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F&M Bank Deposits Hit All-Time High

Booth Warren, president of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank announced Monday that deposits in the Merkel bank on Feb. 24, 1972 had again gone over the five million mark.

"This all time high is due to many factors," said Warren, "which includes deposits from cotton proceeds and also the extremely high price farmers and ranchers are getting at this time for their cattle."

Warren also pointed out that "many new accounts have been opened in the last few months."

Deposits on Feb. 24 were \$5,761,805.84.

"This figure was \$152,955.63 above our previous all time high of \$5,608,850.21 which had been reached on Friday, Jan. 14, 1972," said Warren.

Local Florist Now Florafax Member

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wade, owners of Ann's Flowers were formally accepted as a subscriber of Florafax, one of the world's largest florists by wire organizations.

Affiliation with Florafax provides subscribers florists with a link to more than 8,000 fellow subscribers in all fifty states of the U.S. It also provides coverage in South America and has signed a reciprocal agreement with a service in Canada which makes the facilities of 1,500 Canadian florists available to Florafax subscribers.

The local shop's affiliation with Florafax offers residents improved service and a means for sending flowers anywhere in the free world.

MERKEL NOW HAS DDD SERVICE

"Dial 1 to access the DDD network, plus the area code, (if different from 915) plus the number."

And so — Direct Distance Dialing has come to Merkel!

The advent was at 6 a.m. Monday.

Direct Distance Dialing will come to Sylvester and to McCaulley on Wednesday, March 15 at 6 a.m.

Candidates File For Elections

As of noon Wednesday only one candidate had filed for the Merkel City Election, Pete Morgan filed earlier for re-election.

In the Merkel School Board election, Charles Jacobs has filed for re-election.

Candidates filing for Trent's School Board election include Frank Brnovak, Billy W. Hammer, John Griffith and Mrs. Rosemary Bland. Brnovak, Hammer and Mrs. Bland have filed for re-election.

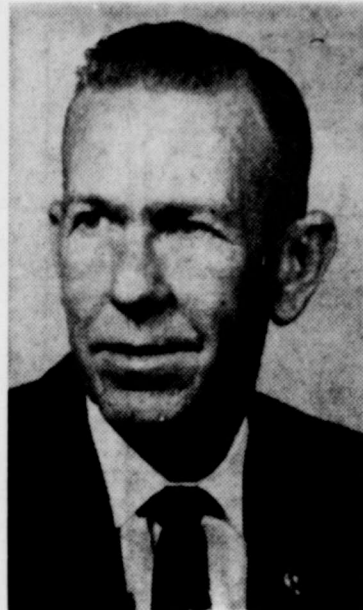
There will be no City Election for Trent, since there are no candidates' terms to expire, according to Mrs. Betty Freeman, city secretary.



DON HART



BETTY JANE TITTLE



BILL BUTTON

MERKEL MAIL BEGINS 83RD YEAR

With this edition, The Merkel Mail is beginning its 83rd year of publication.

On or about March 20, 1889, the Merkel Mail entered its first publication for second class mailing at the Post Office. Since that time there has been "approximately 52 papers each year for 82 years" placed in the hands of readers — old timers and newcomers.

A copy of one of the first Merkel Mail shows the format, advertising covered "most of the front page. These ads included Ed S. Hughes & Co., dealers in hardware, stoves, tinware, farm implements, guns, ammunition, fishing tackle and wagons and buggies), Calvert & Wina, 'groceries and provisions', Barnes Building Materials, (lumber and shingles), Vaughan Photographer (portraits, views, stereoscopes pictures), City Hotel (James Corrigan, proprietor), E. R. Boyett Barbershop (a clean shave, neat hair cut, good shampoo), and Pickens & Red Abstractors and Searchers of Records (having a

complete abstract of Taylor County land titles as recorded in Taylor, Bexar and Travis counties — can furnish on short notice).

Inside advertising included French & Wernick Drug Store (We have just received a full line of Fresh Drugs, and are prepared to meet all demands on the Drug Line), Flint, Knapp & Co., (furniture dealers), and J. H. Thornton General Merchandise ("We were here before the Drouth during the drouth, and expect to stay.")

Lead story for this "first edition" was "Shall We Incorporate, and so reads:

"As Mr. J. H. Thornton has thrown his castor into the ring and taken up the advocacy of incorporating it is well to set the

gentleman right in some things and correct a few of his 'mistakes.'

"I repeat that the first arguments put forth in favor of incorporating were, that it would do away with the whisky traffic in town, and I can bring several of our best citizens to prove not necessary.

"... Afterwards the liquor clause was abandoned as one of the leaders remarked because Mr. Thornton opposed it."

Then, there's the Friday, Jan. 18, 1824 edition — many, many years later, but a most interesting edition.

Headlines read "Campaign Closes Saturday, 3 p.m. and it's about a Merkel Mail Subscription

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FFA JUDGING TEAM IS 'HIGH POINT'

Merkel High School's FFA Chapter Judging Team brought back at top score win in the judging events held at the Texas and Southwest Swine Conference held in Sweetwater Feb. 22.

The judging team included Rusty Holloway, Mark Clemmer, Melvin Parker and alternate Michael Ray. Accompanying the team was Chester Collinsworth, Voc. Ag teacher.

Out of 23 high school 4-H and FFA teams and three college teams entered Merkel's Judging Team score 739 points out of a possible 750 points. College Judg-

ing teams were Tarleton State College, Abilene Christian College and Cisco Junior College.

Individual scores for the Merkel Chapter were Holloway, 248 points out of possible 250; Clemmer 248; (tied for high point individual), and Parker 243, and Ray 231.

"The team did a fine job of judging," said Collinsworth, "and we are planning on entering other Judging Contests in the future."

Area IV Judging Contest will be held in Stephenville April 8, at which time the Merkel Chapter will compete.

Three New Directors Elected By Chamber

Three new directors for the Merkel Chamber of Commerce were elected by members this week.

Tabulations compiled Wednesday named Bill Button, Don Hart and Betty Jane Tittle as the 1972-73 directors. They will take office at the Chamber's Annual Banquet to be held Monday, March 27 at the high school cafeteria. Button is manager of West Texas Utilities, Hart manager of Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., and Miss Tittle, cashier of Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

Outgoing director are Mack Fisher, Johnny Hammond and Vernon Mansfield.

Dr. Thomas Kim, president of McMurry College will be guest speaker. He will be introduced by Joe Lassiter, acting as master of ceremonies.

Dr. Kim, who became McMurry's eighth president June 1, 1970, is the second layman in the college's history to be president. He came to McMurry from Texas

Tech University, where he served as professor of Economics and also as an advisor to the president of the University.

Three awards for community service will be presented at the banquet. These include recognition of two Chamber members for their outstanding contributions and Lambda Beta Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi's "Lady of the Year" award, which will honor a woman as an outstanding leader of the community.

Tickets to the event will go on

sale Monday, March 6, and will be handled by chamber directors. Joe McDuff and Dave Brumbeau will head out of town sales.

Also on the agenda will be the recognition of outgoing and current directors and a review of the year's activities by C-C president, Fred Starbuck.

The Rev. Billy P. Smith, pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church will ask the invocation and the Rev. Russell McAnally, pastor of United Methodist Church the benediction.

COMMITTEE NAMED FOR SELECTING 'LADY OF YEAR'

Committee members have been named for the First Lady of the Year program, according to Mrs. Billy Lucas, president of the local chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

Mrs. Lawrence Hewitt, named general chairman, will be in charge of the program, which will honor the Merkel woman who has made outstanding contributions in her respective field during the past year. The name of the Lady of the Year will be revealed at the Annual Merkel Chamber of Commerce banquet, to be held on Monday, March 27.

Handling nomination for the title will be Mmes. Marie Steck, Larry Justice, Larry White and Bobby West.

"Women are increasingly making important contributions in community life, business, government, social welfare, research and education," said Mrs. Lucas. "Beta Sigma Phi wishes to honor an outstanding woman of our community this year by special recognition."

Nominations for Lady of the Year have been turned in to Beta Sigma Phi by the Lions Club, Optimist Club, Merkel Garden Club, Fortnightly Study Club and Taylor County Young Homemakers, with a resume of each entry. The committee of Beta Sigma Phi will then review each nomination and



MRS. LAWRENCE HEWITT
... acting chairman

Lady of the Year chosen will be revealed at the Chamber banquet.

Roping, Barrel Race Sunday

A Calf Roping and Barrel Race will be sponsored by the Merkel Riding Club at the Merkel Arena at 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

Each roper will rope two calves. Also there will be a Novice Barrel Race and an Open Barrel Race.

Everyone is invited to "come out and have a good time."



FAMILY PORTRAITS — MHS Drama Club, "The Pretenders" will concentrate on The Family, in their March 3 presentation of "Our Town" at the high school auditorium. The entire play centers around families, their laughs and their heartaches, and will encompass the entire small town people with the every-day happenings. In first picture, the portrait presents the Dr. Gibbs' family, with Dr. Gibbs in center; others are from



left, Mark Dudley who plays the part of George Gibbs; Tonja McAninch, Mrs. Gibbs, and Donna Nagel, as Rebecca Gibbs. In picture at right, the "portrait" is the Webb family. Mr. Webb, editor of the weekly newspaper is played by Neilon Ely. From left, Grant Murrell, is Wally, the young son; Jeannie Fincher, Mrs. Webb; and Stephanie Walker, Emily Webb. (Staff Photo)

Taylor Electric Cooperative's
YOUTH TOUR TO WASHINGTON
Oratorical Contest
Monday, March 6, 7 p.m.
TAYLOR ELECTRIC ANNEX
THE PUBLIC IS INVITED

THE FIZZLE FAMILY

By H. T. Elmo



PUGGY

by Horace Elmo



He drives the Texas way

What do Ed McMahon, Bob Lilly, Bob Hayes, Phyllis Diller, The Carpenters, The Lettermen and Charley Pride have in common? They all "Drive Friendly." And they're telling Texans of their own personal ways of driving friendly on a new series of radio public service announcements now being distributed to more than 400 stations by the Texas Office of Traffic Safety Administration.



Ed McMahon

drink-loving sidekick on the "Tonight" show, admits that he does "enjoy a nip every once in a while." "But," he says, "I never drink when I'm going to have to do the driving home. If you plan to drink, let someone else drive. That's just one more way to 'Drive Friendly'—the Texas way." The entertainers and athletes on this new record, which is third in the series, join a long list of state and national personalities who support the Governor's traffic safety program.

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: W. H. Lawrence, if living, and his unknown heirs, and legal representatives, if he be dead; Ben Lawrence, if living, and his unknown heirs and legal representatives, if he be dead; Elsie Abernathy, if living, and her unknown heirs and legal representatives if she be dead; James S. Abernathy, if living, and his unknown heirs and legal representatives if he be dead; Osta Woods, if living, and her unknown heirs and legal representatives if she be dead; Bert E. Woods, if living, and his unknown heirs and legal representatives, if he be dead; Mary Alexander, if living, and her unknown heirs, and legal representatives, if she be dead; Margaret Pickelsimer, if living, and her unknown heirs, and legal representatives, if she be dead; Virginia Wright, if living, and her unknown heirs, and legal representatives, if she be dead; Casander Slaton, (otherwise known as Casander Slaton and as Casander Slatos) if living, and her unknown heirs, and legal representatives, if she be dead; Salina Green, if living, and her unknown heirs, and legal

representatives, if she be dead; Perncy Green, if living, and her unknown heirs, and legal representatives, if she be dead; Tekoy Green, if living, and her unknown heirs, and legal representatives, if she be dead; Victoria Green (otherwise known as Victory Green) if living, and her unknown heirs, and legal representatives, if she be dead; Defendants, 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 27th day of March A.D. 1972, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 9 day of February A. D. 1972, in this cause, numbered 12,024-B on the docket of said court and styled J. W. King, Jr., Plaintiff, vs. W. H. Lawrence, et al, Defendants, the Defendants being all of those persons to whom this citation is above addressed.

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

This is a suit by Plaintiff for appointment of a Receiver for

the purpose of executing an oil, gas and mineral lease on such terms as the Court may direct covering the undivided mineral interest owned or claimed by the Defendants in the Southeast one-fourth (SE 1/4) of Section No. 237, Block 64, H&TC Ry. Co. Survey in Taylor County, Texas. The total collective interest so owned or claimed by the Defendants being 7 1/2 mineral acres undivided out of said tract of land. Plaintiff alleges ownership of an undivided mineral interest in the same land, and that he will suffer substantial damage and injury unless such Receiver is appointed, and such lease executed, 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 9 day of February A.D. 1972.

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD
Clerk, 104th District Court,
Taylor County, Texas
By Marie Gill, Deputy.

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CLASSIFIEDS GET QUICK RESULTS

THE GODHEAD

Every word of the Bible is inspired. If God had Wanted another "I" dotted or another "t" crossed, he would have had it done. When one thinks he has found a contradiction in the Bible, he has only reached the limit of his own knowledge. It is a mighty sorry excuse for a man to make his own ignorance an excuse for criticizing the God of the Universe. And within the pages of the Bible is the only place one can find "God" revealed. One can see the evidence in the created things of the universe but to know God and his attributes, it must come from the Bible.

God's attributes have been gradually revealed as one begins in Genesis and making a study all the way through the Bible. He is infinite, lofty, holy, powerful, merciful, and just. Divine nature is Spirit, Light, and Love, for God is these.

Jesus, who knew more about the nature of his Father than anybody else, said, "God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth." (John 4:24) Thus when speaking of or thinking of God, I must get flesh and bones out of my mind.

The mind of man has never been able to grasp God fully. His eyes cannot see God. His hands cannot touch God. His mind cannot explore God. God accommodated Himself in revealing to man His nature and His attributes.

The obligation of all men is found here: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil." Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14. If then, this God is going to judge me at the end of my days, I for one want to know Him.

BILLY PATTON

CHURCH OF CHRIST

"COME VISIT WITH US"

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Clarence Arnold Ireland, 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 3rd

day of April A.D. 1972 to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 6th day of October A.D. 1971 in this cause, numbered 6644 on the docket of said court and styled Irene Margaret Ireland, Plaintiff, vs. Clarence Arnold Ireland, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Petition for divorce Married on October 27, 1969 and separated September 17, 1971, 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 16th day of February A.D. 1972.

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD
Clerk, Domestic Relations
Court, Taylor County, Texas
By Marie Adkins, Deputy.

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Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Cereal
- Geometric curve
- Court order
- Yugoslavs
- Row
- Dodged
- Continent: abbr.
- Knock
- Go astray
- Wild
- Spheres
- Grande
- Ages
- Not warm
- First man
- Suffix: adherent
- 1000 grams
- Volume
- Agitate
- Permit
- Girl's name
- Falls in flakes
- Scotch "no"
- Beverage
- Public notice
- Closed autos
- Depend
- Turned aside
- Woody plant
- Endless time
- Germ of life
- Tree trunk
- Opening for mail
- Appraise
- Image
- Allotted amount
- Wander
- Fish eggs
- Skin bumps
- Deserve
- Opposed
- Toward
- Sheltered side
- Stained
- Pose
- Night before
- Put
- Before
- Prefix: down
- Prefix: two

DOWN

- Birds
- Opera solo
- Metal
- Cubic meter
- Postscript
- Beverage
- Roam
- Caucasian language
- Foundation
- Single
- Guided
- Because
- Exist
- European city
- Proths
- Endures
- Irritates

Answer to Puzzle

1. CEREAL 2. PARABOLA 3. DECREE 4. SERBS 5. ROW 6. ELUDE 7. AFRICA 8. BUMP 9. AWAY 10. WILD 11. SPHERES 12. GRANDE 13. AGES 14. NOT WARM 15. ADAM 16. SUFFIX 17. KILOGRAM 18. LITER 19. AGITATE 20. PERMIT 21. GIRL'S NAME 22. FALLS IN FLAKES 23. SCOTCH "NO" 24. BEVERAGE 25. PUBLIC NOTICE 26. TREE TRUNK 27. OPENING FOR MAIL 28. APPRAISE 29. IMAGE 30. ALLOTTED AMOUNT 31. WANDER 32. FISH EGGS 33. SKIN BUMPS 34. DESERVE 35. OPPOSED 36. TOWARD 37. SHELTERED SIDE 38. STAINED 39. POSE 40. NIGHT BEFORE 41. PUT 42. BEFORE 43. PREFIX: DOWN 44. PREFIX: TWO



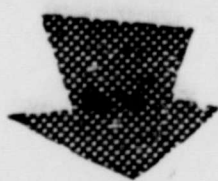
HOUSEHOLD REMEDY FOR POLLUTED AIR

A major culprit in air pollution is sulphur dioxide which is produced when coal and oil—and to some extent garbage—is burned. Combined with moisture and oxygen, it forms sulphuric acid. Both sulphur dioxide and sulphuric acid are particularly irritating to sufferers of emphysema, asthma and other respiratory ailments.

Dr. Alvan A. Barach, a noted New York specialist in the treatment of respiratory diseases has discovered that baking soda, which so successfully neutralizes unwanted smells in the refrigerator and other odor-prone areas, is the answer to neutralizing sulphur dioxide and sulphuric acid in the air.

Combine 1/2 teaspoons of baking soda and 6 ounces of water in a household spray apparatus. If windows are closed and sulphur dioxide enters only through air conditioning vents, Dr. Barach estimates that 10 or 12 squirts of the spray keeps the average size room free of sulphur dioxide for three to four hours. If windows are open, spray more frequently. The solution should be changed daily.

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DIRECTORS - OFFICERS - AND ALL EMPLOYEES

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Shortening	Swifts 3 Lb. Jewel ... Can	59¢	MILK	MARIGOLD 2% HOMO 1 GAL. Plus Dep.	79¢	REG. Homo Gal.	89¢
Pineapple	DEL MONTE CRUSHED — NO. 2 CAN	2 for	69¢	OLEO	All-Sweet ... 2 for		59¢
CORN	Kounty Kist 12 Oz. Can	2 for	35¢	BISCUITS	Meads ... 3 for		29¢
Cake Mix	Duncan Hines ... 2 for		69¢	Orange Drink	EL FOOD Half Gal.		35¢
TUNA	Starkist .. Flat Can		39¢	KLEENEX	200 Size ... 2 for		45¢
CATSUP	Del Monte .. Jug		59¢				
RED PLUM	JAM .. 18 Oz. Jar		33¢				
FLOUR	Gladiola .. 5 Lb. Bag		49¢				

PICANTE SAUCE .. 8 oz. can	29¢
AMERICAN BEAUTY 2 OZ. PKG. Instant Potatoes ... 3 for	25¢
Crisco Oil ... 48 oz. bottle	1.09
CANTADINA 8 OZ. CAN Tomato Sauce ... 3 for	29¢

INSTANT LIPTONS TEA .. 4 oz. jar	1.49
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Hunting and Fishing License and Ammunition Headquarters



BEEF RIBS .. Lb.	39¢
Chuck ROAST .. Lb.	89¢
ALL MEAT BOLOGNA .. Lb.	69¢

BACON	Goochs Blue Ribbon .. Lb.	79¢
FRANKS	Goochs .. 12 Oz. Pkg.	55¢
STEAK	CLUB .. Lb.	98¢

SWIFTS PREM 12 Oz. Can	53¢
SCHILLINGS TACO CASSEROLE 12 Oz. Pkg.	49¢
KRAFTS MACARONI DINNER 7 OZ. PKG. 2 for	39¢
COMET CLEANSER LARGE SIZE 2 Cans	49¢
PERSONAL IVORY SOAP 4 Bars	29¢
GAIN DETERGENT Giant Size	69¢

Frozen Foods

MIX OR MATCH		
CORN	1 1/4	39¢
BABY LIMAS	Lb.	
TURNIP & TOPS	Pkg.	



LETTUCE .. Head	19¢
TOMATOES .. Lb.	29¢
FLORIDA TEMPLE ORANGES .. Lb.	19¢
RUTABAGAS .. Lb.	10¢
RED POTATOES .. 20 Lb. Bag	89¢



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\$1.00 minimum for the first four lines. Excess of 4 lines will be charged at the rate of 5 cents per word. If no results obtained on the first insertion, we will run it at half price the second time.

Cards of Thanks \$2.00 for the first 50 words, 5c per word for each additional word.

TERMS: Cash in advance, unless account is already established.

NOTICE of typographical or other errors must be given before the second insertion or claims for refunds or extensions will not be recognized.

- Miscellaneous -

FOR MONUMENTS and CEMETERY CURBING
M. A. (Sarg) NOSTER
1404 Herring Dr.
Merkel, Texas
Phone 8-5565

MASONIC MEETING
Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 719 on 2nd Saturday and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Members urged to attend.
CHARLES EAGER, W.M.
ROY MASHBURN, Sec'y.

TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR WEDDING INVITATIONS - See our excellent selection. Merkel Mail & Printing, 928-5712.

WANTED - Cooks, waitresses, and dishwashers. Merkel Restaurant, 928-4923. 8 tfe

MAY WE SUGGEST that you see our Wedding Invitations - Good selections of styles and type, reasonable too. Merkel Mail & Printing, 928-5712.

ALL KINDS OF TREE Work done. Free estimates. 928-5211, 37 tfe

WEDDING INVITATIONS, INFORMALS, ANNIVERSARY INVITATIONS - All may be seen at the Merkel Mail and Printing, 928-5712.

BEAUTY BY MARY KAY for a complimentary Facial Call Delphine Watson, 862-2235. 31 4tp

BLUE LUSTRE not only rids carpets of soil, but leaves pile soft and lofty. Rent electric shampooer \$1. minimum at BULLOCK HARDWARE & GIFTS, 928-5310.

WANTED - Baby sitting in my home. Children of all ages. Call 928-5020. 52 1tc

WANT TO FIND - Several Little League All Star uniforms need to be turned in. Contact Benny Melton, 928-5722. 1 2tc

SEPTIC TANK SERVICE - Lot Septic Service, formerly Hanson Plumbing Co. Anson, Texas 823-2145. 1 4tc

NEW and Exciting Semi permanent eye lashes. Individual eye lashes applied to your own. Last as long as your own. Original application, \$12.50. For more information call Elmwood Salon of Beauty, Ann Baggett, owner, 712 Leggett. 692-4434. 1 tfe

- For Rent -

FOR RENT - Small house in good condition at 404 Edwards. Call 928-5988 or 928-5345. 1 2tc

FOR RENT - Downtown 20x22 foot building, refinished. Phone 928-5472. 1 tfe

FOR RENT - Trailer space. Call 928-5022 or see E. J. Patterson, 810 Walnut, Merkel. 44 tfe

FOR RENT - Small, two-bedroom house. Clean. Call 928-5669. 51 tfe

- For Sale -

FOR SALE - The Joe Nalley Farm, call or write Elsel Hunter, 1518 Lackland St., Arlington, Texas 76010, phone 274-0347. 1 2tp

FOR SALE - House at 904 So. 3rd Call Mrs. Buddy Boyd at 862-2711. 1 2tc

FOR SALE - Good Frigidaire Refrigerator and also a chair. See at 411 Yucca Street, 928-5791. 1 3tp

FOR SALE - 1965 Malibu SS, 233, 4 barrel real clean car. \$485. Phone 928-4948. 1 2tc

SATURDAY ONLY - 402 Oak Street. For sale, 2-22 Rifles, one bedroom suite, one kitchen chairs and table, odd chairs, and old tablecloths and curtains, old typewriter and misc. items. 1 1tp

FOR SALE - Antique upright piano, Good cond. \$75. phone 928-5884 or 928-4842. 1 2tc

FOR SALE OR TRADE - 4-row John Deere cultivator, also garden spots plowed. Call 928-5264. 52 2tp

FOR SALE - Small house on southside, new carpet, walls, floors, everything redone. Large lot. Call 928-5492. 51 tfe

NEED
A New Water Well Drilled?
Also Install Meyers Subs & Jacuzzi Jets
Call
ROBERT HIGGINS
928-5998

FOR SALE - Hay, call 928-5130. 52 2tc

FOR SALE - Three bedroom house on south side, all carpeted. Otis Foster, 928-5383. 52 2tp

CARD OF THANKS
IN LOVING MEMORY, the children and grandchildren of Mrs. Florence Jones, would like to thank all her friends for all their kindness and sympathy during her illness and death. We would like to have done this in person, but we had no word about her death until Feb. 23, 1972. Mr. and Mrs. Neel Jones, McKinleyville, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Jones, Ventura, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Bee O'Neil, Bakersfield, Calif. Mrs. Babe Stafford, Alvarado, Texas Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wright, Corpus Christi, Texas and families

Sunday School Class Is Formed

A new Sunday School Class was organized this week by the young married couples and college students of First United Methodist Church.

Meeting for the first time Sunday, members elected officers and discussed plans for socials.

Officers elected were Phil Seymore, president; Kenny Hogan, vice president; and Mrs. Joe Alves, secretary-treasurer.

New Law Not Met

AUSTIN - An informal roadside survey made recently by the Texas Safety Association shows that some Texas gravel truck operators and other loose material haulers may be unknowingly violating a new law.

The statewide safety group in a release from their Austin headquarters today said the law is one passed by the last session of the Legislature governing the loading and hauling of loose materials including gravel, sand and dirt. The law does not apply to agricultural products.

The law requires that trucks be loaded no higher than six inches below the top of the sideboards when left uncovered. Higher loads must be covered by canvas to prevent spillage. If materials fall from a truck because of improper loading, both the hauler and the loader are liable under the law. Fines for the first offenses can be from \$825 to \$200, subsequent offenses carry fines of not less than \$200.

Girl Scout NEWS

Girl Scout News For February

On Feb. 12 we had our Father-Daughter Banquet with 125 in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the banquet and we extend thanks to our fathers who helped make it a success and to Mr. Fred Starbuck who was our Master of Ceremonies.

The Girl Scout Cookie Sale ended Feb. 20 with members selling a total of 98 cases of cookies in the Merkel area. We had six junior girls earn their fifty 50 patches. They were Becky Page, Betty Lindsey, Debbie Glasscock, Lupe Ortega, Lesa Hart and Janet Wade. One Cadet also earned the patch.

We had two girls to earn one half free camping, Debbie Glasscock and Lupe Ortega.

Our many thanks to all the people in the Merkel area for helping us.

BROWNIE NEWS

By CHRISTI BRADY

Brownie Troop No. 103 held its weekly meeting Feb. 22, with the theme "Thinking Day," in observance of the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund. The observance is held annually on Feb. 22 to honor Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, the founders of Scouting around the world. The girls contributed to the friendship fund which helps Girl Scouts around the world to know and understand each other better.

Leader Mrs. Melba Glasscock, showed the girls pictures of Scouts in other countries and they read a story about them.

The twenty-four members present played games and sang. They were served refreshments by Nelda Hart.



Merkel Gets New Deputy Sheriff

Jim White, a two-year employee of the Lufkin Police Department, Lufkin, Texas, is now deputy sheriff for Taylor County with residence at Merkel.

White's duties will include serving Merkel and area, according to Taylor County Sheriff Ray Trammell.

Presently living at the Merkel Hotel, White will move his family to Merkel "in the near future."

A native of Whitesboro, the new deputy sheriff is a graduate of Whitesboro High School and of Grayson County Junior College at Sherman. Following his graduation from the Junior College, he began work at Lufkin.

McM HOPE SINGERS TO BE HERE SUNDAY

The Hope Singers of McMurry College, with their unique blend of song and religious dance, will be in Merkel Sunday, March 5 at 4 p.m. in the United Methodist Church, Bernhardt Teide is director.

This group includes 12 voices, three dancers and two accompanists.

Sponsoring the Singers for the Sunday afternoon presentation is the Senior Hi class of the Merkel church.

"All Junior and Senior High School students as well as adults are invited to this service," said Beth Hicks, member of the Methodist UMY.

The group will sing a varied

program including "This Is The Message," by Eugene Butler, "Bless My Soul," by George Gagliardi, "It's an Unfound Joy," by Don Blackley and "O Thou, to Whose All Searching Sight," by Butler.

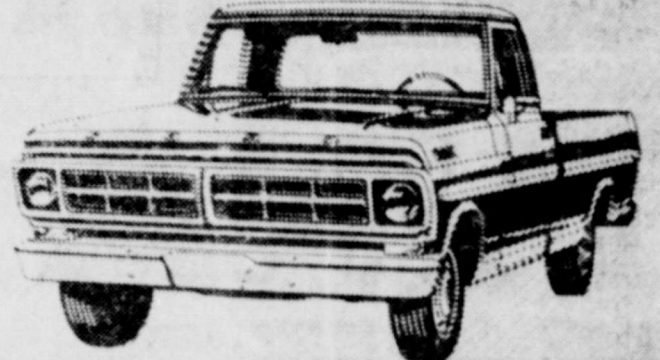
Also, "I've Got Peace Like a River," by Bill Ingram, "What the World Needs Now Is Love," by Burt Bacharach, "This Is the Day," by Robert E. Kreutz, and "Trust Jesus and Live," by Mark Blankenship.

Also, "Lonely Voice" by Billy Hanks Jr., "Clap Your Hands," by Nancy Roberts, "The Prayers I Make" by Jane Marshal and "O Happy Day" by Edwin Hawks.

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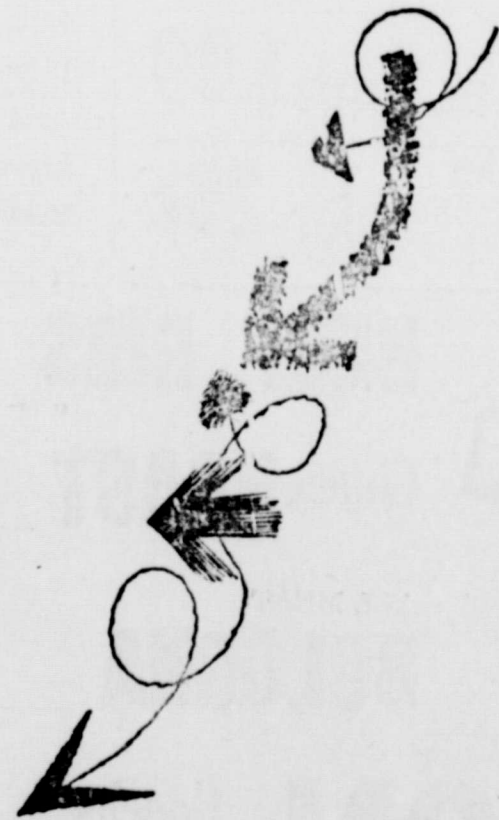
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DEATHS & FUNERALS

Peal F. West

Funeral services for Peal F. West, 85, were held Tuesday, Feb. 29 at Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel with Herbert Lewis, minister of the Eastland Church of Christ officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mr. West, a longtime resident of Mulberry Canyon, died Monday in Starr Nursing Home after a two-month illness.

Born Dec. 27, 1886 in Walnut Springs, he moved to White Church community with his family in 1894. He married Lillie Cordell in 1909 at Nubia. She died in 1935.

He moved to Coleman in 1949 and back to the Mulberry Canyon area in 1963. He was a member of the Church of Christ for many years.

Survivors are a son, Lloyd West of Nubia; one grandson and one great-granddaughter.

Pallbearers were John B. Hughes, Howard Finch, Clyde Lewis, Ray Orsborn, Earnest Meek and Leroy Riley.

Leonard B. Camp

Funeral services for Leonard B. Camp, 71, were held Friday, Feb. 15 in the Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor of First Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Camp died Wednesday of an apparent heart attack.

Born July 20, 1901 in Eskota, he moved with his family to Merkel 11 years later. He married Fannie Wyatt in 1925 in Seminole. She died in 1966. He then married Hessie Jane Brenem in 1967. They moved to Merkel from Anson four years ago.

Survivors are his wife; two sons, Leonard Jr. of Monroe, La., and John of Temple; four daughters, Mrs. Jack Wetley of Midland, Mrs. Maxine Dickie of Frederick, Okla., Mrs. Bob Lindsey of Houston and Mrs. Edwina Futrell of Midland; one brother, C. D. Camp of Oklahoma; two sisters, Mrs. E. M. Blankenship and Mrs. R. A. Burton, both of Anson; 18 grandchildren.

Youth Director Speaks to FHA

Phil Hall, First Baptist Youth and Music Director, was guest speaker for the Merkel Chapter Future Homemakers of America at their February meeting.

Projects outlined by members include talent show, sending cards to shut-ins, and list of names for errands.

Browne Enlists In U.S. Army

Randle Lane Browne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Creamer of Merkel has enlisted in the United States Army. He enlisted for the 82nd Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg, N.C.

Following basic training at Ft. Polk, La., advanced individual training and airborne training, Browne will join his unit at Ft. Bragg.

Jack C. Tucker

Jack C. Tucker, 56, a Franklin, Neb., Public Accountant since 1955, died Sunday, February 13 after a brief illness in Franklin County Hospital.

Funeral services were Wednesday at the Hutchins Funeral Home in Franklin. The Rev. Herbert Kelly officiated. Veterans of Foreign Wars Four Freedom Post 5757 of Franklin paid tribute to a departed comrade with graveside rites in the Greenwood Cemetery in Franklin.

Mr. Tucker was reared in Merkel where he attended the Merkel Public Schools, graduating with the class of 1933. He enlisted in the Army and after a basic training in the Army Air Force was assigned to the 424 Troop Carrier Group as a Glider Pilot and Squadron Engineering Officer. He served his country in the European Theater, coordinating the glider waves for the D-Day landing in Normandy, and landed in the third wave June 6, 1944. For this and further missions in Northern France, the Rhineland, Ardennes, and the Central European Campaigns, he was awarded the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters. After being discharged from service as a 1st Lt., Mr. Tucker attended Marquette University, where he received a B.A. in Accounting.

He is survived by his wife, Lillian; three brothers, J. Carvel of Corpus Christi, Lester of Sherman, Leo of Abilene; two sisters, Mrs. Ansel Coates of Fort Worth and Mrs. Cleo Norman of Longview; an aunt, Mrs. Bertha Tucker Ensminger of Merkel. He was a brother in law of Dr. and Mrs. Elmer Glenn of Hastings, Neb.

Editors' Poll Moves West

Newspaper editors and publishers were polled on state political races last week at the meeting of the West Texas Press Association in Sweetwater.

Question one asked the editors was who they thought could carry their counties.

These were the results: Governor — Smith 15; Barnes 11; Briscoe 9; U.S. Senate: Tower 11; Yarborough 10; Sanders 7. Lt. Gov.: Connally 10, Hobby 5, Christie 3, Hall 1 and Jones 1.

Asked whom they would vote for, the editors said: Governor — Briscoe 15, Barnes 8, Smith 6, Farenthold 4. U. S. Senate: Tower 20, Sanders 5, Yarborough 5. Lt. Gov.: Connally 1, Hobby 7, and Christie 3.

Attending Saturday from Merkel and representing the Merkel Mail were Mrs. Robert Leo Harris, assistant editor. Saturday's activities included group meetings in journalism, ecology and pollution and concluded with the Sweetwater Reporter hosting a banquet and dance Saturday evening.

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Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



Since cotton harvesting is over, the farmers are busy getting their land ready for another crop. Rain is needed.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley visited Mr. and Mrs. Alanzo Peterson and Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Dunagin in Merkel Sunday.

Albert Miller of Corpus Christi is visiting his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. West. Mrs. Jessie Dillion, Midland, visited a few days last week with the Wests and also Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Brownning of Tuscola visited the John Brownings Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hudson of Rising Star spent the weekend with Miss Louise Hudson. Mr. and Mrs. Rex Hudson and Mr. and Mrs. Charles George, also of Rising Star, spent Sunday with Miss Hudson.

Debbie Powell of Abilene is staying with her grandmother, Mrs. Odie Fikes. Mr. and Mrs. John Browning visited Mrs. Fikes Thursday. Mrs. Fikes has bought a home in Merkel and will be moving soon.

Mrs. Olin Potts and Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Lasser of Anson, visited the Fletcher Jones Thursday night. Visiting the Jones' Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Berry and Mr. and Mrs. Reeves all of Abilene. Mrs. Billy Ganer was a visitor in the Jones' home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shaw, of Gainesville, visited the Roy Mashburns and also Mrs. John Shaw over the weekend.

Former Merkelite SWBT Retiree

Miss Cleo Reece of Midland and formerly of Merkel, and who was employed by Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. 24 years and five months, was honored recently with a retirement party in the lounge of the Company's traffic Department in Midland.

Miss Reece, who resides at 1200 Cedar Street in Midland, began working with Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. in Merkel on March 16, 1943, as agency chief operator. She worked in Merkel until June 1959 when she resigned. On Jan. 20, 1947, SWBT sold its offices in Merkel to an independent company, with offices in Baird.

On July 2, 1951, Miss Reece moved to Midland and resumed employment with SWBT. During her career with the company she has been an operator and was relief night chief operator in 1956-57.

Her hobbies include gardening, sewing and baking. She has grown bluebonnets in her yard in Midland since 1964.

Stith HD CLUB Has Meeting

The Stith Home Demonstration Club met Feb. 23 with Miss Louise Hudson as hostess. Miss Hudson gave the devotional and Mrs. Fletcher Jones, the prayer. Roll call was answered with my favorite color.

Jones County HD Agent Mrs. Mary Y. Newberry, presented a program on guides to interior decorating. Hostess gift went to Mrs. Red Dickerson. Refreshments were served to eight members, three visitors and one new member. The next meeting will be March 8 with Mrs. Paul Hudman as hostess.

Mail Delivery Is Extended

Truett Thompson, Merkel Postmaster, announced today that effective Saturday, March 4, 1972, mail delivery will be extended.

"Due to Rural Route extension mail delivery service will be available to 48 families in the Northeast, Southeast, Northwest and Southwest part of Merkel," said Thompson. "This extended service will be the first time that we have had delivery service offered to all customers of the Merkel Post Office.

These new extensions will be covered with Rural Route Carriers, said Thompson.



GOOD GRIEF! — "Good Grief!" is the name of a singing duo at McMurry College, composed of Connie Goodwin, left, a music major from Hobbs, N.M., and Sally Stone, a marketing major from Albuquerque, N.M. Both girls are sophomores, and will sing for the March 7 meeting of the Merkel Lions Club. (Photo Courtesy MCM)

MUSICAL PROGRAM ON TAP FOR LIONS

"Good Grief," a new singing group on the McMurry College campus, will perform at noon Tuesday, March 7 for the Merkel Lions Club.

The group consists of two attractive girls, Connie Goodwin, a sophomore transfer student from Hobbs, N.M., and Sally Stone, a sophomore from Albuquerque, N. M.

The girls are on parttime scholarships for their singing services

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campaign wherein the winners gets a brand new touring car. High pointers listed in that edition included "Miss Ouida Campbell with 2,406,809 points, Mrs. Nannie Casseaux, 2,400,200, and Miss Ruth Jones, 2,385,100.

Others in the subscription race included Miss Ira Garrett, Miss Mabel Jenkins, Mrs. R. L. Jobe, Miss Beatrice McLeod, Miss Lillian McRee, Mrs. Sam Salyers and Mrs. C. W. Seago.

Another item of interest on that front page was about Mrs. C. I. Cash selling her Tailor Shop and business to Mr. J. W. Schindler of South Texas, and The Methodist ladies having a Market to sell cakes, pies, dressed chickens and candy.

Also headlined in this edition was the story about Bonds Voted for New School Building. They were passed by a vote of 98 against and 110 for the bonds. The story reads: "This shows that the vote was indeed small and is an indication that the people as they usually do regarding the voting of school bonds took it for granted that they would carry without effort, as there was but little work done by anyone to get the voters out — as this paper sees it, the people of this city will have no cause to regret having voted to build this beautiful and badly needed building . . ."

(Incidentally, that part about the getting the vote out . . . could they be talking about the new?)

And so, we've reviewed the happenings in the Merkel Mail in two past editions . . . there's still voting to be done (and still the same old story — use your freedom to vote — vote), still bonds to be voted on, people are still selling their businesses, advertising to advertise, heads to crop and shave, photos to be photographed — only there's cars to sell instead of wagons and buggies.

By the way, the edition that followed the Jan. 18, 1924 one, which was the Jan. 25 one — the Merkel Mail gave away a New Ford Car, Diamond Rings, Gold Watches, Scholarships in Draughts and Tyler Commercial Colleges, as well as commissions.

APRIL 1 DEADLINE FOR LICENSE PLATES

It's that time of the year again when motorists are "eyeing" April 1 as deadline for obtaining 1972 Texas license plates.

And if you own one or more of the seven and a half million motor vehicles in Texas, some important mail has come your way.

Many motorists have already purchased their '72 plates, but according to the Highway Department, "there's many more to go."

For the convenience of Merkel and area automobile owners a sub-station is being operated at Max Murrell Chevrolet. Hours for selling licenses will be 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. weekdays, and from 8:30 until 11 a.m. Saturdays.

Registrations at the local station will include automobile, trailer house, pickup, small trailers, farm trailer and motorcycle, semi-trucks and trailers pulled by truck will not be issued at the Merkel station, according to Murrell. These along with out of state licenses will need to be registered in Abilene.

License plates can also be obtained in person at county tax office in Abilene.

In any case, registration will go faster if the owner leaves the three-part form intact and does not separate any of the three parts.

Deadline for displaying 1972 license plates is midnight, April 1.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Unborn Children of Tom and Geneva Graham, Defendant.
Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 17 day of April A.D. 1972, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 29th day of February A.D. 1972, in this cause, numbered 33,741-A on the docket of said court and styled Annie Lou Donica and Neville Bruce Graham, Trustees Appointed by the wills of Annie Edenborough Graham & William Alfred Graham Jr. Plaintiff, vs. Deborah Graham Bradshaw, Betty Graham, Thomas Graham, William Alfred Graham, Leeann Graham, Robert Graham, Andrew Graham, and any unborn children of Tom and Geneva Graham, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Petition for Declaratory Judgment to determine rights of unborn children, is in 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 29th day of February A.D. 1972.
(Seal)

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD,
Clerk, 42nd District Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Marie Adkins, Deputy.
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Softball Season

The Parks and Recreation Department of Abilene is now in the process of preparing for the 1972 softball season, according to Pery Scott, athletic director. Organizational meeting for softball leaguers are scheduled at Rose Park Recreation Center: Women's Softball — Tuesday, March 7, 7 p.m.; Men's Fastpitch Thursday, March 9, 7 p.m., and Men's Slowpitch Thursday, March 9 at 8 p.m.

Teams wishing to participate should attend the appropriate meeting. For further information contact Rose Park Recreation Center at 673-437.

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from the date of the issuance of
this citation, same being the 20
day of March A.D. 1972, to Plain-
tiff's Petition filed in said court,
on the 2 day of Feb. A.D. 1972,
in this cause, numbered 6908 on
the docket of said court and styl-
ed In Re: Minor A-100.

A brief statement of the na-
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wit: In Re: Adoption as is more
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of Feb. A.D. 1972.

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD
Clerk, Domestic Relations
Court, Taylor County, Texas
My Marie Gill, Deputy.
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TO: Leonard Dean Garrard,
Defendant, Greeting:
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from the date of the issuance of
this citation, same being the 20th
day of March A.D. 1972, to Plain-
tiff's Petition filed in said court,
on the 2nd day of Feb. A.D. 1972,
in this cause, numbered 6910 on
the docket of said court and styl-
ed In Re: Plaintiff, vs. Sarah
Clair Garrard, et al, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature
of this suit is as follows, to-wit:
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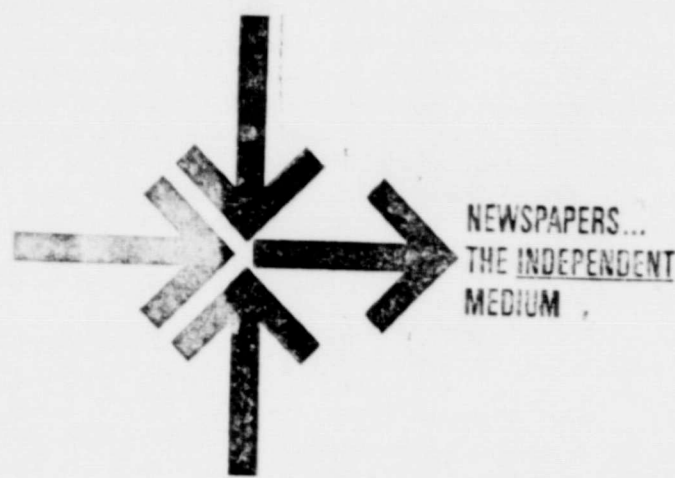
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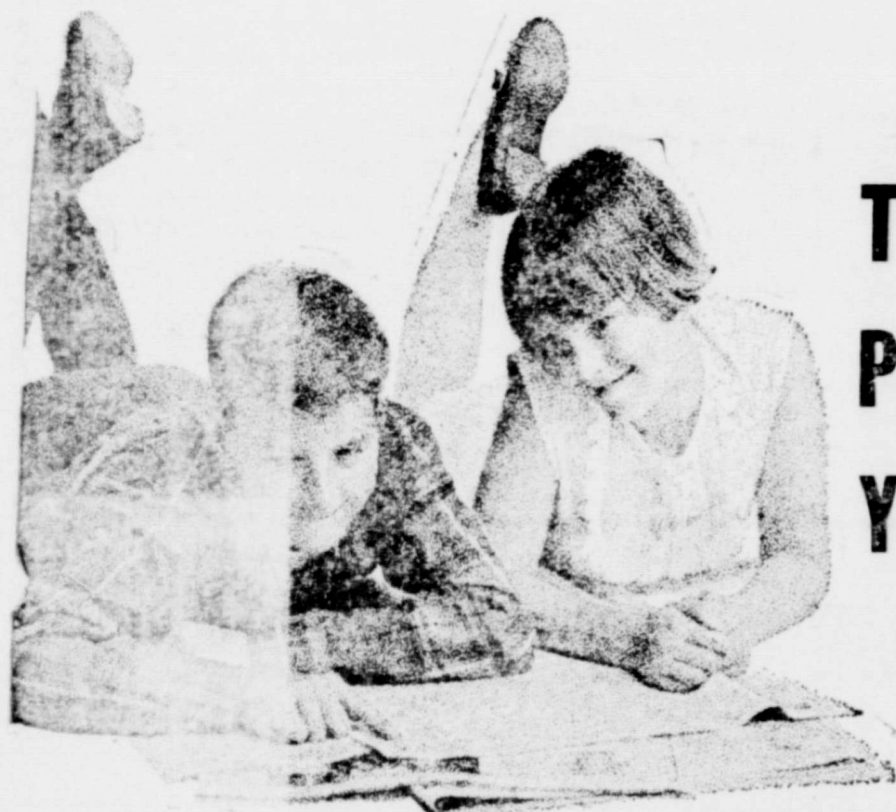
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TO: Edward Bates, Respondent, Greeting:

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 17th day of April A.D. 1972, to Petitioner's Petition filed in said court, on the 29th day of October A.D. 1971, in this cause, numbered 6704 on the docket of said court and styled Peggy Lou Bates, Petitioner, vs. Edward Bates, Respondent. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: It is a suit for divorce and child custody, as is more fully shown by Petitioner's Petition on file in this suit.

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 29th day of February A.D. 1972.

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

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TO: Linda Kay Shadle, Defendant, Greeting:

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Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD
Clerk, Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County, Texas
By Marie Gill, Deputy.

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TO: Fred E. Carson, Defendant, Greeting:

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the docket of said court and styled Sue Carson, Plaintiff, vs. Fred E. Carson, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Petitioner and Respondent were married on or about July 1, 1966 and separated on or about Oct. 1966. There were no children born and no community property accumulated. This is a suit for divorce, 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 25th day of Feb. A.D. 1972.

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

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LEGAL NOTICE

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: James Hubbard, 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 10th day of April A.D. 1972, to Plaintiff's First Amended Petition filed in said court, on the 25th day of Feb. A.D. 1972, in this cause, numbered 6825 on the docket of said court and styled Lena M. Hubbard, Plaintiff, vs. James Hubbard, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: A suit for divorce, Petitioner and Respondent were married Nov. 17, 1966 and became separated Oct. 27, 1971. There were no children born and no community property accumulated, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's First Amended Petition on file in this suit.

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

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF CITY OFFICERS' ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the City of Merkel on the first Saturday of April, the same being April 1, 1972, for the purpose of electing three (3) City Aldermen, for a term of two (2) years each.

Same election will be held at the Merkel High School gymnasium with Betty Cybert as presiding judge. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Absentee voting begins on Wednesday, March 13 and ends on Tuesday, March 28. Absentee Voting will be done at City Hall. Hours are 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Mayor
ROY KIMBRELL
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THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Taylor

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

That by virtue of a certain Execution issued out of the Honorable 96th Court of Tarrant County, of the 7th day of February 1972, by George Johnson, District Clerk of said Court for the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Twenty

Two and 50/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Execution, in favor of Building Products Wholesale Co., Inc. in a certain cause on said Court, No. 96-7252-71 and styled Building Products Wholesale Co., Inc. vs. Harold Bodley, placed in my hands for service,

I, Ray Trammell as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did on the 22nd day of February 1972, levy on certain Real Estate, situated

in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 3, Block 066 Millers Court, No. 1 ABL hts Abil and levied upon as the property of Harold A. Bodley and that on the first Tuesday in April 1972, the same being the 4th 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 above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Harold A. Bodley.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County, Texas.

Witness my hand, this 22nd day of February 1972.

RAY TRAMMELL
Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas
By R. P. Blackley Deputy.

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HUNTS SKILLET **DINNER** Assorted Big Box **69c**

COOKING OIL **WESSON** 48 Oz. Jug **89c**

OLEO **PARKAY** QUARTERS Pound **29c**

INSTANT TEA **LIPTON** WITH LEMON 4 Oz. Jar **83c**

HORMEL **CHILI** PLAIN 15 Oz. Can **43c**

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BORDEN Cottage **CHEESE** 12 Oz. **39c**

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KUNERS 303 **APPLE** Sauce 2 for **39c**

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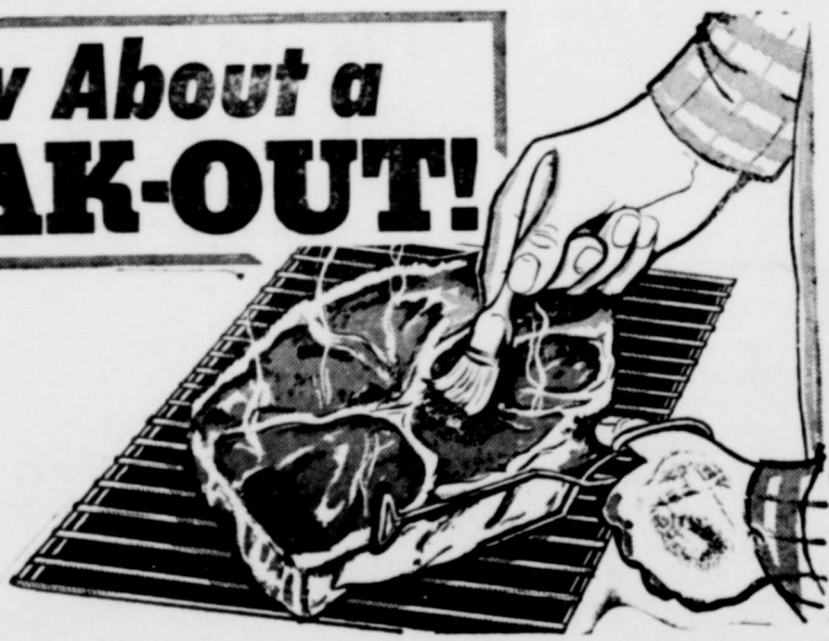
Miracle Whip (1 Limit) Kraft Quart **59c**

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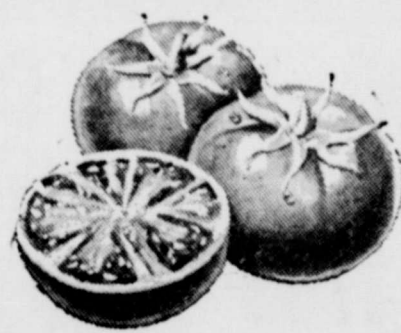
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