

FOR '72

## City's First Fire Occurs Monday

(See Picture, Page Five)

The city's first major fire occurred Monday, only ten days into the new year.

The first call received by the fire department was at 1:45 p.m. and was reported a grass fire. When firemen, Bobby Womack, arrived on the scene he quickly radioed for more help and more trucks.

Firemen began hosing down the nearby house of Goldie Malone, where extreme heat had already melted vinyl siding. They also doused fires down the alley endangering a well house.

Chief Waymon Adeock estimated damage to the Malone house at about \$1,000 to \$1,500 and the garage and contents "a total loss."

Dispatched to the scene were two pumpers and a booster truck. Thirteen firemen were at the scene for about two hours.



**GRAND CHAMP** — Mike Ray, 16, a senior at Merkel High School, showed a light weight Hampshire barrow to grand championship honors at the Merkel Livestock Show held Saturday. Mike's parents are M. and Mrs. Kenneth Ray of Rt. 2. (Staff Photo)

## Red Cross Beard Meeting Jan. 13

Board members of the Taylor County Chapter of American Red Cross will meet Thursday, Jan. 13 at 4 p.m. at the Chapter House.

Board members in the Merkel and Trent area are Mrs. Lesley Beasley and Mrs. Dave Brumbeau.

Tom Gordon of Abilene is chairman of the Taylor County Chapter.

FOR 1972

## BANK PRESIDENTS ARE 'OPTIMISTIC'

Presidents of the two area banks were optimistic for '72 since the area had "made such a fine recovery from the early - year drought."

Booth Warren, president of Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel said that the 1971 drought did not affect the Merkel area heavily and that the recovery from that lack of moisture in the area was "complete and phenomenal."

"Outlook for a good cotton harvest in the area is good," commented Warren, "Weather conditions have hindered the harvest,

but the crop will be better than anyone has anticipated. Increase in the price of cotton has helped considerably."

Warren also commented on the fact that merchants in Merkel had had a good year in 1971 business-wise and were optimistic for "continued good business in 1972."

J. G. Wilks, president of the Home State Bank in Trent, was optimistic concerning business conditions for his area. "The cattle industry is our brightest spot," said Wilks, "and farmers in the area are also looking for an average cotton crop this season."

He remarked that the area had "recovered well from the early 1971 drought" and that farmers are now hoping for a spell of dry weather."

Deposits for the 4th quarter, ending Dec. 31, 1971 at Farmers and Merchants National Bank totaled \$4,903,356, and for Home State Bank, \$728,727. Loans were \$1,447,982 for F&M National Bank, and \$321,612 at Home State Bank.

## C-C DIRECTORS HEAR COMMITTEE REPORTS

Members of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce board of directors covered a number of details in their regular monthly meeting this week.

Joe Lassiter reported that he had talked with District Eight Highway Engineer Jake Roberts and that Roberts reported the highway lighting for the Merkel area would be engineered by members of Roberts' staff and work on the project would be done by men of the district.

Lassiter also said no definite date was reported by Roberts but that he did not "think it would be long."

Allen T. Kutch, vocational teacher at Rule High School was judge for the show. John Hamner was general superintendent.

Show results were:

### Cattle

Heifers — 1. Poindexter, Steers — 1. Ty Martin.

### Sheep

Lightweight — 1. Judy Brnovak, 2. Brnovak, 3. Brnovak.

### Poultry

Broilers — 1. Hackney, 2. Hackney, 3. Danny Freeman.

### Rabbits

Does — 1. John McLeod, 2. McLeod, 3. McLeod. Bucks — 1. McLeod, 2. David Hackney.

### IN PRECINCT 24

## DOLLARS FOR DEMOS FUND 'GOING STRONG'

Wheels were put in motion last Thursday by the Taylor County Democratic Executive committee to initiate a program to ask every Democrat to give \$1 toward liquidating the approximately \$12 million debt of the National Democratic Party.

Joe Lassiter, Precinct 24 chairman, presented the idea to the committee meeting at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Windsor Hotel in Abilene. Lassiter, whose ideas appeared in the Jan. 6 edition of the Merkel Mail, explained to the committee that such a program should begin on a Precinct level. He added that such a program would help to make "the people responsible to the party and the party more responsible to the people."

"Such a program will give people in each precinct a sense of participation and also be a motivation for them to get out and vote during elections," said Lassiter.

County Chairman, Larry Cunningham, said that Lassiter's idea would be presented to the entire committee at the State's meeting in Austin on Jan. 12.

"We need to begin building our political party on a precinct level."

## Stock Show Purse Hands Out \$1,027

Mark Clemmer, 16, and son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Clemmer was named best exhibitor at the Annual Merkel Livestock Show held this past Saturday and received Taylor Electric Cooperative's Showmanship Award.

He exhibited the first and second place crossbred lamb, first place Hampshire and Dorset lamb and showed the reserve champion lamb.

Names of merchants and individuals contributing to the Stock Show, which totaled \$1,027.00 are printed on Page Seven.

Mike Ray, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ray of Merkel showed a light weight Hampshire barrow to grand championship honors.

Mike Henry, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Henry, took the reserve championship award with a Chester White.

In the heavy weight barrows, Johnny Westenhauser took first place, and Johnny Gray, second.

Beverly Gilmore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gilmore received the grand champion award for her Southdown entry in the lamb show.

Suzie Toombs, 13, daughter of Mrs. W. B. Toombs, showed the grand champion steer. Show entries included 44 hogs, 52 lambs and 10 steers.

### Barrows

Lightweight — 1. Ray, 2. Henry, 3. Westenhauser, 4. Jerry Beard, 5. Teresa English, 6. Mike

### Methodist Youth Plans Program

Members of the Junior High United Methodist Youth will present a special program during the evening worship hour on Jan. 16.

Special music and help with the church service are planned. Newly elected officers for the Junior High Department are Gwyn Tipton, president; Alan Mawson, vice president; Steven Stuart, secretary - treasurer; and Janice South, reporter.

Hudman, 7, Gaylon Boone. Heavyweight — 1. Westenhauser, 2. Johnny Gray, 3. Ray, 4. Tommy Helman, 5. Ray, 6. Dwayne English, 7. Gaylon Boone. Grand champion Barrow — Ray, Reserve Champion, Henry.

### Sheep

Hampshires and Dorset — 1. Clemmer, 2. Gilmore, 3. Clemmer, 4. Gilmore, 5. Clemmer, 6. David Robertson, 7. Mark Dudley. Finewool — 1 and 2, Beverly Gilmore.

Crossbred — 1. and 2. Clemmer, 3. Dudley, 4. Clemmer, 5. Robertson, 6. and 1. Wanda Braune.

Southdown — 1. Gilmore, 2. and 3. Lesa Swinney, 4. Gilmore, 5. Braune, 6. Glenn Braune, and 7. Dudley.

Grand Champion — Beverly Gilmore, reserve champion, Mark Clemmer.

### Steers

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Heavyweight — 1. and 2. and 3. Kyle Wade, 4. Rusty Holloway, 5. Audy Byrd.

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Her children are five sons — Houston Tiner, who lives in Merkel; Emmett of Dallas, Gerald of Abilene; Joe of Kansas City, Kan., and Lewis of Eastland, and three daughters, Mrs. Floyd (Eddie) Buchanan, Abilene; Mrs. E. L. (Edna) Turner, Fort Worth; and Mrs. John (Pauline) Warren, Coessa.

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**MIKE HESTER**  
... with Bell Helicopter  
**Merkel Graduate Gets Degree**

Mike Hester, a 1969 Merkel High School graduate and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hester, 818 Rose St., was graduated this past semester from the University of Texas at Arlington. He received a bachelor of science degree in Aerospace Engineering, and began work on Jan. 3rd as an engineer with Bell Helicopter at Fort Worth.

His wife, the former Youlanda Carey is a 6th grade English and Spanish teacher with the Fort Worth Public Schools in Haltom City.



**FIRST TO CONTRIBUTE** — Mrs. J. W. Tiner hands her check to treasurer Herbert Patterson and becomes the first Democrat in Precinct 24 to contribute to Dollars for Democrats Fund, which was started this week. (Staff Photo)

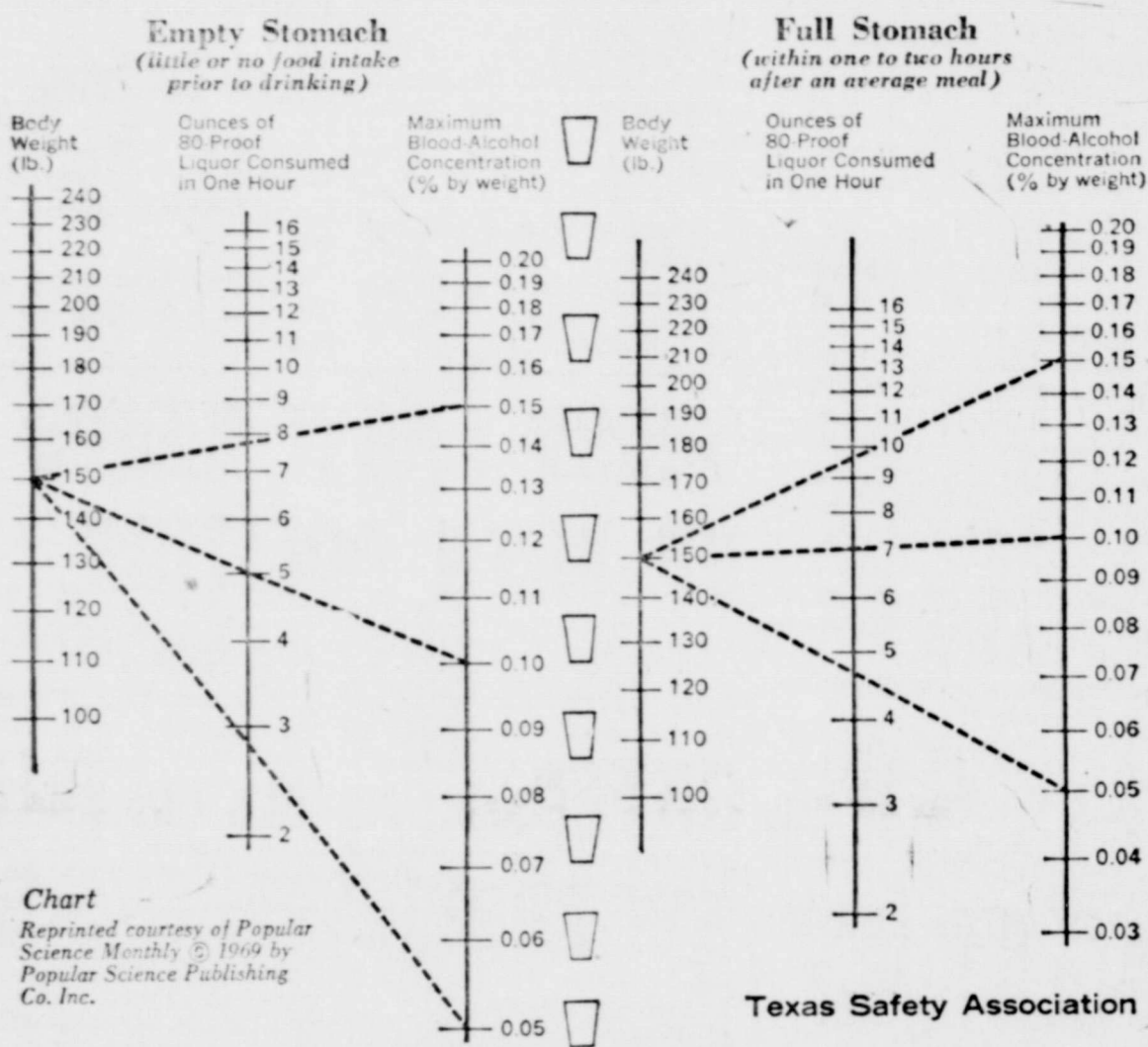
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**How to tell what your approximate blood alcohol level is after drinking**



If you have been eating, use the righthand chart. If you drink on an empty stomach, use the chart on the left.

Draw a straight line from your weight through the number of ounces of liquor you have consumed. Continue this straight line to the righthand column. Where the line touches the righthand column, you will see the approximate level of your blood alcohol.

At .05% the driving capability of many persons is adversely affected. This may be particularly true of young persons, inexperienced drinkers, people taking medication, and those in ill health. In Texas, at .10% you are presumed to be intoxicated.

**Stith News**

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



Cotton harvesting is in full swing in the area and the weather is fine!

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry visited Mrs. Martha Parker at Hendrick Hospital in Abilene Saturday. The Perry's also visited in the homes of the Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Hamner and the Rev. and Mrs. James Williams and Mrs. Bennett in Abilene Sunday.

Melissa Stephenson of Midland spent the weekend with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald and George.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley during last week were Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Davis, Mrs. A. M. Evans and Mrs. Thelma Dedmon, all of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Alanzo Peterson, Merkel; Henry Burns, Idaho, and Mammie Hardin.

The Fletcher Jones spent the New Year weekend in Gatesville with their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Truett Jones, Mrs. Olin Potts, Anson, and Mrs. Edgar Berry also visited in their brother's home, Mrs. Jones is on the "sick list."

Mrs. Ira Stanley has returned home after a two week's visit in St. Louis with her daughter and family, the Cleo Liles.

Henry Burns of Idaho is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns and his sister, Mammie Hardin and the F. J. McDonalds. The Billy HARRises and Kathy of Midland visited over the weekend in the Burns home.

Gaston Hobbs and Johnny Hobbs of Grand Prairie; T. B. Hobbs and Tom Ferguson, Irving, visited Mrs. John Hobbs and the Benny Hobbs family Thursday.

Ila Henson of Sweetwater visited the Fritz Hales Monday.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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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 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: Carroll Jay Roberts, 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 14 day of Feb. A.D. 1972, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 23 day of Nov. A.D. 1971, in this cause, numbered 6766 on the docket of said court and styled Frances Jane Roberts, Plaintiff, vs. Carroll Jay Roberts, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Petitioner and respondent were married on Oct. 3, 1960 and lived together until on or about Nov. 20, 1971. Petitioner sues for divorce and for custody and support of the minor children, and for an equitable division of the community property, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 3 day of Jan. A.D. 1972.

(Seal)  
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD  
Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas  
By Marie Gill, Deputy 46 4tc

**Mexico to Have 21-Year-Old Congressmen**

To encourage Mexico's vast youth population to participate in the political process, President Luis Echeverria has instituted sweeping constitutional reforms which allow 21-year olds to serve in the House of Deputies.

In his message to Congress, the President said: "Our system should demonstrate that any young person is capable—with effort, vocation, preparation and positive ideals—to aid in transforming the country."

With these reforms, the President hopes to make the Government more responsive to the needs of Mexico's growing numbers of young people. 50 per cent of the country's 50 million citizens are under 21 and 70 per cent are under 30.

Mexican youth have already begun to participate in the political life of the country. Eighteen-year olds have had the right to vote for almost two years and their voice was heard during President Echeverria's successful campaign for the Presidency in 1970.

The constitutional reforms call for:

- Lowering the minimum age for election to the House of Deputies from 25 to 21 and for election to the Senate from 35 to 30.

- Easing requirements for minority party participation in government by reducing the minimum percentage of votes a party must poll from 2.5 per cent to 1.5 per cent.

- Election of one Deputy for each 250,000 population instead of the present 200,000.

President Echeverria said that the reforms are motivated by "a period of transformation which is producing changes in our society's structure, such as urban growth, increased industrial expansion, a wider middle class, modernization of the agricultural sector, and intense mobility of the population. Maintaining channels of political expression is indispensable," he added.



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**Girl Scout News**

By LISA HART

Junior Girl Scout Troop No. 313 met January 6 with Mrs. Melba Glasseck in charge.

Lady Bug Patrol was busy spraying bushes and making

flower arrangements during the meeting.

A skit was prepared by the Rascal Patrol.

Ten new cooking terms were learned by the Chipmunk Patrol. They also got some experience in menu making.

Badgerette Patrol learned

about the etiquette of being a hostess and a guest. They also discussed ways to keep old friend and ways to gain new ones.

Refreshment were served before adjournment.

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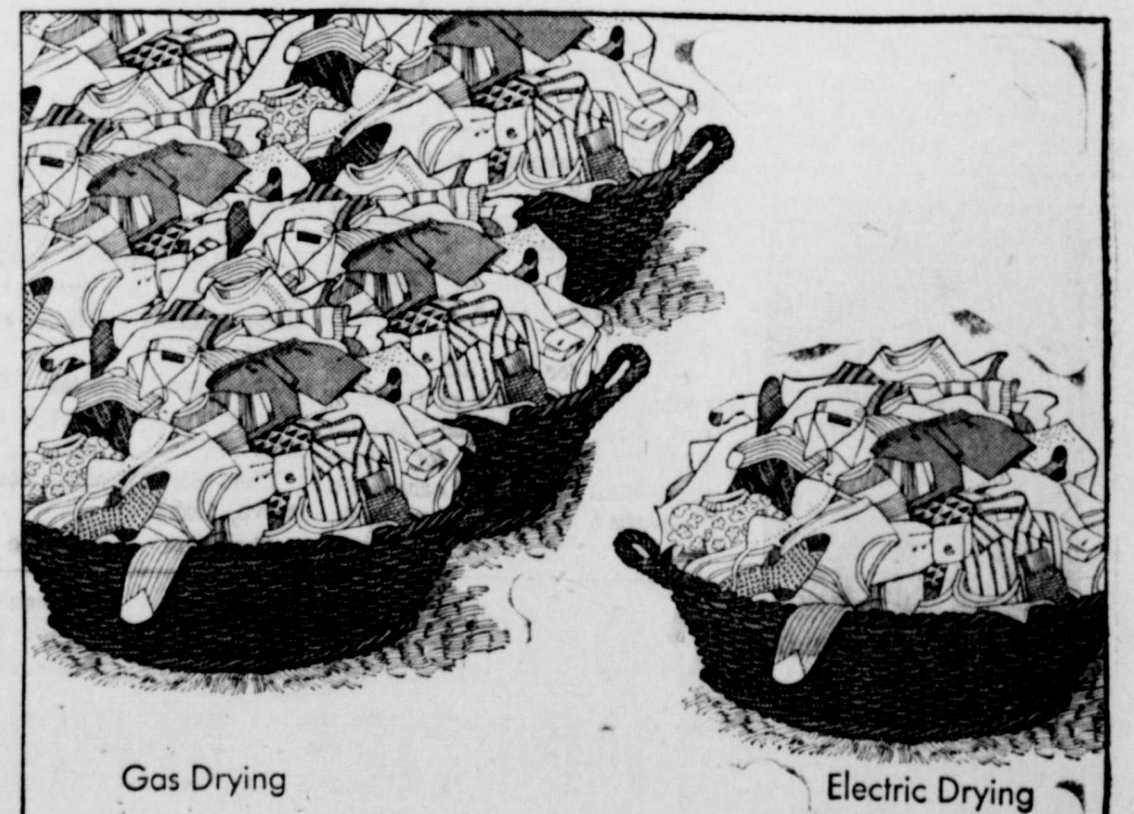


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**Cheese Pound Cake**  
(Makes one 9 x 5 x 3-inch loaf cake)

- 2 (8-oz.) pkgs. Borden Cream or Neufchatel Cheese
- 1 cup (2 sticks) Danish flavor margarine
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups sifted cake flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Soften cheese and margarine at room temperature. In a large-size mixing bowl, beat cheese and margarine until light and fluffy. Stir in sugar. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add vanilla. Sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Fold into batter; blend well. Grease a 5 x 9 x 3-inch loaf pan. Turn batter into pan. Bake in a moderate (325°F.) oven, about 1 hour and 30 minutes. Cool in pan for 10 minutes. Remove from pan and cool on wire rack.



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The Carl Carey Family



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Jehruy Hammond and Vernon Mansfield.

Dave Gamble, Herman Carson and Almada Bullock were named to a committee to canvass merchants and see which holidays would be official holidays for Merkel in the coming year.

It was also discussed that a representative to represent Merkel at the Fort Worth Livestock Show is still needed. Deadline for the representative to file is January 18.

Tickets to the Stockshow are still available at the Chamber of Commerce office.

### Revival to Begin In Stamford

The Baptist Double Mountain Area will conduct an Area - Wide Evangelism Conference Monday, Jan. 24, at the First Baptist Church in Stamford. The conference will be in two sessions, one in the afternoon and the other that evening.

There will be two special guest speakers, from out of state, featured along with several men from this area. The guest speakers will be Dr. William L. Bennett, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Fort Smith, Ark., and the Rev. Leon Kilbreth, a Sunday School Evangelist from Greensboro, N.C.

The conference is sponsored by the Southern Baptist Churches in the six counties that make up the Baptist Double Mountain Area. They are Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox and Stonewall counties.

The public is cordially invited to attend each session of the conference.

### Deaths, Funerals

#### Mrs. Ed Bartlett

SANTA ANNA — Mrs. Ed Bartlett, 92, died Tuesday, Jan. 4 in Santa Anna Hospital. Funeral services were held Thursday in Hosch Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Bill Brewer officiating. Burial was in Santa Anna Cemetery.

Mrs. Bartlett was born Oct. 25, 1879 in Brown County and married Ed Bartlett in May 1902 in Santa Anna. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and a charter member of the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Faytina Albright of Baton Rouge, La.; one brother, Otto McDaniel of Austin; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

Two sons preceded her in death, Clyde Bartlett in 1971 and Leon during World War II.

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### Rehab '72 Unfolds This Saturday

Saturday, January 15, at 7:15 in the Abilene Civic Center will find the second annual Rehab '72 Spectacular unfolding. Hosting this year's show will be Rex Allen.

And Saturday, Jan. 15 beginning at 8:30 p.m. will find members of the Merkel Chapter Beta Sigma Phi, manning the telephones for the event. They will be there until 10 or later.

This lengthy entertainment extravaganza will be for the benefit of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

### Homemakers Meet at 7:30

Taylor County Young Homemakers will meet in the Home-making Department at Merkel High School Thursday, Jan. 13 at 7:30 p.m.

The program will be presented by Mrs. Kathryn Cawley, Lone Star Gas representative, with "Fondue Recipes" as title of the program.

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**FIRST FIRE IN '72** — City Firemen were dispatched to the Goldie Malone home on Yucca Street Monday afternoon, where a fire destroyed the garage and did extensive damage to the house. Firemen worked several hours keeping the blaze from spreading to other buildings. (Photo by Connie Harris)

## FEDERAL LAND BANK CLOSED OVER \$1 MILLION IN LOANS

Ralph South, Manager of the Federal Land Bank Association of Roby, announced today that the Federal Land Bank of Houston closed more than 100 million dollars in loans during 1971.

The previous record for loans closed in a single year was set in 1965 when the Bank closed more than 94 million dollars in loans.

"Farmers generally have been a little more optimistic this year, a little more confident in the agricultural economy," South stated. "Then too, the number of land sales are up somewhat this year over last year."

Next year will also be a big year, South predicts.

"By mid-year we will have the

new Farm Credit Act implemented. This will permit us to lend more money in some instances and will also broaden the scope of our loan service to agriculture in other respects," he stated.

The Federal Land Bank of Houston makes farm and ranch real estate loans throughout Texas and on December 30 had more than 575 million dollars in loans outstanding to over 35,000 farmers and ranchers. The local association makes and services loan in Taylor, Nolan and Fisher counties. Officers and directors of the association are Ralph South, manager; Sid Saverance, assistant manager; Elmer Jordan, president; T. O. Massey, vice president; Ray Booth, Sam Ethridge, Kyle Moore and J. T. Watts.



**NEW BUMPER SYSTEM** — Dr. Nathaniel H. Pulling, project director — automotive safety, left, watches his assistants prepare the Liberty Mutual car bumper prototype for crash testing. (Photo Courtesy Liberty Mutual)

## GOLF CHATTER

Inside On Tournament Play

ON JANUARY 15-16, 336 GOLFERS WILL TEE OFF IN THE GRANDDADDY OF ALL PRO-AM TOURNAMENTS — THE 31ST ANNUAL BING CROSBY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AT PEBBLE BEACH, CALIF. THE FAMED TWO DAY "CLAMBAKE" WILL BE TELEVISED NATIONALLY ON NBC-TV. THE 1970 MATCH WAS SEEN BY MORE TV VIEWERS THAN ANY GOLF EVENT IN HISTORY. CELEBRITY PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE ANDY WILLIAMS, DEAN MARTIN AND GLEN CAMPBELL.



AT CYPRESS POINT — ONE OF THE THREE TOURNAMENT COURSES — THE 16TH HOLE IS A 222 YARD SHOT OVER OPEN OCEAN.

TOURNAMENT WEATHER? NOTORIOUSLY BAD — EVERYTHING FROM GALE WINDS TO RAIN SQUALLS. AND IN 1962, IT SNOWED.

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## ROUND-UP

By ELAINE BRUMBEAU

MRS. HOMER NEWBY and daughter Pam of Elgin were in Merkel for a short visit during the holidays.

"We were here such a short time," said Margaret, "that we really didn't get to do much visiting."

Homer and Margaret, former Merkelites, entertained Governor Preston Smith, Congressman Jake Pickle and other high officials at a coffee in their home this past Saturday. Occasion was a ground-breaking ceremony for a new water facility plan in Elgin.

The Newbys are busy with civic work in Elgin and also Bastrop, where they recently purchased the Funeral Home there. Activities like Chamber of Commerce work, Lions Club, Kiwanis and Shriners, keep Homer on the go, and for Margaret, her involvement with the Office of Economic Opportunity work, being a past member of the board, her church work, and keeping up with Pam and her youth activities.

"We are involved in two funeral homes," said Mrs. N., "and activities in both cities keep us on the go."

For relaxation Margaret turns to art.

They often visit with daughter Paka and her husband Bob (Goodwin) in Sinton where they are associated with the funeral home, and daughter, Phyllis and her

husband Terry (Cartwright) in Austin, where both are licensed funeral directors.

And there's still time to visit with friends from Merkel when they venture down their way.

"We're always happy to see our Merkel friends," said Margaret. "So be sure and give us a call when you're near."

MR. AND MRS. LESLEY BEASLEY of Trent, entertained the Allen Terrys of Fort Worth over the weekend. The Terrys are former Trent residents.

A word this week from former Merkelites, the ROSCOE SHIELDS, now living in Vernon, tells us that they are fine and still enjoy reading about Merkel. Roscoe, Leola, Dale and Judy send the greetings.

## Lions to Hear Judge Don Lane

Judge Don Lane, Taylor County Judge at Law, will be guest speaker to members of the Merkel Lions Club at their noon meeting Jan. 18.

Lane will introduce the film, prepared by the Bar Association, and make comments concerning the film.

## HEALTH & SAFETY

### Mainly for Mothers

by Carol Hart

#### Teaching Safety to Children

Did you know that, based on past experience, nearly one of every three children in the nation will suffer an accident this year resulting in an injury serious enough to require medical attention? With the back-to-school season fast approaching, this is a good time to consider that safety researchers now believe that many of these accidents can be prevented if parents remember that children learn and perceive danger quite differently from the way we ourselves do.

The Council on Family Health, sponsored by the manufacturers of medicines as a public service, says this difference helps to explain why a three- or four-year-old may sample the entire contents of a medicine bottle left on the kitchen table while his mother goes to answer the telephone. Even if the child has been warned never to touch medicines kept out of his reach in the cabinet (and this warning should always be given), once the bottle becomes accessible, the child may no longer consider its contents a danger.

The point, says the Council, is that a small child does not possess what we call "common sense." Another example is the child who is taught the role of the signals but not the meaning of the red light, which may represent his red rubber ball or fire engine instead of "stop."

The Council suggests that parents consider the hazards a child may not yet see, never overestimate his capacity to understand danger, reinforce safety concepts whenever possible through repeated instruction, never tell a child that medicine tastes "just



like candy," and set the proper safety example since a child may not be able to escape the accidents you can.

With the start of school, why not initiate a home safety program and in the process learn more about the world children see?

## food news & cues

from the Aunt Jemima Test Kitchens

### Maple Accents Baked Chicken



When you find chicken at bargain prices, treat the family to Mapley Baked Chicken. A flavorful marinade, based on maple-blended syrup, is seasoned in the Oriental fashion with soy sauce, garlic and onion. The chicken, basted with the marinade during baking, has a special flavor your family will enjoy.

When you purchase the Aunt Jemima Syrup for this recipe you'll notice that it's now packaged in new plastic bottles. These lightweight, shatter-resistant bottles are drip-proof and contain the same delicious syrup you know from previous use.

#### MAPLEY BAKED CHICKEN

Makes 8 servings

**Marinade:**  
1 cup maple-blended syrup  
1/4 cup lemon juice  
1/2 cup soy sauce  
1 clove garlic, minced  
1/2 cup chopped onion  
1/4 cup chopped green pepper  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon pepper  
Two 2 1/2-lb. frying chickens, cut in pieces

Combine the marinade ingredients and pour over chicken pieces in shallow baking pan. Cover; refrigerate at least 3 hours, turning chicken several times. Drain chicken, reserving marinade.

Arrange chicken pieces, skin side down, in shallow baking pan or dish. Baste with 1/4 of marinade. Bake in preheated moderate oven (350°F.) 20 minutes. Baste with 1/4 of marinade; bake 20 minutes. Turn chicken pieces; baste with remaining 1/4 of marinade. Bake an additional 20 minutes. Baste with pan juices.

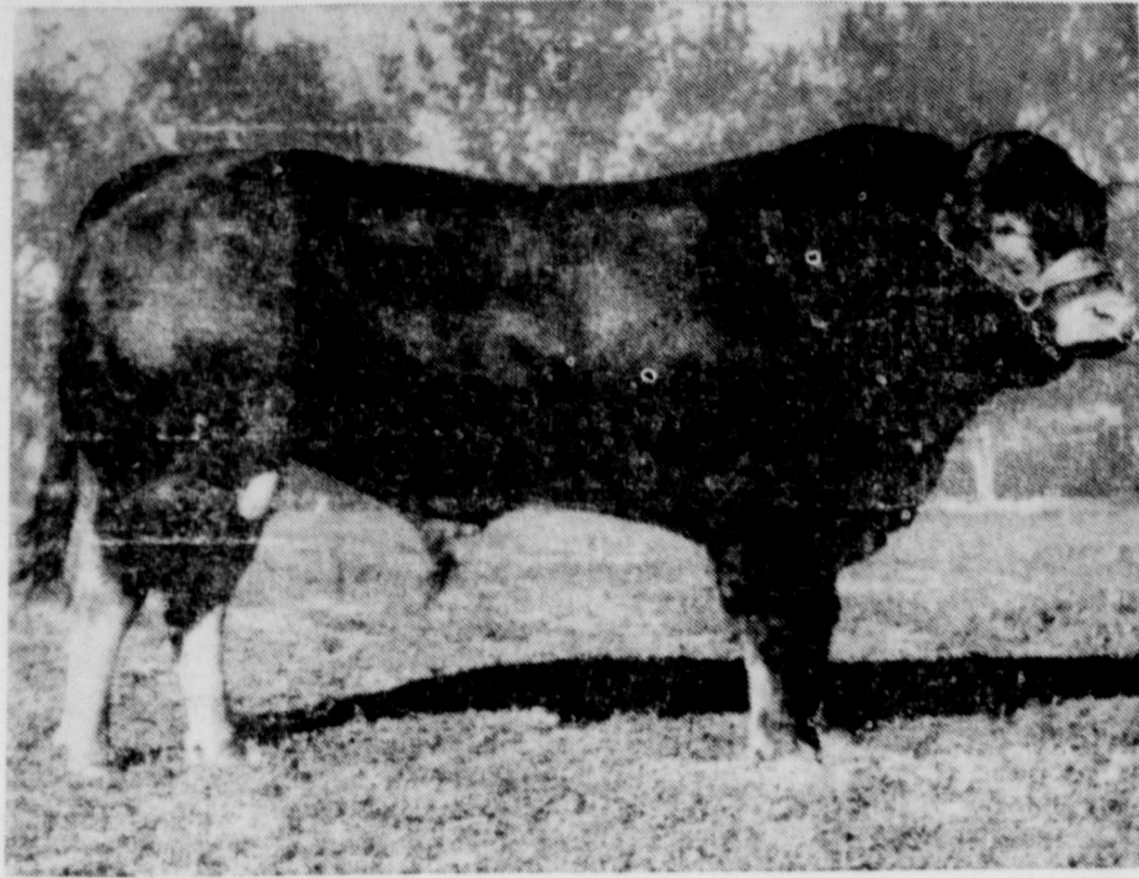
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## CEMETERY FUND

The following made recent donations to the Merkel Cemetery Fund:

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Dr. and Mrs. Jarrett Williams  
Ferne Crutsinger in memory of Butch Crutsinger  
Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler in memory of Messie Hatfield  
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Neighbors in memory of Roy Griffin  
Brooks Callaway in memory of Jim Cook  
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Mrs. W. H. Bullock in memory of Mrs. Messie Hatfield  
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pee in memory of Messie Hatfield  
Mr. and Mrs. Owen Ellis in memory of Messie Hatfield  
W. R. Dunning  
Mr. and Mrs. Comer Haynes in memory of Messie Hatfield  
Mrs. Sallie Gant in memory of Messie Hatfield  
Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Mayes  
George T. Greene  
Gloria West in memory of Johny Bryan and Jackie Spiegel  
Riley Horton  
Conrad's Class in memory of Lucy E. Redding  
Neighbors in memory of Lucy Redding  
Mrs. D. L. Kinsey  
Mrs. W. B. Mitchell

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Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown in memory of Mr. Johnnie Bryan and Mrs. Jackie Spiegel  
Mrs. Seth Morgan Estate  
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W. L. Petty Estate  
Mrs. George T. Moore in memory of Cavan Jones  
Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Criswell in memory of Jim Cook  
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dixon

## NEW ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. James (Jack) B. King announce the arrival of a girl born Jan. 4, at 8 a.m. in Hendrick Memorial Hospital. The baby weighed seven pounds, ten ounces, and was named Sandy B.  
Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Vaughn of Rt. 3, and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Buster King of Rt. 1, Hawley.  
The Kings have a daughter, Betsy, age 2.

## Former Merkel Resident Dies

James Emery Petty, 38, of White Settlement, near Fort Worth, and former Merkel resident, died Tuesday, Jan. 4, in a Dallas hospital.

A native of Merkel, Petty had been a Fort Worth area resident 24 years. He had been a licensed funeral director and embalmer here since 1952.

He was on the board of Stewards and a Sunday School teacher for Wesley United Methodist Church. He was also on the board of adjustments and appeals for the City of White Settlement. He was an Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Colene; two daughters, Paula Kay and Dana Renee Petty of the home; mother, Mrs. Robert E. Veazey of Fort Worth and a sister, Mrs. Alvis L. Shaw of Aledo.  
Funeral services were held Friday in Harveson & Cole Drawing Room, with burial in Laurel Land Cemetery.

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## Jones Appointed To Serve On Nurses Committee

AUSTIN (SPL) — State Rep. Grant Jones of Abilene has been appointed by Texas House Speaker Gus F. Mutscher to serve as a member of a seven-member interim committee to study the licensing of nursing aides and nurses in Texas.

The panel will be chaired by Rep. Jim Clark of Houston, and other members appointed by Mutscher are Reps. Phil Cates of Lefors, Dean Cobb of Dumas, Cordell Hull of Fort Worth, Johnny Nelms of Pasadena, and Paul Silber of San Antonio.

Responsibility of the committee, authorized during the last Legislature under House Simple Resolution No. 451, is to determine the need and desirability of licensing or otherwise regulating nursing aides, to determine feasibility of consolidating all licensing agencies for nurses into a single Nursing Examiner Board, and to study all matters relating to the nursing profession in Texas.

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## Helicopter Course Is Completed

FT. WOLTERS, Tex. — Army Second Lieutenant Stephen A. Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Berlie A. Wilson, 211 Cherry St., Merkel, recently completed a 16-week helicopter pilot course at the U.S. Army Primary Helicopter School, Ft. Wolters, Tex. During the course, he was

trained to fly Army helicopters and learned to use them in tactical maneuvers.

He next will undergo advanced flight training at the U.S. Army Aviation School, Ft. Rucker, Ala. The 23 year old lieutenant received his bachelor of science degree from the Tarleton State College at Stephenville, Tex., in 1970.

Do not hesitate to get in touch with the social security office when you have questions.

## Restoration

A noted church leader from East Africa recently made a speech before the advanced students of Princeton, in which he said that Africans "welcome Christianity but not along denominational lines." He further stated that African worship of his religious body "has much in common with Christianity before the Emperor Constantine (300 A.D.)." He is typical of thousands who are trying to outlaw denominational fetters and get back to the teachings of Christ and his apostles which, after the first Pentecost after his ascension, became His (Christ's) church along with the other baptized believers (Acts 2).

Christianity is not a product of Western culture, nor should Christianizing be confused with American tradition. Christianity must have its roots deep in the Word of God and doctrine taken from the New Testament alone. In all ages it has been difficult to keep clear in the minds of men, that acceptability with God depends upon obedience to truth, and not, compliance to "church rules, church orders, or church tradition." Faithful servants of God today, Christians must base their lives upon divine truth alone. Churches rooted in scripture, and whose life is sustained by the Word of God, and who look to the Bible for their sole authority and pattern their lives after Christ, is where real Christianity is found. "Christianity" is not a term by which you compliment someone for being a good person.

Human interpretation is more often than not substituted for God's absolute truth, and creeds, whether written or unwritten, gradually choke out Christianity as Jesus intended it to be.

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### Pancakes For Slumber Party Brunch



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The light, tender pancakes are layered with vanilla pudding and sliced peaches for yummy flavor. The pancakes are so easy that the young hostess can prepare them herself; for special party fun she can decorate individual servings with guests' names.

### PEACHES 'N CREAM PANCAKES

Makes 6 servings

Pancakes: 2 cups complete pancake mix  
1 1/2 cups water  
Frosting: One 13 oz. can vanilla pudding

One 16 oz. can sliced peaches, drained

One 1 1/2-oz. tube colored glossy decorating gel

For pancakes, place mix and water in bowl. Stir lightly until batter is fairly smooth. For each pancake, pour batter onto hot, lightly greased griddle. Turn pancakes when edges look cooked. Turn only once.

Frost 2 pancakes with vanilla pudding. Place one on serving plate and top with about 3 peach slices. Cover with second pancake, frosted side up. Print name with decorating gel on top. Repeat for remaining pancakes.

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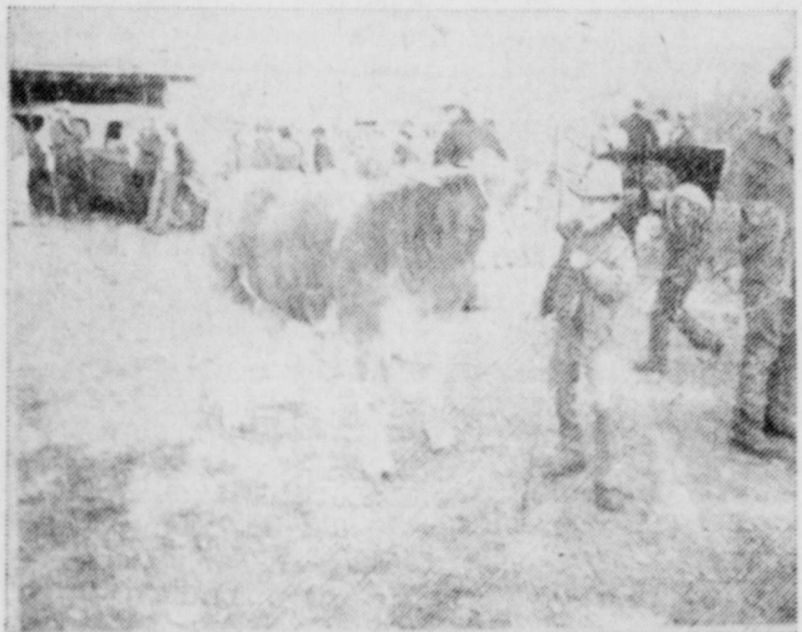
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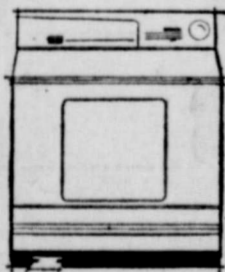
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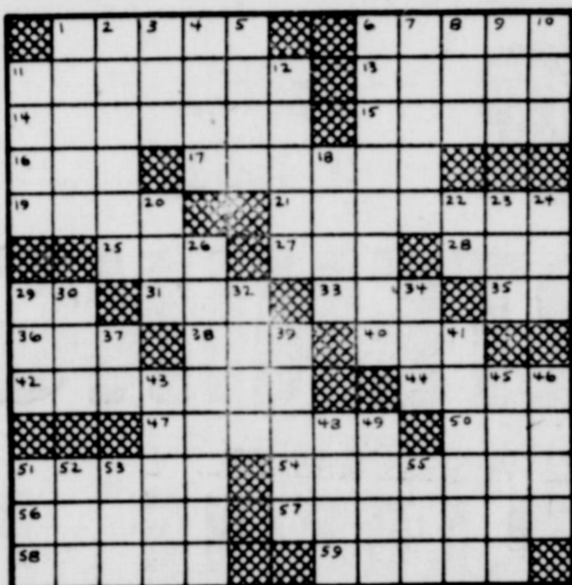
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### ACROSS

1. Gown
6. Halts
11. One-fourth
13. Test
14. Lie
15. Revive
16. — cream
17. Of life
19. Limited time
21. Five-cent coins
25. Baglike part
27. Moose
28. Born
29. Perform
31. Peck
33. Number
35. Article
36. Stir
38. Color
40. Neither
42. Arguer
43. Brain cover
47. Musical work
50. Distant
51. Poetry muse
54. Ocean
56. Glossy fabric



### DOWN

1. Numbskull
2. Estimators
3. Go astray
4. Stump
5. Combining form: bristle
6. Afflicted
7. Wheel rut
8. Petroleum
9. Buddy: slang
10. Crafty
11. Leave
12. French
18. Slope
20. Crazy
22. Printers' measure
23. Meadow
24. Japanese coin
26. Comic strips
29. Father
30. Poem
32. Existed
34. Bow
37. Prefix: Toward
39. Hang in folds
41. Disturb
43. Moving
45. Train tracks
46. Curves
48. Flavor
49. Land measure
51. English letter
52. Rodent
53. Sweetsop
55. Electrified particle

### Answer to Puzzle



## Health Hints

FROM BLUE SHIELD

### Hand Washing

A routine but thorough washing of hands before every meal may seem old-fashioned, but it's still one of the best ways to prevent the transmission of germs. Recent studies by physicians and public health authorities indicate that relaxed personal hygiene habits lead to increasing incidents of infectious diseases. Accordingly, proper hand washing by both adults and children can be a big help in cutting down illness.



### Donating Blood

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### Medical Information For Campers

Before sending your child off to camp this summer, be sure he has had a complete physical examination and that the examining physician furnishes the institution with all pertinent information. Failing to provide sufficient information for the institution to give adequate medical treatment in the "absence of parents" could prove fatal. Information should include pre-existing health defects, a record of pertinent past illnesses, allergies and sensitivities, the child's immunization status, and any current treatment.

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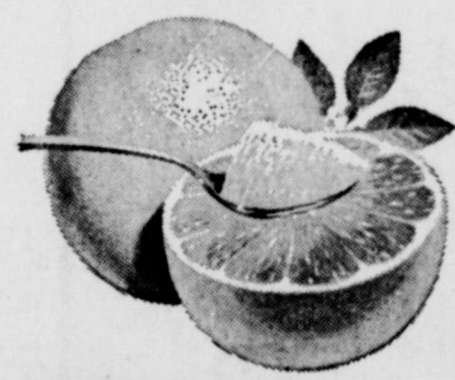
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