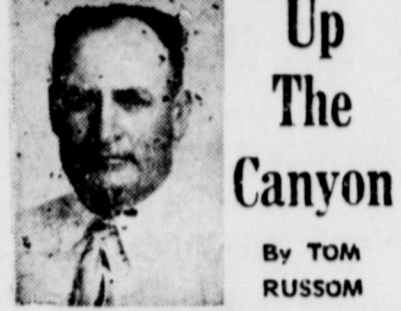


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Up  
The  
Canyon  
By TOM  
RUSSOM

Another 3/4 inch of rain came to our area over the weekend, delaying farm work a few days longer. Farmers are about two weeks behind now with their work. However, around May 10 is a real good time to plant crops.

In our area, the farmers have expressed their unhappiness of some six counties surrounding Taylor, getting some 15 days extension on their grazing of retired acres.

There is a question as why this happened and who was responsible for the difference. There was a point brought out, due to the native pastures being so good in Taylor County. That is true, but let me tell you, around Albany in Shackelford County just adjoining Taylor, is one of the best ranching counties in West Texas, so that's no excuse. I think who erred in this difference should be let it known to farmers either by news letter to the farmers or so stating in our paper.

In other words, fifteen more days grazing of the retired acres would have been very useful to all of the farmers. We shouldn't be the ones who should be on the tail end of everything. Let it be known our wants is to share

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## CAL-TEX JOINS MERKEL C-C TEAM

Merkel's Chamber of Commerce Membership Campaign was kicked off Tuesday with Cal - Tex Feed Yards at Trent becoming the first new member in the current drive.

"We feel very fortunate in having Cal - Tex and its manager, R. L. Bland, as a member of our chamber," said president, Ray Wilson. "We also know that many businesses and individuals in Merkel and perhaps the farming and ranching area need to become members and we are in the process now of contacting them."

Heading the membership campaign is board director, Johnny Hammond.

Tuesday afternoon in a board meeting, members were given cards with names of prospective members to contact.

"The Merkel C-C is big business," said Wilson. "And there is a lot of activities that go on within the organization."

The Merkel C-C "foots" the larger part of the Summer Recreation Program expenses each year as well as paying the rent for the Merkel Library.

Other expenses listed by the C-C include Christmas program, annual banquet, Stamford Rodeo and Fort Worth Stock Show representatives, swimming pool expenses, and Red Cross Learn to Swim program.

Wilson explained that "with more members, of course more good can be done for Merkel and the area."

Members also discussed the Summer Recreation program for this summer, and set membership fee at \$1.00 per week for each child. Summer Recreation program will be carried out for eight weeks, with beginning date to be announced later. William (Bill) Tate was named supervisor of the summer program.

## Style Show Slated For PTA Meeting

Merkel Parent - Teacher Association will meet tonight at 7:30 with students in Mrs. Judith Blankenship's Home Ec class presenting a Style Show.

PTA president Gene Stewart said that a business meeting would precede the program in which several important items would be discussed.

On the business meeting agenda will be the election of officers for the 69 - 70 school year, and discussion of purchasing study tables for this year's PTA project.

PTA Stage Show, held recently featuring Tony Douglas, netted the organization approximately \$147, said Stewart.

"Study tables with overhead projectors will cost approximately \$775," Stewart explained. "And with the money from the stage show, plus balance in the bank, we still need about \$300 to complete paying for the tables."

Members of the Merkel High School Football Team won the \$15 for selling the most tickets to the stage show.

Stewart expressed appreciation to all who worked toward making the show go over.

"We had an extremely large crowd," he said, "and we know that a large part was due to the work put out by so many young people."

## YOUNG PEOPLE TOLD TO 'BE DEDICATED'

Brownwood High School's athletic director, Gordon Wood, in speaking to guests and members of the Merkel Booster Club Sports Award Banquet Saturday evening stressed dedication and self-discipline in achieving success.

"You must have a goal and be willing to work for it," said Wood. "Be dedicated to that goal,

# Commencement Exercises Will Be Tuesday, May 20

Commencement exercises for Merkel High School's graduating seniors will be Tuesday, May 20 at 8 p.m., with Baccalaureate services scheduled for Sunday, May 18, also at 8 p.m. Both graduation events will be held at the high school auditorium.

Dr. Guy Newman, president of Howard Payne College, Brownwood will deliver the Commencement address and the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor of Merkel's First Baptist Church, will speak at the Baccalaureate services.

Dr. Newman, a native Texan, is in his 14th year as president of HPC, founded in 1889.

He came to Brownwood and to Howard Payne in 1955 from Baylor University, where he had served as vice president for three years.

He holds three earned degrees: the Bachelor of arts degree from Baylor University, the Master of Theology and the Doctor of Historical Theology degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dr. Newman entered Baylor in 1936 and during his university years he served as youth counselor at the University Church near the Baylor campus.

He has traveled in the Far East, Europe, the Middle East, behind the Iron Curtain and in Mexico. The noted traveler has been kept busy with his lecture, "Asia As I Saw It," in which he praises the American fighting men in Vietnam.

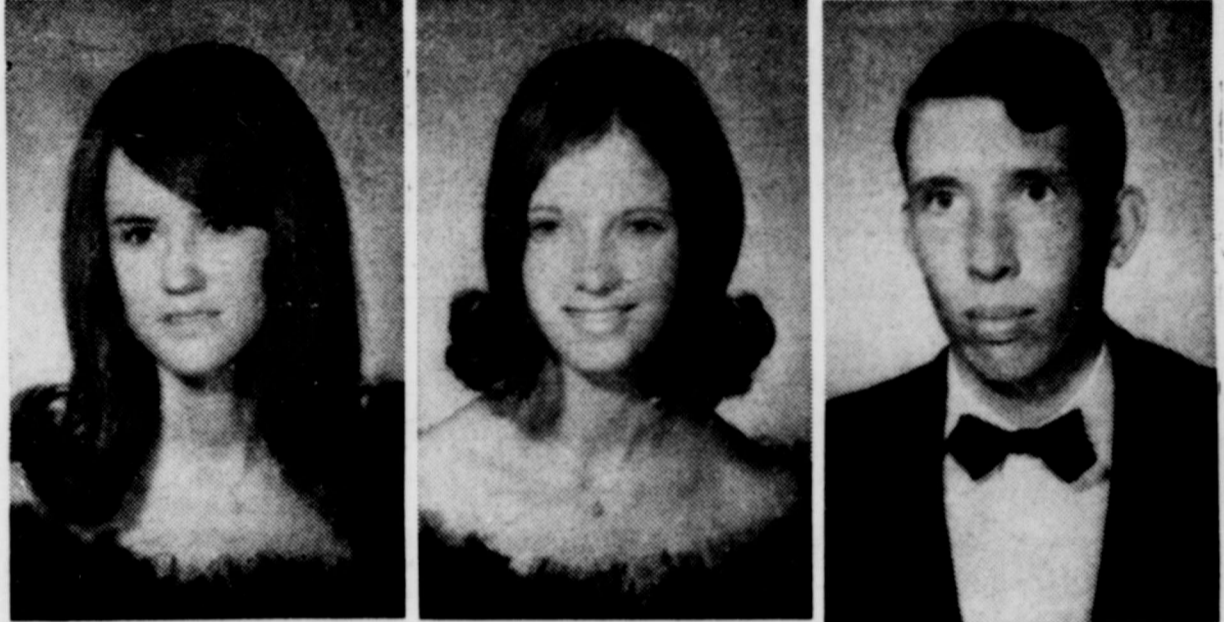
Dr. Newman is well-known to Merkel and area people. He was guest speaker for the Merkel Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet last year.

Edwin Reed, principal, released this week the 1969 valedictorian, salutatorian and high point boy for Merkel High School.

Valedictorian is Janis Long, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Harendt, with a grade point average of 96.00.

Kaye Lynne Conley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Conley, was named salutatorian, with a grade point average of 95.63.

High point boy of Merkel High School is Alan Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Reed, with an average of 92.15.



MHS' TOP THREE — Merkel High School students holding the highest grade point average this year are, from left, Janis Long, named valedictorian with an average of 96; Kaye Lynn Conley, salutatorian, with an average of 95.63; and Alan Reed, high point boy, with an average of 92.15. Janis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Harendt; Kaye Lynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Conley, and Alan, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Reed.

## JOE LASSITER PRESENTS FACTS TO HOUSE SUB-COMMITTEE

"Welfare of the student in so far as the athletic program and other extra curricular school activities was concerned," was strongly emphasized by Joe Lassiter, chairman of Small Independent and Common School Districts of Taylor County, in his testimony last Monday, April 21, to the sub-committee of the Public Education Committee,

Texas House of Representatives in consideration of House Bill 300.

With Lassiter in representing Merkel and other small school districts of Taylor County and the West Texas area counties was the Rev. Kenneth Jones, member of the Merkel School Committee.

Lassiter's testimony to the sub-committee reads:

"In testimony by the Governor's Committee, it has been brought out that the 2600 ADA was necessary in order to make their program of education feasible from a financial standpoint and to balance a 33 teacher - 55 course program. No where in the COPSE Report nor in their testimony in support of HB 300 do they take into account the welfare of the student in so far as extra curricular school activities. They give no consideration to an athletic program nor to the demise of the current athletic program now in effect in the non-urban school districts. In fact, the impact of HB 300 would be so as to reduce the total number of school districts to make a comprehensive athletic program impossible. This in a sense is tragic.

"May I remind this body of an assertion made during the early days of the struggle for supremacy by the British Empire, when the Duke of Wellington reasoned, 'that the battles of England were won on the playing fields of Eton and other English schools where athletics are considered of the greatest importance in building strong men, physically and mentally.' (The World Book Encyclopedia, page 2398, Vol. 5).

"Can we not equate our athletic program today to a preparation time for future military encounters of this great nation?"

"May I point out that the COPSE Report does not take into account any hardship nor impact that the implementation of their study would have on other activities of the student. Apparently, the Governor's Committee is either unaware of, or do not think important to the high school student, such activities as 4-H clubs, band membership, school plays and other varied activities that consume 'after school hours' for

participation. The COPSE provides for busing of these students, in many cases over long and arduous routes, to and from school and the bus schedules are such as to deny the student any after school hours of activity.

"Now I submit that the mandate adopted in 1965 for this study does not necessarily make it compulsory upon this 61st Legislative session to implement any part of that study now promulgated by HB 300 which is before this sub-committee. I further submit that the legislation spelled out in HB took over 2 years to draft and an uncalculable number of man hours to produce and the proponents of this legislation expect the people of Texas to adequately study, appraise and adopt its provisions in just a matter of a few weeks! There fore I urge this Committee to lay on the table HB 300 in its entirety

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DR. GUY NEWMAN  
... commencement speaker

## LIONS CLUB SETS MOP, BROOM SALE

Members of the Merkel Lions Club will sponsor a mop and broom sale Thursday, April 8, according to project chairman, Cyrus Pee.

Others working on the committee with Pee are Frank Breaux and Mack Fisher.

In a letter Wednesday from the Caravan Sales for the Blind Association, Pee was told that "a truck will be in Merkel at 8 a.m. for the day and will leave merchandise with your club."

Merkel's Mayor, Horace Hargrove, today praised the Lions Club for its effort to help the blind citizens of Texas to help themselves and at the same time to raise funds for the Merkel Lions Club through a community-wide sale of blind-made products.

"There will definitely be a door fund to further this very worthwhile project," he said, "and it is most heartening to see the Lions devote so much time and effort to raise these funds."

Lion Pee announced that plans are completed for the sale and that the Joyce Building on Edwards Street will be used as headquarters for the sale.

"There will definitely be a door to door campaign made," said Pee. "However, if we miss anyone, we trust that they will call on us at the Joyce Building. We want this to be an all out drive to sell quality blind made products. The articles are all manufactured in the Lighthouse for the Blind which are located throughout the state of Texas.

Merkel Lions Club's earning from this sale will be used for the Crippled Children's Camp at Kerrville and also for other projects, such as purchasing eye glasses for needy children.

During the past four months, five pair of glasses have been contributed by the Lions Club for needy children in Merkel. "We have a good product," said Pee, "and when you buy you will know that your money goes to a worthwhile cause."

## SPRING CONCERT IS MONDAY, MAY 5

The Merkel School's Annual Spring Concert will be presented Monday, May 5 at the high school auditorium at 8 p.m. The four school bands to participate in the concert are high school band, stage band, junior high band and beginning band. W. G. Reed is director of all school bands.

The Beginning Band, composed of fifth grade students will "sound off" the concert with six selections. They will be "Colonel John," "Colorado Trail," "Skip to My Lou," "March Slav," "Waltz Festival," and "Big Rock Candy Mountain."

Next on the concert agenda will be the Junior High Band, presenting "Make Way for Melody," "Air and March," "Mexico," "Up Above My Head," "Everyday People," "Proudly We Play," and a Dixie Combo playing "Sugartime," composed of Steve

Walker, Don Clyburn, Steve Teaff and Patsy Button.

High School Band selections are "Ojo de Aguila," "Chant and Jubilee," "A Beguine Fantasy," "Bathsheba," "Greensleeves," and "Sounds of Music."

Stage Band numbers will be announced during the concert, said Reed.

Enrollment in the school bands total 155 with 70 in high school, 55 junior high, and 30 in the beginning band.

Announcement of High School Twirlers will be made during the concert, said Reed, and also the Drum Major for 1969-70 will be named at the same time.

Tickets on sale at the door for the concert will be fifty cents for adults and twenty five cents for students.



ATHLETES HONORED — Outstanding athletes honored Saturday at the Booster Club Banquet, were, from left, Terry Sue Doan, basketball; Kenny Jernigan, track; Marylee Noster, track; and football honorees, Gaylon Doan, outstanding lineman; Johnny Thompson, outstanding back, and Bob Tate, most conscientious player. Thompson was also recognized as outstanding in basketball. (Staff Photo)





By H. T. Elmo

## John Olivers Hold Family Reunion

A family reunion, held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver in Merkel recently honored Mrs. Oliver's sister, Mrs. Charlie McDonald of Redding Calif.

Others present at the reunion were Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Kelly of Dublin, Mrs. Grace Cranfield of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. James Nelson of Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Buck Nelson of Coleman.

Nieces attending were Mrs. Truss Farquhar and daughter, Kelly, of Snyder and Miss Betty Ryan of San Angelo.

The John Oliver children present were Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Doan and Bill, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Owen and children and Mrs. Gary Smith and Shane.

and FFA Banquet in Austin April 24.

Marla, 16, is a high school sophomore, is an honor student, a cheerleader, football sweetheart and captain of the basketball team.

She is also sophomore class president and treasurer of the

Future Homemakers.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cadmus Brown of Liberty Hill, and has been a frequent visitor in Merkel.

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**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**  
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: G. C. Hardy and his unknown heirs and assigns, Defendant, Greeting:

YOUR ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 26th day of May A.D. 1969, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 8th day of April A.D. 1969, in this cause, numbered 32,243-A on the docket of said court and styled Norman

Boggs, Carl Webb, and Johnny Jones, Trustees for and in behalf of the United Pentecostal Church, Plaintiff, vs. G. C. Hardy, his heirs and assigns, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land situated in Taylor County, Texas, and described as:

Lot No. Sixteen (16), in No. Two (2) of the Campus Addition adjoining McMurry College, Abilene, Texas, as shown by the plat of said addition, of record in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, Plat Volume No. One (1), page No. Sixty-Six (66); and as shown in a certain warranty deed wherein K. B. Leggett conveyed this property to G. C. Hardy, dated January 1, 1924, and recorded in Vol. 143, page 78, Deed Records, Taylor County, Texas; being one lot and known as 1501 Portland Street, Abilene, Texas, 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.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**  
**NUMBER SEVEN ON THE BALLOT (HJR3)**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Sections 42, 46, and 48 of Article III, Sections 3a and 7 of Article VII, Section 12 of Article VIII, Section 3 of Article IX, Sections 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 of Article X, Section 10 of Article XI, Sections 3, 4, 5, and 7 of Article XII, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of Article XIII, Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 of Article XIV, Sections 3, 4, 7, 15, 23, 32, 34, 35, 36, 38, 42, 45, 46, 54, 55, 57, 58, and 60 of Article XVI, Constitution of the state of Texas, be repealed, it being specifically

understood that the repeal of these sections shall not in any way make any substantive change in our present constitution.

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in August, 1969, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to repeal the obsolete, superfluous and unnecessary sections of the Constitution."

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**  
**NUMBER SEVEN ON THE BALLOT (HJR4)**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Section 51-d, Article III, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 51-d. The Legislature shall have the power, by general law, to provide for the payment of assistance by the State of Texas to the surviving spouse and minor children of officers, employees, and agents, including members of organized volunteer fire departments and members of organized police reserve or auxiliary units with authority to make an arrest, of the state or of any city, county, district, or other political subdivision who, because of the hazardous nature of their duties, suffer death in the course of the performance of those official duties. Should the Legislature

enact any enabling laws in anticipation of this amendment, no such law shall be void by reason of its anticipatory nature."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in August, 1969, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Legislature to provide for payment of assistance to surviving spouses and minor children of governmental officers, employees, and agents, including members of organized volunteer fire departments and certain organized police reserve units, who have hazardous duties and are killed in the performance of those duties."

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**  
**NUMBER THREE ON THE BALLOT (SJR6)**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Section 24, Article III, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 24. The Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each receive from the Public Treasury an annual salary in an amount to be fixed by the Legislature, not to exceed one-half the annual salary of the Governor. Each other member of the Legislature shall receive from the Public Treasury an annual salary to be fixed by the Legislature, not to exceed the annual salary paid to a district judge from state funds. Members of the Legislature shall also receive a per diem of not exceeding Twelve Dollars (\$12) per day during each Regular and Special Session of the Legis-

lature. No Regular Session shall be of longer duration than one hundred and forty (140) days.

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on August 5, 1969, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing that the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall receive a salary fixed by the Legislature, not to exceed one-half the salary of the Governor; providing that the Legislature shall fix the salary of the other members, not to exceed that received by a district judge from state funds; and removing the 120-day limitation on per diem for regular sessions."

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**  
**NUMBER FOUR ON THE BALLOT (SJR6)**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Section 2, Article VIII, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 2. All occupation taxes shall be equal and uniform upon the same class of subjects within the limits of the authority levying the tax; but the legislature may, by general laws, exempt from taxation public property used for public purposes; all real and personal property owned by a nonprofit water supply corporation which is reasonably necessary for, and is used in, operation of the corporation in the acquisition, storage, transportation and sale of water as authorized as its sole legal purpose; actual places of (of) religious worship, also any property owned by a church or by a strictly religious society for the exclusive use as a dwelling place for the ministry of such church or religious society, and which yields no revenue whatever to

such church or religious society; provided that such exemption shall not extend to more property than is reasonably necessary for a dwelling place and in no event more than one acre of land; places of burial not held for private or corporate profit; all buildings used exclusively and owned by persons or associations of persons for school purposes and the necessary furniture of all schools and property used exclusively and reasonably necessary in conducting any association engaged in promoting the religious, educational and physical development of boys, girls, young men or young women operating under a state or national organization of like character; also the endowment funds of such institutions of learning and religion not used with a view to profit; and when the same are invested in bonds or mortgages, or in land or other property which has been and shall hereafter be bought in by such institutions under foreclosure sales made to satisfy or protect such



## Crossword Puzzle

**ACROSS**

- Searched into
- Minister to
- Venerable
- Thunderer
- Musical dramas
- Whole
- Gives up
- Female hog
- Because
- Tract of land
- Cut off
- Look at
- Gazes
- Farm animal
- Rodent
- Armored vehicle
- Garret
- Sailor slang
- Portuguese money
- Photography devices
- Printer's measure
- Guided
- Ridiculer
- Best
- Old dance
- Speedier
- Mines
- Icy
- Seaweed
- Smoke particles
- Negative
- Stroke lightly
- Paddle
- Leg joint
- Body cover
- Twitch
- Import duties
- Peddled
- Like a ray
- Intersects
- Throat tissue
- Perception
- Make lace
- Little sheep
- Wicked
- Sand hill
- Network
- Sister
- Put
- Attempt

**DOWN**

- For
- Corded fabric
- Above
- Kind of cap
- Expunges
- Coveter
- Place of combat
- Throat tissue
- Make lace
- Goddess of discord
- Roman emperor
- Pulled
- Larger
- For
- Body cover
- Twitch
- Import duties
- Peddled
- Like a ray
- Intersects
- Perception
- Little sheep
- Wicked
- Sand hill
- Network
- Sister
- Put
- Attempt

**Answer to Puzzle**

ACROSS: 1. SEARCHED INTO, 2. MINISTER TO, 3. VENERABLE, 4. THUNDERER, 5. MUSICAL DRAMAS, 6. WHOLE, 7. GIVES UP, 8. FEMALE HOG, 9. BECAUSE, 10. TRACT OF LAND, 11. CUT OFF, 12. LOOK AT, 13. GAZES, 14. FARM ANIMAL, 15. RODENT, 16. ARMORED VEHICLE, 17. GARRET, 18. SAILOR SLANG, 19. PORTUGUESE MONEY, 20. PHOTOGRAPHY DEVICES, 21. PRINTER'S MEASURE, 22. GUIDED, 23. RIDICULER, 24. BEST, 25. OLD DANCE, 26. SPEEDIER, 27. MINES, 28. ICY, 29. SEAWEED, 30. SMOKE PARTICLES, 31. NEGATIVE, 32. STROKE LIGHTLY, 33. PADDLE, 34. LEG JOINT, 35. BODY COVER, 36. TWITCH, 37. IMPORT DUTIES, 38. PEDDLED, 39. LIKE A RAY, 40. INTERSECTS, 41. THROAT TISSUE, 42. PERCEPTION, 43. MAKE LACE, 44. LITTLE SHEEP, 45. WICKED, 46. SAND HILL, 47. NETWORK, 48. SISTER, 49. PUT, 50. ATTEMPT.

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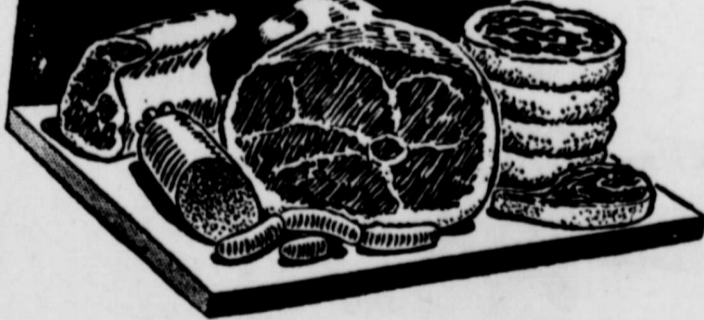
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## JOE LASSITER REPORTS FACTS

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in order to give time for a comprehensive study of its effect upon the non-urban segment of our society.

"I trust that the Governor's Committee can by now appreciate the fact that they cannot sit in their Ivory Towers here in Austin and merely feed data into a computer machine and expect to arrive at an answer to as complex a problem as manipulating the lives of our school children together with setting a tax formula for the collection of school taxes from the agrarian sector of our economy. Especially, is further study of the tax formula important since the tax provisions of HB 300 would drive the food and fiber producers of our economy from the soil and thereby destroy that economic contribution to our gross national product.

"It would seem logical and prudent to have first hand knowledge by making a physical visit to the non-urban areas and from personal reconnaissance determine what legislative measure would be feasible and equitable.

Following Lassiter's report, several members of the sub-committee questioned him concerning pertinent remarks made.

Chairman Hinson: "Do I understand correctly that you want the entire bill tabled?"

Lassiter's reply: "Yes, that is correct."

Hinson: "Aren't there some good features about this bill you would be in favor of?"

Lassiter: "Yes, there are some good features; however, there is so much of this bill that we do not understand the underlying adverse economic effect that could be brought about, and to implement any part of it without being able to see what the effect of the overall bill would amount to, we didn't feel like that House Bill 300 should be passed in its entirety."

Munz: "This is the first time that anyone has brought to the attention of this committee the athletic program and the effect the bill would have upon them. Just what percentage of your high school participated in football?"

Lassiter: "The percentage varies from year to year, but generally we have on the varsity team approximately twenty two players or more.

Lassiter also pointed out during the "question and answer" period that there are other athletic programs such as basketball, track, volleyball and tennis that should be taken into consideration. He especially cited the Trent girls' basketball team, where "two of those girls have gone on to make National Honors at Wayland College." (Lassiter referred to Barbara McAninch and Diana Lewis.)

Kubiak: "What about the tax problem?"

You realize we have a tax equalization to work out.

Lassiter: "Merkel is paying more than the national average toward the local fund assignment of 14.1c and Trent is paying 16.2c which is considerable above the national average of 13.8 cents per \$100 assessed valuation."

Kubiak: "If a bill to provide an 80 - 20 per cent tax load were introduced applying to all districts in the state of Texas, would you be in favor of such a tax distribution?"

Lassiter replied that "we are in favor of some sort of tax adjustment," and said that

## Up The Canyon

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like other counties in everything. Booth Warren, Merkel rancher and banker, who has managed the Warren Estate Ranch since his father's death, has sold all of the sheep flock — a very choice flock of Hampshire sheep and all of the goats, also.

Warren made a statement that this is the first time in some thirty years that there aren't any sheep and goats on the ranch.

Booth's father, the late J. T. Warren, used the ranch as his hobby in his days. Later Booth found out due to the labor shortage that it was a pretty big chore to top rate the ranch. For many years the Warren Ranch was headquarters for the local 4-H Club boys and girls to buy their club lambs at a very reasonable price. I know the boys and girls of 4-H will miss the opportunity of purchasing their lambs. Booth has been a great lover of 4-H Club members.

the 80 - 20 per cent "sounds all right."

"However, we do not know at this state of the game as to what else would be included in the bill besides the 80 - 20 tax distribution," said Lassiter. "We would have to look at the whereas, ifs and ands and buts in the proposal."

Burgess: What figure could you give this committee as an A. D. A. per school district?

Lassiter: Mr. Burgess, this question has been asked before and deserves an answer. The figure would depend on the A. D. A. of the school district represented by the person giving the answer. I know that this is not an intelligent answer; however, you realize, sir, that Texas has such a varied geographical distribution of population that it is impossible to determine any static figure. I would submit that any A. D. A. figure should be based on a sliding scale applicable to the population distribution of the state.

Lassiter and Jones both reported that "they felt the time and effort taken to appear before the sub-committee on House Bill 300 was very important."

"We had a chance to speak, and did," said Rev. Jones, "and we also get to hear some of the other members' remarks. Definitely a time spent for a most worthwhile matter."

"Mr. I printed further, that Merkel was the only small school district in the entire state who had anyone at all to speak before the sub-committee in behalf of the rural schools," said Lassiter.

Rev. Jones was invited by chairman Clinton Kersey to bring the invocation opening the session of the House of Representatives Monday morning, April 21.



DEAN SMITH  
... 300-500 Club member

## Smith Receives Ford Sales Award

DALLAS — Clifton Dean Smith of Gene Stewart Ford of Merkel, has been selected as one of the nation's leading Ford dealership salesmen during 1968 and will receive Ford Division's Sales Award at a banquet in Dallas.

W. H. Coleman, Dallas district sales manager, said the Sales Award winners had substantially exceeded requirements for membership in Ford Division's 300-500 Club, which recognizes excellent retail sales performance. Mr. Coleman said the average 300 - 500 Club member sold nearly \$500,000 worth of automotive merchandise in 1968 to qualify for the national honor.

Smith is presently attending a 3 - day used - car school at the Ford Motor Institute in Dallas.

## Filing Deadline For City Election Is Tuesday, May 6

Rev. Jones was invited by chairman Clinton Kersey to bring the invocation opening the session of the House of Representatives Monday morning, April 21.

## Receives ROTC Assignment

Forty - seven senior ROTC cadets of Hardin - Simmons University have received branch assignments in thirteen various branches of the Army, according to Col. Johnny M. Rice, professor of military science.

All are scheduled to graduate by January 1970.

Receiving Infantry assignment is Rodney Robertson, a 1965 graduate of Merkel High School, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Robertson.

## Kimbrell Named City Secretary

In a called meeting of the Merkel City Council, Roy Kimbrell was named city secretary to replace Mrs. Flosie McKeever, who resigned recently and has since moved to Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. McKeever, who owned and operated Mack's Cleaners here for many years, will be managers of a Stuckey's store near Denver, Colo. McKeever sold his business last week to Claud Bowen of Abilene, who plans to continue operating the cleaners under the present name.

Bowen said Wednesday that he planned to move to Merkel soon.

Taking Kimbrell's place as city bookkeeper will be Mrs. Clyde Bartlett, who will serve as assistant city secretary and also work in the tax collecting department.

## THS Tennis Stars To Austin May 2

Stan Hicks and Pat Carriker, Trent High School seniors, and district and regional winners in tennis will go to Austin Friday to compete for State Championship.

Regional winners last week at Stephenville, Hicks and Carriker will play for state title at 8:45 a.m.

Stan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Hicks and Pat is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Carriker.

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HERE'S PERT PEGGY PALMER, who is calling attention to a cigar company's offer to swap, via mail, one empty cigarette pack for four of its small cigars. As any postal worker might be, she's a bit surprised to find empty packs gushing from the post box. Actually, the campaign requires that a coupon be mailed in, in the normal fashion, and the four cigars (Tiparillos) are then sent speedily from "Swap" headquarters in New York. An interesting bit of side information cited by Peggy is that some 100,000 women now smoke cigars regularly or occasionally.

Postal Employees Fete Mrs. Durham

The Merkel Post Office Department honored Mrs. Wren Durham Tuesday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Dunagin, assisted by the wives of the postal employees.

Mrs. Durham retired in December, 1967, after twenty years with the Postal Service.

She first started as a substitute clerk and worked on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. She later became regular clerk on a regular schedule.

Mr. and Mrs. Durham have two daughters, Mrs. Charles Boyd of San Antonio and Mrs. Don Jones, who lives in El Paso. They have three grandchildren.

After retirement Mrs. Durham is devoting her time with her grandchildren, Dickie, Christie and Rex.

Red and white and blue colors were used as party decorations. Group singing was the entertainment.

Attending were Messrs. and Mmes. Pat Cypert, Weldon McAninch, Alvin Wozencraft, Wm. R. Cypert, Roger Burfield, D. C. Hendricks, John Brady, Truett Thompson and Joe Alves and children Christi and Scott.

Garden Club Visits Iris Gardens

Members of the Merkel Garden Club toured the Iris Gardens of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson Monday, April 28, and then were served refreshments at the Merkel Restaurant.

In taking the group on the Iris Tour, Mrs. Ferguson reminded members and guests that "every-one needs a hobby."

"Growing iris is our hobby," she said, "and we get a lot of pleasure in doing so, as well as knowing that their beauty is enjoyed by others."

Members present were Mmes. George Peachey, president; Ora Griggs, W. T. Sadler, Charlie Sherrill, Jarrett Williams, Oda Clark, Johnny Cox, Dee Grimes and Lucy Ford.

Also Mmes. Newton Daniel, Bill Brown, A. H. McMurray, H. N. Odum, G. G. Gamble, Lottie Everett and Miss Christine Collins.

"Kitchen Talk" Given HD Clubs

Stith Home Demonstration Club met Wednesday at the Stith Community Center with ten members present.

Club president, Mrs. Wanda Clyburn, presided at the business session. Mrs. Geneva Shaw was hostess and also gave the devotional. Mrs. Daisy Mashburn led the group in games.

Roll call was answered with "Kitchen Storage Ideas."

Mrs. Mary Newberry, Jones County HD agent, presented a program on "New Approaches to Kitchen Efficiency."

Mrs. Vada Hudson and Mrs. Mashburn will attend the District Meeting in Childress Tuesday.

GOODMAN HD CLUB

Goodman Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Vivian Winters April 25 with nine members present.

Mrs. Mary Newberry, Jones County HD agent, presented a program on New Approaches to Kitchen Efficiency.

President Mrs. Frances Carter presided over business session. Council report was given by Mrs. Kar Bonneaux.

Opening prayer was led by Mrs. D. R. Butler and a lunch was served to members.

Patterons Attend Kin's Graduation

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Patterson attended the graduation of their grandson, Mike Wallace, April 25 at Ft. Wolters.

Mike completed primary phase Warrant Officer candidate, Rotary Wing Aviator course in the United States Army, Primary Helicopter School. He left April 26 for Ft. Rucker, Ala., for further training.

T-SHIRT LEAGUE BEGINS MAY 10

T-Shirt sponsors, managers and schedule were announced this week by League Association president, Billy Patton.

The first game will be Saturday May 10, with game time for first game at 6:15 p.m. Second game will start at 8 p.m. No inning will start after 7:45 p.m. in the first game," said Patton, "and no inning after 8:30 p.m. in the second game."

Sponsors are Wilson Food Store (Mustangs); First Baptist Church (Eagles); Merkel Drug Store, (Yankees), and Optimist Club, (Owls).

Managers are John Lorenz for Mustangs; Wendell Robinson, Eagles; Jimmy Hobbs, Yankees, and Vernon Wade, Optimist Club.

Patton said that about six more boys were needed to complete the required number of players.

"We feel sure there are some boys who live in the area who would like to play," said Patton.

If any are interested they are asked to call Patton this week.

T-SHIRT SCHEDULE

MAY 10  
Owls vs. Eagles  
Yankees vs. Mustangs

MAY 12  
Eagles vs. Mustangs  
Owls vs. Yankees

MAY 17  
Eagles vs. Yankees

Owls vs. Mustangs  
MAY 19  
Mustangs vs. Yankees  
Eagles vs. Owls

MAY 24  
YANKEES vs. Owls  
Mustangs vs. Eagles

MAY 26  
Owls vs. Mustangs  
Eagles vs. Yankees

MAY 31  
Eagles vs. Owls  
Mustangs vs. Yankees

JUNE 2  
Mustangs vs. Eagles  
Yankees vs. Owls

JUNE 7  
Yankees vs. Eagles  
Mustangs vs. Owls

JUNE 9  
Yankees vs. Mustangs  
Owls vs. Eagles

JUNE 14  
Owls vs. Yankees  
Eagles vs. Mustangs

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE  
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County of Taylor

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

That by virtue of a certain Execution issued out of the Honorable 80th District Court of Harris County, of the 7th day of March 1969, by District Clerk of said County for the sum of One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-five and 14/100 (\$1,685.14) Dollars and costs of suit, under a Execution, in favor of Schlumberger Well Surveying Corporation, in a certain cause in said Court, No. 466,979 and styled Schlumberger Well Surveying Corporation vs. C. D. Branham, George Maxwell as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 25th day of April 1969, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: 013672 Royalty Interest on 20 acres Sec. 447 George Hancock 4-J Lease, Arrett Weeks Gene McCutchin Operator. 013672 Royalty Interest on 80 Acres Sec. 447, A Lease

George Hancock 4-J Arrett Weeks Gene McCutchin Operator.

and levied upon as the property of C. D. Branham and that on the first Tuesday in June 1969, the same being the 3rd day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said George Maxwell, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said C. D. Branham.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.

Witness my hand, this 25th day of April 1969.

GEORGE MAXWELL  
Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas  
By Robert H. Alexander Deputy.  
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JERRY DON REYNOLDS  
... divinity student

MHS '59 Graduate To Receive Degree

Jerry Don Reynolds, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cramer Reynolds of Merkel, will receive the master of divinity degree during the spring commencement services at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary May 9.

Rheubin L. South, pastor of Park Hill Baptist Church, North Little Rock, Ark., will deliver the main address. The program will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Truett Auditorium on the main campus in Fort Worth.

Reynolds, a 1959 honor graduate of Merkel High School received a degree in Bible and Sociology from Hardin - Simmons University in 1963. An ROTC student, Reynolds, was listed in Who's Who in American Colleges, while at H-SU. He completed 2 years, eight months with the U.S. Army, stationed at Ft. Lewis, Wash., and Indianapolis, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds, the former Sherry Hull of Abilene, resides in Fort Worth. Mrs. Reynolds is a teacher in the Fort Worth public schools, is a graduate of H-SU and Texas Christian University. Reynolds is also pastor of the First Baptist Church at Direct, near Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Cramer Reynolds will attend their son's graduation.

Named Outstanding

BRINDISI, Italy - Technical Sergeant Theodore Minnich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Minnich of RFD 1, Walnutport, Pa., has been named Outstanding Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter in his unit at San Vito Dei Normani Air Station, Italy.

His wife, Joyce, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Outlaw, Merkel.

Sgt. Minnich, a supply inventory superintendent in a unit of the Air Force Communications Service, was selected for his leadership, exemplary conduct and duty performance.

Sgt. Minnich has completed a tour of duty in Vietnam.

The sergeant is a graduate of Slatington (Pa.) High School.

Word of Caution To Area People

An incident occurring at a residence recently in Taylor County brings about a word of caution for people to be "wary" of so-called representatives using varied excuses to gain entry to home.

At a Buffalo Gap residence recently a man explained to the woman of the house that he was a representative of the Telephone Company and wanted to check her telephone.

The woman, knowing that repairs were being made in the vicinity, readily admitted the "representative." After he had left she found that he had "taken her telephone with him."

John Howlsey, manager of Taylor Telephone, explained that "all TTC repairmen are properly identified, as well as others with the construction crew working in the area."

"However," he said, "it would be wise for persons to make sure that persons calling on them are properly identified and are authorized to make so-called repairs. Just taking a minute to pick up your telephone and check to make sure, could forestall perhaps a tragedy."

Wyatt Is Aboard USS Princeton

LONG BEACH, Calif. - Fireman Apprentice Joe G. Wyatt, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip of Wyatt of Tye, Texas, is serving aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Princeton at the Naval Shipyard, Long Beach, Calif.

His ship is currently undergoing seven weeks of overhaul at the shipyard.

Trent Grad Is 'Citizen of Year'

PLAINVIEW - Miss Barbara McAninch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. McAninch, Rt. 2, Trent, was named the Wayland College woman citizen of the year at the annual Citizenship Awards program Wednesday.

Dr. Roy C. McClung, Wayland president, in making the award noted that Miss McAninch has been an outstanding leader, student and athlete during her four years at Wayland.

She is co-captain of the Hutchinson Flying Queens, Wayland women's basketball team. She has frequently been listed on the dean's honor roll.

She is president of the Student Government Association, vice president of Delta Chi Delta, member of the Honor Society, Alpha Chi and president of the Statesmen's Club.

Miss McAninch graduated from Trent High School in 1965. She majored in political science and history, is a senior, and will receive a bachelor of arts degree May 24.





"IT'S A MIGHTY BIG CROWD" — Members and guests at TEC's 28th Annual Members Meeting found "standing room only" when they gathered in the Cooperative's annex last Thursday. Pictured here are, from left, Dick Leach and Jarrett Pinckley, both of Merkel; Willie Gomez, Nolan, and Clovis McElmurray, Tre it. (Staff Photo)



LONG WAY FROM HOME — PH1 James Greer from Merkel relaxes with British movie actor Michael Caine between scenes of "Too Late the Hero." Greer worked as an extra in the movie now being filmed at the U.S. Naval Base, Subic Bay, Philippines. The signs behind the actors point the way home from a British Army outpost on an island in Southeast Asia during World War II. (U.S. Navy Photo by JO3 Dan Walsh)

## LOCAL NAVYMAN IN PHILIPPINES BECOMES "ACTOR"

U.S. NAVAL BASE, Subic Bay, Republic of Philippines — "Quiet on the set — Roll 'em — ACTION!"

Almost everyone dreams of being a famous movie star. Most people however, go through life limiting their acting talent to their neighbor's home movies.

PH1 James F. Greer, a Navy Photographer from Merkel, will never be content with home movies again. He has been in the real thing.

Greer is one of the more than 250 sailors from the U.S. Naval Base at Subic Bay, Philippines, who have become part-time British soldiers.

The navymen are using their

off duty hours to work as extras on the set of "Too Late the Hero." The movie is being filmed on the Naval Base and in the surrounding jungle areas.

Greer, son of Mrs. Jewel Greer of 208 Lamar St., is presently working as a supervisor at the Fleet Photo Intelligence Center located on the base.

The movie is about a small company of British soldiers who find themselves isolated on a Japanese Island. It stars Michael Caine as a British private and Cliff Robertson as Lt. (jg) Sam Lawson, a U.S. Navyman stranded in the British camp. Also starring in the film is Henry Fonda, whose part did not re-

quire that he come to the Philippines.

The movie is being directed by Robert Aldrich who won fame producing and directing "The Dirty Dozen."

Aldrich films and refilms each scene from every possible angle, looking for perfection. A typical day of shooting with Aldrich at the helm will result in only two or three minutes of actual screen time. A massive \$8,000,000 budget allows this quality filming.

From their chairs in a theater many of the extras will have difficulty finding themselves on the screen. The movie extras' long, hard day of work becomes only a few seconds of screen time.

Those few seconds, though, will separate Greer from the millions of people who only dream of being in a movie.

## Merkel Lobos Baseball Schedule

MAY 4 — Ballinger vs. Merkel (here)

MAY 11 — Merkel vs. Ballinger (there)

MAY 18 — Winters vs. Merkel (here)

MAY 25 — Merkel vs. Winters (there)

JUNE 1 — Merkel vs. Stamford (here)

Juan C. Biera, manager  
Juan Lbarra, asst. manager.



## Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



Mr. and Mrs. Grval Ely and Nellon, Mrs. Curtis Clyburn and Don, and Dorothy Hancock attended the 8th grade skating party and picnic at Sweetwater Lake Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning attended an all day singing in Hoskel Sunday.

The Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Swindell and son, and Mrs. J. E. Swindell, visited at Hawley with Mrs. Elmer Holland, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Rister, Mr. and Mrs. Will Hendon and family and Mrs. and Mrs. James Blackburn and Allouz, Judy Smith and Reba Garland of Abilene visited in the Swindell home.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn and children, Mr. and Mrs. Truett Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Grady Bishop visited recently in Odessa with Mr. and Mrs. Omar Bishop and family.

Visitors in the Tarpley home Sunday were Mrs. Stella Tarpley and Wanda Maxwell and daughters of Abilene. Also visiting the Tarpleys was Mrs. Waymon Hicks.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shaw attended the Hardin - Simmons Rodeo Saturday night.

Minister and Mrs. James Fulbright and Tim were dinner guests Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Benny Hobbs and Mrs. John Hobbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Derrell Sloan and

daughter of Abilene attended services at the Hope Church of Christ Sunday. They also visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sloan.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn visited the Clyde Daniel flower garden in Abilene Sunday. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Mason Barker at Hodges.

Mrs. Roxie Meeks and Barbra of Abilene visited Mrs. John Shaw Sunday. They all visited at Hawley with Mrs. Sue Brown.

## JONES COUNTY

### 4-H Club Girls In Eliminations

Jones County 4-H Club girls will be entering eight different contests in the District Elimination Contests at Midwestern University at Wichita Falls.

Dorothy Carman will be entering the Public Speaking Contest in the senior division and Lynn Rowland will enter the senior contest of the Clothing Educational Activity. In the senior division of the Favorite Food Show, Lettie Griffith will enter the meat group and Patti Byers will enter the fruit - vegetable group.

In the junior division of Favorite Food Show, Melinda Rodgers will enter the bread - cereal group; Joyce Hogan, the milk group; Becky Jones, meat group, and Kathy Byers the fruit-vegetable group.

Contestants will be accompanied to Wichita Falls by parents of the girls and Jones County Home Demonstration agent, Mrs. Mary Y. Newberry.

The two top winners of the district contest will go to State 4-H Roundup at College Station on June 3, 4 and 5.

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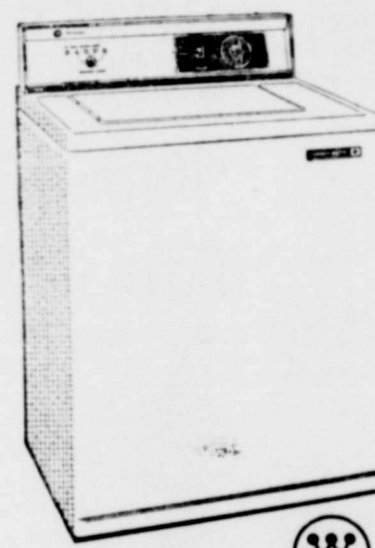
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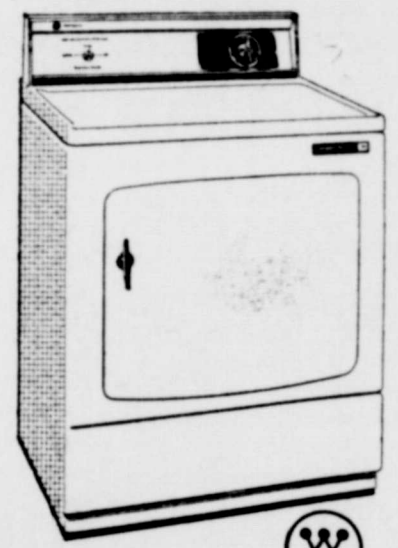
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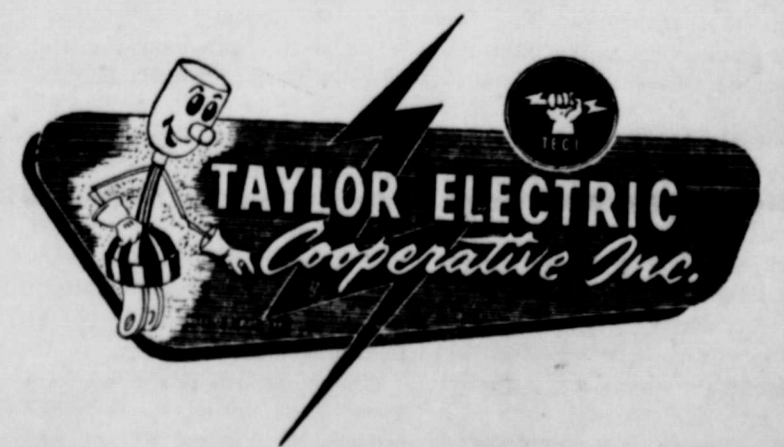
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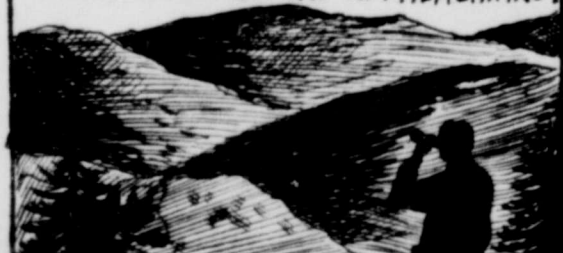
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THESE "SUN FURNACES" CAN CREATE SUCH HIGH TEMPERATURES...THEY CAN EASILY MELT THE HARDEST METALS!

WAS PLYMOUTH, MASS., THE GOAL OF THE PILGRIMS?



NO! THEIR OBJECTIVE WAS VIRGINIA, BUT SIGHTING CAPE COD THEY CHOSE THE PRESENT SITE OF PLYMOUTH!



## 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: Charles Wayne Stump, 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 2nd day of June A.D. 1969, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 10th day of April A.D. 1969, in this cause, numbered 4995 on the docket of said court and styled Joyce Lee Stump, Plaintiff, vs. Charles Wayne Stump, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were

married on or about June 7, 1965 and became permanently separated on or about March 7, 1968. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment 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 15th day of April A.D. 1969.  
(Seal)

Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk,  
Domestic Relations Court  
Taylor County, Texas  
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.  
8 4tc

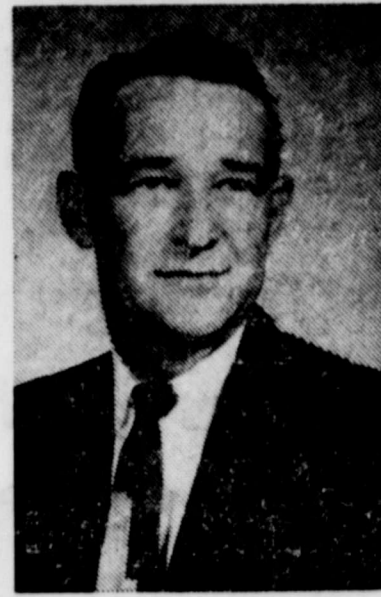
## Fire Department Elects Officers

At a recent meeting of the Merkel Fire Department, Waymon Adcock was re-elected Fire Chief. Adcock has served twenty-three years with the Fire Department.

Other officers elected include Billy King, first assistant to the chief; Robert Harris, second assistant; Kent Satterwhite, president; E. A. Conley, vice president and Henry Brady, secretary-treasurer.

Also Billy Lucas, Hose Captain, No. 1; Jerry Horton, Hose Captain, No. 2; and Chaplains, Buster Thompson and Pat Cybert.

Door policemen elected were



WAYMON ADCOCK  
... re-elected fire chief

Roy Buchanan, Jessie Womack, Albert Chancey and Rex Martin.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: VERNON L. ELLIS, Defendant.  
Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the honorable Court of the Domestic Relations of Taylor County, Texas 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 9th day of June, 1969, A.D., to Plaintiff's Original Petition filed in said Court on the 21 day of April, 1969 in this cause, numbered 4723 on the docket of said Court and styled MARY W. LAGRANGE ELLIS Plaintiff, vs. VERNON L. ELLIS, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: The Plaintiff and Defendant were duly married and subsequently became separated and the Plaintiff is suing Defendant for divorce.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to the requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this 21 day of April, 1969 A.D.  
(Seal)

R. H. ROSS  
District Clerk,  
Taylor County Courthouse  
Abilene, Texas  
By: Irene Crawford.  
8 4tc

## 8th Grade Class Makes Track Gift

The 1969 graduating eighth grade class has contributed an all-weather track to the Merkel School. This track has a 100 yard straightaway and a 220 yard oval to be used by the physical education classes and the athletics teams.

The track is located immediately south of the Elementary building. The Merkel School is grateful for this addition to the facilities for the school children, and they appreciate the generosity of the eighth grade class.

Grateful acknowledgment is also given to the City of Merkel and to Joe Cybert, our County Commissioner, for their help on this project.

CLASSIFIEDS GET  
QUICK RESULTS

## LITTLE LEAGUE SCHEDULE

First games listed are at 6:15 p.m. and second games are at 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 1  
Kilowatts vs. Bankers  
Giants vs. Chevys

FRIDAY, MAY 2  
Braves vs. Kilowatts  
Bankers vs. Chevys

TUESDAY, MAY 6  
Giants vs. Bankers  
Willies vs. Kilowatts

THURSDAY, MAY 8  
Kilowatts vs. Chevys  
Bankers vs. Braves

FRIDAY, MAY 9  
Chevys vs. Willies  
Braves vs. Giants

TUESDAY, MAY 12  
Chevys vs. Bankers  
Kilowatts vs. Braves

THURSDAY, MAY 15  
Chevys vs. Braves  
Willies vs. Giants

FRIDAY, MAY 16  
Giants vs. Kilowatts  
Bankers vs. Willies

TUESDAY, MAY 20  
Braves vs. Chevys  
Bankers vs. Kilowatts

THURSDAY, MAY 22  
Giants vs. Chevys

Braves vs. Willies

FRIDAY, MAY 23  
Willies vs. Bankers

Kilowatts vs. Giants

TUESDAY, MAY 27  
Giants vs. Braves

Willies vs. Chevys

THURSDAY, MAY 29  
Kilowatts vs. Willies

Bankers vs. Giants

FRIDAY, MAY 30  
Braves vs. Bankers

Chevys vs. Kilowatts

TUESDAY, JUNE 3  
Giants vs. Kilowatts

Bankers vs. Willies

THURSDAY, JUNE 5  
Braves vs. Kilowatts

Bankers vs. Chevys

FRIDAY, June 6  
Giants vs. Willies

Chevys vs. Braves

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## Prejudice?

"A judgment or opinion formed without DUE EXAMINATION; a mental decision based on other grounds than reason or justice."

HOW SAD when professed Christians have prejudice in their hearts, sometimes to the point of near hatred. (Is hatred sin?) Folks (professing to be Christians) who refuse to speak to another person because of prejudice toward others religion... HOW TRAGIC... have we missed the spirit of Christ that much?

John 12:39 "Therefore they could not believe" These Pharisees here described had such an obstacle of prejudice "they could not believe." Thus they never really investigated Jesus' claims.

Maybe more need to learn the lesson Jesus taught in John 13:4-17. "If you cannot eliminate your human false pride you have no part with me."

**BILLY PATTON, Minister**  
**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
"COME VISIT WITH US"

CLASSIFIEDS ARE  
YOUR BEST BUY

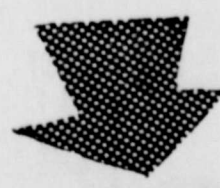
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FRESH NO. 1 SALT PORK Lb. **45¢**

**BACON** DECKERS POUND **63¢**

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**STEAKS** GOOCH B. R. 5 BEEF LB. **75¢**

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DEL MONTE 303 CUT Green BEANS 2 for **43¢**  
DEL MONTE 303 SOURKRAUT 2 for **33¢**  
AUNT NELLIES Grapefruit DRINK Qt. **23¢**  
CAMPFIRE 300 PORK & BEANS 3 for **25¢**

COFFEE (1 Can Limit)  
FOLGERS 2 Lb. Can **1.37** 3 Lb. Can **2.05**

METZGERS 1/2 GAL. Home 2 MILK 2 for **93¢**  
1/2 GAL. Butter MILK 2 for **89¢**  
1/2 PINT Whipping CREAM Ctn. **25¢**

**FLOUR DOTTIES** LIGHT CRUST 10 LB. BAG **98¢**  
BISCUITS 3 for **19¢** (6 Limit)

**EGGS** FRESH COUNTRY UNGRADED 2 Doz. **69¢**

**Mrs Tucker** SHORTENING 3 LB. CAN **43¢**

**PEACHES** DEL MONTE (4 Limit) NO. 2 1/2 CAN 2 for **49¢**

NABISCO CRACKERS Lb. **33¢** KRAFTS ASSORTED BLEND JELLY 18 Oz Glass **29¢**

SWIFT PREM 12 Oz Can **49¢** DEL MONTE 14 OZ. BOTTLE CATSUP 2 for **39¢**

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**FRESH STRAWBERRIES** 3 Pints **\$1.00**

FRESH K. Y. BEANS Lb. **19¢**

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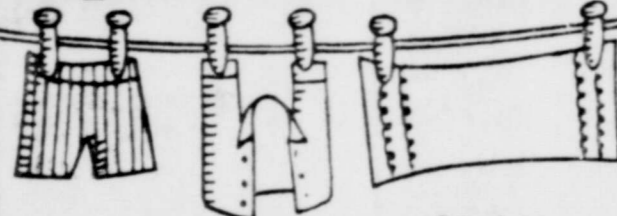
FRESH BANANA SQUASH Lb. **15¢**

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