

## Between you

and me

By SARAH ECKOLS



Congratulations to Merkel's Bunloo Browne, a native of Thailand, who recently became a U. S. citizen during ceremonies in Abilene.

Mrs. Browne is the wife of Army Sgt. Maj. (ret.) Lewis Brown. She and Browne met in 1970 when he was assigned to a duty station in Thailand. She returned to the United States after his return and they were married in Massachusetts in 1972. The couple has two daughters. Browne is food services manager at Abilene State School. He is a native of Colorado City.

Mrs. Browne, welcome to the citizenship of our great country and to Merkel.

With Valentine's Day rapidly approaching, one must think of those for whom that special Valentine is to be chosen. To add a little something to that Valentine, consider having it postmarked from Loveland. I'm not kidding. Last year 150,000 people sent their valentines to the Loveland postmaster for remailing from the internationally known Sweetheart City of Loveland, Colorado.

Loveland became internationally famous for the valentine mailing in the 1940's and the volume of valentine mail has grown steadily since. This year is the 100th birthday of Loveland and they have designed the World's largest valentine in celebration. Happy birthday, Loveland.

And so, being an editor does have its advantages; like being invited to Lions Club, getting into the football games free, sitting in on City Council meetings and now the latest honor, a season pass to Alabama Coushatta Indian Reservation near Livingston. (I might just go, too.)

"Wherever a man goes, men will pursue him and paw him with their dirty institutions, and, if they can, constrain him to belong to their desperate oddfellow society."

Henry David Thoreau  
1817-1862

So it seemed Thoreau had no use for either society or his fellow man as is abundantly evident from his many references to the worthlessness of society and the conformity of establishment. Thus, he became a hermit, living off the land and in solitude for much of his life.

Was Thoreau right? I think not. I think that need of fellow beings and the love and companionship they provide is of the utmost importance. To give of oneself to others in their service and to take the satisfaction this giving brings is more valuable than material things, learned knowledge or any number of hours spent in solitary meditation.

So much I, to be gained from the association of others. Through a better understanding of our fellow beings I feel we can find them our most valuable possessions. For better understanding brings about tolerance and tolerance encourages liking and liking is the parent of love, and love is God.

So many of us are searching for answers to the whys and ways of the world, but we are not first stopping to find a beginning. I think the beginning is with learning to love our fellow beings.

Thoreau was disenchanted with society and government. He saw it to be full of hypocrisy and felt that it was totally bad. What he failed to see was that perhaps he could instigate change rather than running from it and spending his life alone. His writing depicts him to be a bitter and cynical man who at the age of 45 died not knowing he had missed living because he had not learned the tolerance and love of others.

## Merkel Home Furnishings Center To Open In February

A new furniture store, Merkel Home Furnishings Center, will open in early February on the southwest corner of Second and Kent streets in Merkel. The building formerly housed a Chevrolet dealership.

Owner of the new business will be Rodney Cosper, young merchant who recently moved to Merkel from Abilene to open the Western Auto Store here in October 1975.

Cosper said that he will have \$15,000 worth of merchandise for sale when the business opens featuring mainly lower and middle priced lines of furniture. Used furniture will be sold at a later date.

Cosper will rent the building for the furniture store, which at first will encompass 10,000 square feet of showroom space, from Pinky Cypert of Merkel, who is remodeling the structure now.

Cosper, formerly a salesman for an Abilene plumbing wholesaler, said that although will open the store in the part of February, he will hold a grand opening in March.

Over sixty pieces of furniture will be for sale at the outset in February, Cosper said, to include lines of Broy-

hill, Bassett, and Kroehler. Also for sale when the store opens will be small electrical appliances, to be displayed on the store's balcony, and

### Dudley, Jones Received Degrees From HSU

Two Hardin-Simmons University students from Merkel have completed their degree requirements at the close of the fall semester in December. They are Judy Hester Dudley, bachelor of science degree, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hester of Route 1, and William Kenneth Jones, bachelor of music, son of Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth F. Jones of 1500 Heath Street.

No commencement exercises are held at the end of the fall semester. The graduates will receive their degree in the May commencement exercises or in absentia.



MARISSA SANDUSKY  
... with grand champion steer



DEDE MITTS  
... first place lamb



DWAIN ENGLISH  
... takes grand champion barrow

## Merkel Church Of Christ To Hold Gospel Meeting January 18 - 21

The Merkel Church of Christ will hold a gospel meeting January 18 thru 21, Larry Gill, associate minister of the congregation has announced. Services will be Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m. on weekdays.

Glenn Owen of Abilene, and regular preacher at the Merkel Church of Christ will be speaker for the meeting.

Glenn has previously done mission work in Brazil and has been guest speaker for a proachers' meet in Spain. He is fluent in Spanish and Portuguese as well as eloquent in English. The young minister has also worked with the TV Program, "Harold of Truth."

The congregation at the Merkel Church of Christ invites all area residents to come to this inspirational meeting. They have recently

remodeled their building and wish to have their friends come visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Gill live at 1418 Sunset in Merkel and have two children.

## Auxiliary To Choose Fireman

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Merkel Fire Department will hold its regular monthly meeting, Monday January 19 at 7 p.m. at the fire station. Nominees for Fireman-of-the-Year will be voted on at this meeting. This award given to a volunteer fireman for outstanding service to the department. Past recipients of the award are Fire Chief Waymon Adcock and Assistant Chief Billy Lucas. All members of the auxiliary are urged to attend this meeting.

In a special called meeting held Thursday, January 8, Dianna Seymore resigned the office of treasurer. Jennye Martin was elected to this office.

Members present were: Mrs. Jackie Cannon, Mrs. Joe Swinney, Mrs. Robert Harris, Mrs. Jack Martin, Mrs. David Seymore and Mrs. Jerry Horton.

## Warren Awarded Degree

Jerry Michael Warren of Merkel was one of 151 Angelo State University students who completed degree requirements at the conclusion of the fall semester. Warren received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree.

Of the 151 fall graduates, 18 were awarded master's degrees, 46 Bachelor of Arts degrees, 55 Bachelor of Science degrees, and 32 were awarded Bachelor of Business degrees.

While diplomas are due to be mailed sometime during February, those wishing to take part in formal graduation ceremonies in the spring may do so by contacting the office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Public graduation ceremonies are conducted only in the spring and at the conclusion of the summer session.

## Sandusky, Boone, Mitts And English Take Top Honors In Merkel Show

This year it was evidently a good one for the young ladies as they dominated competition at the Merkel Livestock Show held January 10 at the Merkel High School Ag barn. The girls did okay, too, it is shown since they captured two grand champion awards and one reserve champion award. Guys, you'd better start early if you want to take back over the lead next year.

Topping the Merkel Stock Show was Marissa Sandusky, a Merkel 4-H Club member, who showed the grand cham-

pion steer, Marissa, an eighth grade student at Merkel Public Schools, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Glen Sandusky.

Taking honors for the overall showmanship was Cindy Boone of the Merkel High School Future Farmers of America. Cindy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boone and showed the reserve grand champion medium weight hog in the swine division. The showmanship award was presented by Taylor Electric Cooperative.

This year's stock show had

89 entries and according to spokesman, was a very successful show. Grand champion lamb was shown by Dede Mitts and Dwain English showed the grand champion heavyweight hog.

This year entries were judged by Billy Riley, vocational agriculture teacher at Santa Anna.

Other results were as follows:

Beef Division  
Heifers-1. Buster Brown, Merkel 4-H; 2. Michelle Brown, Merkel 4-H; 3. B.

Brown.  
Lightweight steers-1. Buster Brown, Merkel 4-H; 2. Grant Sandusky, Merkel FFA; 3. Carla Shelton, Merkel FFA.  
Heavyweight steers-1. Marissa Sandusky, Merkel 4-H; 2. Grant Sandusky, Merkel FFA; 3. Marissa Sandusky.  
Grand champion-Marissa Sandusky, Merkel 4-H  
Reserve champion-Grant Sandusky, Merkel FFA

Sheep Division  
Hampshire-1. Dede Mitts, Merkel FFA; 2. Bill Fisher, Merkel FFA; 3. Glen Braune, Merkel FFA.  
Southdown-1. Glen Braune, Merkel FFA; 2. G. Braune; 3. Dede Mitts, Merkel FFA.  
Crossbred-1. Tommy Swinney, Merkel 4-H; 2. Sheila Swinney, Merkel 4-H 3. Glen Braune, Merkel FFA.  
Grand champion-Dede Mitts  
Reserve grand champion-Bill Fisher, Merkel FFA.

## Notice

There will be a garage sale sponsored by the youth of the Trent Baptist Church Saturday, January 17 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., it was announced earlier this week. The sale will be held in Trent at the Baptist Church Parsonage across from the church building.

## C of C Nominates New Directors

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce met Monday afternoon. Plans for the annual banquet as well as nominations for new directors was the business of the day.

The 1976 Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held Tuesday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Merkel High School Cafeteria. A theme will be discussed and chosen at the next chamber meeting.

Speaker for the March banquet will be Lee Herring, senior vice president of Grand Prairie First State Bank.

Price for tickets to this year's dinner has been set at \$3.75 per person.

A committee was appointed to select the outstanding citizen of the year to be presented at the banquet.

Six nominees for new directors were presented and approved by the current directors. Of the six nominated, each chamber member is to vote for three. Ballots will be mailed to chamber members in the next week or so, it was announced.

Those nominated are Bob Hammond, Tommy Carson, Pat Castille, Finley Barnett, Russell McAnally and Sarah Eckols.

## Consumer Pension Plan Available At Farmers And Merchants Bank

Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs), the new tax-deductible retirement savings programs for wage earners not otherwise covered by a pension plan, are now available through Farmers & Merchants National Bank.

A significant new financial service, IRAs were made possible by provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) of 1974. Their creation will allow millions of middle- and lower-income Americans--for the first time--to save towards their retirement and receive the same tax break long provided to individuals covered by company pension plans.

Individual wage earners, below the age of 70 and one-half, who have not participated in a qualified pension plan at any time during a calendar year, are invited to visit Farmers & Merchants National Bank to see about establishing their own IRA program through a bank trust or custodial account.

Don W. Hensley, president of Farmers & Merchants National Bank, said "This financial institution is now offering potential IRA investors a convenient method for building retirement income that includes the additional advantages of relatively long-term high interest rates, no service fee and FDIC insurance coverage for all accounts up to \$40,000."

"An IRA offers meaningful financial benefits to the individual consumer," Hensley pointed out. "Any eligible employee can put up to 15 per cent of his or her earned income, up to a maximum of \$1,500, into an individual retirement account, and defer paying taxes on the entire amount until it is withdrawn upon retirement."

"And, during the period the money is in the retirement fund it is earning interest (also tax deferred) and increasing in amount."

It should be noted that IRA funds may not be withdrawn before age 59 and one-half, without heavy financial penalties, except in the event of disability or death. On the other hand, funds in an IRA account must begin to be withdrawn no later than the year in which the individual reaches age 70 and one-half.

Hensley invites all interested eligible wage earners to stop by Farmers & Merchants National Bank to discuss the possibility of establishing an individual retirement account tailored to meet their own specific financial needs, objectives and means.

## Vets To Meet

The World War I Veterans and Ladies Auxiliary will have their regular monthly meeting Saturday, January 17.

A noon pot luck luncheon will be served followed by a business meeting.

All eligible veterans and ladies are urged to attend.

Swine Division  
Lightweight-1. Taresia English, Merkel 4-H; 2. Tommy Sloan, Merkel FFA; 3. Jessie Sparks, Merkel FFA.  
Mediumweight-1. Cindy Boone, Merkel FFA; 2. Tonya Moore, Merkel FFA; 3. Taresia English, Merkel 4-H.  
Heavyweight-1. Dwain English, Merkel FFA; 2. Cindy Boone, Merkel FFA; 3. Taresia English, Merkel 4-H.  
Grand champion-Dwain English, Merkel FFA  
Reserve grand champion-Cindy Boone, Merkel FFA.

Poultry Division  
Capons-1. Randy Harris, Merkel FFA; 2. Harris; 3. Harris.

Rabbit Division  
1. Glen Arnold, Merkel FFA; 2. Arnold; 3. Arnold.  
The following made donations to the 1976 Merkel Livestock show:  
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T. J. Neill  
Jack Boone  
Alvin Braune  
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West Texas Utilities Co.  
Mansfield Farm & Ranch Supply  
Briggs  
Hicks Auto Supply  
Planters Gin of Trent

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# Nolan Palmer Recounts Growth

A lifetime of "always treating the other person like I like to be treated myself" has put Nolan Palmer in the front ranks of successful auto dealers in Texas. His Palmer Pontiac and GMC Motor Company in Merkel is the highest volume per capita dealership in the Dallas zone. His business has grown from around 50 cars sold per year when he first opened in 1948 to a current 650-700 new and used car sales per year. Now he keeps around 65 cars in stock and the dollar volume of his business has increased 1000 per cent. At first he was allocated two new Pontiacs per month, now his allocation is unlimited. He has customers from across Texas and from other states who call him when they want to buy a car.

"Over the years I've cultivated a good clientele over the telephone," he modestly explained. He has a large fleet account in Fort Worth. Palmer has always been in the Merkel area, having grown up on a farm near here along with three brothers and two sisters. His brothers all went into business for themselves, too--one into farming, one into building contracting, and the other into the insurance business. Palmer said he believes that growing up on a farm with responsibilities as a youngster might have contributed to the initiative which



NOLAN PALMER--Showing new cars is not new to Nolan Palmer. He is pictured above giving Mrs. Don Hensley the particulars of this model. Mrs. Hensley is the wife of Don Hensley, president of Farmers and Merchants National Bank in Merkel.

the Palmer children carried into their careers as adults. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer, the former Ann DuBose of

Merkel, have a son and a daughter. About his hometown, Palmer proclaims, "Merkel

is a dandy place to live! It's growing and is on the up now--I predict that Merkel will grow more in the next five years than it has in the last 20 years."

Palmer these days finds time to visit his daughter, Pat Leveridge, and his son-in-law and grandchildren in Mercer Island, Washington, twice a year. He also loves to go pheasant hunting in Nebraska--"much more challenging than dove or quail hunting," he says--and fishing at the family's second home at Cisco Lake.

Palmer's son, Ron, owns and operates Holiday Motor Company in Abilene. Ron and his wife have a one-year-old daughter.

Both of his children went to high school in Merkel. Palmer has won trips to New York, Bermuda, Las Vegas Lake Tahoe and elsewhere in Pontiac-sponsored contests for high volume and sales.

The family has lived for many years at 401 Locust in Merkel.

# Bank Tops In Deposit Increase Rate

Farmers and Merchants National Bank in Merkel has for the second year in a row recorded the largest increase in deposits, on a percentage basis, of any Taylor County bank.

F & M Bank completed 1975 with a 32 per cent increase in deposits. The increase over two years has been 68 per cent. Deposits have grown as follows, announced bank president Don Hensley:

1973--\$6,273,691.81  
1974--\$8,514,325.15  
1975--\$11,228,708.55

Hensley said several factors accounted for the growth. "If I were to pick any one influence," Hensley commented, "it would be because of the wholehearted community support of our bank. This is always necessary, because as our community grows, so grows the F & M Bank. The local economy during 1975 was much stronger than in 1973 and 1974," Hensley added.

"Our area economy is stronger than in other areas throughout the Southwest, and we have not experienced the adverse effect of the recession our national economy has recently undergone," he continued.

"Although the farmers and ranchers are not receiving acceptable prices for their livestock and commodities the prices are greatly improved over recent years. This is necessary in order to offset the increased cost of machinery, fuel and production," he commented.

"The commercial livestock feeding industry in this area has had a marked improvement over the depressed markets experienced 12 to 18 months ago. In the past 12 months, commercial cattle feeders have been in the position to recoup some of the heavy losses experienced," Hensley noted.

"With our growth, the Farmers and Merchants National Bank is in a position to adequately meet the loan needs of our local farmers, ranchers, and cattle feeders, as well as the money needs of our local merchants. We look for a continued improvement in our national economy, with our local outlook being excellent for 1976. We are very optimistic, and are proud to be a part of this growth," Hensley concluded.

Farmers and Merchants is an independent bank with local ownership.

### Card Of Thanks

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## The Light Touch

BY PAT CASTILLE

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Heard about the minister who keeps unpaid bills in a file marked "Due Unto Others?"

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## Rehab '76 Off And Running With Array Of Stars

Rehab '76 is set to take place on Saturday, January 17, 1976. The Sixth annual telecast to benefit the West Texas Rehabilitation Center will air from 7 p.m., Saturday, until 2 a.m. Sunday.

The seven-hour television spectacular will originate live and in color from the Abilene Civic Center, will be seen and heard in a three state area, and will feature a sparkling array of stars of stage screen, and television. Ken Curtis, Gunsmoke's "Festus Haggen" will appear for the first time on a Rehab telecast, and Art Johnson, the sly German on Laugh-In, also will make his first appearance on the telecast.

The special will be co-hosted by Rex Allen and Shari Lewis, both familiar and popular repeaters on the show. Also featured will be Helen O'Connell, Connie Smith, Slim Pickens, Rex Allen, Jr., Arthur Duncan, Pedro Gonzalez Gonzalez, Johnny Gimble, The Men of the West, the Angle Sisters, and the Rehab '76 Orchestra.

Other personalities expected to appear during the telecast include Bill Mack, Dick Yaws, Don Harris, Ace Reid, Ronald McDonald, Larry Mahan, Lon Gay, Ernie Taylor and Monte Henson. Additional personalities are expected to be on hand for the show also.

The annual telecast is the kickoff for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center's year-round fund-raising program. The Center is a private, non-profit treatment and diagnostic center serving the handicapped of the Southwest.

The Rehab '76 network of television stations includes KRBC-TV, Channel 9, Abilene, KACB-TV, channel 3, San Angelo, KATX-TV, channel 39, Dallas, KTVV-TV, channel 36 Austin, KSWO-TV, channel 7, Lawton, Oklahoma, KAMR-TV, channel 4, Amarillo, KMCM-TV, channel 9, Monahans, and KWAB-TV, channel 4, Big Spring. The Rehab '76 radio network includes Abilene radio stations KRBC, KNIT-FM, KFMM-FM, and KWKC. This year's show also will be broadcast on WBAP, Fort Worth; KEND, Lubbock; and KENM in Portales, New Mexico.

The Rehab '76 television spectacular is considered the largest benefit telecast originating in the Southwest.

Several members of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority from Merkel will be among the ladies answering phones at Rehab '76.

## USDA Again Delays Brucellosis Quarantine

The U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced it is postponing the effective date of a brucellosis quarantine on Texas cattle, until further notice.

Meanwhile, according to officials of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Texas is complying with the "uniform methods and rules" which set forth minimum standards for the 50 states participating in the cooperative brucellosis program.

In response to a temporary court order issued December 30, the Texas Animal Health Commission began requiring the S-branding of cattle exposed to brucellosis to prevent them from being diverted from shipment to slaughter, and also requiring tighter controls of cattle entering brucellosis-free areas of the state.

Following a January 8 hearing, Judge J. T. Boyd of the state's 64th, Judicial District in Castro County, issued a temporary injunction directing the Texas Commission to continue enforcing these measures until further orders by the court, or until such time as the new state regulations can be put into effect. The Commission has scheduled a hearing for February 5 on these regulations.

USDA officials said they will continue cooperating with Texas in carrying out a brucellosis eradication program, including the payment of indemnities to owners of infected cattle.

Also, Texas counties will retain their standing in the national brucellosis program. Most of the state's 254 counties are currently rated as "modified-certified" brucellosis areas; 25 are "certified brucellosis-free" but 28 are listed as "noncertified."

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## Boys Scouts Set Banquet Date For January 29

The Annual Banquet of the Chisholm Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America will be held on January 29, 1976 at Lytle Shores Auditorium in Abilene, starting at 7:00 p.m. Recognition of the Eagle Scouts of 1975 and the presentation of the Silver Beaver Awards are among the highlights planned. A slide presentation of activities for the past year will be made. LeRoy Bell will serve as

Master of Ceremonies and Bobbie Lee Wolfe is Banquet Planning Chairman, Council President Dr. James Webster has emphasized that all adult Scouters and their wives or husbands are invited from throughout the 9 1/2 county Chisholm Trail Council. "Many good things have happened the past year in our Council and this Banquet is just one way we have to say Thanks to them," said President Webster. Reservation may be made through the Council Service Center.

## Miss Hicks To Wed Gary Carver

Mr. and Mrs. Ben R. Hicks of Merkel announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Bethany Ann, to Gary Dean Carver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill R. Smith of Knox City. The bride elect is a graduate of Merkel High School and attended Tarleton State University and is a graduate of Glenn and Lotties School of Beauty in Abilene. She will be employed in the Mini Mall in Knox City. The prospective bridegroom attended Knox City High School. A Valentine's Day wedding is planned.

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## Doctor Rongers' Health Column

By EDWARD W. RONGERS  
CHIROPRACTOR



In my first health article, I wrote that women are genetically stronger than men. However, males do have a numerical advantage at birth since there are 105 boy babies born for every 100 girls. But this advantage is short lived since the male death rate during the first week of life is 32 percent higher than the females. In the general population at large, there are 95 males to every 100 females. In later life, past age 75, there are 65 males for every 100 females.

Why is it that males outnumber females only at birth? One reason is that from childhood to old age, males maintain a constant higher mortality rate. They exercise poor judgement about their health and well-being, foregoing adequate nutrition, sleep, rest and proper exercise. It could be said they neglect their health to a self-devastating degree while pursuing success and security.

Males are more susceptible to all major diseases, especially genetic diseases, and are dying from these diseases more readily than women. However, women get sick more often than men, but they also recover more often.

Men are less able to tolerate stress and also less able to endure such things as exposure, fatigue and shock than women. More men drink than do women and therefore outnumber women in the alcoholic statistics. More men than women are victims of cancer of all kinds, suffer more heart attacks, strokes, and stomach ulcers, men stutter more than women and when nutrition is lacking, they will also starve sooner.

Men react to stressful circumstances with greater insecurity and anxiety, therefore having more nervous breakdowns than women. Women may be more emotional, but men are more emotionally disturbed, thus men commit suicide more often than women.

Lets face it, men are in need of help! On the family level, what can wives do to alleviate their husband's burdens and help guarantee him a longer and more rewarding life? Here are some practical steps that a wife can begin which may help to increase her husband's longevity.

—A wife should permit her husband to be moody or irritated. She should be a good listener and should encourage her husband to talk so that she can share his responsibilities and daily pressures.

—A wife should know the difference between nagging and constructive criticism. Timing is all important here, as the wife should wait until her husband is in a receptive mood before presenting different ideas or suggestions.

—A wife should know her husband's likes and dislikes, his needs and tastes. Frustrations at home should be avoided, especially when the husband undergoes frustrations on the job. The atmosphere at home should be kept relaxing and comfortable.

—A wife should attempt to share some common interests with her husband and yet not make him feel guilty if he should desire to go

fishing or hunting with members of his own sex.

—A wife should help her husband be a good father by making him aware of the needs of the children and by not relying on him to be the only one to administer their punishment.

—A wife should encourage her husband to take a vacation since many men never do unless they are urged to do so by their wives. Periodically a husband and wife should share time together away from the children, even if it is an evening out for dinner and a movie.

—A wife should put her husband first. When a husband knows his wife is on his side he is better able to cope with his responsibilities and burdens.

A wife who is genuinely interested in the welfare of her husband and will follow these steps will also experience a lessening of family tension and an increase in family morale.

Marriage is a two-way street; a husband must considerate of his wife also. People who help others function better always benefit personally. A marriage that puts an emphasis on "him" and "her" rather than "things" and "accomplishments" is invariably more conducive to good health.

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# Louise Sudderth's Home Reflects Many Talents

To the south of Louise Sudderth's house off Farm Road 126S, Castle Peak and Blow-out Mountain of the deep blue hills of Mulberry Canyon rise sharply out of the flat ranch land. A mile and a half to the north of the house, the cars and trucks on Interstate 20

## Cotton Prices Strong

Cotton prices had been weak, but on Thursday they began to rise and by January 9 they were strong again, reports B. B. Manly of the Abilene Cladding Office. Cotton that miked 3.5-4.9 brought 16 to 21 cents per pound above CCC loan rates. Grades 52, 42-52 miked 3.5-4.9 ranged in price from 45 to 53 cents per pound. The same grade and staple, miked 3.0-2.2, brought 43 to 47 cents per pound. Grades 33 and 43, miked 3.0-3.2, brought from 42 to 45 cents per pound, and brought 36 to 41 cents per pound if miked 2.6-2.9, until late in the week, demand was light and trading was slow.

Quality of cotton showed little change as compared to the previous week. Grade 42 continued predominant at 33 percent of classing. Grades 32, 32, and 33 accounted for 32 to 38 percent. Fifty-two percent was reduced in grade because of bark as compared to 40 percent a week ago. Staple 31 was the predominant length at 46 percent, with staples 30 and 32 about 24 percent each.

## Here Are Two 'Different' Cakes

Recipes for two delicious and unusual cakes have been provided us for this week's recipe column. The first, from Mrs. Carlton King, is for a cake that's really easy to make as well as tempting.

### PINEAPPLE CAKE

Grease and flour a 9 X 12 pan.  
1 1/2 cups sugar  
1/4 cup brown sugar  
2 cups flour  
1 tsp. soda  
Mix dry ingredients with fingers. Add one cup nuts to dry ingredients. Add one No. 2 can crushed pineapple to mixture.  
Cook at 350 degrees for 40 minutes. Let cool, then ice with following recipe:

**ICING**  
3/4 cup sugar  
3/4 stick butter  
1/2 can evaporated milk  
Boil for two minutes. Add 1/2 cup nuts and pour icing over cake. Sprinkle grated coconut over the top.

--MRS. CARLTON KING  
The next cake is "so rich it needs no icing," said the contributor of this recipe, Mrs. Johnny Thomas.

**VANILLA WAFER CAKE**  
Grease and flour a tube pan.  
Cream together:  
2 sticks butter  
2 cups sugar  
Add a little at a time to butter-sugar mixture.

## Dye Promoted At Pearl Harbor

Marine Corporal Theibert J. Dye, grandson of Mr. Robert J. Dye of 408 Thornton Street, Merkel has been promoted to his present rank while serving at the Marine Barracks at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

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To the east and west for miles and miles, cattle graze and furrows of gentle farmland rest dotted by occasional windmills and lonely farmhouses. To take in the spectacle to the fullest is the aim of the Sudderth house a mile west of Merkel. Picture windows present the view in all directions.

The energies and talents of Mrs. Sudderth are reflected throughout her home. The house itself was designed by Mrs. Sudderth and her daughter—and a remarkable design it is. Encompassing less than 2,000 square feet, the red brick ranch-style house gives the appearance from the inside of being much larger. Its features include five bedrooms—each with windows giving access to the vista outside, a huge den with a fireplace, and a spacious kitchen and workroom.

In 1955, after her husband Aaron died, Mrs. Sudderth went to McMurry College in Abilene and studied mechanical drawing and drafting. "I love math and I like to work with my hands," were the reasons she gave for deciding to take up the subjects—studies that enabled her to draw to scale the floor plans of her house, in which she has lived for seven years.

Mrs. Sudderth's sister, who owns the farm and ranch land surrounding the home, encouraged her to build there, where she has two irrigation wells as well as city water on the acre of land she has with the house.

The house is furnished with



NEEDLEPOINT IS HER POINT OF INTEREST—Mrs. Louise Sudderth is shown with one of her many pieces of needlepoint. The Sudderth home is filled with such handicraft produced at the hands of Mrs. Sudderth and her daughter, Mrs. Darla Mawson who lives with her mother.

evidence of the astounding volume of needlepoint and other hobbies with which Mrs. Sudderth occupies herself. Chairs, spreads, cushions and trunk covers bear her handiwork—and they are but a very small part of all that she's done. Also, she's a masterful cake decorator.

"Most of it I give away," she said. One year for Christmas she made eight Afghans, one for each of her eight grandchildren. She has an organ and a piano which she said she plays "for my own amusement" but there are several serious musicians among her grandchildren, who play in high school and college bands and orchestras.

She loves entertaining, and often hosts Alpha Nu Nu sorority, of which she is director, at her home. At Christmas, she has at least 30 guests. She holds an open house once a year and enjoys bridge and forty-two.

Artistic talent runs strong in her family—she doesn't paint but many of her relatives do. Around two dozen original paintings, many of them western landscapes, line the walls of her home. Her daughter Darla Mawson, with her three children, who lives with Mrs. Sudderth did many of the paintings; others were done by other kinfolk.

Mr. Sudderth, who died 20 years ago, was service manager for West Texas Utilities. Daughter Betty Cannon who has five children, lives in Abilene.

She regularly visits her father, E. L. Horton in Abilene.

lene, who is 31 years old this month.

Mrs. Sudderth is serving for the fourth year on Taylor County Child financial advisory board, and served for eight years on the administrative board of Elmwood West Methodist Church in Abilene, where she had been living before moving back here seven years ago. She is yearbook chairman of Merkel Garden club. She makes needlepoint covers for each yearbook.

As if she didn't have enough to keep her busy, she reads for at least two and often four hours a night, usually

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## Alpha Nu Nu News

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The resignation of Rojean Hicks from the office of president was accepted and new officers were elected to fill the posts of president, vice president and treasurer. Those elected were president, Martha Sue Justice; vice president, Peggy Vandewerker; and treasurer, Sarah Eckols. Revision of committees was also discussed.

Plans were made for Alpha Nu Nu members to participate in the answering of telephones at the Rehab '76 to be held at the Abilene Civic Center Saturday. Several members planned to attend a workshop at the rehab center Tuesday night for instruction in the procedure to be used during the Rehab '76.

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