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Between you and me

By SARAH ECKOLS

It was called to my attention that Christi Brady was omitted from the sixth grade honor roll list. Christi had all A's for the period.

I would like to begin a column about out of town visitors. It is so nice to read about those who grew up in one's hometown and moved away or friends who have since moved on. If your children grandchildren, friends, or relatives visit with you whether they are former Merkelites or not, please come by the office and let us know or just call us so that we can start a visitors column soon.

When the campers and boats hit the highways each year I begin the year to travel, too. I imagine the far away places to which these vehicles are destined; the mountains, lakes, parks and sights that those traveling will experience. I find it a joy to visit other parts of the country. Each region of this vast land holds an enchantment of its own. I particularly fell in love with the western section of the country. Being formerly of New Mexico, I traveled in the northern part of that state some years ago to the mountains around Santa Fe and then went on up into Colorado. The area around Denver is beautiful this time of year.

There is a place in northern New Mexico that I find very interesting because of the history that surrounds this place. Many years ago as the Spanish explorers crossed the barren land that is now New Mexico and later as the pioneers crossed the nation going west to California, many stopped at this place in the foothills of the mountains near El Morro. Pinon trees surround the area and the sweet pinon nuts probably delighted the palates of travelers since the time of Cortez and the Spanish Conquistadores. As they passed this place, many probably found it a pleasant and safe place to make camp for the night. It is protected by mountains and most are flat mesas. One is of notable interest, because on the smooth side of this mesa men for more than three centuries have carved their names into the rock. It is simply called the Inscription Rock. Some of the names are in a very old style of Spanish not even in use today. Unfortunately, due to time and atmospheric conditions, the inscriptions are fading. I do hope they remain for some time to come and are not destined to be lost.

In case someone was away from Merkel Sunday and hasn't already heard, we had a little rain. One gentleman was in the office and stated that he received .8 inch of rain at his home here in town.

How many times have you said, "Gee, I wish I had my camera," or "If I only had film in the camera." So many of us are negligent when it comes to taking pictures. I think pictures have incomparable value and should have a high place on the list of things we need to do more often. For the value they have in years to come, I feel the expense is small.

In last weeks paper the announcement of the engagement of Mary Beth Phillips was mistakenly written Mary Beth Cook. Miss Phillips is to wed Robert Ray Rabb July 4.

Four miles is too close when it comes to a tornado. A twister was sighted and reported to have touched down four miles west of Merkel Monday evening about 9:20.

FHA Manager, Don Newhouse Outlines Available Grants At Special Meeting

According to Don W. Hensley, President of the Merkel Industrial Foundation, the Merkel Industrial Foundation held a special meeting, Tuesday morning at The Taylor Electric Coop, to discuss information pertaining to existing programs available for future community development. Areas discussed were related principally to industries and civic development in Merkel and our community.

The Merkel Industrial Foundation Trustees were present, along with our City

Manager, J. A. Sadler and the Chamber of Commerce Manager, Benny Melton.

Don Newhouse, Area Manager of the Farmers Home Administration was special guest. Mr. Newhouse made a presentation to the Foundation on programs and grants that are available through the FHA. These programs are designed principally for cities with populations of less than 5,000 and are to assist communities such as ours in support and meeting the monetary requirements necessary in implementing increased industrial and civic development.

Mr. Newhouse furnished the group with a list of requirements and forms necessary for making application through the FHA. He stressed the importance of determining our community needs and what our requirements might be along these lines.

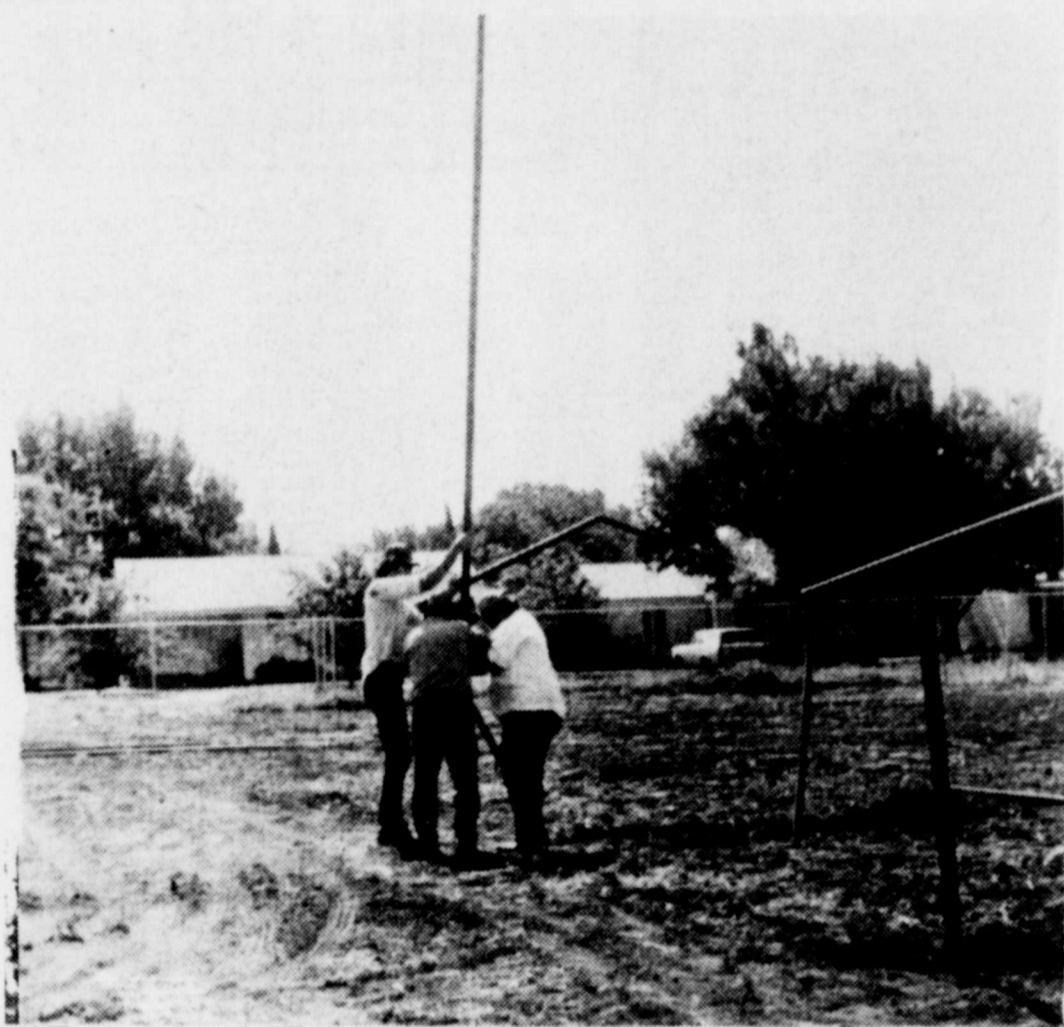
The industrial foundation plans to work closely with our City Manager, J.A. Sadler, and the City Council in the future in determining what our immediate needs might be and making application for available grants.

The group was very enthusiastic concerning the leverage which we have with the assistance available through the FHA.

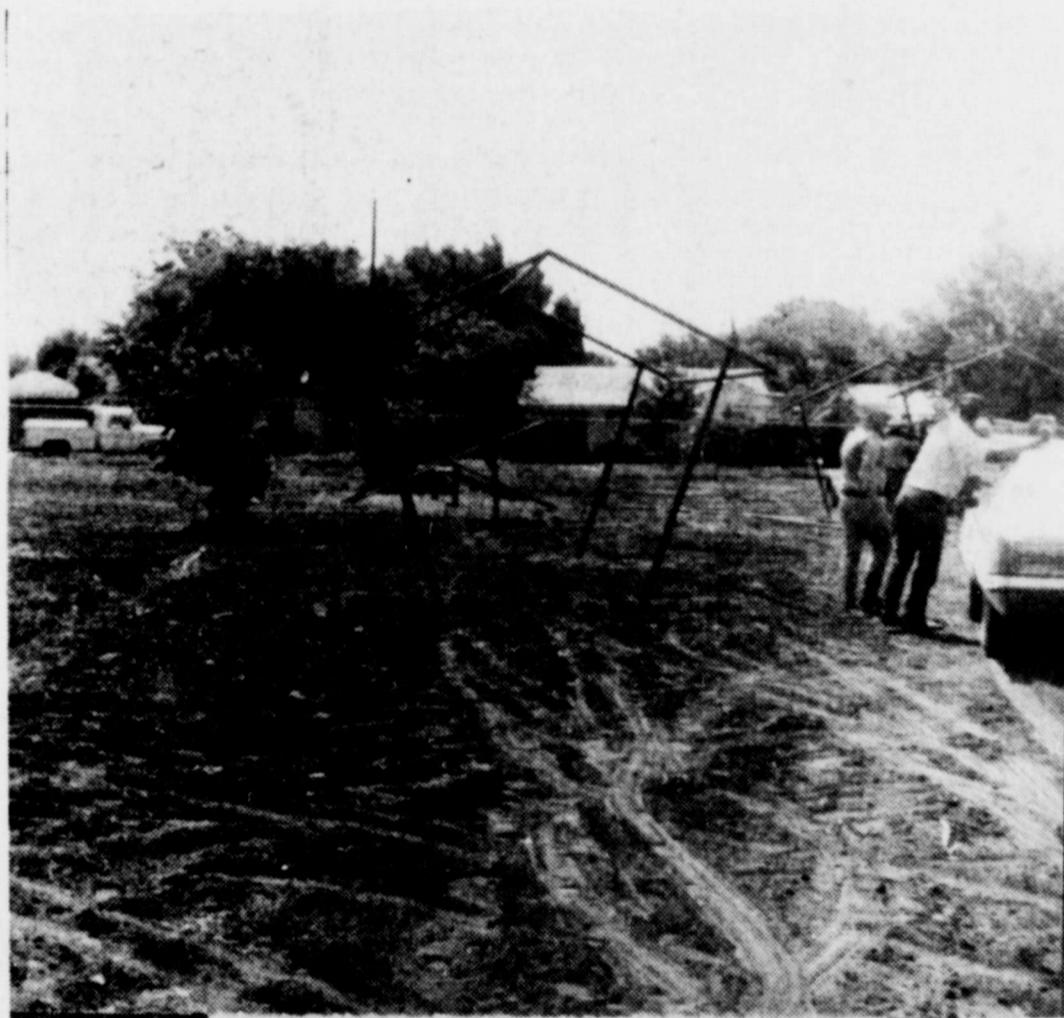
Visitor

Glen Johnson and family of Fort Worth were visitors in the home of his mother, Mrs. Zedic L. Johnson.

Mrs. Johnson returned to Fort Worth with her son for a short visit, but has returned to her home in Merkel.



STAGE ON E - The city park is taking on a new look as these sheds are being built by city employees. There are three such sheds in progress at this time.



COMING ALONG - The sheds in the city park are showing marked progress. This picture taken Friday shows the work done in one day on the project. The sheds are to be covered and painted aluminum as soon as the weather permits.

Tornado Too Close for Comfort

A tornado was confirmed four miles west of here about 9:20 Monday evening amidst much lightning and thunder. No damage or personal injuries were reported, however.

Immediately following the sighting of the tornado, the clouds seemed to dump water

by the bucketful on the area. Heavy rain was reported over the entire Big Country and even extended south to Houston and West to the Pecos.

Flooding was expected in the Houston and Beaumont metropolitan areas.

Merkel reportedly received 1.5 inches of rain between 8 and 9:30 p.m. Monday night, but the weather seemed to calm around 10. Seems like our town has been "blessed" with more than our share of rain in the last few weeks. The most recent will slow once again the wheat harvest which has been under way in Taylor County the last week.

The long-range forecast calls for more thunderstorms and chance of rain through the end of the week. Hopefully, the weather will turn to drier and warmer by the beginning of next week.

WW I Vets And Auxiliary Meet

The World War I Barracks and Ladies Auxiliary will have their regular monthly meeting June 17 at the REA Building. The meeting is set for 5:30 p.m. and a pot luck supper will be served.

All members and eligible persons are invited to be present. The World War I Barracks and Auxiliary meet regularly on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Annals Have Arrived

The annals for Merkel Jr. High School have arrived. They may be picked up at the school office.

Most sales were by order, however, there are several extra copies available for sale. If you wish to purchase an annual, they sell for \$4.

OES To Install Officers, Friday

The Merkel Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter No. 212 will have installation officers ceremonies Friday evening at 8 p.m. in the Masonic Hall.

Installing officers are to be Mae Seago, installing officer, past matron of the Merkel Chapter; Ethel Pratt, installing marshal, past matron of the River Oaks chapter; Rosa Denman, installing secretary, past matron of the Merkel Chapter; and Ann Cockrell, installing chaplain, past matron of Queen Esther No. 833. Installing organist will be Anna B. Shouse, past matron of the Merkel Chapter.

Officers for the 1975-76 year are to be worthy matron, Mrs. Thelma Griffin; worthy patron, Roy Mashburn; associate matron, Mrs. Hazel Pargament; associate patron, Ted Pargament; secretary, Mrs. Fern Windham; treasurer, Mrs. Florence Berry; conductress, Mrs. Ruby Hammond; associate conductress, Mrs. Wanda Clyburn; chaplain, Mrs. Louise Parham; marshal, Mrs. Jewel Dunagin; organist, Mrs. Ailene Knight; Adah, Mrs. Mildred Cypert; Ruth, Mrs. Lottie Everett; Esther, Mrs. Georgia Allday; Martha, Mrs. Mary Sue Doan; Electa, Mrs. Margaret McAninch; Warden, W. R. Cypert; and Sentinel, Alfred Parham.

The public is cordially invited to this installation ceremony.

Feed Lots Greatly Benefit Local Economy

(Editor's Note: The following article is the result of an interview with Don Hensley, president of Farmers and Merchants National Bank in Merkel and also president

of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Hensley has done considerable research on the city's economy and is interested in expanding local industry and appreciation of

present industry and business.)

We in the Merkel Community see the effect of a thriving Feed Lot Industry every day and oft times fail to realize the significant impact of our local Cal-Tex Feed Yard, Inc. has on our Community. When you consider the out put payroll and spending that this 40,000 head capacity Feed Lot generates, this certainly is no small industry of our Community.

The agricultural representative of one large Utility Company in the Panhandle estimates that under normal conditions a 40,000 head capacity Feed Lot will turn out from 65,000 to 75,000 head of fed cattle per year. Figuring a 1,100 lb. steer at 45¢ per lb. and multiplying times 70,000 head, the gross value of these cattle is \$34,650,000. Using a multiple of 3.86 for the total gross impact, that means that one Feed Lot pumps \$133,749,000.00 into the local economy. Then figure an average of fifty workers on the payroll at \$1,000.00 each a month, or \$600,000.00, the job multiplier would be 2.82, so the Feed Lot actually means about 142 jobs at a wage base of 15,000 times the 85 extra jobs, the tally grows to \$1,332,000.00 and that added to the \$600,000.00 in direct employment is just under \$2,000,000.

The milo and hay consumption of these cattle is a considerable amount and furnishes a ready market for our local farmers. These cattle will consume approximately 3,660,000 bushels of milo, which figured at 4 1/2 cents per lb. is \$9,223,200.00. Figure 32,940 tons of hay at \$60. per ton for another \$1,976,000.00. In addition to the milo and hay consumption, the Pharmaceutical cost could be in the neighborhood of \$130,000.00 per year.

A 40,000 head lot would require 2,000 twenty ton loads to move the cattle from the Feed lot and a minimum of 737 twenty ton truck loads to bring in replacement animals. The in-put movement, of course, will vary when cattle come and go, depending on the availability of grass. Statistics also show the Feed Lot will need approximately 5,490 truck loads to handle the 199,800 tons of grain that would have been used in the yards and 1,648 truck loads to bring in the hay.

As we can all readily see from the statistics and recent publications of the Southwest Farm press, we all benefit from having this industry in our Community.

It was reported to the City Council that the only hold up at this time on the TV cable project is some legal work which should be completed very shortly.

Mr. Sadler presented a letter to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development from the city of Merkel offering any assistance we might give to other small cities in Taylor County for housing projects. Merkel is the only town in Taylor County besides Abilene to have a low income housing project at this time.

Present for the meeting were all the city councilmen, the mayor, the city coordinator, the city secretary, City Judge Roy Roysden, and Sarah Eckols representing the Merkel Mail. The meeting was adjourned with no further business.

A&M Team Considers Merkel for Site

A group of gentlemen from Texas A&M University were in Merkel June 5 on a site seeking tour of several Texas towns for location of a training center. They were hosted

by Merkel Industrial Foundation president, Don W. Hensley at the Country Club in Merkel.

Hensley presented the group with statistical information on behalf of the foundation concerning building and property possibilities for consideration of locating the facility in Merkel. This marked the second such visit by the university's representatives to Merkel.

Members of the team who flew into Abilene for the meeting were H. C. Bell; A&M Board of Directors; Dean Fred J. Benson, College of Engineering at A&M; James Bradley, E. A. Wentz, and E. W. Kerlick, all of the Texas Engineering Service.

Additional information is being prepared and submitted for the team's consideration at this time. No commitments have been made by Texas A&M at this time and their decision for location of the West Texas Training Facility will be forthcoming after all towns being considered have compiled and submitted their final proposals.

He is married to the former Joyce Ann Morrow of Gainesville.

While in Fort Worth, Mitchell was president and a first vice president of Kiwanis Club of Northwest Fort Worth, and president elect of the River Oaks Business Association. He attended the University of Texas in Austin.

Mitchell will assume his new duties immediately. Welch said, "We feel he is an excellent addition to our staff."

Patriotic Fire Plugs Yet!

The city of Merkel will soon be looking at patriotic looking fire plugs. The City Council approved the color scheme to be used in painting the fire plugs at their regular meeting Monday, June 9. According to City Coordinator J. A. Sadler, though the city has not been officially named a bicentennial city, it will at least show we are in the movement to celebrate the country's 200th birthday.

The council has authorized a request for bids for the seal coating of several city streets. The northern section streets of the city were seal coated last year, but there are several in other sections of town that are in bad need of repair.

Mr. Sadler reported to the council that the city park is progressing very rapidly at this point. As of Monday evening the sheds had been constructed and were awaiting a coat of aluminum paint and cement stabilization. The funds for the city park im-

provements are provided with part of the city's revenue sharing money. Billy Lucas and Robert Hays are in charge of the park project at this point.

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Bentsen Tours Big Country, Says Americans Expect Honesty

Breakfast at the Civic Center at the State Lion's Club Convention in Abilene, a reception and awards presentation at Eastland, pleas for help from MIA's family members, autographs on programs... so went the visit of Senator Lloyd Bentsen in the Big Country.

The 1976 presidential hopeful was here to attend as it formally became a Bicentennial City and as Eastlanders observed Eastland County Law Enforcement Association Day Saturday.

Despite the heat, the long hours and questions by reporters, Senator Bentsen kept his cool throughout the day. Though not a campaign trip,

Bentsen did not necessarily stay away from politics in his speeches. And though friendly to a point, Bentsen is not the handshaking, baby kissing type politician. The 54 year old Senator is a multi-millionaire, former businessman and Houston socialite.

Accompanying Senator Bentsen on his Big Country sweep was Representative Omar Burleson of Anson. Burleson introduced the Senator at the speaker's stand at Abilene Civic Center to hundreds of Lions.

Grayson Reunion This Weekend

The Grayson reunion will be held Saturday and Sunday June 14 and 15, at the Lion's Club Building in Merkel.

There will be singing and games Saturday night. There is always plenty of food and room in the air conditioned building. Friends and relatives are invited to come

plied, "It's too early to tell, but he did predict that there will be only two or three credible candidates by the national party convention. He stated that he feels the candidate should be selected the first two or three ballot.

Without the aid of electronics but with much box language, Bentsen expressed his view of what America want.

"They don't expect the absence of politics, but they expect the restraint of partisanship.

"They don't expect government to do all things for all people, but they do expect government to do the best and to do it fairly



MRS. DANNY FRED JONES
...formerly Miss Hamilton

Miss Hamilton Weds Jones in Evant

Pamela Jean Hamilton became the bride of Danny Fred Jones on Friday afternoon, May 30, in the First Baptist Church of Evant.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Norman Hamilton of Evant and Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Jones of Merkel are parents of the couple.

The bridegroom's father performed the double ring ceremony. Music was provided by pianist Mrs. Shirley Sims of Waco.

The altar was centered with a pedestal holding a white family altar Bible, which was a wedding gift to the couple, and footed by a large alabaster urn supported by cherubs and filled with greenery and handmade white silk blossoms.

The bride carried a cascade of white silk camellias, yellow violets and blue lily

of the valley. She carried out the tradition of something old, new, borrowed, and blue and a penny in her shoe.

Best man was Bill Jones of Abilene, brother of the groom. Jimmy Hester, also of Abilene, served as groomsmen. Ushers were Tommy Jones of Merkel, brother of the groom, and Mike Swiney of Magnolia.

Mrs. Jeannie Jones of Abilene, sister-in-law of the groom, presided at the register.

Members of the wedding party wore corsages and boutonnieres of hand made silk flowers.

Rice bags were distributed by Miss Julie Box of Evant. A reception followed the ceremony in the church fellowship hall.

Members of the house party were Mrs. J. D. Archley, Mrs. Charles Faubion, Mrs. G. D. Tomblin, Mrs. Harold Brown, Mrs. Bob Wright, and Marie Faubion.

The groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner at the El Rancho Cafe in Evant on Thursday night, May 29. The couple will make their

home in Brownwood where they both are students at Howard Payne University. The bride is employed at TG&Y Auto Center and the bridegroom is employed at Chandler Auto Supply.



Mr. and Mrs. Jacky Reynolds announce the birth of a daughter, Renli Jade. The baby arrived in their home on June 5, weighing 8 pounds and 14 ounces.

The baby's maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Hunter of Merkel and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Cramer Reynolds also of Merkel.

She also has a maternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Sylvia Thomas of Merkel.

Honey Bees May Be Aid To Soybeans

Honey bees could play an important role in science's quest to develop hybrid soybeans. Long recognized for its pollination of about a hundred crops ranging from alfalfa to cucumbers, the bee up until recently was thought to be of little benefit to soybeans which are self-pollinating.

However, agricultural researchers in Wisconsin notes that bees increased yields of certain soybean varieties that were being grown in caged plots by as much as 16%. Other varieties were not noticeably affected, however. Now scientists are screening several hundred varieties to test their appeal to honey bees and their potential for higher yields through bee pollination.

These results are expected to aid plant breeders in developing new varieties, and be of special help in programs that require use of hybridization. The process of hybridizing soybeans was recently made feasible by a team of scientists at North Carolina's Experiment Station. They discovered a male sterility characteristic in soybeans which they used to develop a male-sterile line. Without the bee's help, however, soybean hybridization requires tedious, expensive, and time-consuming hand pollination.

By using bees, researchers may be able to develop hybrid soybean seed for commercial production as well as for plant breeding.

Learn-To-Swim Program Presented by Red Cross

Plans are underway for a Red Cross Learn-to-Swim program at Abilene State Park during the week of June 23rd through June 28th from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. except on Monday when participants are asked to be at the pool at 8:00 a.m. Sponsors are the South Taylor County Lions Club, Jim Ned School, Abilene State Park, Merkel Civil Defense and Taylor County Chapter of American Red Cross.

Approximately 200 youths, aged 16-18 who are residents of South Taylor County and the Merkel-Trent area are expected to participate. Classes are scheduled for Beginners, Advanced Beginners, Intermediates, Swimmers and Life Saving. However, the all-volunteer program will be given only if enough Red Cross authorized water safety instructors and other volunteers to assist safety aides sign up to assist, according to Milton Bodzin, Red Cross Volunteer, Coordinator for the program.

"Only four instructors and one aide have volunteered so far, and without their help the program cannot be given," said Mr. Bodzin. The Red Cross Learn-to-Swim program for those Taylor County children living outside of Abilene is being given alternately in Merkel and

State Park Pool. This is the first year that the two programs have been combined. A Jim Ned School bus will pick up children in South Taylor County and a Calvary Baptist Church bus of Merkel will take children from the Merkel-Trent area to the pool in Abilene State Park.

Park officials have waived entrance fee for those parti-

Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

1. Ducks
6. Flower part
11. Malay island
12. Wardrobe
14. Macaw
15. State
17. Exclamation
18. Puts
20. Soon
21. Perform
22. Press
23. Buttonlike parts
26. Therefore
27. Decline
30. Of the nostrils
31. Tissue
32. English school
33. Bold
35. Corded fabric
36. Because

DOWN

1. Bullfighter
2. Poetry muse
3. Article
4. Hawaiian wreath
5. Carbonated water
6. Sailing ship
7. Lengthen
8. Italian river
9. Snake
10. Very heavy
11. Foundation
13. Pronoun
16. Insect
19. Cold symptom
24. Felt one's way
25. Linden
28. Mixers
29. Wound coverings
31. Label
33. Flower
34. Leased
36. Side to side
37. Shroud
39. Male title
41. Giant
44. Slap
47. Paddle
49. Golf mound
52. Move
54. Father

200 Work At Newman Cemetery

On Saturday, June 7, almost 200 former residents of the Newman Community met for the annual work at the cemetery. When the crowd arrived they found the area to be clean. All work is done by volunteer help and donations.

G. S. Davis, 87, of Cisco was present and also Lea Dickerson who is over 80 years old and has never moved from Fisher County.

Lunch was served under the oldest in Fisher County and recently remodeled Tabernacle. During a business meeting Mrs. Lea Dickerson resigned as President after serving over thirty years. Officers elected were Andrew Ford, President; Willie Mac Turner, Vice President; Lucille Ford, Secretary; Lorene Mauldin, Assistant Secretary.

Mrs. Dickerson reported that each grave is recorded and only one is unidentified.

Lanter Dickerson of Clyde has drawn a map of the cemetery and anyone interested is welcome to view the map. Work is done on all graves not just individual graves. A custodian to work is badly needed, but Mr. Ford reported that he had not been able to find an employee that will work the cemetery. Anyone traveling north of Trent on Highway 1085 should follow the sign and see a very neat and clean cemetery.

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A Night On The Town

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Dinner will be at Wyatt's Cafeteria in Westgate at 6:00 p.m. Following the meal there will be a tour of Phillips Carriage House at 7:30.

All members are urged to attend this outing.

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BY PAT CASTILLE

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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

TO: Harriett Irene Grohman, Defendant, Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 21st day of July A.D. 1975, to Plaintiff's Amended Petition filed in said court, on

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Petitioner and Respondent were married on or about the 12th day of October, 1974 and separated on or about the 25th day of October 1974; marriage has become insupportable because of discord or conflict of personalities; petitioner believes the parties will be able to enter into an agreement respecting the property of the parties, if the agreement will be presented for approval of this court; as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this 12th day of May A.D. 1975.

Attest: Irene Crawford Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas, By Sandra Van Cleave, Deputy, 13-4tc

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WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that the Judgment be corrected in accordance with the correct form of judgment herewith submitted.

ROBINSON, HANNA, BURKE & MOORE, INC. P. O. Box 769 Abilene, Texas 79604

By James D. Norvell Attorney for the Petitioner 15-4tc

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE 4th day of June A.D. 1975, in this cause, numbered 9994-DR on the docket of said court and styled Cheryl Annette Bast, Plaintiff, vs. Walter Michael Bast, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Married November 19, 1973; Separated January 30, 1974; One Child: Christina Annette Bast born March 1, 1974; No community property accumulated as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 4th day of June A.D. 1975.

Attest: Irene Crawford Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas, By Faye Lyons, Deputy. 16-4tc

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TO: Whom It May Concern Respondent, Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County, Texas at the Courthouse in said County, in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Rose Mary Bedford, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 9th day of May, 1975, against unknown natural father of said Michael John Bedford, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 34-726-A on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In the interest of Michael John Bedford and David Edwin Bedford children," the nature of which suit is a request to Change of Name of said children.

Said Michael John Bedford was born the 19th day of February, 1971, in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this 23rd day of May, 1975.

Attest: Irene Crawford Clerk, 42nd District Court in Taylor County, Texas; By Sandra Van Cleave, Deputy. 16-1tc

PUBLIC NOTICE

No. 11,240-B

IN THE 104TH DISTRICT COURT OF TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF DEBRA L. BUKOWSKI AND KENNETH L. BUKOWSKI

MOTION FOR CORRECTION OF JUDGMENT NUNC PRO TUNC

COMES NOW Debra L. Bukowski, Petitioner in the above entitled and numbered cause, and moves the Court to amend the Judgment signed and entered here in on May 21, 1970, and respectfully shows the Court the following:

1. In accordance with Rule 305 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Petitioner prepared a form of judgment for submission to the Court. The Court subsequently signed and entered the judgment.

2. Through the mistake and inadvertence of Petitioner's counsel, the judgment contained the following error as signed and entered: The property described as a house located and being situated at 5261 Encino, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, should be the property located and being situated at 5261 Encino, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, being more fully described as follows:

Being Lot No. 11, Block "G" Section No. One (1), Alamenda Addition of the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. A corrected form of judgment is attached hereto for consideration by the Court. Respondent is uncooperative and cannot be located, and will be served with this petition by publication.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that the Judgment be corrected in accordance with the correct form of judgment herewith submitted.

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By James D. Norvell Attorney for the Petitioner 15-4tc

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and styled Donnie Wayne Eaton and Lavenda Eaton, Plaintiff, vs. Jesus P. Diaz Garcia, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: suit is concerning an accident between the parties which occurred on the 21st day of February, 1974 at the intersection of South 9th and Butternut Streets in Abilene Taylor County, Texas; as a result of such accident plaintiffs alleges were caused to suffer serious bodily injuries as better described in plaintiffs petition; as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this 19th day of May A.D. 1975.

Attest: Irene Crawford Clerk, 104th Judicial District Court, Taylor County, Texas; By Sandra Van Cleave, Deputy. 13-4tc

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Jesus Pedraza Garcia, Defendant, Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 104th Judicial District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 30 day of June A.D. 1975, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 19th day of May A.D. 1975, in this cause, numbered 12,652-B on the docket of said court

Attest: Irene Crawford Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas, By Sandra Van Cleave, Deputy. 13-4tc

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9:00-9:30 - CHURCH BY JESUS CHRIST

9:30-10:00 REVIVAL TIME BY C.M. WARD

10:00-10:15 - GOSPEL MUSIC

10:15-11:00 - FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MERKEL

11:00 - 12:00 - REMOTE BROADCAST AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MERKEL

12:00 - 12:30 - GOSPEL MUSIC

12:30 - 1:00 - JOHN CURTIS AND THE CYPERT FAMILY

STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights

by Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — A threatened slowdown of some doctors in major cities in protest to rising medical malpractice insurance costs was eased with signing of two new legislative acts.

Texas Medical Association's House of Delegates went on record against the work stoppage and said the short-term laws should be given a chance to work.

Gov. Dolph Briscoe urged immediate start of a study of the overall problem by a blue-ribbon panel of 18.

Former University of Texas Law School Dean W. Page Keeton was designated chairman of the Medical Professional Liability Study Commission established by one of the new acts.

The bill would also create a pool or joint underwriting association to issue policies up to \$300,000.

Another would authorize the State Board of Insurance to set malpractice liability rates and cut the statute of limitation on filing of suits to two years.

Both acts will expire in 1977. A bill pushed by doctors and hospitals to place a \$500,000 limit on claims in malpractice actions failed to clear the House of Representatives.

The Commission will report its findings and long range recommendations by Dec. 1, 1976.

Legislature Closes

Texas has a new \$654 million public school finance act and authorization for a Public Utilities Commission to regulate telephone rates and services and to control other utilities (except gas) in rural areas.

Cities may elect to come under the Commission after two years with utilities other than telephones. Gas will be regulated by the state Railroad Commission.

Both the school finance and utilities acts were among the last major pieces of legislation approved by the 64th Legislature which ended its session at midnight June 2.

A record \$12.1 billion appropriations bill passed by lawmakers on final night of the session has been certified by Comptroller Bob Bullock as within anticipated income.

Briscoe has until June 22 to decide which of the legislature's acts he will sign and which he will veto.

Hearing Recessed

A Railroad Commission hearing on phasing out natural gas as a boiler fuel has been recessed for 30 days after three days of testimony and opening statements.

Some spokesmen said converting plants to other fuels would be extremely costly.

Others urged that any phase-out should be "orderly" and with attention to what effect the changeover might have on rising consumer rates.

Courts Speak

The State Supreme Court suspended the Southwest Bell \$45 million intras-

Sound, Slide Show Traces Agriculture

AUSTIN—"This Land of Texas," a sound and slide show tracing Texas agriculture from its beginning to modern times, is available for showing at public gatherings, according to Agriculture Commissioner John C. White.

The 20-minute show employs five screens, music and narration to tell its story. Two department employees travel with the program, which has been shown at service clubs, high schools and public gatherings. There is no charge.

tate long-distance rate increase and set a hearing June 18 on the attorney general's suit to block the increase.

The Supreme Court will hear arguments in a McAllen city and school district appeal from lower court rulings that a nursing home operated as a public charity is exempt from property taxes. The local officials disputed the home is a true charity.

The Court of Criminal Appeals reversed the life sentence given a Dallas man in a murder case due to an inadequate definition of circumstantial evidence by the trial judge.

An Austin district court jury sentenced Robert Kleasen to death in the butcher-murder of a young Mormon missionary.

AG Opinions

Public school teachers with contracts for the following school year cannot collect special unemployment assistance benefits, after all, on signing of the new school finance bill, Atty. Gen. John Hill held. Before passage of the bill, with its prohibition on the benefits, Hill had held the teachers eligible.

In other recent opinions, Hill concluded:

The House speaker can set reasonable and expeditious procedures for release of information concerning representatives' records.

College faculty members are entitled to information and recommendations in their personnel files on tenure and performance evaluations.

A missing page out of a budget received by the comptroller does not prevent its being certified where meaning is clear.

A Dallas college district must obtain a permit from the Antiquities Committee for demolition of three historic buildings, regardless of destruction contracts.

Assistant county purchasing agents are subject to the county civil service act, but adult probation officers and assistant county auditors are not.

Project Approved

A \$93.1 million federal aid program for urban transportation systems won Texas Highway Commission approval last week.

The program includes 272 miles of street and highway improvements, hike and bike trails and bus purchase for Houston. Local officials picked projects for inclusion.

More than 300 jobs will be provided by the program in 128 metropolitan areas.

The Highway Commission also approved a \$2.7 million federal expenditure for 131 safety projects on county roads.

Short Snorts

The Legislature's scorecard: 3,375 bills introduced 761 passed — plus constitutional revision resolutions and four other proposed constitutional amendments.

A \$2.7 million tax reduction bill (dealing mainly with exemptions) passed the Legislature.

Larry Yawn of Austin is new president of the 160,500-member Texas State Teachers Association. Comptroller Bob Bullock was picked as vice chairman of the Multistate Tax Commission executive committee. Bullock said he hopes to strengthen coordination in tax administration on large firms.

Jack Warren of Tyler resigned as state Republican chairman. A June 29 meeting of the GOP executive committee will name his successor.

The State Democratic rules sub-committee met here June 7 to consider new delegate selection rules.

Governor Briscoe has requested disaster area designation for seven more counties due to drought or storms.

HONOR ROLL

Travis Davis, principal of Merkel High School has released the honor rolls for the final six weeks, third quarter and the 1974-75 school year.

Those who were on the six-weeks A Honor Roll are: Kandi Ascencio, Tammy Booth, Wanda Braune, Cathy Carter, Tonya Crenshaw, Karolyn Davis, Beverly Gilmore, Lisa Gregory, Jeanina Griffith, Kathy Hendricks, Carrie Law, Retha Mattingly, Beverly Mawson, Kristi Nease, Phyllis Shanks, Jerre Kay Smith, Jerrie Stephan, Netta Stephan, Gayle Teaff, Gayle Toliver, Suzanne Warner, Linda Williams, John Biera, Jan Wharton, Marlon White, Jim Wharton.

Those who were on the third quarter "A" Honor Roll are: Kandi Ascencio, Tammy Booth, Cathy Carter, Tonya Crenshaw, Karolyn Davis, Beverly Gilmore, Lisa Gregory, Kathy Hendricks, Carrie Law, Retha Mattingly, Beverly Mawson, Kristi Nease, Annette Farnelly, Phyllis Shanks, Jerre Kay Smith, Netta Stephan, Jerrie Stephan, Gayle Teaff, Gayle Toliver, Suzanne Warner, Linda Williams, John Biera, Mike Henry, Mike King, Stanley West, Jim Wharton, Marlon White.

Those who were on the "A" Honor Roll for the year are: Kandi Ascencio, Christi Boone, Tammy Booth, Tonya Crenshaw, Karolyn Davis, Beverly Gilmore, Lisa Gregory, Kathy Hendricks, Carrie Law, Retha Mattingly, Beverly Mawson, Kathryn Murrell, Kristi Nease, Annette Farnelly, Phyllis Shanks, Jerre Kay Smith, Netta Stephan, Jerrie Stephan, Gayle Teaff, Gayle Toliver, Suzanne Warner, Donna White, Rhonda White, Linda Williams, John Biera, Mike Henry, Mike King, Stanley West, Jim Wharton, Marlon White.

Those who were on the six-weeks "A & B" Honor Roll are: Kathy Barnett, Debbie Bealrd, Christi Boone, Melinda Bowen, Connie Brazzell, Becky Bryan, Cathy Carter, Janie Clark, Rosetta Coker, Marsha Clyburn, Freda Crenshaw, Judy Diltz, Carla Fariello, Nancy Fudge, Cindy Frazier, Jackie Harris, Cathy Holloway, Tammy Hudman, Lisa Hughes, Tammy Martin, Pam Morgan, Kathryn Murrell, Annette Farnelly, Vicki Reddin, Melody Regeon, Suzy Ruster, Mary Roeder, Brenda Stewart, Sherry West, Donna

White, Rhonda White, Dale Alcorn, Rudy Biera, David Booth, Glen Braune, Steve Cochran, Randy Cox, Mike Davis, Gregg Doan, Arnold Dye, Johnny Frazier, Andy Hart, Mike Henry, Mike King, David Kraatz, Mike Magee, Alan Mawson, Grant Murrell, David Pfister, Tommy Sloan, Tony Shugart, Paul Tucker, Jerry Walters, Tim Watson, Kyle Wilkerson, Keith Wolfe.

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Visitors

FFC Lee Ann Butman has been visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bigty and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Fisher all of Merkel.

FFC Butman has completed her training with the Niki Pest Equipment Repair School in Alabama and has been assigned a permanent station at Fort Bliss in El Paso. While in Alabama she was high in her class at the Red Stone Arsenal.

Rev. Sharp Appointed in Seymour District

The Reverend Mr. Jarrell Sharp, husband of Bertha Patterson Sharp, formerly of Merkel, was appointed District Superintendent of the Seymour District at the recent United Methodist Annual Conference held in Lubbock, June 315. They will be moving from Andrews where they have served Means Memorial United Methodist Church.

Bertha is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Patter-

son. She attended Merkel schools and graduated from McMurry College. She is married to Jarrell Sharp also a graduate of McMurry and of Iliff School of Theology, a United Methodist Seminary in Denver, Colorado. They have two children, Jarrell

Virgil and Cheryl Lorita who will be senior and sophomore students in Seymour High School this fall. Rev. Sharp was one of seven ministers elected a delegate to Jurisdictional Conference, which will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska, in 1976.

Cancer Society Doesn't Endorse Products

Society feels the statement is necessary because an increasing number of insurance companies have been using ACS statistics in sales promotion literature. "The American Cancer Society has never authorized the use of its statistics or any educational film or printed literature for any commercial purpose," he said.

"There have been some reports," Cole said, "of American Cancer Society educational films being used by agents in direct sales promotions. This is an absolutely unauthorized activity and we are asking people to report this sort of activity to the State Board of Insurance and the American Cancer Society if it continues."

"While the American Cancer Society assembles and

publishes many statistics regarding cancer incidence," Cole said, "it should be pointed out that it is possible to save one in two cancer American Cancer Society officials announced today that it in no way endorses any commercial product. The Chairman of the Board of the Texas Division of the ACS, Stanley Cole, said, "We want to make it clear that this applies to any type of insurance, especially cancer insurance."

Cole, a San Antonio insurance executive, said the patients if people would do for themselves what they can, using available knowledge regarding early diagnosis and known effective treatment.

"Our goal," Cole continued, "is to control cancer. The Society funds basic and clinical research, disseminates up-to-date diagnostic and treatment methods to physicians, provides community services and our volunteers provide many services and rehabilitation programs for the cancer patient."

Cole concluded, "The American Cancer Society is not in business to scare people, but to help people become knowledgeable enough so that more people will act promptly to protect themselves."

Jones County Singing

There will be a Singing Convention Concert presented by the Ken Mayhall Quartet and Music Company of Abilene at 8 p.m. Friday, June 20, in the Anson High School auditorium. This is an old settlers gospel-type singing and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Some vegetables, especially tomatoes, develop a metallic taste from a chemical reaction of the food to the lining of an opened can. It's unpleasant, but harmless, Frances Reasonover, foods and nutrition specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A & M University System, notes.

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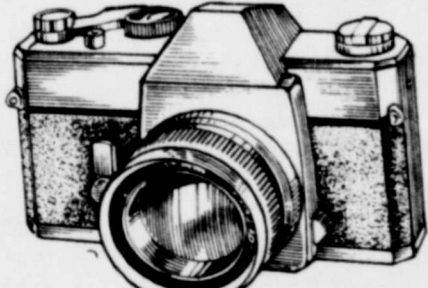

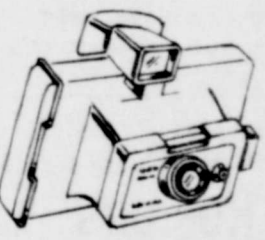
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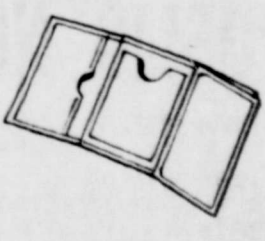
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A Weekly Report Of Agri-Business News

Compiled From Sources Of The Texas Department of Agriculture
John C. White, Commissioner

STERILE screwworm flies are not the only sterile flies being raised in the Rio Grande Valley. Sterile moths that evolve into pink bollworms, the scourge of the cotton patches, are being mass reared at a laboratory in San Benito. The facilities are being expanded, and the goal of two million moths a week may be reached soon. On October 4, 65,000 sterile pink bollworm moths were flown to Florida and dropped on areas where wild cotton flourishes. Intentions of the USDA are to prevent spread of the pink bollworm from south Florida. Eventually, the pink bollworm, which was first found in Texas in 1917 in a Robertson County cotton field, may be brought under control in a manner similar to the way screwworms have been and are being controlled.

LIKE ANY INDIVIDUAL or any other agency, the Texas Department of Agriculture doesn't like to receive complaints and tries to do all that it can to avoid causing justifiable complaints. Department personnel were gratified recently to know that one effort is meeting with some success: The staff of the Public Employees Study Commission recently commended the Department's eight-member Equal Employment Practices Committee which was set up by Commissioner White to try to avoid any discrimination within the Department. In a letter to Deputy Commissioner Bill Pieratt, the Study Commission wrote: "It is encouraging to see such an impartial and effective means of handling complaints... The cross-section of management and employees, blacks, browns, and women who comprise the committee instills trust in the persons who might have complaints so that they might voice their dissatisfaction without fear of reprisal." All members of the TDA committee are employees of the Department. Two live in the Rio Grande Valley area, three in the Houston-East Texas areas, and three in the Central Texas area.

THE VALLEY citrus crop is expected to be almost a fourth less than the 1973-74 crop, according to Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. In its November 1 forecasts, the crop now being harvested is expected to yield 13.3 million boxes, compared to 17.3 million boxes from the previous crop. That's a 23 per cent decrease. Grapefruit production is expected to be 7.8 million boxes, compared to 10.7 million boxes from last season. Early and mid-season oranges are expected to be 3.6 million boxes, down 14 per cent from last season; and Valencia oranges are forecast at 1.9 million boxes, down 21 per cent from the previous crop. Quality of the fruit is said to be the best in recent years. Harvest has been slowed by rains which have caused the fruit to grow large and, in some cases, to split.

TEXAS MILK production in October is estimated at 269 million pounds, which is the same as it was the previous month and six per cent more than for October, 1973. The average per cow was 765 pounds in October, 40 pounds more than the average a year earlier, and the price for all wholesale milk in Texas was estimated at \$8.90 per hundred. The dairyman's feed costs, however, were up considerably. The alfalfa hay he paid \$69 a ton for in October, 1973 was \$89 a ton in October, 1974; and 16 per cent protein mixed feed was \$155 a ton in October this year compared to \$129 a ton the same month last year... Texas broiler chicks placed during the week ending November 9 were estimated at 2,849,000, a decrease from a year ago of 13 per cent. Chicks hatched totaled 2,894,000, which was 12 per cent lower than at the same time in 1973, the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service said.

Cookbook Has Recipes For Two

AUSTIN—"How To Cook For Two," a cookbook for newlyweds, retirees and single people, has been published by the Texas Department of Agriculture. The cookbook gives a

variety of two-serving recipes and tips on freezing larger portions. It includes information on nutrition, shopping, cooking and cleaning up kitchen mess.

Recipes and information were compiled by Mary Ellen Dambold, nutritionist for the Texas Wheat Producers Board.

For copies write to Commissioner John C. White, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Tex. 78711.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas - GREETING:

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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Henry William Yanez Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 14th day of July A.D. 1975, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 30th day of May A.D. 1975, in the cause, numbered 9977-DR on the docket of said court and styled Gloria Gaona Yanez,

Plaintiff, vs. Henry William Yanez, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: parties were married on or about the 22nd day of December, 1970 and separated and ceased to live together on or about June 15, 1971; the following child was born to this marriage, Rosanna Yanez 10-25-71 in Dallas County, Texas; no property has been accumulated during this marriage other than personal effects; petitioner requests a change of name to Gloria Gaona; as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this 30th day of May A.D. 1975.

(SEAL)

Attest: Irene Crawford Clerk, Domestic Relations, Taylor County, Texas. By Sandra Van Cleave, Deputy.

Xi Nu Chi News

The Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met May 20 in the home of Darla Mawson. An end of the year supper was held, with each member bringing a covered dish. Secret sisters were revealed and each exchanged gifts. Secret sisters were then drawn for the coming year.

Darla Mawson presented Lanell Teaff with the president gavel. Awards were also given to the retiring officers. Program of the year award was presented to Margaret McAninch and Almada Bullock.

In attendance were Mrs. Bob Garner, Mrs. Val Patterson, Mrs. Mamie Steck, Mrs. Darla Mawson, Mrs. Bobby DuBose, Mrs. John Brady, Mrs. Don Watts, Mrs. Edgar Tipton, Mrs. Poek Eager, Mrs. Weldon McAninch, and Mrs. Glen Teaff.

Special guests were: Mrs. George Starbuck, Mrs. Robert Harris and Mrs. Juan Ybarra.

A special meeting was called June 4 and Xi Nu Chi met at Darla's Mawson house.

The special meeting was for the approval and voting of three members from Abilene transferring to the Merkel chapter.

The chapter voted to transfer Ann Reeder, Barbara Hobbs, and Dee Farmer into the Merkel chapter.



MRS. JEFFERY WELLS
...formerly Miss Gregory

Miss Gregory, Wells Wed By Candlelight

Debra Gregory became the bride of Jeffery Wells in a single ring ceremony before an archway of baby's breath flanked by candleabra holding six tapers. Larry Bristo, minister of the Trent Church of Christ officiated at the June 6 evening wedding in the home of the bridegroom's parents.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Faulkner and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wells, all of Trent. Maid of honor was Connie Cross of Sylvester. She wore a long gown of blue dotted Swiss with an empire waist, scoop neckline, and cap sleeves. Her picture hat was trimmed in blue satin ribbon and she carried a single long-stemmed red rose.

Best man was Billy Wells, brother of the bridegroom and Randy Secht lighted the candles.

The bride wore a long white gown of dotted Swiss. The empire waist was trimmed in satin ribbon and tiny pearl buttons enhanced the front of the bodice. The gown which had short puffed sleeves pleated at the band and a sweetheart neckline was made by the bride's mother. She carried red roses surrounded by white carnations. Her picture hat was trimmed in satin ribbon matching the ribbon at her waist.

A reception hosted by the bridegroom's parents followed the ceremony. The bridegroom's mother made the tiered cake served to guests.

The bride attended schools in Roswell, New Mexico, and Trent and the bridegroom is a graduate of Trent High School. He is employed in Odessa where the couple will reside.

CANCER Answer-line

American Cancer Society

A reader explains: "In 1969 I was treated for cancer and I've been fine since. Why don't people realize that cancer has a hopeful side?"

ANSWERline: Congratulations for being one of the 1.5 million Americans alive today who are cured of cancer. Often fears and ignorance are behind the gloomy reaction you mention. The truth of the matter is that many cancers are curable if treated early. This year 222,000 people in this country will be saved from cancer death, but 111,000 more might be saved by earlier and better treatment.

A heavy cigarette smoker writes: "I seem to have difficulty in swallowing and I'm hoarse all the time, even though I don't have a cold. It's probably just my cigarettes. Should I be concerned?"

ANSWERline: The symptoms you mention could point to more than "just cigarettes" and you should definitely see your physician right away. He will check your throat and might want to do further tests. Let him make a diagnosis soon. Your smoking might have serious consequences, but if something is the matter you will have been lucky to catch it early.

Question: "What's the best way to avoid skin cancer?"

ANSWERline: Avoid over-exposure to the sun. The ACS estimates that 95% of skin cancer could be cured if sores which do not heal

are promptly reported to a physician.

A mother asks: "Should my daughter, a teenager, learn breast self-examination or doesn't it matter at her age?"

ANSWERline: Cancer of the breast is rare among young women although it does occur. It is important for your daughter to make regular breast self-examination a habit while she is young so that she will do it automatically in the years ahead when her risk of breast cancer will increase. Your local American Cancer Society office has a leaflet of instructions and you would be wise to see that she reads it. And it's important for you to examine your own breasts as well, and set a good example.

A businessman asks: "Is there a definitive test for cancer?"

ANSWERline: Microscopic examination of cells from the suspicious area is the definitive test for cancer. This is called a biopsy. The diagnosis is usually made by a pathologist who has been trained to pinpoint abnormal cells.

A senior citizen from El Paso says: "It may be wishful thinking but does cancer ever just disappear?"

ANSWERline: Medical records occasionally include a case where cancer disappeared. But this is extremely rare and remains unexplained.

Merkel Riding Club

The Merkel Riding Club held its weekly play night and their arena, results were Western Pleasure (12 and under) - 1. Jan Melton, 2. Vicki Campbell, 3. Dee Dee Masonheimer, 4. Lisa Dokey, 5. Dayna Pursley.

Western Pleasure (13-18) - 1. Jay Boyd, 2. Jan Beck, 3. Shelli Stout, 4. Patricia Boyd, 5. Penny Hatfield.

Western Pleasure (19 and over) - 1. Barbara Whisenhunt, 2. L. J. Gray, 3. Don Dudley, 4. Carol McTurner, 5. Obie Coker.

Boot Race (5 and under) - 1. Graham Odom, 2. Kyle Coker, 3. Dennise Pursley, 4. Nolan Faid, 5. Jami Masonheimer.

Boot Race (6-8) - 1. Kevin

Coker, 2. James Allday, 3. Mike Dokey.

Ribbon Roping - 1. Don Odom and runner Graham Odom 46.1.

Barrels (12 and under) - 1. Vicki Campbell 19.2, 2. Ann Melton 20.2, 3. Lisa Dokey 20.4, 4. Buddy Stout 25.2, 5. Terylyn Justice 33.0.

Barrels (13-18) - 1. Patricia Boyd 18.4, 2. Jeff Toombs 19.8, 3. Jerre Smith 20.2, 4. Shelli Stout 20.5, 5. Suzanne Byrd 20.6.

Barrels (19 and over) - 1. Carl McTurner 18.5, 2. James Dean 19.3, 3. Jim Allday 20.3, 4. Barbara Whisenhunt and Lyn Dokey (tie) 19.8 plus 5, 5. Deanna Pursley 26.0.

Thursday evening at the Taylor Electric Building at 7:30. All members are urged to attend.

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Cancer Memorials Living Gift

When cancer takes the life of someone close to us, a relative or friend, the loss is painful. However, many thoughtful persons in Taylor County are turning losses into victories by making memorial gifts in memory of a loved one lost to cancer - a living memorial.

"A gift today may spare others tomorrow," explained Sam Chase, crusade chairman for the Taylor County unit of the American Cancer Society, a national health agency fighting cancer through programs of research, education, and service. "The society seeks in this three-fold way to fulfill one of mankind's greatest hopes - the ultimate triumph over cancer. Each memorial contribution brings the moment of final victory closer."

Donors receive acknowledgment of their gifts, and families of those honored receive a handsome memorial card. The memorial card does not state the amount of the gift. In Taylor County contributions are received by Dolores Edwards, 4115-A North First Street, Abilene, 79603.

Ladies to Play In June 21 Tourney

The ladies wishing to enter the Ladies Golf Tournament at the Country Club in Merkel are urged to make their reservations soon. The tournament is to be held June 21 at the Country Club.

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- Dessert:** Coconut-Pecan Bundt Cake with Whipped Cream

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LOCAL TALENT - These artistic works were displayed Friday and Saturday at the West Texas Utilities Building by local members of the art club. Everything from still life portraits were shown and all work was done by local people.

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

Policy Change Urgent

We in America have long basked in the security of an abundant agriculture that has produced ample food and fiber to supply our needs as well as those of a large part of the world.

Unfortunately, too many of us have fallen into the habit of thinking our horn of agricultural plenty is like the miraculous pitcher that never runs dry. This line of reasoning apparently stems from the naive notion that America's vast agricultural productivity has come about solely because of our nation's lucky combination of climate, soil, and limitless natural resources.

Any city gardener knows there's far more to it than that.

And anyone who has ever delved even slightly into the history of American agriculture knows that the colonists who settled our country had to discard the farming practices they brought with them and pioneer in new methods. Through the years of westward expansion, the move into new lands was accompanied by the need for new practices adapted to different soils and climates.

The history of American agriculture has been one of change directed toward "making the best better," as 4-H'ers say. American farmers have succeeded in doing this time and time again, topping previous record yields with less and less manpower on less and less acreage. And they have been able to do it largely because of the vast amount of technology that has poured out of agricultural research.

But the technology that has accomplished miracles in the past is not sufficient to assure miracles for the future. New technology must be built upon that of the past, and agricultural research out of necessity must be a continuing process.

There are disturbing indications, however, that the urgent need for continuing basic agricultural research is not as clearly recognized as it should be.

The National Academy of Sciences has called attention to this in a recent report issued after a study of agricultural records of the United States and five European countries. The study indicates some "warning signals" that require immediate attention: (1) the rate of increase of total farm production is slowing, and (2) the possibility of increasing crop yields from additional fertilizer is diminishing.

Unless agricultural research finds even more imaginative ways of increasing productivity and unless population pressures are finally brought under control, the Academy says the results will be higher food prices and ultimate food shortages.

The report points out that federal and state support for agricultural research has increased on the average of almost 9% a year for the last two decades. But it notes that the emphasis of that support has shifted away from basic agricultural research and productivity studies to consumer- and environment-oriented programs.

Specifically, the proportion of university research funds spent on agriculture has dropped by 50% since the late 1950's. And yet, the report points out, if the same farming methods that were common in the 1950's had been used in the 1970's, prices for the same quantity of goods would have doubled or tripled instead of remaining relatively stable.

The report concludes, "There is an urgent need for agricultural research to receive increasing emphasis and much greater support. The future well-being of mankind could be at stake."

In the hope that Mr., Mrs., and Ms. Average Citizen will join in the discussion to bring about this needed change in U.S. policy, the Academy addresses its report: "To The Nation."

It's clearly a time to speak up and be heard.

Police Report

May 23, 1975 - Several windows were broken out of the vocational agriculture building and one in the band hall on the Merkel High School campus and a large rock was thrown through the front door of the high school building. Vandalism has been a serious problem around the school area and the police department requests that parents keep closer supervision on their children. The damage done by these vandals causes much inconvenience and a great deal of the taxpayers money.

The department received a call from Coach Martin stating that two boys had egged his home. A patrolman picked up the boys and notified their parents. No charges were filed.

May 28, 1975 - Charges of public intoxication and assault were filed against a suspect following an incident in which the subject struck the Justice of the Peace and ran. Patrolmen located the suspect approximately two hours after the incident, he was in a weeded area sniffing paint. He was arrested and placed in the Taylor County jail where charges were filed.

June 2, 1975 - Subject arrested in Abilene by the Abilene Police Department on charges of bad checks. Subject claims to have found a checkbook for the Farmers and Merchants Bank in Merkel in a parking lot and wrote checks from this book. Citizens are cautioned to take care with their checkbooks and to report their loss or theft immediately to the bank. The subject in this case has made partial restitution for the checks.



SWEET TREAT-Peanut Marshmallow Log is an easy-to-make candy which combines marshmallows, caramels and chopped peanuts. For additional recipes write Commissioner John C. White, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Tex. 78711.



PEANUT MARSHMALLOW LOG

- 2 Tbsp. butter or margarine
- 1/2 cup of 10-ounce package marshmallows
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 cups chopped peanuts
- 1/2 of 14-ounce package caramels
- 1 Tbsp. water

Melt 1 Tbsp. butter. Add marshmallows and stir until melted. Beat in enough confectioners' sugar to make mixture of kneading consistency. Add vanilla and 1/2 cup peanuts. Knead further with more sugar and shape mixture into thin roll, 12 inches long. Place remaining peanuts on wax paper cut into 12 x 4 inch rectangle. Combine caramels with remaining butter and water. When melted, pour caramel over peanuts in a thin even stream, spreading caramel mixture with a knife dipped in hot water. When caramel peanut layer is cool, place marshmallow roll in center. Using wax paper, lift caramel around marshmallow center and seal edges, pressing peanuts in carefully. Place in refrigerator long enough to harden, then slice. Wrap pieces individually and store in an air-tight container. Yield: 24 1/2-inch slices.

For additional recipes write Commissioner John C. White, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Tex. 78711.

Triticale Is Tongue-Twister That's Highly Edible

Triticale sounds like a tongue-twister, but it's worth learning to pronounce because you'll probably be hearing a lot about it.

Phonetically, you say it something like: trit-ee-KAY-lee. And as for definition, it's a new high-quality protein food crop that represents a major accomplishment for plant breeders.

Hailed by some as the first man-made grain, it's actually a cereal crop created by crossing wheat and rye.

First observed by German scientists almost a century ago,

it was regarded as a biological curiosity until 1967 when it aroused worldwide interest. Some fancy chromosome juggling in university labs around the world resulted in this new crop that may prove to be superior to either of its parent species, food experts say.

Various baking products utilizing triticale flour were marketed for the first time last summer in Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma - the three states where it is now grown.

And if growers can boost production, the new product will eventually be nationally distributed.

Less than 20,000 acres were planted to the new crop last year, and drought cut expected production in half. This year, growers may plant as high as 100,000 acres.

Because of its baking characteristics triticale flour must be blended with wheat flour in baked goods.

Food and nutrition specialists at Texas Tech University in Lubbock report that triticale's protein content averages 16.4% compared with wheat's 12%. More significant, they add, is the quality of the protein provided by triticale.

The body utilizes it for growth much more efficiently than it does protein from wheat or soy concentrate.

Colorful End May Await Fire Ants

Fluorescent dyes may prove to be the death of the imported fire ant.

This dangerous insect - a hazard to farmers, animals, and crops - has brought quarantine restrictions in six southern states.

Previous control efforts have relied largely on insecticides, but some of these are now under attack as environmental hazards.

Now a Mississippi State University scientist has come up with a novel approach for controlling the ants.

In lab tests, Biochemist James Heitz feeds the ants a diet of fluorescent dyes mixed with a sugar solution. When the ants are subsequently exposed to light, the dyes are transformed into toxic substances that kill the insects in less than four hours.

The exact mechanism of how the light and dye act isn't clear, but scientists believe the combination results in lethal photo-oxidation.

The imported fire ant is believed to have arrived in this country from South America in about 1919.

Besides attacking humans and wildlife, it builds huge mounds that interfere with farm machinery operations.

Fire ant populations have been reported in parts of Arkansas, Florida, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Texas.

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Accent on Health

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

You don't have to let mosquitoes take a bite out of your summer fun if you'll take a few preventive measures in advance.

This is the word from your Texas State Department of Health, which has long experience in this field.

Bountiful - and frequent - spring rains throughout most of Texas have left the state ripe for mosquito infestations in practically all areas. Perhaps you've already seen and felt evidence of a mosquito hatch in your own yards, or in a camping or picnic area.

It only takes a little standing water and some adult mosquitoes to bring on the pain, discomfort, aggravation and sometimes disease from the pesky insects.

Water in which to pass their early life stages is a necessity for mosquitoes. Adult flying mosquitoes frequently rest in grass, shrubbery or other foliage but they don't develop there. In walking through such areas you can run into a swarm of them, leading you to believe they hatch out there.

Some mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water where they hatch in a day or two. Other mosquitoes lay their eggs in old tires, tin cans, or other water-holding containers in which they may remain unhatched for weeks or months until they are covered with water.

With both types of mosquitoes, the wigglers or larvae grow quickly and turn into tumblers or pupae. Soon the skin of the tumbler splits open and out climbs another hungry mosquito - looking for you as its victim.

In addition to being pests, says the State Health Department's Vector Control Division, mosquitoes can spread disease. Such diseases as encephalitis, yellow fever, dengue fever and malaria are common diseases spread by the flying insect. They are major health problems in other parts of the world.

One of the latest epidemics of mosquito-borne diseases in Texas was Venezuelan Equine Encephalitis (VEE) which struck the state in 1971 after entering through Mexico. The disease hit many people - mostly in the Rio Grande Valley - and made heavy inroads into the half million horse population.

While mosquitoes are a threat to health and bodily comfort, there is something that you as an individual can do to ease the situation and lessen the job of local and regional health organizations and mosquito control units.

These could be called the Ten Commandments of Home Mosquito Control. They are:

1. Empty, remove, cover or turn upside down any receptacle that will hold water - particularly old bottles and tin cans.
2. Change water and scrub vases holding flowers or cuttings twice each week - or grow cuttings in sand.
3. Discard old tires or store them indoors.
4. Screen rain barrels and openings to water tanks or cisterns. Seal cisterns not in actual use.
5. Repair leaky plumbing and outside faucets. They may cause standing water in which mosquitoes can hatch.

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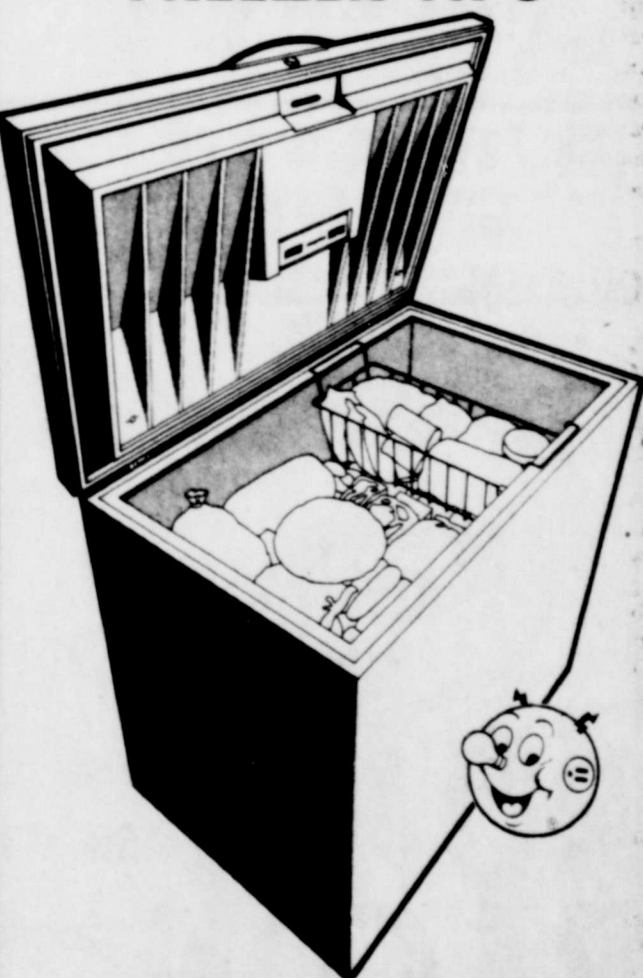
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BIS-MIX 6 OZ. BISQUICK 6 FOR \$1.00

JELLO ASST. FLAVORS 3 OZ. BOX 3 FOR 59¢
 PEACHES HUNTS 2 1/2 CAN 2 FOR \$1.00
 FLOUR GLADIOLA 5 LB. BAG 73¢
 SHORTENING SWIFT 42 OZ. CAN 99¢

COOKING OIL WESSON 24 OZ. BOTTLE 93¢

INSTANT TEA LIPTON 3 OZ. JAR \$1.39

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 WITH THIS COUPON WHEN YOU BUY THE 1 LB. CAN OF MAXWELL HOUSE COFFEE AT CARSONS
 1 LB. CAN ONLY 89¢ WITH COUPON
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SUNSHINE SALTINE 1 LB. BOX 49¢
 KRAFTS CRACKER BARREL EX SHARP OR SHARP-MELLOW CHEESE 12 OZ. 98¢

FROZEN FOODS
 OLE SOUTH ASSORTED FLAVORS COBBLER 2 LB. CRTN. \$1.19
 CHEF BOYDEE JUMBO PIZZA PKG. 89¢

FOR FATHERS DAY OR WEDDING GIFTS GIVE- BEEF- GIFT- CERTIFICATES AT FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK - MERKEL

DEP - PROTEIN HAIR SPRAY JUMBO CAN 49¢

MORTONS T.V. DINNERS EA. 49¢

GRIFFIN GRAPE JELLY 18 OZ. 63¢

Why Our **GROUND BEEF**



Makes the Juiciest, Tastiest Hamburgers

LEAN POUND 53¢
 ROAST BABY BEEF 98¢
 BACON ARM OR ENGLISH LB. \$1.33
 STEAK GOOCH BR. POUND 83¢
 FRANKS GOOCH BEEF 12 OZ. PKG. 73¢
 SAUSAGE GOOCH GERMAN STYLE PKG. 93¢
 TURKEYS ARMOUR ROTISSERIE 7 TO 9 LBS. LB. 73¢
 SHORT BEEF FOR BAR BOON RIBS STRIPS LB. 79¢

PEARS LIBBYS 303 CAN 2 FOR 83¢
 TOMATO LIBBYS JUICE 46 OZ. CAN 59¢
 CORN JOAN OF ARC 303 C.S. 2 FOR 63¢
 Tomatoes CONTADINA 300 2 FOR 63¢
 Potatoes HUNTS NEW 300 2 FOR 49¢

CAMPBELLS 28 OZ. CAN Pork & Beans 2 FOR 89¢

VEL KING SIZE BOT. 69¢

COLD POWER KING SIZE \$1.69

SAVOR the FLAVOR SAVE on the VALUES

PERSIAN LIMES LB. 23¢
 WASHINGTON DELICIOUS Red Apples LB. 43¢
 FRESH SQUASH LB. 19¢
 ARIZONA ORANGES 4 LB. BAG 63¢
 FRESH - CELLO CARROTS 2 FOR 35¢
 CALIFORNIA PEACHES LB. 39¢

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 SHOP AND SAVE Double on Wednesday with \$5.00 or more

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