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# Amendment Voting Set Tuesday Polls Open at MHS 7 A. M. - 7 P. M.

Tuesday, August 5, is election is furnished by the Texas Legisday in Texas. Merkel citizens vote on nine proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution at the special election.

Polls for precinct 24 II will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Merkel High School. Election judge will be A. D. Scott, and Mrs. Mildred Cypert, assistant judge.

Among the amendments to be voted on are the water amendment, No. 2 on the ballot, and the amendment on annual sessions of the legislature, No. 9.

The remaining seven of the sixteen proposals advanced by the 61st Legislature will be voted on resources for present and future at the general election on Nov- economic development of the ember 3, 1970

Each amendment is presented in brief below. The information section: (1) broadens the powers

lative Council. Amendment 1

"Deadwood Amenament" The proposal repeals those sec-

tions of the Texas Constitution which, after careful study, have been determined to be obsolete, superfluous, and unnecessary. The basis for this determination is the Texas Legislative Council's report to the 57th Legislature.

Amendment 2 Granting the powers and flexibility of operation to the Texas Water Development Board necessary to develop sufficient water

Specifically, the proposed new

12-13 boys-Chris Childress, Lar-

ry Toliver, Steve West, Glen Da-

Donna White

12-13 girls-Tonya Crenshaw,

100 Yard Dash

Davis, Mark Merrell, Lane Davis

ry Toliver, Steve West, Dwayne

kel's first Flea Market.

Sponsored by the Chamber of

Commerce, the Flea Market

turned downtown Merkel into a

gigantic garage sale, as clubs

and individuals set up booths or

Merchants also participated in

Chamber president, Ray Wil-

son said, "The Flea Market

brought more people to town than

have been in a long time. It

was a very successful venture.

Perhaps we can have another

On the whole, merchants, shop-

Mrs. Almeda Bullock of Bul-

pers and clubs were "pleased

one in the future.'

with the results."

the market by marking down

prices comparable to the occa-

stalls in front of stores.

12-13 boys-Chris Childress, Lar-

14 and up girls—Kaye Crenshaw

10-11 boys-Mike Henry, Greg

of the Water Development Board, to participate in the development of all types of water resources; (2) increases the constitutionallyauthorized amount of Water Development Bonds by an additional \$3.5 billion, subject to the approval of a two-thirds majority of the legislature; (3) eliminates the present 4 per cent interest rate ceiling on Water Development Bonds: (4) eliminates the 1982 termination date for the Water Development Fund, which is derived from the sale of Water Development Bonds; (5) extends the maturity schedules for Water Development Bonds from 40 to 50 years: and (6) authorizes the Texas Water Development Board under such provisions as the legislature may prescribe to receive grants and to contract with the United States, other states, foreign governments, and others for acquisition and development of water resources and facilities and

### general credit of the state.

to secure such contracts by the

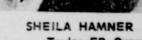
Authorizing the legislature to set the salary of the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house of representatives at not more than one-half of the salary of the governor and to set the salary of other members of the legislature at not more than the salary of a district judge.

Amendment 4 Exempting nonprofit water supply corporations from ad valorem

This amendment, amending Ar-12-13 boys-John Davis, Dwayne ticle VIII, Section 2, authorizes Pack, Larry Toliver, Steve West the legislature to exempt the pro-

FIRST FLEA MARKET

"The Flea Market looked like son. "People were on the move, a success to me," said Ben Hicks and merchants had a good day



a three-minute speech on "Why

## Merkel Youngsters Excel Canyon At Recreation Track Meet

RUSSOM participated in the annual summer Farmer Recreation Track Meet Friday night at Badger Stadium. Say how about this weather? First, second, third and fourth I am a little bit worried; it's

place winners, respectively, in really getting dry in the Canyon. the field and running events are Most of the early feed has not

Many farmers in our area be-

gan planting their mile too thick

this spring, thinking that the

rains would continue; then no

more rain came. Consequently

much of the mile is too thick

Someone said that I failed to

give the weather forecast last

week; so I'll give it now: If it

doesn't rain in August, we can

call up the cattle, open the gates,

and let them in the feed fields.

This forecast is about as good

as the 20-30 percent chance for

rains we've been getting for the

Several members of the Can-

yon community have died recent-

ly. The Dewell McLean family

has had two deaths in their

family within two weeks. Dewell

died July 21 and his only son

Hollis died this week. Our pray-

ers and sympathy go to the

The Rev. Williams and his wife

and Mrs. Noll Addy of Tucson,

Ariz., stopped over in Merkel to

Mathews Sr., and other rela-

Addy is the former Pearl Ma-

thews, who was reared in Mul-

The Williams are en route to

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Perry of Ft.

Mr. Perry's sister, Mrs. A. R.

Toombs of Merkel, and other

Many Canyon residents attend-

ed the funeral of Monroe Whisen-

hunt in Merkel Sunday. Monroe

spent many years in the Canyon

Mr. and Mrs. Carvel Clark of

Garland told us that they enjoy

reading news from home -

Mrs. Clark is the former Joyce

when he was a young man.

Taiwan to do missionary work

berry Canyon.

of the Canyon.

Renfro of Merkel.

and is burning up.

last 60 days.

#### Broad Jump had rain on it since it was plant-

6-7 boys - Rodney Hobbs, Kelley Knight, Kevin Farmer, Lynn

6-7 girls-Becky Watts, Lisa Shutgart, Suzie Hewitt, Gwen Tarp-8-9 boys-Brad Shugart, Garth

Doan, Roger Dye, David Cox 8-9 girls-Christi Fudge, Gena Farmer, Sherry West, Deborah

10-11 boys—Kenny Stewart, Greg Davis, Mike Henry, Lane Davis. 10-11 girls-Nancy Fudge, Sharon Allen, Jan Beck, Christeen Ybar-

12-13 boys-Larry Toliver, Glen Davis, John Davis, Steve West 12-13 girls-Donna White, Dana

14 and up girls-Kaye Cren-

#### High Jump

6-7 boys-Rodney Hobbs, Kevin Farmer, Kelly Knight, Lynn

6-7 girls-Gwen Tarpley, Becky Watts, Teresa English, Sudie He-

8-9 boys-Brad Shugart, Garth of Chandler, Ariz., and Lt. Col. Doan, Roger Dye 8-9 girls-Deborah White, Gena Farmer, Christi Fudge, Sherry

visit their mother, Mrs. R. H. 10-11 boys-Kenny Stewart, tives. Mrs. Williams is the form-Mike Henry, Greg Davis, Mark er Thelma Mathews and Mrs.

10-11 girls-Nancy Fudge, Christeen Ybarra, Cindy Byrd, Vicki 12-13 boys-Larry Toliver, John

Davis, Glen Davis, Steve West

12-13 girls-Donna White, Dana

14 and up girls-Kaye Cren-Worth are visiting relatives here. shaw

Softball Throw 6-7 boys-Rodney Hobbs, Lynn Kevin Farmer, Kelly relatives in Snyder. The Perrys Wade. are longtime and early residents

6-7 girls-Gwen Tarpley, Becky Watts, Suzie Hewitt, Lisa Shu-

8-9 boys-Garth Doan, Roger Dye, Brad Shugart, Bill Fisher 8-9 girls-Christi Fudge, Deborah White, Gena Farmer, Sher-

10-11 boys-Mark Merrell, Stanley West, Steve Tarpley, Mike

10-11 girls-Christeen Ybarra, L. A. Lister, Nolan.

More than 30 Merkel youngsters Nancy Fudge, Cindy Byrd, Vicki

12-13 girls-Tonya Crenshaw, vis Donna White. Dana Bowen 14 and up girls-Kaye Crenshaw

#### 25 Yard Dash

6-7 boys-Kelly Knight, Rodney Hobbs, Kevin Farmer, Lynn Wade 6-7 girls-Gwen Tarpley, Becky Watts, Suzie Hewitt, Teresa En-

#### 50 Yard Dash

6-7 boys-Kelly Knight, Rodney Hobbs, Kevin Farmer, Lynn Wade 6-7 girls—Gwen Tarpley, Becky Watts, Suzie Hewitt, Teresa En-

8-9 boys-Brad Shugart, Garth Doan, Bill Fisher, David Burfiend 8-9 girls-Christi Fudge, Deborah White, Sherry West

10-11 boys-Mike Henry, Greg Davis, Lane Davis, Steve Tarpley 10-11 girls-Nancy Fudge, Sharon Allen, Christeen Ybarra, Vicki

12-13 girls-Donna White, Tonya Crenshaw 14 and up girls-Kaye Cren-

#### 75 Yard Dash

8-9 boys-Roger Dye, Brad Shugart, Garth Doan, David Bur-8-9 girls-Deborah White, Chri-

sti Fudge 10-11 girls-Nancy Fudge, Sharron Allen, Vicki Farmer, Chris-

teen Ybarra

The board of directors of Taylor Telephone Cooperative appointed a nominating committee at its regular meeting July 22.

nees for candidates to the board for submission to the Cooperative membership at their annual meeting Tuesday, September 30.

Herman Haynes, Rt. 6, Abilene; W. C. Perkins, Rt. 2, Merkel; B. R. Vancil, Rt. 1, Merkel; Norman Sloan Rt. 3, Merkel; Mack Hyde, Star Rt., Sweetwater.

Directors whose terms expire are Charlie Myatt, Rt. 6, Abilene; A. L. Moore, Rt. 2, Merkel; Troy Sloan, Rt. 1, Merkel; L. O. Huddleston, Rt. 1, Hawley;

People swarmed into town reported that the club netted about \$40.00. Saturday to participate in Mer-

Onis Crawford said that he was "really pleased" with the results "It looked like a Saturday in of the Lions Club booth. the forties," said Herman Car-

of Hicks Auto Supply.



STREET SCENE - Shoppers gathered in downtown Merkel Saturday looking for bargains at Merkel's first Flea Market. Clubs and individuals set up stalls in front of stores; and merchants offered slashed prices comparable to the Flea Market occasion, (Staff Photo)

## Taylor Telephone **Directors Meet**

lock Hardware termed the Flea The committee will select nomi-Market "a real success." She said, "We had a nice business Saturday, and the shoppers seemed to be enjoying themselves."

Mrs. Raymond Ferguson, presi-Named to the committee were dent of the Garden Club, said, "Garden Club members were pleased with the business at our booth. We thought the market was beneficial to Merkel."

> Speaking on behalf of Beta Sigma Phi, Mrs. Bobby Dubose commented, "We had quite a bit of business at our booth. The Flea Market was a very good idea. Besides drawing people into town, it was a lot of fun." She

perty of water supply corporations if the sale of water is the corporation's only authorized pur-

#### Amendment 5

corporation.

purpose and if it is a nonprofit

Increasing the maximum amount which may be expended in one year from state funds for public assistance payments to needy aged, needy disabled. needy blind, and needy children to \$80 million, and appropriations \$15 million for each of the next two fiscal years beginning September 1, 1969, in addition to the amounts appropriated for these purposes in the regular Act for the fiscal years beginning September 1, 1969.

Authorizing removal of constitutional interest-rate limitatations on certain bonds subject to limitations imposed by the legislature.

#### Amendment 7

Adding certain governmental employees, officers, and agents, including members of organized volunteer fire departments and members of organized police reserve or auxiliary units, to the list of persons whose surviving spouses and children are eligible for assistance as provided by law.

The proposal changes Section

(Continued on Page 4)

## TRENT SENIOR NAMED 69 TAYLOR FB QUEEN

Sheila Hamner, 17-year-old Trent senior, was crowned 1969 Queen of the Taylor County Farm Bureau Saturday night at Madison Junior High School in Abi-

Miss Hamner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hamner, plays basketball and raises pigs. "I'm raising pigs to pay my way through McMurry College," said Miss Hamner. She plans to major in either elementary education or business. She will be a cheerleader at Trent High School and is a member of the band.

Crowning Miss Hamner was last year's Farm Bureau Queen, Miss Betsy Orr.

Seven girls competed for the title this year, and another six were introduced as future contestants in the junior division. In addition to receiving a bouquet of red roses, Miss Hamner won the right to represent the local organization in the district Farm Bureau Queen contest August 28 at Brady. She will also be eligible for competition in the state contest later in the year.



. . . Taylor FB Queen

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wer 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 25

day of August A.D. 1969, to Plain-

tiff's Petition filed in said court,

on the 4th day of June A.D. 1969,

in this cause, numbered 4807 on

the docket of said court and styl-



## LEGAL NOTICE

To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas -

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 Honorable Domestic Relations return day thereof, in a newspa- Court of Taylor County at the per printed in Taylor County, Courthouse thereof, in Abilene,

tion, of which the herein below following is a true copy. CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Arvil Porter, Defendant,

MANDED to appear before the Texas, the accompanying cita- Texas, by filing a written ans-

#### ed Is Re: Sonja Dee Porter, Laura Lee Porter and Lisa Kay Porter, Minors, Defendant. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be return-

more fully show by Plaintiff's

Petition on file in this suit.

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

lene, Texas, this the 7th day of July A.D. 1969.

> Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD. District Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County.

By Rilla Mahoney, Deputy.

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paper printed in Taylor County, wit: Adoption Proceedings as is Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Gary Earl Barrett, Defend-

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-MANDED to appear before the Honorable Dom. Rel. 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 Mon-Issued and given under my hand day next after the expiration of and the seal of said court at Abi- forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 25th day of August A.D. 1969, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 7th day of July A.D. 1969,

in this cause, numbered 4872 on the docket of said court and styled Linda Nell Barrett, Plaintiff, vs. Gary Earl Barrett, De-

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, towit: Married on or about the 22nd day of December, 1967 and separated on or about January 20, 1968. Grounds for divorce are harsh and cruel treatment on part of defendant. One child was born and plaintiff is proper subject to have custody. They have accumulated no community property 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 di-

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court



102 Edwards

928-5379

Merkel, Texas

at Abilene, rexas, this the 7th day of July A.D. 1969.

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Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas By Kathryn Williams, Deputy.

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Thursday, July 31, 1969

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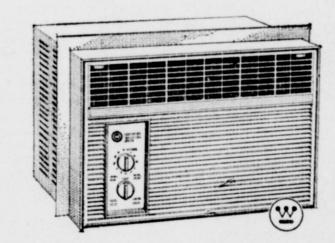
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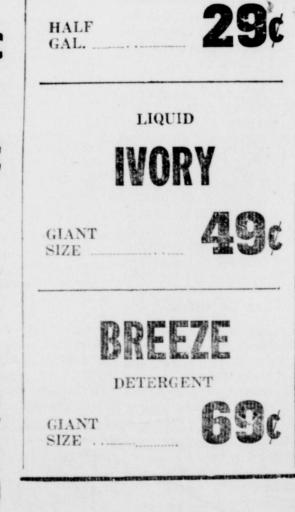
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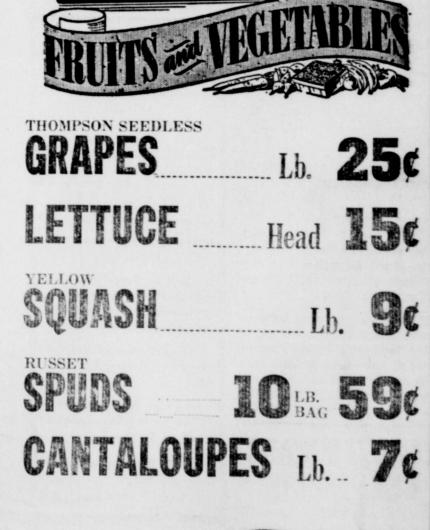


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MASONIC MEETING Stated meeting of Mer-

kel Lodge No. 710 on 2nd Saturday and 4t4h Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Members urged to attend.

WILEY NOAH W.M. ROY MASHBURN, Sec'y.

CAME to our place this week, a dappled gray Shetland pony with large spots on her side. The owner can pay this ad and 21 2tc pick up the pony.

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Editor

## Cindy Whisenhunt Wins First Place In Jaycee Rodeo

Cindy Whisenhunt of Merkel captured two places in the argnual Abilene Jaycee Junior Rodeo at Old Abilene "own last

Competing in the 13-15 age bracket, she wo'n first in barrel racing and for 1rth in pole bend-

Mark Mills of Merkel placed third in the tie-down roping, and Gayland Frazier of Trent, placed second in this division.

Miss Whisenhunt is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Whisenhunt, Mills the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Mills, and Frazier the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elby Frazier.



AIR MEDAL RECIPIENT - With U.S. Combat Forces in Vietnam, U.S. Air Force Major Lucius G. Bryant Jr., left, the husband of the former Jo Brown and sonin-law of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Brown of Merkel, receives the Air Medal at Ninh Hoa, Vietnam, from Lieutenant Colonel Crawford, director of the Direct Air Support Center. (Photo Courtesy of U.S. Air Force)

## Maj. L. G. Bryant Gets Air Medal

The U.S. Air Force Major Lucious G. Bryant Jr., husband of the former Jo Brown and the sonin-law of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Brown of Merkel, has received the Air Medal at Ninh Hoa, Viet-

Major Bryant, currently with the U.S. Combat Air Forces, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. B rant Sr., 110 N 13th St., Fort

Major Bryant, a tactical air liaison officer, was decorated for his meritorious achievement in aerial flight. He was cited for his outstanding airmanship and courage on successful and important missions under hazardous condit-

He is assigned at Ninh Hoa in a unit of the Pacific Air Forces. The major, a graduate of Miami Senior High School, received his B.E.E degree from Georgia Institute of Technology, where he was commissioned in 1952 through the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps program. The Sigma Phi Epsilon member also holds an M.B.A. degree from the George Washington University, Wash., D.C.

## Mrs. Campbell Dies in Abilene

Mrs. R. N. Campbell, 73, died at 9 a.m. Tuesday in an Abilene hospital after a lengthy illness. Funeral was held at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Merkel Church of

Christ, with Rex Koker, speech professor at Abilene Christian College, officiating.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Mattie Lou Gilmore Aug.

28, 1895, in Tennessee, she moved to the Merkel area in 1910. She married R. N. Campbell in 1912 in Dallas County. She had lived in the Merkel area since 1910. Survivors include her husband; a son, Robert L. of Noodle; three daughters, Mrs. B. M. Veckert and Mrs. Loyce Toombs, both of Merkel, and Mrs. Lon McDonald of Ackerly; a sister, Mrs. Stella Gaulden of Leonard; 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. One son, J. B., preceeded

## Clayton Hood Dies at 49

her in death in 1960.

Funeral for Richard Clayton Hood, 49, former Trent resident, was held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Trent First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jim Sellers, pastor, of-

Mr. Hood died Thursday afternoon in an Austin hospital after an illness of several years.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, under direction of Starbuck

Born Dec. 6, 1919, in Knox County, he moved to the Trent area in 1935. For the past seven years he had lived in Austin.

Survivors include his parents. Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hood of Trent: three sisters, Mrs. James Russell of Merkel, Mrs. J. B. Winn of Odessa and Mrs. Larry Ridgeway of Abilene; two sons, Terry of Dallas and Wayne in the U.S. Navy: three daughters. Beverly of Chicago, Gail and Marie, both of Dallas.

Pallbearers were John Boyd. Leo Harris, S. G. Russell, Lonnie Halbrooks, Foy Steadman and Charles Lynn Russell.

### Stith News By MRS. FRITZ HALE



Mrs. J. E. Swindell, her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Strong and Melinda of Ocessa returned Sunday from a trip to Kentucky, where they visited relatives, friends and school-

Mrs. Swindell was born and reared in Kentucky. She left the state at the age of 18 and had not been back for many years.

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley were Mrs. Boyce Manard, Mrs. Burford Welch and children of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Peterson and Mrs. Inez Bradley of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Benny Hobbs and children returned Friday from a trip to Denver, Colo., where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Billy Fowler and children. They went sightseeing in Colorado and New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Malone, Monica and Haley and the Fritz Hales had dinner in Abilene Friday with Ethel Canada. The Malones left Monday for their home in Taylor.

Ghronda Tarpley had surgery in a Houston hospital two weeks ago. Her parents Mr. and Mrs. Babe Tarpley stayed with her. The Tarpleys returned Friday and reported that Ghronda is doing

Kay and Allen Browning and Francis Salings of Tuscola spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John

Mr. and Mrs. Truett Jones of Gatesville took his parents, the Fletcher Jones, on a trip to Corpus Christi Monday.

Mrs. Roy Mashburn and Mrs. Sonny Hardin and children visited Roxie and Barbara Meeks in Abilene Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shaw celebrated their 21st anniversary Wednesday.

## Hollis McLean **Funeral Held**

Funeral for retired Air Force M.Sgt. Barry Hollis McLean, 38, was held at 3 p.m. Monday at the Merkel United Methodist

The Rev. Charles Williams of Tve and the Rev. Elery Phillips of Big Spring officiated.

Military graveside rites were held at Rose Hill Cemetery with Starbuck Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Sgt. McLean died Friday evening in the Big Spring VA Hospital following a long illness.

He was born Nov. 30, 1930, in Merkel. A graduate of Merkel High School, he joined the Air Force in December of 1950. He helped to test the Atlas ballistic missile and was a veteran of the Korean War. He also served in North Africa and Thailand.

He married Nena Joyce Best July 6, 1951, in Merkel.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Barry L. of the home; two daughters, LaRhesa and Joanna, both of the home; his mother, Mrs. Dewell McLean of Merkel; one sister, Mrs. Griff Barnett of Anson, His father died July 21,

## **VALORIE JEAN BUNTIN WED TO GEORGE DAVIS**

Valorie Jean Buntin and George Texas Tech University this fall. Nickolas Davis were married He is employed by Caraway Saturday in candlelight rites Drilling Co. in San Angelo. read in First Baptist Church.

Officiating was the Rev. Kenneth Jones. Mrs. Bruce Henager was organist, Mrs. Danny Kiser sal dinner at Merkel Restaurant. and Ann Walker vocalists.

Mr and Mrs. Beauford D. Buntin are the bride's parents. Davis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Davis.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Alencon lace reembroidered with seed pearls accented the rounded neckline of her peau de soie gown. Lace appliques enhanced the chapel train.

A pearl crown held her veil. She carried white orchids.

Maid of honor was Joyce Button. Bridesmaides were Linda Jacobs and the bride's sisters Mrs. Donra Holden of Dallas and Mrs. Howell Cooper of Arlington.

They were empire gowns of vellow crepe with daisy headdresses. They carried arrangements of daisies.

Ring bearer was Jon Horton. Ray Davis of Abilene was best man, and groomsmen were Ronnie Davis of Abilene, Jimmy Davis of San Angelo and Steve

Donny Holden of Dallas and Howell Cooper of Arlington seated guests. Mark Davis of Abilene and Douglas Bagley of Hawley lighted the candles.

The bride and bridegroom are graduates of Merkel High School She has been employed in Abilene by U. S. Time Corp.

Davis attended Cisco Junior College and will be a student at

## **Funeral Held** For Whisenhunt

Wesley Monroe Whisenhunt, 71, of Abilene, former Merkel resident, died at 4:30 a.m. Saturday in a Big Spring hosptal followng an llness of one week. Funeral was at 4 p.m. Sunday

Church with the Rev. N. S. Dan- and University System, to issue iel, pastor emeritus, officiating. and sell \$200 million of addit-Burial was in Rose Hill Ceme- ional general obligation bonds, tery in Merkel with nephews the revenue from the sale of serving as pallbearers.

Born Jan. 30, 1898, in the Mulberry Canyon community, Mr. Whisenhunt married Myrtle Mae Reeves Sept. 13, 1920, in Abilene. The couple lived in Mulberry

Canyon where Mr. Whisenhunt was a farmer until his retirement in 1959 when they moved to

He was a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife of Abilene; one daughter, Mrs. Ted flamm of Merkel: one son, J. B. of Abilene; two brothers, R. F. and E. L. both of Merkel; three grandchildren; and one greatgrandchild.

## **Band Rehearsal** Set August 5

A band rehearsal has been set for August 5 at 8 p.m. in the Merkel High School band hall, according to Glenn Reed, band director. "All high school band members are urged to attend,"

The couple will live in Lubbock after a trip to Ruidoso, N. M. His parents hosted the rehear-



MRS. GEORGE DAVIS . . . formeriy Valorie Buntin

## **Amendments**

(Continued from Page One)

51-d of Article III. Amendment 8

Authorizing the legislature to provide for additional loans to students at institutions of higher education under the Texas Opportunity Plan.

The proposal gives the legislature power to authorize the Coin Merkel United Methodist ordinating Board, Texas College loans to students who have been admitted to any institution of higher education in the state wnether publicly or privately owned or operated, and including junior colleges.

Amendment 9 Providing for annual sessions of the Texas legislature.

This amendment changes Article III. Section 5, by adding a rew paragraph to provide for the holding of regular sessions in even-numbered years.

## Merkelites Home From Vacation

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Pee and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson returned this past week from a vacation in Colorado and New

Mexico. Their tour included a stop over in Silverton, Colo, an historical ghost town, Ruidosa N. M., and returned by Cloudcroft where they visited the famed Burchetts Notsery.

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tion's 41st Annual Meeting. wards of Clyde was named presi- sponsored by Taylor Electric Co- area and state level.

Association of Future Farmers He plans to enter the ranching Texas FFA will be held in San of America during the organiza- field following a year as presi- Antonio July, 1970.

dent of FFA and his college eduof Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Edwards, ors in public speaking with the won Merkel's 1968 "Government farming program and has served FORT WORTH - Murray Ed- in Action" oratorical contest, in several offices on the local,

The 42nd annual meeting of the

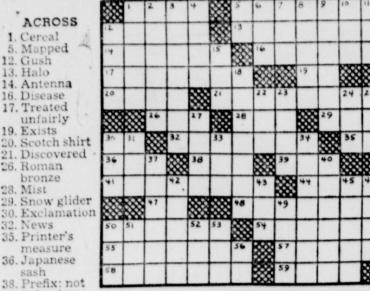
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## Crossword Puzzle



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1. Musical drama letters rooms 2. Dawn 30. Leap
48. Struck down 58. Croquette: 3. Small toy 31. —Lincoln
50. Rang out 59. War god 4. Male deer 33. Beetle
5. Calcium: 4. More salin chem.

6. Droning . Macaw 8. Object from 43. Flightless the past 9. Warms bread 10. Old age 11. Tunisian title 12. Proverbs

15. Guided 18. Tells the meaning

24. Supplement 25. Noise 27. Chant

34. More saline 37. Models 40. Small 42. Small islands 45. Senses 46. Stops

49. Peruvian Indian 50. Average' 51. Hebrew priest 52. Self

53. State: abbr. 56. Compass

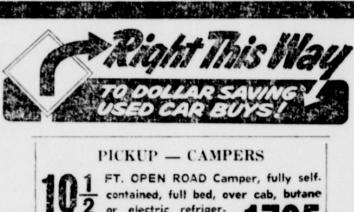
## find the strength for your life...

Does it seem to you sometimes that the world has ntten so crowded and complex that you just don't count at all in the grand scheme of things? It's not uncommon, that feeling. We feel helpless . . . unable to alter or even really to understand ourselves and the world we live in.

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But faith and spiritual strength can be found, nourished. Then they grow within you through regular worship. This week go to your church or synagogue. Start to build a fuller, more means Ingful life. Cherish your faith and keep it strong so that it may strengthen you.

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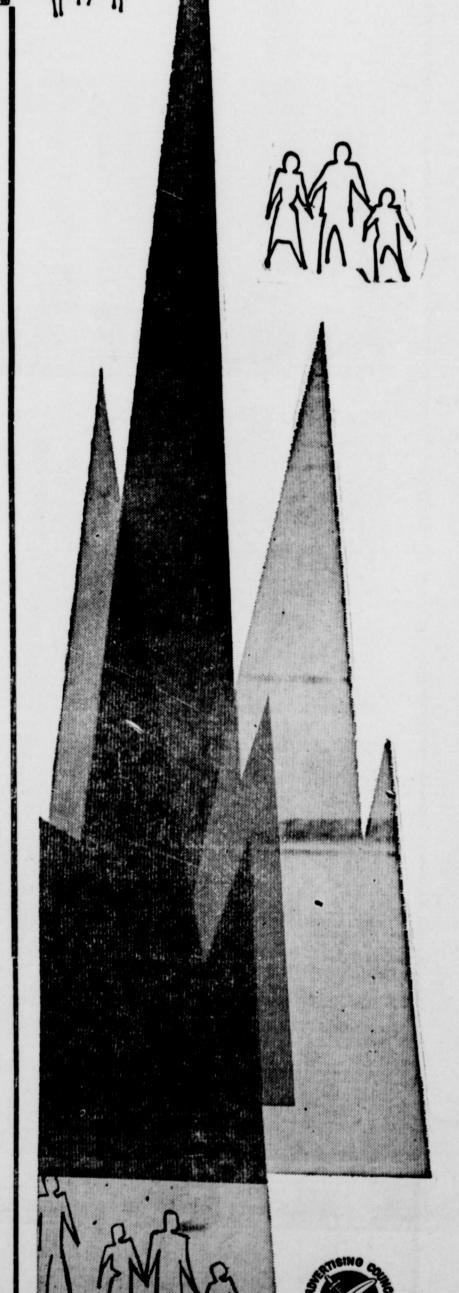
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in skin diseases and mouthwash

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tronauts on their entire bodies

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## Crazy People Don't Wear Clothes!

When the summer heat comes on, the clothes come off. "Christians" seem to be no exception although the Bible says dress in "modest" clothing. Is there not something wrong when a "Christian" lady is the one who always has the shortest shorts, the lowest cut dress, and the scantiest swimsuit, and is frequently found in public places in such attire?

When Adam and Eve ate of the forbidden fruit of "knowledge," they learned they were naked and clothed themselves to observing eyes. This knowledge has never left mankind . . . although some ignore it.

Jesus once met a man who "had a devil a long time and WORE NO CLOTHES, nor abode in the house", but when Christ cast the "devil" out of him he was found at the "feet of Jesus, CLOTHED AND IN HIS RIGHT MIND", (Luke 8:26-36). When the Devil leaves a person he will dress "in modest apparel", but those who are "possessed of demons" and "crazy" don't wear clothes.

THAT'S BIBLE, LADIES!

BILLY PATTON, Minister

Read the headlines of your newspaper. Tune in on your TV news channel. Talk to your neighbor. What's the lead story? Crime-shakedowns, payoffs, backdoor shenanigans at City Hall.

Terror Behind the Front Pages

Everybody knows about "them." But Ovid Demaris, a reporter and citizen who cares, checked behind the whispers, the "exposes," the cameras. Sniffing out cesspools of crime that even top cops dared not discuss on the record, he followed a trail of murdered witnesses, politicians who suddenly retired for health reasons, the whole violent, lawless scene, searching out the worst of it. Everything came up Chicago.

Last summer's confrontation between students and police was a sideshow, not the real story of Chicago violence. The real violence lies in depths only the most courageous newsman would plumb or publisher dare print.

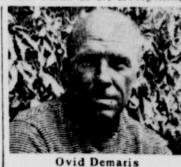
For Chicago is a city in chains, says Demaris, 'owned and operated by a cabal of organized criminals and corrupted politicians," with tentacles in the police department, the business world, the government.

"Captive City" is his epi-

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up shop without "settling" tough times in Chicago. this partnership of crime, avoid retaliation!

'the businessman is a poli- "Captive City" is dynatician, the politician is a mite, and the fuse is burning,



Ovid Demaris

gangster, and the gangster is a businessman. But "Captive City" isn't just another Mafia story. It is far more important than thet for Chicago, and it is that. It is the documented the title of his book, which story of the Mafia in poli-Lyle Stuart has just pub-lished with all the names politics to boot! Gangster associations of "respect-It is the city of hundreds able" men of national promof unsolved murders annually inence are reeled off, hunand terrified witnesses dreds of unjailed criminals whose silence frustrates exposed, flagrant violations even honest law enforcers, of justice excoriated. And of corrupt judges who embit- now, for the first time you ter the cop who can't be see why it happens! Yet bought. In their best year, this story of our second city the police made 11,158 ar- can be told, to only lesser

Will the terrifying docu-The workings of the Mafia | mentation of "Captive City" are now an old story. It has awaken decent Americans to long been known, for in-stance, that in Chicago vir-sunk too deep? Certainly tually no retailer can open Ovid Demaris' book faces

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## **Festival Features** Taming of Shrew

Shakespeare at his best - two comedies "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "The Taming of the Shrew" are the featured plays at the First Annual Shakespearean Festival at the Globe Theater in Odessa this summer.

The Festival, which began June 17, will continue through August

Pat Dudley of the Merkel Public Schools is trying to make arrangements for a group from Merkel to attend the Festival.

A group of 20 or more may purchase a block of tickets for one dollar each. Regular boxoffice price for adults is \$3.00. "Anyone interested in attending the festival as a group may contact me," said Mrs. Dudley.

The festival opened with "A Midsummer Night's Dream," but is presently featuring the "Taming of the Shrew."

Performances are nightly at 7:30 Tuesday through Saturday, with a Sunday matinee.

After August 19, the two comedies will alternate evenings until August 24.

The Globe Theatre is an accurate replica of the old English theatre on the Thames River in

London. Prior to each performance, Madrigal Singers stroll through the courtyard to recreate the atmosphere.

Refreshments date back to the England of William Shakespeare. Ye olde menue includes Scotch shortbreads, daisy or almond cookies and strawberry cake with hot, spiced tea to drink.

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The Texas Water Plan was developed to make maximum use of the available water in our State and to provide for additional out-of-state water as needed. This work has taken place during all of our administrations as Governor of Texas. The Plan comes to its first real public test on August 5, 1969, when you, the voters of Texas, are being asked to approve Constitutional Amendment No. Two, which will authorize the Texas Water Development Board to sell up to \$3.5 billion in additional bonds over a 40-year period, in amounts as needed -- money that will eventually be repaid by water users.

We urge you to vote for Constitutional Amendment No. Two on August 5. It may be the most important vote this generation of Texans will cast.

Sincerely.

Allan Shivers



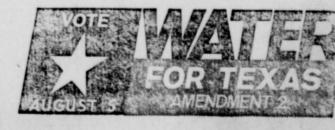












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