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PARENTS-TEACHERS

Association will have its first interest in the school sy tank" meeting of the 1969-70 school year Thursday, .Dec. 18, according to Leon Walker, principal of the Merkel Elementary School,

meeting," said Walker. "Plans of teachers and parents working for the year will be presented to together.' the Association."

A PTA membership drive is presently in process and Walker reminded parents to "watch for the note which is being sent to "Over \$2,000.0 them by their children."

"The drive is being conducted in each class," said Walker, "An award of \$5 will be made to the class on each campus - high school, elementary and primarywhich has the highest perecentage of membership for that campus." Walker explained that parents will be counted in each class where they have pupils. The drive

will end Friday, Dec. 12. "However, parents will be accepted as long as parents or patrons of the school wish to join." explained Walker. "Fees are for each parent and both parents in every family are urged to become members of the P-TA.'

School superintendent, Mack Fisher, expressed appreciation to

MHS Graduate Attending O.S.U.

Bill Holloway is one of 17,492 students enrolled on the Oklahoma State University campus this semester.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Holloway, Rt. 1, Merkel, and a 1964 graduate of Merkel High School, Bill teaches in the Stillwater Public Schools.

The Merkel Parent - Teacher parents who have "shown so much "We feel you interest this year." parents will join with teachers to make this year's PTA a great suc-Meeting will be held in the school cess. Parents are always welcome auditorium and is to begin at 7:30 to visit school, and becoming a member of Markel's Parent-Teach. "This will be an organizational er Association is just another way

chants helped so much in making the sale such a success. And we are most grateful for their generous contributions."

The annual quilt sale, quilted by ladies of the church and also cthers in the Canyon brought

"An antique quilt, denated by the church pastor, Rev. David Huchens, was bought by Mr. Adrain Allen of Abilene," said Moore. "Selling price was

On hand to buy for two local feed and grain stores were Jack LaRoe for Merkel Elevator; and Ed Sandusky for Cal Tex Feed

Auctioneer was Don Dudley of

"And we say a big thank you to Don, for the excellent job he did for us." said Moore.

Proceeds from the annual sale are used to help with the operating expenses of the church.



PORTRAITS OF THANKSGIVING . . . Wendi Whisenhunt and Randy Leverich

State Farmers Union Convention, Dec. 4-6

Taylor County Farmers Union members completed plans this week for the State Convention to be held in Abilene, Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 4-6. Con-Windsor Hotel, with an evening secretary-treasurer. session on Thursday, Dec. 4, clude the three day activities.

ed at the regular meeting held

Stith; Orval Ely, Stith, and R. E. Clemmer, Joe McDuff, Morris Smith, and Cramer Reynolds, all

Also on the agenda for the introduced at the State Conven-Nov. 18 meeting was the election of officers for 1970. They are Billy Bob Toombs, president; Charles Jacobs, first vice president; Cramer Reynolds, second vention headquarters will be the vice president, and Joe McDuff,

Theme of the 66th Annual Conand the annual banquet will con- vention will be "Farmers Union-Fighting to Save the Farm Program." According to Farmers Union officials, plans will be reats crusade in support of the

> A host of nationally known farm organization and govern- strongly support "making perment leaders will fill the threeday convention schedule with interest-packed speeches. Farm organization leaders include Fred Heinkel, president of the Midcontinent Farmers Association from Columbia, Mo., and Ray Watson, president of the Illinois Farmers Union from Odell, Ill. Senator Ralph Yarborough, chairman of the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Commitee, will address the convention on Satur-

> Highlighting the banquet program on Saturday evening, National Farmers Union, President Tony Dechant from Denver, will report on Farmers Union's nationwide membership campaign be the most important stae ing to Taylor County president,

"The convention will give priority attention to drafing policy recommendations to guide

the direction of the organization in 1970," said Toombs. Resolutions approved to be tion include

1. Taxes - Retain 7 per cent investment credit for small businesses up to \$15,000. Support Metcalf Tax Loss Farming Bill. Raise the exemptions per person from \$600 to \$1,200.

2. Labor - one of farmers big problems is the shortage of competent labor. We would like to be able to compete with industry to Smount a statewide grass for labor. We believe with 100 per cent of parity this would be

> 3. Farm Programs - We 12430) and would like to amend the 100 per cent parity. We are may destroy the effect of the program, by not being able to buy enough compliance. All efforts should be made to get allotments and changes in provisions of programs out a year in advance or as early as possible by Department of Agricul-

Commenting on the importance of this year's Texas Farmers Union Convention, State president Jay Naman of Waco, issued the following statement. "This may and outline the organization's convention in the history of Texbolize the grass roots farmers and ranchers of the state to save farm programs with parity income goals. We are gearing our entire convention program toward the need for inspiring massive support to 'Save the Farm Programs'.'

This Saturday

Merkel Teen Center will be open Saturday evening, Nov. 20 according to Teen president, Randy Doan. Activities as set to begin at 8 p.m.

Adult sponsors will be at the Center during the activities, said Mignon Crawford, sponsor com mittee chairman.

Roger Beaird, chairman of the planning committee for the up coming variety Show, to be held at the Merkel High School auditorium Monday, Dec. 1, announced Tuesday that a "variety of talent is in store for all who attend the evening's performance."

Teen Center Open COMPANIES SIGN UP FOR PROGRAM

Horace Hargrove, announced that five companies had signed up for the Community Radio Watch

They are Starbuck Company, West Texas Utilities, Taylor Telephone Cooperative, Merkel Fire Department, and the City of Merkel. Water and Street Depart-

Commenting on the response. the Mayor said, "It's indeed gratifying to have had so many companies sign up and support this worthwhile program."

The CRW Program as of Tuesday morning have twenty-nine drivers of vehicles equipped with two-way radies acting as "eyes and ears" for the police throughcut the Merkel communiy.

"As a result, we all now have a feeling of security which can come only when law and order are being upheld as it should be," said Hargrove, "As for the many citizens who have joined us in our crusade against crime - let me say thank you and keep tion you are making to your community is deeply appreciated."

Hargrove also asked residents to let him know of any extraordinary acts involving the use ful."



Program

of two-way radio for "distinguished service to your fellow man." "I ask for this information so

that I may submit the name of the individual for consideration for a national award," explained Hargrove. "Your cooperation in this regard will be most help-

LADIES' FASHION

be featured in a fashion show to be presented at the Texas Farmers Union Convention ladies luncheon on Saturday, December 6, 12:00 Noon, at the Petroleum Club in Abilene.

The traveling collection of fashions, "Cavalcade of Cot-'tons,' is a loan service made available by the Cotton Producers Institute, the National Cotton Council and McCall's Patterns. It is offered as a demonstration of the versatility in home sewing, and as information on the latest trends in fabric and pattern styling.

The wardrobe, made by seamstresses in Memphis, Tenn., includes casual clothes, tailored suits and coats, late-day dresses and children's wear.

Plans for the program are announced by Mrs. Max Carriker of Roby, chairwoman for the ladies luncheon and fashion show. The show will be commentated by Miss Barbara Mitchell, senior student at Roby High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mitchell of Roby.

Elects Officers

Trent 4-H Club

The Trent 4-H Club met for their first meeting of the year Nov. 8 at the Trent School.

Officers elected were Judy Brnovak, president; Becky Bryan, vice president; Cindy Beasley, council delegate, and Becky Freeman, secretary-treasurer.

Robbie Freeman is club reporter.

During business meeting, members made plans for the year.

TONY DOUGLAS SHOW TICKETS ON SALE

Tickets for the December 8 Tony Douglas Stage Show went on sale this past weekend, according to committee chairman, Waymon Adcock.

"Tickets are available at the High School office, the Merkel Drug, Conley's Barber Shop, Adcock Cleaners, The Merkel Mail and KWFA Radio," said Adcock. The Stage Show will be held

at the Merkel High School auditorium and is scheduled to beg at 7;30 p.m.

purchased in advance, tickets are seventy-five cents for students and \$1.00 for adults." Douglas appeared here in April

"However," said Adcock, "if

of this year in a stage show presented by the Merkel Parent Teachers Association. His popular hits include "Did I say something Wrong," "In the Time It Takes to Leave," and "His and Hers." His band is kn

Taylor County Tax Assessor-Col-Voter registration was the topic of conversation at the Taylor lector, Taylor County Courthouse. County Democratic Party Execu-Favoring Merkel Mail's suggestive Meeting held Tuesday morning at the Windsor Hotel in Abiistration a class project." Executive members headed by

VOTER REGISTRATION

chairman Larry Cunningham of Abilene, discussed "setting up some sort of an organization in each precinct that will be responsive to Voter Registration."

"The goal is 65 per cent of all people 21 years of age or older who reside in each precinct to be registered," said Joe Lassiter, Precinct 24 chairman (Merkel and Mulberry Canyon).

The agenda included: Passing a motion to make an appeal to presidents of all organized clubs in Taylor County to make voter registration as one of their immediate projects to work on from now until Jan. 31,

Ask each person who has not already filled out a registration ation to do so immediately: and mail or bring to Burl King

tion of using students in civic, social study and history classes in high schools to "make voter reg-In a telephone conversation Tuesday morning with Gerald Wil-

liams and Mrs. Ellen McReynolds, Merkel High School civic, social studies and history teachers, the student participation idea was suggested. Both Mr. Williamson and Mrs. McReynolds were favorable recipients of the idea, whereby studsnte will contact their parents concerning voter registration.

King reminded people to fill out their cards if they have them and if not, to write in to his of-

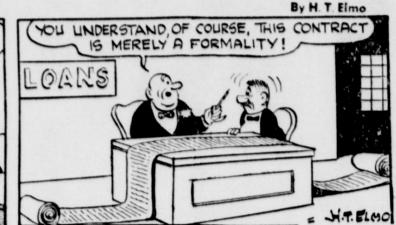
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NOTICE

The Merkel Mail office will be ed Thursday (Thanksgiving Day) and also Friday, Nov. 29.

McMURRY VOICES - A dozen young singers performed with the Apollo 16 for members and guests of Merkel's First United Methodist Church Sunday evening's worship hour. Apollo 16 is an elite organization from Bernhardt Tiedes McMurry Chanters. Singers are, from top, Joe Frush, Martha Lenamon, Karl Heist, Sandi Webb, John Leach, Sherry Penkert; front row from left, Gaylon Beights, Gloria Pineda, Gary Kesley Melinds McNeill, Pete Tamez and Connie Cockrell. McMurry Chanters are presently beginning their pre-Christmas singing tour. (McM Photo)





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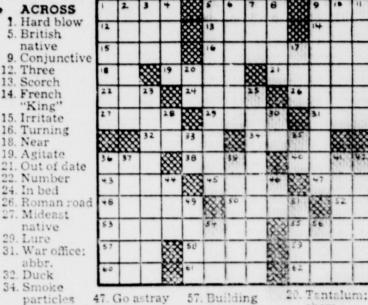
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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, towit: Divorce Suit, Plaintiff and Defendant legally married November 26, 1966, and continued to live together until on or about the

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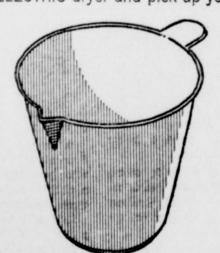
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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married Dec. 25, 1955, and became separated July 1, 1966. Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of cruel treatment. There were no children born and no community property acquired by them, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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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 at Abi-

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lene, Texas, this the 5 day of

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Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD

Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas My Marie Gill, Deputy. 37 4te

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take stock of our joys...let us not forget ours is a hardwon heritage, one we have worked for, fought for. Let
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CARD OF THANKS

THE KINDNESS AND SYMPA-THY of neighbors and friends in our recent sorrow will always remain with us as a precious memory. Our sincere thanks and gratitude for all those comforting acts. The Wozencraft Family

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LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR

EDITOR'S NOTE - Letters to

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or "We" did a good job.

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JOHNNY COX

Sincerely

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the Starbuck Funeral Home Chap-Mr. and Mrs. Gary Smith announce the birth of a boy Oct.

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al. The baby, nambed Todd Lee,

weighed seven pounds, five ounces

Maternal grandparent is Mrs.

Stith Cemetery.

Sammy Doan; paternal grandparwith her parents to the Stith ents are Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith Jr. Great - grandparents in Stith since that time. are M. and Mrs. John Oliver.

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Sweaters, Pants, Skirts (Wool and Corduroy) Just Received - New Shipment Van Huesen Shirts

Regular and Tall Men Sizes - Sport Shirts - Dacron-Cotton Vanopress. Tycora Knit - Turtle Necks and Mary, Many More!

One Rack Ladies' Fall and Winter Dresses

"EXCLUSIVE BUT NOT EXPENSIVE"

Study Club were named guests of honor Thursday, Nov. 18, when members of the Merkel Garden Club entertained in the home of Christine Collins. Decorations were in keeping with the Thanksgiving theme. Mrs. Clyde Bartlett presented a

Members of the Forthnightly

Garden Clubbers

Entertain Study

Club Members

Thanksgiving program. Attending were Mmes. Charlie Sherrell, W. T. Sadler, Newton Daniel, H. N. Odum, Mary Click, Comer Haynes, Don Dudley and

Mary Grimes. Also, Mmes. Lottie Everett. Bartlett, R. M. Ferguson, Earl Hughes, Lem Dudley, A. F. Criswell, Herbert Patterson and Wm. Cypert.

Also, Mmes. Ben Hicks, Ernest McGaugh, Andy Shouse, Ora Griggs, Modell Eoff, David Gamble, Bryan Dunagin, Mack Davis, Johnny Cox, W. L. Brown, John Shannon and Miss Collins.

Miss Hettie West Dies at Age 80

Miss Hettie West, 80, died Monday, Nov. 24 in Starr Nursing Home after a lengthy illness. Services were held Tuesday at

el with the Rev. James Williams. pastor of the Stith Baptist Church efficiating, assisted by James Fullbright, minister of the Hope Church of Christ. Burial was in Miss West was born Jan. 10, 1889, in Ellis County and moved

Community in 1905. She had liv-Survivors are a brother, M. E West of Stith: two sisters, Mrs. Jessie L. Dillion of Abilene, and

Bicknell, Glenn Bicknell, Bill Dillion and Leon Kelso.



Turkey Day is almost here. With all our hustle and bustle of every day life, lets take time to count our many blessings and pause to give thanks.

There is a lady in Merkel who found out the hard way just how young she really was, Imogene King shot her first deer of the season and was so excited that she beat her 11 year old son down out of the stand. She killed an 9 point - come on Don, you are going to have to get busy - that spike will never do.

Ben Gregory of Corpus Christi was on overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gregory Saturday, He was en route to Oklahoma to visit with his mother Mrs. W. C. Gregory, J. B. accompanied him on the trip.



Visiting the E. A. Conleys over the weekend were Doyle and Bootie Conley of Fort Stockton Also Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lockhart of Corpus Christi,

Hardly a day goes by that someone doesn't say "why didn't you have more in your column this week?" It's hard to get around

to all the "doings" in and around Merkel, so please let me know. It won't take long to make that

Recently visiting in the Glenn Robertson's home was Mr. and Mrs. Roy Miller of Waco. They also visited Mr. Hobb Robertson and host of friends in Merkel. Also visiting has been Terry A. Stevens E.N.3 who has just finished a year's active duty in Vietnam. He visited other relatives, the Edgar Tiptons and the Cecil Stevens. Terry will report on the 25th to Charlston, S.C., for two months schooling before going to Pearl Harbor. Visiting Mr. Hobb Robertson was a niece, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Harry from Amarillo.

Mrs. Marvin Holloway and Tim visited in Seymour this past week with her sister, Mrs. Harlan Jones, who recently moved there after Mr. Jones was made manager of General Telephone Co.

Girls check and make sure there is lots of alka . seltzer and tums for tomorrow - you "know who" is going to over eat.

Mr. and Mrs. Cramer Reynolds had all their children home over the weekend, Oris and family of Vernon, Tex., Chaplain Jerry Don Reynolds and wife of Fort Sam Houston, and the Rev. Jacky Reynolds and wife of Merkel. Tommy is to report to Fort Lewis Washington November 28 and from there to Vietnam.

Oocops. I goofed last week about Sam Swann's bull. The price chould have been \$10,000 instead of \$7,000. This refers to the government of Chile buying Poll Hereford cattle from Swan.

(A - little - bull - goos a - long - way)

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

CLASSIFIEDS ARE YOUR BEST BUY

USE

POSTMASTER SAYS:

appointing someone you love,

send your gift parcels and cards

early enough to insure their de-

livery before Christmas, not

after," Postmaster Wrenn Dur-

"On the day after Christmas

a post office building can be the

most depressing place in the

world," Postmaster Durham add-

ed, "if it still contains a moun-

tain of messages of love and

cheer that didn't make it because

Such disappointments can be

avoided if Christmas mailers will

observe the following mailing

Gift parcels going to distant

states should be mailed by

December 1. Parcels going to

local and nearby areas should

Funeral services for Mrs. Effie

Jane Rider, 79, were held Thurs-

day, Nov. 20 at the Merkel

United Methodist Church, with

the Rev. E. L. Yates, and Dr.

C. C. Sissons of Fort Worth, of-

ficiating. Burial was in Rose Hill

Cemetery, under direction of

Mrs. Rider died in a Fort

Worth nursing home Tuesday.

She had lived in Fort Worth with

her daughter, Mrs. Terrell F.

Born July 15, 1890 in Callahan

County, she was a telephone

operator in Merkel from 1918 until 1953. She was a member

of the Methodist church. She was

a member of the Wesley Class in Polytechnic Methodist Church

Survivors are her daughter:

two grandchildren, Mrs. Anita Havens and R. Terry Mashburn, both of Fort Worth; and two

Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mashburn, 10 years.

in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Effie Rider

Dies at Age 79

they were mailed too late."

ham advised today.

be mailed not later than Decem

The name and address of both the sender and addressee should, be enclosed in each gift parcel to permit identity in case of dan age or loss of the outside address label. The outside label should be placed on only one side each parcel.

Greeting cards going to di tant states should be mailed not later than December 10. Cards going to local and nearby areas should be mailed by December

Postmaster Durham also emphasized the importance of using ZIP Codes and adding a return address to all Christmas mail.

BOOKKEEPING INCOME TAX SERVICE NOTARY

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MARRIAGE

Memo to men who don't want an unhappy, frustrat-

- 1. Don't expect her to take your love for granted. Tell her you love her.
- 2. Try to get one fact through your head: No matter how many labor - saving appliances she has, she carries a heavy load of work and responsibility if she is a wife and mother. Let her know you know that.
- 3. TALK to the woman you are sharing your life
- 4. Treat your wife as you would a date (when you dated her) when you take her out . . . which also means TAKE her out some. Pay some attention to her. Listen when she talks.
- 5. Build her up to the children. Don't let them hear you criticize her or question her judgment.
- 6. Don't keep her in the dark about your business
- 7. Don't expect her to have a sixth sense that tells her how you feel about important issues.
- 8. Pay her the kind of compliments that mean something to a woman, She'd like to know if dinner was good, not just so much hay.
- 9. Don't make her ask you for money every day. Any wife ought to be a financial partner, not have money given to her like a child.
- 10. BE PLEASANT AROUND THE HOUSE. It's an awful thing for a woman to dread her hubband's coming home each evening because so often he comes home itching for a fight.

BILLY PATTON, Minister "COME VISIT WITH US"

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great-grandchildren. A daughter, Lillian Rider, died in 1931.

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Nylon Hose 2 pairs \$1.00

Panty Hose \$1.75

Ladies Blouses Values to \$8.99 \$3.99

> LADIES Billfolds Values to \$3.99 \$1.00

Ladies Sweaters \$7.99

Mens Shirts Values to \$10.99 \$4.99

Sport Coats

Values to \$35.00

PERMANENT PRESS WIDE WALE Corduroy

Value to \$8.99 \$4.99

MENS **Dress Shoes** Values to \$12.99

\$6.99

Mens Suits Compare to \$110. **69**.99

MENS **Dress Hats** Values to \$10.00 3.99

Mens Billfolds 2.99

Ladies Pants 3.99

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Pajamas SIZES 4 to 8 **Briefs**

SIZES 9 to 10

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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 the return day thereof, in a news-Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below follow-

wer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. expiration of forty . two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 5 day of January A.D. 1970, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 20 day of Oct. A.D. 1969, in this cause numbered 5085 on the docket of said court and styled Andrea Kay Millican, Plain-

Defendant. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married April 25, 1965. Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of harsh and cruel treatment. There were no children born, and no community property acquired of this marriage, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

tiff, vs. Glendon Monroe Millican,

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 at Abilene, Texas, this the 18 day of Nov. A.D. 1969.

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas

CHRISTMAS GIFT...



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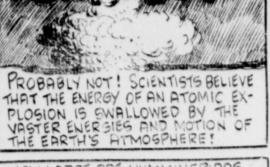
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LADIES AND MENS

Jump Suits

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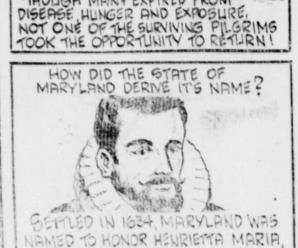






THAT LOOK MORE LIKE BUSS THAN

BIRDS! THE MOTHER LOVINGLY PEEDS THEM UP TO GO MEDLE A DAY!



WIFE OF KING CHARLES I

DID SOME PILGRIMS SAIL BACK

ON THE MAYFLOWER'S RETURN

VOVAGE TO ENGLAND?

RRIAGE EXPLANED



And in answer to one Merkel mother's letter of concern, he says, "The public has let its emotions carry it too far off base

been established for common law marriages of minors or anyone

Malone pointed cut that roungsters of this age have always been able to form common law marriages without parental consent if they meet the three requirements of common law marriage. "The requirements are (1) agree



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- HAWAII TRIP FOR TWO
- DEEP FREEZE
- RANGE AND REFRIGERATOR GARDEN TRACTOR
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to be husband and wife, (2) living together as husband and wife, and (3) holding themselves out to the public as husband and wife," said Malone. "Such marriage has alway been valid, whether registered or not"

Calheun explained, "There is one other provision in the new Family Code which I, as a lawyer, find particularly significant. Section 2.41 provides that the parents, or a friend, which in this case could be the court, has the right to have a common law by a parent on behalf of his or her child but must be brought by one of the parties to the marriage. We now are giving parents a great deal more control in giving them the right to petition the court to annul a marriage of an pinion, is a great step forward and will insure against any abuse of the declaration of marriage

ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS

The Most Historic Call



The presentation was made by the artist, Paul Calle, at the annual luncheon of the Independent Telephone Pioneers Association, held in conjunction with the United States Independent Telephone Association convention in Washington, D.C. Mr. Calle is the designer of the Apollo moon stamp issued September 9.

"... the most historic telephone call ever made," were words used by President Nixon during his epic conversation with lunar astronauts Armstrong and Aldrin. The drawing commissioned by the Elgin Electronics subsidiary of Basic Incorporated is the interpretation of this call as conceived by Mr. Calle. Elgin is a surplier of caulpment to the telephone industry.

Itr. Calle has been a participant in NASA's Fine Art Program since 1963 and has rendered both drawings and paintings of Memory. Gemini and Apollo flights. He is presently under a MASA commission to document, artistically, the lunar landing telephone program. As part of this effort, Mr. Calle was present for the July 16 launch-day breakfast and suiting up procedures for the July 16 launch-day breakfast and suiting up procedures for the Apollo 11 crew at Cape Kennedy.

The first Marine casualty in the War of 1812 was Lieutenant John Heath, who was wounded on June 23, 1812 during a sea battle between the President and the British ship Belvedere.

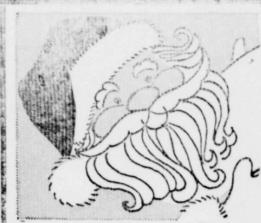


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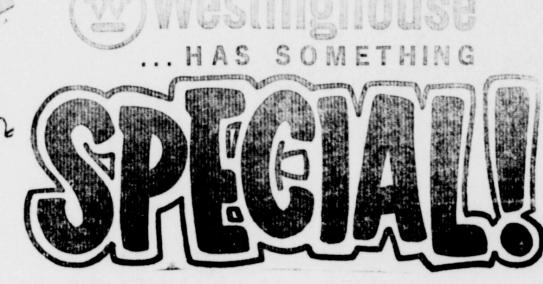
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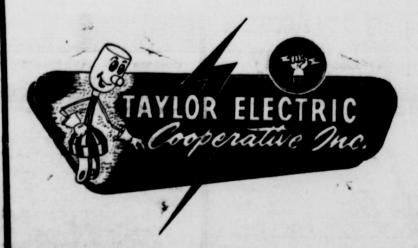


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Approximately 100 registered at the Stith Homecoming, held at the Community Center, Sunday. Following dinner, Lelan Martin of Austin was guest speaker. Mr. Martin taught school forty five years ago at Stith. He had with him a watch given him by his students when he taugm here, Several of Mr. Martin's ex-students were present for the Homecoming.

Out of town guests were from Abhene, Odessa, Midiand, Merkei, Austin, rusing Star, Levelland, Hamlin, Anson, Noodle, Hodges, Comanche and Free Port.

mr. Martin also gave a very interesting tark Sunday at the Sun Bapust Church.

Our Inanksgiving Wishes go to all of you. May this be your very best one.

CLASSIFIEDS GET RESULTS

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

COVERING RECEIPTS AND DISBURSMENTS

Merkel Independent School District

For the Period of September 1, 1968-August 31, 1969

REPEIPTS:

Local Sources	\$184,477.86
County Sources	29.10
Federal Sources	3,244.00
State Sources	213,466.28
Insurance	213.00
Interfund Transfers	76.45
Total Cash Receipts	\$401,506.69
Opening Cash Balances	129,244.92
Total Funds Available	\$530,751.61
DISBURSEMENTS:	
State and County	
Local Maintenance	
Transportation	
Interest and Sinking	
Other Funds	3,403.45
Total Expenditures	\$409,305.22
Balances Budgeted for 1969-70 Operational Costs	121,446.39
	\$530,751.61
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Signed: MACK FISHER Mack Fisher Superintendent of Schools



Doctor in the Kitchen

by Laurence M. Hursh, M.D. Consultant, National Dairy Council

THE SEASON OF THANKSGIVING

memories of Thanksgiving Day. was most family conscious."

on her mind," he continued.

the dinner hour drew nearer.

A Real Feast be put to boil, for later mashing. Other vegetables, salad, appetizfamily table would groan under it all, along with our best glassware, china, and silver.

"As a boy, I found it so exciting I was glad to participate by polishing apples and oranges and arranging them in bowls with are Americans who are hungry walnuts and other goodies.

time for all of us. But the beauty and its relationship to disease in one the same main event. We tolerated that in the midst of our were operating as a team,

from this. And similarly at Christ- food or lack of knowledge on

"Mother was the first one up," family and now that I'm grown is the way a friend of mine put up I look back on those particuit as he described his childhood lar holidays as the times when I

"She simply couldn't sleep Well, I think my friend says even a little late — holiday or it very well — that Thanksnot — with everything she had giving is something more than "The turkey had to be stuffed, Truly we celebrate not only our sewn up, and dressed off with good fortune in having enough strips of salt pork. It would be food but in sharing our humanhours in the oven, emitting ness as well. glorious odors that increased as

The earliest harvest Thanksgiving in America, of course, was held by the Pilgrim Fathers at "Turnips and potatoes would Plymouth in 1621 and history books tell us it was repeated often during that century. During ers, gravy, pumpkin pie, bever- the American Revolution and ages such as milk and coffee - after, Thanksgiving was the last all these were prepared. And the Thursday in November. In 1941, Congress made it official that the fourth Thursday in November would be Thanksgiving Day.

The Hungry Americans

And let's not forget that there - all year 'round. Leaders in "The morning of Thanksgiving, our country are trying to assess in other words, was one busy the full extent of malnutrition of it was we all were zeroed in the United States. It isn't to be affluence some citizens are poor-"I think we learned something by nourished, either from lack of mas, we really operated as a how to eat.

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS To any Sheriff or any Constable November A. D. 1969, in this within the State of Texas - cause, numbered 32519-A on the

cause to be published once each Donald Charles Insall, Defendant. 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, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Donald Charles Insall, De-

in said court, on the 11th day of docket of said court and styled You are here's commanded to Martha Sue Insall, Plaintiff, vs.

> A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: That plaintiff and defendant were duly and legally married May 26, 1960, in Abilene, Texas and became permanently separated September, 1969. Plaintiff sues fer divorce on the grounds of harsh and cruel treatment as is more fully show by Plaintiff's Petition

> 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 at Abilene, Texas, this the 11th day of November A.D. 1969.

> Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas By Ramona Joske, Deputy.

Little Dreams Begin With . . .



. . . SANTA'S ARRIVING AT THORNTON'S Friday, November 28—10:30 A.M.

• • • AND A SPECIAL INVITATION IS EXTENDED TO ALL IN THE MERKEL AREA AND BIG COUNTRY TO BE AT THORNTON'S AT 10:30 A.M. FRIDAY, NOV. 28 FOR SANTA'S ARRIVAL ON THEIR PARKING LOT.

and visit

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