



WINNING ALL CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS AND THE SHOWMANSHIP AWARD the Mulberry 4-H Club captured all the Honors at the Taylor County Livestock Show Saturday. Shown here from left to right are Teresa Clemmer, showmanship for finewool lamb, exhibited for Beverly Gilmore, who next in line had the champion finewool cross. Kenny Ellard exhibited the champion intermediate and Tommy Swinney had the champion mutton class lamb. The club also won the group of 15 lambs.

## Additional Low Rent Housing To Be Built

Congressman Omar Burleson announced approval of a \$756,360 HUD reservation for low residential housing under the turnkey method to the Housing Authority of the City of Merkel for construction of 40 units of low rent housing, 26 units to be designat-

ed specifically for the elderly. Mayor Leon Walker also received verification of the program reservation.

The Housing Authority of the City of Merkel will receive proposals from developers to design, develop and construct 40 dwell-

ing units and management and community and related spaces on a turnkey basis for ultimate purchase by the Housing Authority.

Proposals will be received by Mrs. Annette Clark, Executive Director, at the Housing Authority office at 693 Brick Haven. They will be received until 8 a.m., Feb. 16, at which time they will be opened. All proposals properly submitted will then be considered and evaluated by the Housing Authority of the City of Merkel.

Housing Authority Board Members include Howard Carson, chairman Bill Button, vice chairman; E. A. Conley, J. W. Hammond and Tommy Cutler. The 40 units will be divided into the following space: Management, 260 sq. ft.; Maintenance, 320 sq. ft. and Community Space, 1800 sq. ft. There will be a total area of 2,440 sq. ft.

The non-elderly living unit buildings shall be duplex design and elderly living unit buildings shall be duplex, triplex, fourplex, or any combination of these units. All units shall be generally of reinforced concrete slab, brick veneer, and composition shingle construction.

The size of the units for the elderly will be 1 bedroom. The regular units will be composed of 1-1 bedroom duplex, 3-2 bedroom duplexes, 3-3 bedroom duplexes.

The present 24 units of the Housing Authority, built in 1969, are located at North 6th and Lamar and are named Brick Haven.

## Mrs. Freeman Guest Speaker At Garden Club

Members of the Merkel Garden Club were entertained Thursday at the Asteroid Restaurant with Mrs. Allen King hostess.

Guest speaker was Mrs. Odell Freeman of Trent. She spoke authoritatively of how to make containers and the newest phases of flower arranging. On display was a Terrarium (dish garden under glass), glass flowers, a Collage and four seasonal arrangements and one abstract.

Mrs. Freeman was introduced by Mrs. W. L. Brown, yearbook chairman.

Others present were Mmes. Tom Allday, Nettie Goree of Oregon, club guests.

Members present were Mmes. Oda Clark, Johnny Cox, Albert Criswell, Lottie Everett, R. M. Ferguson, Mack Fisher, S. D. Gamble, Odie Griffin, Ora Griggs, Dee Grimes, Earl Hughes Sr., Allen King, W. T. Sadler, John Shanson, Tom Fox, Charlie Sherrill, Aaron Sudderth, Jarrett Williams and Christine Collins.

## Lambda Beta Has Literature Study

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Mrs. Larry Justice Jan. 16. A study of literature was held with Mrs. Justice as study captain and Mrs. Phil Seymore as assistant.

A bake sale was announced for Saturday, Jan. 20 in front of WTU.

The following members were present: Mmes. Larry Justice, Phil Seymore, Ray Allard, Gene Amerine, Billy Neff, Larry White, Billy Lucas, Larry Teaff, Robert Leo Harris, Junior Clark, Dugan Mawson and Miss Cathy Mansfield.

## Mulberry Canyon 4-H'ers Sweep Sheep Event

Members of the Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club swept all four of the class champion honors in the Sheep division at the Taylor County Livestock Show last Saturday.

Teresa Clemmer, 16, won the Showmanship award, even though she didn't even place third with her animal. This award has been won by her two older brothers in years past. Teresa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Clemmer.

Beverly Gilmore, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gilmore Jr., won the champion fine wool and fine wool cross rosettes. Breeder of the fine wool cross was T. J. Neil of Merkel.

Kenny Ellard, 16, took his lamb to the head of the intermediate class. He is son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Calloway.

Young Tommy Swinney captured the champion honors in the mutton lamb class with his South-down, bred by Hamilton Shoats of Olney. He is the 11 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Swinney.

The champion pen of 15 animals was also shown by the members of the Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club.

In the Swine division a lightweight Duroc - Chester White cross shown by Randy Scott of Trent won the reserve grand champion honors at the show. The 15 year old FFA member's reserve champion was bred by his father, Robert Scott.

Judy Brnovak of Trent won the grand and reserve grand champion capon honors. Judy won the Showmanship award at the Trent FFA Show last week. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brnovak.

Other winners in the Merkel area were:

### SWINE

Lightweight Durocs - 3. James Allison, Merkel FFA; 5. Jay Slaughter, Trent FFA; 6. John McLeod, Trent FFA.

Heavyweight Durocs - 1. Randy Scott, Trent FFA; 3. John Davis, Merkel FFA; 4. Tom McLeod, Trent FFA; 5. Roy Bratcher, Merkel FFA.

### SHEEP

Lightweight fine wool - 1. and 3. Beverly Gilmore, 4-H; 5. Beverly Gilmore, 4-H; 4. Glen Braune, 4-H.

Champion fine wool - Beverly Gilmore.

Lightweight fine wool cross - 2. Beverly Gilmore, 4-H; 3. Teresa Clemmer, 4-H; 6. Glen Braune, 4-H.

Heavyweight fine wool cross - 1. and 2. Beverly Gilmore, 4-H; 3. Mark Clemmer, 4-H.

Champion fine wool cross - Beverly Gilmore.

Lightweight intermediate - 1. and 2. Beverly Gilmore, 4-H; 5. Tommy Swinney, 4-H.

Heavyweight intermediate - 2. Mark Clemmer, 4-H; Teresa Clemmer, 4-H; 4. Beverly Gilmore, 4-H; 6. Wanda Braune, 4-H.

Mutton breeds - 1. Tommy Swinney, 4-H; 2 and 5. Beverly Gilmore, 4-H; 3. Teresa Clemmer, 4-H; 4. Lesa Swinney, 4-H.

Champion mutton breeds - Tommy Swinney.

Group of 15 lambs by FFA or 4-H - Mulberry Canyon 4-H.

### CATTLE

Middleweight Herefords - 5. Teri Hamner, Trent FFA.

Lightweight Herefords - 3. Tina Hamner, Trent FFA; 4. Danny Freeman, 4-H; 6. Robbie Freeman, 4-H.

Heavyweight Angus - 6. Susie Toombs, 4-H.

Lightweight Angus - 33. Meja Dee Byrd, 4-H; 4. Audie Byrd, 4-H.

Heavyweight all other breeds and crosses - 3. Susie Toombs, 4-H; 5. Loyd Williams, Trent FFA.

Lightweight all other breeds and crosses - 4. Becky Freeman, Trent FFA.

### POULTRY

Capons - 1. and 2. Judy Brnovak, Trent FFA; 3. and 5. Rocky Brenem, Trent FFA.

Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Capon - Judy Brnovak.

## Grant Jones Vice Chairman

State Senator Grant Jones of Abilene (District 24) was named Wednesday by Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby as Vice Chairman of Senate Subcommittee on Agriculture.

Hobby named chairman for all nine of the Senate standing committees.

He said he feels the assignments provide equitable representation for all geographical areas of the state.

"These appointments recognize the expertise of individual senators regardless of seniority," Hobby said. "However, the continuity of experience is an obvious asset, which is reflected in my assignments of senior senators."

"With substantive committee appointments, freshmen senators also will have a chance to make real contributions to the many complex problems confronting this 63rd Legislature."

The newly adopted Senate rules call for the nine standing committees while during the last legislative sessions Senate standing committees numbered up to 27.

## Trent Grocer Moves to Roscoe

Doug Carriker, owner and manager of Carriker's Food is Trent for the past 20 years, will be moving his grocery business to Roscoe this week. He will sorely be missed in this community for he had a knack for making people feel welcome.

He and his wife, the former Margie Maynard, are the parents of two sons, Mike of Trent, and Pat, who is presently attending Cisco Junior College in Cisco. They have one grandson, Michael Dock Carriker, of Trent.

## Country Club To Have Social Sat.

The January social committee of the Merkel Country Club invites all members to a social Saturday, January 27 at 7:30 p.m. for a supper at the club house.

Committee members are Messrs. and Mmes. Carroll Benson, J. D. Gentry, E. A. Conley, A. H. McElmurray and Jerry Gibson.

## Trent School Organizes First Student Council

Trent High School has organized a Student Council for the first time in the history of the school. Preliminary work began toward the organization of a Student Council in September of 1972 by petitioning the Texas Association of Student Councils which is sponsored by The Texas Association of Secondary School Principals. The charter was received recently and the following students were elected to the council:

hon; plus the following members: Cindy Beasley, Mac Sipe, Pam King and Roy Sharp.

Mrs. Jon Henderson, science and mathematics teacher, will serve as faculty sponsor and advisor.

The primary purpose of the Student Council is to complete projects that will be of help to the community, the administration, the school, the Board of Education, the teachers and the students.

The first project of the Trent Chapter will be to draw up a Constitution and By-Laws governing the organization.

President, Tom McLeod; vice president, Bill Hamner; secretary - treasurer, Gayla Heatly; recording secretary, Peggy Watson.



THE FIRST STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS are, seated from left to right, sponsor, Mrs. Jon Henderson; president, Tom McLeod, Cindy Beasley, Mac Sipe and Pam King Standing, recording secretary Peggy Watson, Roy Sharp and secretary-treasurer, Gayla Heatly. Not pictured vice president Bill Hamner. (Photo by Connie Harris)



JOE MCDUFF  
... 3-yr. term

## McDuff Named As WTFA Director

Joe McDuff of Merkel has been named to three years term as member of the West Texas Fair Association Board of Directors.

Robert E. Hitt of Abilene was named president and veteran fair manager, Joe Cooley, was re-elected secretary - treasurer.

The 67th annual West Texas Fair will be staged in Abilene September 8th thru the 15th, 1973.

## Basketball Highlights

Friday, Jan. 19, the Wylie Bulldogs put the bite on the Badgerettes 65-57 in a thriller which cost Merkel's chances in district competition.

Steve Teaff was the leading scorer for the Purple and Gold with 24.

The Junior Varsity team won over Wylie 45-36, while the Badgerettes fell in a 66-14 game.

Merkel J.V. lost to the Rotan Yellowhammers 31-23 Tuesday.

## Square Dance To Be This Saturday

The Levis and Lace Square Dance Club will host a dance Saturday night, Jan. 27 at 8 p.m. in the Lions Club Building. Leon (Slim) Ivey will be the caller for the dance.

All members are urged to attend this dance and also the public is invited.

Jan. 23. The Badgerettes were toppled for 533-43 loss.

The Badgers Varsity team won a hard earned battle 66-60. Robert Morgan was high pointer with 25 baskets.

### BASKET MAKER CLUB

	Wylie Rotan	
Derrell Riggins	8	8
Doug Hutchings	12	
Larry Toliver	2	3
Billy Watts	4	1
John Frazier	10	6
Paul Tucker		1
Steve Shugart		2
Wayne Webb		2
Patsy Button	5	15
Linda Black		14
Netta Stephan	7	10
Jerrie Smith		4
Jerrie Stephan	2	
Jackie Sims	10	12
Johnny Gray	4	2
Darel Bunch	6	2
Steve Teaff	24	15
Robert Morgan	13	25
David Copeland		6
Tommy Law		2
Paul Duran		2

# Farmers Union Protests Increased Interest Rates

Texas Farmers Union has protested the Department of Agriculture's announcement increasing interest rates on 1973 Commodity Credit Corporation loans. Farmers Union president Jay Naman of Waco charges that the increase will discourage farmers from using the price support program by increasing the cost of those who do by 58 per cent.

"At a time when the Department of Agriculture is de-emphasizing supply management and program payment benefits are being cut, it is unconscionable to think that the Administration would increase the cost to a farmer for his one opportunity to achieve a degree of bargaining power," Naman said.

The cost of the increased interest rate on CCC loans will fall on farmers producing cotton, wheat, feed grains, rice and peanuts. According to Farmers Union officials, the burden will fall most heavily on cotton and rice producers, but could affect producers of all commodities that are

eligible for price supports. The amount of usage will depend upon the size of the crop in 1973 and loan levels, but it is generally considered that the elimination of several supply management features of the farm program will result in excessive production this year.

Cooperative leader and vice president of Texas Farmers Union Joe Rankin of Falls says that the 2 per cent increase in interest could cost one Texas cotton marketing cooperative as much as a million dollars in additional interest this year. Rankin, who serves as president of the Plains Cooperative Oil Mill, a Lubbock regional cooperative, said, "This increase interest will fall heavily on the patrons of the regional cotton marketing cooperative, but will equally adversely affect all cotton farmers because their prices will have to be discounted enough by the trade to pay the additional interest on the loans, both Form 'A' and Form 'G'."

Texas Farmers Union has joined the National Farmers Union in calling on President Nixon and Congress to reduce the interest on the commodity loans to the traditional 3 1/2 per cent annual rate.

# Crossword Puzzle

**ACROSS**

- Insects
- Asian sea
- Inquire
- Harbor
- Short note
- Honey maker
- Group of three
- Cripple
- Tilled
- Lounge
- Beak
- That is: abbr.
- Obtained
- Fruit drink
- Esteem
- Aluminum: chem.
- Diminish
- Snuggle
- Degree
- Number
- Little demon
- Total
- Compass point
- Go hastily!
- Completed
- Smitten
- Thankless person
- Firm
- Every
- Learning
- Fairy
- Soap ingredient
- Orient
- Hard cheese
- Bitter drugs
- Broaden
- Fishhook
- Thought
- Color
- Astringent
- Bury
- Mater
- Jumped
- Below
- Amused
- Comes in
- Standpoint
- Range
- Rotating disk
- Alone
- Portico: arch.
- We
- Beverage
- Man's name
- Not bright
- French "and"

**DOWN**

- Likely
- Neither
- Trebled
- Stable part
- Be
- Buy back
- Among
- Angeles
- Monastery
- Vend
- Ship's bottom
- Perform

**Answer to Puzzle**

# 4 Tax Deadlines Face Taxpayers And Employers

DALLAS — Four important tax deadlines face taxpayers and employers in Texas during January. W. T. Coppinger, District Director of Internal Revenue Service for North Texas, said today.

Employers are reminded that the deadline to give employees their 1972 W-2 forms is Wednesday, January 31, 1973. The form should show earnings, income tax withheld and Social Security information. January 31 is also the deadline for reporting Social Security and withheld income taxes for the calendar quarter ended December 31, 1972. If employers make timely deposits of the full amount of the tax due, ten additional days are allowed to file the return. The Director said that employers who received a pre-addressed Form 941, "Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return", should use this form to report their tax liability. Other employers can obtain blank copies from their local IRS office.

The last day of January is also the last day to report and pay any balance of Federal Unemployment Tax not over \$100.00 for 1972, using Form 940. If the balance of tax due is over \$100, the employer must make a deposit with Form 508. If the full amount of the tax is deposited on time, employers may then file the return no later than February 10, 1973.

Texas farmers and fishermen who did not file a declaration of estimated Federal individual income tax by January 15 may have a tax deadline of March 1, 1973. Mr. Coppinger said that if at least two thirds of the gross income was earned from farming or fishing, and no estimate was filed by January 15, 1973, these taxpayers must file their 1972 Federal income tax return and pay any tax due by Thursday, March 1, 1973, to avoid penalty for underpayment of estimated tax.

## Comfort for Sick Children

How should you treat a recuperating child? With special attention and surprises, according to an article in the new St. Joseph Family Almanac Calendar, available free at your local pharmacy. When the doctor orders bed rest for a recuperating child, make a temporary bed for her in the living room or near your work area. As a change from crayons and books, try giving her a surprise treasure box filled with empty spools, pipe cleaners, buttons, broken cheap jewelry, Christmas package bows, stickers, ribbon and string.



# Tips on Saving Money by Conserving Energy

You can do something to help conserve our nation's vital energy sources; and you'll save money at the same time. With demand for fuels beginning to outstrip supply in some areas, simple conservation of electricity, heating oil and gasoline will not only help you cut costs, but can assist in halting the drain on our energy supply.



Make sure your furnace is working efficiently. Have it cleaned periodically, lower the thermostat before going to bed, and maintain proper humidity. This not only saves you money, but helps conserve fuel.

Better home insulation has been cited as vital to fuel conservation. An investment in storm windows will pay off in the long run, and weatherstripping and caulking around doors and windows can drastically reduce fuel bills.



Good driving habits can markedly decrease gasoline consumption, according to the Amoco Oil Company. Avoid jackrabbit starts, drive at moderate speeds, and keep your car well-tuned. Properly inflated tires, believe it or not, can also help conserve gasoline.

You'll be surprised at the kilowatts you can save simply by turning off lights and appliances when not in use. Concerted home electrical conservation can cut monthly utilities bills 20% and more.



If we start conserving energy today, there will be enough for everyone tomorrow. For free booklet on saving energy dollars, write: "Energy," Room 1654, 910 S. Michigan, Chicago, Ill. 60605

# Grandchildren Can Get SS

The 1972 Amendments to the Social Security Act provided that in some cases, grandchildren of retiring, disabled, or deceased persons would be entitled to monthly social security checks. But, reminds R. R. Tuley, Social Security District Manager in Abilene, for a grandchild to be eligible for social security benefits based on a grandparent's social security record, the following conditions must be met at the time the grandparent dies, or files for

retirement or disability benefits.

- Both parents of the child must be either deceased or totally disabled, and
- The grandchild while under 18 must have been living with and supported by the grandparent, or
- The grandchild must be adopted by the surviving grandparent, and neither parent was living with or making regular contributions to child's support at the time of grandparent's death.

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# Cotton Classing Total Doubles Last Year's

The 1972-73 cotton harvest was curtailed for a second week because of wet cotton fields. Only 13,000 samples were graded at the U.S.D.A. Cotton Classing Office in Abilene or the week ending January 19. This brought the season total to 338,000 samples, which is more than twice the number of samples graded by this date last season. B. B. Manly, Jr. estimates the harvest to be 75 percent completed.

Samples graded during the period of this report were 21 percent white, 69 percent light spotted, and 8 percent in spotted grades. The predominant grades were grade 42 at 44 percent, grade 32 at 14 percent, grade 41

at 11 percent, and grade 32 at 11 per cent. Bark in samples was the cause for grade reductions of 38 percent of the samples.

Staple lengths have been longer than usual for this area all season. Staple lengths 31 and 32 were 35 and 46 percent of the samples graded.

An increase of low micronaire readings was probably due to increased harvesting of late planted cotton. Only 48 percent was within the premium micronaire range, as compared to 71 percent the previous week. Three percent of the samples were high mike and 49 percent was in low micronaire ranges.

The Agricultural Marketing Service reports that the price range for grade 4232, premium micronaire cotton was 23.95 to 26.20 cents per pound. Grade 5232 cotton brought from 21.00 to 22.50 cents per pound. Micronaire discounts were about 4 cents per pound for cotton in the 3.0 to 3.2 micronaire range. Cotton that miked from 2.7 to 2.9 was discounted from 6 to 6 1/2 cents per pound.

# Basketball Schedule

Jan. 25, 27 (T. S.) — Aspermont B Team Tournament, B boys, B girls.  
\*Jan. 26 (Fri.) — Albany, there, A and B boys, A girls.  
\*Jan. 30 (Tues.) — Roscoe, here, A and B boys, A girls.  
\*Feb. 2 (Fri.) — Jim Ned, there, A and B boys, A girls.  
\*Feb. 6 (Tues.) — Baird, here, A and B boys.  
\*Conference Games.

# NOTICE

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

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Bud Derington

### CARD OF THANKS

I WOULD LIKE to EXPRESS my sincere appreciation for the many prayers, the many flowers, cards and other remembrances during my recent stay in the hospital and during my convalescence at home.  
Mrs. J. C. Carson

### CARD OF THANKS

WE WANT TO EXPRESS publicly our heartfelt thanks to all the people who went to visit Daddy while he was in the hospital.

We also want to express our most sincere thanks to those individuals who sent flowers, brought food to our home, and gave us warm and sympathetic understanding.

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Mrs. J. H. (Hub) West,  
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### Fortnightly Club Met Tues., Jan. 16

Mrs. Don Dudley was hostess to members of the Fortnightly Study Club on Tuesday of last week. Subject matter was "The Literary Scene" in Public Affairs — Mrs. Charles Eager spoke on "Gone From Today's Scene," a tribute to Life Magazine and Mrs. Mack Fisher on "Today's Scene."  
Members present were Mmes. Johnny Cox, N. S. Daniel, S. C. Dixon, Don Dudley, Lem Dudley, Bryan Dunigan, Charles Eager, Mack Fisher, David Gamble, Don Hart, Comer Haynes, Andy Shouse, Ray Wilson and Christine Collins.

## Girl Scout

### Cadette News

By MARY GOODMAN

The Cadette troop had our regular meeting Jan. 22.

Popcorn and punch was served for refreshments. Then we went on a scavenger hunt. We had a long list of things to find including one chain or sticker and a penny which we found to our surprise.

### Brownie News

By LOYCE BAKER

Brownie Troop 103 met last Tuesday, Jan. 15 at the Scout Hut. The girls made dolls from corn husks, corn silk and pieces of felt material. All of the dolls were real cute. The members also listened to records.

Nancy Clark served refreshments to the following members: Stacy Seymore, Susan Allagier, Loyce Baker, Janice Jacobs, Deneen Patton and Judy Glasscock.

### Junior Scouts

By JAN MELTON

Thursday, January 18th, the Scouts went on a penny hike. On this type hike, at each intersection we flipped a penny. If the penny landed on heads we went to the right. If it landed on tails we went to the left.

Diana Bien, our reporter moved from Merkel, so asst. reporter Jan Melton took over her job as reporter.  
Refreshments of orange slush and sugar cookies were served by Ann and Jan Melton.

### Merkelite's Kin Dies In Clyde

Mrs. Nettie S. Warren, 76, of Clyde, died Sunday at her home in Clyde after a sudden illness following about one month of ill health. Funeral was Tuesday in the First Baptist Church of Clyde.

The Rev. Rily Fugitt, pastor, officiated and the Rev. H.B. Terry, pastor of Temple Baptist Church in Abilene, assisted. Burial was in Ross Cemetery in Baird.

Mrs. Warren was born Dec. 22, 1896, in Brown County. She married Herbert Warren Nov. 1, 1917, in Oplin.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Clyde. Survivors are her husband Herbert; one son, Chester Warren of Tulsa, Okla.; four sisters, Mrs. Mamie Hines of New Mexico, Mrs. Delia McAlister of Abilene and Mrs. Sam Hill and Mrs. Claude Warren both of Merkel; two brothers, Nathan Slough of Euola, and Barney Slough of Houston; and one grandson. Five brothers preceded her in death.

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## THE GORILLA GROWL

We, the students at Trent High School, elected our first Student Council. This is the first such council in the history of the Trent Schools.

The officers for the new council are: President, Tom McLeod. Vice President, Bill Hamner. Secretary-Treasurer, Gayla Heatly. and Recording Secretary, Peggy Watson. Other members of the council are: Senior Roy Sharp, Sophomores, Cindy Beasley and Mac Sipe, and Freshman Pam King.

Winners in the Middle Clear Fork Soil and Water Conservation Districts Essay contest at Trent Schools are: 8th grade, Allan Merse; Freshman, Pam King; Sophomore, Cindy Beasley; Junior, Gayla Heatly; and Senior, Judy Brnovak. Essays written by these five students have been sent in for District Competition. This contest is sponsored by the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District and the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc. The subject this year is "Natural Resources — Meeting the Needs of People."

### Independants To Play Jets Sat.

There will be a basketball game Saturday night Jan. 27, at 8 p. m. in the Merkel High School Gym, with the Merkel Independants going against the Abilene Jets.

Independant players are: Gary Dean David Scott, Bob Tate, Randy White, Duane McQuilly, Danny Doan, Gaylon Doan and Terry Derington.

The public is invited to attend this game.

Essays must be 300 words or less. District winners, first, second, and third places for each grade, will be honored at a banquet on Tuesday, March 20th, sponsored by Taylor Electric Cooperative. Winners' parents, teachers and principal are to be guests at the banquet. We are proud of these Trent students for entering — and our best wishes go with them to District.

Our thanks go to Mrs. Garry Wofford, Trent High School English teacher, for working so hard with our students.

## MULBERRY CANYON 4-H

By TERESIA ENGLISH

The Mulberry 4-H Club held their last meeting which was their Christmas party Dec. 20th. Pledge and prayer were led by Teresia Clemmer, and Pledge of Allegiance by Dwain English.

Program consisted of three poems, 'Christmas Smiles,' by Teresia English 'Night Before Christmas in West Texas,' by Vince Ellard and 'Christmas,' by Lisa Hughes. Christmas carol were sung and gifts were passed out by Loyd Williams Jr., Dale Rankin and Brad Pursley.

Members present were Judy Brnovak, Mike and Tommy Brown, Mark and Teresia Clemmer, Kenny and Vince Ellard, Beverly Gilmore, Johnny Gray, Lisa Hughes, Brad Pursley, Anna Rankin, Dale and Jess Rankin, Lisa Swinney, Bart and Cindy Whisenunt, Loyd Williams Jr., Danny Freeman and Dwain and Teresia English. Guests were Glen and Rhonda Galaway.

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## Miss Tuckey Named 'Sister of Month'



GLEENDA TUCKEY  
... 'sister'

hamentarian.  
She is an active member of the First Baptist Church in Merkel.

Miss Glenda Tuckey, senior at Merkel High School was selected as Little Sister for the month of January by the Taylor County Chapter of Young Homemakers last Thursday evening at their regular monthly meeting. She is the daughter of Mrs. Allie May Tuckey, 112 Rose Street, Merkel. She is an active member of the Merkel Chapter of Future Homemakers of America and has completed her first level of Encounter work. She has also served on the following FHA committees: secret granny; constitution and yearbook. She is presently employed by a local grocer working through the Home Economics Cooperative Education program in the local high school. Glenda is a member of the National Honor Society; "Gold Diggers" pep squad; co-editor of the 1973 Badger yearbook and serving the senior class as par-

## Former Merkelite Services Held

Robert L. Sumpter, 62, Double Springs Community in Jonesboro, died at 11:50 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5 at Kingsport's Holston Valley Community Hospital after an illness of several weeks. Funeral services were held Friday, Jan. 7 at 2 p.m. at the Fall Branch Funeral Home Chapel.

He was a native of Merkel, was a resident of Sullivan County since 1941, a member of the Double Springs Baptist Church, and was self-employed as a floor-finisher before retiring several years ago due to ill health.

He was a law enforcement officer here at Merkel at one time. His father, the late W. R. Sumpter also was a resident of Merkel.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary Bellamy Sumpter; daughters, Mrs. D. A. Cox of Jonesboro, and Mrs. Guy Massey Jr., of Kingsport; sons, Dennis of Mitchellville, Md., John of Akron, Ohio and Ronald Sumpter of Jonesboro; sisters, Mrs. Louis McGaughey of Fresno, Calif., and Mrs. Eula Hantsche, of Loraine; brother, Z. M. Sumpter of Breckenridge; step-brother, Clifton N. Bellamy; step-mother, Mrs. W. R. Sumpter of Abilene; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



## Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE

The Stith Community received rain, snow and high wind Sunday morning. A lot of sunshine is needed to dry the ground so cotton harvesting can be finished.

Mr. and Mrs. Babe Tarpley visited recently in Big Spring with Mrs. Gaston Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Gregory and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tarpley.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dunagin are announcing the birth of their first grandchild, a baby girl born Jan. 15 in a Cincinnati, Ohio hospital.

The parents are Mr. and Mrs. Lance Paulson, Mrs. Paulson is the former Mary Dunagin. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Dunagin of Merkel are great-grandparents.

Mrs. Bill Dunagin flew Friday to Cincinnati for a visit with the Paulson family.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Brown and Kay of Tuscola visited Mr. and Mrs. John Browning Sunday. Billy Ray was home from a Big Spring hospital for a few days. He will go back to the hospital Wednesday, where he will probably take treatments until March.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Row of Bledsoe is staying in Abilene with the Rev. and Mrs. R. O. Row, helping care for Mrs. Row who had surgery on her knee. Mrs. Herbert Row spent Sunday night in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley. They took her back to the Row home Monday.

Roxie Meeks, Mrs. Barbara Beenie and Nancy and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Berry of Abilene visited Mrs. Mattie Shaw Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Porter of Waco visited Mrs. Shaw recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry visited Sunday in Abilene with Mr. and Mrs. Weaver Forsythe and Mrs. Martha Parker. Mrs. Parker fell on the ice last week, but was not hurt seriously.

## Elmer Patterson Services Held

Elmer J. Patterson, 69, life-time Merkel resident, died at 4:15 p.m. Sunday in Hendrick Memorial Hospital after a long illness. Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the United Methodist Church.

The Rev. Russell McAnally, pastor, and the Rev. N. F. Daniel, associate pastor, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born Aug. 12, 1903, in Merkel, he attended Merkel schools. He married Vertie Turner June 2, 1924 in Merkel.

Mr. Patterson farmed until 1963 when he became manager of Camp Butman from 1963 until 1969, when he retired.

He was a member of the Merkel United Methodist Church.

Survivors are his wife; one son, Elmer J. Jr., of Arlington; two brothers, Chalmers of Abilene, Raymond of Seattle, Wash.; six sisters, Mrs. Lee Smith of Lakeview, Ore., Mrs. E. B. Harrington of Safford, Ariz., Mrs. Raymond (Julie) Lawson, Mrs. Dora Bryan, Mrs. Call McLean, all of Abilene, and Mrs. Ed Halconkie of Washington; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Mrs. W. W. Wallace in 1963.

## Mexico Theme For Xi Nu Chi

Mrs. Carroll Benson was hostess for the Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi on Jan. 16. Program for the evening was "Entertaining and Hobbies," with Mrs. Jack Boone, Mrs. Don Watts and Mrs. Benson in charge of the programs. A theme of "Mexico" was carried out with decorations and refreshments.

Members were shown the art of making paper flowers and then each one was given material to make her own.

Present at the meeting were Mmes. John Brady, Bobby DuBose, Charles Eager, Glen Teaff, Edgar Tipton, Weldon McAninch, Almada Bullock, Mamie Steck, and Bobby Mansfield.

## Mark Steinert Receives Eagle Scout Award

Mark William Steinert, 14, son of M. Sgt. and Mrs. William R. Stenert Jr., of Tye, was made an Eagle Scout last Thursday night in ceremonies at the Tye Community Center.

An eighth grade student at Merkel Elementary School, he recently received congratulatory letters from President Richard Nixon, U.S. Congressman Omar Burleson of Anson, State Rep. Frank Calhoun and State Sen. Grant Jones and Chamber of Commerce President Joe Hodges.

Young Steinert is senior patrol leader of Troop 89 at Tye. He played fullback for the eighth grade football team at Merkel, and is on the track team and yearbook staff.

David Kraatz is Scoutmaster of Troop 89.

## Booster Club Nets \$110 for Budget

The "B" team tournament, sponsored by the Merkel Booster Club, Saturday, Jan. 20, added \$110.00 to the coffers, according to Vincent Barnett, president.

First place trophy was won by the Roscoe Flowboys and the Jim Ned Indian Maidens. Merkel boys and girls won in both second place slots.

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## ROUND-UP

By KAYE LANHAM

ELMER HERRING has been in the hospital at Hendrick Memorial in Abilene.

MR. AND MRS. DAVID GAM-

## Sixty Persons Attend Luncheon

The Senior Citizens had their all day meeting Tuesday. There were about 60 persons attending the luncheon.

Mrs. W. T. Sadler gave the devotional on "Blessed Are the Peacemakers."

Everyone enjoyed it so much because it had been a while since they had all been together because of bad weather.

A Birthday Table was set for the birthday honorees, Mrs. L. J. Renfro baked a cake. Red carnations were given to the birthday honorees by Christine Collins.

Monday night the senior citizens game night was held at the Senior Citizens Building. There were 23 persons there.

HE visited their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Leamon in Austin over the weekend.

HENRY WEST is in Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene.

MARIE CUNNINGHAM is recovering from surgery which she had about two weeks ago. She is up and around some now.

MRS. CAROLYN SORELLE writes from Amarillo and said she would like to say thank you to all the friends and relatives who helped her during the recent illness of her mother, Billie Hartley. She said she really appreciated everything everyone did.

ERMA BLACK and RUBY DICK were honored at a dinner at the Asteroid Tuesday, Jan. 23. The dinner was given by the ladies in the office at Taylor Electric Co-Op. Both Erma and Ruby are retiring at the end of the month.

## School Menu

- MONDAY**  
Pallan Spaghetti Cheese  
Whole Kernel Corn, English Peas  
Cabbage Slaw, Bread  
Milk, Fruit Cup
- TUESDAY**  
Bologna, Potato Boat  
Pinto Beans, Buttered Beets  
Hot Rolls, Butter,  
Milk, Strawberry Shortcake
- WEDNESDAY**  
Chili Beans  
Buttered Baked Potatoes  
Celery, Carrots Sticks, Onions  
Slices  
Corn Bread Muffins  
Milk, Fruit Ruby Rice Cream
- THURSDAY**  
Baked Turkey, Giblet Gravy  
Corn Bread Dressing  
Mixed Vegetables,  
Cranberry Jello Salad  
Hot Rolls, Butter,  
Milk, Pumpkin Pie
- FRIDAY**  
Hamburgers, Green Lima Beans  
Sweet Corn, Pickles, Tomatoes  
Lettuce, Milk, Cocoa  
Oatmeal Cake

## NOTICE

### INVITATIONS FOR PROPOSALS

The Housing Authority of the City of Merkel, Texas will receive proposals from Developers to design, develop and construct 40 dwelling units and Management and Community and related spaces on a turnkey basis for ultimate purchase by the Housing Authority.

Proposals will be received by Mrs. Annette Clark, Executive Director, at the Housing Authority office, 693 Brickhaven, Merkel, Texas until 8:00 A.M., February 16, 1973 at which time they will be opened. All proposals properly submitted will then be considered and evaluated by the Housing Authority of the City of Merkel.

Proposals will be considered for various arrangements within the following requirements:

1. Elderly units shall preferably be located on one block or parcel of ground.
2. Non-elderly units shall be located on no more than two sites.
3. Community and management space shall be located in the vicinity of the elderly units.
4. All sites shall be within the corporate limits of the City of Merkel, Texas.

Developers must show evidence that they own or will own all of the sites submitted.

Non-elderly living unit buildings shall be duplex design. Elderly living unit buildings shall be duplex, triplex, fourplex, or any combination of these units. All units shall be generally of reinforced concrete slab, brick veneer, and composition shingle construction. Community and management space shall be of design appropriate to the neighborhood and uses intended.

To be considered, proposals must evidence consideration of:

1. Local governing regulations and codes.
2. DHUD Manuals PG 46, MPS FHA 300 & MPS FHA 2600.
3. Housing Authority Additional Mandatory Requirements (Available from the Executive Director)

Attention is called to the following DHUD requirements:

1. Davis-Bacon wage rates shall prevail.
2. Project shall be subject to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and other equal opportunity provisions.

The bedroom distribution is:

Bedrooms	Elderly	Non-elderly
0 (Efficiency	2	
1	24	2
2		6
3		6
Total living units		40

Net areas of new Management and Community and related spaces shall be no more than:

Management	260 sq. ft.
Maintenance	320 sq. ft.
Community Space	1860 sq. ft.

Total Area 2440 sq. ft.

3. Sites proposed shall be subject to LHA & DHUD Approval.

4. Developer shall provide Disclosure of Interest FHA 2530

5. A statement shall be included with respect to any opportunities for training and employment to be given to lower income persons residing in the area and as to whether the Developer, or any sub-contractors, are located or owned in substantial part

by persons residing in the area. The proposal shall be submitted in three (3) copies and shall include the following:

- A. Completed HUD Form 5090, "Proposal Turnkey Project Description."
- B. Completed FHA Form 2530 Developer's Statement of Disclosure of Interest, "Previous Participation Certificate."
- C. Sketches showing sites, site layout, building, and unit plans.
- D. Completed HUD Form 5087, "Outline Specifications."
- E. A statement as to zoning of the proposed sites.
- F. A Statement of the Developer's Total Turnkey price itemized as follows:

Site	
Site improvements	
Dwelling Construction and Equipment	

Note: Ranges and refrigerators are to be furnished by the Housing Authority but installed by the Developer.

Non-Dwelling Construction  
Architectural and Engineering Services.

Other, (Interim financing insurance, closing costs, etc.)

Total Developer's Price

G. A statement of the Developer's and/or Builder's qualifications to undertake the proposed project with efficiency and dispatch, including a brief statement of previous experience in developing similar projects.

The Housing Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any one or more of the proposals after complete evaluation.

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**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**  
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Sherman Parish, 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 5 day of March A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court.

on the 17 day of Jan. A.D. 1973, in this cause, numbered 7787 on the docket of said court and styled In Re: Anita Fay Parish, Charolette Parish, Wenwood Jenkins Paris, III.

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 17 day of Jan. A.D. 1973.

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

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TO: James Edwin Archer, Defendant, Greeting:

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A.D. 1972, in this cause, numbered 7694 on the docket of said court and styled Kathy Ann Archer, Plaintiff, vs. James Edwin Archer, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Divorce. Married January 28, 1972, separated March 20, 1972. No children and no community property as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 4th day of January A.D. 1973.

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

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TO: Larry Eugene Davidson, Defendant, Greeting:

**YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED** to appear before the Honorable Court of Domestic Relations 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 19 day of Feb. A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 16 day of Nov. A.D. 1972,

in this cause, numbered 7648 on the docket of said court and styled Jacile Carmen Davidson, Plaintiff, vs. Larry Eugene Davidson, Defendant.

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

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 4 day of Jan. A.D. 1973.

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD  
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By Marie Gill, Deputy.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Norman J. Beebe, Defendant, Greeting:

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tion filed in said court, on the 7 day of Nov. A.D. 1972, in this cause, numbered 7621 on the docket of said court and styled In Re: Roxan Etoile Beebe.

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 21 day of Dec. A.D. 1972.

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Clerk Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas  
By Marie Gill, Deputy.

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### PUGGY



by Horace Elmo

HORACE ELMO

### THE FIZZLE FAMILY



By H. T. ELMO

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### Try It - All Through the House

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**•FOR LIGHT - DUTY CLEANING**—Mix 1 ounce (2 tablespoons) to a pail (2½ gallons) of water. Will wash off dulling film from glass, tile and venetian blinds, make bathroom fixtures sparkle.



**•FOR LAUNDRY**—Pour "Try-it" full-strength on greasy, stained areas like collars, cuffs, grease and food spots on tablecloths, etc. Launder as usual. Add ½ cup to wash load to boost cleaning power of your regular soap or detergent. Gets articles clean with no hard scrubbing or long soaking. "Try-it" can be used with a Trigger Sprayer/Poly Bottle, to make many jobs even easier. You spray the appropriate solution on the surface to be cleaned.

### Vet Questions And Answers

**EDITORS NOTE:** Veterans and their families are asking thousands of questions concerning the benefits their Government provides for them through the Veterans Administration. Below are some representative queries. Additional information may be obtained at any VA office.

**Q** — My son is in a military hospital and expects to be confined there until he is discharged. How can he learn about any VA benefits that he may be entitled to?

**A** — Veterans Administration counselors visit all military hospitals and military separation centers. If your son has not been contacted yet, suggest that he ask for the hospital's personal affairs officer.

**Q** — I'm enrolling for the February semester as a college freshman. Having a wife and two young children, what will VA pay me under the G.I. Bill?

**A** — If you are a qualified veteran and attending school full time you will receive monthly while in training \$298.

**Q** — My father is in a nursing home. What proof does he need to be eligible for the special allowance for veterans who need regular aid and attendance?

**A** — A statement from the director or custodian of records of a nursing home that the claimant is a patient who requires nursing home care, or a certification by a private physician stating why care is required will be accepted as evidence for the need for aid and attendance.

**Q** — As a female veteran going to school full time under the GI Bill, can I claim my husband as a dependent?

**A** — Yes. Public Law 92-540, signed by the President October 24, 1972, makes educational benefits and all other veteran benefits apply equally to male and female veterans. To take advantage of this benefit you should apply to the nearest Veterans Administration regional office.

**Q** — Who approves schools for enrollment under the GI Bill?

**A** — The state-approving agency in the state where the school is located. However, the Veterans Administration is the approving agency for courses offered by schools in foreign countries, agencies of the Federal Government, and for apprenticeship programs administered by interstate carriers.

**Q** — Can a service-disabled veteran who received a VA automobile allowance receive reimbursement for the necessary special adaptive equipment more than once?

**A** — Yes, but reimbursement is made to the seller of the equipment, not the veteran.



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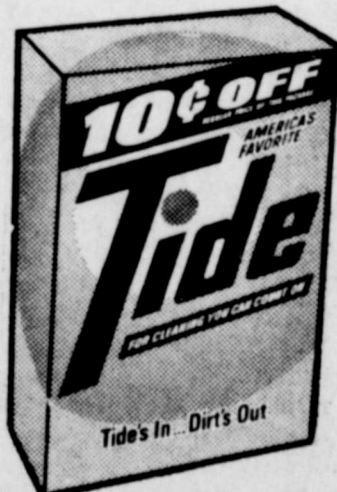
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