



TO REPRESENT TAYLOR COUNTY — Gail and Christy Boone will be representing Taylor County in the District 7 Dress Revue to be held Wednesday at the Abilene Womens Club. The revue will be at 2 p.m. Daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boone, Gail is in the Senior division and Christy, junior division. (Staff Photo)

Local Library Moves Soon

Moving of the Merkel Library to its new location in the Turner Building on North First Street is scheduled to begin "the first part of next week," according to board president, Mrs. Ray Wilson. "The new floor has been laid," she said, "and some minor repairs are scheduled to be completed for the moving to begin next week. The new location has been freshened and the entire area is planned to stock more books and have a reading center for people who come in to stay longer than just checking out books."

Purchase of the Ike Turner Building for use of the Merkel Public Library was made last month by the Chamber of Commerce. Purchase price was \$1,800.00, and "there will be no interest nor carrying charges," according to Chamber president, Bill Button. "Merkel is most fortunate in getting this building for the library and at such a reasonable price," he said. "The building is in above average condition, is large enough for our library and is in a good location."



JANIE CLARK
... MHS sophomore

Local Lions Name Club Sweetheart

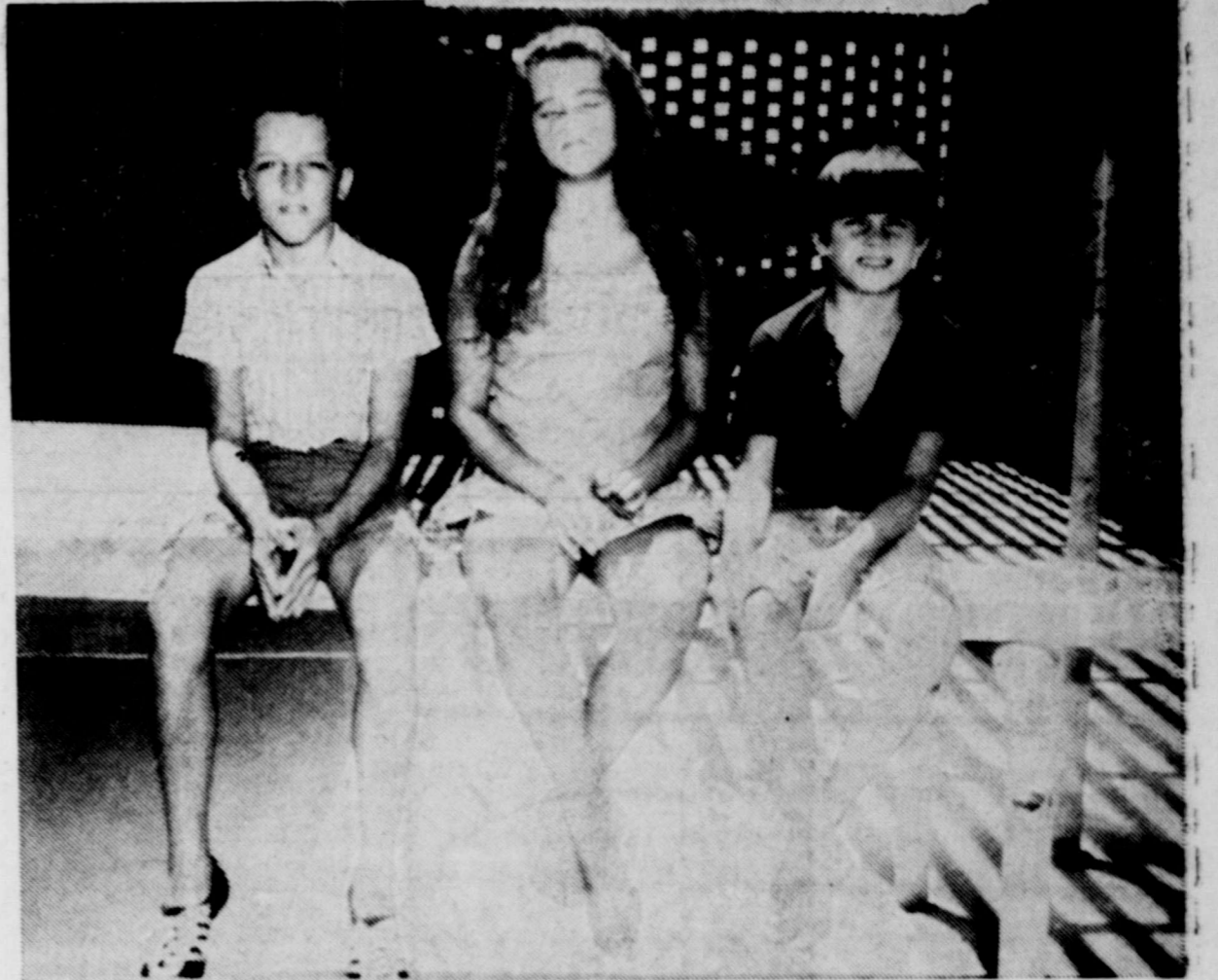
Members of the Merkel Lions Club named Janie Clark as club Sweetheart at their noon meeting held Tuesday. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark Jr., Janie is a sophomore at Merkel High School. She is a first-year twirler with the Bandger Band, and attended the Twirling School at the University of Texas at Arlington, held this past week on the UT-A Campus.

Mark Clemmer '72 Gold Star Boy

Mark Clemmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Clemmer Jr., was named Taylor County's Gold Star Boy for 1972 at the annual judging held Friday. A senior at Merkel High School and a nine-year member of Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club, Mark received the award in record book entry. His activities in 4-H are many and projects include sheep, horses, swine and leadership. Mark has just returned from a Leadership Lab held at Brownwood for the purpose of instructing new members who enter 4-H. Mark cites his most outstanding 4-H participation as the State Livestock Judging Contest in 1971 when he, along with his brother, Robert, and also Rusty Holloway and Wayne Eaton, won the state title and qualified to represent Texas at the National 4-H Judging Contest in Chicago last November.

WWI Veterans

Veterans of World War I and the Ladies Auxiliary will meet Tuesday, Aug. 6 at the home of Mrs. W. R. Cox, 607 Oak Street at 7 p.m. for their monthly meeting. Following a short business meeting, watermelon will be served, according to Commander Karl Bonneaux. Eighty-four and forty-two will be the games played and members are asked to come and enjoy the fellowship.



SWIM WINNERS — Taking first place in first and second rounds of the Merkel Recreation Program swimming contest were, from left, Craig Bowen, 9-11 division; Gay-Lara Reed, age 12 and up division, and Kel Crain, 6-8 division. Not pictured are Christy Brady and Des McPeters who tied for first place in the girls' 6-8 division, Becky Watts, girls' 9-11 division, and Keith Austermann, boys age 12 and up division. Races concluded this year's summer program. (Staff Photo)

RACES FINISH SUMMER PROGRAM

Swimming Races and Picture Contest Judging concluded the activities for this year's Summer Recreation Program co-sponsored by the Merkel Chamber of Commerce. Held at the Merkel Motel, swimming races were divided into 6 divisions — two each for boys and girls. In the 6-7 and 8 girls' division, Christy Brady won first place and Des McPeters second in the first race, with contestants switching places in the second round

with Des coming in first. In the boys division (6-7-8) Kel Crain was first Randy Leveridge, second; Danny Reagan, third; Tim Brady, fourth; and Kyle Wolf, fifth. In the second race, Kyle was third, Danny fourth and Tim fifth. Winners in the Girls 9-10-11 Division both first and second rounds were Becky Watts first; Mary Roeder, second; Sherry Roeder, third; Lupe Ortega, fourth, and Julie Kimbrell, fifth. Boys' Division — Craig Bowen, first; Kelly Wolf, second; Rusty Watts, third; Kyle Wade, fourth and Roger Reed, fifth. In second round, Kyle, Wade, second, and Kelly Wolf, fourth. In the girls' age 12 and up — there was only one entry, Gayle Reed. Boys' Division — first round, Keith Austermann, first, Keith Wolf, second; David Lee, third; Paul Tucker, fourth and Donnie Reagan, fifth. Second round — Paul Tucker, second; K. Wolf, third; David Lee, fourth and Mike Tucker, fifth.

Picture Contest
In the Picture Judging Contest, Mike Hicks won first place and Keith Wolf, second in abstract; Lupe Ortega, first and Debbie Kimbrell, second in Scenes; and Tammy Thomas won first place in flower display. In miscellaneous drawing, Tammy Thomas was first and John Stevens, second. Des McPeters won first place in best coloring, and Tammy Kirk, second, and Pam Hagar, third. Bill Tate, director for the Program, said there was a total membership this summer of 287, "with 27 paid in full; 31 who came two days; 73 for one day and 156 for one week or longer." "This has been one of our best programs," said Tate. "We have had good attendance, plenty of activities for children to participate in, and wonderful cooperation from parents, businessmen and everyone in general." Tate expressed appreciation to all who had helped make this program such a success with a special thanks to Mrs. Pat McAllister for the use of the Merkel Motel Swimming pool and to the First Baptist Church for the loan of the ping pong tables.

FIRE CHIEF THANKS 'ALL WHO HELPED'

Waymon Adcock, Merkel Fire Chief, and Billy King, assistant, had a lot of people to thank this week for their participation in the search for two young Merkel boys, David Wright and Ray Sellers, this past Saturday and Sunday. "So many people helped out, we just want to say thank you for your concern," said Adcock, "and we don't want to miss thanking a single person. Adcock expressed special thanks to several organizations who spent many hours in the search. They were the Key City Channel Masters, Taylor County Citizens Band, Taylor County Civil Defense, and the Taylor County

Riding Club (Sheriff's Posse). Also, the County Sheriff's Department, Department of Public Safety, Merkel Riding Club, KTXS Television, KRBC Radio and Television, and KWKC Radio. "The boys were found about 9 p.m. Sunday, safe and sound," said Adcock, "and we thank everyone who participated in the search." And Tuesday, Adcock received a letter of commendation from the Taylor County Citizens Radio Association in Abilene for the manner in which the search was conducted. The letter read in part: "On behalf of the Taylor County

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FOOTBALL WORKOUT TO BEGIN AUG. 9

Pre-school workout for the Badger Football team will begin Wednesday, Aug. 9, with physicals scheduled for the first two days, according to head football coach, Paul Woodfin. Two practices a day will begin on August 14 at 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Woodfin said this week that 45 to 50 boys have indicated their plans to come out for football. "We plan to carry twenty-five boys on Varsity," he said, "with eight returning lettermen. This year promises to be a good one and fans can expect some good football." Returning Lettermen are Steve Teaff, Danny Higgins, Jerry Beard, Albert Castillo, Junior Ascencio, Leslie Reddin and Jimmy Land, all seniors and junior Larry Toliver. Sophomores are Jackie Sims, Steve West, Steve Gentry, Gaylon Boone, Alan Tucker, David Copeland, Randal Howes, Johnny Wislerhausen, Robert Morgan, Aldy Hart, Danny Bryant, Jerry Cox and Larry Cox. Woodfin said there would be a freshman team this season and that he expects about twenty freshmen to come out. Reserved seat tickets this year are currently on sale at the high school office. General admission this year will be \$1.50 for all games. Mack Fisher, school superintendent, said that getting a re-



PAUL WOODFIN
... good season ahead

served seat ticket would only assure fans of a good place to sit — "they are no less if bought in advance or at the gate." The first game of the season is scheduled for October 6 at which time Merkel's Annual Homecoming will be observed. The game will be played between the Badgers and Baird at 7:30 p.m. Merkel Booster Club president, Vincent Barnett, said this week that plans for this year's activities "should begin now" and urged people to "join the Booster Club and back the Badgers to District Championship."

FAR AWAY LANDS ARE AS CLOSE AS INTERSTATE 20

By LAVONNE BUNCH
EDITOR'S NOTE — Mrs. Clyde (LaVonna) Bunch shares her experiences with a group of tourists from foreign lands in the following article)

How far removed is the African Gold Coast or the Blue Mediterranean from sleepy little "Murabill Taxish?"

Actually, far away lands are as close as Interstate 20 as was proved when chartered bus stopped at a local cafe last Thursday.

The English speaking driver informed this writer that he was from Mississippi, but his passengers, young scientists, were from Turkey, Uganda, China, Spain,

AT NOODLE

Gospel Meeting Now In Progress

A Gospel Meeting at the Noodle Church of Christ began Sunday, and will go through Sunday, Aug. 6.

Weekday services are being held at 8 p.m. and Sunday morning services at 10 a.m. and evening services at 6:30.

Le Moine Lewis of Abilene is guest speaker and Henry Goodspeed of Abilene Christian College is directing the song services.

The public is invited.

Puerto Rico and Japan. The international group was en route to Lubbock for a crash course in southwestern geology. Recently they studied oceanography in Florida. Several represented their governments others were associated with universities in their countries. Ordering meals from a foreign menu can be hectic when one cannot conduct a conversation with the waitress. The Chinese wanted "Blacum lags" which was finally translated into Texas styled breakfast. The young man from Spain wanted "wine salat and bif brad" — he was delighted to get a steak sandwich and a coke. Then the blue-eyed East African Negro who spoke French, ordered "Hamburger fries, coffee — all time," because those were his limited words in English. Oriental manners and Spanish eating customs were observed. The Turks graciously used their hands in eating and communicating, also. Broken and hesitant words came from the Uganda representative as he was asked how he liked the United States. "You want me say I like, but I cannot say yes, I am very homesick," was his answer. The group waved farewell and headed toward the sunset, leaving words unspoken but the language of the eyes and smiles left this writer enriched with the foreign experience.

MHS BAND DIRECTOR RECEIVES HONORS

Glenn Reed, Merkel Public School Band Director, was given special recognition at the Texas Bandmasters 25th Annual Meeting in San Antonio held July 23-26. Over 350 directors registered at the San Antonio Convention Center where the meeting was held. The 4-day clinic was for the presentation of new music and also a marching band clinic. Reed was among the twenty-year plus directors who was recognized for his years of band directing. Highlight of the Annual Meeting was the Kashmere High School Stage Band from Houston which performed for the general meeting. The Kashmere Band had recently won the National Stage Band Concert in Mobile, Ala., said Reed. Other concerts given were presented by the USAF Band, the Fifth U.S. Army Band, and the 539th Lackland AFB Band. Special instructions were given by Shirley Justus, flute section, Del Mar College; Bill Mof-



GLENN REED
... at San Antonio

bands, University of Houston; and Dr. Francis McBeth from Ouachita University who was main speaker. Mrs. Reed accompanied the band director to San Antonio.

THE FIZZLE FAMILY



by H. T. ELMO

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A spokesman pointed out that such a preventative approach is reassuring also to organizations whose resources and manpower are committed to providing consumer protection. Other trade associations were urged to persuade their members to give buyers assurance of product satisfaction as a way of supporting consumer interests.

Members of the Swiss Industries Group subscribing to the code of "consumer assurance" are: Watchmakers of Switzerland, Swissair, Swiss National Tourist Office, Switzerland cheese, Swiss Bank Corporation, Tobler Chocolate, Nestle Co., Swiss wine, and drug manufacturers Ciba-Geigy, Hoffman La Roche, and Sandoz-Wander.

ROUND-UP
By ELAINE BRUMBEAU

CARROLL and HELEN BENSON have returned from a 2,900 mile trip across the western states. Points of interest included the Painted Desert, Petrified Forest, Meteorite Crater, Indian Reservation, on to Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam, Mesa Verde, Zion National Park, Taos, Eagle Nest, and Red River.

"Highlight of the trip was Las Vegas, Nev.," said Helen, "seeing the Perry Como Show, Patti Page Show, and numerous other entertainments."

Helen reported there was much rain every place and everything was beautiful and green. States visited included New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Nevada and Utah.

MRS W. L. BROWN and her daughter Mrs. Royce Joplin of Lubbock spent a week in Camp Springs, Md., visiting Lt. Col. and Mrs. L. G. Bryant and children, Robert and Bonnie. The Bryants are Mrs. Brown's daughter and son in law and Mrs. Joplin's sister. Col. Bryant is staff officer at the Pentagon.

Mrs. W. L. reports a lot of traveling being done in that area — touring highlights of Washington, D.C. — White House, Capitol and Arlington Cemetery. They also visited Historical Homes in the area and did some shopping in Alexander and Mt. Vernon. They are all home now having returned this past Sunday and still remembering the "greatest of trips."

DAVE ANDERSON came wagging a big tomato down to the Merkel Mail last week — said he couldn't claim ownership, but thought it was worth the staff seeing. And it was! Tomato was grown by Mrs. Gordon Pursley and weighed out at a pound and a half. Biggest thing in the way of a tomato we had seen in a long time.

DR. JACK McANINCH is currently home on leave following a "stay" in Germany and is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon McAninch.

Dr. Jack's three sons, David, Todd and Brendan, came with him and will stay for a longer visit. The Merkelites' new address will be in the Dept. of Urology at Fort Ord, Calif.

MR. AND MRS. CLAYTON DILLARD of Noodle were in Mid-

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WE WOULD LIKE to express our appreciation to the people of Merkel for the help that was given us during my two weeks stay in the hospital.
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tomlinson and Family

CARD OF THANKS

WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS, we thank all those who did so much to help us in our time of grief. Especially do we thank Mary Outlaw and Joyce Minnich and all the staff at Starr Nursing Home, Dr. Sadler and Vivian Davis for their special help. For food, flowers and visits we are most grateful.
The Family of Maimie Nunally
Faye Bruno, Ralph Miller
Troy Miller

CARD OF THANKS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS, visits and the words of comfort expressed during the days of our sorrow in the passing of our father and husband. We also appreciate the food and beautiful flowers. Friends are such a blessing.
Murphy Simpson
Mr. and Mrs. Troy Roland
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wetel

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ty Radio Association, we would like to take this time to thank you for allowing us to be of service to you and your department in the search for the two boys on the morning of July 30 . . . we are pleased in the way the search was concluded.

"It is noted by our organization the way and manner you conducted this search was way above standards . . . we have understood that this was your first time you have had any experience in this sort and we of the TCORA want to say that those who worked with us hats off to a job well done.

"Again, it was our aim to help and serve the City of Merkel and our personal thanks."

DEATHS & FUNERALS

Elbert Carey

Funeral services for Elbert Carey, 47, of New Castle, Colo., were held in Lubbock Tuesday, July 25.

Military graveside rites were conducted by Reese Air Force Base personnel with burial in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Mr. Carey died July 20 while visiting in Vancouver, Washington. He resided in Merkel before moving to Post at an early age.

A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he was a member of the Disabled American Veterans.

He is survived by his wife; one son, Wayne of Merkel; a daughter, Mrs. Youlinda Hester of Bedford; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Carey Sr.; two brothers, O. R. Jr., and Burl, all of Lubbock.

He was preceded in death by one brother, O'hell, who died Nov. 11, 1971.

Vernon Simpson

Funeral services for Vernon B. Simpson, 77, were held Sunday, July 30 in the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Russell McAnally pastor, and the Rev. Lewis Ellis, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Hawley, officiating.

Mr. Simpson, longtime Merkel resident, and a retired real estate and insurance agent, died Friday in Veterans Administration Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Burial was in Rose Hill Ceme-

tery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born in September, 1895, in Russellville, Ark., he moved to the Merkel area with his parents. He served in World War I in the 26th Infantry Division. He married Murphy Thomas July 9, 1926 in Merkel.

Survivors are his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Tom Wetsell of Fort Wayne Ind., and Mrs. Troy Roland of Hawley; one sister, Mrs. Vera Potts of Oregon City, Ore.; seven grandchildren.

On Memorial Day the flag should be displayed at half mast from sunrise to noon and at full mast from noon to sunset.

Robert F. Reed Receives Medal

M. Sgt. Robert F. Reed, retired from the U.S. Air Force, after twenty-four years of service, received his third Commendation for outstanding service with the Strategic Air Command, Reed has served in "nearly every point of the world before his retirement."

Reed and his wife, the former Mary Jo McConnell, have three children, Paul, 19, Gayle, 13, and Roger 11. They are presently living at 1006 North 4th Street in Merkel and plan to buy or build here.

Mrs. Reed also received a certificate of commendation for her support and her unselfishness during her husband's service. Both commendations were signed by the President of the United States.



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TRIBUTE TO WILL ROGERS TO OPEN SOON AT SIX FLAGS

ARLINGTON, Texas — The humor and philosophy of the late Will Rogers will be brought to new generations through a computer-age exhibit soon to be unveiled by Six Flags Over Texas.

Focal point of the attraction will be a life-size figure of Rogers which will talk and move. The figure, controlled by a computer and animated by sixty precision air cylinders, will be capable of more than 360 combinations of movement. Lip movement will be perfectly synchronized with a recorded voice.

The new attraction will be housed in a special theater which is currently under construction at the theme park.

Photo exhibits, assembled through the cooperation of the Will Rogers Memorial in Claremore, Okla., will depict highlights in Rogers' life and career.

No opening date has been set. Six Flags' General Manager Robert W. Freeman said, "Programming of controls for the animated figure is underway, but we will not open the exhibit until we are satisfied with the overall portrayal." He added, "Will Rogers was selected as the subject because of his great importance to the Southwest and, for that matter, to the world."

Rogers, a native of the Oklahoma Indian Territory, was killed in 1935 in the crash of a light plane piloted by the famed aviator Wylie Post. At the time of the fatal crash in Alaska, Rogers was regarded as the nation's top entertainers. He was Hollywood's number one motion picture box-office draw and the most widely read newspaper columnist in the country. In addition, he had his own radio show and was in heavy demand as a lecturer.

ROOSTH-MELLINGER VOWS ARE READ

Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Mellinger left for a wedding trip to Honolulu, Hawaii, following their wedding Sunday morning in Beaumont, Texas, in the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Mose Sampson. Rabbi Samuel Schwartz of Houston, officiated at the double ring wedding ceremony.

The bride is the former Mrs. Rosa Lee Leamon Roosth, daughter of Mrs. Morris Leamon of Tyler and the late Mr. Morris Leamon.

The bridegroom is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger of Merkel.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Mr. Max Leamon of Houston. Mrs. Sampson served as matron of honor.

Mr. Sylvan Mellinger, brother of the groom, was best man.

Following the wedding, the couple were honored at a luncheon at the Beaumont Country Club, hosted by Mrs. Sampson and her children, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sampson and Mr. Alan Gilbert Sampson of Beaumont and Miss Joan Claire Sampson of Houston. Members of the house party included the bride's children, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Mal-

dren, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Malcolm Roosth of Galveston, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Thomas Wolf of Beaumont and Miss Marleen Samea Roosth.

On Saturday night, the bride's children honored the couple with a Family Dinner in the Time Room of the Ridgewood Motor Hotel.

The couple will reside at 2014 Hilltop Drive, Tyler.

NEW ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Doan announce the birth of a baby girl, born June 29, weighing six pounds, nine ounces. The baby was named Misti Mabelle. The Doans have one son, Ricky Jack, age 3½.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Buster Thompson and great-grandfather is Mr. J. B. Wade. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Doan of Ft. Stockton and great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan and Mr. Lester Shugart.



MELINDA BOWEN
... named outstanding

Jr. High Student Is Top Twirler

Melinda Bowen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Bowen and an eighth grade student at Merkel Junior High was chosen top twirler during Abilene Christian College Summer Music Camp held July 10-21 at the ACC campus.

A second year twirler for the Merkel Junior High Band, Melinda took twirling and band instruction at the Summer Camp. Of the top eight twirlers chosen during the Camp, Melinda was named as the most outstanding advanced twirler.

She plays clarinet for the local band.

Twirlers Attend U.T.A. School

A record 160 junior high and high school bandmen attended the 15th annual Twirling Showmanship School held this past week at the University of Texas at Arlington.

Twirlers attending from Merkel High School were Christy Boone, Patsy Buton, Aude Byrd, Janie Clark, Kathy Hendricks and Kathryn Murrell.

The five-day school featured classes in both beginning and advanced baton handling and half-time show routines.

Parents of the twirlers are Messrs. and Mrs. Jack Boone, Bill Buton, Teddy Byrd, J. H. Clark Jr., D. C. Hendricks and Max Murrell.

Housewarming

A housewarming for Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hays at their new home North of Merkel is being held Sunday from 2 until 4 p.m.

The occasion is hosted by Mrs. Glenn Bicknell and others.

CLASSIFIEDS GET RESULTS!



Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley returned home last week from Sobertz, where they spent several days with their daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wayne Berry and children, Mrs. Berry had surgery in Lackland AFB Hospital in San Antonio. She is reported doing very well.

Alanzo Peterson is home from Herdick Memorial Hospital, but is still very ill. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley visited the Petersons Saturday.

Visiting Mrs. Odie Fikes and Mrs. Vernon Hudson last week were Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Riney, Slaton; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Riney and children, Sweetwater; and Mr. and Mrs. Shelpa Rice and children, Tulsa, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Hudson, Rising Star, spent Sunday night with Louise Hudson.

Merica and Hailey Malone of Taylor are spending this week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Malone and the Fritz Hales, while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Malone are in Dallas.

Captain Don Wallace, grandson in law of Mr. and Mrs. Fleischer Jones, is on a year's tour of duty in Vietnam. Mrs. Wallace and son, Damon, are living in Anson while he is away.

New FFA Prexy From East Texas

DALLAS — Delegates to the 44th Annual Convention of the Future Farmers of America in Texas elected East Texan, Frederick McClure their 1972-73 president.

McClure, from San Augustine, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. McClure and represented Area 13. After serving one year in the presidency he plans to attend Texas A&M University. Runner-up in the presidential contest was Kelley Martin from Corsicana.

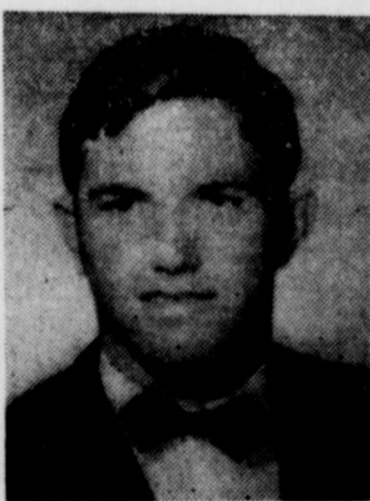
Also named to represent the 53,000 members of FFA in Texas as Sweetheart was Phyllis Anne Rouse from Area III. She is 17 and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Rouse of Weimer, Texas.

Other final session highlights included naming the Public Speaking Contest winner, Bobby Tucker from Mineola. Tucker will represent Texas in a three state regional contest later this summer.

Bruce Gibson from Godley is 18 and will serve as the National Officer Candidate from Texas during the National FFA Convention this fall at Kansas City.

Top degree winners named for the state are Lynn Upham, Olney, Lone Star Farmer; Larry Culp, Happy, Star American Farmer; Robert Jones, Cotulla, Star Chapter Farmer; and Jerome Christian, Jacksboro, Star Greenhand.

The 1973 convention will be held in July in Fort Worth.



RODNEY MASHBURN
... at Orlando, Fla.

NTC Graduate

ORLANDO, Fla. (FHTNC) — Navy Fireman Rodney L. Mashburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn of Route 1, and husband of the former Miss Karlen R. Gamble of 701 Oak, all of Merkel, Tex., graduated from recruit training at the Naval Training center in Orlando.

A former student of Cisco Junior College, Cisco, Tex., he is scheduled to report to Boilermaker School, Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.



TOMMY G. WALTERS
... MHS graduate

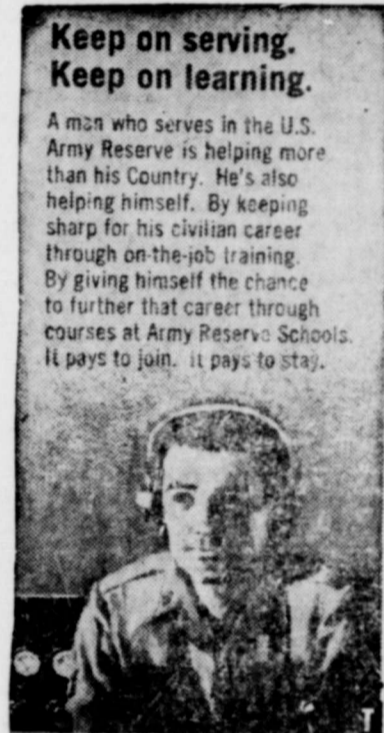
Completes Basic

SAN ANTONIO — Airman Tommy G. Walters, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Walters of Rt. 1, Merkel, Tex., has been assigned to Lowry AFB, Colo., after completing Air Force basic training.

During his six weeks at the Air Training Command's Lackland AFB, Tex., he studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special instruction in human relations.

The airman has been assigned to the Technical Training Center at Lowry for specialized training in the munitions and weapons maintenance field.

Airman Walters is a 1972 graduate of Merkel High School.



THE U.S. ARMY RESERVE

... A 'TALL MAN' PASSED THIS WAY

EDITOR'S NOTE — The following article appeared in the August issue of the Texas Coop Power Magazine, and is being re-printed with permission from B. J. Gist, office manager for Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc. of Merkel.

not the least of which were his congeniality, his love for fellow man, and the little niceties he liked to do.

The last few months in the life of "the tall man" were troubled with serious illness, physical pain and mental anguish, and his passing filled many of his friends and associates with feelings of uncertainty.

Thus we do know, he left a little of himself behind in the memories of all those who knew him.

B. J. GIST

Memorial services for Horace Hargrove, long-time employee of Taylor Electric Cooperative and Mayor of Merkel at the time of his death were held at the United Methodist Church in Merkel on June 30.

Horace began work at Taylor Electric as an engineer on May 5, 1952. He became line superintendent in August of '53, field superintendent in March of '54, general superintendent in November of '54 and served as acting manager from December '70 to March '71.

In the jargon of the sports world, Horace would probably be termed a top "utility man."

His knowledge and experience in all phases of the Cooperative's work gave him the ability to step in on many occasions in his unassuming way, and guide the organization through turbulent times.

The school of humanities teaches that no man lives a model life.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Robert Wayne Dalton and Aquilla Fay Dalton, 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 4th day of September A.D. 1972, to Petition filed in said court, on the 18th day of July A. D. 1972, in this cause, numbered 12,119-B on the docket of said court and styled in Re: Pamela Fay Dalton.

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

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TO: ELAINE ANN WALTERS, 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

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 23 day of Aug. A.D. 1972, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 3 day of Dec. A.D. 1970, in this cause, numbered 3960 on the docket of said court and styled Donnie Carl Walters, Plaintiff, vs. Elaine Ann Walters, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: A suit for divorce. Petitioner and Respondent were married Dec. 1959 and became separated on or about April, 1962. Petitioner asks for custody of the minor children of the parties hereto, 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 make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 11 day of July A.D. 1972.

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

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Big Happenings
AT MALONE IMPLEMENTS
COMING UP
August 19th

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 15th day of July A.D. 1972.

(Seal)
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD, 104th District Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Marie Adkins, Deputy.

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Thursday, August 3, 1972

PROPOSED PUBLIC NOTICE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

NUMBER 7 ON THE BALLOT (SJR 16)
General Election November 7, 1972

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: Section 1. That Article I of the Texas Constitution be amended by adding a new section to be known as Section 3a, to read as follows: "Section 3a. The quality under the law shall not be denied or abridged because of sex, race, color, creed, or national origin. This amendment is self-operative."

Sec. 2. The foregoing

amendment to the constitution shall be submitted directly to the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1972, at which election the ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to provide that equality under the law shall not be denied or abridged because of sex, race, color, creed, or national origin."

PROPOSED PUBLIC NOTICE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

NUMBER 12 ON THE BALLOT (SJR 29)
General Election November 7, 1972

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: Section 1. That Article XVI, Section 33, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows: "Section 33. The accounting officers in this State shall neither draw nor pay a warrant or check on funds of the State of Texas, whether in the treasury or otherwise, to any person for salary or compensation who holds at the same time more than one civil office of emolument, in violation of Section 40."

Sec. 2. That Article XVI, Section 40, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows: "Section 40. No person shall hold or exercise at the same time, more than one civil office of emolument, except that of Justice of the Peace, County Commissioner, Notary Public, and Postmaster, Officer of the National Guard, the National Guard Reserve, and the Officers Reserve Corps of the United States and enlisted men of the National Guard, the National Guard Reserve, and the Officers Reserve Corps, and retired officers of the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, and retired warrant officers, and retired enlisted men of the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, and the officers and directors of soil and water conservation districts, unless otherwise specially provided herein. Provided, that nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit an officer or enlisted man of the National Guard, and the National Guard Reserve, or an officer in the Officers Reserve Corps of the United States, or an enlisted man of the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, and retired warrant officers, and retired enlisted men of the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, and officers of the

State soil and water conservation districts, from holding at the same time any other office or position of honor, trust or profit, under this State or the United States, or from voting at any election, general, special or primary in this State when otherwise qualified. State employees or other individuals who receive all or part of their compensation either directly or indirectly from funds of the State of Texas and who are not State officers, shall not be barred from serving as members of the governing bodies of school districts, cities, towns, or other local governmental districts; provided that a non-elective State officer may hold other non-elective offices under the State or the United States, if the other office is of benefit to the State of Texas or is required by the State or Federal law, and there is no conflict with the original office for which he receives salary or compensation. No member of the Legislature of this State may hold any other office or position of profit under this State, or the United States, except as a notary public if qualified by law."

Sec. 3. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1972, at which election the ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment permitting State employees, who are not State officers, to serve as members of the governing bodies of school districts, cities, towns, or other local governmental districts, without forfeiting their State salary, and specifying exceptions to the constitutional prohibition against payment of State funds for compensation to any person who holds more than one civil office of emolument."

PROPOSED PUBLIC NOTICE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

NUMBER 9 ON THE BALLOT (SJR 20)
General Election, November 7, 1972

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: Section 1. That Section 33, Article XVI, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows: "Section 33. The Accounting Officers of this State shall neither draw nor pay a warrant upon the Treasury in favor of any person for salary or compensation as agent, officer or appointee, who holds at the same time any other office or position of honor, trust, or profit, under this State, except as prescribed in this Constitution. Provided, that this restriction shall not apply to officers of the National Guard or Air National Guard of Texas, the National Guard Reserve, the Air National Guard Reserve, the Air Force Reserve, the Officers Reserve Corps of the United States, nor to retired officers of the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps, and retired warrant officers and retired enlisted men of the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps, nor to Directors of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. A member of the Legislature shall not be eligible to serve as a Director of a Soil and Water Conservation District. It is further provided, until September 1, 1969, and thereafter only if authorized by the Legislature by general law under such restrictions and limitations as the Legislature may prescribe, that a non-elective State officer or employee may hold other non-elective offices or positions of honor, trust, or profit under this State or the United States, if the other office or position is of benefit to the State of Texas or is required by State or Federal law, and there is no conflict with the original office or position for which he receives salary or compensation. No member of the Legislature of this State may hold any other office or position of profit under this State, or the United States."

Sec. 2. That Section 40, Article XVI, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows: "Section 40. No person shall hold or exercise, at the same time, more than one Civil Office of emolument, except that of Director of a Soil and Water Conservation District, Justice of Peace, County Commissioner, Notary Public and Postmaster, Officer of the National Guard, the National Guard Reserve, and the Officers Reserve Corps of the United States and enlisted men of the National Guard, the National Guard Reserve, and the Officers Reserve Corps of the United States Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, and retired warrant officers, and retired enlisted men of the United States Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, unless otherwise specially provided herein. Provided, that nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to prohibit a Director of a Soil and Water Conservation District, an officer or enlisted man of the National Guard, and the National Guard Reserve, or an officer in the Officers Reserve Corps of the United States, or an enlisted man in the Organized Reserves of the United States, or retired officers of the United States Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, and retired warrant officers, and retired enlisted men of the United States Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, from holding in conjunction with such office any other office or position of honor, trust or profit, under this State or the United States, or from voting at any Election, General, Special or Primary, in this State when otherwise qualified."

Sec. 3. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1972, at which election the ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to provide that directors of soil and water conservation districts are not disqualified from holding or being compensated for more than one office."

PROPOSED PUBLIC NOTICE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

NUMBER 13 ON THE BALLOT (HJR 82)
General Election November 7, 1972

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: Section 1. That Article III, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended by adding a new Section 65 to read as follows: "Section 65. Wherever the Constitution authorizes an agency, instrumentality, or subdivision of the State to issue bonds and specifies the maximum rate of interest which may be paid on such bonds issued pursuant to such constitutional authority, such bonds may bear interest at rates not to exceed a weighted average annual interest rate of 6%. All Constitutional provisions specifically setting rates in conflict with this provision are hereby repealed."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1972, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to provide that the maximum rate of interest which may be paid on such bonds issued pursuant to such constitutional authority, shall be 6% weighted average annual interest rate for bonds issued pursuant to constitutional authority presently having a specified interest ceiling."

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PROPOSED PUBLIC NOTICE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

NUMBER 8 ON THE BALLOT (SJR 1)
General Election November 7, 1972

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: Section 1. That Article IV, Section 23, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows: "Section 23. The Governor elected at the general election in 1974, and thereafter, shall be installed on the first Tuesday after the organization of the Legislature, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and shall hold his office for the term of four years, or until his successor shall be duly installed. He shall be at least thirty years of age, a citizen of the United States, and shall have resided in this State at least five years immediately preceding his election."

Sec. 2. That Article IV, Section 22, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows: "Section 22. The Attorney General elected at the general election in 1974, and thereafter, shall hold office for four years and until his successor is duly qualified. He shall represent the State in all suits and pleas in the Supreme Court of the State in which the State may be a party, and shall especially inquire into the charter rights of all private corporations, and from time to time, in the name of the State, take such action in the courts as may be proper and necessary to prevent any private corporation from exercising any power or demanding or collecting any species of taxes, tolls, freight or wharfage not authorized by law. He shall, whenever sufficient cause exists, seek a judicial forfeiture of such charters, unless otherwise expressly directed by law, and give legal advice in writing to the Governor and other executive officers, when requested by them, and perform such other duties as may be required by law. He shall reside at the seat of government during his continuance in office."

Sec. 3. That Article IV, Section 23, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows: "Section 23. The Comptroller of Public Accounts, the Treasurer, the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and any statutory state officer who is elected by the electorate of Texas at large, unless a term of office is otherwise specifically provided in this Constitution, shall each hold office for a term of four years and until his successor is qualified. The four-year term applies to these officers who are elected at the general election in 1974 or thereafter. Each shall receive an annual salary in an amount to be fixed by the Legislature, reside at the Capital of the State during his continuance in office, and perform such duties as are or may be required by law. They and the Secretary of State shall not receive to their own use any fees, costs or perquisites of office. All fees that may be payable by law for any service performed by any officer specified in this section or in his office, shall be paid, when received, into the State Treasury."

Sec. 4. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1972, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to provide a four-year term of office for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller of Public Accounts, Treasurer, Commissioner of the General Land Office, Secretary of State, and certain statutory State officers."

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PROPOSED PUBLIC NOTICE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

NUMBER 5 ON THE BALLOT (HJR 35)
General Election November 7, 1972

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: Section 1. That Section 2, Article VIII, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows: "Section 2. (a) All occupation taxes shall be equal and uniform upon the same class of subjects within the limits of the authority levying the tax; but the legislature may, by general laws, exempt from taxation public property used for public purposes, places of religious worship, also any property owned by a church or by a strictly religious society for the exclusive use as a dwelling place for the ministry of such church or religious society, and which yields no revenue whatever to such church or religious society; provided that such exemption shall not extend to more property than is reasonably necessary for a dwelling place and in no event more than one acre of land; places of burial not held for private or corporate profit; all buildings used exclusively and owned by persons or associations of persons for school purposes and the necessary furniture of all schools and property used exclusively and reasonably necessary in conducting any association engaged in promoting the religious, educational and physical development of boys, girls, young men or young women operating under a State or National organization of like character; also the endowment funds of such institutions of learning and religion not used with a view to profit; and when the same are invested in bonds or mortgages, or in land or other property which has been and shall hereafter be bought in by such institutions under foreclosure sales made to satisfy or protect such bonds or mortgages, and such exemption of such land and property shall continue only for two years after the purchase of the same at such sale by such institutions and no longer; and institutions of purely public charity; and all laws exempting property from taxation other than the property mentioned in this Section shall be null and void."

(b) The Legislature may, by general law, exempt property owned by a disabled veteran or by the surviving spouse and surviving minor children of a disabled veteran, or by the surviving spouse and surviving minor children of a disabled veteran, a disabled veteran is a veteran of the

armed services of the United States who is classified as disabled by the Veterans Administration or by a successor to that agency; or by the military service in which he served. A veteran who is certified as having a disability of less than 10 percent is not entitled to an exemption. A veteran having a disability rating of not less than 10 percent nor more than 30 percent may be granted an exemption from taxation for property valued at up to \$1,500. A veteran having a disability rating of more than 30 percent but not more than 50 percent may be granted an exemption from taxation for property valued at up to \$2,500. A veteran who has a disability rating of more than 70 percent, or a veteran who has a disability rating of not less than 10 percent and has attained the age of 65, or a disabled veteran whose disability consists of the loss or loss of use of one or more limbs, total blindness in one or both eyes, or paraplegia, may be granted an exemption from taxation for property valued at up to \$3,000. The spouse and children of any member of the United States Armed Forces who loses his life while on active duty will be granted an exemption from taxation for property valued at up to \$2,500. A deceased disabled veteran's surviving spouse and children may be granted an exemption which in the aggregate is equal to the exemption to which the decedent was entitled at the time he died."

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

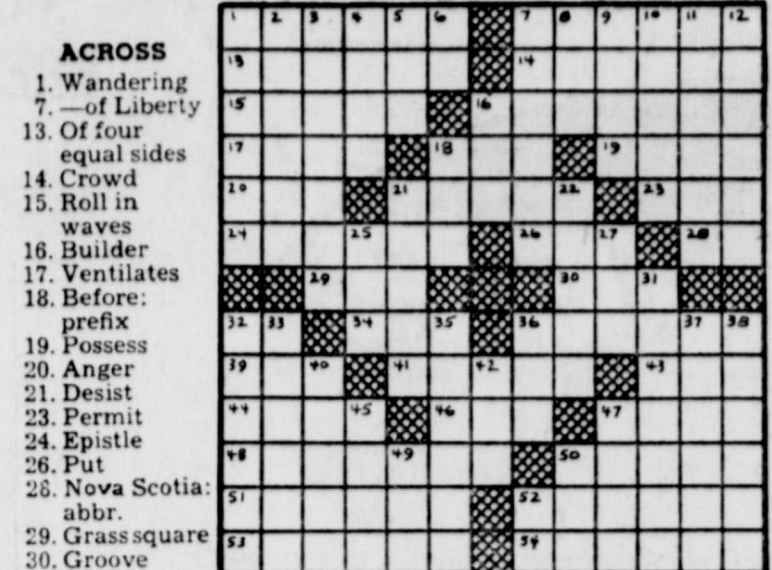
CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Jack Preston Alford, Defendant, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 28th day of August A.D. 1972, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 13th day of July A.D. 1972, in this cause, numbered 7314 on the docket of said court and styled In Re: Alford Child.
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Adoption as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.
If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.
The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.
Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 13th day of July A.D. 1972.
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Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD, Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas
By Rilla Mahoney, Deputy.
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- ACROSS**
1. Wandering
7. —of Liberty
13. Of four equal sides
14. Crowd
15. Roll in waves
16. Builder
17. Ventilates
18. Before: prefix
19. Possess
20. Anger
21. Desist
23. Permit
24. Epistle
26. Put
28. Nova Scotia: abbr.
29. Grass square
30. Groove
32. Exclamation
34. Affirmative
36. Numbers
39. Insect
41. Extra
43. Regret
44. Burden
46. Be indebted
47. Morning: poet
48. Arouse
50. Whips
51. Vacation place
52. Sleeveless cloak
53. Visionary
54. Not employed
55. Herons
16. Age
21. Yields
22. Weird
25. Plaything
27. Pull
31. Gulleys
32. On a ship
33. Need for food
35. Uneven
36. Before gentleman
37. Shelled reptile
38. Perceived
40. Appearance
42. Reverence
45. Portico
47. Bill of fare
49. Give
50. Prohibit
52. Greek letter

- DOWN**
1. Attack
2. Country
3. Small towers
4. Tatters
5. Be
6. You
7. Emphasis
8. Article
9. Curved part
10. All
11. Not level



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TO: June Davison Funk, 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 28th day of August A.D. 1972, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 13th day of July A.D. 1972, in this cause, numbered 7317 on the docket of said court and styled David Leroy Funk, Plaintiff vs. June Davison Funk, Defendant.
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

for divorce as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.
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Quarterly Report of Taylor County Treasurer

On July 18, 1972, The Commissioners Court met in regular session, compared and examined the report of Mrs. Hayden Thomas, County Treasurer, for the quarter ending June 30, 1972, and found it to be correct and the amounts received and paid out to be correct since the preceding report.

FUNDS	Balance Last Qtr.	Received This Qtr.	Paid Out This Qtr.	Balance This Qtr.
Jury	\$ 27,927.09	\$ 1,424.76	\$ 10,257.59	\$ 19,094.26
Precinct 1	105,816.72	3,213.75	39,190.36	69,840.31
Precinct 2	109,652.35	2,407.14	19,458.93	92,601.56
Precinct 3	83,962.63	4,400.45	21,719.83	66,643.25
Precinct 4	111,166.59	3,462.84	17,585.33	97,044.40
General Fund	758,622.32	80,857.96	302,223.63	537,256.65
Pauper Fund	14,501.22	41,263.48	52,197.18	3,567.52
Road Fund Series 1947	230.00	.00	.00	230.00
Road Fund Series 1953	5.20	.00	.00	5.20
Road Dist. 1. Skg. '53	4,921.21	211.00	.00	5,132.21
Officers Salary Fund	17,716.64	215,511.71	170,240.51	62,987.84
Lateral Fund	40,937.14	112.50	24,565.59	16,484.05
Road & Bridge R.O.W.	8,311.83	.00	.00	8,311.83
Perm. School Fund	2,494.77	77.00	77.00	2,494.77
Payroll Account	1,050.00	225,554.17	225,554.17	1,050.00
Perm. Improvement Skg. Ser-1954	56,532.00	1,750.45	55,098.65	3,183.80
Library Fund	2,222.94	3,066.50	2,550.98	2,738.46
Perm. Improvement Fund	6,932.85	.00	.00	6,932.85
Road Bond Series 1955	686.40	.00	.00	686.40
F.I.C.A. Tax Fund	48,314.37	22,562.24	22,827.82	48,048.79
Ref'd Bond Skg. Ser '1957	1,311.79	.00	.00	1,311.79
Special R & B	500.00	.00	.00	500.00
State Commodity Food Plan	540.38	4,728.42	4,105.63	1,163.17
State Criminal Justice Plan	2,480.37	4,120.00	3,716.87	3,083.50
Coliseum Skg. Ser-1967	34,455.95	1,840.57	.00	36,296.52
Courthouse & Jail Bond Series 1967	324,031.63	3,772.99	227,333.43	103,471.10
Courthouse & Jail Skg. Series 1967	45,333.06	4,366.43	.00	49,699.49
	\$1,810,859.25	\$ 625,104.27	\$1,198,703.50	\$1,237,260.02

BANK BALANCES

Citizens National Bank	107,501.84
Bank of Commerce	161,678.97
Abilene National Bank	102,070.00
First National Bank	315,841.40
First State, Abilene	387,712.80
First State Bank in Tuscola	164,574.05
	\$1,237,260.02
Total Time Deposits	895,320.00
	\$ 341,960.02

Securities Owned By Taylor County — and by Permanent School Fund

Buffalo Gap School Bonds owned by the School Fund	\$ 6,700.00
Everman Independent School Bonds	8,000.00
State of Texas Veteran Land Bonds	1,636.30
	\$16,336.30

TAYLOR COUNTY BOND INDEBTEDNESS

Issues	Original Issues	Bonds Redeemed	Bonds Outstanding
Bond Issue 1954	\$50,000.00	\$ 740,000.00	\$ 110,000.00
Courthouse & Jail Bond 1967	3,000,000.00	365,000.00	2,635,000.00
Coliseum Bd. F. S 67	1,750,000.00	.00	1,750,000.00
	\$5,600,000.00	\$1,105,000.00	\$4,495,000.00

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

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| GROVER NELSON
Commissioner Precinct No. 1 | JOE McDUFF
Commissioner Precinct No. 2 |
| FELTON SAVERANCE
Commissioner Precinct No. 3 | J. T. McMILLON
Commissioner Precinct No. 4 |
| ROY SKAGGS
Taylor County Judge | MRS. CHESTER HUTCHESON
Taylor County Clerk |

(Seal) Commissioners Court, Taylor County, Texas

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by Sarah Church

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TOMATOES 2 for **39c**

HUNTS 300
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HUNTS 300
FRUIT Cocktail 2 for **53c**

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