

NOODLE HOMECOMING BEGINS SATURDAY

Saturday, November 28 is date for Noodle Homecoming. Activities will continue through Sunday. Saturday's schedule includes registration at 4 p.m., evening meal 5:30, and welcome by school superintendent, Winifred Dodds, at 6:15 in the school auditorium. At 7 p.m. a basketball game is scheduled between the Noodle and May girls and Noodle and

May boys. Crowning of Coming Home and Homecoming Queens will be held at half-time of the boys' game, said W. R. Cyert, chairman for this year's activities.

Sunday's schedule will begin at 7:30 a.m. with an ex-listerman's breakfast. A noon meal will be served, beginning at 11:30 a.m. and homecomers and guests will be entertained at 1 p.m. by Jimmy Kerr's Band.

At 1:30 p.m. honors will go to Mr. X. Oldest homecomer present, one traveling the greatest distance, and the largest class present.

Candidates for Homecoming Queen are Elizabeth Serbin, senior, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Serbin; Fay Cochran, junior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cochran; Cathy Gardner, sophomore, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Benningfield, and Mary Cochran, freshman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cochran.

Church services in Noodle Sunday morning will be at the Church of Christ, 9:30 Bible Classes, and 10:30 Worship Services and at the Baptist Church, Sunday School at 10 a.m. and Preaching at 11 a.m.

MHS Junior Class Pick Contestant

Merkel High School Junior Class met in business session this week and named Patti Copeland as representative for the Chamber of Commerce "Miss Merry Christmas" contest.

Debbie Bowen and Rusty Holloway were selected as class favorites.

The Annual Class Christmas Party was set for December 21. A games and decorations committee was selected.

For class project, members voted to sell Christmas decorations. The selling of fruit cakes will continue until Dec. 14 and persons wanting to purchase cakes may contact any junior class member, according to Jeanie Fincher, class reporter.

Officers for the 1970-71 school year are Jerry Holmes, president; Billy Diltz, vice president, and Gail Boone, secretary.

VFW Membership Supper Saturday

A Membership Supper and Dance are scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 28 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post home, according to Wallace Doan, commander.

"The supper and dance are for members who have paid their 1971 dues," said Doan, "and we will be accepting dues right on up until the time of the 7 p.m. event."

THOMPSON:

'TRY TO REMEMBER' HOLIDAY MAILING

Official in Charge, Truett Thompson, today urged residents of Merkel "to try to remember" that recommended mailing dates for civilian domestic Christmas mails start the first of December.

The national Christmas "mail early" theme this year, he explained, is based on the familiar musical tune "Try to Remember" — and is featured in public service radio and TV announcements. "The idea," he said, "is to have our customers remember recommended mailing dates. This will insure fast and efficient delivery of parcels and cards and prevent disappointments for friends and family members. Of course, it will also be a big help to your post office."

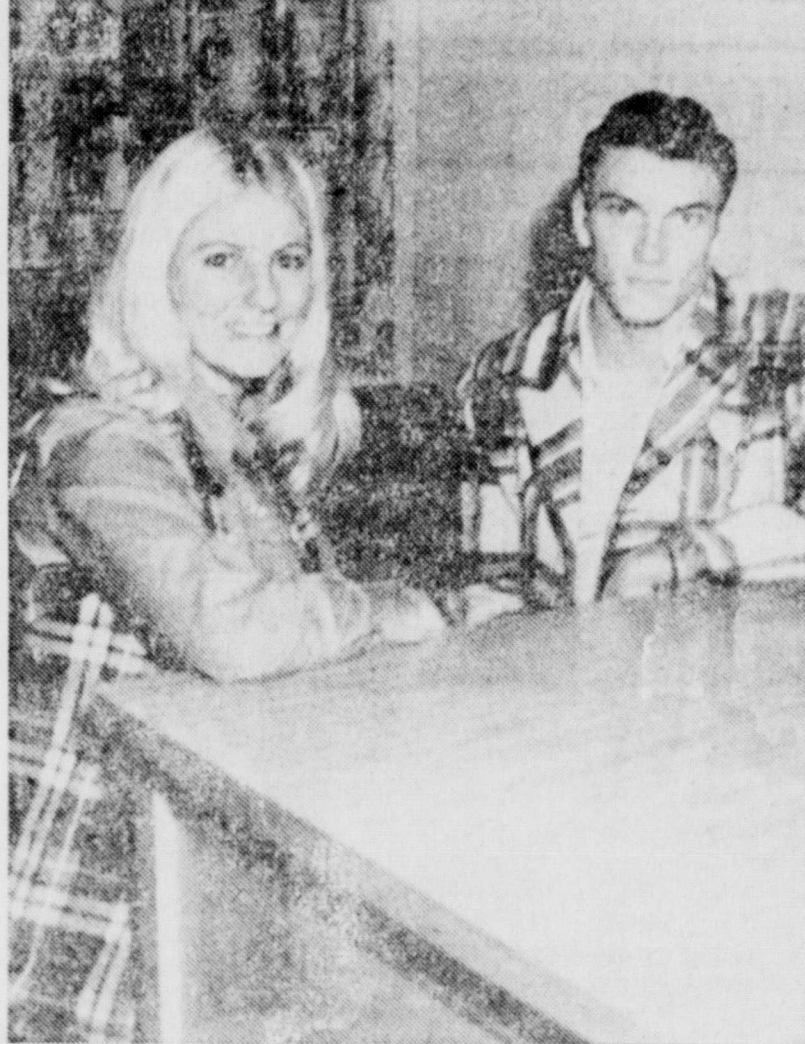
Thompson suggested latest dates by which Christmas mails should be deposited are as follows, but the postmaster urged customers

to mail earlier wherever possible: Domestic Mails (except Alaska and Hawaii): Distant States, Parcels, Dec. 1; Greeting Cards, Dec. 10. Local and nearby areas, Dec. 11 for parcels and Dec. 15 for Greeting Cards.

Alaska and Hawaii: Surface Mail, Nov. 30 for parcels, and Dec. 4 for greeting cards; air-mail, Dec. 14 for parcels and Dec. 14 for greeting cards.

In addition, Thompson noted several key dates applying for civilian international mail, as follows: To Canada and Mexico, surface parcels, Dec. 4; greeting cards, Dec. 9 and air parcels Dec. 16. To South and Central America — Air parcels Dec. 14. These same dates apply for the various types of mail for Europe, said Thompson.

For further details on Christmas mailing, contact the post office.



MHS Honorees

In assembly activities held this past week at Merkel High School Suzie Wilson was named Miss MHS and Bill Whisenhunt Mr. MHS. Both seniors, Miss Wilson is a twirler with the Badger Band and Whisenhunt is quarterback for the Badger Football Team. (Staff Photo)

GARDEN CLUB

PROJECT NEARS COMPLETION

Members of the Merkel Garden Club have "rounded the corner" on their Rose Hill Cemetery fence project. This past week the last one hundred fifty feet of fence has been installed.

Began more than twelve years ago with a big dream and a lot of faith, the Garden Club now has approximately \$11,500 invested in their fence project.

"Money toward this project has come through contributions to the Club, Memorials, and club projects, along with some large donations," said Miss Christine Collins, chairman of the fence project.

Present members of the Fence Committee, besides Miss Collins, include Mmes. Lige Gamble and Johnny Cox.

In recalling the history of this project, Miss Collins said, "We first built the entrance and the Farmers and Merchants National Bank gave us the bronze plaque that can be seen at the entrance to the Cemetery. We were just going to build the entrance and nothing more, but when we got that done, we wanted to keep on with the fence. And we've never actually asked anyone for money — every bit has been free will contributions, and money from club projects."

One of the club's main projects for several years was cooking in the old Community Center for Lions Club luncheons, and also holding bake sales.

The Merkel Cemetery Association helped the club along on their last 150 feet with a contribution

of \$500.00. The cost of this last installation was \$1,800.

To date, there is more than 1,400 feet of fence around the Cemetery on south side and entrance. Installation on the other side cannot be done, because the Cemetery is expanding, explained Miss Collins.

And now, members want to complete work on the last 500 feet and they have \$20.00 in the pot to begin this project — but they still have their "dream and lots of faith."

"We know it can be done," said Miss Collins, "and we'll work until the project is completed."

Members recalled that when the project was first started, there were those who "thought the task too big to undertake," but their determination willed out.

So — if you haven't already seen the completed fence that adds so much to Rose Hill Cemetery

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CORONATION OF AUTUMN

By LAVONNE BUNCH

The prelude is played by a brisk breeze with an occasional drum beat by a woodpecker. The final rays of the warm golden sun slither through the trees and a deer stands relaxed, eating a fragrant morsel of green. Armadillo and other varmints scurry here and there, looking for food under the fallen leaves.

The leaves provide a breathtaking view, the deep reds, limes, and yellows of the oaks, shumac and elms. There is every color imaginable from burnt orange to fresh cedar green. This writer has seen the Pacific at sunset and the color formation of Grand Can-

yon and is convinced that "Gravel Washer Drive" was painted by the same Artist.

Where?

Do as many Merkelites recently have — drive south toward the old gravel washer, beyond Rhode's ranch and stop often, along the way, to capture the sounds as well as the sights. Many Northern birds can be seen and heard as they fly in perfect formation toward a southern winter home.

Mauve acorns fall to a carpet of brown to start the cycle of life once more. Bravo for Autumn! Her coronation is truly a concert of color.

Merkel Merchants Ready For Christmas

Merchants in Merkel have been busy these past weeks, clearing shelves of seasonal merchandise, and making room for Christmas orders that have been "arriving daily."

And — they're "optimistic about the Christmas buying this year."

Merchants agree that "almost any items for Christmas gifting can be found right at home."

David Gamble, Merkel Drug, says "Christmas buying has begun, and we're very pleased with the way it's started. I believe we are going to have more Christmas buying at home this year than we had last year."

"People have indicated a desire for larger gifts for the whole family," said Fred Starbuck, "and we're ready for those kind of people."

Starbuck's Christmas display ranges from all kinds of household furniture to stereos, TVs, and radios in the entertainment field.

Mrs. Dee Grime of Bragg's says, "Christmas, it's wonderful and we're so pleased with the early shopping and buying that we've ordered a larger supply of merchandise in ladies, men's and children's wear — everything."

"People think of our store as the toy store," said Johnny Hammond at Ben Franklin. "Actually, we have many gift items for the family, but we're stocking up on plenty of children's gifts."

Onis Crawford, said, "Lay away began in early fall, and it's continuing at a steady pace."

"When we attended the Christmas Showing of clothes at Market last summer, we got a preview of upcoming styles," said Crawford, "and we purchased merchandise for Christmas then."

Something has been added at Adcock's Clothiers, and that's "dress-up clothes" along with their western wear.

"So many people ask for dressy pants and blouses, we have stocked some of both," explained Adcock. "Our western wear is still popular, but we want to be ready to take care of our area customers' requests."

Boeth Warren, at Farmers and Merchants National Bank, reminds people there is the crisp new currency in any denomination.

"Your currency gifts are placed in envelopes and ready for Christmas giving," said Warren.

Mrs. Almada Bullock at Bullock's Hardware and Gifts expressed optimism concerning this year's Christmas shopping. "We've already begun wrapping gifts for Christmas," she said, "and we are optimistic about this year's buying at home."

Mrs. Bullock added that they had increased their stock of glassware and now have a good supply

of Carnival glassware and Burmese (satin-tone) glassware.

Max Murrell at Murrell Chevrolet and Nolan Palmer, Palmer Pontiac, expressed regrets that their floors were not stocked as yet with new Chevrolets and Pontiacs, but "we can put you on our Christmas list."

If it's appliances that's being considered for Christmas giving, Merkel has General Electric appliances at Palmer Motors, Westinghouse at Taylor Electric and Frigidaire at West Texas Utilities.

Something new — Merkel Telephone Company this year is entering the "Christmas Spirit" by offering extension phones "installed free for Christmas giving."

Mrs. Lawrence Hewitt, service representative said, "we have a beautiful assortment of extension telephones — all shapes and sizes."

Herman Carson at Carson's Super Market and Ray Wilson, Wil-

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CHAPLAIN REYNOLDS GETS BRONZE STAR

In ceremonies in Di An, R.V.N., on Sept. 29, Chaplain (Capt.) Jerry D. Reynolds was awarded his second bronze star for service in Vietnam, while serving with the 3rd Brigade of the 9th Infantry Division. At the same ceremony he was also awarded the Air Medal for having achieved a minimum number of flight hours aboard military aircraft.

While with the 9th Division, Chaplain Reynolds served the men of his unit in the "Parrot's Beak" and "Fish Hook" sections of

Cambodia, as well as in South Vietnam.

Upon the 9th Division's return to the states, Chaplain Reynolds was reassigned to the 53rd Signal Battalion, based near Long Binh, R.V.N. At his new post he assists with regular worship services, and has been instrumental in a program involving drug abuse and in the sponsorship of the Maul Thon Orphanage.

The chaplain's wife, Sherry, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cramer Reynolds, are all of Merkel.



In Ceremonies

Col. Williams, left, commander of 39th Division, awards bronze star to Chaplain Jerry D. Reynolds at ceremonies held in Di An, RVN. This is Reynolds' second bronze star, awarded for service in Vietnam. At the same ceremony he was also awarded the Air Medal. (Photo by USAF)

In the American Tradition...

Let Us Give Thanks



LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Jack Allen Gee, Defendant,
Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-
MANDED to appear before the
Honorable Domestic Relations
Court of Taylor County at the
Courthouse thereof, in Abilene,
Texas, by filing a written answer
at or before 10 o'clock A.M.
of the first Monday next after
the expiration of forty - two
days from the date of the issuance

of this citation, same being the 21 day of Dec. A.D. 1970, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 30 day of Oct. A.D. 1970, in this cause, numbered 5885 on the docket of said court and styled In Re: Wanda Diane Gee, A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Adoption 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 3 day of Nov. A.D. 1970.
(Seal)
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD
Clerk, Domestic Relations
Court, Taylor County, Texas
By Marie Gill, Deputy.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Albert Richard Phillips, Defendant,
Greeting:

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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 7
day of Dec. A.D. 1970, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court,
on the 4 day of Sept. A.D. 1970,
in this cause, numbered 5759 on
the docket of said court and styl-

ed In Re: Richard Powell Phillips.
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: In Re: Adoption 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 26 day of Oct. A.D. 1970.
(Seal)
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD
Clerk, Domestic Relations
Court, Taylor County, Texas
By Marie Gill, Deputy.

CLASSIFIEDS
GET RESULTS

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Proportional shares
- Weakened
- Unfinished
- Louisiana French language
- Totaling
- Indict
- Concerning
- Unit of light
- Exist
- Prefix: three
- Permit
- Office-holders
- She: French
- Trap
- Particle
- Streamlet
- Original inhabitant
- Selenium: chem.
- Snakes
- Piece of news
- Set
- Likely
- Age
- Number
- Cooked in fat
- State: abbr.
- Irony
- Dried grape
- Dishes
- Slip away
- Narrow streets
- Judged
- Bantu language
- Building wing
- Motivated
- Too mellow
- Stayed
- Devour
- Musical note
- Suffix: member of
- Average
- Flower part
- Amalgamate
- Annoy
- High
- Wide band: Her.
- Cut in cubes
- Mineral
- spring
- Spanish
- Greek letter "king"
- Boy's name

DOWN

- Silver coins
- Lie beneath
- Not even
- Hard work
- Make void
- Sections
- Look over hastily
- Bow
- Nuts
- Gushes
- Other than
- Scotch river
- Greek letter
- Sick
- Suffix:

Answer to Puzzle

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Howard Warren Butler,
Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-
MANDED 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 be-
fore 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 14 day of De-

ember A.D. 1970, to Plaintiff's
Petition filed in said court, on
the 29th day of October A.D. 1970,
in this cause, numbered 32,882-A
on the docket of said court and
styled In Re: James Marshall
Craven, A Minor.
A brief statement of the nature
of this suit is as follows, to-wit:
Adoption 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 re-
turned 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-

rects.
Issued and given under my
hand and the seal of said court
at Abilene, Texas, this the 29 day
of October A.D. 1970.
(Seal)
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD
Clerk, 42nd District Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Rilla Mahoney, Deputy.

HARDY GRO.

HOW ABOUT THAT!

A clever man tells a
woman he understands
her... a stupid one tries
to prove it.

For
COLDS
take **666**

A TRULY AMERICAN TRADITION...



To give Thanks for Our Blessings

Since 1621 when the first settlers paused to give thanks for their blessings — THANKSGIVING has been an American tradition.

Let us all give thanks for our great free nation, our pleasant and prosperous community, and the personal rewards that we all enjoy.

This bank will be closed Thanksgiving day,
November 26th.

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Doesn't Make Much Sense to Me (?)

The following was said by a noted author:
"Religion alone can carry the load, defend us against the de-humanising collectives, restore true personality. And it is doubtful if our society can last much longer WITHOUT RELIGION, for either it will destroy itself by some final idiot war or at peace but hurrying in the wrong direction it will soon largely cease to be composed of persons — BUT I HAVE NO RELIGION, most of my friends have NO RELIGION, very few of the major modern writers have none, and what is certain is that our society has none."

No matter what it professes, it is now not merely IRRELIGIOUS but powerfully ANTI-RELIGIOUS.

It is not the confession of many? They say they believe in the Bible, they are a certain religion, yet they don't even try to live it. Does that make sense? "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" Jesus asked, Luke 6:46.
"Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." James 4:17.
"... when sin is finished, bringeth forth death," James 1:15.

BILLY PATTON, Minister
CHURCH OF CHRIST

"COME VISIT WITH US"

In spite of todays, pace, we still feel that an old fashioned "Thank You" is necessary and appropriate. We realize more than ever how much it means to have the friendship and confidence of folks like you. Without you, we could not prosper and grow. And so, let us put into words the feeling that is with us at all times... and say... simply, but sincerely — "Thank You."

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TAYLOR

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE DATED November 23, 1970 and issued pursuant to a judgment of the District Court of Taylor County, Texas by the Clerk of said Court on said date in a certain suit No. 10,476-B and styled State of Texas and Taylor County vs. Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Abilene, et al and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I have on November 23, 1970 Seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in January 1971, the same being the 5th day of said month at the Courthouse door of said County,

in the City of Abilene, between the hours of 10 o'clock A.M. and 4 o'clock P.M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Taylor and State of Texas, to wit: Lot 7, Boyce Subdivision of 83' Strip; Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, Block 24, Outlot B, Lots 4, 5, 6, 10, Block 24, Outlot D, W. H. Brown Addition; S 50' of NW 150' x 140' of Block 8, Lots 4, 5, Block 9, N 80' of E 140' of W 300' of Block 12, N 55' of S 150' x W 140' of W 300' of Block 12,

S 25' of NW 150' x 140' of W 300' of Block 12, S 95' of W 140' of W 300' of Block 12, E 130' of W 150' of S 145' of Block 17, 100' x 150' of S 1/2 of Block 17, Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, Block 27, College Addition; Lots 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, Block B, Lots 5, 6, Block the 1/2 of L-560 B6, 9V4q 6755 B, Freeman Addition; All of the above property located in the City of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas; Lot 15, Lot 12, Block 11, Lot 10, Block 12, Lot 12, Block 13, Lots 26, 27, Block 15, Lot 3, Block 27, Lots 4, 5, Block 27, Sears Park Addition; S 50' of Lot 4, Block 2, Tikker (S-D Li Fair Park Acres), Lot 8, W. J. Young (West of Merder) Addition; All of the above property being located in the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, as upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to sat-

isfy said judgment, interest, penalties and costs; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any persons having an interest therein, to redeem the property, or their legal heirs, at any time within two years from the date of sale in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, penalties, and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

DATED AT Abilene, Texas, this 23 day of Nov. 1970.
GEORGE MAXWELL, Sheriff
Taylor County, Texas
By Tommye Barlow, Deputy
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IN DEFENSE OF DRUG INDUSTRY

—When you get sick, call your doctor and he calls the pharmacist to send you a drug, do you get mad when you look at the price? —When you reluctantly write a check, do you think you are getting your money's worth? —Do you have faith in the drug, in view of recent charges that some pills are dangerous? —Is the American system of inventing, manufacturing and spreading a new drug to the masses as efficient as the same system in countries which have state (socialized) medicine? —In your irritability over costs of drugs, do you know how much more a drug manufacturer and the retailing pharmacist make on each pill or prescription? The questions above constantly go through the consumer's mind, in view of continued attacks by politicians and career government people who seemingly will not quit until U.S. medical care — including drugs — is completely socialized as in Russia and England. Like the doctor, the "pill maker" is a favorite whipping boy of those who would socialize the professions and private business. Their progress is on schedule. Except in paid advertisements, how often do you read anything in defense of the drug industry which is basic to good medical care? What follows will answer the questions above, and our data are accurate. The average prescription price of a drug in March of this year was \$3.68. Nearly 75 per cent of all prescriptions cost less than \$4.50 each. Only 2 out of 100 filled by pharmacies cost more than \$10.00 each. When your pharmacist sends you medicine, the cost is only 54

cents more than it was 10 years ago. But it is probably a different drug. Six out of 10 prescribed today were not even available a decade ago. Government figures show that average spending per person each year is \$78 on alcoholic beverages; \$48.60 on tobacco; \$45.45 on television and radio sets; \$36.75 on shoes; \$20.90 on foreign travel; \$19.25 at barbershops; \$18.90 on jewelry and watches. Down near the bottom of such selected items are prescription drugs — only \$18, and right below that are newspapers and magazines at \$17.05. To explain: If you take all the money spent on tobacco and divide by 200 million people in the United States, you come out with \$43.60 each. This is more than two and one-half times the spending rate on drugs. Don't get the idea that the drug manufacturer and the pharmacist are getting filthy rich; or have a tight little monopoly all to themselves. After his expenses and taxes, the manufacturer's profit on that average prescription price of \$3.68 is only 20 cents. Monopoly? There are 1,300 companies manufacturing pharmaceuticals in the United States. Their products are spread to patients in more than 7,000 hospitals and 52,000 pharmacies and prescribed by 400,000 doctors and dentists. Ten years ago prescription drugs and other over the counter products accounted for nearly 17 cents of your total medical-care dollar each year. That cost, as far as drugs alone are concerned, is now down to only 9.3 cents of each medical dollar. Like everything else, your to-

tal cost of health care is going up; but the part that drugs play in that total is going down. Do you have faith in medicine prescribed and in the American system of spreading it compared with that in countries with a socialized system? Pharmaceutical manufacturers now spend \$600 million a year, three times as much as 10 years ago, on a research for better products. Every year they test 150,000 substances; out of all these tests, only 10 to 20 completely new and marketable medicines result. — It costs the industry an average of \$37,000 a year to support one research scientist. During the last decade, the manufacturers' research cost to assure you a drug that is safe and of high quality has gone up at a rate of 50 per cent faster than the sales rate. This figure is proof that the industry is more interested in putting out a product that will get you well than in making a huge profit out of illness. Finally, and most importantly: Most illnesses can now be treated without hospitalization — thanks to drugs — The death rate for babies under a year has dropped 60 per cent since 1940 — it will live 10 years longer than the parents could expect to live 30 years ago. No business or profession is perfect. But those who get sick and complain at the cost of getting well, no doubt, will complain even more if our system is changed — and the government takes over. (Reprint from Texas Pharmacy Magazine, Nov. 1970) pd. adv.—The Merkel Drug

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
County of Taylor

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 42nd Dist. Court of Taylor County, of the 12th day of November 1970, by of said for the sum of \$51,230.75 Dollars and costs of suit, under a, in favor of Bank of Commerce in a certain cause in said Court, No. 32735-A and styled Bank of Commerce vs. Raven Oil Co. Inc, et al, placed in my hands for service, I George Maxwell, as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 19th day of Nov. 1970, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows to wit:

A. Lease dated May 19, 1964, by and between J. Harold Walsh, to wit: Lessors, and Jim B. Curry as Lessee, covering the North 1/2 of the George Hancock Survey No. 406, Taylor County Texas, recorded in Vol. 735, page 237. Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, covering all that certain lot, tract or parcel of land, being the North 1/2 of the George Hancock Survey No. 406, Abstract No. 103, in Taylor County, Texas, being described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at the NW corner of the said George Hancock Survey and running E 1963 varas to the NE corner of the said Survey and SW corner of Jessie Webb Survey.

THENCE South 928 varas to the center of the East boundary line of the said Hancock Survey; THENCE West along a line of fence running East and West through the center of said Hancock Survey 1964 varas to the West line of said Survey;

THENCE North 939 varas to the place of beginning and containing 327 acres of land, more or less,

all of my right, title and interest therein.

B. Oil and Gas Lease from C. M. and Hal Sayles to Gene Golts, dated Jan. 15, 1965, recorded in Vol. 765, page 23, of the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas and covering

The West 420 acres of Section 1, Block 5, T&P Railway Co. Lands, Taylor County, Texas.

C. All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land, being all of Lot 39, Block L, Section 1, of the NORTH INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT to Abilene, as shown by replat of said NORTH INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT recorded in Volume 57, page 100, Deed Records of Jones County, Texas.

All as is more fully described in

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the Deed of Trust and being the same lien being described in a certain DT of record in Vol. 432, page 429, of the Deed of Trust Records of Taylor County, Texas, and Vol. 131, page 565, of the Deed of Trust Records of Jones County, Texas, they being renewal and extensions of a Deed of Trust in Vol. 425, page 588, of the Deed of Trust Records of Taylor County, Texas, and Vol. 130, page 630, of the Deed of Trust Records of Jones County, Texas, reference to which record is herewith made for all purposes and levied upon as the property of Raven Oil Co. Inc.

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et al and that on the first Tuesday in Jan. 1971, the same being the 5th day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Bank of Commerce.

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Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



Approximately seventy five attended the Thanksgiving Dinner preceding at the Stith Community Center Sunday. The dinner and visiting were enjoyed by all.

The Rev. and Mrs. Skiles Watson of Freeport, came the longest distance. Others attending were the Rev. and Mrs. M. F. Conley, Kilgore; and Messrs. and Mrs. Edgar Bradley, Earl Cannon, Stephenville; Elmer Woolsey and daughter, Comanche; Edgar Berry, Abilene; and Ted Hudson of Rising Star.

Also Mrs. Eva Woolsey, Comanche; Mrs. Margaret Craig, Graham; Mrs. E. L. Berry, Mrs. Clara Driggers and Frank Mundy, all of Abilene.

Also Messrs. and Mrs. Weldon Hudson, Fort Worth; Bryan Dunagin, and Mrs. Jewel Dunagin, Charlie Sherrell, Lucy Ford, Emilee Massey, Lela Saffel, Ina Mashburn and Mr. Cecil Peterson, all of Merkel.

Mrs. Nera McDonald, Anson Care Home, visited her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald and attended the Homecoming festivities.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bradley, Stephansen, visited Mr. and Mrs. M. E. West Friday until Sunday.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley this week are Mrs. Bradley's sister and husband, the Rev. and Mrs. M. F. Conley of Kilgore, The Conleys are also visiting Mr. and Mrs. Alanzo Peterson, Merkel, and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Byrd of Tye.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones last week were their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Truett Jones, Gatesville; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Carr, Angleton; the Rev. and Mrs. Skiles Watson, Freeport; and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Berry and Mrs. E. L. Berry, all of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning visited Sunday with their son and family, the Billy Ray Brownings.

Mr. and Mrs. James Strong and Melinda of Odessa, came by for Mrs. Strong's mother, Mrs. J. E. Swindell, and took her to Seymour where she spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thomas. The Strong's attended a ball game in Wichita Falls.

Weekend visitors with Miss Louise Hudson were Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Hudson, Fort Worth; and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wisenhardt, Rising Star. They attended the activities at the Stith Community Center.

Jefferson Band Is Parade Entry

Benny Melton, Chamber secretary, said Wednesday morning that Jefferson Junior High School Band from Abilene had accepted invitation to participate in the Merkel Christmas Parade Saturday, Dec. 5.

"We have invited other bands, along with drill teams," said Melton, "but have not heard as to their acceptance."

Organizations who have called in to the Chamber office as of Wednesday morning indicating their plans to enter floats are Taylor County Young Homemakers, Beta Sigma Phi and Merkel Brownie Troop No. 103.

Organizations and clubs planning to enter floats should call the Chamber office by Thursday, Dec. 3.

FOR SALE - Record player and 15 records. Also a 20 gallon iron kettle. Call 928-5127 or come by 691 Marion. 29 2tc

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Services Held For Ben F. Clark

Funeral services for Ben F. Clark, a former Mulberry Canyon resident, were held in Yellville, Methodist Church in Yellville, Ark., Nov. 18.

Mr. Clark died Nov. 15 in the Yellville Hospital.

Born Nov. 22, 1894 in Mulberry Canyon, he moved to Merkel with his parents as a child. He was educated in the Merkel Schools and married Wilmoth Coats Oct. 18, 1915. They lived on a farm northwest of Merkel for several years before moving to Yellville in 1952.

Survivors are his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Henry Logan of Wichita, Kan.; one son, Carroll of Arlington; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Tom Coats and Mrs. Scott Wilson, both of Abilene; one brother, J. H. Clark Sr., of Merkel.

NEW ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Dorton Jr. of Waco, are the parents of a baby girl, Kelli Shea, born Nov. 17. She weighed eight pounds and two ounces.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Windham of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Dorton Sr. of Victoria, and formerly of Merkel.

Kelli Shea has three brothers, Todd, Kevin and Kerry.

TC HOMEMAKERS COMPLETE COURSE

Twenty-seven homemakers in Taylor County have completed the Cooperative Extension Home Economics correspondence course on food buying "You: the Food Shopper," Roberta Watters, County Home Demonstration Agent, announced today.

The course was a "first" in Taylor County and consisted of six lessons and six assignments. The subjects covered included meal and menu planning, how to recognize quality, grades, standards, and labeling, and how to evaluate convenience foods in shopping.

In its continuing effort to reach more homemakers with its "Homemaker College" Taylor County Home Economics Extension Service plans additional correspondence courses in other subjects, as well as a repeat of the food buying course, said Miss Watters.

Some of the comments from the homemakers taking the course were:

"This has been very good. I have earned to be a better shopper and look for grades of vegetables I didn't know about."

"I enjoyed the course thoroughly and felt that I gained knowledge and experience. My food costs now are more in line with what I plan to spend."

FIFTH SUNDAY SINGING

Fifth Sunday Singing will be held Nov. 29 at the Trent Methodist Church, according to vice president, F. E. Sipe.

"Singing will begin at 1:30 p.m.," said Sipe, "and most of the singers from this district are to be here, including the Key City Quartet from Abilene." The public is invited to attend.

Basketball Schedule

December

- 1 - Winters, there, A&B boys, A girls
- 3, 4, 5 - Winters Tournament, boys and girls
- 6 - Noodle, here, boys and girls
- 10, 11, 12 - Colorado City Tournament, boys; Hardin - Simmons, Girls
- 15 - Coahoma, here A&B boys, A girls
- 18 - Colorado City, here, A&B boys
- 28, 29, 30 - Stamford Tournament, boys
- 31, Jan. 1, 2 - Hawley Tournament, girls

January

- 5 - Coahoma, there, A&B boys
- 7, 8, 9 - Merkel B Team Tournament
- 8 - Rotan, there, A&B boys, A girls
- 12 - Anson, here, A&B boys, A girls
- 14 & 16 - Winters B Team Tournament
- 15 - Haskell, there, A&B boys, A girls
- 19 - Hamlin, there, A&B boys, A girls
- 22 - Stamford, here, A&B boys, A girls
- 25 - Open date
- 29 - Rotan, here, A&B boys, A girls

February

- 2 - Anson, there, A&B boys, A girls
- 5 - Haskell, here, A&B boys, A girls
- 9 - Hamlin, here, A&B boys, A girls
- 12 - Stamford, there, A&B boys, A girls

CEMETERY FUND

The following have made recent donations to the Merkel Cemetery Association:

- Dr. and Mrs. Jarrett Williams
- Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Eller
- Mrs. Jennings Winter in memory of Ben Clark
- Mrs. Walter Frazier
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- Claude Smith
- J. M. Tucker
- Mrs. Boog Eyssem
- E. Yates Brown
- Mrs. Robert Doyle
- Adah Heeter
- Ray B. Spurgin
- Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Allen
- Gladys Newton
- Eugene Lang Sr.
- Jessie S. Howerton
- Merkel VFW Post 5683
- Mr. and Mrs. Ray Orsborn
- Dixie H. Middleton
- M. H. Barker
- Mr. and Mrs. George R. Peachey
- Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Shafer
- Mr. and Mrs. Omer Bishop

- Inez V. Smith
- Robert Riney
- Euna Belle Orsborn
- Ben and Elizabeth Hicks
- Frank F. Carter
- Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baze in memory of Ella Mae Deavenport
- Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson in memory of Ella Mae Deavenport
- Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Graham
- W. A. and Vivian Wilson in memory of Allison Kay and Cecelia Dianne Zitterkopf
- Mr. and Mrs. Neil Rupert
- Woodmen Grove 6593
- Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox in memory of Gladys Ayer Brasher
- Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Perry
- Mrs. Lucille Eddins
- Mary Eula Sears in memory of L. A. Dudley
- Mary Eula Sears
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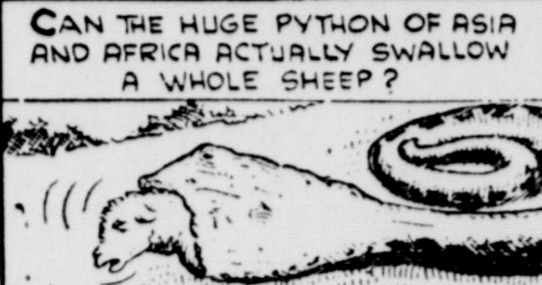
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Higgins Applies For Graduation

COLLEGE STATION — Edwin Dean Higgins of Merkel is among the 1,166 students applying for mid-term graduation at Texas A&M University, announced Reg-

istrar Robert A. Lacey. Higgins, who resides at 465 Yucca St., Merkel, is seeking a degree in physical education. Commencement exercises will be conducted Dec. 12. Lacey said 694 students have filed for baccalaureate degrees, 833 for master's and 139 for doctorates.

Homemakers Plan Float

Taylor County Chapter Young Homemakers met Nov. 19 in the High School in the Homemaking Department, and Roll Call was answered with "When and Where a Friend Counts."

Club members voted to take food baskets to two families during the Thanksgiving holidays. They also voted to enter a float in the Christmas Parade.

Annual Christmas Party will be held Dec. 11 at the Merkel Country Club.

Members discussed the State Convention to be held in Fort Worth Jan. 15-16 and "several members plan to attend."

A program on Christmas Ideas was presented members and guests by Kathryn Cawley, Lone Star Gas representative.

Members attending were Mmes. Joe Gregory, Billy Lucas, Finley Barnett, Roland Pack and Hugh Baker.

Mmes. Billy Bob Toombs, Robert Harris, Dick Leach, Charles Jacobs, Bruce Hennager, Jack King and Janet Deen.

Mmes. David Pursley, Darrell Hawse, Billy Patton, Glen Bicknell and visitors Carroll Benson, Roy Kimbrell and Paul West.

PERSONALS

Thanksgiving weekend visitors with Mrs. Ada Mae Johnson and Mrs. Mattie Billingsley and Mrs. Golda Malone were Messrs. and Mmes. W. M. Johnson, Ackerly; D. C. Johnson, Eules; George T. McBeth, Rotan, and Robert Malone.

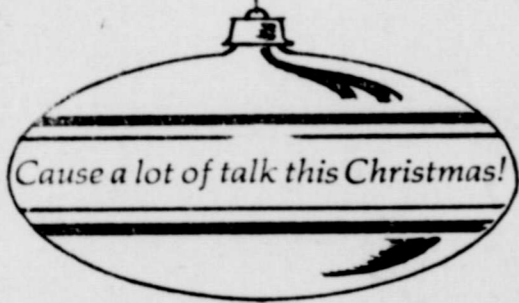
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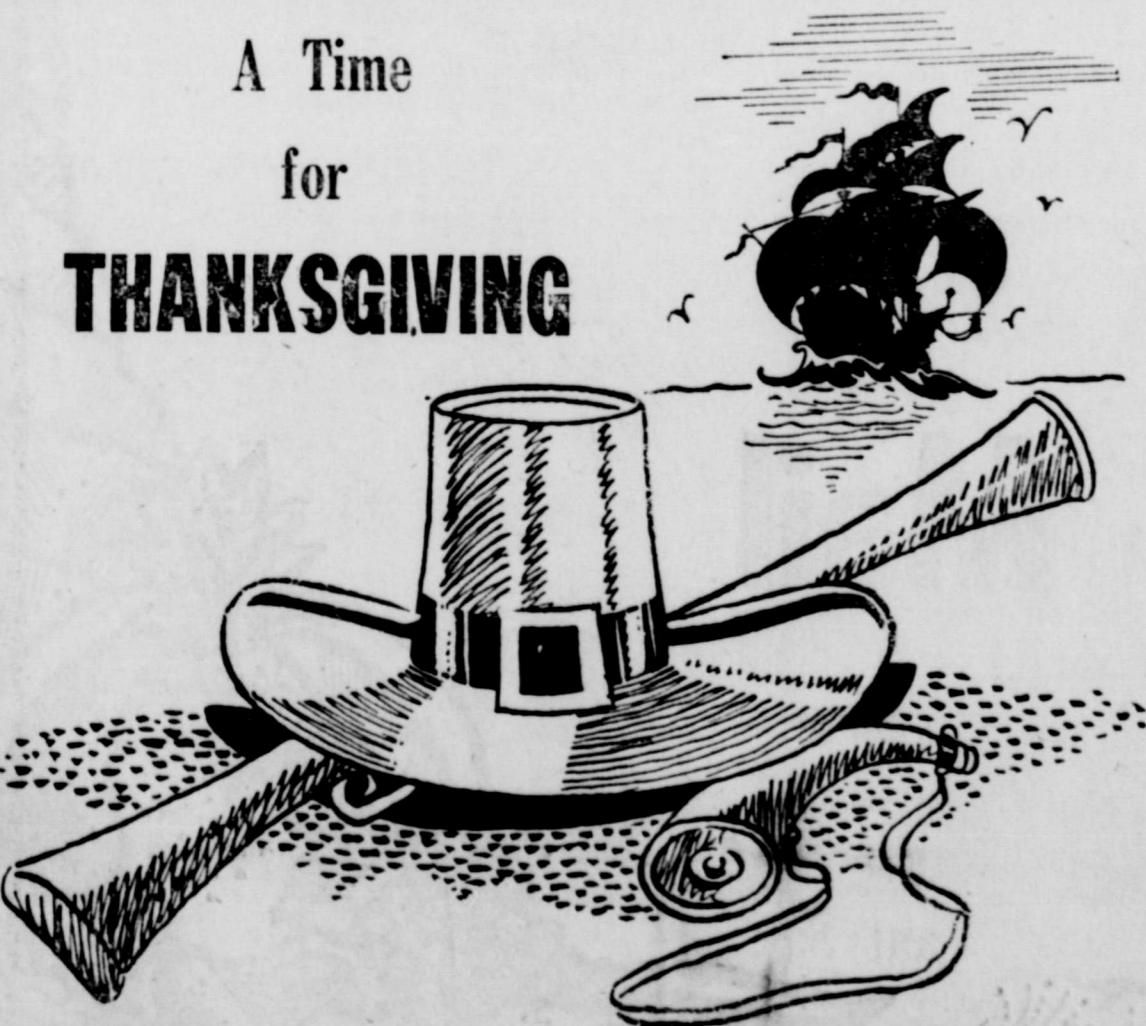
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son's Food Store, both agree that "buying hits a fast pace before Christmas and continues through the New Year."

Wool's Wilson at Wilson Jeweler, said, "We ready for Christmas shoppers and several have already made selections and put on lay-away."

Wilson said that gift ware items are in and a large stock of jewelry would be arriving any day.

Then, there's the Christmas Parade, coming up Saturday, Dec. 5, giving Merkel and area people a chance to see parade participants and afterwards, window and store photo in Merkel stores.

"We've extended invitations to area bands to participate in the parade," said Benny Melton, Chamber of Commerce secretary, "and we're anticipating a very colorful parade this year."

Parade time is 2 p.m.

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tery, drive by for a good look. Then — if you have a desire to "increase" that pot of \$20, you can make your contributions to the Merkel Garden Club's Cemetery Fence Fund.

Remember, too, that these contributions can be in the form of memorials. (The Garden Club Cemetery Fence Fund and the Merkel Cemetery Association Fund are two entirely different organizations.)

Jones County HD Clubs Set Annual Christmas Party

Jones County Home Demonstration Clubs are having their Christmas covered dish luncheon on Thursday, Dec. 10, according to Mrs. Mary Newberry, HD agent. Registration will begin at 10:30

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a.m. Eight Home Demonstration Clubs are in charge of arrangements for this annual activity.

After the luncheon a Christmas program and gift exchange will follow the home demonstration council meeting. During council meeting 1971 yearbooks will be distributed and 1971 council officers will be installed. Officers to be installed are

Mrs. H. A. Haynes of the Willow Creek HD Club, chairman; Mrs. Dennis Butler, Goodman HD Club, vice chairman; Mrs. Vernon Hudson, Stith HD Club, secretary, and Mrs. Jackie Kennedy, Willow Creek Club, treasurer.

All home demonstration club women and non-club members are urged to attend, said Mrs. Newberry.

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in the County of Taylor and
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Lots 1, 2, 12, Block N, Lots 3,
4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15,
16, 17, 18, Block P, Lots 1 thru
4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, Block Q,
Bettes Heights Addition; Lots 9,
11, 12, Block B, Lot 4, Block C,
South 1/2 of Lot 3, Block D, Lots
1, 2, 5, Block F, Lots 3, 4, Block
N, Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Block
L, Lot 10 and S 1/2 of Lot 11, Block
M, S 1/2 of Lot 2, all of Lot 3,
Block N, Boyce Addition; Lots
1, 2, 3, 6, Boyce Subdivision of 33'
strip; all of the above property
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When four Olympic swimming champions get together
these days, one of the primary subjects of conversation is
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TAYLOR

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER
OF SALES DATED November 23,
1970 and issued pursuant to a
judgment decree of the District
Court of Taylor County, Texas,
by the Clerk of said Court on said
date in a certain suit No. 10,473-B,
and styled State of Texas and
Taylor County vs. L. J. Renfro,
et al and to me directed and deliv-
ered as Sheriff of said County,
I have on November 23, 1970
Seized, Levied upon, and will on
the first Tuesday in January 1971,
the same being the 5th day of
said month at the Courthouse door
of said County, in the City of
Abilene, between the hours of
10 o'clock A.M. and 4 o'clock
P.M. on said day, proceed to sell
for cash to the highest bidder all
of the right, title, and interest
of the defendants in such suit in
and to the following described
real estate levied upon as the
property of said defendants, the
same lying and being situated in
the County of Taylor and State
of Texas, to wit: Lots 7, 8, 9, 10,

11, 12, Block G, Lots 7, 8, 9, 10,
11, 12, Block H, Haynes Addition;
Lots 5, 6, Block 51, Johnson Addi-
tion; NE 100' x 140' of Block 61,
Johnson Addition and all of Block
61, Johnson Addition less N 100'
x 140' of the W 1/2 of Block 61, and
less SE 200' x 140' of Block 61,
Johnson Addition; Lots 1, 2, 10,
11, 12, Block A, Lots 1, 2, Block
B, Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Block D,
Lots 3, 10, 11, 12, Block E, Lots
1, 2, 3, 4, Block F, Lots 1, 2,
3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, Block
G, Lots 1, 2, 3, Block H, Martin
Addition; Lot 9, 10, Block 7, Mil-
ler Addition; Lot 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9,
10, 11, 12, Block 7, Outlot F, Lots
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, Block 20,
Outlot C; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7,
8, Block 20, Outlot D, R. A. Miller
Addition; Lot 9, 10, 11, 12,
Block 6, Outlot A, W. T. Ran-
dall Addition; all of the above
property being located in the City
of Merkel, Taylor County, Tex-
as, or upon the written request
of said defendants or their attor-
ney, a sufficient portion thereof
to satisfy said judgment, inter-
est, penalties and costs; subject,
however, to the right of redemp-

tion, the defendants or any per-
son having an interest therein,
to redeem the said property, or
their interest therein, at any time
within two years from the date of
sale in the manner provided by
law, and subject to any other and
further rights to which the de-
fendants or anyone interested
therein may be entitled, under the
provisions of law. Said sale to be
made by me to satisfy the judg-
ment rendered in the above styled
and numbered cause, together
with interest, penalties, and
costs of suit, and the proceeds of
said sale to be applied to the
satisfaction thereof, and the re-
mainder, if any, to be applied
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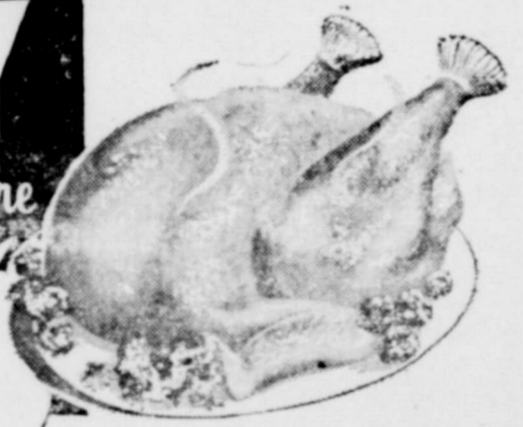
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