

TRENT STUDENTS SEE FIRE DEMONSTRATION

A graphic fire demonstration, presented to students of the Trent School Dec. 3, gave students an opportunity to "see for themselves how fire can be man's best friend or his worst enemy."

John B. Young, superintendent, said the demonstration, in seven parts, was under the direction of Ben Bullard, Assistant Safety Director of the Texas Farm Bureau.

A variety of demonstration equipment was placed on tables to illustrate seven basic points: 1. What fire is; 2. How to control fires; 3. The fact that nothing is fireproof; 4. Kitchen fires and their control; 5. Fuel Vapors; 6. The power of petroleum products; and 7. Household Wiring.

Bullard pointed out that fire is like a "Three-legged stool — it can't work with one of the legs missing. The 'legs' fire depends upon are fuel, heat and air."

"Yet in American homes these

three things come together in deadly and destructive combination every three seconds," emphasized Bullard. "This makes an average of 1,500 home fires every day and a loss of 33 lives."

Bullard pointed out to the students and faculty that "statistically, cigarettes and matches are the number one cause of fires, causing 162,000 building fires annually in the U.S. More than half of the fire deaths in the nation occur in home fires, and for every death there are about 100 serious injuries."

As a part of a program for fire prevention, the Texas Farm Bureau has presented this program "over 700 times for some 200,000 people."

The program was brought to the Trent School under the sponsorship of the Taylor County Farm Bureau.

MHS CONTINUES ACCREDITATION

Merkel High School has been continued as an accredited school by the Commission on Secondary Schools of the Southern Association of College and Schools.

The action was taken at the annual meeting of the Association held November 28-December 1 in Miami Beach, Florida, and was announced by principal Edwin Read and Mack Fisher, superintendent of the school.

"Membership in the Association is official recognition that a school is committed to school improvement through the accreditation process," said Fisher. "Each member school periodically conducts a thorough self-study and is visited by teams of competent educators who help to determine the school's strengths and indicate areas needing improvement."

Only those schools which voluntarily enter into these self-im-

provement programs and commit themselves to compliance with accepted educational standards are admitted to membership.

"The regional accreditation program has been in operation for 76 years and has demonstrated, by concrete educational achievements, that the process is of value to students, teachers, parents and communities through the South," according to John Guyer, chairman and H. E. Phillips, executive secretary of the Texas State Committees.

The Southern Association is one of six regional accrediting associations in the nation. It serves eleven states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. In addition, it has the responsibility for accrediting American Schools in Latin America.

MHS TEACHER NAMED COUNSELOR FOR FOREIGN STUDY PROGRAM

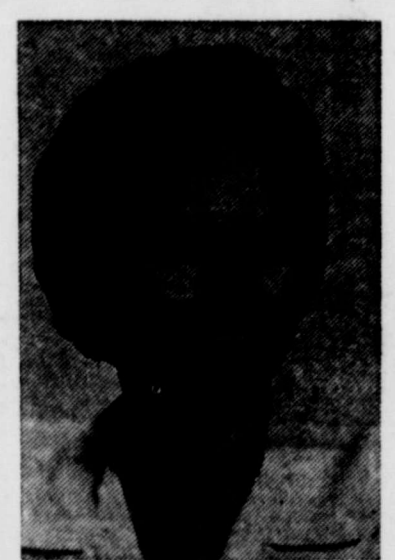
Mrs. Don Dudley has been appointed Counselor for the Foreign Study League's 1972 summer study program abroad for high school and college students in this area.

Mrs. Dudley is a teacher at Merkel High School and has been in the field of education for seven years. She will direct the enrollment of students from local high schools and colleges who wish to study with her overseas during the summer of 1972.

The Foreign Study League is the largest and oldest educational establishment of its kind in the world. Specializing in foreign study-travel programs, the League offers a wide variety of programs in almost every part of the globe, including Europe, Africa, Japan and the Middle East. Students have a broad choice of subjects, including foreign languages (taught by instructors indigenous to the country), political science, comparative cultures, music and art appreciation, as well as the cultures of each nation visited.

The average course lasts from four to six weeks and is equally divided between formal classes and field trips. Students usually take classes at schools where European students study during the regular academic year and live in residential facilities right on campus. Instructors are both American and foreign.

The area of study will be English literature and drama. Since



MRS. DON DUDLEY
... to direct enrollment

this is Mrs. Dudley's teaching field. "Students can expect to be well tutored." The tour will begin in Paris, France, and then will continue to England after a week of study and travel in Paris. The other five weeks will be spent in study and travel among the literary and historic sights of England.

"For example, when we study Robin Hood, we will go to Sherwood Forest to do so," stated Mrs. Dudley. "This tour is open to students who have completed the 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th grades, or the first year of college."

Mrs. Dudley is now in the process of arranging high school



MISS MERRY CHRISTMASSES — Winners in the Merkel Chamber of Commerce Annual Beauty Contest are, from left, Carol Whisenhunt, high school; Krista Alves, primary; and Gayla Toliver, junior high. Winners were announced Friday and participated in the Annual Christmas Parade held Saturday. (Staff Photo)

CRAWFORDS ANNOUNCE PLANS FOR MOVING

Onis Crawford, owner of Crawford's Department Store, announced this week that plans were underway for the moving of his business to the Mellinger building.

"This is a move that we have been contemplating for some time," said Crawford. "The need for extra space has become of major importance in the stocking and displaying of present merchandise."

Crawford said the move would be made "sometime in early 1972."

Plans are currently underway for a complete remodeling of the new location.

He said that plans called for a "new front to the building, new floors and ceiling."

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford (who is a partner with her husband) began business in Merkel in 1962 and handled at that time only men's wear and ladies' shoes until 1966, when they enlarged their merchandise to cover ladies and teens' wear. Since that time they have added a line of lingerie, and ladies' accessories.

"We plan to carry a complete inventory of mens and ladies wear, home furnishings, soft goods and shoes, after we get moved to our future location," he said.

The Crawford's first residency in Merkel was in 1955 when they moved from Hamlin to become manager of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce.

In 1957 they moved to Dalhart where Crawford was associated with the Chamber of Commerce there. They then returned to Merkel in 1962.

They have three children, Jimmy who lives in Midland and is employed with the Texas Department of Public Safety; Robert of Dallas and a representative for Ely and Walker Wholesale Dry Goods; and Mignon, a records technician at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene.

BROWNIE NEWS

By CHRISTI BRADY

Brownie Troop No. 103 met November 30 at the Scout Hut. The members continued work on Christmas decorations and gifts.

Don't Wait—Shop Now—
Only 16 Days 'TIL CHRISTMAS

Merkel Goodfellows To Help The Needy

"Goodfellows" meeting this week made plans for helping the needy this Christmas.

Volunteering their time for this year's Goodfellows in order to have the program ready on time are Lawrence Hewitt, Mrs. Hewitt, Wm. R. Cypert, and Mrs. Cypert, Mrs. Dave Brumbeau and Mrs. Robert Harris.

A board of directors for the Merkel Goodfellows will be appointed according to Hewitt to serve over a period of one to three years.

"However, with requests for food, clothing and toys coming in at this time, we need to get our 1971 program on the road," said Hewitt, acting chairman. "The people of Merkel have always been willing to contribute to Goodfellows, and we have faith they will be ready this Christmas season."

Hewitt said that there was also an immediate need for more volunteer workers during the campaign.

Persons desiring to contribute clothing may call Mrs. Cypert at 928-5013 or Mrs. Hewitt at 928-4865.

"We plan to have volunteers to pick up items contributed if the need arises," said Hewitt. "Headquarters for this year's Goodfellow Store will be the Merkel Telephone building."

"We need contributions of money also," said Mrs. Cypert. "Your contributions may be made to Merkel Goodfellows, and mailed

or taken to the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, or contact one of the volunteer workers."

The Merkel Mail will also be headquarters for Goodfellow contributions.

Date for opening of Goodfellow Store will be announced later said Hewitt.

Contributions to Goodfellows will be published each week in the Merkel Mail.

MHS BADGERS PLACE IN 7-AA SELECTION

The Merkel Badgers placed one on the defensive team of the All-District selections made this week by the district coaches at a meeting held in Hamlin Dec. 1. On the Second Team two Badgers were placed on offensive and one on defense.

Secondary, Jerry Holmes, 5'8" senior, placed on the first team defense. On second team offense, Badgers placing were Monty Tut-

tle, 6'1", senior (guard) and Holmes, (Running back) and Defense, Linebacker, Kerry Thames, 6'3", senior.

The Stamford Bulldogs, winners of the District 7-AA football title, dominated the All-District selections made and placed six on the offensive team and five on the defensive.

Stamford's Charlie Smith and Haskell's Tommy McAdams were named Coaches of the Year by their fellow coaches in the district.

Other teams placing players on the offensive first team besides Stamford were Haskell and Rotan with two each and Anson with one.

On the defensive first team Haskell placed three, Rotan two and Anson one.

Stamford landed three out of the four backfield selections made on the offensive unit with their Randy Leavitt at quarterback, Wayne Marsh at running back and Bingo Bolin at fullback. Haskell's Jackie Young was the fourth back in the honor backfield.

There were 17 seniors and six juniors named on the first team units.

WWI Veterans, Auxiliary To Meet Tuesday

World War I Veterans and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Merkel-Trent Barracks will have their Annual Christmas Program at the Taylor Electric Cooperative meeting room Tuesday, Dec. 14. A pot luck supper will be served at approximately 6:30 and ladies are to bring covered dishes, according to Mrs. L. J. Renfro, Auxiliary president.

"There will be a Christmas tree and exchange of gifts," said Mrs. Renfro.

Karl Bonneaux, commander, urges all members to make plans to attend this meeting.

On Thursday, Dec. 9, members will visit Veterans in the Big Spring Hospital for their annual party there. Gifts and \$1 bills will be given to all veterans in the hospital, according to Bonneaux. Cookies and fruit punch will be served.

Monday Singing

The regular Second Monday Night Singing will be at Victory Baptist Church Dec. 13 and will begin at 6:30 p.m.

"Another good singing is being planned," said F. E. Sipe, association president, "and the public is invited."

Public to Hear Christmas Music

First Baptist's Christmas Cantata will be presented Sunday, Dec. 12 in the church auditorium under the direction of Phil Hall.

Theme for the annual program is "Love Transcending," and soloists are Connie Carson, Steve Walker, Mrs. Don Riney, Leon Walker and Phil and Mary Hall.

The 40-member choir will present the musical program beginning at 6 p.m. and to be narrated by the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor.

The public is invited.

Letters to Santa

Just about this time every year the Merkel Mail becomes "headquarters" for contacting Santa Claus — and works very fast to get all those dear santa letters to the "right place."

This year is no exception — Letters to Santa are found on Page Five.

One request is for a ker-plunk and that's new to the "headquarters" staff.

So, come on, all you little ones, let Santa know what you want for Christmas. You still have time.

Special Invitation

Mrs. G. D. McConnell, Merkel Librarian, extends a special invitation to people in Merkel and the area to "come by the Library and make application for a card to use the library facilities."

"Being a branch of the Abilene Public Library, we have their books for our use," said Mrs. McConnell. "Let us save you time and the extra trip to Abilene, by your getting a Merkel Library card."

Library hours are Wednesday, 2 until 5 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.



"CHRISTMAS IS GIVING"
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Lloyd Ault, Defendant,
Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the

expiration of forty - two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 27 day of Dec. A.D. 1971, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 9 day of Nov. A.D. 1971, in this cause, numbered 6724 on the docket of said court and styled In Re: Barry Lee Ault.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: In Re: Adoption 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 9 day of Nov. A.D. 1971.

(Seal)
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD
Clerk, Domestic Relations
Court, Taylor County, Texas
By Marie Gill, Deputy

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: A suit for divorce. The parties hereto were married May 3, 1968 and separated on or about the 15th day of June, 1970. Petitioner asks for custody of the minor child. There is no community property for division, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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TO: Jack Allen Gee, Defendant,
Greeting:

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 18 day of Nov. A.D. 1971.

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If you've saved last year's cards, here's a novel way to make them into interesting tree ornaments: using pinkish shears, cut the cards into half-dollar sized discs. Fold the round edges to form a triangle and staple the discs together, one staple to each fold. Then, thread a loop of yarn through the ball-shaped ornament with a darning needle and hang it on your tree.

The list of things you can make is virtually endless—from paper angels and stars to computer punch card wreaths. Just turn your imagination loose, but make sure you have a good supply of staples on hand.

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The family of Chester A. Cox
Mrs. Letha Linen
Brothers and Sisters

CARD OF THANKS

THE FAMILY OF Mrs. Joe Nalley is deeply appreciative for every expression of affection from our many friends on the occasion of her passing.
Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Reese
Mr. and Mrs. Eitel Hunter
Wayne Hunter

CARD OF THANKS

WE ARE THANKFUL beyond measure for all of our good friends who were so thoughtful during my stay in the hospital at Flagstaff, Ariz., and after my arrival back home in Merkel. For all of your cards, flowers, food, visits and prayers, we say "Thank You." A special thanks is extended to all the wonderful people who signed the "get well" card at the Merkel Drug. Great people make Merkel and Merkel is great!


CARD OF THANKS

I WANT TO THANK all of my friends and neighbors for all the kind thoughts and prayers and especially the ministers and churches for their prayers during my stay in the hospital.
Sincerely,
Mrs. W. A. Lyday

Receives Music Scholarship

ABILENE — William K. Jones, a senior at Herdin - Simmons University here, is a recipient of a \$50 per semester music scholarship, the Student Financial Aid Office reported.
Mr. Jones is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Jones of Merkel.

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CHILDREN TO HOST 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Smith, residents of Hale Center since 1960, will be honored with a Golden Wedding Anniversary Sunday, Dec. 12 from 2 until 5 p.m. at their home on Route 2, (Highway 87) at Hale Center.

Serving as hosts and hostesses will be their two daughters and their husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Fortenberry of New Deal and Mr. and Mrs. Dayne Norris of Kress.

The Smiths' seven grandchildren will also be assisting with the celebration.

Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



The farmers sure need a lot of sunshine on their cotton.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry visited several days last week in Irving with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Butler. The Perrys also visited a niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sanders and children in Richardson.

Eenny Hobbs and Ronnie, T. B. Hobbs, Fort Worth and Gaston Hobbs, Grand Prairie went deer hunting at South Bend recently. Ronnie Got a deer.

Mrs. Ollie Fowler and Bobby of California are visiting this week with Mrs. John Hobbs and the Ben & Hobbs family. Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Chaney and Sandra of Richardson visited in the Hobbs' home Sunday.

Sam Mashburn was taken to Hendrick Hospital in Abilene Wednesday. He will have surgery this week. His daughter, Mrs. Murry Toombs of Lubbock is at the hospital with Mr. Sam.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shaw of Gainesville spent the weekend with Mrs. John Shaw in Merkel. Mrs. Shaw and the Wade Shaws had supper Sunday night with the Roy Mashburns.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clayburn and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kuch in Abilene Sunday.

The Stith HD Club has set Saturday, Dec. 11 for their Christmas Party at the Stith Community Center for members and their families. Time is 7 p.m. Each member is to bring a covered dish. Exchange of gifts will follow the program.

Bruno Ueckert of Merkel is in Hendrick Hospital in Abilene. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

ROUND-UP

By ELAINE BRUMBEAU

This is the time of the year when out of town Merkel friends write in to say "Season's Greetings to one and all."

Our first Merry Christmas greeting came from THE HOMER NEWBYS down Elgin way. Not only are they saying Merry Christmas to everyone, but wants to remind their friends that "the Homer Newbys live in Elgin, Texas, just 24 miles east of Austin!"

"We extend an invitation to everyone to come over to see us while you are in Austin," says Margaret. "We often see where so many are there for one thing or another, so don't forget that we are in Elgin, really very close, and we would love to see you."

MRS. GOLDIA MALONE had her mother, Mrs. John G. Kent from Childress, as a guest during the Thanksgiving holidays. Other guests were from Abilene, Wichita Falls, Euless and Merkel.

JOE LASSITER, representing Merkel's Precinct at the Dollars for Democrat's Dinner in Austin Monday evening, was back at work Tuesday morning, after leaving Austin around eleven Monday night, getting home and to bed around 4 a.m. He reported a "wonderful dinner, good fellowship and lots of democrats milling around."

Ex-Merkelite To Get Degree

Dewell Pike Burden, son of Mrs. Hallie Burden, will be among the fifty-five students who are expected to complete work on bachelor's degrees at the end of the fall semester of January Term at McMurry College. He will receive a BBA in business general administration. The students will be considered graduated at mid-winter although they will return to receive their sheepskins in the spring commencement exercises.

Taylor County 4-H Plans Set

County Extension activities set for December include the County 4-H Christmas Party, Dec. 13 from 7 until 9 p.m. at Rose Park Recreation Center, and on Dec. 17 the County Home Demonstration Christmas Party will be held at noon at the Pleasant Hills Club House at Caps. Gold Star Girl will receive ring and check from Mrs. Guy McCarry at this party. The Taylor County 4-H Food Show was held Dec. 4 at the Wylie Cafeteria.

Joe reported that "approximately 1,500 were served during the \$25 per plate dinner."

"There was a good general cross section from almost every part of the state," said Joe. "There were four Congressmen and two United States Senators in the group."

Congressman were Omar Burleson, Teague, Pickle and Mills and Senators were Humphrey and Bentsen.

We're looking for a longer report from Joe on this trip to Austin, so how about it, Joe, let's have it step-by-step.

WTC Rodeo Club Christmas Ball Tonight at 9

WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE — The first annual Cowboy's Christmas Ball, sponsored by the Western Texas College Rodeo Club, will be held Dec. 9 at 9 p.m., at the National Guard Armory in Snyder, according to Van Rigby, rodeo club sponsor. Music for the dance will be provided by Hoyle Nix and his West Texas Cowboys. The dance will be held from 9 p.m. until 12 midnight. The admission fee will be \$2.00 per person and the public is invited to attend. Proceeds from the dance will be used to cover rodeo club and team expenses for the spring semester.

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Sunday School 10 a.m.
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GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Radio Broadcast 10:15 a.m.
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WEDNESDAY
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SUNDAY
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Evening Service 7:00

WEDNESDAY
Evening Service 7:00

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John Curtis, pastor
SUNDAY
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Morning Worship 10:30
Evening Worship 6:00

WEDNESDAY
Bible Classes 7:30



LETTERS to SANTA

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been very good all year. I want a smart parts. And I also want a timely tell. I have some company at my house and they have also been good. Their names are Mark and Craig. Mark wants a train and dump truck. And Craig wants a kurlunk. And Melissa wants a doll. But give her a little doll, 'cause she is only a baby.
Your friend,
Krista Alves

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good this past week - sometimes I make it and sometimes I don't. For Christmas I would like to have a set of drums, a walky-talky, and a real tiny doll for my little sister, Tressa.
I'll try harder to be good.
Thank you,
Russell Lucas

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl in the second grade at school and I want a doll for Christmas. And some dishes, clothes, knee boots, and a baby brother or sister.
Love,
Debbie Williams

Dear Santa,
I can't write yet, because I'm not old enough, but my Mommy is writing for me. I want Santa Claus to bring me a doll bugger, a baby doll and a Farmer Says, and a tricycle and a truck.
Love,
Melissa Harris,

DEATHS

Chester A. Cox

Chester A. Cox, 77, pioneer Jones County resident, died Wednesday, Dec. 1 in Hendrick Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

Funeral services were held Friday in Merkel United Methodist Church with the Rev. N. S. Daniel, pastor emeritus, officiating, and assisted by the Rev. Russell McAnally, pastor. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born Oct. 29, 1894 in Coryell County, Mr. Cox moved with his parents to Jones County in 1904. He married Ethel Davis Dec. 10, 1911 at Sylvester. They moved to the Noodle Community in 1943. He retired from farming in 1960 and moved to Merkel in 1969.

He was a member of the Woodmen of the World, United Methodist Church and the Methodist Businessmen's Class.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Lindsey A. Cox of Chico; five daughters, Mrs. Henry (Odelia) Ueckert of Noodle; Mrs. C. E. (Lamont) Willis Jr. of Dallas, Mrs. G. W. (Ruby Nell) Grogan of Tahoka, Mrs. R. (Lena) Bascom of Milwaukee, Wis., and Mrs. Howard (Mary Lou) Kelso of El Cajon, Calif.; two brothers, O. H. of Sylvester and S. P. of McCauley; six sisters, Mrs. Gertrude Johnson of Abilene, Mrs. Lela Ford of Azle, Mrs. Maggie Stockton of San Angelo, Mrs. Edna Brown of Midland, Mrs. Jimmie Fay Lawlis of Hamlin and Mrs. Jewel Fitzpatrick of New York, N.Y.; 15 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

One son, J. F. Cox, died in 1918. Nephews were pallbearers.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EDITOR'S NOTE - Letters to the editor do not necessarily express the view of the editor nor of this paper. But The Merkel Mail will continue to run letters to the editor as long as same are not libelous, in good taste, and they must be signed.

Lord's Acre Sale 'Was A Success'

Dear Editor:
Once again it is time for Pioneer Memorial Church to thank you for helping make our Lord's Acre Sale the biggest and best—\$2,413.25.

The Thanksgiving Supper was memorable — the gifts offered for the Sale were wonderful and the bidding was from the heart. Thanks so much for the subscriptions — they sold in a hurry. And thanks for the publicity.

Sincerely,
MARY RUSSEOM
Secretary-Treasurer

Homemakers' Christmas Party Is December 10

Taylor County Young Homemakers will have their monthly meeting Thursday, December 9 at 7:30 in the Merkel High School Homemaking Department.

The annual Christmas party will be Friday, December 10 at the Merkel Country Club. All members and their husbands are invited.

The program this month will be presented by Mrs. Don Hart, who will speak on the subject, "Family Band."



JUDY LANAN HESTER
... H-SU honoree

Merkel Graduate Gets Scholarship

Judy LaNan Hester, freshman from Merkel, is among 37 Hardin - Simmons University students this fall who have received honor scholarships.

Judy, a recipient of a \$125 scholarship, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hester, 818 Rose, and a 1971 graduate of Merkel High School.

Honor scholarships are granted annually at H-SU to young men and women who graduate from high schools and junior colleges with the highest academic averages.

The student must maintain a B average to retain the scholarship.

NEW ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bishop of Sweetwater announce the birth of a boy, born Nov. 25. The baby is named Bradley Barrett.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hook, and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Carter of Abilene.

Dorcas Class Has Christmas Meet

Mrs. Ira Moore was hostess to the Dorcas Sundry School Class Dec. 2 for their Annual Christmas Dinner. Nineteen members were served dinner and gifts were exchanged.

Business meeting was opened with a prayer by Mrs. Alice Cooper. Mrs. Dent Gibson presented a Christmas devotional and closed the meeting with prayer.

Those present were Mmes. Crooper, Emory Wilburn, Bessie Jackson, Mary Jones, T. J. Bird, John Mansfield and Jewell Meeks.

Also Mmes. Sam Hill, Jim Kuykendahl, Gibson, Homer Finch, J. W. Tizer and Ethel Powell.

Also Mmes. Clay Sette-white, Eunice Massey, Callie Price, Eva Blackburn, Myrtle Walker and hostess Mrs. Moore.



SGT. BILLY W. PAYNE
... bronze star recipient

Receives Medal

KEY WEST, Fla. — U.S. Air Force Master Sergeant Billy W. Payne, son of Mrs. Jack C. Payne, 4511 Dunham St., Pascagoula, Miss., receives the Bronze Star Medal from his commander at Key West Naval Air Station, Fla. Sergeant Payne, an aircraft control and warning technician, was cited for his outstanding performance at Tan Son Nhut AB, Vietnam while engaged in military operations against Viet Cong Forces.

The sergeant is a 1962 graduate of New Hope High School, Columbus, Miss. His wife, Barbara, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carter J. Cox, Rt. 1, Tye, Tex.

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Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, Block D, Shepard 2nd Addition; Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Block A, Lots 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, Block B, Lots 10, 11, 12, Block C, Lot 10 and 1/2 of Lot 11, Block H, South Park Addition; NW 75 x 140 of Lot 1, Block C, Lots 4, 5, Block F, Thornton Addition; City of Merkel, Lots 8, 9, Block 5, Lot 17, Block 7, Lot 6, Block 44, 92' x 170' of Lot 3, Block 32, Lot 7 and 1/2 of Lot 8, Block 60, Lot 1, Block 67, Lot 6, Block 71, Original Townsite, City of Ovale, Lot 11, 12, 13, 14, Block A, 1/2 of Lot 1, Block B, Original Townsite, City of Shep. Lot 7, 8, 9, Block 2, Original Townsite, City of Trent. All of the above described property being located in Taylor County, Texas.

or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment, interest, penalties and costs; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person 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 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 26 day of Nov. 1971.
RAY TRAMMELL
Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas
by R. P. Blackley, Deputy.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Froths
7. Rescind
13. Trunk arteries
14. Tillable
15. Trend
16. Planet's path
17. Chair
21. Baglike part
24. Give forth
25. Girl's nickname
28. Ghastly
30. Sheets, etc.
32. Hebrew month
33. Winglike part
34. Bones: anatomy
35. Strange
37. Plump
38. Pig pen
39. Group of eight
41. Born
42. Synthetic material

DOWN

1. Feline
2. Fish eggs
3. Sea eagle
4. Over
5. Injured
6. Steamship: abbr.
7. Sun god
8. Worn away
9. Peel
10. Flow back
11. — Baba
12. Permit
18. Prefix: formerly
19. Subleases
20. Thought
21. Thick slices
22. Verify
23. Demented
25. Buffalo
26. Follow
27. Quarts
29. Man's name
31. Speck
33. Alms box
36. Moved on wheels
37. Poles
40. French "and"
42. Head top
43. Wagon
44. Hawaiian dish
45. Fortify
46. Infant food
48. Ocean
49. Perched
50. Turkish
52. French "of"
53. Prefix: apart

Answer to Puzzle

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Lot 10, Block T, J. S. Johnston Subdivision of Lot 1, Block 209, Original Townsite; Lot 4, Block 6, Campus Addition; Lots 1, 1A, 2 and 2A, Block 9, College Dr. Rep. Addition; Lots 15 and 16, Block J, Lots 18 and 19, Block K, W. B. Hale Addition; Lot 14, Block 9, Highland (John Sayles) Addition; N 55' of W 192' of Block A, Northington Addition; N 81 1/2'

of E 140' of Lot 3, Block 15, North Park R/Sub Addition; S 100' of E 140' of W 300' of Lot 3, Block 3, Over Place Addition; Lot 9, Block 5, Over & Coil Addition; Lots 8, 9 and W 1/2 of Lot 10, Block 1, Lot 12, Block 2, R. L. Over Addition; Lot 12, Block 5, Lots 10, 11, Block 8, Scott Hwy. Place Addition; all of the above described property being located in the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

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The Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency (Part 1)

I shall begin today a series of articles on this subject with parents of young children in mind in an effort to help each parent with the training of their children. I am not an "expert" nor an "authority," but there is plenty of material from which to gain this information with the Lord's help... my main source of information is God's Word. (Also with the help of "The President's Commission" on this subject supplied to me by Mr. Omar Burleson.)

One in every 9 children will be referred to juvenile courts for an act of delinquency before his 18th birthday. Considering boys alone, the ratio rises to one in every 6.

Children from a very early age must be taught to accept and understand responsibility. Clearly it is with young people that prevention efforts are most needed and hold the greatest promise. They are not yet set in their ways; they are still developing, still subject to the influence of the example of others. **YOUNG PEOPLE MUST BE LED** not forced into your mold. The proper example must be set by parents. You cannot expect to give a poor example and your children do differently.

Adolescents live in a distinct society of their own. It is not an easy society to understand, to describe, or, for that matter, to live in. In some ways it is an intensely materialistic society, in some ways it is a sensual society, in some ways it is an intensely moralistic society. On the whole it is a rebellious, oppositional society with the feeling that the adult world is for the most part a sham... partly with good reason.

WHY so much disturbance among Young People now? The weakening of the family; the prolonging of education thus prolonging of childhood; the increasing impersonality of our time; radical changes in moral standards in regard to such matters as sex and drug use. Many have never known a real grown-up man well enough to identify with or imagine emulating him. Broken homes. A lack of real spiritual training **IN THE HOME.**

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 OF SALE DATED November 22

1971 and issued pursuant to a judgment decree of the District Court of Taylor County, Texas 1/7 the Clerk of said Court on said date in a certain suit No. 10,470-B,

and styled the State of Texas and Taylor County vs. Annie L. Stevens, et al and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I have on November 22, 1971 Seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in January 1972, the same being the 4th day of said month at the Courthouse door of said County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, 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 10, 11, 12, Block 6, Lot 10, Block 24, Lots 1 thru 5, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, Block 30, Lot 12, Block 51, Original Townsite; Lot 26, Block 11, North Trent Addition; City of Trent, Lots 6 thru 9, Block 3, Graham Addition; City of Tuscola, E 2/3 of Lot 1, Block C, P. M. Morgan Addition; City of Tye, Lot 8, Block 3, Lot 1, Block 86, Original Townsite; City of View, Lot 7, Block 157; Lot 15, B. Hughes Subdivision of Lot 4, Block 186; Lot 18, Block 5, Blackburn Subdivision of Lot 1, Block 201; N 1/2 of W 1/2 of Lot 59, W 1/2 of Lot 60, Watson & Russell Subdivision of Lot 1, Block 208, Original Townsite, City of Abilene, Lot 25, (100' x 140'), Lot 26, (50' x 145'), out of Abstract 73 of the Grimes Co. School Land Survey No. 147. All of the above described property being located in Taylor County, Texas,

or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment, interest, penalties and costs; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person 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 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 apportioned as the law directs.

DATED AT Abilene, Texas, this the 26 day of Nov. 1971.
 FAY TRAMMELL
 Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas
 by R. P. Blackley Deputy.

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

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at 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: Ruby Ross, Defendant,
 Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene,

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
 THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Michael Duane Penn, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 104th 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 3rd day of January A. D. 1972, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 24th day of September A.D. 1971, in this cause, numbered 11,953-B on the docket of said court and styled IRENE CRAWFORD Penn, Plaintiff, vs. Michael Duane Penn, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about October 21, 1968. Two children born to Plaintiff and Defendant, Jonathan Eugene Penn, a son, and Veta Helley Renay Penn, a daughter. No Community property has been accumulated, 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 thereof, 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 17th day of November A.D., 1971.

(Seal)
 Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD
 Clerk, 104th District Court
 Taylor County, Texas
 By Faye Terry, Deputy.

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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 3 day of Jan. A.D. 1972, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 29 day of Oct. A.D. 1971, in this cause, numbered 6703 on the docket of said court and styled D. E. Ross, Plaintiff, vs. Ruby Ross, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and respondent were married Aug. 23, 1959 and became separated on or about June 1970. Petitioner asks for a divorce and custody of the minor children. There is no community property to divide 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 22 day of November A.D. 1971.

(Seal)
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 Court of Taylor County, Texas
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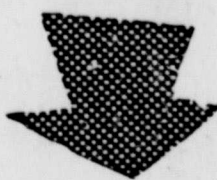


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