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Veterans To Have Fete Feb. 13th

The Veterans of WWI and The Ladies Auxiliary will meet Tues. Feb. 13th at 6:30 P.M. at The Taylor Electric Co-Op Bldg.

A Valentine Party will highlight the joint meeting. An Ole Timey Box Supper with The Ladies each bringing a box filled with good eats, will be auctioned off. The proceeds will go for a good cause.

Ladies dress up in your best Bib and Tucker and bring that fancy box filled with goodies and come have a big time such as in ye olden days.

OPEN HOUSE

There will be an open house Sunday, Feb. from 3 to 5 for friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Watts.

Hostesses: Mmes. June Hogan, Jack Hogan, Bobby Toller, Grady Knight, Johnny Thomas, J. E. Stevens Jr., Bill Tarpley, and D. C. Hendricks.

Senior Citizens Club In Second Year of Activities

The Senior Citizens Club was organized one year ago. During the year they have furnished their building with furniture donated to them.

The Senior Citizens have planned and repaired and painted the things that needed to be fixed.

There is over one hundred members at present but they need one hundred more.

They have rented their building for a small fee to family re-

Badger Boys Win Second in District

Friday, Feb. 2, the Badgerettes saw final action for the season in a 51-32 defeat. The Jim Ned Maidens hosted the game.

The Indian's red and white feathers fell as the "B" squad scored 50-47 in a thriller.

The entire Varsity team saw action against the Indians with fine defense on both sides. The final tally was 62-48, with Rob-

Mothers Drive In Trent

The Mothers March for the March of Dimes in Trent netted \$228.86. The March was held last Wednesday Jan. 31.

Chairman this year was Betty Freeman. Her committeemen were Mrs. Wayne Jackson, Mrs. Billy Hamner Barbara Franklin, Terri Hamner and Robbie and Becky Freeman.

unions and other groups. With this money and money which the business men and others have given them, they have met all expenses.

Monday night there were were forty-five present at the singing.

Senior Citizens will meet for their luncheon, February 26th is game night.

All Senior Citizens are urged to come and enjoy food, fun and fellowship.

ert Morgan's 19 points for the Badger's victory.

Merkel played host to the Baird Bears, Tues., Feb. 6 when the "B" squad raced to a 48-27 win. According to Coach Paul Woodfin, "The Junior Varsity has really shown improvement with experience."

The "A" Badgers led at half time 32-35 and maintained that lead with a final score of 57-46 to finish in 2nd slot on the district record. Ronnie Aldridge says, "We regret losing our seniors, Teaff, Duran and Law. They were an asset to our club, but now, we'll start building for next season and there are some fine players coming up."

Basketmaker Club	
	Jim Ned Baird
Steve Teaff	14 24
Jackie Sims	9 13
Robert Morgan	19 12
David Copeland	6 5
Darel Bunch	11
Jeff Cox	2 3
Paul Duran	1
Doug Hutchings	7 6
Derrell Riggins	20 6
John Frazier	6 3
Larry Tolver	13 7
Billy Watts	4 8
Steve Shugart	8
Wayne Tipton	2
Gwen Tipton	2
Paul Tucker	6
Linda Black	29
Netta Stephan	8
Jere Smith	2
Patsy Button	2

The unsung heroes of every game are the score keepers and managers. It is because of their accuracy and dependability that records were printed weekly. . . . Andy Hart, Kenny Stewart, Danny Higgins, Kathy Geers and Shelia Wade. Thanks for a job, well done.

Trailer And Pickup Tags Available

The Sub-Station set up in Merkel sells trailer and pickup tags also.

The tags went on sale Feb. 1. The State of Texas requires that all vehicles be registered and licensed by April 1st.

Mrs. Lem Dudley is on duty at the Merkel City Hall selling the licenses.

The tax office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. each Thursday and Friday and from 9:00 a.m. to noon each Saturday during the automobile license season.

The Taylor County Tax office urges that the computer cards be used when registering vehicles. These cards are mailed out by the State for all vehicles previously registered.

Excise Tax Reduced By Continental

Bruce McClelland, Division Commercial Manager for Continental Telephone Service Corporation, announced today that the Continental Telephone System has completed the paper work to reduce the Federal Excise Tax. Mr. McClelland added, "this is the first step in a ten year reduction program. Each year for ten years, the tax will be reduced by 1 per cent."

"A great deal of record changes and computer program changes were made to get ready for the reduction. All customers will pay 9 per cent excise tax through 1973, 8 per cent in 1974, etc. This program, when carried to completion, will eliminate excise tax on telephones."



BROWNIE TROOP 103 INSPECTS THE BOXES OF GIRL SCOUT COOKIES which go on sale Friday, Feb. 9. This will be the first year Brownies will have sold the cookies. (Photo by Connie Harris)

Girl Scout Cookie Sale to Start On Friday, February 9th

Girl Scout Cookies will go on sale here at 4 p.m. Friday as well as all over the United States.

Scouts selling the cookies will be first and second year Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes and Seniors.

Leaders for the various Girl Scout groups are: Sue Baker, Cadettes; Melba Glasscock, Junior Scouts and second year Brownies; Linda Williams and Billie Walters, second year Brownie assistants; Gwen Atkinson, first year Brownies; and Val Wiloth, first year Brownie assistant.

The Merkel Scouts are allowed to sell cookies in Trent and Noodle also, because there are no troops in either town.

The middle of next week, the girls plan to set up booth downtown.

More than three thousand girls in the sixteen county area

of the West Texas Girl Scout Council are preparing for their twenty-second annual cookie sale.

During the cookie sale the girls will learn to handle money, and to be business-like. They also practice good manners and good grooming. The ethical code (Promise and the Law) becomes relevant to the occasion and the times — a Scout will do her best to be honest; to be fair, to help where she is needed, to be cheerful, to be friendly and considerate, to be a sister to every Girl Scout, to respect authority, to use resources wisely — (don't eat the cookies!), to protect and improve the world around her, and to show respect for herself and others through her words and actions.

Dates of the sale are February 9 through February 17.

Cookies come in family size boxes of assorted sandwich, chocolate mint, butter shorties and peanut butter. They sell for one dollar a box.

When you buy one box — EAT it — get another box quick! Give the Scouts a chance to perfect their practice.

The second year Brownies hope to earn enough "profits" for their troop a skating party and eating out afterwards. The Junior girls will be working toward a trip to Six Flags next spring.

The Brownies will be selling for the first time. Besides individual prizes of patches and free camperships, the girls will be working hard for other things.

The girls will be counting on your help to help them earn these trips by buying cookies.

Local FFA and 4-H Entries In Houston Livestock Show

Steve Bland, Tom McLeod, Monty Heatly, Bill Griffith, Bill Hamner, Tina Hamner and Ty Merton, Trent FFA members, will be entertaining livestock in the judging contests at the 1973 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Danny Freeman, Trent 4-H Club member will also be entering his livestock.

The Houston Show is growing, growing, growing! Each year the number of entries increases and 1973 entry figures prove this is the largest livestock show in the world. Even with the recent expansion, the Livestock Exposition Building will be bulging at the seams with classes provided for 10 beef breeds, 5 dairy breeds, 6 swine breeds, 11 sheep breeds, 6 horse breeds, 5 rabbit breeds, 22 poultry breeds and Angora goats. In addition, a record number of auction sales will be held during the first four days of the show.

The Houston Livestock Show With A Heart, does more to benefit youth on a statewide basis than any show in the country. Scholarships in the amount of \$4,000 each are presented annually to outstanding members. Currently, 85 students are attending college on scholarships provided by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. In

addition, twenty-two scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded to winners in each of 22 counties participating in the show's area Go-Texan program.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo was the first such show in the country to underwrite Agricultural Research. The Research Program was established in 1970 and Texas agricultural colleges are participating in this program. Much of the work is done by the students themselves, thus providing jobs for those college students who need to work. Some \$100,000 is set aside annually for the Research Program and the knowledge gained directly benefits Texas agri-business.

The '73 show opens February 21 and runs through March 4. Nine great entertainers are scheduled to appear at the rodeo. They are: Charley Pride, February 23; Sonny and Cher, February 24 and 25; Merle Haggard, February 26; Rick Nelson, February 27; Sonny James and Donna Fargo, February 28; The 5th Dimension, March 1; Engelbert Humperdinck, March 2 and 3; Jackson Five, March 4. There's someone for everyone!

Tickets may be obtained by writing Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, P. O. Box 20070, Houston, Texas 77025.



DENEEN PATTON SHOWS FATHER BILLY PATTON HER BOX she will fill with goodies she has prepared herself for the Father-Daughter Banquet to be held Saturday night in the School Cafeteria at 7:30. (Photo by Connie Harris)

Father-Daughter Scout Banquet Set February 10

The annual girl scout father-daughter banquet will be held on Feb. 10 at 7:00 at the School cafeteria.

This is an intertroop activity and represented by all levels of scouting. Master of ceremonies will be Leon Walker. Other guests will include Mrs. Leon Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Fisher, and children of the leaders.

Each girl will bring a box

supper for her and her dad. The theme will be Valentines.

After eating, the Fathers will be entertained with short skits by each group of scouts and close with passing out badges which have been earned by Junior Scouts.

There will be some special entertainment by a 13 yr. old Abilene girl who sings and her father, who plays for her.

Diane Moore Wins 1st Place

Diane Moore a freshman in Fredericksburg, Texas AAA High School entered Austin twirling contest Saturday, Jan. 20.

She won two first place medals which were Solo, and Dance Routine Solo.

Diane is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Moore of Fredericksburg. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Ira Moore and Mrs. Pete Rutledge and the niece of Mrs. George T. Moore, all of Merkel.

DATEBOOK

SUNDAY, Feb. 11

Members of Grace Presbyterian Church will hold a very important meeting at 1 a.m. and urges all members to attend.

MONDAY, Feb. 12

The regular 2nd Monday night singing at 7 p.m. Victory Baptist Church located at 307 El Paso. F. E. Sipes is president.

THURSDAY, Feb. 15

Levi and Lace will start square dance lessons at 8:00 at Merkel Community Center.

United Methodist Women New Organization Named

A luncheon and a program of celebration of the new organization bearing the name of United Methodist Women was held at Trent Methodist Church Tues. Jan. 6th.

At the time of the Uniting of the United Brethren Church and the Methodist Church, the Women's organization was changed to the Womens Society of Christian Service from The Woman's Society of Christian Service under the old organization there was also an organization of working women known as Wesleyan Service Guild who met at night. Under the new organization, there will be only the one — United Methodist Women, with night meetings for working women.

The Merkel United Methodist are at the present having Bible Study that is being taught by Mrs. Newt Daniel. They invite all the women of the church to come study with them each Monday afternoon a 3:30.

There will be a delegation from the Merkel Society attending the annual meeting of Methodist Women in Vernon March 17 and 18th.

Those attending the luncheon were Mmes. Ray Wilson, J. S. Pinkley, Newt Daniel, Ila Mae

McLean Russell McAnally, Ruth Anderson, Ruth Cox, Lola Cox, Elmer Patterson, John Shannon, Lottie Everett and Miss Hazel Lay.

Square Dance Lessons To Start Feb. 15

Levi and Lace Square Dance Club will start lessons for those persons interested Feb. 15, Thursday at 8:00 p.m. in the Merkel Community Center.

Anyone interested in taking lessons are urged to attend and may call the following numbers for further information 928-4742 or 928-4830.

NEW ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Carey announce the birth of a son, Truman Darrell, born Saturday February 3rd at 4:10 a.m. in Sweetwater Memorial Hospital in Sweetwater, and weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Deaver and paternal grandparent is Mrs. T. T. Garey.

FM 1235 From Merkel To View Due Seal Coat Work

AUSTIN — A contract for seal coat work on 150.4 miles of highways in the Abilene district was awarded by the Texas Highway Commission during its January meeting here.

The work will be under the supervision of District Engineer J. C. Roberts. The contract

includes work in Callahan, Fisher, Haskell, Jones and Taylor Counties.

J. H. Strain & Sons, Inc. of Tye was awarded the contract with a low bid of \$402,892.25. The work will take an estimated 150 working days to complete. A. L. McKee of Abilene is the Highway Department engineer in charge.

Trent School Turns Back The Hands Of Time Feb. 3

Trent Schools were in session Saturday to make up one of the days missed during the icy spell in early January.

The newly-formed Student Council made it a day to remember by tabbing it "Shirttail Day" and having faculty and students dress in the fashion of the Fifties. Anyone who was not in the proper attire was fined 25 cents by Student Council members.

Fred Waring Concert

Tickets for the Fred Waring concert at Hardin-Simmons University on March 1 have gone on sale.

Dr. Bill Beazley, executive vice president at H-SU and coordinator of the Artist Series, said the following firms are handling the tickets: Caldwell's Music Store, Dorsett's Melody Shop, Tape Town and Sound City.

The concert will be held at 8:15 p.m. in H-SU's Behrens Chapel. Tickets range from \$2.50 to \$4. Dr. Beazley said.

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Some of the Sights and signs of the '50's were the slick duck-tail hairstyle for boys; ponytails for girls, blue genes rolled up to peddle-pusher length, dark lipstick, white bobby sox, collars turned up and shirttails out.

At 1:30 a program was presented by Bill Brown, Roy Sharp on guitar, Mac Sipe on drums, and Mrs. Vera Sharp on piano. Brown, who is a Freshman at Texas Tech sang and played guitar. His new record "Tight Levis and Boots" and "The Heart That You've Been Walkin' On" has just been released and was played over Merkel radio station Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley visited Mr. and Mrs. Alanzo Peterson, Merkel and Ina Mae Clark in Abilene Sunday.

Mulberry Canyon Meet Was Held

The January meeting of the Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club was held Jan. 25th with president, Johnny Gray, presiding. Mark Clemmer led the 4-H Pledge, prayer and motto and the American pledge was led by Ray King. The inspiration was given by Beverly Gilmore.

Members with livestock projects gave reports on the recent stock shows they had attended. These included Teresa Clemmer, Mark Clemmer, Beverly Gilmore, Lisa Swinney, Dwain English, Taresia English and Johnny Gray.

Teresa Clemmer presented the program on "What Is Food." She gave a very interesting and informative talk on several types of food and the vitamins contents of each.

Other members present were Ann Marie, Jess and Dale Rankin and guests were Mrs. Ruby Jenkins and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sandusky.

Kay Manning, County Extension Agent, will present the program at the February 15th meeting.



Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE

Mrs. Bill Dunagin and son, Randy returned Tuesday after a two week visit in Cincinnati, Ohio, with Mr. and Mrs. Lance Paulson and daughter, Stephanie Loren. Mrs. Dunagin reported a wonderful time. Her daughter and grandbaby are doing fine.

Mrs. Ruby Reddin has been sick the past week with the flu. Mrs. Benny Hobbs also had the flu last week. She is doing better.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hudson, of Rising Star spent the weekend with Louise Hudson.

Visitors attending services at the Stith Baptist Church Sunday morning were Mr. and Mrs. Reginal Bennett, Susie and Jo Ann Bachhoffer.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bauchhoffer and children of Graham spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Perry.

M. J. Shaw, Mrs. Barbara Beenie and Nancy, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Berry visited Mrs. Mattie Shaw Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Burk of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale Monday.

Fortnightly Study Club Held Meeting

Members of the Fortnightly Study Club met Jan. 23rd in the home of Mrs. Bryan Dunigan.

Program material was from The Medical Scene, "The First Health is Health." Mrs. Bryan Dunigan gave an informative discussion of "Chinese Medicine; Acupuncture." "The Abortion Controversy" was presented by Mrs. Lem Dudley after which an open discussion followed, headed by Mrs. David Gamble, program chairman.

Members present were Mmes. Johnny Cox, N. S. Daniel, S. C. Dixon, Don Dudley, Lem Dudley, Bryan Dunigan, Charles Eager, Mack Fisher, David Gamble, Comer Haynes, Andy Shouse, Ray Wilson, Carl Hughes and Christine Collins.

Severe Weather Will Cause High Beef; School Menu

1973 Is Forecast As Good Crop Year

COLLEGE STATION — "American agriculture is a sensitive business. The prices of food often reflect the risks producers have had to take to get it to your table," according to Dean H. O. Kunkel, College of Agriculture at Texas A&M University.

"In 1973 we can control a few more of these risks than say 100 years ago, but economic ruin is still the reward of many," Kunkel said. "Whether crop or livestock, the producer for a period of many months must continue to invest heavily without knowing whether he'll even get his money back, let alone make a profit. Disease, insects or bad weather can wipe him out."

"A good example is this year's unusually severe winter. Prices of beef and some other agricultural products will likely increase due to the prolonged bad weather."

Kunkel says that this severe weather caused a sharp rise in the cost of feed and resulted in poor livestock gains. This will likely cause higher retail beef prices in the spring and summer.

However, a good crop year in 1973 is forecast due to excellent moisture conditions. This may lead to a bumper harvest next summer and an easing of pressure on feed supplies.

A series of events caused the severe feed shortage, says Kunkel. Unusually cold weather with rain or snow covered Texas and several other states. And it started nearly a month earlier than usual. This caused ranchers to feed heavily to protect herds from loss. Cold, cloudy weather also reduced the growth of winter pastures, so important to cattle in many parts of the state. Then the extended bitter weather caused an estimated 150,000 cattle deaths in our state. Many of these were cows and calves. This will affect supply of stockers and feeders.

The early winter also played havoc with harvest of the 1972 crop. It is estimated that about one-third of the cotton on the High Plains is still in the field. And cottonseed meal is heavily used as stock feed. The icy grip of winter also worsened the feed situation in other ways. Many oil mills and processing plants could not operate at maximum due to the fuel shortage brought on by an early winter.

Together with this sharp change due to the weather, the U.S. livestock industry was using feed in record volume through the fall and early winter, Kunkel said. It is estimated that a 5 per cent increase in increased cattle numbers. Cattle on feed were up substantially, 9 per cent for the nation and 18 per cent for the southwestern states. This caused greater feed

disappearance than normal and depleted feed grain and protein supplement reserves. Texas used over one-half million tons more grain in fattening cattle than in the previous year.

Severe weather restricted the growth of winter wheat, and many calves have been lost on the Plains in recent storms. Calves that were normally grazed on wheat until mid-March were shipped to the feedlots before Christmas, further intensifying the critical feed shortage. Transportation of feed grains and protein supplements from elevators and oil mills became a problem, further aggravated by the weather conditions.

Even the recent grain deal with Russia had its effect. This increased the price of wheat so that it was no longer profitable to use in fattening rations. Further, it had a buoyant effect on the entire grain market as speculators entered the picture. Stocks of wheat and other feed grains were reduced by nearly 31 million metric tons during 1972 because of sports.

"The entire feed situation points up an interesting aspect of modern agriculture, not often appreciated by the public," Kunkel said. "American agriculture is greatly affected by a series of what appear to be small changes, and especially by severe alterations in the weather. When a combination of factors bears down on modern agriculture, the normal flow of feed

and livestock products is radically altered. Fortunately, our agricultural industry has tremendous ability to recoup its losses, given a decent break in the weather and some stability in prices and feed supplies."

"The American public has become accustomed to relatively low cost food. The percentage of disposable dollars we spend for food is the lowest of any country in the world. Bear in mind, too, that the average shopping cart only has 72 cents worth of food for each dollar at checkout. The remainder is hardware, paper goods, soap, insect spray and other non-food items. Today, less than one dollar out of every six earned by the average worker is all that is required to buy the safest, most wholesome, nourishing food products man has ever known, thanks to our vast multi-billion dollar food industry," the dean concluded.

School Menu

MONDAY
Tamale Frito Pie, Ranch Style Beans, Vegetable salad, hot rolls, peach halves with whipped topping.

TUESDAY
Steakettes with gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, butter, milk, orange-peach jello, white syrup.

WEDNESDAY
Beef - cheese pizza, pinto beans, cabbage, pepper, relish, sliced bread, butter, milk, sweetheart strawberry short cake.

THURSDAY
Fish fillets, catchup, new potatoes in cream cheese sauce, black-eyed peas, cornbread muffins butter, milk and Lemon pie

FRIDAY
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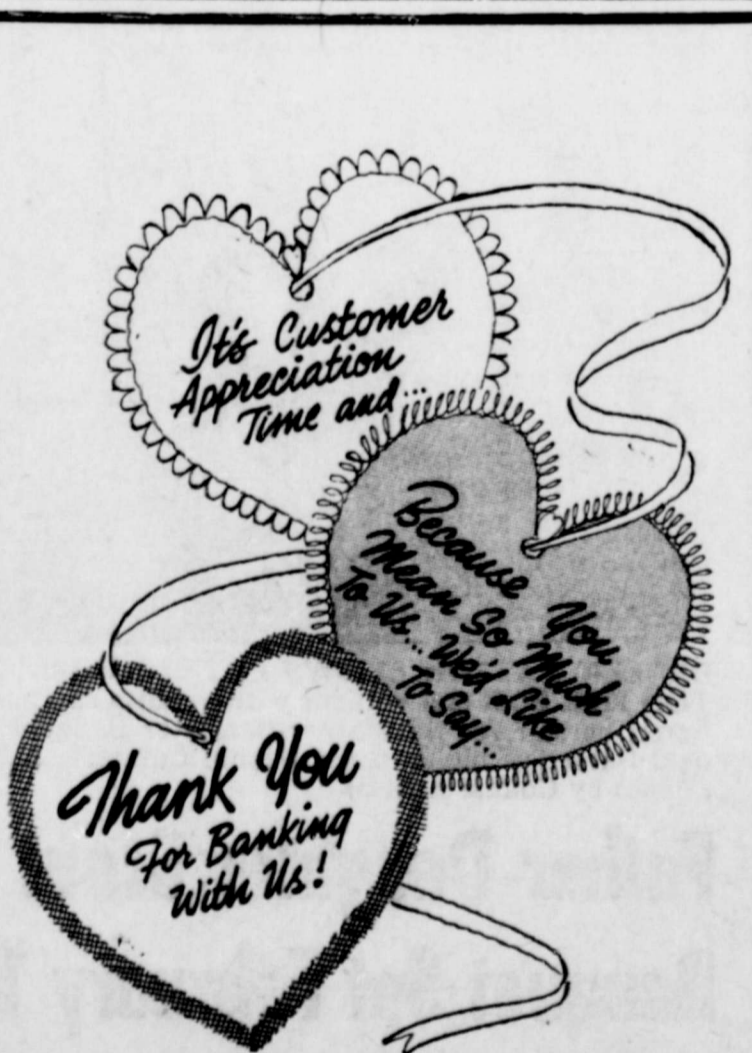
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Missionette News

By **SUSAN WHEELER**
 There were 14 in attendance at Missionettes last Friday. They made Valentines for Abilene State School.

Billy Walters gave a very nice story about boys with a white, black, and red heart. Refreshments were served by Marie Wheeler and Billy Walters.

Cadette News

By **BECKY PAGE**
 The Cadette's had their regular meeting Monday Feb. 5.

We re-elected officers. Patrol Leader is Mary Goodman; Assistant Patrol Leader, Mary Roeder; Treasurer, Tammy Martin; Reporter, Becky Page and Activity, Peggy Helmer.

We had a new member join. She is Mary Roeder. Refreshments were served by Mary Goodman.

Brownie News

By **LOYCE BAKER**
 Brownie Troop 103 met last Tuesday, January 30. The twelve girls, Mrs. Don Glascock, Mrs.

E. V. Walters and Mrs. Pat Williams went to Taylor Electric Cooperative for a tour of their plant.

Mrs. Inez Purser and Hugh Baker showed the Brownies through the building.

Loyce Baker served refreshments to Nancy Chick, Judy Glascock, Maria Moreno, Roberta Duran, Janice Jacobs, Stacy Seymore, Oleta Walters, Debbie Williams, Kristi Alves, Rene Aiken and Deneen Patton.

Girl Scout News

Thursday, the Girl Scouts went on a tour of Taylor Electric Co-Operative. Kent Satterwhite led the tour and showed us what kind of machines they use for their work. We took pictures of our hands on a copy machine. Some were very funny. We met the women that work there and they were very nice. After the tour, Mr. Satterwhite gave all the Scouts a pencil. Thanks, we enjoyed it.

We went back to the Scout Building and worked on our skit for the Father-Daughter Banquet which is Feb. 10th.

Refreshments were served by Janet Wade and Cindy Doan.

Farmers Un. Meet Feb. 8

Taylor County Farmers Union will meet at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 8 at Taylor Electric Co-Op Building.

There will be a report from the nomination committee on directors that will be elected at annual meeting which will be March 6.

The members will plan to participate in a drive-in to Austin Feb. 20, with other Farmers Union members across the State to discuss bills that will affect Rural America, such as taxation, environmental control and brand laws.

Jay Naman, State President from Waco, will be guest speaker at the March 6 annual Barbecue Dinner which will be held

at 7:30 p.m. in Merkel School Cafeteria.

No cards will be sent out to members notifying them of the meeting on Feb. 8.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Report of The Fitzgerald Foundation for the fiscal year ended November 30, 1972, will be available for inspection by any citizen upon request at its principal office at 1141 Butternut Street, Abilene, Texas, during the regular hours of business from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, for 180 days from this date.

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Rep. Martin Introduces REAP Resolution As First Bill

Representative Elmer Martin of Colorado City co-authored his first bill as a member of the 63rd Legislature of the State of Texas Thursday morning.

In a resolution that would request the national administration to end its freeze on funds for rural programs, Martin explained how such action affects all persons in all walks of life, both rural and urban.

Martin specifically pinpointed the administration's termination of the Rural Environmental As-

sistance Program (REAP), the only conservation program working in all counties of the nation.

"The REAP Program benefits the urban population as well as those in rural areas in such permanent measures as the increased use of terraces and contour farming, establishment of wildlife ponds and habitats and the improvement of environmental control programs to protect our large reservoirs which are the source of much of this nation's municipal water supply," Martin said.

Legal Notice

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 Rural Electrification Administration
 APPENDIX A

Statement of Nondiscrimination
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Riley Horton Rites Held

Riley Horton, 63, of Abilene, farmer and former insurance man, died Saturday in a Temple hospital after a two-week illness. Funeral services were held Tuesday in Southside Baptist Church in Abilene.

Dr. H. O. Wynn, pastor of Southside Baptist Church, and the Rev. Kenneth Jones officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Warren Funeral Home.

He was born Nov. 9, 1889, in China Springs, the son of C. R. Horton and Eugenia Garret Horton. He married Wada M. Dixon in Abilene.

Horton came to the Abilene area in 1902 and farmed in the Noodle community for a number of years. He served in the Navy during World War I.

He farmed and ranched in the Noodle area after his retirement. He was a member of Southside Baptist Church and the World War I organization. Survivors are his wife; two sons, Charles Horton of Lubbock and Robert L. Horton of Houston; five grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Goode, Abilene, and Mrs. Laura Carter of Hamilton; one brother, E. L. Horton of Abilene.

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TO: James Edwin Archer, Defendant, Greeting:

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A.D. 1972, in this cause, numbered 7691 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 29, 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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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 4th day of January A.D. 1973.

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

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TO: Larry Eugene Davidson, Defendant, Greeting:

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in this cause, numbered 7648 on the docket of said court and styled Jaclie 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 shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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TO: William Henry Miller, Defendant, GREETINGS:

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filed in said court, on the 5th day of December A.D. 1972, in this cause, numbered 7696 on the docket of said court and styled In Re: Kenneth William Miller and Kim Idell Miller, Minors, Plaintiff.

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.

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TO: Sherman Parish, Defendant, GREETING:

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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.

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By Marie Gill, Deputy.

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STUDENTS DID NOT MIND GOING TO SCHOOL SATURDAY, Feb. 3 at Trent, as "Shirttail Day" was sponsored by the Student Council with fines imposed on those who did not dress up. Pictured here are five students who were dressed for the occasion, left to right, Jim Hellmoe, Patricia Boyd, Bill Hamner, Tina Hamner and Eithel Gage. See story Page 2. (Photo by Connie Harris)

Alan Reed Doing Student Teaching

Alan Reed is doing his practice teaching this semester at Bell High School in Hurst Euleuss-Bedford Public Schools.

He was president of Maverick Band his senior year and a 3-



ALAN REED
... teaching

year band advisor, drill master, section leader and band librarian.

For the 4 years at UTA, he has received every honor in the music and band field including the Rebo Award for outstanding Freshman bandsman, the Col. Earl D. Irons Award for outstanding bandsman Jr. year and has been recipient of 14 music scholarships.

He is vice-president of Pledge trainer for Kappa Keppa Psi (National Honorary Band Service Fraternity) and has been a member since a freshman.

Now on a record is Alan's arrangement of "Theme from Shaft" Academy award winning song of 1972, the record was made by the Maverick band for distribution. The band also played the arrangement at the UTA-TCU football game in the fall.

Alan has been on the Honor Roll and Deans List (in the top 100 at UTA) for 2 semesters where the enrollment is 14,000.

He is the first student at UTA to receive a Music Education degree in 4 years without attending any summer sessions.

Alan will be the UTA representative to the Texas Music Educators Assn. convention in San Antonio in February. Commencement will be held at UTA May 15.

Shower Set For Ledfords

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Merkel Fire Dept. will host a shower for the Worley Ledford's whose home burned Friday night. It will be held at the Merkel Fire Dept. at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8.

Items needed are linens, girls clothes for ages 15-6 and boys, age 3 years, and clothes for a man of medium build.

Any donations will be appreciated and may be left at the fire station or you may call 928-4728 or 928-4944 or 928-5016 and someone will pick it up.

J. E. Bayless Celebrates 90th Birthday Recently

Although his 90th birthday is February 6, Mr. J. E. Bayless, better known as "Uncle Edmond," was honored Sunday Feb. 4, with open house from 2 to 4 p.m. at his home 1261 West 7th St. In Anson by his wife and children.

Uncle Edmond is in comparatively good health, and until he broke his hip about five years ago, he walked to town everyday where he enjoyed playing dominoes with his friends and colleagues.

He always enjoyed attending church until his hearing became impaired.

He is a brother of the late Mrs. W. A. McCandless of Merkel.

His longevity is partly due to his wife's good cooking and tender care he says.

The lace covered table was centered with a bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums and the cake was decorated in lemon yellow and green which was served with mints, nuts and coffee to approximately 75 to 100 friends and relatives.

Uncle Edmond received telephone congratulations from his granddaughter, great granddaughter in Louisiana and a niece in Austin who were unable to attend.

Whether it be due to the usually nice shunshiney weather in Jones County, or due to the nice quiet, peaceable town in which he has lived the greater part of his 90 years, Mr. Bayless says there is no place like Anson.

Born February 6, 1883 near Bonham, Texas where he lived until the age of 25, at which time he moved with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Harris Bayless to the Noodle Dome Community in Jones County. They farmed until his father retired and moved to Merkel in 1906.

In 1908 he met and fell in love with Miss Janice Belle Ford, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ford, pioneers of Merkel, Texas. They were married in 1910 in Fort Worth, Texas.

They resided on a farm west of Anson until 1960 at which time Mr. Bayless retired

Pilcher-Carey Vows Read

Darlene Pilcher and Wayne Carey were married January 30, in the First United Methodist Church in Merkel with Rev. N. S. Daniels officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Taylor, of Abilene and Melvin Pilcher of Baird.

The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Frances Carey, of Merkel and the late Elbert Carey.

The bride is a graduate of Abilene High School and is attending Garlands Beauty College.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Merkel High School and is employed by Texaco Company.



J. E. BAYLESS
... 90 years old

and they moved in to town. The Baylesses have two sons, R. V. and Lee, both of Anson. One granddaughter, Mrs. James (Mary Jo) Harris, and one great-granddaughter, Sherri Harris of Lake Charles, La.

Attending the event were friends and relatives from Grand Prairie, Fort Worth, Abilene, Merkel, Anson and surrounding towns.

Although he requested no gifts, he received quite a number and enjoyed opening them and thanking everyone for such a memorable day.

BADGER TRACKS

By STEVE WALKER

Next Wednesday is Valentine Day and the students at MHS are going to celebrate. There be a Valentine Post Office set up in the hall for the rest of the week and next week until Valentine Day. At that time, the Student Council will distribute all of the sentiments, singing telegrams, and candy TO ALL STUDENTS: Don't be surprised to find a group of kids come to your room and sing a song to you.

Basketball season is all over

with now. The A girls played Jim Ned in a hard fought loss Friday night. The B girls looked great in a 42-27 win over Clyde. Now they are going to start on some hard work outs in preparing for volleyball and track.

The A and B boys ran up a great season this year. The A boys came out second in the district. We are going to have another great team next year with a lot of B team members coming up.

See ya next week!



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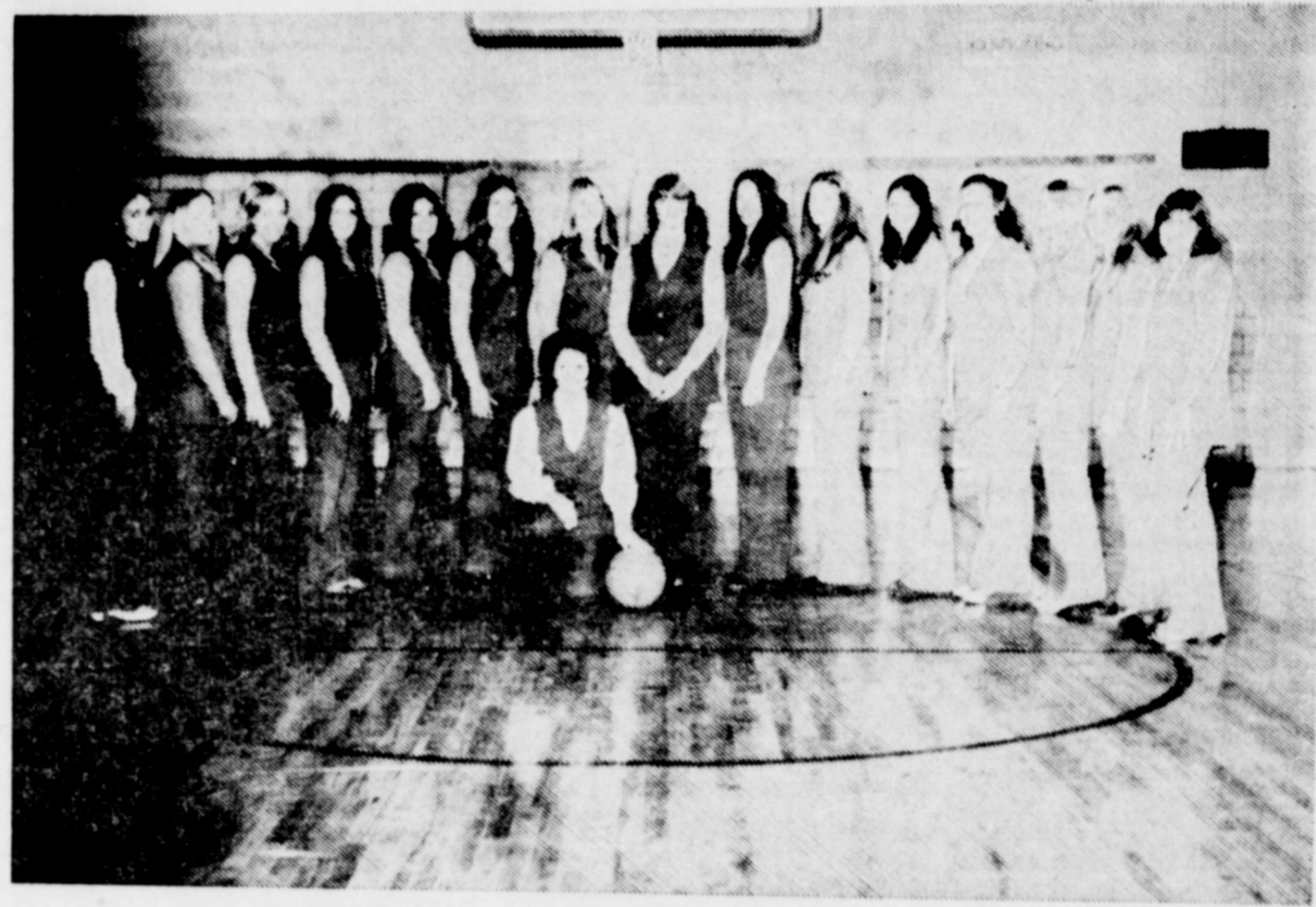
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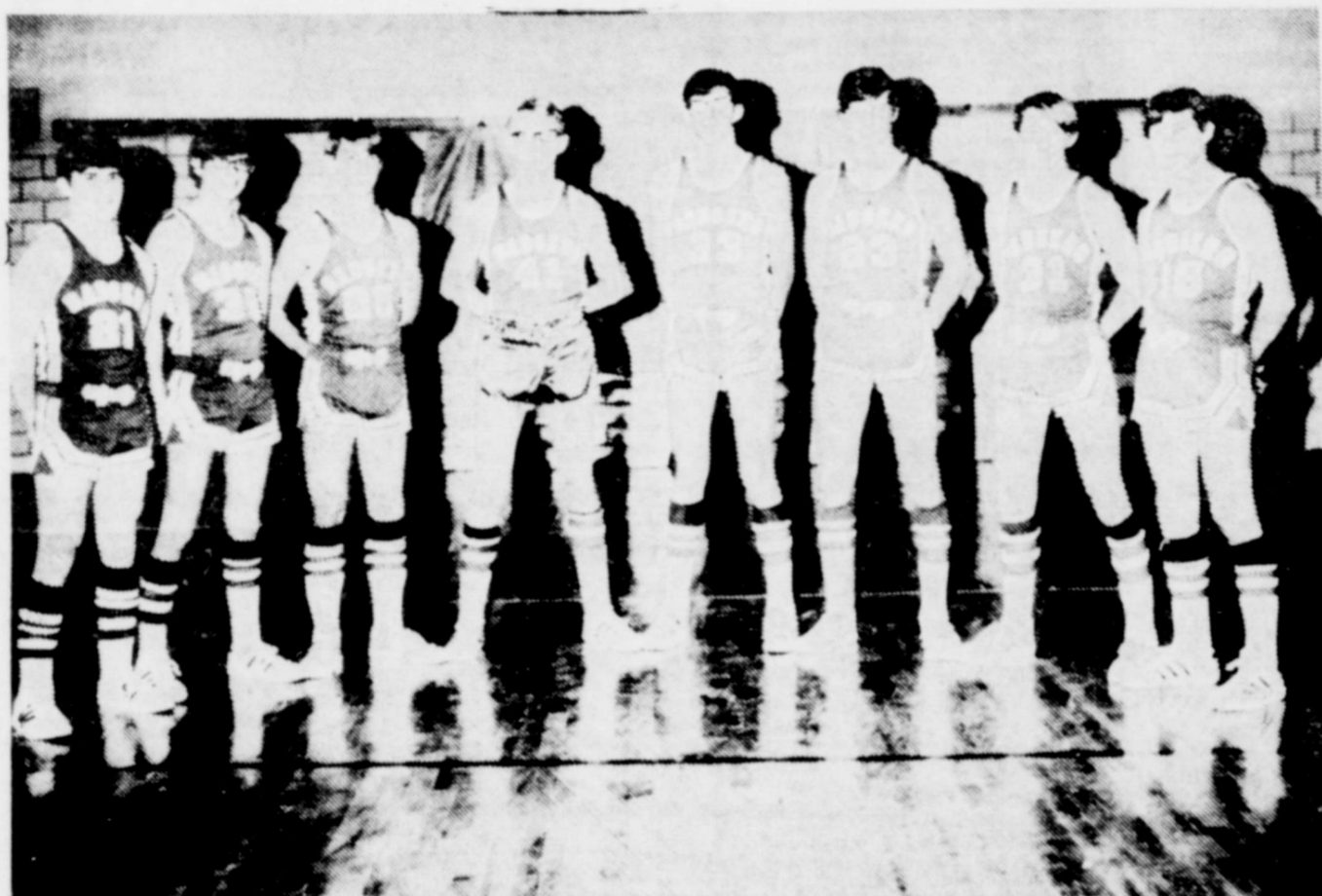
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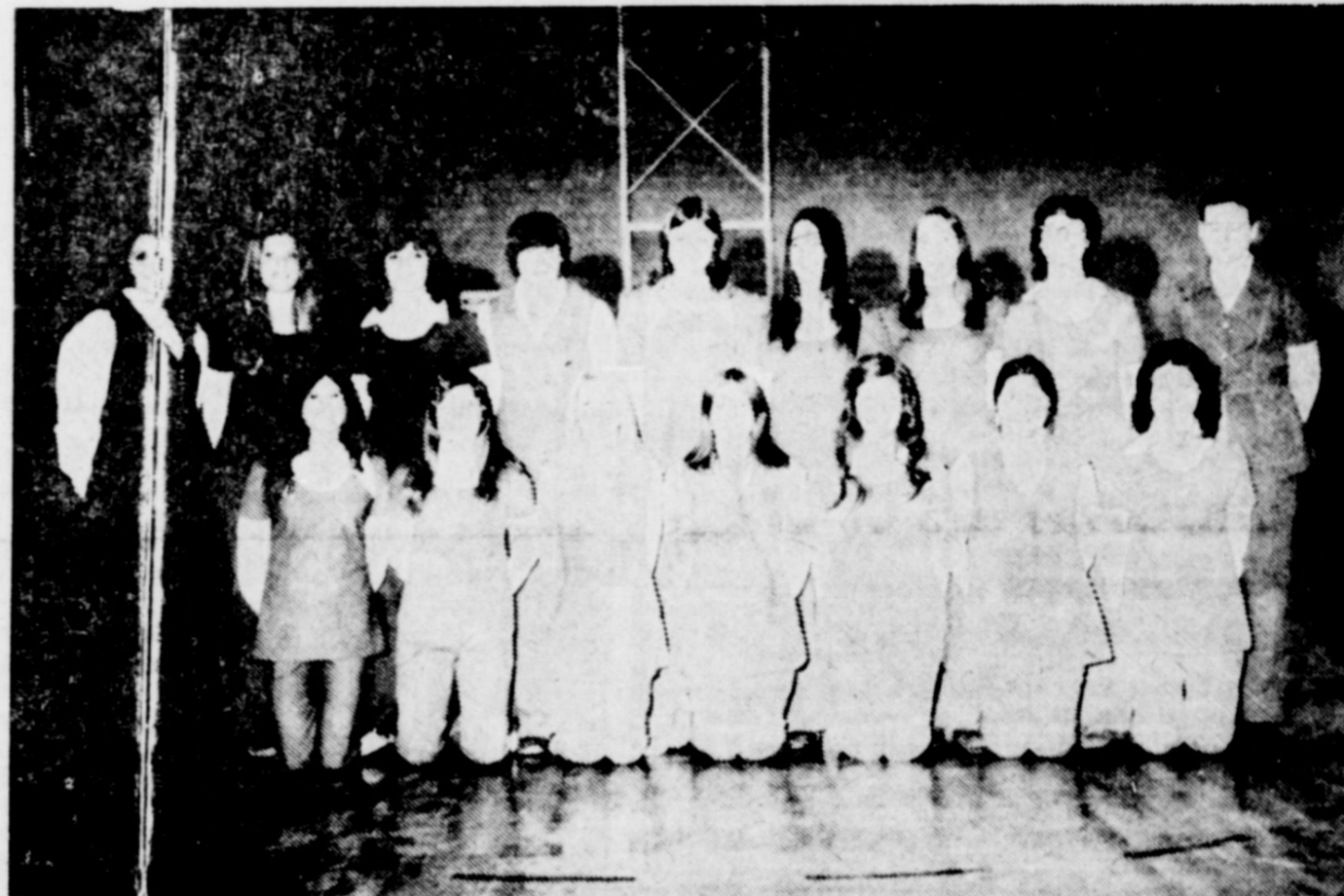
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Accent on Health

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

It apparently first began in Rumania in mid-September of 1971 and was soon epidemic in other parts of Eastern Europe, but was first clearly identified as a separate strain of the influenza A virus at the World Influenza Center in London in February, 1972. That is now this new strain of flu virus came to be known as the England, or London, flu.

Since that time, the London flu has spread to far stretches of the world, including the United States and Texas. Although the clinical disease was relatively mild in most countries of occurrence, widespread outbreaks struck Russia, Germany, Australia, Korea, Malaysia, and Singapore.

Localized epidemics have struck almost all sections of the United States. In reports to Texas health officials the National Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia, indicates that pneumonia and influenza mortality (deaths) reported from 22 U.S. cities is above the epidemic threshold for the third consecutive week. However, the regional area encompassing Texas has shown a decreasing incidence of mortality in this section of the country. Surveillance data suggests that influenza occurrence is decreasing in the Northeastern states but continuing in the Midwest and Far West, and is considerably higher in the Pacific and Middle Atlantic states.

At the end of January, 1973, a provisional total of some 12,663 cases of influenza and influenza-like infections had been reported to the State Health Department. This is less than half the number of cases reported at this same time in 1972 during the Hong Kong flu epidemic outbreak in Texas. Because of

the difficulty in making exact determinations of the different flu strains, health authorities do not know exactly how many of these cases were London flu.

However, confirmed cases of influenza A strain, thought to be the London virus, have been found in areas scattered all across the State of Texas. Confirmed cases have been reported from Littlefield, Childress, El Paso, Fort Worth, Galveston, Linden, Tyler, Austin, and San Marcos.

Since the statewide surveillance of influenza cases began in 1968, a systematic surveillance of absenteeism reported from industry and the public schools in major population areas has been one of the key indicators of the prevalence of influenza cases in any given area. At the present time, the statewide surveillance on absenteeism indicates no unusual activity. Each week, state health officials check the 12 most populous areas on a routine basis for absenteeism in selected industries, schools, and for cases reported through emergency rooms at certain hospitals.

Above normal absenteeism was reported in schools and industry in Amarillo, Brownsville, and Dallas during the second week of January, but since that time absenteeism has fallen off and is reported as normal across the entire state.

"The severity of influenza in Texas at this time does not appear to be a great problem," said Dr. M.S. Dickerson of the State Health Department. "It is largely determined by the level of a person's immunity. The majority of our population already has some immunity from prior exposure to related influenza viruses."

There has been a steady but not dramatic increase in flu during the first four weeks of January, 1973, with 4,105 reported cases the first week, 6,576 the second week, 8,110 cases the third week, and 12,663 reported cases the fourth week.

During the past two years, the State Health Department has been working to implement a fairly effective reporting system from across the state, and as a result we now know better than we ever have before in what areas and in what amount flu-like illnesses are occurring in the state," said Dr. Dickerson.

"When the State Health Department knows through its absenteeism indicators and its statewide reporting system that flu is occurring in larger than expected numbers in a given community, then we work with local health officers in the affected area to distribute kits to proper authorities to get specimens from as many locations across the state as we can, rather than receive a lot of specimens from one given area," said Dr. Dickerson. "This allows us to help control the outbreak more effectively."

Influenza derives its importance from the rapidity with which epidemics evolve, the height of the attack rates, and the seriousness of complications — notably bacterial pneumonia. Incubation period is short, usually 24 to 72 hours. The period of communicability is probably limited to three days from the clinical onset of the disease. Influenza is generally a self-limited disease, with recovery in two to seven days.

The symptoms of flu include fever, chills, headache, sore throat, and generalized aching. Patients are urged to get plenty of bed rest, drink plenty of fluids, do not come in contact with other persons, and see their physician for treatment.

Ladies Aux. Has Meeting

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Merkel Fire Dept. had its monthly meeting Thursday, Feb. 1 at the Fire Station. Minutes of the Jan. meeting were read and approved. The January ice storm was discussed and everyone's participation in the running of the gym for stranded motorists. The department expressed gratitude to all local citizens who helped.

Plans were made for the Firman's Banquet Feb. 20.

A committee was appointed to see about buying racing patches for the convention. The election of officers was held over to the next meeting. This meeting was set for Monday, March 5.

Members present were Mmes. Jerry Horton, David Seymore, Billy Lucas, Robert Harris and Roy Schultz.

Fred Stella Wins Cruises

Fred Stella, president of Mazda of Abilene, is one of 10 winners of a four-day Caribbean cruise to Nassau in the Bahamas given by Mazda Motors of Texas (MMT).

Dealers from Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana met in Houston January 25 to begin the trip.



Sixty-two soldiers in Seoul, Korea, never worry about having a razor-sharp crease in their trousers. They're among the few G. I.'s in the Army to have a full-time tailor take care of their uniforms.

The enlisted men are members of the American platoon of the 188-man United Nations Honor Guard Command at the United Nations Command in Seoul. They all have to be at least six feet tall—and their weight must be in proportion to their height.

Because of the stiff requirements, both physical and mental, the Honor Guard Command has trouble finding the men it needs. It's always on the lookout for candidates who can meet its standards.

Six hundred-and-twenty-eight high schools across the country are taking part in the Junior Army ROTC program this year. For the first time, the high school units have officially accepted coeds in the program. They are authorized to participate in all the activities the males do. Increasing interest in the leadership instruction by educators and community leaders has prompted Army ROTC officials to consider ways of expanding the program to additional high schools.

Wet Fields Continue To Curtail Cotton Harvest

The U.S.D.A. Cotton Classing Office at Abilene classed only 990 cotton samples during the week ending February 2. The cotton harvest was curtailed for the fourth consecutive week due to wet fields. More samples were classed during the first week of January than have been classed since. A season total of 360,000 samples have been classed. B. B. Manly, Jr., in charge of the Classing Office, expects an additional 100,000 samples this season. Only 190,000 samples had been classed by this date last season.

The samples classed this past week were 28 per cent white, 60 per cent light spotted, and 12 per cent spotted. Forty per cent was reduced in grade because of the bark. Grade 42 was the predominant grade at 31 per cent; 19 per cent grade 52, 16 per cent graded 41, and 10 per cent graded 32.

Micronaire readings were 46 per cent low, 1 per cent high, and 53 per cent in the premium range. Staple lengths were mostly 31-32 inch, with 57 per cent this length. Twenty-six per cent

was staple 32. Pressley fiber strength averaged 75,000 pounds per square inch, with 88 per cent in the 70-79,000 psi range.

The Agricultural Marketing Service reports that prices were steady, at 150 to 1090 points above loan prices. Premium micronaire 4231's brought from 26.20 to 27.10 cents per pound; and 5231's ranged from 22.45 to 25.85 cents per pound.

Taylor Co. Get New FM

AUSTIN — The Texas Highway Commission today approved the designation of a farm to market spur in Taylor County.

The road extends from U.S. Highway 83 and 84, south of Kirby Lake, eastward to Farm to Market Road 707, a distance of about 0.5 mile.

The action is subject to the condition that the county furnish all right of way clear of obstructions to the State.

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Quarterly Report of Taylor County Treasurer

On January 23, 1973, The Commissioners Court met in regular session, compared and examined the report of Mrs. Hayden Thomas, County Treasurer, for the quarter ending December 31, 1973, and found it to be correct and for the amounts received and paid out to be correct since the preceding report.

FUNDS	Balance Lst. Qtr.	Received This Qtr.	This Qtr. Paid Out	This Qtr. Balance
Jury	\$ 10,582.58	\$ 5,140.77	\$ 12,778.61	\$ 2,944.74
Precinct 1	36,839.60	6,733.78	18,111.13	25,462.25
Precinct 2	60,963.65	7,066.60	19,070.98	48,959.27
Precinct 3	49,019.08	6,074.10	23,752.37	31,340.81
Precinct 4	71,560.82	5,931.12	36,923.53	40,568.41
General Fund	226,225.06	134,352.77	273,394.44	87,183.39
Pauper Fund	9,621.81	60,351.99	55,999.94	13,973.86
Road Fund Series '47	230.00	.00	.00	230.00
Road Fund Ser '53	5.20	.00	.00	5.20
Road Dist. 1. Skg. '53	5,401.28	127.17	.00	5,528.45
Officers Salary Fund	24,377.11	177,859.91	185,260.31	15,976.71
Lateral Road Fund	1,435.42	31,614.46	7,903.61	25,056.27
Road & Bridge R.O.W.	8,311.83	.00	866.43	7,445.40
Perm. School Fund	2,494.77	74.50	74.50	2,494.77
Payroll Account	1,050.00	240,102.45	240,102.45	1,050.00
Perm. Imp. Skg. Ser '54	2,467.16	6,015.77	.00	8,482.93
Law Library Fund	2,337.92	3,134.00	2,578.98	2,892.94
Perm. Improvement Fund	6,932.85	.00	.00	6,932.85
Road Bond Ser '55	686.40	.00	.00	686.40
F.I.C.A. Tax Fund	37,373.04	34,184.41	23,200.61	48,356.84
Ref'd. Bond Skg. Ser '57	1,383.29	.00	.00	1,383.29
Special R.&B. Fund	500.00	.00	.00	500.00
State Commodity Food Plan	1,251.28	4,546.28	4,515.94	1,281.62
State Criminal Justice Plan	2,641.63	4,640.42	3,724.00	3,558.05
Coliseum Skg. Ser '67	3,416.21	7,444.44	.00	10,860.65
Courthouse & Jail Skg. series 1967	867.85	21,539.31	.00	22,407.16
Special Tax Fund	.00	653,130.00	.00	653,130.00
Revenue Sharing Plan Fund	.00	127,463.00	.00	127,463.00
	\$ 567,885.84	\$1,537,527.25	\$909,257.83	\$1,196,155.26

BANK BALANCES

Citizens National Bank	\$ 68,163.75
Bank of Commerce	387,945.54
Abilene National Bank	100,800.00
First State Bank in Tuscola	72,595.62
First State Bank, Abilene	320,930.73
First National Bank	245,719.62
Total Bank Deposits	\$1,196,155.26
Total Time Deposits	877,893.00
Total Checking Account	\$ 318,262.26

Securities Owned By Taylor County and by Permanent School Fund

Buffalo Gap School Bonds owned by the School Fund	\$ 6,700.00
Everman Independent School Bonds	8,000.00
State of Texas Veteran Land Bonds (face value \$2,000,00)	1,636.30
	\$16,336.30

TAYLOR COUNTY BOND INDEBTEDNESS

Issues	Original Issues	Bonds Outstanding	Bonds Outstanding
Bond Issue 1954	850,000.00	\$ 740,000.00	\$ 110,000.00
Courthouse & Jail Bond 1967	3,000,000.00	345,000.00	2,635,000.00
Coliseum Bd. Series 67	1,750,000.00	.00	1,750,000.00
	\$5,600,000.00	\$1,105,000.00	\$4,495,000.00

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

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Commissioner Precinct 1

FELTON SAVERANCE
Commissioner Precinct 3

ROY SKAGGS
Taylor County Judge

JOE McDUFF
Commissioner Precinct 2

J. T. McMILLON
Commissioner Precinct 4

MRS. CHESTER HUTCHISON
Taylor County Clerk

(Seal) Commissioners Court, Taylor County, Texas

Livestock Clinic Set

AUSTIN tex. — The 5th Annual Southwestern Animal Health Conference for Livestockmen will be held March 17-18 at Waco, Tex.

The conference is a public service presentation of the Texas Veterinary Medical Association and the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University. It will feature leading educators, doctors of veterinary medicine and others associated with the science of animal health conducting seminars on the equine, bovine, swine, feedlot management and dairy problems.

Attendance fees are minimal. Preregistration is \$15, and it will be \$20 at the door. Preregistration may be made, and information obtained by writing to the Southwestern Animal Health Conference, 513 Scarborough Building, Austin, Tex., 78701. The registration fee permits a person to attend any or all of the seminars.

Sun Valley? No, Mt. Rubble, Berlin



How does a great city of 2.1 million like West Berlin get to have excellent skiing facilities right in an exclusive residential district like Grunewald? Well, one way is for the City Council to collect and pile up some 26 million cubic yards of rubble till it rises to 377 feet and covers 270 acres. Next, one plants 74 of these acres with grass and flowers and trees for summertime enjoyment. Then, when winter brings snow, this build-it-yourself mini-Everest turns into toboggan runs, and fine skiing slopes complete with tow-lifts and even snow guns for machine-made powder. Nickname your man-made mound *Teufelsberg* (Devil's Mountain), and there you are.

In case you're wondering, the rubble (65 million cubic yards of it in West Berlin alone) resulted from the almost complete destruction of the city in World War II. But since then, having cleared the debris, Berlin has built 400,000 new apartment units, 147 schools, 247 day-care centers; increased hospital beds by 16,000 and senior-citizen accommodations by 14,000; built a combined total of 74 theatres, museums, concert halls and public libraries; and invested more than \$1.43 billion in new facilities for industrial and commercial use.

Actually, Berlin has four more of the recycled 'rubble mounds,' great favorites of residents and visitors alike. All are located within municipal boundaries, and vary in height from 228 to 280 feet. And each is a turf-covered recreational area, with open-air theatre, or swimming pool for 6,000, or even spectacular gardens where 75,000 rose bushes bloom.

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II (continued) The church of the New Testament

1. It's work

1. Preach the Word of God
I Thess. 1:8; 2 Timothy 4:2-4; Matt. 28:20
2. Edify (build up) itself Ephesians 4:11-16 and Romans 14:19
3. Matthew 25:31-46

J. It's organization

1. Philippians 1:1
2. Qualifications for bishops (elders) and deacons found in I Timothy 3:1-13 and Titus 1:5-11. *In the New Testament every local church was independent and self-governed under Christ's authority as head. There were no church organization outside the local church over any other church.

K. It's unity

1. Jesus prayed for it — John 17:20, 21
2. Apostles pled for it — I Corinthians 1:10
3. It's basic plan is set forth in Ephesians 4:1-6.

L. It's destiny is Heaven

Romans 2:7-11; Revelation 2:7, 10, 17; 3:5; and Revelation chapters 19, 20, 21, 22 and many other passages.

(to be continued)

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