

Lions Club Hosts Merkel Badgers

Members of the Merkel Lions Club honored the 1969-70 Badger Football and Basketball team at their noon luncheon Tuesday.

Twenty one members of the football and basketball team were introduced by Head Football Coach Wendell Robinson. Also attending the luncheon was Bill Tate, assistant football coach, and girls basketball coach. Coaches Gerald Williamson, Ronnie Aldridge and Mack Davis were unable to attend.

Lions president, Dr. Don W. Warren, also welcomed guests. In a business session Warren appointed a committee consisting of Bill Button, chairman, Billy King and Frank Breau to report at next meeting concerning a broom and mop sale.



ANNUAL STAFF — Working "overtime" right now are members of the Merkel Elementary Annual Staff, getting pictures and copy compiled for this year's publication. They are, from left, Debra White, Donald Dye, Beverly Gilmore, Mrs. Mack Fisher, sponsor, Rosemary Noster, Terry Reed, Kathryn Murrell, Jodie Roddy and Judy Diltz. (MES Photo)

SO, FIRST YOU MUST MAKE YOUR GRADE

Management. Name it, and Merkel Elementary has had it — or will soon have.

Activities at the school involve leadership, safety, hospitality, money, health, recreation, beautification, student council, representation, and "reporting."

And all that's "extra curricular" — for as students well know, studies have to be studied and passing grades made before they can take much part in all the "managements" that keep the school busy.

Let's tell it like it is:

First, must come the Student Council and members of this council are elected by the school at large. Council president is Debbie Fincher; Gayla Toliver, vice president; Rudy Castillo, fire chief; Stanley West, assistant fire chief; Jerri Stephan, secretary-treasurer; and Cynthia Steck, reporter. Castillo and West, as fire chief and assistant are responsible for maintaining two fire drills each month — one obstructed and one un-obstructed.

Room Representatives are just that, and each class in the elementary building has a "say" in school policy when they elect a member from their grade to represent them and become a member of the Representative Committee. They are John Biera and Judy Diltz, Mrs. Benson's room;

David Hendricks and Cheri Aiken, Bratcher; Danny DuBose, Fisher; Pat Hendricks and Annetta Stephen, Orsborn; Jerry Cox and Donna White, Shouse; Steve Gentry and Jerri Stephan, Davis; Larry Teliver and Cynthia Steck Green; and Jimmy Land and Debbie Mashburn, Winter.

Safety Committee — Involves all aspects of safety for students, and that includes playground, hallways, and bus loadings. Jimmy Land is chairman of this committee and his members are Jerry Cox and John Biera. Mr. Earl Bratcher is sponsor.

Hospitality and Benevolence — The hospitality committee serves as school hosts as occasion arises and the Benevolence spearheads United Fund Drives, as well as Red Cross Drives, and the March of Dimes for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center. \$40.00 each was contributed through the school to each organization this year. Committee members are Debbie Mashburn, chairman, and Annetta Stephen and Cheri Aiken. Mrs. Carroll Benson is sponsor.

Health and Student Welfare — A very busy committee in that the general health and welfare of students are their concern. They check to see that health room is clean, and that restrooms have towels and soap in dispensers. They also check litter barrels on playground and solicit clothes for less fortunate students. Gayla Toliver is chairman of this committee, with Donna White and David Hendricks, members. Mrs. Paul Orsborn is sponsor.

Decoration and Beautification — Jerri Stephan, chairman and Kathryn Hendricks, are busy right now planning for the Valentine Post Office, the "only money raising project of the Student Council." They also plan an Arbor Day program to be held this month. Sponsor is Mrs. Norman Winter.

Student Honor Roll — A most important part of the school, Steve Gentry, chairman and Judy Diltz see that each pupil is recognized by displaying name in honor roll on bulletin board. Mrs. Anna Belle Shouse is chairman.

Noon Recreation Committee — This committee provides and maintains playground equipment at noon for elementary pupils. Mrs. Eddy Glenn Sandusky is sponsor, and Stanley West, chairman, and Larry Toliver are committee members.

School Newspaper — A news

Farmers 'Fly-In'

A total of \$171.50 had been contributed toward the Farmers Union Washington "Fly-In," as of noon Wednesday.

"We do appreciate the generosity of people in the Merkel area," said Toombs, "and they can rest assured that the money they contribute will be used for lobbying for the farmers and ranchers."

Delegates who leave February 1 are Cramer Reynolds and Morris Smith.

COUNCIL APPROVES GAS RATE INCREASE

Merkel's City Council Monday evening discussed and "compromised" with Lone Star Gas Company on a rate increase for the city.

In a meeting with Lone Star Gas representatives in November rate asked was 20 cents on first 1,000 cu. ft., said Mayor Horace Hargrove, "but at our Monday evening meeting a 'compromise' was met where the charge will be 17 cents on first 1,000 cu. ft."

An ordinance appearing in this week's edition of The Merkel Mail provides for the manner in which rate "may be changed, adjusted and amended declared by an emergency."

The ordinance reads:

"Effective with the first gas billing rendered after the final approval of this ordinance, the maximum general service rate for sales of natural gas rendered to residential and commercial customers within the city limits of Merkel by Lone Star Gas Company — is hereby fixed and determined as follows:

"First 1,000 cu. ft. or fraction thereof \$1,856 Gross; \$1,870 Net. All over 1,000 cu. ft. at \$1,032 per MCF Gross; \$929 per MCF Net."

The ordinance states that no gas bill will be rendered to any residential or commercial consumer served under the above rate "not consuming any gas during any monthly billing period."

Mayor Hargrove pointed out that applicable rate in effect before the above ordinance was approved on Jan. 19 at City Council meeting this Monday evening was: First 1,000 cu. ft. or fraction thereof \$1,672 Gross; \$1,500

CC Directors Meet; Approve '70 Budget

Directors of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce have set machinery in motion for the election of three new directors, approved the budget for 1970, discussed industrial prospects, tentatively approved an annual banquet for the installation of new officers, and heard the prospects of Merkel receiving Cable TV service.

Directors attending the Tuesday night meeting were Ray Wilson, president; Johnny Hammond, Ted Smith, Horace Hargrove and Herman Carson Executive secretary Benny Melton reported on the finances for 1969 and distributed the proposed budget for 1970.

Melton reported the chambers deficit for 1969 dropped from -\$484.77 in January to -\$314.86 on Dec. 31, 1969. He pointed out that the chamber had lost revenue from several large membership dues that were no longer being paid.

Expenditures for 1970 are expected to hit \$3,025.50. Revenue from dues is predicted to be \$3,563.00 — leaving a balance of \$537.50.

Wilson, Carson and Ben Hicks are directors whose terms end this year. Holdover directors are Venen Mansfield, Mack Fisher and Johnny Hammond.

Also Meyer Mellinger, Ted Smith and David Gamble.

President Wilson read letters from R. A. Pierce Manufacturing Co., in which Mr. Pierce said he was interested in expanding in Merkel and desired information about Merkel's Industrial Foundation.

Directors agreed to meet with

Mr. Pierce for further discussions. It was the consensus that the annual banquet should be held sometime in March, providing a suitable speaker could be obtained.

A letter from Fred Starbuck requesting chamber activity to obtain lighting for Merkel's access

roads to Interstate 20 was read. Wilson said he would have a committee to contact Jake Roberts, District Highway Engineer.

Directors also voted to ask the members of the Brushstomper to pick a representative for Merkel to attend the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show.

F&M BANK

DIRECTORS ELECTED AT ANNUAL MEETING

At the regular Annual (66th) Meeting of the Shareholders of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel, held Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 7 p.m., all directors were re-elected.

Directors are Henry C. West, Donald W. Warren, M.D., W. S. J. Brown, William T. Sadler, M. D., and Booth Warren.

In the following Organizational Meeting of the Board Elect all officers and employees were re-elected for the ensuing year.

Officers are Warren, president, and chairman of board, Mary Collins, active vice president; Donald W. Warren, senior vice president, (inactive); H. C. West, vice president, (inactive), and W. S. J. Brown, vice president, (inactive); Betty Jane Tittle, cashier and Ted L. Smith, assistant cashier and security officer. Tellers are Mrs. Wanda McAninch, Mrs. Mattie L. Wenzcraft and Miss Mildred Hamm. Bookkeepers are Mrs. Aileen Knight, Mrs. Hilda Crain and Mrs. Sylvia Bessley. Clyde Smith is custodian.

Reports submitted indicated that "1969 was one of the very best years in the Bank's history."

Also, the shareholders were advised that on Friday, Jan. 16, 1970 deposits in the Bank reached a new "all time high" of \$4,926,222.60. This figure is approximately \$750,814.00 higher than at year end on Dec. 31, 1969.

Lost - One Public Address System

Lost, strayed or "borrowed" from the Merkel Chamber of Commerce is one public address system, with "all the works"

We feel sure that this equipment is stored in a close or store-room somewhere," said Benny Melton, Merkel C.C. executive secretary. "The P.A. system has been used by many organizations in Merkel, and we are happy we have the equipment to loan. However, since there are several organizations requesting use of this equipment, we need to get it home."

Persons who might have information concerning the equipment are asked to contact Melton at the Chamber of Commerce office, 928-5722.

Malone to Host Farm Program

Farmers and ranchers in this area have received invitations this week to the "Farming Frontiers '70", hosted by Robert Malone of Malone Implements and representatives of John Deere Company.

The banquet will be held at the Merkel Restaurant and is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m., according to Malone.

On the program will be a first hand view of new equipment, and a film that "looks at the heart of farming through the eyes of a farm family."

"Some lucky guest at the Farming Frontiers program will win a brand new John Deere Power Mower," said Malone.



HAYDEN GRIFFIN
MHS graduate

On Dean's Honor Roll at T-Tech

Hayden Griffin, a 1966 graduate of Merkel High School and a senior student at Texas Tech. Lubbock, is on the dean's honor roll for the fall semester, with a grade point average of 3.33.

Son of Mrs. Odie Griffin and the late Mr. Griffin, Hayden will receive his degree from Texas Tech in Mechanical Engineering in August of this year.

He and his wife, the former Sue Holloway, reside in Lubbock and Mrs. Griffin is employed at the Computer Center at the college.

She is also a 1966 graduate of Merkel High School and a 1969 graduate of Hardin - Simmons University. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Solloway of Rt. 3, Merkel.



FLAG BOYS — Responsible for raising and lowering the flag each day at the Merkel Elementary School campus are, from left, Glenn Davis, Phillip Dickenson, Terry Reed and Ricky Conley. (MES Photo)

RUSTY HOLLOWAY GETS SHOWMANSHIP AWARD

Rusty Holloway, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Holloway was named recipient of the Dorothea Griffin Award for showmanship in the steer show at Tuesday's Abilene Fat Stock Show.

Area 4H and FFAers brought "home the winnings" in Saturday's Taylor County Livestock Show, held at the new Coliseum east of Abilene.

Rusty showed his heavyweight grand champion Angus steer to the grand championship of all breeds.

Robert Clemmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Clemmer had grand champion intermediate mutton lamb.

Others placing in steers, barrows and sheep at the Taylor County show are as follows:

Steers — Bart Whisenhunt, Grant Sandusky, Jeff Whisenhunt, Lee Ann Holloway, Terry Wade and Cindy Whisenhunt.

Barrows — Jess Slaughter, Joe Dudley, John Slaughter, Eddie Merrell, Calvin Brown, Tom McLeod, Bill Hamner, Pam McElmurray, Mark Williamson, Gaylon Boone, Johnny Gray and Randy Scott.

Sheep — Jerry Don Sandusky.



FOR SHOWMANSHIP — Mrs. Dorothea Griffin presented Rusty Holloway the Dorothea Griffin Award for steer showmanship at the Abilene Fat Stock Show Tuesday. (Photo Courtesy Abilene Reporter-News)

THE FIZZLE FAMILY



by H. T. ELMO

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JUST DUCKY — These young mallards ducks perched here with ASTROWORLD secretary, Pat Barber, are among 14 born in Children's World. They'll all be full grown by the time Astroworld opens again April 18, 1970. (Photo Courtesy Astroworld)

Basketball Schedule

JANUARY	FEBRUARY
2, 23, 24 Albany B Team Tournament	3 Hamlin (here) A & B Boys, A Girls — 5:00
3 Anson (there) A & B Boys, A Girls — 5:00	6 Stamford (there) A & B Boys — 6:15
7 Winters (here) A & B Boys, A Girls — 5:00	10 Rotan (here) B Girls — 4:45
9 Coleman (there) A & B Boys, A Girls — 5:00	10 Ballinger (here) A & B Boys — 6:15
	13 Haskell (here) A & B Boys, A Girls — 5:00

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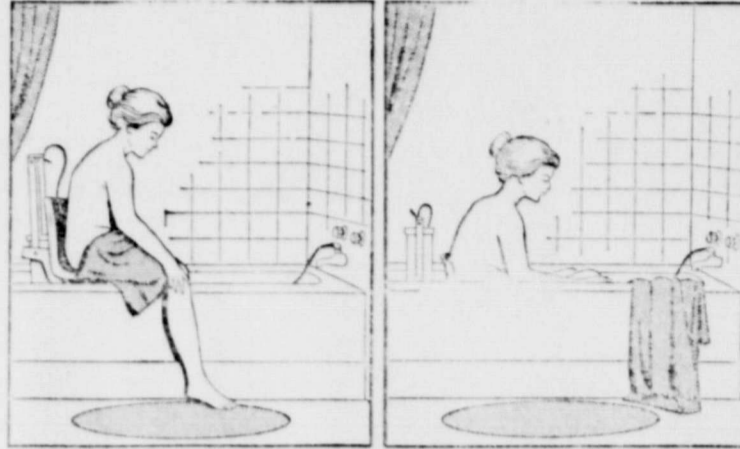
1. Love
2. Common interest
3. Christian character
4. Maturity
5. Christian disposition

Others:

1. Recognize true love and consideration:
 - a. long suffering with partner's weakness
 - b. kindness
 - c. be free from pride and arrogance
 - d. do not exult self over partner
 - e. does not seek own happiness at expense of your companion
 - f. not easily provoked
 - g. does not take account of evil (forgive)
 - h. is saddened when your companion fails
 - i. bears all things
 - j. endures all things
2. Expect your love to grow
3. Expect great things of your marriage
4. Selfishness is at the bottom of almost every marriage problem, don't let it come into yours
5. Learn how to handle properly financial affairs
6. Leave your father and mother and cleave to each other
7. FIGHT FOR — NOT AGAINST — EACH OTHER
8. Don't battle where others can observe and hear
9. Learn to say, "I'M SORRY"

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Edgar Powers, 68, Dies in Lemeta

Funeral services for Edgar Powers, 68, of Lemeta, and brother of W. T. Powers of Merkel, were held Sunday at the Church of Christ in Lemeta.

Survivors besides his brother in Merkel include his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Mary Beth Carille of Round Rock and Mrs. Fay Lorne Jackson of Los Angeles, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. Daugety of San Antonio; and three other brothers, R. A. of Brownwood, Elbert of Port Arthur, and Marvin of Georgetown.

AT TRENT
SCOTTS TO OBSERVE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Scott will observe their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary Sunday, Feb. 1 at their home in Trent.

Relatives and friends are invited to call between the hours 1:30 and 4:00 p.m.

Hosting the open house will be Mmes. Anna Lee Riggan, Avergene Bishop, Fay Haney, Dorothy Evans, Pearl Ross and Mrs. Ross's daughter, Darla.

The Scott's have lived in Trent

all of their married life. He was a service station manager for 18 years, postal clerk 8 years, and farmed for several years before his retirement.

The couple was married Feb. 1, 1920 at Trent in the home of Mrs. Scott's parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Lon Martin.

Mr. Scott is a member of the Trent Baptist Church and Mrs. Scott, a member of the Trent Church of Christ.

Mrs. Allen Hosts Beta Sigma Phi

Lambda Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Jan. 6 in the home of Mrs. Dan Allen for their regular meeting.

A program on Nature was presented by Mrs. Larry White and Mrs. John Brady.

Members attending were Mmes. Allen, Brady, White, Bobby DuBose, Lawrence Hewitt, Jim Leverich and Billy Lucas.

Also Mmes. Vernon Wade, Marie Steek and Almeda Bullock.



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GARAGE SALE - At 809 Ash. Begins 8 a.m. Thursday. We're moving and need to clean out. Trailers, TV, tables, china, lamps, clothing, etc. 47 tlc

HELP WANTED - Station attendant 7:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. For more information contact Betty Windham at the Merkel Fina Station. 47 3tc

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WANT TO BUY LOT in Tye on Interstate 20, will consider lot or acre between Tye and Merkel if not far out from Tye. Phone Abilene 882-7394. 47 3tp

GARAGE SALE - Thursday only at 1329 Sunset - old bottles, children's clothes, old treadle sewing machine. 47 tlc

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FOR SALE - 4 1/2th Century bedroom suites. Good condition. Call 928-5738. 47 2tp

FOR SALE - Nice 4 room house and bath on large lot. 801 No. 1st. Reasonable. For more information call 928-4601 or 928-4893. 46 4tp

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CARD OF THANKS
OUR HEARTS ARE FILLED with humility and appreciation for our many good friends whose comfort during our recent sadness meant so much to us. We thank each of you from the bottom of our hearts. A special thank you goes to Dr. D. V. Rodgers and staff at the Gorman Hospital for their many acts of kindness. May God Bless each and every one.
Mary Outlaw and Family

CARD OF THANKS
WITH DEEPEST GRATITUDE we extend this word of thanks for the many kind acts of sympathy, expressed by thoughtful friends. Your kindnesses have meant much to us.
W. W. Tombs Family

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paper is published weekly, with Cynthia Steck, chairman of the committee and Tonja McAninch, editor. Other members are Danny DuBose and Pat Hendricks. Mr. Mack Davis is sponsor.

Of course, all these activities are carefully observed by school principal, Leon Walker.

"Right now the school's overall project is improving the play ground area immediately west of the old gym," said Walker. "In the planning stage is an all weather surface for basketball, volleyball and tennis, with all areas fenced."



GRANT JONES
... state representative

Grant Jones Files For Re-Election

State Representative Grant Jones of Abilene has filed for re-election to the Texas House of Representatives in Place 1, District 62, composed of Jones and Taylor Counties.

Jones stated: "I have been appointed a member of the Interim House Committee on Efficiency and Economy. This committee should have several proposals to submit to the next Legislature and it is my desire to be able to help Texas obtain better government for the taxpayers' dollar through the work of this committee."

Mrs. Brown Will Speak to Abilene Garden Club

Mrs. W. L. Brown, member of Merkel and Abilene Garden Clubs and district chairman of Press and Publicity Books, presented a program Jan. 21 on Modern Flower Arranging at the Abilene Garden Center.

The program is entitled "Dare to Be You," and Mrs. Brown will present flower arrangements with her talk.

Mrs. Hudson Host To Stith HD Club

The Stith Home Demonstration Club met Wednesday, Jan. 14 for the first meeting of the year, with nine members attending. They answered Roll Call with "Mistakes I Made Christmas Shopping."

Hostess Mrs. Vernon Hudson, presented a devotional and games were directed by Mrs. Roy Mashburn.

Officers installed were Mrs. Hudson, president; Mrs. Curtis Clyburn, vice president, and Mrs. Mashburn, secretary - treasurer.

The club's next meeting will be Jan. 28 with Mrs. Glenn Bicknell as hostess.

THERE ARE
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REASONS WHY MAIL FOR JAMESTOWN, ALA. CAN BE MISSENT...
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YOU CAN'T WIN IN RACE WITH A TRAIN

Motorists in a hurry to reach the safe side of a railroad crossing may have to slow down or stop first if they want to be sure of getting across the tracks in one piece.

Merkel Chief of Police, Mike Briley, said that as a whole Merkel residents are "railroad crossing conscious."

"But," said Briley, "it could just take that one who isn't that could make the difference. A flashing red light at a railroad grade crossing means the same as it does at street intersections," said Briley. "Stop and don't go until it's safe to do so."

The Railroad safety expert gives these safety hints:

1. Always approach tracks cautiously.
2. Look for more than one train. Don't be trapped by a double track.
3. Don't stop on the tracks while waiting for traffic to move.
4. Be particularly careful at night and in wet weather. National figures show that two times

out of five, the car hits the train, and the train hits the car the other three times.

"Safety Facts About Crossing Tracks," a 16mm color film running 13 minutes, is available on loan to groups from the Texas Safety Association, 1623 S. Lamar Blvd., Austin 78704.

Mrs. Ted Smith Gets Service Pin

Mrs. Ted Smith, employee of Merkel's West Texas Utilities, was presented a five year service pin this past week by Lloyd Cope, District Manager. She began working at WTU Dec. 23, 1964.

A graduate of Blackwell High School, Mrs. Smith attended San Angelo State College, San Angelo. She and her husband and two children, Jerre Kay, age 11, and Cindy, 8, live at 1530 Sunset.

4-H CLUBS

COOKING CLASSES BEGIN IN MERKEL

2nd Year Class

The Second Year Cooking group of Merkel 4-H Club met in two sessions Jan. 12 and 19 at Suzie Wilson's home for organization and cooking instructions.

Members attending were Tonja Moore, Gayla Tolliver, Kathryn Murrell and Cindy Byrd. Suzie Wilson and Betsy Johnson are Junior Leaders.

At the Jan. 12 meeting members prepared Chili Mac and at the Jan. 19 meeting Summer Coolers was prepared.

3-4 Year Class

The Third and Fourth Year Cooking groups met Jan. 9 and 16 for their first meetings of the year at Mrs. Robert Stephan's home.

Attending were Audy Byrd, Christy Boone, Annetta Stephens, Jerre Stepan, Patricia Boyd and Mary Beth Boyd, Junior Leader.

Spanish Rice was prepared at the first meeting and grilled

cheese sandwiches and macaroni and cheese at the second meeting.

The Twins Class

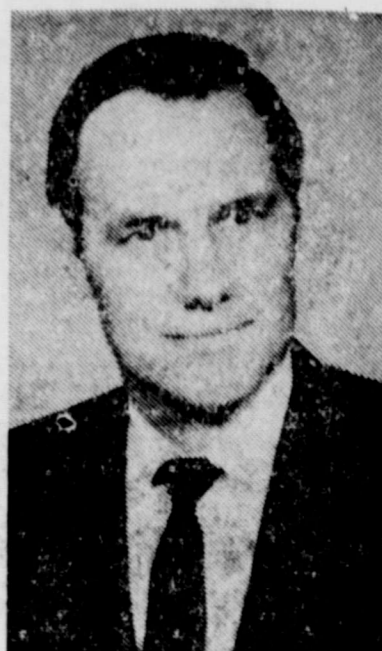
Members of the Mulberry Canyon 4-H Cooking Class met Jan. 12 and 17 for instruction in cooking. Literature and materials were reviewed and future lessons planned at the Jan. 12 meeting.

At the Jan. 17 meeting, members, Lisa Jon Hughes and Lesa Don Swinney, met in the home of Mrs. John B. Hughes, adult leader. Foods prepared were summer coolers, cheese, biscuits and milk shake. Foods were later served to parents and guests.

Attends Market

Mr. and Mrs. Onis Crawford were in Dallas this past weekend attending men and boys' Apparel Market. Merchandise displayed were for spring and summer.

The Crawfords returned Sunday evening.



AUSTIN O. McCLOUD
... from Colorado City

Austin McCloud Files for Court Civil Appeals

District Judge Austin McCloud of 2nd Judicial District (Nolan, Mitchell and Fisher Counties) today announced his candidacy for the Court of Civil Appeals, 11th District of Eastland.

The 11th Appeals District includes 23 Central and West Central Texas counties of which Jones, Nolan and Taylor are included.

McCloud declared his candidacy following the announcement by Chief Justice Clyde Grissom that he would not seek re-election.

"Our Eastland Court of Civil Appeals is recognized as one of the outstanding appellate courts of Texas," said McCloud, "and my candidacy is dedicated to the continuance of this outstanding service to the citizens and communities of our area under the laws of our state."

McCloud has a background of private practice of law in Houston and in Colorado City, and six years as district court judge. He was appointed 32nd District Court Judge in 1963 and has been re-elected twice without opposition.

He is a graduate of National College of State Trial Judges and University of Nevada, a 40-year old native West Texan, he is a graduate of Texas Tech, and received his law degree, cum laude, from Baylor University. Judge and Mrs. McCloud, a public school teacher, and their two daughters, reside in Colorado City.

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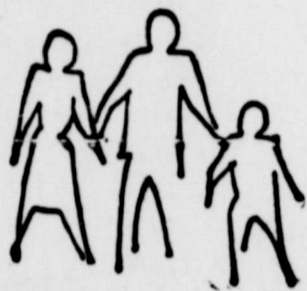
Find the strength
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Does it seem to you sometimes that the world has gotten so crowded and complex that you just don't count at all in the grand scheme of things? It's not uncommon, that feeling. We feel helpless... unable to alter or even really to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

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**Worship
this week**



Maj. T. R. Warren Killed in Vietnam

Funeral arrangements for Maj. Tommy Ray Warren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Warren, are pending.

Maj. Warren was killed in Vietnam Thursday, Jan. 15, when his F-4 Phantom jet was hit by ground fire while attacking a target. Maj. Warren attended Merkel schools until a freshman student and graduated from Abilene High School and attended Hardin-Simmons University prior to joining the Air Force. He was commissioned a second lieutenant at graduation exercises held at Bryan Air Force Base June 13, 1957.

Survivors include his parents; his wife, the former Sharon Hutchinson of Tucson, Ariz.; two sons, Tommy Jr. and Wally, both of Tucson; one daughter, Becky of Tucson; two brothers, Joe of Brady and R. C. Jr., of Arlington.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that remembrances be made to Mission Baptist Church, 2000 First Baptist Church, Merkel, Texas, or to Tommy's and Sharon's church, Mexican and Indian Missions Fund, c/o 22nd Street Baptist Church, 6320 E. 22nd Street, Tucson, Ariz. 85710.



FRANK CALHOUN
... for third term

Frank Calhoun Seeks Re-Election

State Representative Frank Calhoun of Abilene will seek re-election to the Texas House of Representatives in 1970.

"After two terms in the Texas House of Representatives, I feel that my seniority will put me in a better position to render significant service to District 62 and I will ask the people to reelect me for another term," said Calhoun. "The next few years are going to be trying times in Texas and the Legislature must continue to grapple with the problems of law and order, education, water development and air and water pollution. I hope to help solve some of these problems."

Calhoun was re-elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1968 without opposition and in the 61st Legislature served as vice chairman of the House Committee on Urban Affairs and as a member of the following committees: Judiciary, Motor Transportation, Parks and Wildlife, and Oil, Gas and Mining. He also serves on interim committee studying the judicial systems of Texas, the problems of West Texas and faculty compensation in our state supported colleges and universities.

Arbor Day Noted By Garden Club

Mrs. Johnny Cox was hostess to members of the Garden Club Thursday. She was assisted by Mrs. Joe Hartley.

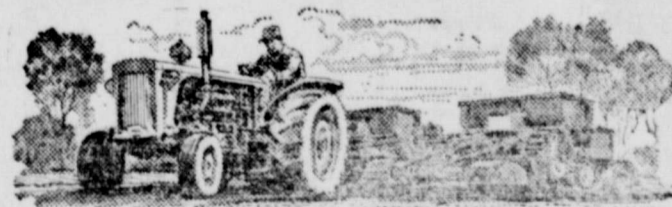
An Arbor Day program was presented in observance of National Arbor Day, when Crepe Myrtle will be planted in City Park. Mrs. Jarrett Williams distributed pamphlets from the State Department on the care of Crepe Myrtle. She also spoke on Tetanus protection.

Those answering roll call were Meses Mary Click, Christine Collins, W. L. Brown, Cox, Oda Clark, R. M. Ferguson and Mack Fisher.

Also Meses Lucy Ford, Hartley, W. T. Sadler, Herber Patterson, Williams, John Shannon, Charlie Sherrill, Jose Shanks and Homer Shanks.

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ROUND-UP

By PAT BYRD

This month lots of subscriptions come due; needless to say we have been pretty busy. We get lots of nice letters about how they enjoy their Merkel Mail like this one we received from Col. H. McMurry of Washington, D.C. "Glad to pay for a subscription to the Merkel Mail. I graduated from Merkel High School in 1917 with the second highest grade. Like all mothers, mine told me if I hadn't played so much basketball and baseball I could have been the highest. By the way, our team ever lost a game." Thank you, Col. McMurry, for your nice letter. And then we get some other "kinds" of letters to. We are working on those three-year subscriptions — if "Pat," our computer, doesn't go on the "blink" again.

Mrs. Ola Lee Winn returned last week from a three week visit with friends and relatives, her son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Winn of Wink, Mr. and Mrs. Winn are both teachers there. Also visited her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harold McGehee at Garden City. The McGehees are teachers in the school system there.

Jake Massey, formerly a Merckelite and now of San Antonio, was by the Mail some time back, and said he had heard that friends from Merkel stepping off in San Antonio, would have called him if they had known he lived there. So Jake asked that we let "his Merkel friends know that he is listed in the San Antonio telephone book, and next time they are in San Antonio to give him a call."

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harris were surprised with an Anniversary Party Sunday, Jan. 11, at their home. Hosting the party were Mr. and Mrs. Harris' children,

Robert and Connie Harris, Billy and Sarah Lucas. About 35 friends and relatives attended.

Mr. J. O. Miller returned home from Modesto, Calif., after a month visit with his sister, Mrs. Lige Harris.

Cpl. Dale Farmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones, wrote a "homesome" letter home from Vietnam concerning the upcoming Christmas holidays. But Mrs. Jones (Faye) received another one — with a happier note. It seems that Dale, along with 25 other men in his squadron were guests at the Bob Hope Show in Da Nang Christmas Day. So, Dale really had something to "write home" about. Good luck, Dale.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Denson and Mrs. J. G. Herron spent last weekend at Big Spring with the Buck Herron family, Mrs. Herron stayed for a few days.

One More Try!

"We will need more people participating in the Physical Fitness Class," said instructor, Mrs. Gerald Williamson. "So we're giving it one more try this Thursday evening at 6:45."

The class re-organized recently and set a goal of "an average of 20 participating members."

Persons interested in joining the Physical Fitness Class are urged to be present at this evening's meeting.

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CONG. OMAR BURLESON
... represents 17th District

Burleson Speaks For Re-Election

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Omar Burleson, who represents the 17th District of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives, has announced for re-election.

He has filed for a place on the ballot in the Democratic Primary Election on May 2, 1970.

Burleson was elected to the 80th Congress from the 17th District and has been reelected to each succeeding Congress. He is a member of the Ways and Means Committee, considered to be the most powerful and prestigious in the House.

Matrons, Patrons Club Draw Pals'

Past Matrons and Patrons Club met Jan. 13 with the president, Mrs. Wade Ensminger, presiding. Mrs. Pat Martin was acting secretary in absence of Mrs. Fern Windham, club secretary.

Members voted to draw new club pals, which will be revealed in April.

Refreshments, consisting of a salad supper, spiced punch and coffee were served to members and guests.

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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 of the writ, in a newspaper published 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: Ronald John Rhodes, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 10th 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 23 day of February A.D. 1970, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 6 day of January A.D. 1970, in this cause, numbered 11,175-B on the docket of said court and styled In Re: Lorrin Jo Rhodes, a Minor.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: In Re: Adaptation 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.

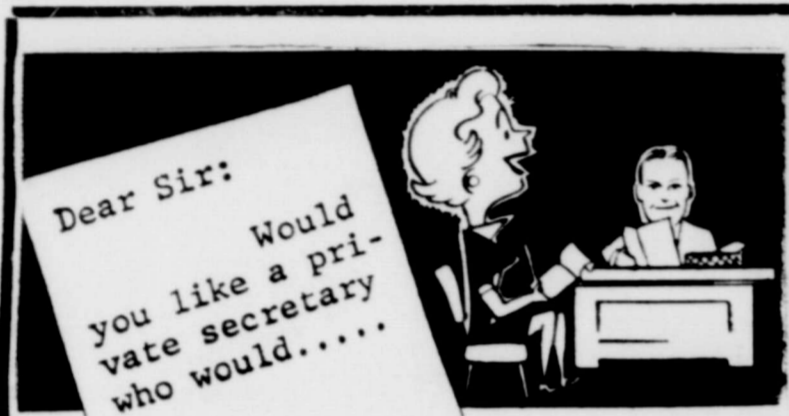
The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 6 day of Jan. A.D. 1970.

(Seal)
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD
Clerk 10th District Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Marie Gill, Deputy.

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If you understand the real meaning of other people's needs and feelings, says Detroit housewife Edna Waters, you will be enriched by friendships that spell real security.

And if, like Mrs. Waters, you put these understandings to work, in community affairs or business, the satisfactions that will result will be worth far more than money.

Alabama-born Mrs. Waters is a living example of her own philosophy. For years she has been an independent dealer selling the products of Stanley Home Products, Inc. of Westfield, Mass., and her work gives her a chance to observe people at home parties, to gauge their needs, and to do her best to satisfy them.

The result has been success far beyond her original hopes when she became a Stanley dealer just to supplement her family income. Now, virtually all her customers have become friends, who trust and respect her, and look forward to meeting her again. Her philosophical bent, coupled with determination, carried her through the first few parties, when she made practically no sales. However, she quickly became a leading dealer, selling as much as \$800 worth of Stanley "quality-plus" products in a single day, \$1,000 in a week, and almost \$6,000 in a month!

What this has meant materially to the five men in her life—a devoted husband and four grown sons—has been a beautifully furnished nine-room home, all the latest appliances, wall-to-wall carpeting, money set aside for college (one of her sons is now teaching), opportunity for travel (she's been to Nassau, Miami, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York and Texas), and an end to pen-



Mrs. Edna Waters

ny-pinching. What's more, there's been ample time for the family to enjoy baseball, boating and fishing. As she rides from party to party in her luxurious new model automobile which she paid for herself, Mrs. Waters is elated by the thought that each gathering means new friends.

And "the best part of the Stanley opportunity is that there is no time clock," she says. That means she can plan the trips and outings which the whole family enjoys together. "There's no greater security in the world," she insists.



YEAR OF THE SCARF — Scarves have always delighted feminine imaginations. Never out of style, they're more "in" fashion than ever before, especially under the spell of todays sashed and turbaned gypsy look. Squares, oblongs and triangles are shaped into long, long streamers, fringed, initialed and signed. They can be used with skirts, draped as ascots, neat turbans or tied at the side of the head.

LEGAL NOTICE

AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND DETERMINING THE GENERAL SERVICE RATE TO BE CHARGED FOR SALES OF NATURAL GAS TO RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CONSUMERS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF MERKEL, TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH SUCH RATE MAY BE CHANGED, ADJUSTED AND AMENDED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MERKEL:

SECTION 1. Effective with the first gas bill rendered after the final approval of this ordinance, the maximum general service rate for sales of natural gas rendered to residential and commercial consumers within the city limits of Merkel by Lone Star Gas Company, a Texas corporation, its successors and assigns, is hereby fixed and determined as follows:

First 1,000 cu. ft. or fraction thereof \$1.856 Gross; \$1.670 Net
All Over 1,000 cu. ft. at \$1.032 per MCF Gross; \$.929 per MCF Net

No gas bill will be rendered to any residential or commercial consumer served under the above rate not consuming any gas during any monthly billing period.

ADJUSTMENTS

The amount of each net monthly bill computed at the above stated rates shall be subject to the following adjustments: Plus or Minus the amount of any increase or decrease, respectively, in the present authorized intra-company city gate charge as fixed by the Railroad Commission of the State of Texas or other regulatory body having jurisdiction for gas delivered to Lone Star Gas Company's distribution system for

sale to residential and commercial consumers; plus an amount equivalent to the proportionate part of any new tax, or increased tax, or any other governmental imposition, rental, fee or charge (except state, county, city and special district ad valorem taxes and taxes on net income) levied, assessed or imposed subsequent to July 1, 1969, upon or allocable to the Company's distribution operations, by any new or amended law, ordinance or contract. Each gross monthly bill shall be adjusted proportionately. Company, at its option, may forego the application of any adjustment if such adjustment would result in an increase in the monthly bill; however, failure of Company to apply any adjustment shall not constitute a waiver of Company's right from time to time, or at any time, to make adjustment, in whole or in part, in any subsequent current monthly bill that may be applicable to such bill.

Net rate shall apply to all bills paid within ten days from monthly billing date; gross rate shall be applicable thereafter.

The above rate is applicable to each residential and commercial consumer per month or for any part of a month for which gas is used at the same location.

In addition to the aforesaid rates, Company shall have the right to collect such reasonable charges as are necessary to conduct its business and to carry out its reasonable rules and regulations in effect.

SECTION 2. The rate set forth in Section 1 may be changed and amended by either the City or Company furnishing gas in the manner provided by law. Service hereunder is subject to the orders of regulatory bodies having jur-

isdiction, and to the Company's Rules and Regulations currently on file in the Company's office.

SECTION 3. The fact that there is an imperative public need for an ordinance fixing and determining the rate for gas and gas service furnished to residential and commercial consumers creates an emergency, and the reading and passage of this ordinance at three separate meetings is hereby suspended and this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after the date of its passage at a single meeting and the approval thereof by the Mayor.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 19 day of January, A.D. 1970.

ATTEST:
ROY J. KIMBRELL
Secretary
HORACE HARGROVE
Mayor
City of Merkel, Texas

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TAYLOR

I, Roy J. Kimbrell, Secretary of the City of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance passed and approved by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Merkel at a regular session held on the 19 day of January, 1970, as it appears of record in the Minutes of said Board of Aldermen.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID CITY, this the 19 day of January, A.D. 1970.

ROY J. KIMBRELL
Secretary, City of Merkel, Texas
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Former Merkel Man Dies at 83

H. M. Warren, 83, longtime Knox City businessman, and former resident of Merkel, died Sunday at the Brazos Valley Care Home in Knox City after an extended illness.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at First Methodist Church in Knox City, with the Rev. B. J. Foster officiating. Graveside services were held Tuesday afternoon at Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel.

Mr. Warren was born March 21, 1886 in Coryell County and married Anna Mashburn in 1907 in Merkel. He moved to Knox City in 1920 and owned the Warren Funeral Home from 1925 until 1957, when he sold the business. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include one son, Fred of Hobbs, N.M.; one daughter, Mrs. Odell Carver of Knox City; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, one son and one daughter.

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Quarterly Report of Taylor County Treasurer

On January 12, 1970, The Commissioners Court met in regular session, compared and examined the report of Mrs. Bob Haile, County Treasurer, for the quarter ending December 31, 1969, and found it to be correct and the amounts received and paid out to be correct since the preceding report.

FUNDS	Balance Last Q'r.	Received This Q'r.	Paid Out This Q'r.	Balance This Q'r.
Jury	\$ 19,313.77	\$ 14,211.33	\$ 8,846.86	\$ 24,678.24
Precinct No. 1	45,825.58	29,001.63	23,625.43	50,401.78
Precinct No. 2	60,498.14	28,425.36	20,761.10	68,162.40
Precinct No. 3	61,841.85	28,515.46	46,853.44	43,504.87
Precinct No. 4	40,841.97	27,938.36	22,207.73	45,764.60
General Fund	194,178.07	497,881.19	221,812.36	470,247.84
Pauper Fund	14,349.22	62,756.36	53,048.89	24,056.69
Road Fund Ser.—1947	230.00	.00	.00	230.00
Road Fund Ser.—1953	24,576.40	.00	.00	24,576.40
Road Dist. 1 Skg. Ser.—1947-53	22,699.92	29,533.26	.00	52,233.18
Officers Salary	34,909.05	147,399.22	139,972.33	42,335.94
Lateral Fund	35,727.03	83.33	.00	35,810.36
Road & Bridge R.O.W.	19,932.70	208.33	40.94	20,100.09
Perm. School Fund	1,694.77	57.50	.00	1,752.27
Payroll Account	1,050.00	188,053.58	188,053.58	1,050.00
Perm. Improvement Skg. Ser.—1954	7,272.42	35,648.82	.00	42,921.24
Library Fund	1,824.96	2,445.50	2,140.53	1,329.93
Perm. Improvement Fund	99,217.27	64,024.05	144,521.67	20,719.65
Road Bond Ser.—1955	686.40	.00	.00	686.40
Road Dist. 1, Skg. Ser.—1955	4,727.74	324.76	5,052.50	.00
F.I.C.A. Tax Fund	25,356.65	30,237.40	32,068.68	23,525.37
Ref'd. Bond Skg. Ser.—1957	728.36	77.28	.00	805.64
Special Road and Bridge	1,286.00	.00	.00	1,286.00
J. P. Prec. 1, Pl. 2	11,222.17	154.07	.00	11,376.24
Coliseum Bond Ser.—1967	140,778.35	3,418.17	144,196.52	.00
Coliseum Skg. Ser.—1967	4,827.59	46,682.36	.00	51,509.95
Courthouse & Jail Bond Ser. 1967	2,545,152.47	.00	865.50	2,544,286.97
Courthouse & Jail Skg. Ser.—1967	22,531.58	27,426.45	.00	49,958.03
	\$3,440,081.37	\$1,265,696.41	\$1,052,525.56	\$3,653,252.22

BANK BALANCES

Abilene National	\$ 132,204.22		
Bank of Commerce	149,200.00	Total Bank Deposits	\$3,653,252.22
Citizens National	1,028,473.90	Total Time Deposits	2,863,405.00
Fist National	1,674,361.73	U.S. Treasury Bills	144,185.33
First State, Abilene	535,907.30		
First State in Tuscola	133,105.07	Total Checking Account	645,681.89

Securities Owned By Taylor County—Owned by Perm. School Fund

Jury Dist. Gov. Bonds	\$10,000.00	—Buffalo Gap School Bond	4,700.00
Rd. Dist. No. 1 Skg. Fd. S. 47-53		—Everman Ind. School Bds.	8,800.00
Buffalo Gap S. Bonds	3,200.00	—Government Bonds	3,000.00
		—San Saba Road Bonds	1,000.00
		—Federal Land Bonds	1,636.30
	\$13,200.00		\$18,336.30

TAYLOR COUNTY BOND INDEBTEDNESS

Issues	Original Issues	Bonds Redeemed	Bonds Outstanding
Bond Series 1953	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 285,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
Coliseum Bonds S. 1967	1,750,000.00	.00	1,750,000.00
Courthouse & Jail B. F. 1967	3,000,000.00	95,000.00	2,905,000.00
	\$5,100,000.00	\$ 380,000.00	\$4,720,000.00

The requirements of Art. No. 401 P.C. have been complied with, and a tabular statement has been filed as required.

GROVER NELSON
Commissioner Precinct No. 1
FELTON SAVERANCE
Commissioner Precinct No. 3
ROY SKAGGS
Taylor County Judge

JOE CYPERT
Commissioner Precinct No. 2
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Commissioner Precinct No. 4
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Taylor County Clerk

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TO: Howard Warren Butler, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU 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 9 day of February A.D. 1970, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 7 day of October A.D. 1969, in this cause, numbered 32-404-A on the docket of said court and styled Marsha J. Fowler Butler, Plaintiff, vs. Howard Warren Butler, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to - wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about March 4, 1966 and lived together until on or about March 21, 1966. Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of harsh and cruel treatment. Plaintiff asks for custody and support of the minor child. There is no community property to be divided 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 23 day of December A.D. 1969.

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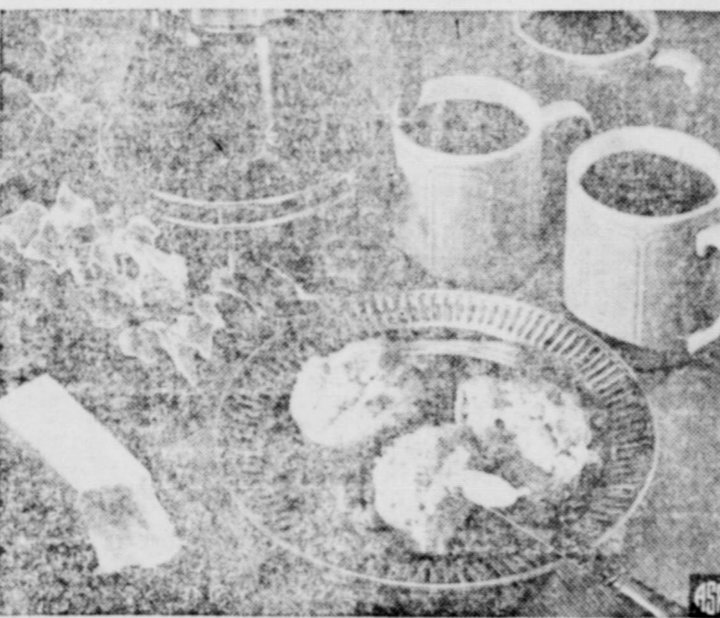
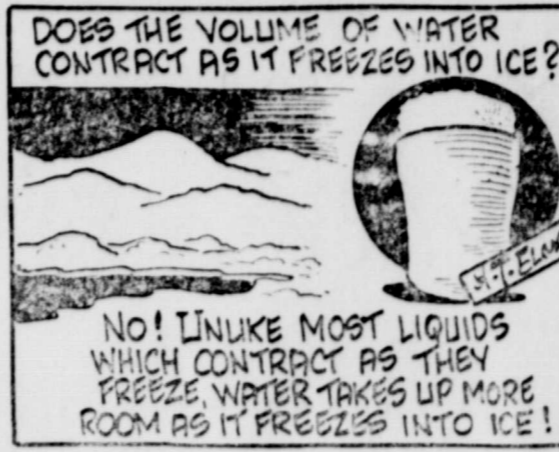
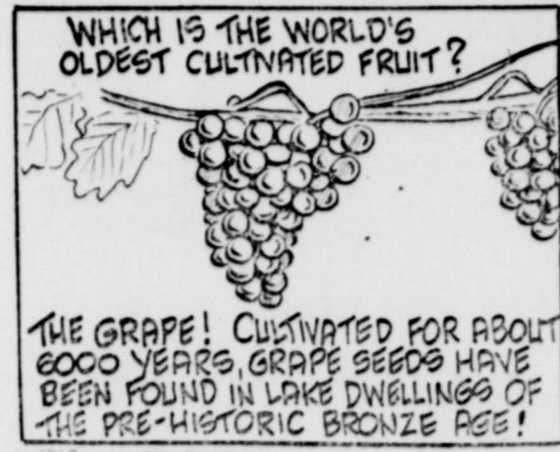
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- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Crush crackers into fine crumbs between sheets of waxed paper. Stir milk into crumbs and let stand 10 minutes. Add egg, butter and bacon, beating well. Sift flour, baking powder and salt together; stir into first mixture until just moistened. Do not heat

Stith News
by MRS. FRITZ MALE

Several from Stith attended funeral services for Mrs. T. E. Butler at the North Side Baptist Church in Anson last Tuesday. They were Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley and Fletcher Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Butler lived on their farm here for several years before his retirement and move to Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning attended the 4H Calf Show at Tuscola Tuesday. R. Browning,

ter), oiled on bottoms only. Bake in pre - heated hot oven (425 deg.) for about 25 minutes, or until well risen, browning and shrinking from sides. Remove from tines and serve hot. Yield: 6 muffins.

their grandson, won second and third places on his calves. Mrs. Royce Mashburn left Sunday for her home in Bridgman, Mich., after visiting three weeks with her mother, Mrs. John Shaw and also Mr. and Ms. Roy Mashburn and family and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shaw. Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones, recently were Mr. and Mrs. Truett Jones, Gatesville; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jones and son, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Berry, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Olin Potts, Anson, and Mr. and Mrs. Les Allen, Rising Star. Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shaw had dinner with Mrs. Shaw in Merkel Sunday. M. J. Shaw of Abilene also visited his mother. Fred Dunagin entered Hendrick Memorial Hospital Saturday. He is to have surgery this week. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sloan spent the weekend in San Angelo with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Sloan and children. Ronnie and Debbie Hobbs were on the "sick list" over the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Dailey are proud parents of a baby girl, born Friday in a military hospital in Idaho, Mr. and Mrs. Blondy Hanson are grandparents. Mrs. Hanson left by plane Monday for a visit with the Dailey family. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Brittain of H.S.U. Abilene, and Janie Liles, TCU, Fort Worth, spent the weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley.

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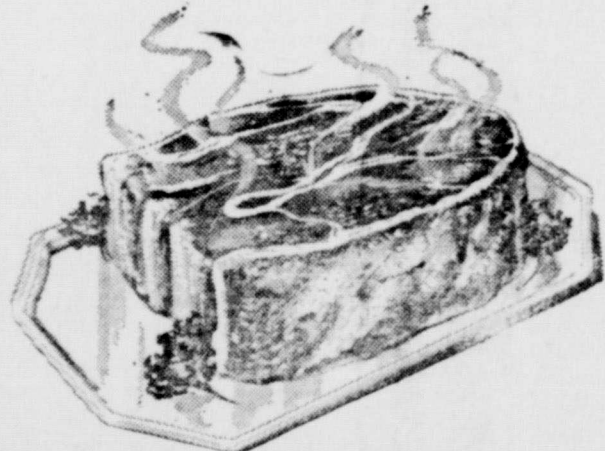
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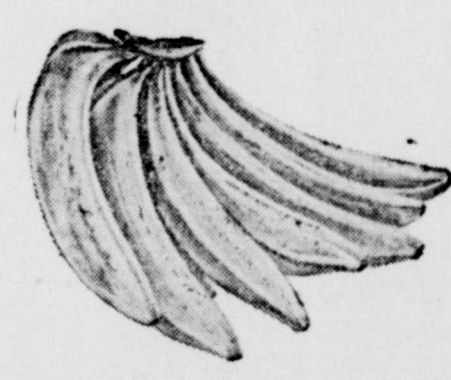
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