS

By ROBERT CLEMMER

The Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club met in regular monthly meeting March 10 with Mark Dudley, president, calling the meeting to order.

4-H Pledge was led by Cindy Whisenhunt and American Pledge by Margo McAllister.

March 22 was set as a work day to work on the club building.

Jerry Don Sandusky gave a report on the Rifle Club. He announced that the rifle team had been picked. 4-H members to go to San Angelo to the District Meet are Senior team — Sandusky, Pam Sandusky, Robert Clemmer and Dwayne Johnson; junior team — Mark Clemmer, Bert McElmurray, Gaylon Boone and Tommy Stevens.

Suzie Riney gave a report on the Quarter Horse Judging work-out.

Mulberry Canyon club was represented at the Favorite Food Show held in Abilene recently by Judy Brnovak, highest point senior and Teresa Clemmer, highest point junior. Other members in the show were Becky Bryan, Rocky Bryan and Beverly Gilmore.

Lessa Swinney displayed her favorite food table at the club meeting.

The program was presented by Mike Dudley, who spoke on Giving Demonstrations. He explained how to pick your subject, write and give your demonstration.

Fourteen adult leaders and 19 members attended, including Kathy Griffen, Ray King, Katie Neil, Johnny Gray, Jeff Phisenhunt and Bart Whisenhunt.





MR. AND MRS. W. P. WOOD  
... to observe anniversary

## W. P. HOODS NOTE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hood of Trent will be celebrating their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, March 30 at their home.

The celebration will be hosted by their children, Mrs. James Russell of Merkel; Mrs. J. B. Winn, Odessa; Mrs. Larry Ridgeway, Abilene; and Clayton Hood of Austin.

The couple met in Benjamin, Tex., in the fall of 1917 and were married March 23, 1919 in Monday with the Rev. John McCaully reading the marriage vows. They lived in Knox County until moving to Taylor County in 1935.

Mr. Hood is a retired farmer. They are members of the Baptist Church. They have eight

grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The Hoods invite all of their friends to their Open House this coming Sunday.

## Study Club Hears About Education

The Fortnightly Study Club met March 11 in the home of Mrs. David Gamble, with a program on Texas Education Week being given by club member, Mrs. Don Dudley.

Mrs. Dudley read compositions on "What Is Education," that were written by her students in English classes at Merkel High School.

Two guests, Mrs. Charles Eager and Mrs. Lige Gamble attended the meeting.

Members attending were Meses Mack Davis, Byron Duragin, Lynn Knight, Andy Shouse, Ben Hicks, Johnny Cox and Glen Sandusky.

Also Miss Christine Collins and Meses Mack Fisher, Comer Haynes, Dudley and hostess Mrs. Gamble.

## Lord's Acre Type Garage Sale Set

There will be a church-wide "Lord's Acre" type garage sale at the Trent Baptist Youth Center this Saturday, March 29, according to church pastor, the Rev. Jim Sellers.

"Items at the all day sale will consist of everything from antiques to new," said Sellers. "There will be miscellaneous merchandise galore."

The public is invited to attend the sale, and proceeds will go for church youth activities, said Rev. Sellers.

## FROM TRENT McAninch Girls Are 'All-Staters'

PLAINVIEW — Linda McAninch, a 6-0 junior guard from Trent, kept the record of All-State players from her family intact Tuesday when she landed a berth on the Class B mythical squad.

She is the sister of Barbara McAninch, a 6-1 starting senior guard for the Hutcherson Flying Queens of Wayland College. Barbara made the All-State team as a forward in 1965.

Their elder sister, Elizabeth, made the team in 1954 as a 5-8 guard. She is now in graduate school at Southern Illinois.

The McAninch girls are also recognized for their scholastic abilities. Barbara, who is president of the Student Government Association at Wayland, and Elizabeth, were valedictorians of their graduating classes.

They are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Cal McAninch of Trent.

## AT TRENT Baptist Youth Center 'Active'

Activities at the Trent Baptist Youth Center have been "a - poppin'" with a full house on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Activities are centered around the three ping-pong tables, three pool tables and various other games being played.

The next project in the planning stage for the Trent youth is making a playground beside the church to include a full size basketball court, tether ball, croquet, volleyball and badminton courts.

## Merkel Graduate On Dean's List

Douglas E. Barnhart, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Barnhart of Merkel, was named to the Dean's Honor List at Texas Technological College for the fall semester. Barnhart, who graduated in January from Texas Tech, was commissioned into the U.S. Navy following his graduation. He is now stationed at Treasure Island, Calif.

The Texas Tech recognition is accorded to those students who have attained a grade point average of 3.0 or better during the past semester, according to J. R. Bradford, dean.

## CLASSIFIEDS GET RESULTS

### Little Girls Find Spring's In Fashion

This year, little girls will find Spring's in fashion for them. Along with the traditional pretty, ruffled Easter dress with full skirt, frilly collar and cuffs, there will be a myriad of bewitching looks to choose from—a veritable fashion explosion of color, fabric and style.

Three major color tones will make their appearance this Spring. Soft cotton candy pastels like coral, blue, mauve, melon and apricot will be in full force. New neutrals like cadet gray, frosty chamois and off-white will spark new interest in these perennial favorites. And the tri-color, those grand old patriotic colors of red, white and blue will make a come-back in snappy new outfits with a nautical or sporty look.

Little girls will look more romantic than ever in sheer voiles, dotted Swiss, lenos and cotton lawns. But, according to Cinderella, makers of fashions for little girls, textures are also coming up strong with puckers leading the way with the crinkled ribbon look. Knits will be soft and loopy, extra-spectacular with new texture. Cottons in chambray covers or shirting weights confirm the haberdashery look this season. Linens will perform importantly in rayon blends and heavier cottons such as piques, matelasses and jacquards. And, of course, that super-great performer, permanent press, will be increasingly evident.

The password for this Spring's fashions is individuality. Pocahontas or Juliet, Gypsy, Spanish Gaucho or Victrola Peasant—any little girl will be able to choose from this great new costume looks. Styles will range from the beruffled and bewitching romantic look to dashing sport separates like a trimmed bolero over a contrasting shirt and skirt.

High fit 'n flare silhouette, bold unusual prints, new midriff interest—in short, everything big girls' fashion has this year, little girls will have too—and more!

## MERKEL CITY ELECTION

Continued from Page One  
is secretary of the Merkel Livestock Association.

VERNON WADE, a native of Merkel, attended Merkel Schools, and was with the U.S. Marines for eight years. He is married to the former Emily Ann Rice, whose family are former Merkelites. They have two children, Vernon Jr., age 6, and a first grader at Merkel Primary, and Nicole, 1 year old.

Wade has been in the flower business for a number of years, having worked with Bill Wood when he was owner of Bill's Flowers for five years and with Lee Wholesale Floral of Abilene. He was manager for two years of Stuckey's in Cromwell, Okla.

He is a member of the Merkel Optimist Club, former member of the Merkel Jaycees, a member of the Assembly of God Church, and a member of the Merkel Fire Department.

"I sincerely believe that persons living in Merkel and especially those in business, should become involved with their community, and what better way to become involved than to be a part of the city council," were Wade's comments concerning his candidacy for the council seat.

LEON WALKER, principal of the Merkel Elementary and Primary schools, "wants to offer his service."

"I have been pleased with the manner in which our city has been governed in the past, and offer myself only for the service to the city and will do the best I can for the community," said Walker.

A 1938 graduate of Merkel High School, Walker has a bachelor of arts degree and a masters of education degree from Hardin-Simmons University. He is principal of the Merkel Elementary

and Primary Schools and is a member of the First Baptist Church, where he is superintendent of the adult department.

Past president of the Merkel Booster Club, Walker has also served as secretary-treasurer of the Lions Club when he was a member.

He and his wife, the former Patsy Pomroy of Merkel, have five children and live at 1414 Stewart.

HORACE HARGROVE, City Councilman, has been a resident of Merkel since 1952, when he moved here from Abilene to work with Taylor Electric Cooperative. He has long been active in Merkel's civic affairs; having served two terms on the City Council, past president of the Merkel Lions Club and past president of the Booster Club. He is a Mason and is a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Hargrove is assistant manager at Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc. He is married to the former Mary Powell of Abilene. They have three children and six grandchildren.

"We have a good city," commented Hargrove, "and of course it has its problems, but not so many that interested councilmen and cooperation cannot solve."

MERKEL VOTERS will go to the polls this coming Tuesday and vote for the councilmen of their choice, and all six candidates, including candidate for mayor urges voters to turn out in number.

They all readily agreed that "when the voters turn out in numbers, it is then that we know they are interested in their city and its progress."

Voting will be done at the City Hall and polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Mrs. Pat Cypert is election judge.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## DOGS ARE HOWLING; WRITER IS BARKING

EDITOR'S NOTE — Letters to the editor do not necessarily express the view of the editor nor of this paper. But The Merkel Mail will continue to run letters to the editor as long as same are not libelous, in good taste, and they must be signed.

Dear Editor:  
I'm so sleepy this morning while writing this, I am not sure that it will be worded right. But I want to complain about all the barking dogs in our neighborhood.

The above is the beginning of a letter to the editor of The Merkel Mail... well worded... and truthfully stated.

However, the above letter,

## AHS Sophs First In Merkel Meet

An Abilene High School sophomore relay team placed first in Merkel Invitational Track Meet held here Saturday, with Anson placing second.

Other team places were Haskell, third at 105; Wylie 62; Abilene Christian High School 42; Stamford 33 1/2; Merkel 29; Clyde 2; and Merkel B team 1.

In a girls' high school meet, Merkel won the team trophy with 176 points. Haskell was second with 117, Aspermont third with 96, and Jim Ned fourth with 89.



A.I.C. WAYNE THOMPSON  
... with USAF

## Visits in Merkel

A.I.C. Wayne Thompson left last Friday for Plattsburgh, N.Y., after a two week leave and visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Truitt Thompson. He was accompanied by his parents to Dallas, Friday, where he caught his plane for the return trip to New York.

A graduate of Merkel High School, Airman Thompson is with the Civil Engineers of the USAF. He also attended Hardin - Simmons University and Texas Tech. He also attended Hardin - Simmons before entering the service.

along with a stack of others, has no signature.

Oh yes, there are signatures, alright, like:

"A complaining neighbor."

"An interested citizen."

"A prominent citizen."

Or, as one was signed,

"A person interested in the good of Merkel."

But, we just cannot publish letters to editor in The Merkel Mail that do not have a benafide signature.

Here's the beginning of a "good one."

"I am sick and tired of hearing so much good said about... Now you know and I know there ain't no good thing about..."

Or, how about this one.

"... is a good person, and... is doing so much for our friendly little city. I think people ought to think twice before they open their mouths to complain..."

Not too bad, eh? But it was not signed either.

Seriously, signatures must be affixed to all letters to editors, if they are to be published.

But, this has been said before, many times, many ways; however, reckon we'll still keep getting "interested citizens," letters until people are proud enough of what they write to affix a name... their own.

## IN JONES COUNTY Favorite Foods Show April 12

The Jones County 4-H Favorite Food Show will be held on Saturday, April 12, at the Noodle luncheon, according to Jones County Home Demonstration Agent Mrs. Mary Y. Newberry. Exhibits will be set up at 10:00 a.m. and judged at 10:30.

Any 4-H Club girl who has completed six lessons in one of the food unit books is eligible to enter the county-wide food show.

The girls will be judged according to the exhibitor's knowledge of foods and nutrition, the food exhibited, the exhibit, the recipe and the day's menu.

There will be a junior and senior division in each of the four food groups — (1) meat, (2) milk, (3) vegetable-fruit and (4) bread-cereal. Junior girls include 9-13 years old and the senior girls 14-19 years of age. The senior girl must have been 14 years old before January 1, 1969.

The junior and senior winners in each of the four food groups are eligible to enter the District III Favorite Food Show on Saturday, May 3rd at Wichita Falls.



**Losing Weight Easier in Spring**

Spring is the perfect time for dieting. Extra hours of sunshine give a lift to the spirits and a longing to be out-of-doors. Once out in the fresh air, you are apt to take a long walk or grab a bicycle and pedal down the road. Both of these activities are great for stepping up the metabolism and burning off those excess calories.

Vacation trips and the prospect of wearing a bathing suit again are also good prods to shedding unwanted pounds. A small amount of discipline in April and May will be rewarded at the lakeshore in July.

Women, however, often face a disheartening problem despite careful dieting. It is the four to seven pounds in water-weight that many women accumulate during the course of their premenstrual week—an amount large enough to nullify the good looks of any bathing suit.

Dr. William Shaul, director of the Medical Research Division of Whitehall Laboratories, has estimated that premenstrual tension affects as many as twenty million American women.

Periodically, despite the most careful program of diet and exercise, certain changes take place in a woman's body that may cause it to store up excess water and add what gives the impression of bloat. This temporary excess weight often expands the waistline and tummy and brings with it a feeling of nervousness and irritability. However, medical research knows the ways and hows of this periodic weight gain and has come up with a boon for the woman who adds water-weight.

After more than ten years of research on premenstrual tension and its discomforts, Whitehall Laboratories now has an effective, safe medication to help prevent this monthly water build-up and its accompanying waistline bulge.

This medication, a tablet, called Trender, is now available throughout the country



and can be had without a prescription. Approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Trender helps excrete excess water during the premenstrual period so you can be diet slender every day of the month.

Too, for the woman who consoles herself for premenstrual nervousness and irritability with a box of chocolates, Trender has two additional ingredients to fend off pounds, an analgesic and an anti-histamine to deal with headache and feelings of nervousness or depression.

Taken four to seven days before the start of a period, Trender can make you feel and look better every day of the month, twelve months of the year. The weight you diet away in Spring will stay lost.

**Doctor in the Kitchen**  
 by Laurence M. Hursh, M.D.  
 Consultant, National Dairy Council

**UNIDENTIFIED FOOD SUBSTANCES**

As exciting as "who dunnits" are—and as completely interesting as some television "private eye" series may be—it's my opinion that just as much glamour is present in the detective work now occurring daily in the world's nutrition research laboratories.

We are, in fact, very probably on the threshold of some of the most exciting findings in the history of modern nutrition research. Earlier in this century we began identifying, and realizing the essentiality of, vitamins. Now we are on the verge of determining possible "hidden deficiencies" and minimal needs for so-called "trace" minerals. By this I mean our needs for minute amounts of minerals such as zinc, copper, nickel, aluminum, vanadium, and others. Plant life and other lower forms of life are known to need these minerals for normal functioning. We are beginning to learn that humans need them, too. And human needs for iron in the diet are, of course, well known.

More to be Identified  
 Equally, we are on the track of uncovering unidentified substances in food that we know are there but researchers must identify and catalogue with respect to human needs. These factors represent the most exciting nutrition research questions facing us today.

How do we know that unidentified factors exist?  
 The device that research "detectives" use is similar to that employed by the scientists who discovered vitamins many years ago. You start with a so-called "purified" diet that contains all the known nutrients in sufficient amounts. This calls for a mix of pure proteins, carbohydrates, fats, vitamins and minerals. Fed to experimental animals, and keeping a record of the results in terms of growths and reproductive abilities yields information to the scientist. If he can get better results by adding any natural foods to this diet he can be fairly certain that natural food contains some unidentified factor—something we don't know about—that is responsible for the better health of the experimental animals.

**Many Clues**

The next job is to identify exactly what it is that makes the difference. The challenging character of today's research is the fact that many clues are coming to the fore. So are new research techniques for finding answers. Heretofore unknown vitamins, trace minerals, the interactions between various nutrients and their presence in foods in certain balanced amounts, and antioxidant factors are among the unidentified food substances I am talking about. Research techniques and new systems for analyzing data are reported with increasing regularity.

Until we know exactly what it is that we do not know, nutritionists are anxious that people protect themselves from under-nourishment. In other words, because we do know that unidentified substances in our foods of animal and plant origin do exist, it is obviously wise for you to eat a wide variety of food from the four food groups—the milk group, the meat group, vegetables and fruits, and enriched or whole grain breads and cereals.

**Adopt Routine**

If you do this routinely, you'll be providing for your good health now. Later scientists can tell you why it was a such a good idea. You'll be smug, snug, and secure in the knowledge that you won't be missing needed health-giving food elements.

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IN MANY PLACES, SEVERAL THOUSAND FEET DEEP!

**WHAT WAS THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE?**

IT WAS THE "SUBSTANCE" CHEMISTS OF THE DARK AGES TRIED TO CREATE TO TURN BASE METALS SUCH AS IRON AND LEAD INTO GOLD AND SILVER!

**ARE CLOUDS PART OF THE EARTH AND DO THEY REVOLVE WITH IT?**

YES, CLOUDS ARE PART OF THE EARTH AND SPIN AROUND WITH IT AS DOES THE ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH THE CLOUDS FLOAT!

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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

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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
 THE STATE OF TEXAS  
 TO: James Le Roy Smith, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 104th 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 28 day of April A.D. 1969, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 30 day of Aug. A.D. 1968, in this cause, numbered 10.810-B on the

docket of said court and styled Barbara Smith, Plaintiff, vs. James Le Roy Smith, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about Aug. 22, 1959 and were separated on or about July 27, 1965. Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of harsh and cruel treatment. Plaintiff asks for custody of the minor child and for a reasonable amount of child support, 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 unexecuted.

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 17 day of March A.D. 1969.

(Seal)  
 Attest: R. H. ROES Clerk,  
 102th District Court  
 Taylor County, Texas.  
 By Marie Gill, Deputy.

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**BADGER TRACKS**

By WALLY KNIGHT

The Badger Band members had a good time at Lamesa last weekend.

When the band buses arrived at Lamesa on Friday afternoon it was a little windy. That night it got windier and started snowing.

The Band members attended a get acquainted dance in the homes of willing Lamesa residents. The next morning it was still snowing.

Everyone met at the school, played the concert and sightreading numbers, and got ready to start home. Getting ready meant eating sandwiches on the bus, loading instruments in the snow.

and pushing a stalled bus. Everyone was real glad to get home. w n-ff55e0t  
 Several people got pinched March 17 at school for not wearing any green clothing. This St. Patrick's Day stuff can be pretty painful.



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## MRS. C. P. STEVENS TO CELEBRATE HER 88TH BIRTHDAY

Remember, not too long ago, seeing one of our elderly - young citizens driving her car around Merkel, hoping these high curbs and insisting that she "didn't need any help?" And proving it by tackling 'em with grace and ease and - successfully.

You're right -- it was none other than Mrs. C. P. Stevens, who will be celebrating her 88th birthday Sunday, April 6 at her home at 109 Runnels Street.

And about that driving her own car and curb hopping, she remarks:

"I've cut that out now and have decided to just take it easy at my home -- not retire but just slow down."

"Oh, I did get out just the other day and started my car," she remarks. "And it felt so good just to be in it and hearing it run, that I thought I would drive around the block."

Seems as though Mrs. Stevens wasn't satisfied with her driving, so she came back home, parked her car and made that "final decision" to let someone else to the driving.

Besides celebrating her birthday, Mrs. Stevens is inviting her friends to come by and help her celebrate her "57th year in Merkel."

And that should be a most exciting and interesting celebration. Just imagine, can you, of all the

exciting things Mrs. Stevens remembers about the 57 year history of Merkel.

"And there's a lot of it," she remarked with a twinkle, "a whole lot of it."

Born April 5, 1881 in Woodbury, Texas (Hill County) she was Annie Greer. She came to live with a sister in Hamlin and moved to Merkel in 1905.

Mrs. Stevens is the last charter member of the First Baptist Church of Hamlin. She met Mr. C. P. Stevens at that Hamlin Church.

"And it was at that same Hamlin Baptist Church that we said our 'I do's,'" remarks Mrs. S.

On June 24, 1912 the couple moved to the home on Runnels Street where Mrs. Stevens now lives.

There were only three cars in Merkel at the time of their wedding, Mrs. Stevens recalls. The three cars belonged to Ross Ferrier, Tom Warren and E. Q. Warren.

"Ross and E. Q. carried the wedding party from Hamlin in their cars," said Mrs. S. "And these cars weren't really cars at all. They only had a running gear and 2 seats, and three people could barely squeeze in them."

The party left Hamlin around 10:30 p.m. and arrived at Merkel at 4 in the morning where they found a freezer of cream and



MRS. C. P. STEVENS  
... 57 years in Merkel

cake on the table.

"I remember that the Rebeccas prepared the refreshments," recalled Mrs. Stevens. "They stayed around the house until midnight and decided that the party wasn't coming and went home."

Since all of Mrs. Stevens' birthdays have been "celebrated" at her home on Runnels Street, it is no surprise that her 88th one will be right there too.

One son, Silas, of San Antonio, and his wife and two children plan to be on hand for the double celebration.

"I want all of my friends to come by and register and visit," says Mrs. Stevens.

Celebration will be from 2 until 4 p.m.

Hostesses will be Mrs. Lucille Burleson, Mrs. Pearl McCartney and Mr. and Mrs. Silas Stevens.

### Services Held For Mrs. Frazier

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Virginia Frazier, 95, were held Friday, March 21 at the Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Lynward Harrison of the Coahoma Methodist Church, and the Rev. N. S. Daniel, Merkel Methodist pastor, officiating. Burial was in White Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Frazier, longtime area

resident, died Thursday at the Starr Nursing Home after a short illness.

She was born July 18, 1873, in Arlington, and moved with her parents to Bell County in 1875, and to Callahan County in 1878. She was married there to Elett LeRoy Frazier, Aug. 17, 1890. They moved to Mulberry Canyon in 1914 and to Merkel in 1941. Mr. Frazier died in 1949.

She was a member of the Methodist church since early girlhood.

Survivors include four sons, Bailey of Miles, Johnny of Menahans, Marvin of Pecos and Morgan of Stanton; three daughters, Mrs. Willis Evans of Sweetwater, Mrs. Beryl Brown of Fort Worth; one sister, Mrs. Ella Mae Galbraith of Quanah; 14 grandchildren, 30 great 1 grandchildren and three great - great - grandchildren.

Pallbearers were grandsons.

### Mineral Society To Meet Sunday

The Central Texas Gem and Mineral Society, Inc., will meet in the Recreation Building Auditorium, Oscar Rose Park, Abilene, on Sunday, March 30 at 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Richard Bloomer, consulting geologist, distinguished lecturer, and professor at Hardin - Simmons will discuss mineralization of the Central Mineral Region of Texas with a special reference to mineral crystals.

President John Chalmers urges all members to bring personal displays to the meeting which may consist of lapidary work, minerals, jewelry, Indian artifacts or fossils.

The meeting is open to the public and new members are invited. A door prize will be awarded, and refreshments will be served following the close of the meeting.

### Party Honors James McKee

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Murphee held a going away party for their grandson, James McKee of Merkel, at the Merkel Restaurant Sunday night, March 23.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. James McKee of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Patton and Tresa of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Al-Jen Morgan of Trent; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Davis of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Morgan of Merkel.

McKee was to leave March 25 for Florida for his basic training with the Navy.

### Merkel Visitors

Spending a ten - day leave with Mr. and Mrs. G. D. McConnell were M. Sgt. and Mrs. R. F. Reed, formerly of Beale AFB, Marysville, Calif. Mrs. Reed is the former Mary Jo McConnell.

The Reeds were en route to Hof, Germany, where they will be stationed for three years. With them were their three children, Paul, Gayle Marie and Roger. The family left this past weekend for Germany.

A few persons born before October 2, 1901, haven't made up their minds about their last chance at the Medical insurance part of Medicare -- for them March 31, 1969 is the final deadline.

### Stith News

By MRS.  
FRITZ HALE



## Mrs. Joe Higgins Dies At Age 93

Funeral services for Mrs. Joe Higgins, 93, were held Monday, March 24 in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor, officiating. He was assisted by the Rev. N. S. Daniel, pastor of the First United Methodist Church. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mrs. Higgins, a longtime resident, died Saturday at Starr Nursing Home after a lengthy illness.

She was born Margaret Elizabeth Brown Feb. 25, 1876, in Arkansas, and moved with her parents to the Merkel area about 1890. She married Joe Higgins Sept. 1, 1893 in Abilene. They had

lived in this area since their marriage. Mr. Higgins died Dec. 13, 1964.

Survivors include three sons, Orien and Robert, both of Merkel; and Ernest of San Angelo; four daughters, Mrs. W. C. Hinson of San Angelo, Mrs. P. E. Allen of Los Alamos, N.M., Mrs. Jimmie Roe and Mrs. Lewis Harrison, both of Abilene; 24 grandchildren, 18 great - grandchildren, and three great - great - grandchildren. One daughter, Mrs. Mike Busby, preceded her in death.

Pallbearers were Howard Carson, Lloyd Robertson, Pack Hayes, Billy Boyd Tarpley, Gordon Pursley and David Gamble.

The most advantageous time to sign-up for Medicare is during the 3 months before the month in which age 65 is to be reached.

## What Does The Bible Say About The Modern Dance???

First let me say, if you are not really concerned with what the Bible says and accepting the Bible teaching, there is little use of your reading further.

I have no intention of antagonizing or condemning but I cannot apologize for the truth of God's Bible.

The Bible mentions two kinds: one is an expression of joy and worship -- II Sam. 6:12-16; Psa. 150:4. The other is to stimulate and arouse the lust and affections of the flesh -- Exodus 32:19, 25 -- note what it is associated with. It is not difficult to see which category the modern dance fits. I don't believe anyone will say its worship.

Modern dancing is too closely associated with too much evil. Luke 6:44. Why is drinking, gambling, adultery and etc. so hard to separate from the dance hall? If you can show me a road house without it I'll show you a white Blackbird. And sin is always progressive, it starts out innocently, then to lack of control. And you cannot supervise another person's mind.

Dancing DESTROYS SPIRITUALITY -- Job 21:7-15.

Dancing is LASCIVIOUSNESS. Lasciviousness is dancing. And condemned by God in Galatians 5:19-21.

Read also: I John 2:15; James 1:27; Eph. 5:21; Rom. 12:2; Col. 3:1; I Thes. 5:22.

CAN YOU SEE CHRIST ON YOUR MODERN DANCE FLOOR???

BILLY PATTON, Minister  
CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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