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### VOLUME NO. 85 NO. 1

## L. B. Howard Former Resident Tells **About Early Cotton**

Dear Sirs,

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In November of last year, my wife and I visited my two sisters in O'Donnell, Lynn Co. The dividing line of Lynn and Dawson counties runs through the south part noticed in the Abilene Reporter-News recently, Dawson County had ginned some 285,000 bales of cotton this year (1973). They expected to get 300,000 before the gins shut down. Lynn County, I. am positive, will not be far behind, as both counties looked like a solid bank of snow. Most of Lynn County is dry land farming, and was making a bale per acre or better. That 'ain't hay' at 50 to 60¢ per lb. One gin in O'Donnell had 1,000 bales waiting to be ginned the day I was there. There were two other big gins in town.

This cotton business reminded me of my boyhood spent in Merkel, and the many facets connected with the raising and marketing of the fleecy staple.

My parents sold their strawberry and wheat farm in 1901 in the mountains of East Tennessee; came to Abilene, then on over to Merkel, and bought the short section (590 Acres) just east of Rose Hill Cemetery. Everyone said they paid too much for the old place; \$8.00 per Acre with all minerals intact. My father, not knowing anything about cotton, rented the place out, and helped J. T. Warren and Tom Johnson open the F&M Bank. After land went 'real high,' \$25.00 Per A.

he sold out, bought the old Browning home place, where the Merkel School cafeteria is now located. This was our home for many years.

But back to cotton. We boys who lived in town had very little to do except play baseball and tennis. There were three to six weeks in June and early July that we would 'hit' the cotton and maize fields. The pay was always the same, \$1.00 per day with room and board. A day meant from sun to sun, which figured out about 14 to 15 hour, with a very 'short' hour out for dinner (no lunch) in those days. We did not need sleeping pills when we hit the "sack" around 9:00 each night. No radio, no T.V., no picture shows, but some of the good farmers had 'family alter' each night, but we boys were too tired to stay awake, if the prayers were very long. There were no government

programs on cotton (or anything else) in those days. No co-ops, no classifying offices, no allotments, 'no nothing'. Farmers brought their cotton to the six or seven gins in Merkel in wagons (there were no pick-ups). After get-ting 'ginned off,' they would drive up on the main drag from the R.R. to the Anchor Mercantile Co. to get the highest bid for their cotton. Here's where the fun really started. Ten or fifteen hungry cotton buyers, with sharp pocket knives, would try to be the first to sample each bale. SEE HOWARD Pg. Two



GARDEN CLUB SPEAKER -- Mrs. Charles Griggs, left, of Sweetwater, with Mrs. Johnny Cox discussing a flower arrangement before Mrs. Griggs talk to the club. The flower exhibit is based on Johanthan Livingston's poem "Seagulls." Mrs. Cox is president of the Merkel Garden Club. (Staff photo by Kaye Lanham)

## Mrs. Griggs, National Flower Judge, Merkel Garden Club Speaker

art that requires knowledge about being an artist with word "artist," Mrs. Griggs of art principle and tech- plant material--we can earn told the 34 members and nique of design," said Mrs. this title." guests present.

Charles Griggs, National

"Flower arranging is an "There is nothing awesome sexes. Be not afraid of the

his title." guests present. "Flower arranging is a "To be one, it helps--of Flower Judge from Sweet- stimulating, happy--and to course--to have an eye for color and design but the ma-

# **Don Hart Re-Elected CofC Prexy: Banquet Finalized**

DON HART

the ticket sale. It was point-

ed out that a good e timate

as to the number of persons

to attend the banquet was

important for the committee

to be able to give the cater-

ing firm direction on how

many persons to plan for.

... president

Don Hart was re-elected president of the Chamber of Commerce at a meeting of the board of directors of the Chamber Monday night. This will be the second year that Hart has headed the Chamber. Betty Jane Tittle was elected vice president of the organization. Miss Tittle is the out going secretary-treasurer. Joe Lassiter is the outgoing vice pre ident.

Elected to serve as secretary - treasurer for the coming year was Travis Davis, principal of Merkel High School.

The results of the recent election for directors was also announced by Benny Melton, Chamber Manager. New directors elected were Travis Davis, Blanche Hewitt (Mrs. Hewitt was an associate director), and George Starbuck.

Retiring directors this year are Mrs. Ray Wilson, Bill Button and E. A. Conley. Plans were finalized for the Chamber of Commerce Ban-

quet to be held at the school cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. March 12., Mrs. Ray Wilson, Banquet Committee Chairman, told the board that Bartons Cafeteria from Abilene will cater the annual event. Price of the tickets has been set at \$3.00 each. She also told the group that Larry White of Merkel will be the Master of Ceremonies for the banquet. Chamber Manager Benny

Melton told the board that Larry Gill, Associate Minister of the Merkel Church of

Christ will give the Invocation. The Rev. Russell Mc -



TRAVIS DAVIS ... secretary-treasurer

present whichincluded Herman Carson, Mack Fisher, Travis Davis, Benny Melton, Mrs. Ray Wilson, Betty Jane Tittle, Blanche Hewitt, Duane Shugart, Don Hart, Joe Lassiter, Bobby DuBose, Truitt Thompson, George Starbuck, There were 14 members and Steve Lanham.

## **Stephan, Tucker File For School Board**

Robert Stephan became the Districts. Two members will 16th person to file for the be elected from both Tye Merkel School Board, Stephan and Merkel. The remaining filed this week. He is pres- three members of the seven ently a member of the Board. member board will be chosen Lee Tucker filed Tuesday at large. morning, making 17 persons The two persons getting the to file for the seven vacanmost votes from Tye will be elected and the same for The voters will fill the Merkel. The three at -large entire board this year due members will be persons reto the recent consolidation ceiving the next highest numof the Tye and Merkel School ber of votes.

## McMurry Chanters To Give Concert at Butman Camp

The Chanters Choir from McMurry College will present a concert on Saturday, contemporary composi-March 2, at 7:30 p.m., at Butman Methodist Camp. The concert will be a preview of their annual spring tour. The choir will be at the camp March 1 and 2 for a retreat before beginning the tour.

The concert is free to the public. Refreshments will be served after the performance.

The Chanters, under the direction of Dr. David S. Blackburn, is one of the five musical ensembles at Mc-Murry. It is a highly trained. motiviated group of outstanding musicians with a reputation of excellence. They perform demanding traditional choral literature as well as premiering new contemporary sacred works.

## **Church of Christ Presents** Series On The Home

Glenn Owen, one of the ministers of the Church of Christ in Merkel announced a special series of studies to be presented on the home. The series of sixle sons will be presented on six consecutive Sunday nights beginning March 3rd.

The lesson topics will deal with the concept of the home in the light of the Bible, the relationship of the man in the home, the place and relationship of the woman in the home and the gift of children.

The lessons are entitled: March 3rd-One Plus One Is One

March 10th-A House is Not Home

March 17th-There's AMan

in the House March 24th-The Queen and

Her Castle March 31st- The White

Page April 3rd-What Now My

Love? Printed study material will

be distributed and cassette recordings of the messages will be made available.

The lessons will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. and the public is cordially invited to

Among their selections for their spring tour will be a tion written by Dr. Macon Sumerlin of the McMurry faculty. It is entitled "The Raising of Lazarus" and is accompanied by the electronic synthesizer. Other selections are works by Johann Sebastian Bach, Johannes Brahms, Giovann: Pierluigi da Pale trina, Marc Ingeg-

All-District neri, Dale Wood, Jean Ber-**Teams Include** ger, Walter Ehret, Alice Parker, Lloyd Pfautsch, Hall Johnson, Paul Christiansen, Merkelites and Jester Hairston.

The retreat at Camp Butman is an annual chance for the Chanters to become clothe following teams in Disser together in preparation trict 8-A All-District: for their spring tour. "They work very hard at the retreat to get to know each other better and to work together gan, Darel Bunch, and Jeff better," Dr. Blackburn says.

'It is a tremendous chance for fellowship and spiritual growth. We are very happy Sims and David Copeland, to have a chance to share this with people at the concert Saturday night." There will be no admis-

enhunt, senior. sion charge to the concert; however, a free-will "loveward, Netta Stephan, and offering" will be taken to help with the costs of the Guard, Jody Barnes. retreat, Refreshments will be served after the performance.

## Dinner, Pie Sale Planned Trades Day

Merkel will have Trades Day Saturday, March 2. The Ladies Auxiliary to

the Fire Department are holding a Spaghetti Dinner at the Masonic Lodge from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The menu will include Spaghetti, Meat Sauce, Salad, Garlic Bread, Tea or Coffee. The cost is \$1.50 for Adults and 75¢ for Children.

The Band Boosters will have a stand selling Fritoe Pies, which will be set up in front of the West Texas Utilities Building. The Senior Citizens will

have a Garage Sale in the Senior Citizens Building. Anyone wishing to rent a table may do so.

some -- a spiritual experiwater, who was guest speaker of the Merkel Garden Club ence. It has been embraced by people of all nationali-Mrs. Griggs stated, ties, ideologies, ages and

First United Methodist To Hold Revival March 3-6

The First United Methodist Dr. Clifford Trotter, Dis-Church will hold a Revival trict Superintendent of the March 3rd through 6th. Lubbock District will be guest

BOYS

Second team: Robert Mor-

Honorable mention: Jackie

GIRLS

Cox.

Thursday.

speaker. Dr. Trotter has been pastor at Hawley, Trent and Fair Park Methodist Churches in this area.

Bob Wert of Amarillo, Texas will be song leader. He is an accomplished singer, and has been in a number of Revivals with Dr. Trot-The following basketball ter. players from Merkel made

The Revival will start this Sunday morning and continue through the Wednesday evening service. The Sunday services will be at 11:00 morning worship hour--the 7:00 evening service, and the week day services will be at 8:00 in the evening and 10:00 for the morning services. The public is invited to

all service of Gospel preaching and singing. Second team: Cindy Whis-

The Merkel Volunteer Fire Honorable mention: For-Dept. will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the fire station.



ELECTED MR, AND MISS Merkel Junior High School recently were Pam Morgan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Morgan of Tye, and Grant Murrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Murrell. (Staff Photos by Connie Harris)

jor factor is instinct. Success stems often from a personality that is not satisfied with mediocracy and

> is willing to work hard for distinction." Mrs. Griggs also told the group the impact of an arrangement depends equally on the emotions felt by the arranger and the sensibility of the viewer. Interpretive arrangements can be very special kind of still life-the humor and tragedy -- the

beauty and ugliness--in other words: story telling. Be an adventurer -- develop your own style -- call up the images of your mind, she ex-

plained. Nineteen flower exhibits were shown and explained to the club by Mrs. Griggs, one of which was called "West Texas" which won her 1st place in San Antonio out of 9 districts competing.

She has served two terms as State Conservation Chairman, has written a series of articles on conservation in Lone Star Gardener, is past president of Texas Judges Council, past district director, won 1st Texas State award for T.V. program on

Flower Arranging over KPAR in Abilene, and is on official state speakers list. Mrs. Johnny Cox, presi-

dent, welcomed the members and guests. The guest speaker was in-

troduced by Mrs. W. T. Sadler. Program chairman is Miss

Christine Collins.

Frank Breaux, Peck Eager, Ensminger, Floy Hicks;

Mary Russom, Ora Griggs, Rose Guitar, Mary Click, and guest speaker, Mrs. Charle Griggs.

SHOP IN MERKEL SATURDAY --- TRADES DAY

Anally, pastor of the First Methodist Church, will give benediction, Melton said.

At the suggestion of Joe Lassiter, the Board issued cies. a special invitation to all ex-Merkel residents to attend the banquet.

New officers for the coming year will officially take office at the banquet.

The Board ask all members of the chamber to get behind

School Board Meeting Set For March

The regular school board meeting will be held Monday evening, March 4, at 7:30 p.m. The me eting will be held at the High School building. The agenda includes: Minutes of previous meeting Current vouchers Financial reports Membership reports Amend calendar for 1973-74

Adopt calendar for 1974-75 Multi-occupation report Textbook Committee report Amend Special Education Budget

10. Sign Final Application for Foundation Funds 11. Set rate for election ex-

penses 12. Discuss athletic programs 13. Election and/or resignation of personnel

**Noel Walters** Services Held

Noel Walters, 59, of Trent, died Thursday at 3 p.m. in Trent. Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Trnt Baptist Church.

The Rev. Price Mathieson, pastor, will efficiate, with burial in Trent Cemetery under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 11, 1914, he had been a resident in Trent for the past 15 years.

Survivors are two sons, Alvin of Kansas City, Mo., and Gary of Lubbock; three daughters, Mrs. Hollis Wal-ters of Bryan, Mrs. Sherri Wagoner of Fort Worth and Penny Campbell of Hobbs, N.M.; two brothers, A.D. of Hobbs, N.M. and Merkel of Pittsburgh, Pa.; one sister, Mozelle McBrady of Jacksonville, Fla.; and two grandchildren.

## **Coyote Control Course** Set for March 5th

A training school for the tain the M-44 gun or sorecently EPA approved ex- dium cyanide," he said. perimental program for the control of the coyote will be held in Abilene March 5. County Agent for Taylor the meeting Stanley said. County, H. C. Stanley announced that the meeting will gram is to determine the sabe held on the third floor fest, least expensive, and Courthouse at 3 p.m.

Dr. Milo Shult, Specialist harm to other wildlife and the with the Texas Agriculture environment. The experiment Extension Service at A&M will run from February 1974 will be the instructor for the to June 1, 1975. course.

"Anyone with a Coyote problem should make plans to Agency for use in the experattend the meeting as this iment is the M-44 sodium is a requirement for par- cyanide spring loaded ejecticipation in the experiment," tor. Sodium cyanide is a non-Stanley said. "If a person persistent chemical which does not attend the meeting, will not harm animals which

There will also be a repre entative from the Texas Department of Agriculture at

The major aim of the prothe old Taylor County most effective means of controlling predators without

The device approved by the Environmental Protection they will not be able to ob- may feed on the carcass.



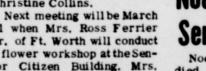
VALENTINE KING & QUEEN for Merkel Junior High are Lisa Shugart and Scott Cain. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Duane Shugart and Mr. and Mrs. John Cain.

21 when Mrs. Ross Ferrier Jr. of Ft. Worth will conduct a flower workshop at the Senior Citizen Building. Mrs. Albert Criswell and Mrs. Tom Allday will be hostess. The 34 members and guests

present were: Mmes. George Starbuck, Mack Fisher, Russell McAnally, Johnny Cox, Dee Grimes, W.T. Sadler, W.D. Gamble, John Shannon, Tom Fox, Charlie Sherrill, Raymond Ferguson, Aaron Sudderth, Odis Griffin, Tom Allday, Albert Criswell,

H.N. Odum, Jarrett Williams, Herbert Patterson, Wade Also, Verdie Patterson,

Christine Collins, Oda Clark, Faye Brown, Modell Eoff, Alice King, Kaye Lanham,



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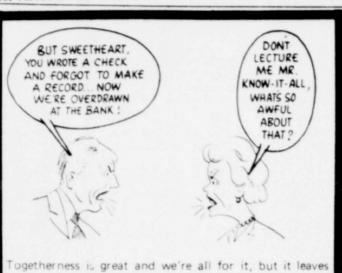
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### MERKEL DAY ontinued From Pg. 1 is the second largest pro-

The sample was then passed to each buyer, who either raised or passed. When the bunch of buyers got through bidding the farmer was fairly sure he was getting all his cotton was worth on that particular time of day. In fact, if the market broke a little before closing for the day, many times the buyer would have a loss for his hard day's work. That did not deter a real cotton man; he would be back early the next day to try and recover his losses.

I will probably leave out some buyers, but the most active as I recall from mem-ory include R. L. (Fate) Bland, A. C. (Arthur) Rose, George F. West, Grover Hale, McDonald, Fine Emory Hogan, Rufe Tittle, G. M. Mace) Sharp, Mr. Jones (Chock's daddy), Tom Bragg, G. E. Comeys, H. L. Probst, and possibly others.

These men, all now deceased, bought on their own. Some had their own money, some bought on 'margin,' \$5.00 or \$10.00 per bale. If the market broke, with 500 or more bale on hand, it was really rough. Most of this cotton was sold to cotton brokers in Abilene or Dallas. George Finberg (sic) of Abilene bought much of the Merkel raised cotton. Cotton was 200 Grade 'A' dairies. Erath



such to be desired in a joint checking account.

Quarrels, arguments . . . misunderstanding can be avoidd with separate checking and we offer a variety of ccounts that cost little, if anything. Talk to us. "The Old Reliable"

FARMERS & MERCHANTS

### the ground in public cotton yards. The cotton have a young friend out near weigher was elected, along with other public officials, big Holsteins. That's a lot each two years. It was a highly sought job, as I am sure of milk, and a lot of money at \$7.00 per CW. This man must have paid at least \$150.00 per month.

romance of the thing was lost

transport truck, his own hay After Mr. Finberg, or other hauling trucks, and milks brokers, had bought the cotton, it was hauled to the T& P around the clock. He doesn't run a dairy, he really runs a by Mr. Ferguson, Charlie milk factory. Russell, or others who operated 'dray lines' in those Before closing this ramyears. Quite an industry, this cotton business, but a lot of

when the buyers, the dray men, and the cotton weigher, lost their jobs. I miss the cotton business; until 1938 when I moved to Erath Co., I had been in cotton all my life, living in some of the best cotton areas of Texas. Terry County, Lamar Lamar, Wilbarger, Jones, Mitchell County in addition to good old Taylor County. We have not had a gin in our and let someone else worry county in several years, and with getting rid of those little when C. C. (Cad) Winters, fat varmints. I go back to Merkel and brother of T. Bone of Abilene, died last year, we lost our down I 20 several times each last cotton farer in the year. It always saddens me county. So far as I know, to see how few of my old crowd there will not be a bale of are left. A lot have moved

away through death. Only last this year. We do have milk! around week, one of my old ball playing friends, Stan King, was

cotton raised in the county

brought back home. As far as i know that leaves only Choc Jones, Sam Swann, and myself on the old High School team. Booth Warren played some with us, but he was uaually too busy counting his money. Beulah and I plan to be back for the opening of the new Baptist Sanctuary this spring,

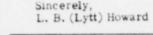
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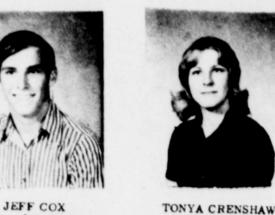
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has his own refrigerated

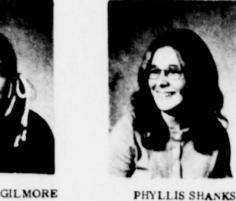
and hope to see all our friends at that time. Not only Baptists, but I trust we have friends in all churches there in our home town.







... 1st place



1st place

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... second place

## **Merkel Students Score** Wins at Stamford second, with one word missed;

At the Stamford Invitational Academic Meet last Saturday, and Beverly Gilmore first in the Novice class (one word Merkel High School brought missed). home honors in Spelling, Ready Writing, and Speech. Among 70 contestants in Spelling, Tonya Crenshaw

Clyburn, Freshman, competed against 53 students from all high school grades and won 4th place. In Speech, Tonja McAminch

ones.

and cafeteria.

rents to visit.

won 2nd in Prose Reading and Jeff Cox (his first time to enter) won first wacein Poetry Interpretation. Competitors in these con-

tests are not grouped by school size; thus Merkel High competes against Odessa, Lubbock, and other large

## Gary Adcock Receives C of C Life Member Committee Award

Gary Adcock, son of Mr. ber of Wynnewcod Lions Club and Mrs. Waymon Adcock, and has twice been named one of the youngest workers Oak Cliff Jaycee of the Month for the Oak Cliff Chamber of by the local Jaycees. Commerce in Dallas, has secured 20 new members during drives for Dallas Baptist Colthe first four months of the lege, Oak Cliff YMCA and new administration. He has American Cancer Society. received the Life Member Committee Award three times for the past four years. Anne live in Oak Cliff.

A native of Merkel, he has been with Lamar and Smith Funeral Directors since 1967. He is also representative of Family Service Life Insurance and Guardian plans.

He also serves the community as a member of the Dallas County Mental Retardation Center District 5 Advisory Board.

The Clifftopper is a mem-

**Mark Dudley** To Be In Children's Play

GEORGETOWN- ANDRO-CLES AND THE LION, by Aurand Harris, an energetic musical for children of all ages, will be presented by the Mask and Wig Players of Southwestern University on March 6 and 7 in the Alma Thomas Theatre with "on-the -road" performances Mar. 8, 9, 12, 13, and 14. This production is cosponsored by the Mask and Wig Players, the theatre department in the School of Fine Arts, and the Georgetown Branch of the American Association of University Women for scholarships in the School of Fine Arts at Southwestern University. Directing this production is Jane Patterson of the theatre department in the School of Fine Arts.

In Ready Writing, Marsha The children's theatre version of the delightful story about a young slave, Androcles, who befriends a lion with a thorn in his paw, is a musical (a play with songs) done in the style of commedia dell' arte with a troup of six players. This type of play originated in Italy as a traveling company of not more than 12 people performing the light comedy. Instead of character masks, a convention of commedia schools, as well as smaller dell' arte, this production will present the players in clown makeup. The cast includes Mark Dudley, from Merkel, as Pantalone. He is a sophomore, majoring in theatre with interests also in dance, music; member of Mask and Wig Players and Southwestern Merkel Schools will Singers; has had roles in observe Public School Week March 4th-8th. Parents are "Brick and the Rose", · 1 invited to visit the schools Never Sang for My Father", "Brown Pelican", "Thirteen Clocks", "MadWoman of Travis Davis, high school Chaillot", "The Sign of Joprincipal, will welcome panah", "Abelard and Heloise"; He is the son of Mr. John Cain, elementary principal, said parents will and Mrs. Don F. Dudley, 1411 Sunset Dr. be welcome to visit and are

## Postal Increase Effective March 2

The postal rates will go up Saturday, March 2. Regular postage will be 10¢, postcards, 8¢, and airmail, 13¢, and stamped envelopes, 12¢. A book of regular stamps (40) will be \$4.00 and a book A graduate of Cisco Junior of 13 air mail will be \$1.30. This is the first increase

College, he and his wife Join 4 years.

### One Plus One is One

Gary has worked in fund

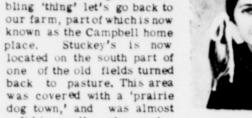
Jesus said, "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife and the two shall become one." (Matt. 19:5 RSV)

It is God's intention that a man and his wife should become "one flesh". It is God's will that one man and one woman become one flesh. This truth was established in the first union between man and woman. Man and woman are incomplete within themselves. Each needs the other. Bowman said, "Together as a lock and key, man and woman form a functioning unit. Together they accomplish something that neither acting alone can accomplish. Nor can it be accomplished by two locks or two keys. Each is distinct; yet neither is complete by itself. Their roles are neither identical nor interchangeable. Neither is superior to the other since both are necessary. Each must be judged in terms of its own function." So it is with man and woman — together they form a functioning unit. Though separate with the possibility of independent existence, they are at the same time mutually dependent as a part of the whole. Benjamin Franklin often said that a single man was like a half of a pair of scissors.

How does a man and woman become one flesh? Is it accomplished simply by the physical union? Is it when offspring come to bless or curse the union? It must be much more than these. It must be much more than physical. It must have a spiritual implication.

Two who are married are mates. Two who are married are, or should be, both lovers and friends. Two who are married are companions. Marriage is the great foe of loneliness. Two who are married are partners. Two who are married and becoming one flesh supply the needs of each other mentally, physically and spiritually. There's more, much more. God has a lot to say about "one flesh".

Would you like for your home to be closer?



BEVERLY GILMORE ... 1st place

solid in small, surface rocks. We threw off most of the rocks, and tried to drown or poison the prairie dogs. I think my daddy felt it was a hopeless case, so he gave up,



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dasonic Lodge. The Masons will hold their meeting at 7:00 p.m. prior to the supper. The ladies are asked to

Sometimes we tend to feel

that "the other guy" should

more careful about

wasting energy.But if

February at 7:30 p.m. at the

bring a dessert. Following the supper, there will be a presentation of

awards. G. D. McConnell is Master of Lodge No. 710.

The subject Sunday evening at 6:00 will deal with the principle mentioned here. Glenn Owen CHURCH OF CHRIST MERKEL "COME VISIT WITH US" **1st Saturday SAVINGS QUALITY MERCHANDISE** 1st MENS VALUES TO \$6.99 SUGAR SACK 9 5.49

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MONDAY, MARCH 4 The Ladies Auxiliary of the e Dept. will meet at 7:30	VALUES TO \$12.95 SHOES \$3.99	TOWELS 3 FOR \$1.39	\$2.99 2 FOR 5.49
a, at the fire station and will d an election of officers.  chool Board meeting at 0 p.m.	BLOUSES VALUES \$8.99 \$3.99	DOUBLE KNIT \$2.59 yd.	ONE TABLE ODD LO ITEMS \$1.00 EAC
ESDAY, MARCH 5 The Lambda Beta, Beta ma Phi Sorority will meet 7:30 p.m. at the Asteroid staurant with Annette Clark ving as hostess.	LADIES COATS VALUES TO \$30.00 \$11.99	BLUE CHAMBRA SHIRTS \$4.99	NOCONA BOOTS THE NATIONS FINES \$45.00
eaird Completes ecurity Course	LADIES SPECIAL BUY FOR SUMMER BLAZERS \$16.99	JEANS \$6.99	BOYS TRACK S SHOES \$4.99
Try W. Beaird, son of Mr. Mrs. James M. Beaird 1528 Sunset, Merkel, Tex., s graduated at Lackland B, Tex., from the U.S. Force security policeman tirse conducted by the Air aining Command.	BRIEFS BY TEXSHEEN \$1.15	JACKETS \$8.99	JUMPER \$11.99
Airman Beaird is a 1973 aduate of Merkel High hool. His wife, Becky, is daugther of Mr. and Mrs. R. Schultz. 115 Air Base	HOSE	PANTY HOSE	MENS JUMPSUIT

Library Notes

The Merkel Library Board of Directors have announced that repairs have been made to the Merkel Library roof. The Board expresses sincere thanks to Mr. Jim Smith, who made the needed repairs at no cost to the library.

we're aoina to make energy conservation work, all of us...large and small evergy consumers alike... will have to keep working at it.

We usually stress all the ways that folks living in homes and apartments can save energy. But what about office buildings and industrial plants? Can't they help too?

Sure. And we'd like to suggest some simple steps for reducing energy consumption for businesses and industrial complexes. These suggestions are based on Lone Star's own efforts to reduce energy use by 11% in our own company

### Inside Buildings

. Alter air temperatures to 68 when heating, and 77 when cooling.

Reduce elevator services between the non-peak hours of 9-11:30 a.m. and 2-4 p.m.

Reduce light levels in all areas below present levels. 4. Turn off floor lighting completely at 7 p.m., except for leaning times.

5. When leaving, employees should close blinds and drapes and turn off lights.

### **Operation of Vehicles**

Encourage employees to observe the state's maximum speed limit of 55 mph on both personal and company vehicles.

Establish employee car pools.

3. Print guidelines to distribute to employees who operate company-owned vehicles or machinery for proper use and care

### Industrial Complexes

Examine warehouses, plants and maintenance shops to find wasteful energy problems. This includes keeping doors closed when there is no traffic, and avoid overheating large plant areas from heating units located near large exits.

We can all contribute! With your help we can make an even larger contribution to America's energy conservation program in the next four months!





135 Edwards

and Primary buildings Thursday March 7th from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Material will be on display which students are now working on. Natehonk

also invited to attend an open

house at both the Jr. High

Fire p.m. hold

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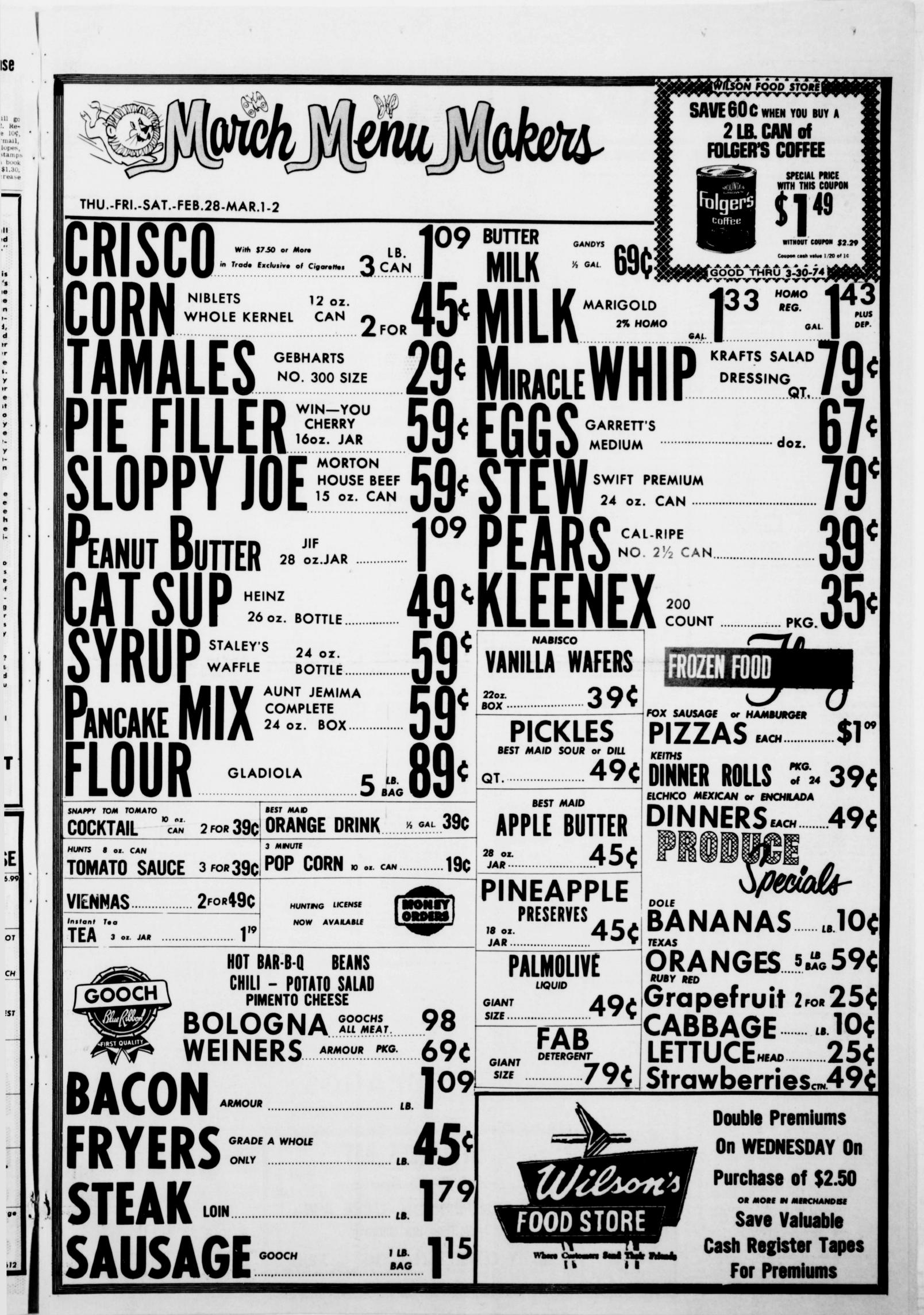
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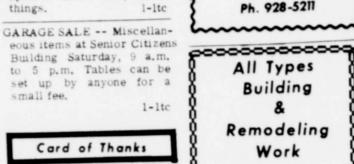
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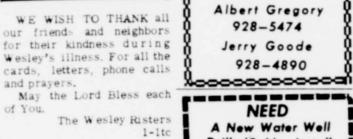
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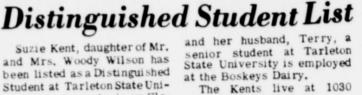
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versity, where she is an Ele-Sloan St. in Stephenville. mentary Education Major. Suzie is a 1971 graduate She had a 3.4 average for of Merkel High School and attended SMU before going She is employed at Gibsons to Tarleton.



SUZIE KENT

Suzie Kent on Tarleton

. . distinguished student

BILLY PATTON visited in Merkel with his parents, Mr. HARVEY RISTER, son of and Mrs. E. C. Patton and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Rister friends last week. He flew flew in for a visit the weekdown from Savannah, Georgia end of Feb. 16th. He had been to attend the Abilene Christo Odessa visiting with Jertian Lectureship. He went ry Rister and Family. His back home Thursday. oldest daughter, Peggy Sue Luna and granddaughter, Mi-

TOMMY AND LINDA South chelle, 7 months old, accomand daughter of Kansas visitpanied him. They had a real ed with Mr. and Mrs. Jack nice visit, Harvey was flying South and Mr. and Mrs. Bill a small plane he brought

the fall semester.

THE MERKEL MAIL, MERKEL, TEXAS February 28, 1974



### By CINDY BEASLY

Hil Nothing much has been happening around Trent High this week. We have had sev-

eral absences due to the flu. Several students and teachers went to Austin last week-end for the Girls State Basketball Tournament, The Trent 1965 State Championship Team was honored this year. The team presented the Trent School 2 plaques to be hung in the gym. Mr. Dean King, Superintendent, accepted the plaque .

The Seniors who plan to enter college next fall took their ACT Test in Abilene Squares, and Milk last Saturday.

Good luck to all the kids who have entered the Houston Stock Show! See you next week!

### Mark Dudley Receives Acting Honor

In a recent production of Abelard and Heloise at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Mark dudley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Dudley, received the Goosetree-Morgan Award for the Best Supporting Role in the play. Begun in 1945, this award is presented at the closing performance of each major production during the year, to the person having done the best job in the performance of a supporting role.

The Goosetree-Morgan Award was invented by two Southwestern students, Anna Beth Goosetree and John Morgan, who gave it to a fellow actor as a joke. The award is actually an old tractor axle, found in a local junk yard. Since that first presentation in 1945, the Award has become a coveted prize. The recipient is chosen by a vote of those students who have previously won the award. Mark, a sophomore drama major, re-

MERKEL-TYE SCHOOL MENU THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6TH

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the Tye Talks column for the TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH Merkel Mail and someone in Cheese & Chili Enchiladas, Stith to write Stith News. Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice, Corn Bread, Fruited Jello Contact Kaye Lanham at the Merkel Mail, Ph. 928-5712.

## PUBLIC

THE STATE OF TEXAS To any Sheriff or any Constable withing the State of Texas-GREETING: You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once,

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

### THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: All whom it may concern, Defendant, Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COM-MANDED 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 twenty days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 4th day of March A.D. 1974, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on

1963, in Philippine Islands, Cebu. be returned unserved.

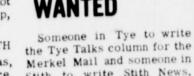
The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 13th day of February A.D. 1974.

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas By Marie Adkins, Deputy. 1-ltc (SEAL)



WANTED



the 13th day of February A.D.

1974, in this cause, numbered 8757 on the docket of said court and styled In the Interest of Jaime Barrientos Casem, Jr., a child.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: The Nature of which suit is a request to Terminate the parent-child relationship. Said child was born the 5th day of May,

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





## Miss Blair, AIC Walters **Engagement** Announced

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Blair, Merkel. 104 Manchester, announce the engagement of their daughter, at Merkel High School. Wanda Blair, to AIC Troy Walters, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Walters, Merkel. The wedding will be June

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The bride-elect is a senior A1C Walters is a 1970 Merkel graduate and attended Draugnon's Business College. He is now stationed at 1, at the Assembly of God in Cannon AFB, New Mexico.

## **2 Merkelites Receive** Life Memberships

The Merkel Country Club Inc. held its annual Stock Holders meeting this past weeken. Mr. Gerald Magee was elected President of the corporation, as well as President of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Magee's first order of business upon being elected was to request concurrance on making two members in good standing Life Members of the Merkel Country Club. He stated, "Since the opening of the club, many members have gone out of their way to help me in an effort to improve the club and golf course. To these people we will always be grateful. There have, how-

ever, been two individuals who have donated much of their free time, experience and hard work to ensure the success of the club. I could never put into words what these two gentlemen have meant to me. Without their

help, suggestions, and guidance, our Club would not be where it is today. Much of the rapid success we have attained is due to their un-selfish efforts."

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Sandy Hogan Student Teaching Sandy Hogan of 212 Oak, Merkel is among the 60 Mc-Murry College students that are completing one semester of classroom training in Abi-

> Sandy is teaching typing/ shorthand at Cooper Senior High School. Sandy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Hogan of same address . A 1971 graduate of Merkel High School, she is

> > her Master's Degree.

SANDY HOGAN

tion. Sandy will go to Texas Tech in Lubbock this fall to get



John Cain, Merkel Elemenmann, Shanna Norton, Joe tary School principal, has re-Ortega, Charlotte Toney, Ray leased the following list of Walters, Pam Wheeler, Ronstudents making the honor nie Williams, John Ybarra.

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. student teaching Second Grade Lori Aldridge, Angie Allen, Jay Gibson, Tommy Hays, Carlton Kincaid, Billy Mc-Keehan, Kimberly Pack, Cindy Sims.

roll.

Third Grade

Tina Bicknell, Rosie Biera, Tim Brady, Tammye Cloyd, Calvin Cooley, Melinda Holme, Chris Mashburn, lene area school this spring. Pam Massey, Kandi Richie, Melissa Tomlinson, Wendi Whisenhunt.

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> HONOR ROLL "A"-"B"

First Grade James Allday, Lyle Baker, Joe Biera, Randy Davis, Billy Farquhar, Melody Pape, Michael Reddin, Gayle Richie, Spencer Scott, Kenny Sims, Shane Smith, Johnny Starbuck, David Teaff, Marsha Tutt, Tamara Watson, Dusti Whisenhunt, Jenny Wilde, Sean Woodard.

### Second Grade

Scott Alves, Bonnie Anderson, Kim Baltreal, Brooks Boyd, Craig Cooley, Steven Davis, Jill Douglass, Joan Fariello, Trayla Gregory, Brenda Hohhertz, Wayne Horton, Judy Jinkens, Mary Ledford, Russell Lucas, Paula Massey, Scotty Nei-



### Therefore, with the concurrance of the Stock Holders and Board of Directors, I officially announce that Mr. majoring in business educa-S.C. Dixon and Mr. Bob Hook A senior at McMurry, are hereby awarded Life

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TCY Homemakers Met Feb. 14

The Taylor County Young Homemakers met in the home of Mrs. Bernice Jacobs for their Feb. 14 meeting. Hostesses with Mrs. Jacobs were Ann Jacobs and Linda Beasley. The decorations and refreshments centered around the theme of Valentine's Day.

The program "Home Decorating" was presented by Mrs. Mary Caton of Abilene. Cynthia Steck, daughter of Mrs. Mamie Steck of Merkel, was elected Little Sister of the Month.

Members in attendance were: Mary Caton, Julie Shaffer, LaJuana Toombs, Gayle Baker, June Gregory, Bernice Jacobs, Barbara Fowler, Jeanette Pursley, Becki Pack, Billie Wilkerson, Sheryl Sanford, Sonja Toliver, Linda Beasley, and Ter-

The Governor's Council on ticipate in Social Security. Miss Claudine Olsen has been named manager of the local effort, and is working lity for the SSI-Alert program closely with the Abilene Social Security Office. Orientation to volunteers in Taylor County Area was given on Thursday afternoon at the Red Hammons, District Manager, and Mrs. Beth Geiger, Supervisor. Mr. Wayne Baker, also a Supervisor in the Abilene Social Security Office will ascial Security," according to sist in future orientations. Orientations to assist volunteers to contact those persons needing supplementary

income will be given in Brownwood at the Red Cross Chapter House on Friday, February 22; in Eastland at the County Court House on Tuesday, February 26. Other towns in which the So-

cial Security personnel will conduct workshops are: Aspermont, Anson, and Sweetwater.

A consortium with Mrs. Vera Dobbins as Chairman and Mr. Alvin Jefferies as Vice-Chairman forms a committee to advise and facili-

tate the program. Members are: Dr. Paul Southern-Task Force on Aging, Mrs. B.L. Lacy-NRTA, Mr. George Kiker-AARP, Mrs. Dorothy Richardson-Red Cross Board of Directors, The Rev. T.G. Oliphantalso a Red Cross Board Member, The Rev. I.S. Moreland-Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Mrs. Lou Wayte-State Welfare, Mr. Jerry Lewis, Texas Commission for Blind, Mr. James P. Nelson-Foster Grandparent Program, Mr. Leon A. G. Garcia-Human Relations, Mrs. Jane Eubank-AFDC. Mr. Joe McDuff-Taylor County Commissioner, and Mrs. Wiley Noah, of Merkel. ----



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