

Between you



and me

By SARAH ECKOLS Today I'd like to talk about life's little irritations. Of course, there isn't room on these pages to list them all, so I'll just run through a few that have really been

bugging me lately. Last week I had the misfortune to break one of my contacts. Now this brought to mind one of the foremost pet peeves on my list. I have heard at least 50 times in the last few days, "Oh, I didn't know you wore contacts." This is simply because I don't make a habit of walking up to people and saying, "Hello, I'm Sarah; I wear contact lenses." Now at least 2,000 or so readers know my secret.

This week end I went to New Mexico for a couple of days to take care of some business. Now if you have ever been through the country between Alamogordo and Albuquerque, you know that it is a desert. Why then, must there be signs stating "Watch for Water?" Perhaps in view of the lack of water in this area, the highway department of New Mexico wishes for any water spotted by passing motorists to be reported so that it might be preserved immediately. Then there are the signs one perpetually sees in mid summer saying, 'Watch for ice

perpetually sees in mid summer saying. "Watch for Ice on Bridge," or in the middle of a drought, "Slippery When

Taking a top spot among my pet peeves is the hygiene advertisements on TV. Must one be assaulted constantly on the tube in the big middle of a movie with deodorant, soap, toothpaste, detergent, shampoo and now days very personal product advertisements. I find it particularly crude and gross. There is no privacy over the air anymore. Subjects that weren't even spoken about some years ago are advertised openly these days.

. I suppose the one that really stands out above all is the funeral home advertising on television. Sometimes they make it sound as though one ought to rush out and take advantage of this week's special!!

When was the last time you spent, or even saw for that matter, a two dollar bill? For most of us, I'm sure it has been quite a while. The last one I remember having in my possession was several years ago and my mother told n.e it was bad luck. Sure enough, it was.

My mother bought it from me, I spent the two one dollar bills she paid me for it and she still has the old two dollar · bill. Get ready. The shiny new Bicentennial coins that have just come out this year will soon be joined by the old

· return to the American scene on April 13, 1976, after an absence of 10 years. The return of the two dollar bill is estimated to save the Bureau of Engraving and Printing \$27 million in print-

two dollar bill with a new look. The two dollar bill will

ing costs over the next five years. On the face of the new bill will be the old Gilbert Stuart portrait of Thomas Jefferson which was on the original issue. However, on the reverse side instead of Jefferson's home at Monticello, will be a reproduction of John Trumbull's painting of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

In a recent viewing of the NBC nightly news, this reporter saw a man-on-the-street type of interview being conducted asking John Public's opinion of the two dollar bill. Most said they thought them to be counterfiet and would not trade the newsman two dollars for the bill. Some laughed at the idea.

It will be very new and different to those of us who can not remember the two dollar bill being in common circulation. I, for one, think it is a good idea and am looking forward to seeing them in April. As most of us know one dollar buys very little anymore anyway.

To my fellow late shoppers, we only have one week from today to shop for Christmas gifts. I don't in the least since consider myself stingy, but I am sure there are few, if any others, who dread the task of shopping more than I. The indecision of what to buy and how much to spend and sizes simply drives me up the proverbial wall. I usually end up rushing out on Christmas Eve when there is no great selection to confuse me and buy what seems best on the final impulse of necessity.

**************** following poem was published in the December, 15 issue of Texas Co-Cp Power, the monthly paper published by home-owned electric cooperatives. We enjoyed it very much and thought those of our readers who do not receive the co-op paper might enjoy it too. The poem is entitled "Remembered Christmas."

I once thought that Christmas meant sleigh bells and snows, And gifts gaily tied in bright ribbons and bows,

Til one day an old man with a much wiser head Who spoke not religion but lived it instead, Knowing that on Christmas the gifts would be few, Succeeded in changing my whole point of view; For pulling a chair alongside me one day He talked as he whittled an old board away.

"Christmas," he told me, "is a way of livin", Not ours for the takin', but ours for the givin'. The best gifts are not tied with ribbons and bows, Things like faith and love and cheery 'hello,' And whether a Christmas is bounteous or lean It's the birthday of Christ. Do you get what I mean?" The bell that he rang was as clear as could be,

And Christmas took on a new meaning for me.

Our snowman that year, the best of them all, Wore his stovepipe hat more stately and tall, The popcorn popped to the very last grain, And somehow we managed one big candy cane. The carols that year rang out so much sweeter, Two little tin soldiers played follow the leader! Though sparse were the gifts, the tree held much splendor, For that year it glowed with thoughts of the sender.

Remembered Christmas! Could I ever forget Those words of wisdom that abide with me yet? Christmas that year was the best we ever had, For that wise old man (guess you know) was my dad! Today, because of him, the snow falls whiter, And I know the Star of the East shines brighter. And whether a Christmas is bounteous or lean, It's the birthday of Christ, do you get what I mean?

Laura Baker Haunes



UNDER CONSTRUCTION-A construction worker hammers away at the construction site of the new apartment complex which is expected to be

Apartment Complex To Be Ready In March

federal Farm and Home Ad- Mrs. Clark said, They include ministration loan are expect- three of the three-bedroom, ed to be ready for occupancy three of the two-bedroom, by the first of March, announced Arthur E. Stone, one of the project's architects.

for \$220,000.

The apartments are located directly south of 1-20 across the interstate from the Big Country Inn.

ments will be rented according to a scale that takes into account each family's individual income.

A family with a yearly income in the range of \$6,000-\$7,000 will qualify for the minimum rental rate, which will be around \$120 per month for a one-bedroom, \$140 for a two-bedroom, and \$160 for

a three-bedroom.

Persons under 62 years of age who have an income above \$12,000 per year will not be eligible to live in the apartments, according to Mrs. Annette Clark, who is to manage the project here.

Called the Shannonside Apartments, the new dwellings are to be owned by Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon of Merkel and by Reynolds and Stone, Architects, of Dal-

The 20 apartments include eight one-bedroom, eight

Adult Choir To Present Cantata At Tye Church

The Adult Choir of the First Baptist Church of Tye will present John W. Peterson's cantata, "Joy to the World" Sunday evening December 21, at 7 o'clock, Harrell Greer is director of the choir program at the church.

Accompanists for the evening will be Nancy Moore and Mrs. David McFall. Mrs. Steve Hillhouse, Charles Treadway, and Leonard Payne will be presenting solos during the presentation.

John W. Peterson is a foremost composer and arranger of religious music. This cantata is only one of many he has written. It combines well-known Christmas carols, new hymn-tunes for some, and new carols ap-pearing only in "Joy to the World." A narrator interlocks the beautiful story of Christ's birth being depicted in the music with the biblical account. Many of the musical lyrics are taken directly from scripture.

Our services are always open to anyone who would come seeking Him.

Twenty apartment units two-bedroom, and four threecurrently being constructed bedroom units. Seven of the in Merkel under a 40-year 20 are already spoken for,

Mrs. Clark said that anyone interested in the pos-Construction contract is sibility of renting one of the new apartments should contact her at 928-5038.

and one of the one-bedroom

"The FHA program under which these are being built is designed especially to give Designed for moderate in- rural areas help with getting come families, the apart- quality housing which is comparable to what can be obtained in big cities, something that has been lacking from small towns in the past," said architect Stone of Dallas, here to oversee the construction.

> The rent schedules areaccording to a range prescribed by the FHA, he noted. The apartments, on which construction began October

20, are the result of a housing survey taken a number of months ago which indicated that there was indeed a need for such structures in Merkel and thereby qualified the community for the FHA loan. Some of the units are duplexes; others are quadriplexes (four apartments per

building). The frame structures with composition roofs will be allelectric, with central heating and air conditioning. They will be carpeted, and kitchens will feature electric ranges, refrigerators, dishwashers

Walls will be sheetrock. One parking lot will hold 17 cars; a second 19 cars. A partial fence will stand in front of the buildings.

and disposals.

Construction is now 40 per cent complete, announced Thurman Roark of Euless, general contractor for the project.

Twelve workers, eight of them from Merkel, are currently employed on the construction.

Merkel Chamber of Commerce president Benny Melton cited the presence of the apartments as a healthful economic indicator for the community, and an asset from which local citizens will

Trent Stock For January

Trent FFA wishes to announce its annual Livestock Show which will be Thursday, January 8, 1976 at 2:30 P.M. A barbeque supper will conclude the activities at 7:00 P.M. in the Trent High School Cafeteria. Everyone is invited to attend.

Donations for the Show can be sent to Rocky King, Vo. Ag. Teacher Box 82, Trent, Texas 79561. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated.

Merkel Approved For \$30,400 **HUD Grant In Phase**

week the approval of a federal Community Development Block HUD grant to the city of Merkel in the amount of \$30 400.

This grant is phase I of a 4 phase total application that has been submitted to HUD

The annual Merkel Live-

stock Show will be held Jan-

uary 10 at the Merkel FFA

show barn. The show will be-

gin at 1 p.m., but for the

advantage of those who would

like to see the animals be-

fore show time, they will

be in the stalls by 10 a.m.

The Merkel Livestock show is

for all FFA and 4-H students

in the Merkel school system.

year's show will be Billy

Serving as judge for this

son announced earlier this system improvements program designed to eliminate dead end water mains in the distribution system in Merkel and give a complete circulation of water around and through out the community. This will not only improve the quality of the water and assist in the compliance with

Riley of Santa Anna, Billy

has judged the Merkel Live-

stock Show in previous years

and is the vocational agricul-

ture teacher at Santa Anna.

He is married to the former

Karen Ray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ray of

Merkel. Those organizing the

show have expressed their

belief that Billy is one of the

best judges available and that

we are lucky to have him back.

Merkel Stock Show

Slated For January 10

Phase one is a water the Federal Safe Drinking money would have neces-Water Act, it will also benefit sarily come from the citithe whole community from zens of Merkel through ina stand point of fire pro- creased water and sewer tection.

in the near future anyway." in the near future anyway."

"These are improvements which would have to be made stated city coordinator, J. been funded through HUD the

According to the number

expected, there should be

from 90 to 160 animals in

this year's show. This

number includes about 23

lambs, 7 steers, 4 heifers,

4 capons and over 50 hogs.

be turned in to Chester Col-

linsworth, vocational agri-

culture teacher or Benny

Melton at the Merkel

Chamber of Commerce of-

fice no later than noon, Jan-

Superintendents and

assistants this year will be

Serving on the finance com-

uary 7.

Entries for the show must

come mandatory. The water system improvement project involves 4000 feet of 6 inch water mains, 4-3 way firehydrants, one highway crossing, one railroad crossing, all necessary valves, casing and materials in place and street repair and pavement cuts by the city.

rates and higher taxes. Com-

pliance with the Federal Safe

Drinking Water Act will be-

The project is designed to give the needed circulation of water thereby relieving a chlorine residual deficiency through the elimination of dead-end mains, plus assurance of a constant availability of water by token of an additional tie between supply and storage. Also, fire protection will be increased not only in the area of construction, but for the whole community as well. This project is to be constructed in and will serve areas of lowincome families, minority groups, 235 housing and school facilities both educational and recreational. The project is in accordance with needs and requirements called for by the Texas Department of Health and WCT COG Rural Comprehensive Plan Local Div. W/S 1970

In a news conference Monday evening, Mayor Lou David Allen expressed the approval, appreciation and gratitude of the Merkel City Council to J. A. Sadler for his efforts in making this application to HUD, pushing it through the first steps and in the end making this type of funding possible for Merkel.

Hard work and perseverance on the part of the city coordinator have made progress a part of the city government of Merkel, according to the mayor. The mayor expressed his view that Merkel is very lucky to have such a man as Sadler managing the city office.

George English, L. J. Gray and Dwain English in the swine division; Arthur Browne, Tom Swinney and Glen Browne in the lamb division and Eddie Glenn Sanduskey and son Grant Sandusky in the cattle division. mittee this year will be David Gamble, Arthur Browne, George English, T. J. Neill, Loyd Gilmore, Leon Harris and Jack Boone. Money will be raised December 29. The people of Merkel and this area have always been willing to donate to this cause to help the kids offset some of the feed bills and cost of raising these animals. The Showmanship trophie will be pre-

LADIES NIGHT SPEAKER-Dr. Rupert Richardson, President Emertius of Hardin-Simmons University, was guest speaker for the annual Ladies Night Banquet at the Merkel Lions Club Tuesday evening. Dr. Richardson used a Bi-Centennial theme for his address.

Outlook Good For Sales Increase For Local Merchants

more money at more local stores" is making for a more profitable Christmas shopping season for merchants this year than last, according to Merkel Chamber of Commerce president Benny Melton.

The outlook is good for an increase in sales over 1974, he commented. "If it weren't for our los-

ing Castille Hardware in a Hensley said.

"More people spending fire, we'd really have a record season considering all the new and expanding firms here," he noted.

> Farmers and Merchants bank president Don Hensley agreed with the observation.

"All the stores are busybusier than last year -- and it looks like a lot more people are staying in Merkel to do their Christmas shopping,"

Area Cotton Prices Increasing In Early Sales

Cotton prices increased during the week ending December 11; according to B. B. Manly, in charge of the Abilene Classing Office. The higher grade, 3.5-4.9 micronaire cotton advanced by 50 to 275 points during the week and sold from 1500 to 2000 points over CCC loan rates. Thus, premium micronaire grade 42 with staple 32 ranged in price from 4 to 51.50 cents per pound. The same grade cotton with micronaire readings within the 3.0-3.2 range sold for 44,00 to 46,50 cents per pound. Most cotton lots at 42 to 51 cents per pound, Trading continued slow to moderate.

Grade 42 was the predominant grade classed, comprising 34 percent of the total classings.

About on-third of the samples classed were reduced in grade because of bark or grass content. Pressley fiber strength tests averaged 80,000 pounds per square inch during the week.

About 47,000 samples were classed during the week ending December 11.

December 18 Yule Concert

The Merkel junior high and high school bands and choirs will present a Christmas concert at 8 p.m. Thursday, December 18, in the school auditorium.

sented by Taylor Electric Co-

the groups sill perform such Christmas music as "Silver Bells," "Winter Wonderland," and a medley of traditional carols. All groups have been at

work since before Thanksgiving on numbers for the program, which will last an hour and a half, Kaire said. Both choirs will be assisted

by Mrs. Katherine Stuckey, pianist and assistant director.

A total of 57 musicians in

Schools To Dismiss Friday For Holidays

Travis Davis, principal of Merkel High School has announced that the Merkel and Tye Public Schools will dismiss at 1:30 p.m. Friday, December 19 for the Christmas Holidays. Buses will run regular routes at this time. Classes will resume at the regular time on January 5,

The Trent Fublic Schools will dismiss for the Christmas Holidays, Friday, December 19 at 2:30 p.m. it was announced by Roy Neff, superintendent, Trent classes will resume on Monday, January 5, 1976 at the regular time.

the high school band, 70 in the junior high, 24 in the high school choir and 60 in the junior high will perform.

Three Merkel Directed by Daryll Kaire, Students Make **All-District** Three Merkel High School

students have been named to All-District Band. They competed for the

honor with other students from 1A and 2A schools in the area on Saturday, December 6 in Sweetwater. Senior Debbie Beaird on

bass clarinet, junior Doug Roysden on clarinet and sophomore Todd Cox on string bass are the three who qualified for the honor. Band director Daryll Kaire sponsored the trip to the

Candlelight Service

The Reverend Dwight E. Wilcher, minister of Pioneer Memorial United Methodist Church has announced there will be a candlelight service in the church at 7, December 24. The service will consist of music, solos, Christmas hymns, scriptures, prayers and drama. The community is invited to share in this

service. There will also be a special program at seven o'clock on the evening of December 21, at which time the White Christmas offering will be received for the Methodist Home for Children at Waco.

Dream Of Many Years Comes True For Local Merchant

Part Two of a Series: MERKEL MERCHANTS

"This is something that Dad has wanted to do for about a hundred and fifty years," Bob Hammond said of the new Ben Franklin store that recently opened in Mer-

The move from the store that he has had since 1941 at 129 Edward Street in Merkel to the four-times-larger operation on Kent and North Second has been the subject of contemplation for a long time, John Hammond agreed.

His son Bob, 24 years old, admitted that he had at one time scoffed at the idea that Merkel could support such a large operation.

Finally the elder Hammond had a survey made. And the survey indicated that there was indeed a need for a larger variety store here.

"Dad showed me the results of the survey, and I laughed again," Bob said, grinning. "I had always thought of Merkel as a parasite of Abilene. Of course this," he indicated the store filled with customers shopping early on a weekday morning, "proves that I was wrong.

Hammond commented that as holder of the Ben Franklin franchise he is able to buy and therefore to sell merchandise at a lower price than many other retailers, since there are 2500 Ben Franklin stores over the glob ncreasing the chain's b ag

He remarked that many people have told him, "Now that you're here, I won't have to go to Abilene nearly so much anymore."

"They're the best people in the world around here," he went on. "When people thank you like these do for selling you something, you're fortunate."

The store, which opened on November 20, encompasses 10,000 square feet. The structure is 100 X 100 feet square with a glass and brick front. Construction on it began in July.

Asked about his other interests in life, Hammond laughed and said, "My main hobby is the Ben Franklin



JOHNNY HAMMOND

"And it's a good thing," he continued, "because if you're going to spend all of your time at something, it ought to be something that you like."

Hammond, who was born in New Mexico and then worked for a while in East Texas, came here to take over the store in '41 from a brotherin-law who was leaving the business.

In his 34 years as a merchant he has become acquainted with many hundreds of townspeople. Many who have long since moved he remembers well.

"I love high school home-coming time," he remarked. "Then I often see people who I haven't seen in 20 or more years."

The future of Merkel business looks bright when one considers that it is to be placed in the hands of the likes of energetic young Bob Hammond.

With experience working in retail stores in Lubbock and Abilene, Bob declares that he finds a small town like

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He cites the brusque manner of doing business, both on the part of the customers and the storekeepers, as an undesirable aspect of a larger population center.

"I would like to see Merkel be a small town with a population of 10,000 rather than a city with a population of 2,000," is the way he puts Bob, who went to McMurry

and Angelo State, recalls his first business venture. "Dad wanted to get each

of his four sons set up in business. So when I was a senior in high school he fixed me up with a servicsstation to operate.

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manager of a supermarket

chain store in Lubbock after college, he found that he had a lot to talk about with his

"We'd talk shop," he

grinned. "We'd be going over

his merchandise, and I'd say,

'Ours sells for 29 cents.

and he'd brag, 'Well, ours is only 27 cents.'

that he was delighted when

Bob showed an interest in

helping him with the Ben

Franklin store. His wife

worked with him for a number

of years, but the couple's

other three sons have gone

They're grandparents

now -- most recently to a baby

girl born November 24 to

Bob and his wife Michelle.

into other fields.

The elder Hammond said

father.

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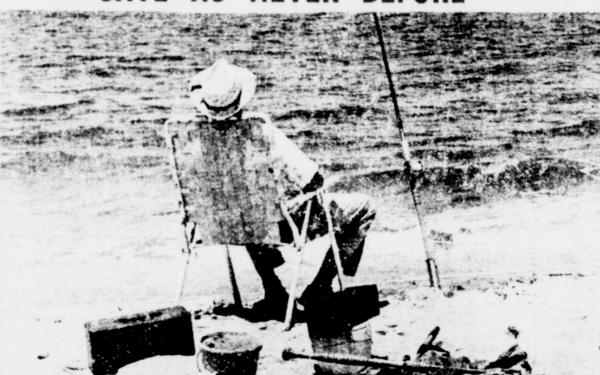
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Hosting the celebration will be their daughter, Mrs. J. D. Alexander of Camp Hill, Pennsylvania; daughters-inlaw, Mrs. Payton Scott of Rising Star, Mrs. David Scott and Mrs. Barry Scott of Merkel; granddaughters, Theresa Scott and Holly Scott; sisters of Mrs. Scott, Mrs. A. E. Palk of Denver, Colorado, Mrs. Frank Brnovak of Merkel Mrs. E. N. Powell of Roswell, New Mexico; also nieces, Judy Ernovak, Beth Palk and Mrs. Forrest Harlow of Commerce.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott were married in Abilene, December 19, 1935 by the Rev. Author Kendall, pastor of Nubia Methodist Church. They have lived in Mulberry Canyon since their marriage, farming in the Butman community and the Blair community. They are still engaged in stock farming.

Mr. Scott was born in Eastland County in 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Scott. The family moved to Whitharrell in the early 30's and to Merkel in 1933.

Mrs. Scott is the former Mabel Butman, daughter of Mrs. Sam Butman Jr. and the late Sam Butman Jr. She was born in Mulberry Canyon as were both of her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Scott are members of Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church.

Teacher Training Planned By UT

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Girl Respondent, (s) Greet-

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MANDED 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 Mon-

day next after the expiration

of twenty days from the date

of service of this citation,

then and there to answer

the petition of the Beula

Wynne Love, Supervisor,

Taylor County Child Welfare

Unit, Petitioner, filed in said

Court on the 12 day of De-

cember, 1975, against Un-

known Father of Baby Girl

Respondent (s), and said suit

being numbered 11,355-DR

on the docket of said Court,

and entitled "In the Interest

of Michelle Renee Angley a

Child and/or Children," the

nature of which suit is a

request to Terminate Parent-

Said MICHELLE RENEE

The Court has authority in

ANGLEY was born the 1 day

of December, 1975, in Abi-

this suit to enter any judg-

ment or decree in the Child's

interest which will be binding

upon you, including the termi-

nation of the parent-child re-

lationship and the appoint-

ment of a conservator with

authority to consent to the

Issued and given under my

hand and seal of said Court

at Abilene, Texas, this the

12 day of December, 1975.

(SEAL) Attest: Irene Craw-

District Clerk

tions Court in

Taylor County,

By Faye Lyons

Domestic Rela-

Ford

Texas.

Deputy 43-1tc

Child Relationship.

lene, Texas.

child's adoption.

To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of

Texas-Greetings: You are hereby commanded to cause to be published one time 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 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 twentyeight 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: Cordell Leroy Hackett, 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 forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 12th. day of January A. D. 1976, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 29th. day of August A. D. 1975, in this cause, numbered 11,010-DR on the docket of said court and styled Elizabeth Ann Hackett, Plaintiff, vs. Cordell Leroy Hackett,

Defendant. A brief statement of the

nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Parties married on or about December 20, 1969. Separated and ceased to live together on or about February 15, 1971. One child under age 18 born to marriage, Felice Breswana Hackett. Petitioner asking to be appointed managing Conservator of this child.

No community property. as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs. Issued and given under my

hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 1st. day of December A. D. 1975. (SEAL) Attest: Irene Craw-

> lations Court Taylor County, Texas. By Rella Maloney, Deputy.

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Thursday, December 18, 1975 PAGE 4 Young Homemakers

The Taylor County Young Homemakers met in the home of Mrs. Ida Seymore with Gayle Baker serving as co-

hostess. The program, "Goodies

from Santa's Workshop," was given by WTU representative, Xi Nu Chi News

Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Mamie Steck for their December meeting. President Darla Mawson lead the members in the opening ritual. Opal Garner read from the International "Heritage Heart Beat." Mamie Steck announced that the 1975-76 Year Book had been entered in the International Year Book Contest and that the winners would be announced in the spring Torch.

Service Chairman Opal Garner announced that the chapter would serve a Christmas Dinner to the Indoor Sports Club of Abilene at Lytle Shore Auditorium on December 4th, and the program would be given by Doug Ralston and Mike Davis. Ways and means chairman reported on the Christmas bazaar. The program for the evening was given by Elizabeth Eager, captain and Mamie Steck assisting on "Women who Have made a Difference." Darla Mawson gave a program on "Vive La Difference" and Charlotte Starbuck gave a program on

"History of Texas." Refreshments were served to the following members Mrs. John Brady, Mrs. Bobby Dubose, Mrs. Peck Eager, Mrs. Bob Garner, Mrs. Robert Harris, Darla Mawson, Mrs. George Starbuck, and Mamie Steck.

will meet Monday, December 22 at 7 p.m. All area senior citizens are invited to attend

Card Of Thanks I WANT TO THANK Everyone for the flowers, cards. prayers, and for being so thoughtful while we were in-

> Mr. and Mrs. Gaines Fisher

The City of Merkel will receive sealed bids until 1 p.m. January 12, 1976, on the

hand and the Seal of said THE STATE OF TEXAS Court, at office in Anson, TO: A. T. Halbert, d/b/a Texas this the 13th, day of November A. D. 1975. You are hereby commanded (SEAL) Attest: Roy Thorn to appear before the Honorable County Court of Jonesi County at the Court House. thereof, in Anson, Jones, Texas County, Texas, at or before-By Hazel Dudly 10 o'clock A. M. of the first 39-4tc Monday next after expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being

1 st. day of October A. D. 1975, in this cause, numbered 5930 on the docket of said court and styled Oil Field Trucking Service Plaintiff. vs. A. T. Halbert d/b/a Lynn

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: A balance due and owing to plaintiff on the account is \$741.39 and attorney's fee

Drilling Company Defendant.

the 29th, day of December

A. D. 1975, then and there

to answer Plaintiff's Petition

filed in said Court, on the

of \$1,000.00 as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this ford Clerk, process shall promptly ex-Domestic Reecute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs. Issued and given under my

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assigns of each of said named

individual Defendant who are

ceased, DEFENDANTS,

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-

MANDED to appear before the

Honorable 42nd. District

Court, Judge Lon Lane, of

Taylor County at the Court-

house thereof, in Abilene,

Texas, by filing a written

answer at or before 10 o'clock

A. M. on the first Monday

next after the expiration of

forty-two days from the date

of the issuance of this cita-

tion, same being the 26th.

day of January, A. D. 1976,

to Plaintiff's Petition filed

in said court, on the 8 day

of December, A. D. 1975,

in this cause, numbered

34996-A on the docket of

Nordan Oil and Gas Corpora-

H. L. Smith, et al, Defend-

A brief statement of the

Suit by owner of oil and

gas leases covering the

hereafter described

property for the app

oil and gas leases come-

ing the mineral interest of

the Defendants, whose whereabouts are unknown.

The Defendants own 3.51%

of the minerals in and to

the following described

Northwest one-fourth

(NW1/4) of Section 233 and

the Southeast one-fourth

(SE1/4) of Section 234,

Block 64, H & TC Ry.

Co. Lands, Taylor County,

ment of a Receiver i

nature of this suit is as

said court and styled:

tion. Plaintiff

follows, to wit:

property:

ants

deceased if any are de-

Greeting:

TO ANY SHERIFF OR ANY

to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twentyeight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true

CITATION

BY PUBLICATION P. Monday, C. Moore, J. A.

Wheat Seed
Early Triumph 1 Bu. Bags

Little Sister for the month of December is Kathryn Mur-

rell. Kathryn has studied homemaking I and II and home and family living. She has been a member of FHA for two years, secretary of the student council, a member of the honor society, basketball and track, band, twirler and

homecoming dutchess. Attending the meeting were Linda Beasley, Julie Schaffer, Terry Martin, Mary Hill. Vickie Rodriguez, Gayle Taylor, Ann Jacobs, Mary Grimes and Barbara Buntin. Visitors present were Mrs. Allen D. King, Mrs. Joe Weston, Mrs. Ford Smith Jr. and Mrs. Edna Brown.

Badgers Tracks

The National Honor Society is sponsoring a gift wrapping booth in the Senior Citizens Building, Saturday December 20, from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M. If you furnish your own box, paper, and ribbon, there will be no charge for the wrapping. If the club furnishes the supplies, there will be a small charge, from 10¢ to 50¢ depending on the size of package.

Senior Citizens

The Merkel Senior Citizens

the hospital. God bless you

43-1tp

Notice To Bidders

sale of the following described property: Lots 1 and 2, Block 7-E; lots 11, 12 and 13, Block 20-A; Lots 9 and 10, Block

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be returned unserved.

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 seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 8 day of December, A. D.

(SEAL) 43-4tc

ATTEST: Irene Crawford, Clerk 42nd, District Court Taylor County, Texas

goner!"

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A FLEA MARKET DEC. 13th

Miss Rister Is Bride Of Paul Tucker In Moc Wedding

bride of Paul Tucker in a Groomsmen were Bart Whismock double ring ceremony enhunt, Bobby Saldana, before an archway flanked on Robert Cullum, Wesley each side with seven white Jones, Robert Mathewson and tapers in the Merkel High Mike Hicks. School Auditorium Tuesday, Maid of honor was Kathryn December 16 at 9:30 a.m. Murrell and brides maids Steve Peachey officiated for were Patty Toney, Clesta the mock wedding be- Cochran, Rhondu Howes, fore members and guests of Rhondia Toney, Audy Byrd the home and family living and Suzette Santee. They wore class of Merkel High School formal length gowns of pastel under the direction of Mrs. yellow and each carried a Grimes.

The bride is the daughter bud. of Larry Smith and Carla Fa- Ushers were Annie Cox,

Serving the bridegroom as riage by her father wore a

long-stemmed yellow rose-

riello and the bridegroom is Robert Mathewson, Robert the son of Chuck Knight and Cullum, Boby Saldana, Mike Susie Toombs, all of Merkel Hicks and Bart Whisenhunt. The bride, given in mar-

-- MRS. W. T. SADLER

ing away or for having around

Bill Hayes, both of which

have brought raves from their

SOUR CREAM FUDGE

Cook to soft ball stage. Let

bridge, Kenneth Swiger, W.

W. Toombs, Georgia Zim-

merman, Leon Toombs, J. T.

Howerton, Jim Richards and

Miss Mable McRee and Miss

Louise Hudson.

4 cups sugar

1/2 stick oleo

1 tbs. vanilla

2/3 cup sour cream

until loses gloss. Add nuts.

With Christmas right paper, of the mixture. Then

around the corner, many folks refrigerate. Later cut into

hand to serve during holiday Homemade candies for giv-

doctor's wife has contributed Christmas. Here is a recipe

her recipe for Cheese Roll, from Mrs. Jynell Farmer of

which she notes is great for Modern Beauty Shop for Sour

entertaining this time of year, Cream Fudge, and one for

to our weekly recipe column, peanut butter logs from Mrs.

f.iends.

1/2 to 1 cup pecans stand 15 minutes. Then beat

Mix well. Then roll in pap- Pour into pan; cut into

Gleeners Sunday Schooll

Mrs. W. T. Sadler, the the house are popular at

around Merkel have plans for thin slices

treats to whip up to have on

CHEESE ROLL

3 small packages of cream

2 garlic buttons (juice

rika. Make a roll in waxed squares.

Christmas Dinner

1/2 lb. sharp cheese

squeezed out)

(chopped fine)

Class Held

The Gleaners Sunday

School Class of the First

United Methodist Church of

Merkel held their Christmas

party December 10, at the

Big Country Inn with a dinner and party.
Mrs. T. K. Anderson read

"One Solitary Life" by Loren

Green, and Mrs. Russell Mc-

Anally offered the blessing

Gifts were exchanged by Mrs. Russell McAnally, Mrs. W. F. Smart and the following members, Mesdames T. K. Anderson, W. S. J. Brown, Mary Click, C. A. Cox, Johnny Cox, Denzel Cox,

Wilmer Criswell, Winnie Cypert, Floyd Davis, O. R. Douglas, Anna Dunn, Wade Ensminger, Oswald Everett, · E. P. Farmer, D.S. Gregory, Dee Grimes, C. E. Harwell,

Ada Mae Johnson, Tom Largent, Dewel McLeon, Etta

· McWilliams, Dee Moore, Kenneth Pee, Joe Seymore,

John Shannon, W. A. Stock-

. for the meal.

1 tbsp. lemon juice

1/2 teasp, salt

cheese

1/2 tsp. red pepper

white formal length traditional wedding gown. Her veil of illusion which formed the chapel train was held by a Juliet cap and she carried a white floral arrangement.

Serving at the reception following the ceremony were Karolyn Davis, Melody Regeon, Cindy Tahon and Teresa Griffith. White wedding cake and punch were served.

The students have had a unit on wedding etiquette. Each one sent wedding invitations which he had prepared. Approximately 60 guests at-

The honeymoon was cut short by the second period

Holiday Treat Recipes Shared -- MRS. JYNELL FARMER

PEANUT BUTTER LOGS 1 box powdered sugar

1 cup peanut butter 1 cup graham cracker

crumbs 1 cup chopped pecans 1 cup oleo, melted

Mix all ingredients together. Roll into small balls. Chill until firm. Then melt a 12-ounce package of chocolate chips and I tablespoon of parafin. Dip balls into chocolate chip-parafin mixture, which makes them firm and keeps then from getting

-- MRS. BILL HAYES Slightly wilted parsley leaves pack meeting at the scout can be freshened by trimming hut at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, off the ends of the stems and December 18. placing them in cold water.

Sweetweter's First Package Store

little dolls made of cotton for which some thoughtful aunt had sewn a frilly dress -never at a cost of more than 25 cents, she believes.

With six girls around the house, two younger and three older than Eliza, there were always plenty of young men dent of Starr Nursing Home coming to call, staying for dinner or escerting one of As a child in a family that the young ladies to church.

"Church was about the only place we'd go when we went out with boys," she smiled. "We didn't go all the time to all kinds of places like the young folks do now."

She recalled fondly the sumptuous meals that her mother prepared for the hardworking farming family -- meals that sometimes featured several kinds of pies and cakes at once.

Mrs. Hobbs' husband died of her fellow nursing home "Oh, yes - Porter Wagsix years ago, when he was dwellers. 91. She had met him when she was a young girl and he was farming near the Stith community.

Cotton Chopping Was A Carefree Time For Eliza

She had seven children of her own, four of whom are still living. She is opposed to women's

"They should let men run things," she firmly believes. A supporter of President Ford, she nodded, "He tells

some good things." Mrs. Hobbs' days at the nursing home now are brightened by her two favorite tele-

vision programs. One is Hee Haw. The name of the other she couldn't re-

"That blond man that comes on every evening and picks the guitar -- what's his

The Light Touch

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gifts -- nothing expensive like folks do now," she remembered, saying that among

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Eighty-nine-year-old El-

"I didn't have a care in

iza Hobbs' best memories

are of chopping cotton in the

the world while I was going

down those rows," the resi-

included six daughters but no

sons, Eliza found that many

less-than-feminine outdoor

tasks were left to the girls --

and she didn't mind a bit.

when I was 19 I couldn't

go out and chop cotton any

more--I had to stay at home

and take care of the little

Mrs. Hobbs, born in Ed-

wards County, has lived in

and around. Merkel for 81

years, the daughter and the wife of West Texas farmers.

At this time of year, Mrs.

Hobbs likes to remember the

Christmases of her girlhood.

down a cedar tree in the

Scout

mountains," she said.

"We'd all go out and cut

"Then we'd exchange little

ones," she said.

"Then when I got married

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fields.

grinned.

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Taylor County Farm Bureau

Wedding And 60th Anniversary Shared By Stith Couples

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jones and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. West grew up together in the Stith Community, Mr. West and Mrs. Jones even grew up in the same home, since they

were brother and sister. Mr. and Mrs. West and Mr. and Mrs. Jones were married in a double wedding December 19, 1915 at the home of Mrs. West's parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Miller, with

Mrs. Clora Stevens' Rites Held Monday

Mrs. Clora Driver Stevens, 83, of Merkel died at 11:55 p. m. Friday at Hendrick Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness. Services were at 2 p.m. Monday at First Baptist Church in Mer-

The Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor, officiated. Buriai was in Elmwood Memorial Park in Abilene, directed by Starbuck

Merkel Visitors

E. N. Dowell of Hobbs, New Mexico has been visiting in the home of his sister and her husband, Rev. and Mrs. W. G. Richardson.

Card Of Thanks

IN REGARD TO OUR Beloved sister, Mrs. Dewey F. Garmany, we sincerely thank each and every one of this community for being so nice and thoughtful during our

The Brothers and Sisters

uneral Home. Born February 5, 1892, in Williamson County, she married Elbert Driver in 1911 in Roby. He died in 1960. She moved to Merkel in 1966 and married Cecil Stevens in 1973 in Merkel. She was a member of First Baptist

Survivors include her husband; a son, J. D. Driver of Lovington, N. M.; four daughters, Mrs. Jewel King of Fort Worth, Mrs. Dave Dorman of Casper, Wyoming, Mrs. John Harrell of Irving and Mrs. Bernard McGee of Rawlins, Wyoming; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Billy Joe Toombs of Abilene and Mrs. C. E. Tipton of Merkel; a stepson, C. C. Stevens of Lubbock; a brother, Otis Davis of Merkel; three sisters, Mrs. Mary Baker of Chickasa, Oklahoma, Mrs. Ethel Cox of Merkel and Mrs. Houston Tiner of Merkel; 16 grandchildren and 21 greatgrandchildren.

A son, Harold Driver, and a daughter, Audrey Driver,

The Joneses were born in 1895, he January 26 at Delight, Arkansas, and she April 1 at Waxahachie. He is a

CARD OF THANKS

I WISH TO THANK My

Mrs. C. A. Cox Otis Davis Letha Tiner

members of Merkel Church of Christ, Mr. Jones has

been an elder over 50 years. Hosting the reception will be children of the Joneses, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bicknell, 641 Westmoreland, Abilene, and Billy Jones, Merkel; the Wests' daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs.

Rev. E. E. Dawson, pastor retired farmer and they are Norman Winter, 1820 Beechwood, Abilene, and Mrs. Jessie Dillon, sister of Mr. West and Mrs. Jones.

Houseparty will include the West grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Manley Denton of Birmingham, Alabama, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Winter of San Angelo, and grandchildren of the Joneses, Mr.

and Mrs. Glen Bicknell of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Ball of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hosick of Abilene. The Wests have five greatgrandchildren, the Joneses

The couples are in touch almost every day, and they see each other two or three

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To decrease heat loss and reduce energy cost in rooms that are not in use at night or in extremely cold weather, draw the draperies and lower the shades over the windows, glass panels and doors. If the sun is shining on glass areas, open the draperies. The sun shining through the glass will supply additional heat at no cost.

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Mr. West was born at Waxahachie January 26, 1891. and Mrs. West was born at Whitewright April 2, 1891.

He farmed for a number of years and has been an independent oil operator for the past 45 years with an office in Abilene. They are members of Stith Baptist Church where he has been a deacon for 53 years.

friends and neighbors who helped so much at the time of our loss of our loved one Mrs. Clora Driver Stevens. The flowers and food were greatly appreciated. A special thanks for the blood donors

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Up and Down Again . . . A Better Buy . . . Prospects Brighten

Farm costs are up, farm prices are down. That's the summary of the latest agricultural price repc - from the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

Parity is now down to 73; a month ago it was 76, as was the case a year ago. Only two commodities-oats and mohair-are above parity.

Meanwhile, prices paid by farmers showed a six per cent increase compared to a year ago. Lower prices for livestock feed were noted, but higher prices were paid by farmers for clothing and motor vehicles.

Hog prices showed a big decrease, averaging \$47.60 for November, which is \$7.20 under a month ago. Parity

In other categories of livestock, beef cattle averaged \$31.20, up \$1.50 from a month ago but still more than 50 per cent below parity ratios. Calves averaged \$26.60 compared with parity at \$68.90. Sheep prices were only a dime below parity, averaging \$15.90.

Most crop prices are under levels of a month ago. Wheat averaged \$3.54 per bushel, which is 50 cents under a month ago and more than a dollar below parity. Grain sorghum averaged \$4.04; that is 42 cents under a month ago and \$1.16 below parity. Cotton price average in Texas, at 43 cents, is under a month ago and about half of the

Eggs showed an increase of 10 cents per dozen from a month ago; mohair was about 25 cents per pound above parity; oats were 19 cents a bushel above parity.

All this points up to one fact of agricultural life: while prices farmers receive decline, the cost of food to the consumer is continuing to increase.

STILL A GOOD BUY FOR CHRISTMAS this year is Texas farm produced food. One of the good buys you should consider now is citrus. The quality of grapefruit coming out of the Rio Grande Valley continues to be excellent. Another good suggestion is Texas pecans, now being harvested throughout the state.

MEANWHILE, WHEAT AND OAT FIELDS generally are making satisfactory progress, but a rain is needed to push them along; some areas report grain fields dying due

The only major crop yet to be harvested in the state . this year is cotton. Harvesting of that commodity is more than 50 per cent complete.

PROSPECTS FOR A GOOD COTTON YEAR in 1976 are now shaping up, according to a number of economists and forecasters.

They point up the fact that demand for cotton is increasing while the supply is down.

The textile industry is reviving from its doldrums and is anticipated that cotton will be a popular fabric in the coming fashion season.

Costs of producing cotton for some inputs are expected to be about steady in 1976 compared to this year. Putting it all together, the forecasters say cotton has a bright prospect for 1976. A year ago, cotton was being relegated to extinction by some of its critics. But cotton has always managed to survive each crisis it has encountered

Cotton is proving again to be popular as well as durable. It should continue to be a major factor in Texas agriculture for years to come.

Aliens Must Report

Joe F. Staley of San Antonio, District Director of the immigration and Naturalization Service estimated that 120,000 aliens will re-· port their addresses in the San Antonio Area during January under the Federal Alien Address Report Program.

Staley said that all noncitizens, except those in diplomatic status and foreign representatives of certain international organizations, are required to file! the address report.

He added that any alien who willfully violates the address report requirement may be subject to serious penalties. In addition, aliens who are the United States dur-January must report their addresses to the Service within 10 days after their

return to this country. The District Director said that address report cards will be available at United States post offices and at the Immigration and Naturalization Service office at San Antonio beginning January 1, 1976.

Wins Cash Award

They didn't laugh when a University of Texas student sat down at the piano recently in New York's Carnegie hall.

The UT senior piano student, Dickran Atamian, proceeded to win first prize in the Naumburg Foundation piano competition, one of the nation's top-ranked contests

for promising artists. At amian, who studies with Prof. John Perry, received a \$1,500 cash award, the opportunity to present two recitals in 1976 and 1977 in New York's Alice Tully Hall, and a management contract with an artists' concert

Former Merkelite Died In Temple December 12

Truett Jones, 62, of Catesville and formerly of Merkel and Abilene, died at 10:45 p.m. Fridat at Scott and White were at 10 a.n.. Tuesday at Starbuck Funeral Home Cha-

The Rev. E. V. Brooks, a retired Baptist minister from Abilene officiated with the assistance of Rev. Ausie Wstson, pator of Stith Baptist Church. Burial was in Elmwood Memorial Park in Abi-

Born Aug. 2, 1913 in Comanche, he came to Merkel with his family and was reared in the Stith con. munity seven miles southwest of Merkel. He married Thelma Allen June 1, 1935, in Abilene.

Mr. Jones was graduated from the Abilene Christian College Academy, and he attended mortuary college in Dallas and worked as a mortician in Abilene, Merkel, San Angelo, Cross Plains, Rising Star and Gatesville.

Baptist Church of Gatesville portance to Texas history.

and the Merkel Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Jerry of Port Arthur; his mother. Mrs. Fletcher Jones of Stith; two sisters, Mrs. Fern Berry and Mrs. Alva Grace Rose, both of Abilene; a niece, Mrs. Sharon Wallace of Abilene, and two grandsons.

Purchases Collection

By purchasing part of a collection formerly belonging to Edward Eberstadt and Sons of New York, The University of Texas this fall became the foremost center for research in Texas and Southwestern history.

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Mr. And Mrs. Cargill Honored On Golden

The children and grand- couple are cordially invited to children of Mr. and Mrs. H. attend. H. Cargill are hosting a reception honoring the Golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Cargil, Sunday, December 21 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Woodman Hall, 121 W. Stephenson, Hale Center.

Friends and relatives of the

Hosting will be Mr. and

Mrs. Gordon Cargill, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Cargill, Burl Cargill, Louise Cargill, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Chance, Mr. and Mrs. Galen Privitt, Howard Cargill, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Sime and Anna, Edna Cargill, Wayne Cargill and

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