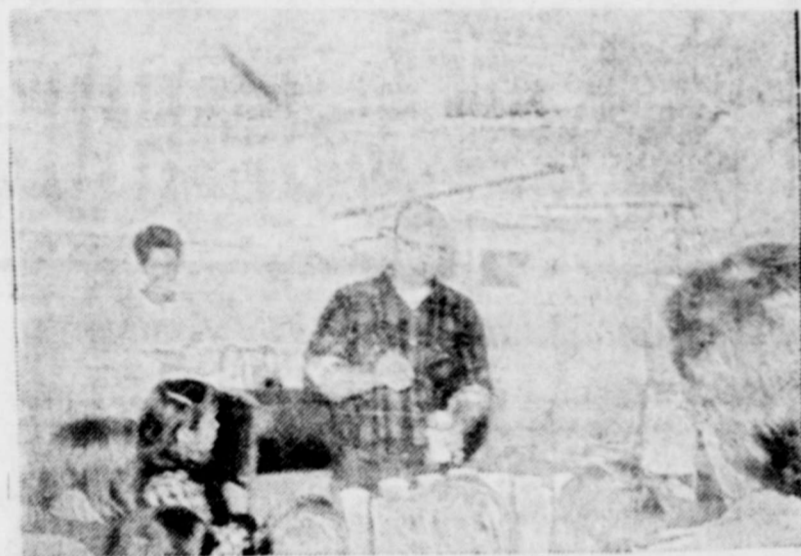




MR. HOHERTZ HOLDS A WEEK OLD calf while Kim Battreal, Wayne Horton, and Brenda Hohertz pet the calf (photos by Connie Harris)



KINDERGARDEN AND FIRST GRADES LEARN milk comes from a cow rather than a carton.



HAROLD HOHERTZ POURS RAW milk for the kindergarden and first graders on a visit to the Hohertz dairy located 14 miles south of Merkel.

BADGER TRACKS

By STEVE WALKER

In less than two weeks our schools will be letting out for the Christmas holidays. In between today and the 26th, the students will be busy preparing for their semester exams, band concert, drama production and basketball. Monday night this week, the librarians and their guests had a hilarious Christmas party at Mrs. Windsor's home. Mrs. Dudley was the life of the party. Everyone filled up on laughs and cookies. A large, white, ceramic cat was presented to the hostess. Roseann

DATEBOOK

THURSDAY, DEC. 7

LADIES AUXILIARY to the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department will be Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Fire Station. All wives of firemen are urged to attend.

MONDAY, DEC. 11

REGULAR SECOND Monday singing will meet at Victory Baptist Church, 307 El Paso St., at 7:30 p.m. F. E. (Sandy) Sipes is president. Public is invited.

TUESDAY, DEC. 12

SENIOR CITIZENS will have all day luncheon at Senior Citizens Bldg. Everyone bring a dish. All former board members are invited to come and eat.

FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB will meet at Mrs. Comer Haynes home at 4 p.m.

Noster won the prize in the clothespin contest and Neilon Ely the prize for originality in the toilet paper decorations.

The Drama Dep. of MHS will be presenting a Christmas show Monday night, the 18th of December at 8:00 p.m. The show will consist of music, readings and some short plays.

Last Tuesday began the boys district basketball games. New rules have been posted this year concerning drinking and eating in the gym. The concession stand will open during all games here but all drinks and eats will be confined to the lobby, please.

The FHA members have dressed 60 dolls for the Goodfellows in Abilene. These dolls will be given to needy children for Christmas. Patsy Button was chairman for the project and sponsored a workshop for dressing the dolls. This project is only one of many things that helps make our school an outstanding one.

See ya next week!

Former Merkelite In Hall of Fame

Baylor Athletic director Jack Patterson was installed into the Rice University Athletic Hall of Fame during half-time activities at the TCU-Rice football game Saturday, Dec. 2, 1972.

He was a graduate of MHS and national 400 meter hurdler during his college days at Rice University.

VFW to Host Supper and Dance

Merkel VFW Post No. 5683 will hold their annual Membership Supper and Dance Saturday, Dec. 9, at 8 p.m. at the VFW Post home. This is for all members of the Merkel Post and their families who have paid their 1973 dues.

Commander D. C. Hendricks has also extended a very special invitation to all Vietnam veterans and their families who are not members to attend and become acquainted with the post and its members.

Go enjoy the dinner, dance and comradeship this Saturday.

Glene Mfg. Sets Open House Sat.

Glene Manufacturing Company will have a ribbon cutting ceremonies Saturday, Dec. 9th at 1:45 p.m., according to Duane Shugart, Chamber of Commerce director.

Glene will open their doors to the public from 1:45 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday in order that the public may tour the plant and see the display of the various blouses made in Merkel.

On hand will be several directors of the Chamber of Commerce and merchants along with the owner Donald Boles from Abilene, Foy Streetman, manager of the Merkel plant.

Coffee and donuts will be served to the public.

Mrs. McCandless Rites Held Dec. 3

Mrs. W. A. McCandless, 86, of Merkel died at 10 p.m. Friday in the Central Nursing Home following a one-year illness. Funeral was held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Merkel First Baptist Church.

The Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

She was born Aug. 8, 1886, in Fannin County. She moved to Jones County in 1906, and to Merkel in 1919.

She married W. A. McCandless July 13, 1901, in Bonham. He died in 1953. She was a member of the Baptist Church. She taught Sunday School and had been active church member for more than 50 years.

Survivors are three granddaughters, Mrs. John Tull of Lubbock, Mrs. John McColum of Fort Worth and Mrs. Luther Gray of Abilene; one grandson, Billy Mack Boswell of Coleman; one son in law, Gilbert Boswell of Abilene; one daughter in law, Mrs. Harry McCandless of San Marcos; one brother, Edmond Bayless of Anson; nine great-grandchildren.

Junior Scouts

By DEBBIE GLASSCOCK

November 30, the Scouts made their father's Christmas presents. There were fifteen girls and four visitors present at the meeting.

Next Thursday they are planning to visit the Post office for a tour.

Refreshments were served by Suzanne Byrd.

The girls made trash baskets for themselves.

White Horse To Lead Christmas Parade Sat.

The famed Hardin - Simmons White Horses and riders will lead the Christmas Parade Saturday beginning at 2:30 p.m. Parade participants will start gathering at 1:30 on the corner of No. 2nd and Kent streets, according to Parade Marshal Waymon Adcock.

Prizes of \$25, \$15 and \$10 will be awarded to the first three winners. Floats will be judged on originality and appearance. Judges will be impartial and from out of town.

Santa Claus will make his first appearance in Merkel atop a fire truck. Santa will also be in town for two to two and one half hours to chat with kids plus if mom wants to take pictures she can also do so at this time.

The Student Council is sponsoring a Miss Mery Christmas contest with the student body paying a penny a vote for the candidate of their choice.

Candidates in the contest are Misses Sharla Dean, Becky Santee, Mary Beth Boyd, Mary Jo Barnes, Janie Clark, Kathryn



MISS WILEY ... HSU Rider

Murell, Jerrie Stephan, Cindi Tyson, Gayla Toliver, Susie Goodman and Cynthia Stecy.

The Home Lighting Contest will be Thursday, Dec. 21st and every house will be judged. Prizes will be \$20, \$10 and \$5 for the three places.

Besides the H-SU White Horses and floats entered, the Merkel Badger Band, West Whirl Winds and the Shadows Drill Team will be in the parade.

Miss Cindi Wiley, a 1970 grad-

uate of MHS will be among the White Horse Riders riding. Miss Wiley has been a White Horse Rider for the past three years. She is the daughter of Mrs. Dewey Carmack of Rt. 2, Merkel.

Booster Club Will Have Auction Sale Sat., Dec. 9

The Merkel Booster Club annual Auction Sale will be held this Sat., Dec. 9 at 3:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Building on Edwards St. in downtown Merkel.

A Bake Sale will be held by the Booster Club members in front of the Senior Citizens Building beginning at 10 a.m. All members are urged to bring a cake, pie, etc. to be sold.

If anyone has anything they

would like to donate to the auction, either new or used articles, please call Mrs. Larry White at 928-5113 or Mrs. Finley Barnett at 928-5456 and they will see that it is picked up by a member. Any donations will be appreciated.

Mr. Alvin Wozencraft, chairman of the auction, stated they will have a TV at the auction broadcasting the Cowboy football game. See Page Seven for Booster Club Advertisement.

Youth Activity Program Organized in Merkel

An organization, known at this time as Merkel Youth Activity Program, has been brought into existence by some interested people. Those meeting in the first organizational meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Lary Justice, Bill Button, Benny Melton, Mrs. Leon

This has been in the planning stage for several months. We have rented the old Joyce Building — part of this building was the dentist's office. The purpose of the work program is to provide a place of entertainment and work for the young people of the Merkel community. All plans have not been settled, but at the present time it is planned to have the building open from 3:30 in the afternoon until 7:30. The building and activities will be under the direction of a paid worker for the afternoon and evening hours. We hope that parents who work will make it possible for their children to use these facilities. Night

activities from the 7:30 period on will be allowed, but will have to be sponsored and supported by volunteer workers.

We are especially interested in the boys and girls from the freshman grade on down through the grade school. Some of these have nothing to do and no where to go after school hours. We are interested in the high school grades, and representatives from these grades have been included in all the plans and policy making. The names of the youth representatives will be made public as soon as they are established.

The Community Action Program based in Abilene is helping with the program and encouraging us to use all resources available. They will help, but the work and most of the help will have to come from our local community. We are proud of all our young people and children and want to help provide a better community for them.

Other workers are gathering this week to help remodel the building. There is also a need for games of all kinds — and anything that can be used in a building for your programs. Steel folding chairs and tables are especially needed. Also we need your support and your suggestions as we make this effort. We will have a little more information for you next week. You may help — or get help by calling one of the above named persons.

Time to Renew Butane Permits

The State Comptroller's District Office in Abilene advises that Special Farm User Permits for butane-powered motor vehicles may be renewed for 1973 beginning Dec. 11, 1972.

Applicants are required to take their renewal notice and vehicle to the Comptroller's Office in Abilene located in Room 213, First State Bank Building, 4th and Oak, telephone 915-673-7849. Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Annual cost of the permit is \$60.00.

WWI Vets Have Party Dec. 12th

The veterans of the WWI and Ladies Auxiliary will meet for their Christmas party Dec. 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the Taylor Electric Co-Op Bldg.

A short program of Christmas songs will include a Christmas Spirit talk, by one of the Merkel ministers.

E. Art Northrup of Mineral Wells, Junior Vice Commander of the Dept. of Texas, will be the main speaker.

A turkey dinner with all the trimmings will be served by the Ladies Auxiliary.

All members are urged to be present. All WWI veterans and wives are welcome.

'73 LIVESTOCK SHOW SET FOR JANUARY 13

Merkel's Annual Livestock Show will be held Jan. 13, 1973 at the livestock grounds, according to Benny Melton, association secretary. Show time will begin at 12 noon, and judge for this year's event will be Freddy Mack Sturt, V-A teacher at Roby.

Superintendents and assistants named are in the following divisions: Swine, L. J. Gray and George English; Lambs, R. E. Clemmer and Loyd Gilmore; Steers, Freddy Toombs and Teddy

Byrd. Entry deadline will be Jan. 8th.

"All livestock will have to be in the pens by 10 a.m. on Saturday," according to Melton. He went on to say, "In order that anyone who would like to come by on their lunch hour may do so and look over this year's livestock entries.

Last year's purse netted \$1,027 in prize money.

Chairmen of the finance committee is David Gamble, Working with Gamble are Freddy Toombs, Eddie Glenn Sandusky, R. E. Clemmer and Loyd Gilmore.

Taylor Electric Cooperative will present their annual Showmanship Trophy to the top FFA or 4-H'er entered in the show. Last year's winner was Mark Clemmer.

Three classes of livestock to be judged are swine, lambs and steers. Melton said, "If enough gilts are entered there will be a class for them, but if not they will be shown with the boars."

Melton urged anyone planning to enter a steer must have the scale ticket and must be brought to the show.

This year the Livestock Association is expecting around 100 members of FFA and 4-H members to enter the show. Anyone planning to enter must be a member of the Mulberry 4-H Club or the Merkel FFA and 4-H clubs and not have graduated from high school.

Rev. John Gordon Guest Minister

The Rev. John A. Gordon is the guest minister at the Grace Presbyterian Church, Merkel, during the month of December.

Mr. Gordon was a businessman when the Lord called him to preach in May 1954. The following week he entered West Texas State College and completed his B.S. degree in three years. He graduated from San Francisco Theological Seminary and returned to Texas four years later. The past nine and a half years he served the First Presbyterian Church, Snyder.

Rev. Gordon extends an invitation to all to come and worship this Christmas season with the members of the Grace Presbyterian Church and his family to prepare your hearts for Christ's Day, Dec. 25th.

Open House Set At Decibel Den

A Christmas Open House will be held Sunday, Dec. 10, 2:30-5:00 p.m. at the Decibel Den, Home of Louise Sudderth and Darla Mawson.

An invitation is extended to all friends to drop in and see their home. This is an annual event at which time friends may come by and visit their home and holiday decorations.



MRS. EVA DENTON spent last week in Birmingham, Ala., visiting Mr. and Mrs. Manley Denton and children. She also visited Mr. and Mrs. Kent Denton and sons in Mesquite, Texas.

DEWEY SANDUSKY entered Hendrick Hospital Saturday.

BUFORD ALLEN also entered Hendrick Hospital Sunday. He had a heart attack. Hope both are doing better.

MRS. BEN STELLO got out of Hendrick Hospital Sunday after having surgery recently.

Fruit On Menu Is Economical

COLLEGE STATION — Post-Thanksgiving menus might perk up leftover dishes with different fruits and vegetables wearing attractive price tags.

Mrs. Gwendolyn Clyatt, consumer marketing specialist with Texas A&M, suggested some of these economical buys.

"Root vegetables offered at economical prices include sweet potatoes, white potatoes, turnips, carrots, rutabagas and dry yellow onions.

"Mustard, collard and turnip greens of good quality still are available. Celery, cucumbers, green peppers, corn, cauliflower and broccoli generally are moderately priced.

"Apples continue to dominate fruit counters, and oranges and grapefruit show seasonal improvement in quality, along with price decrease."

Other fruits the specialist termed "good choices" are pears, seedless white and Tokay grapes, fresh cranberries, bananas, tangerines and tangelos.

Beef counter features generally include chuck and rib roasts, chuck and round steaks, and ground beef often in packages of three or more pounds.

Economical pork buys are whole, halves and portions of ham, and some brands of bacon offered at lower-than-average prices.

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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: Albert Fine, 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 15th day of January A. D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 30 day of November A.D. 1972, in this cause, numbered 7575 on the docket of said court and styled Linda Fine, Plaintiff, vs. Albert Fine, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: divorce. Married Feb. 25, 1971 — one child Connie Joy Fine, 4 months of age 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 30th day of November A.D. 1972.

(Seal)
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD,
Clerk, Domestic Relations
Court, Taylor County, Texas
My Marie Adkins, Deputy.
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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Dependent and Neglected Children 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.

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NOTICE

If your club or organization is having a meeting, we would like to know about it.

Call or write in the time, place and when before noon Tuesday.

This is one of the new features of the Merkel Mail, Pho. 928-7712.

The Merkel Mail reserves the right to limit length of stories and edit for good taste.

Choose Christmas Toys With Safety In Mind

If St. Nicholas, or Kris Kringle, was as good as legend supposes, his success surely was based in care and common sense.

Today's shoppers could take a hint from him, one authority observed.

Jane Fleischer, specialist in family life education with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service of Texas A&M University, stressed the need for careful consideration in shopping for Christmas toys.

"Selecting play materials for children requires the same selectivity as any other Christmas item.

"Safety is of utmost importance. Toys should be built so that nothing can be pulled off and swallowed or be broken off, leaving sharp edges."

The specialist advised choosing well-constructed play materials. "For example, toy hammers and mallets should have securely fastened handles, and the wheels on wooden toys should be fastened well, preferably with screws."

For cords and strings, non-conducting materials such as cotton should be utilized; however, any string can carry electricity when wet.

Toys having keys should be made so the key won't revolve when the toy is working.

Another consideration is the child's use of the toy. Miss Fleischer continued, The child needs to be able to manage it by himself.

"A toy for any age should give the child a feeling of adequacy and set the appropriate standard for physical and mental development. Most mechanical toys are too intricate for children under four years of age."

Nor should toys be too restrictive. Instead, they should stimulate imagination and make-believe, encourage quiet play or vigorous body activity, and allow for playing alone and in group activity.

"Pets and toy gardening equipment fit this category," she added.

The toy also needs to fit the child's stage of development, the specialist continued. Although toys are usually marked with an age range, this can vary with the individual child's development. "Pre - schoolers, for example,

need activities to develop large muscles. Thus, their toys should stimulate imaginative play and require use of their hands.

"Young elementary children also need play materials which develop large muscles. In addition, they require activities and toys that help encourage social development — such as stories. Arts and crafts also can help the child coordinate fine muscles."

Team sports offer group development for older elementary children. Also, through hobbies, painting and musical toys, these youngsters may acquire other skills.

Toys are instrumental in role playing — and important part of the child's development which helps him identify with his parents. Because of this, puppets, dolls, dress-up clothes and house-keeping kits are popular.

"Role playing is especially important for boys — who need to identify with men and their occupations."

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CHECKING THE POSTAL WINDOWS ARE Brownies left to right Mrs. Pat Williams, Billy Pat and Debbie Williams, Stacy Seymore, Mrs. Don Glascock, Loyce Baker, Lucretia Wade, Roberta Duran, Janice Jacobs, Deneen Patton and Suzie Algier.

Miss Brady Sets December Vows

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brady announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Carolyn Marie Brady, to Mr. Dewey Lon Nichols of Rt. 2, Merkel. Nichols is the son of Mrs. J. B. Nichols and the late Mr. Nichols.
The bride-elect is a Merkel High School junior and the prospective bridegroom is a Noodle High School graduate and is employed by Coca-Cola Bottling Co. in Abilene.
A December 23 wedding is planned in the home of the bride-elect's parents.

School Menu

MONDAY
Chuck Wagon Special, Chili Beans, Vegetable Salad, Hot Rolls, Butter, Milk, Peach Cobbler

TUESDAY
Steakettes, Gravy, Whipped Potatoe, English Peas and Carrots, Hot Rolls, Butter, Milk and Jello Pear Salad.

THE GORILLA GROWL

By ALLEN GREGORY

November 28 the Gorillas opened the basketball season playing host to Aspermont. Aspermont won two games, 65-39 and 66-65.

The Trent High School and Grade School hands will present a Christmas Program on Sunday, December 17 at 2:30 p.m. in the High School Gym.

Admission for the program will be 50 cents for students and \$1.00 for adults.

Last Tuesday the Fightin' Gorillas went to Abilene Christian High School to participate in a basketball game. This game was for girls only and it was a very exciting game. The game was close all the way through and the lead changed hands several times. Leading the Gorillas was Gayla Heatly, junior, with 53 points. The other two starting forwards, Anetia Frazier and Judy Brovok each scored four points.

Floyd H. Bryant Dies at Buna

Funeral for Floyd H. Bryant, 64, former Merkel resident who died at 3 a.m. Wednesday in Buna after a one year illness, was held at 2 p.m. Friday in Starbuck Chapel in Merkel.
Dan Proffitt of Buna officiated, assisted by Bill Patton of Merkel. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel.

Merkel Resident's Brother Dies

SNYDER - Robert E. Warren, 76, of Fluvanna, retired farmer and rancher, died at 12:55 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital in Snyder. Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Friday in the Fluvanna Church of Christ.

Ed Steph, minister, and Brooks McMahan officiated with burial following at Fluvanna Cemetery under the direction of Bell - Seale Funeral Home of Snyder.

Born Aug. 30, 1896, in Blackwell, he had lived at Fluvanna most of his life. He was a veteran of World War I and married Pearl Burney May 8, 1920 at Snyder. He was a member of the Fluvanna Church of Christ.

Survivors are his wife, Pearl; three daughters, Mrs. Juanita Frambro and Mrs. Nell Price, both of Snyder, and Mrs. Helen Patterson of Fluvanna; two sons, Bobby of Abilene and Jake of Midland; four brothers, Gus of Los Alamitos, Calif.; Kirt of San Jose, Calif.; Claude of Merkel and Walker of Dallas; 16 grandchildren; and three step-children.

WEDNESDAY
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Mr., Mrs. Ollie Fox Have 50th Anniversary

A reception honoring the wedding anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. Ollie Fox has been scheduled for Sunday, December 10, from 2:30 to 4:30 in the First Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, Merkel.

The couple, married on December 21, 1922 in Noodin, was in Merkel for 46 years where Fox has owned and operated Repair Shop for 40 years. Fox is the former Edith Thompson, daughter of the late Mr. Mrs. D. R. Thompson, an pioneer family of Jones County. Mr. and Mrs. Fox have one daughter and five grandchildren.

Mrs. Euvalda Walker of Lubbock, daughter of the couple, serve as hostess for the reception. Co-hosts of the event will be grandchildren of the honoree, Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jones, all Lubbock, and Mr. Terry Fox, Abilene.

Trent Methodist To Hold Bake Sale

Trent Methodist Church is having a bake and rummage sale in the fellowship hall of the church from 9-5 Saturday, Dec. 9.

Proceeds from the sale will help meet the church budget. Pies, cakes, and other baked goods will be offered for sale along with clothes, furniture and other miscellaneous items.

People that want to donate clothes or other items please bring their things to the church Thursday.

Sherrell Kincaid is chairman and may be reached at 862-9

Mrs. Mable Bell Rites Are Held

Mrs. Mable Blanche Hunter Bell, 63, a former Trent resident, died at 9 p.m. Friday in Galveston after a lengthy illness. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Starbuck Chapel.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel.

She was born April 21, 1909, in Midland County and moved with her parents to the Blair Community in the early 1920s. She married Lloyd E. Bell Oct. 31, 1925, in Blair. They moved to Trent in 1945. He died Sept. 25, 1958 and she moved to Roswell, N.M. in 1959.

She is survived by eight sons, Lloyd of Midland, Jimmie, Joe Earl and Larry Wayne of Las Cruces, N.M., B. L. of Houston, Ronnie James of Roswell and Elmo of Saniton, N.M.; three daughters, Mrs. Mary Cloda McAlister of Portland, Maine, Mrs. Dorina File and Mrs. Ruth Rhymes, both of Angleton; four brothers, Emitt Hunter of Midland, James Hunter and Willie Hunter of Portland, Ore., and J. J. Hunter of South Carolina; one sister, Mrs. Beth Baldwin of Fort Worth; 44 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



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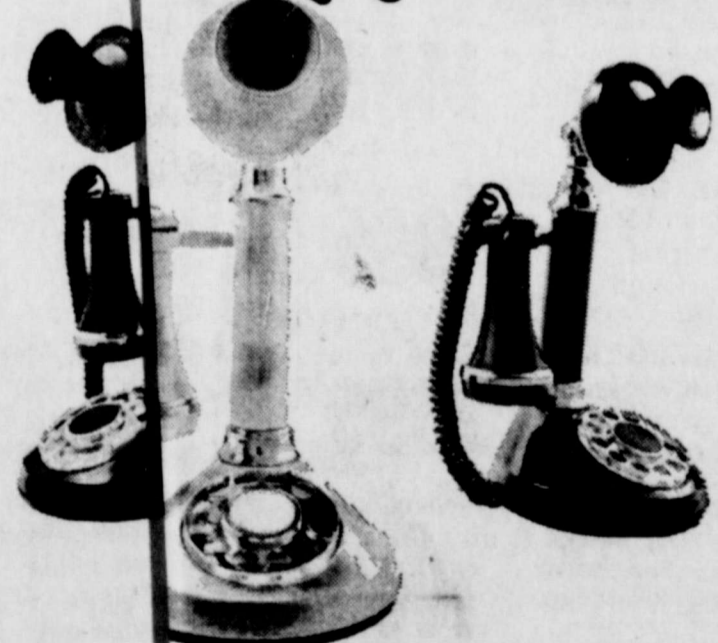
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Texas Farm Bureau Sends 10 Delegates to LA Meet

WACO — The Texas Farm Bureau will send ten voting delegates to the 54th annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation December 1-14 at the Convention Center in Los Angeles.

State delegate strength is based on membership size. The TFB ended its official year with a record high of 136,943 member families enrolled.

Also planning to attend the convention from Texas are a number of county Farm Bureau leaders, state officers and board members and staff, as well as representatives of Farm Bureau young peoples' activities.

National policies to guide the 2-million-member AFBF will be adopted by voting delegates from 49 states (all except Alaska) and Puerto Rico. The TFB annual convention Nov. 12-13 in Houston approved recommendations on a

number of national issues.

The TFB is asking for an extension of the Agriculture Act of 1970 and said the set-aside portion of the Agriculture Act of 1970 and said the set-aside portion of the law should be supplemented by some form of long-term land retirement program.

TFB opposes dollar limitations on government payments. It is also against government-owned or controlled reserves of farm products.

Restrictions on use of farm chemicals and feed additives should be removed unless they are proved harmful, the TFB recommended. TFB also wants more research by USDA to develop new materials and methods which are "economical and ecologically safe" in controlling harmful insects.

Guest speakers include Governor Ronald Reagan of California and Frank E. Fitzsimmons, president of the Teamsters Union, AFBF president William J. Kuhfuss and Secretary-Treasurer Roger Fleming will also address the convention.

Heading the Texas FB delegation will be J. T. (Red) Woodson of Gober, recently elected to his third one-year term as president.

Other delegates include: Vice President Carol Chaloupka, Dahlart; Secretary-Treasurer Bill Reid, Lamesa; and State Directors B. J. Gist, Abilene; H. L. King, Brownfield; T. J. Richards, Paducah; Dan Pustejovsky, Hillshire; Edwin Sanderson, Paris; John A. Smith, Cameron; and Henry Burton, Lufkin.

Accent On Health

By J. E. PEAVY, M.D.
Texas Commissioner of Health

Texas school children and some of the common childhood diseases, hopefully, will soon no longer be frequent companions. Thanks to a mandatory school immunization law being implemented by state and local health authorities, Texas school children have the best protection against disease outbreaks they have ever had in the history of the state.

After the first full year since implementation of the new state law began, state health officials report immunization levels of the school population are up considerably over previous years. And early inductions this year are that those immunization levels will continue on the upswing.

As of May 1, 1972, the great majority of all school children in Texas had begun or completed their required immunization program for five common childhood diseases: diphtheria, polio, measles, rubella, and tetanus. Smallpox, the standard immunization school children received for decades, is no longer a required immunization.

"We feel great progress has been made in the past year, particularly when you view the fact that out of 2.9 million school children in Texas some 2.3 million are on record in their schools as protected," said Dr. James E. Peavy, Texas Commissioner of Health. "Our forecast is for even better levels next May."

The mandatory immunization law passed by the Texas Legislature in April, 1971 required a monumental effort on the part of health authorities, school officials, and private medicine. Prior to enactment of the law, each individual school district set their own immunization requirements and some had no requirements. Quite often, in those areas where children needed the full-range of protection, smallpox was the only immunization required. Under the new law, a child must be immunized against certain diseases to enroll in school.

School authorities worked closely with health officials to see that all parents were advised of the new requirements and that all school children began their immunization programs as soon as possible. The result was that three-fourths or more of all Texas school children were protected against each disease by the end of that first year under the new law. With the 80 school districts that began late campaigns and continued enforcement of the mandatory law in all school districts, state health officials foresee a substantially better immunization level at the end of this school year.

"Our Immunization Program has spot-checked several school districts around the state, with most reporting a rise in their immunization level to include more than 50 percent of all school children in their district," said Dr. Peavy. "Less than one percent of the school children involved admitted no immunizations at all.

More Calves From Mother Cows Is Studied at Seminar Held in Abilene

As rapid and widespread as it has been in the past several years, future expansion of the Rolling Plains beef cattle industry appears now to be more squarely against an age-old problem of producers: how to get more calves from their mother herds.

One producer worded the problem here for others at the recent 1972 R-PEP Beef Cattle Reproduction Seminar: "how to increase the size, not of our cotton crop nor of our wheat crop, but of our calf crop."

(R-PEP, the Rolling Plains Economic Program, goal of which is the increase annually of agricultural income in the 29-county area, and to which many observers attribute much of the industry's successful growth because of the educational efforts sponsored by eight R-PEP task forces.)

In the massive effort to help area producers increase the size of their calf crops, four specialists were brought in to approach the problem from as many angles at the seminar, sponsored by the Beef Cattle Task Force, whose chairman is Stanton Brown, manager of the League Ranch near Benjamin.

John R. Beverly, for example, suggested strongly that producers evaluate, every year, the sperm

of their bulls, and Dr. Dennis B. Herd stressed that "You can't starve the calving problems out of your animals, but don't get them fat," as he explained the connection between poor nutrition and the difficulties of bulls and cows in reproduction.

Beverly, who also said the bull is more important than any single cow in the herd, is specialist in animal reproduction and Herd is specialist in beef cattle nutrition with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service of Texas A&M University.

Because the blood disease of anaplasmosis ranks second only to respiratory diseases as a nationwide destroyer of the beef cattlemen's profits, Dr. W. W. Collins told the producers that it may be the next disease "chosen by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to be eradicated." No area, including the Rolling Plains, which was mostly clear in 1963, is now clear of this disease, he said.

And Dr. E. J. Carroll pointed the finger at Texas and Oklahoma as containing more than 60 percent of all U.S. herds infected with brucellosis, adding that this year in Colorado 85 percent of all infected cattle were shipped there from Texas.

Both anaplasmosis and brucel-

losis are obstacles to larger calf crops.

Collins is consulting veterinarian for the American Cyanamid Company, and Carroll, professor in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Colorado State University.

As to leptospirosis and vibriosis in beef cattle, Carroll told the producers not to guess whether the first disease is present in their herd, because diagnosis is simple and inexpensive, and to vaccinate their animals each year against the second disease. Both prevent larger calf crops.

Collins recommended three methods by which Rolling Plains cattlemen themselves can control anaplasmosis: protect the clean animal by controlling horse flies, ticks and mosquitoes, by vaccinating the clean animal, and by identifying and isolating the carrier animal quickly for treatment.

Couple Celebrate 56th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Chester McDonald celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary Nov. 26. Married in Potra, Okla., at that time it was still Indian territory. At the present time it is in Leflore County.

The McDonalds were residents of Merkel for 26 years and moved to Odessa for 7 years. About a year ago, they both entered the Starr Nursing Home.

The couple's daughters, Mrs. Elva Reys and Mrs. Katherine Reys visited them two weeks previous to their anniversary, but were unable to attend the anniversary party at the Nursing Home.

The McDonalds have two daughters, Mrs. Katherine Reys of Dallas and Mrs. Elva Reys of Odessa, and one son, Archie of Houston. They have five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

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The U.S.D.A. Cotton Classing Office in Abilene classed approximately 22,000 samples for week ending December 1, bringing the season total classed to 84,000. This compares with 7,893 classed at the same date last year.

Snow and rain this week stopped harvesting one to three days, but failed to slow the flow of samples received by the Classing Office, reports B. B. Manly, Officer-in-Charge of the Abilene office.

Cotton prices improved last week. Grade 4131 brought from 21.70 to 23.75 cents per pound, grade 5131 brought from 20.35 to 22.35 cents per pound; grade 4231 brought from 20.95 to 22.75 cents per pound. Grades reduced on account of bark were reduced 1/2 cent per pound.

The grade of samples improved this week, with 55 percent in the white grades, 39 percent light spotted, and 5 percent spotted.

Energy Shortage Will Cost More

WASHINGTON — The nation's energy "honeymoon" is over, an international investment banker says, and "prices are going to have to rise to reflect the real costs of energy supply and delivery."

In an article in the current issue of the American Petroleum Institute's magazine, Petroleum Today, Edwin L. Kennedy, managing director, Lehman Brothers Inc., outlines the ever-increasing demand for energy and the steps that should be taken to meet that demand.

According to Kennedy, "Mankind has consumed more energy in the past 30 years than in all history before 1940, and in the next 50 years, mankind will use far more than that."

With regard to energy, Kennedy says, the United States now has three courses open — it can do without energy, it can increase its dependence on Middle Eastern oil, or it can take steps to increase its domestic supply.

Though the nation "probably cannot avoid some increase in energy imports," Kennedy believes we must not become overly dependent on overseas sources. "The steady availability of foreign oil is open to question," he says.

The investment banker advocates the pursuit of the third course of action. He thinks that maximum efforts should be made to increase domestic supplies.

Such a course of action, Kennedy says, will be costly. He cites estimates that the energy industries will require some \$475 billion for domestic exploration and research, plus another \$75 billion for working capital and debt amortization over the next 14 years.



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Stith News
By MRS. FRITZ HALE

Stith Cotton Harvest In Full Swing

Cotton harvest is in full swing in the Stith Community.
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Six Flags Sets Attendance Mark

ARLINGTON — Six Flags Over Texas has ended its 1972 season with all attendance records broken.

Final figures put the season's attendance at 2,062,600. The old record, 2,037,000 was set in 1967.

Six Flags General Manager Robert W. Freeman said, "We are already making preparations for the 1973 season which will begin early in the spring."

He continued, "We discovered in 1972 that new attractions in the area and the changes which have been made in the Park itself made Six Flags more popular than ever. The sharp increase in attendance meant on thing to us — expansion. So, for the coming season, we will open an entire new section with two major rides and a number of other attractions which will increase the Park's capacity and provide more entertainment than ever before."

He said full details of the program will be announced soon.

The 1972 season also saw records broken for daily attendance at the Arlington theme park. On May 13, a new record for a single day's attendance was set as 36,607 persons passed through the turnstiles. A new high for a summer day was set August 12, with more than 30,200 persons visiting the 145 acre complex.

Just prior to the end of the 1972 season, Six Flags Over Texas welcomed the 20,000,000th guest to visit the fun spot since it first opened in 1961.

be held at the Community Center Thursday, Dec. 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley and Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald attended the singing at Hodges Baptist Church Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Clearly of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. John Browning Monday. Ona Spence of Abilene spent Sunday with the Brownsings.

Guests in the home of Mrs. Ruby Reddin during the weekend were Mrs. R. N. Pentecost and Mrs. Pearl McCartney of Tye, Mrs. Jeff Green of Caps, Mrs. Inez Bradley and Mrs. Bert Melton of Merkel, Oleta James, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Reddin and children of Abilene, and Mamie Hardin of Stith.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Burns and Mrs. Sam Burns visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns and Mamie Hardin Sunday.

Benny and Ronnie Hobbs and Mike Hudman went deer hunting in Big Bend last week. They each killed a deer.

Miss Louise Hudson spent several days in Rising Star last week with Mr. and Mrs. Rex Hudson and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hudson.

Mrs. O. J. Fikes visited her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Miller and children of Abilene.

TCY Homemakers To Meet Dec. 14

The Taylor County Young Homemakers will meet Thursday, Dec. 14, at 7:30 in the Home Economics Department at the high school.

This month's program will be "Christmas Fire Prevention."

The hostesses for refreshments will be Mmes. Roland Pack, David Seymour and Jimmy Jacobs. All members and guests are invited to attend.

Home Managing Needs Planning

COLLEGE STATION — Of all the homemaker's many resources — time, energy, knowledge and skills — time is the only one that's limited for all and the one most lacking in management.

Only by recognizing the extent of her resources — and then managing their use effectively — can the home manager meet the many demands on her time, energy and skills.

Lynn Bourland, specialist in home management with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service of Texas A&M University, explains that the underlying secret of successful home management is in the careful use of resources, aimed at achieving family goals.

"But the goals and values should be decided cooperatively through family discussions."

"These discussions help determine what is the most important in terms of demands on her resources — that is, what will provide a sense of security and achievement for the family and individual."

"Once the goals are determined in this way, a plan is in order," the home management specialist indicated.

In making the plan, several principles of time management should be observed.

First, the homemaker should become aware of how she uses her time.

When this is done, she should classify her activities into groups — work, maintenance or free time.

"Identifying and correcting ways in which she kills time and is diverted from her work is important to the plan. At the same time, disorganization causes need to be found and remedied."

Miss Bourland advises the homemaker to recognize and eliminate excessive involvement.

"She needs to visualize what goals and values compete for her time."

To help solve the problem, the individual should make a realistic schedule for maximum time use. Using energy-saving work habits also helps make the most of time, the specialist added.

"Effective use of time in managing the home is one of the ways today's homemakers can stretch dollars, gain leisure time and conserve health and energy to enjoy life with her family," Miss Bourland concluded.

NURSING HOME NEWS

By MARY OUTLAW

A number of our residents were out for Thanksgiving lunch. They were Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Clark and Miss Hughes and a few others.

Mr. and Mrs. Salvador Ybarra and baby from Abilene visited his mother, Paula Ybarra recently. Rev. Bursleson, Lester Moore and other relatives from Brady visited with Lucille Bursleson.

Visiting Mrs. Brookerson was Bob and Nita Beard of Mesquite.

Bobby and Gary Dilbeck and Mike of Burkburnett, visited Mrs. Pauline Spivey during the holidays.

Mrs. Ina Hunter is a frequent visitor at the nursing home, visiting her sister, Mrs. Alfa Reynolds.

Jimmy and Brenda Hair of Candler, Ariz., spent Thanksgiving with relatives here. We really enjoyed them, even if they didn't bring the children. They stayed in Arizona with Jim's mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Crane, who are visiting Brenda and Jim.

We were very sorry to lose Mrs. Caroline Davies by death.

She had returned from the hospital and we thought doing real good and suddenly died with a heart attack. We had Mrs. Davies seven years in our home and had learned to love her very much. Our sympathy goes to her daughter, Mrs. Louise Metz of Arizona.

Mrs. Brookerson celebrated her 94th birthday in the lounge Nov. 21. Cake and punch was served to everyone and pictures were taken. Hope you will have many more birthdays, Mrs. Brookerson.

Movies are shown each Wednesday at 3 p.m. The patients enjoy them very much and we appreciate the person who brings them.

The Rev. James A. Williams of Stith filled his appointment Sunday, Nov. 26, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley came and helped with the services. We will be looking forward to their next service.

Mrs. Gary Lollar and Mrs. Larry White, representing Beta Sigma Phi, had a birthday party Nov. 25 for five patients having birthdays in November. They were Mrs. Orr, Mrs. Powers, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Easterwood and Mrs. Brookerson. Cup cakes with candles were served and presents were presented to them. We appreciated their kind deed.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester McDonald celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, Nov. 26 by having a party at the home. Everyone sang Happy Anniversary to them. They had a white cake trimmed in red roses, which was served to patients and visitors. Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. McDonald.

Thank you, Mrs. Collinsworth, for the magazines and the permanent you brought to the home. The permanent will go to someone not having anyone to buy them one. Lupe Asencio, who is a beautician, will give it to whomever the permanent is given to. We appreciate Lupe fixing their hair. She is never a person to say no to a patient who needs hair care. We appreciate her very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mayfield of Abilene visited and brought magazines. Mr. and Mrs. Myron Merchant of Abilene also helped provide them.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin and children, Tommy, Sharon and Kathy Sylvester of Quinlan, visited her

mother, Mrs. Deatherage Sunday. It was their first visit in some time and it made Mrs. Deatherage very happy.

The Calvary Baptist Church of Merkel came to the Nursing Home Sunday and brought a large crowd to sing for the patients. Rev. Stewart brought the devotional. The patients enjoyed it very much.

Miss Hughes has been making visits out to her farm. Recently one of her cows had twin calves, which really pleased Miss Hughes. Lupe Asencio and husband have gone to Old Mexico to visit his father who is very ill.

Mrs. James Watts and son of Odessa came by and took her father in law, Foster Watts to the Abilene - Odessa ball game over the weekend. They visited in our home.

Joyce and I (Mary Outlaw) attended McMurry College Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 20-21 for six more hours of administration. Those going with us from Abilene were Rev. Smith, Adm. of Sears Methodist Retirement Center and Sue Brown, Adm. of Happy Haven Nursing Home.

Ted and Joyce Minnich spent Sunday with Warren and Hettie Price of Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Latta of Lubbock and son visited their grandmother, Mrs. J. H. Clark Sunday. Also visiting her was her son and daughter in law, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Clark of Abilene.

Mrs. Mary Thompson, our charge nurse, is absent at this writing, but we are fortunate to her daughter, Marjorie helping us out. She is a school L.V.N. They both live in Abilene. We hope Mrs. Thompson will be back at work soon, but we are very happy to have Marjorie.

Vet Questions And Answers

Q — How long do I have to convert my National Service Life Insurance policy?

A — NSLI five year term insurance can be converted at any time while in force. Term policies with numbers prefixed by "W" cannot be kept in force if they expire after the insured's 50th birthday, and they must be converted before they expire.

Q — An extra large dividend put me over the income limit this year. Will this cause my VA pension to be discontinued?

A — No. As long as this income could not have been anticipated and was of a non-recurring nature, it will have no effect on your pension.

Q — What should I do if my VA benefit check is not delivered on time?

A — You should wait long enough for the mails to clear, then write the VA regional office which has your file. Include your name if you're a veteran, or the deceased veteran's name if it is a death claim, and your claim number. Do not write to the Treasury Department as this will result in further delay.

Q — I would like to know who my husband has designated beneficiary of his government life insurance. Where may I obtain this information?

A — This information can not be disclosed to anyone other than the insured or his duly appointed fiduciary during the insured's lifetime, unless authorized by the insured or his fiduciary.

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

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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Pearl Lee Cole, 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 25 day of Dec. A.D. 1972, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 8 day of June A.D. 1972, in this cause, numbered 7234 on the docket of said court and styled Jerry C. Cole, Plaintiff, vs. Pearl Lee Cole, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: 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 10 day of Nov. A.D. 1972.

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

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1st, the Bible (the Word of God) came to us in written form as a result of the influences and working of God's Holy Spirit at God's directions

a. John 16 as Jesus gave his last address to his apostles he said, "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak..." verse 13.

b. See also II Peter 1:21 "Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." Also I Cor. 2:10-14 and Eph. 3:1-5. Keep in mind that the Bible is complete and God's final revelation to man — Jude 3 and II Tim. 3:16, 17.

c. The Holy Spirit would lead the apostles "into ALL truth" (John 14:26 and 16:13), therefore we conclude that the Bible is given by the work of the Holy Spirit.

2nd, FAITH comes by what is written and taught from what is written not from an emotional experience outside of what is written. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17
"But these are written, that ye might believe... John 20:31."

3rd, Faith produced from that which is written by the work of the Holy Spirit, proceeds salvation and leads us to God and Christ, not a "tap on the shoulder" in a mysterious way. In Acts 2:37 they were convicted by their faith that Jesus was the Son of God, the saviour of the world, thus they ask "Men and brethren what shall we DO? To this question the statement in verse 38 gives the answer... it does not read "wait until the Holy Spirit moves you or taps you." Read also Romans 10:8-10.

4th, Don't wait too long. Salvation comes when one obeys the "WORD" not an emotional experience. "But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have OBEYED FROM THE HEART THAT FORM OF DOCTRINE which was delivered you. BEING THEN MADE FREE FROM SIN, ye became the servants of righteousness." Romans 6:17, 18

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TO: Linda Yvonne Null, Defendant, Greeting:

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Adoption is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 30 day of Nov. A.D. 1973.

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

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