

Obituaries

Services Held For Canyon Native

Willie Leroy Brown, 78, of Merkel, a retired city water superintendent, died at 11 p.m. Friday at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene. Services were at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Merkel United Methodist Church.

The Rev. Russell McAnally, pastor, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor of First Baptist Church. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born March 17, 1897, in Mulberry Canyon, south of Merkel, Mr. Brown lived in the Merkel area most of his life. He married Alice Reid. She died in 1935. He married Eula Faye Denton June 10, 1936, in Merkel.

He was a veteran of World War I, a member of Merkel United Methodist Church and a member of the Tillamook Barracks of World War I Veterans.

Survivors include his wife; a son, W. L. Jr. of El Paso; three daughters, Mrs. L. B. (Ruth) Gibson of Albany, Mrs. Royce (Mable) Jopling of Lubbock and Mrs. L. G. (Eula) Bryant of Albuquerque, New Mexico, a brother, Beryl of Merkel; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were J. C. Carson, J. L. Meeks, Jerry Gibson, S. G. Kussell, Robert Harris and Glenn Brown.

Former Merkel Resident Died In Brownwood

Services for Mrs. R. E. (Gladys) McCrary, 70, of 1030 La Monte was at 2 p.m. Saturday at Central United Methodist Church with Rev. Pat McClatchy officiating.

Burial was in Eastlawn Memorial Park. Davis-Morris Funeral was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. McCrary died at 6:15 a.m. Thursday at her home following a five-year illness. She was born August 4, 1905 in Merkel and was a housewife and member of the Central United Methodist Church. She had lived in Brownwood 32 years and married R. E. McCrary at Merkel on June 17, 1928.

Survivors include her husband, a daughter, Mrs. B. G. Cadenhead of Dallas, five brothers, Jim Mayfield and Marvin Mayfield, both of Abilene, Kenneth Mayfield of Dallas, Clyde Mayfield of Kerrville and Britt Mayfield of Oklahoma City, and a granddaughter.

Mrs. Dudley Hosts Fortnightly

The Fortnightly Study Club met on Tuesday, January 13, in the home of Mrs. Lem Dudley with Mrs. Don Dudley as co-hostess.

After refreshments, Mrs. Ray Wilson, president, presided over the business meeting.

Mrs. Comer Haynes, program chairman, introduced the program, Mrs. S. C. Dixon read "Salute to the New Year" while Mrs. Johnny Hammond's topic for discussion was "My Real Needs." Mrs. Bryan Dunagin told an interesting "True Story of Courage."

Those present for this program were Mesdames: S. C. Dixon, Don Dudley, Lem Dudley, Bryan Dunagin, David Gamble, Mack Fisher, Charles Eager, Mack Fisher, David Gamble, Johnny Hammond, Comer Haynes, Buster Horton, Carl Hughes, Charlie Knight, Andy Shouse and Mrs. Ray Wilson.

Mrs. Stanley Toombs was

Cub Scout News

The Pack meeting for January was a great success. We had the Pine Wood Derby. First in the cars were judged for looks. Judges were Bob Hammond, Gary Hicks and Bill Booth. We wish to thank them for taking time to help the boys and parents. Winners were: 1st, David Glasscock, 2nd, Parker Wilson and 3rd, Gary Dickerson.

Judges for the races were Judy Castille, Leta Walters, and Loyce Baker. Thank you girls. Winners were: 8 year old-1st, James Allday, 2nd, Shean Woodard and 3rd, David Glasscock, 9 year old-1st, Jayson Castille, 2nd, Gary Dickerson and 3rd, Ray Walters, 10 year old-1st, John Ybarra and 2nd, Frankie Floyd.

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In compliance with Public Law 94-105, Trent Independent School District is making available to the public information concerning the eligibility criteria concerning free and reduced-price lunches available to students from low income and/or large families.

Parents who feel that their children qualify for free or reduced-rate lunches at the school cafeteria may contact the school to fill out applications. Parents of students already receiving free lunches need not complete additional forms for the balance of the 1975-76 school year.

ELIGIBILITY
Children from families whose income is at or below figures on the scale below, are eligible for free or reduced price meals. If the youngsters are eligible for free meals, they also qualify for free extra milk.

The reduced price for lunch is 20 cents. If the family income is greater than those shown, but unusually high medical bills, shelter costs in excess of 30 per cent of income, special education expenses due to the mental or physical condition of a child, or disaster or casualty losses, students may still be eligible.

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APPLICATION
To apply at any time during the year for free meals and free milk or reduced-price meals for their children, parents may complete forms forwarded to them and which also are available at school. Within 10 days after applications are received, parents are notified by school officials whether or not children are eligible. Persons who do not agree with the school's decision have a right to a fair hearing. This hearing may be scheduled by contacting the office of Supt. Roy Neff, Phone 862-2574.

In certain cases, foster children are eligible for these benefits. Guardians may make application for free or reduced-price meals.

Girl Scout Cookie Sale Continuing

The 1976 Cookie Sale for West Texas Girl Scout Council ends on February 14. Girl Scouts may be asking, "Will you be my Valentine?" while proffering boxes in five flavors: peanut butter, sandwich creme, thin mint, shortbread, and peanut butter. Each box costs \$1.25. Buy one, or all five kinds—you'll be loved by countless "green angels" and "brown cupids."

"I've Got The Spirit, 1976. WTGS Cookie Sale" is inscribed on a red, white and blue Cookie patch. All Scouts may earn this patch for selling 42 boxes during the sale.

For 1st and 2nd, grade Brownies, there is a Special Camping Event to be held June 11th, and 12th, at Camp Boothe Oaks for Brownies and their Dads. To be eligible a Brownie must sell 80 boxes of cookies; 56 Brownies and 56 Dads did it in 1975.

For Scouts in the 3rd, thru the twelfth grades, camping fees are cut 1/4 for selling 80-139 boxes; 1/2 for 140-224; 3/4 for 225-299 and full fee for 300 or more boxes.

The Outstanding Cookie Sales Lady (girl selling the highest number of boxes) will receive a trophy this year. The West Texas Girl Scout Council is a participating member of the United Way.

LOOK WHO'S HERE!

SENIOR CITIZENS SCHEDULE EVENTS
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Mr. and Mrs. Mark Kelley of 2902 Hickory in Abilene announce the birth of a son, Matthew Carson was born January 29. The baby weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Carson of Merkel and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Hershell Kelley of Austin.

The Light Touch
BY PAT CASTILLE
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Only the first 32 teams to enter will be eligible to play. So choose a partner and enter now. Entry fee will be \$5.00 per team. Trophies will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place winners. A drawing for a door prize will be held. The tournament will be a double elimination type with best 2 of 3 games per round.

Shelton Named To Head Lampasas Bank

James C. Shelton, a Moran native, was named president of the First National Bank of Lampasas, January 13. Prior to his promotion, Mr. Shelton served the bank as first vice-president.

He is married to the former Sarah Mason, a former Merkel resident. She was employed by Taylor Electric Cooperative when in Merkel and made her home with her aunt and uncle, the Vincent Barnetts. The Sheltons are parents of two daughters, Shannon, 9 and Stacey, 7.

Mr. Shelton is the son of a pioneer Moran ranch couple, Mrs. Garland Shelton and the late Mr. Shelton. He attended Tarleton State University and is a graduate of East Texas State University. He is a widely used speaker.

Food Stamp Amendment

A proposed amendment to the Food Stamp Program regulations would allow the testing of several new administrative procedures which could have national applicability.

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HAPPY 18th BIRTHDAY STEVE PEACHEY

LOOK WHO'S HERE!
Mr. and Mrs. Don Peacock announce the birth of their daughter, Anita Kay, January 28, The baby weighed 8 pounds and 7 ounces. Hollis Horton of Merkel is the maternal grandfather.

Doctor Rongers' Health Column



By **EDWARD W. RONGERS**
CHIROPRACTOR

ALCOHOLISM
An alcoholic is a person who is powerless to stop drinking and whose drinking seriously alters his normal living pattern. Alcoholism could be described as a physical compulsion coupled with a mental obsession. In the simplest of terms, alcoholism is a human condition associated with the drinking of alcoholic beverages.

Alcoholism is hard to define in that a sure diagnosis is extremely difficult in the early stages. Nevertheless, it currently affects some 10 to 12 million Americans; with one in eight adults already on their way to becoming an alcoholic and probably one in every twelve people over the age of 18 is already an alcoholic.

There is an estimated 10 to 12 million alcoholics in America; only 3 per cent of the total alcoholic population is on skid row. Most persons suffering from alcoholism are found in homes, offices, places of business and in every walk of life. The disease attacks without regard to social standing, occupation, intelligence, education, national origin, color or race. A small percentage have an underlying psychosis and many have a personality disturbance. However, many are not noticeably different from the rest of us except in their addiction to alcohol.

Many alcoholics after recovery prove to be gifted, talented, generous, responsible people, as well as good parents and good citizens.

There are three kinds of drinkers:
1. CASUAL DRINKER. He drinks only occasionally and for perfectly innocent and harmless reasons. He could stop for a long period of time and never miss it.
2. ALCOHOL DEPENDENT

When one thinks of a drug being abused today he thinks of marijuana which has found increasing popularity among young people. Adults tend to ignore the seriousness of abusing alcohol and pass off by saying that alcohol does not lead to stronger drugs as does marijuana. However, it would probably be found that the drug heroin addicts begin with alcohol.

Alcohol is a chemical and there are several types, a few of which are toxic or poisonous to some extent. The type used in alcoholic drinks is ethyl alcohol which is less as it passes through the liver. However, the intoxicating effects of ethyl alcohol remain and increase with the amount and the speed of intake.

When alcohol reaches the stomach it starts working its way into the blood stream to be carried to all the tissues of the body, including the brain. When alcohol reaches the brain, it acts as an anesthetic. The first couple drinks dull the consciousness and begin to remove inhibitions. A few more drinks a one's sense of judgement and perception disappear with the result being that intelligent and reasoning may finally give way to the emotion.

A large enough intake will result in the loss of every instinctive reactions with total lack of co-ordination, loss of memory, unconsciousness and possible death due to paralysis of vital reflex actions.

When a person drinks to the point of passing out, an estimated 10,000 cells in the cortex of the brain are destroyed. These brain cells are never replaced or regenerated, a drinker becomes "less intelligent" as a result of over-indulgence.

If an individual suspects has become dependent upon alcohol, he should go to family physician and discuss his suspicions. It is absolutely essential that doctor is to be of any help. A clergyman may be consulted for additional help. Anonymous or to the Alcoholism Information Center can prove worthwhile.



HAPPY 18th BIRTHDAY STEVE PEACHEY

Looking Back With The Holts Of Trent

Whether spent pulling Lyndon Johnson out of the Pedernales River, working as a wrangler on a cattle drive, or cutting cordwood for a living, A. A. Holt's days as a youngster were never idle ones.

"I was grown when I was born," laughed Holt, now 76 years old. He and his wife Adelle ("Granny") live on a farm a mile and a half south of Trent.

It was when Holt was a lad of 12 that he rescued five-year-old little Lyndon Johnson from a tumble he took into the Pedernales.

He was working on a ranch and attending school near Stonewall, down the road from the Sam Johnsons.

When the Johnsons' grandson Lyndon came to visit, A. A. would go over and play with him. One warm spring Sunday afternoon, the two boys were romping by the river when the younger lad fell in. Holt jumped in after him and fished him out.

Lyndon's grandmother afterwards gave the pair a stern lecture on the danger of playing near the water.

"I don't remember too much about Lyndon. He was just a little bitty kid then," Holt said. But of the older Johnsons, he said, "They were awfully good people. If anybody needed help, they were always willing."

A. A. and Adelle Holt have been married for fifty-six years. They have five children, seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Both have gone through life with a delightful gaiety. Of their marriage, she said, "We have had, and do have a wonderful life."

He said "I guess if we'd had any sense we'd have separated long ago."

She was asked about her cooking as a young bride. Before she could reply, he answered for her, "Why, I could dehorn the biggest bull running with one of her biscuits!"

"Granny," as everyone in the area who knows her calls her, was born Adelle Morgan near Kennard in East Texas, where she lived until she graduated from high school. According to her husband, "The poor little thing never had been anywhere until she married me, and now she's been everywhere."

"Actually she hemmed me up in that pine thicket and

caught me!" After their marriage they lived on a 40-acre farm in the Davy Crockett Forest. For a number of years their home was a log house.

In addition to farming, Albert ran his cane syrup mill in the fall, his shingle mill in the winter, and on Saturdays his grist mill. It was on the farm that most of the five children were born.

In 1942 the family moved to Trent, where he farmed and ranched fifteen hundred then seventeen hundred acres. Now they have only 30 acres since Holt's health caused him to retire from the larger-scale operations, but he still works the 30 acres himself.

Holt was born in Wimberly, near Austin. His father was a sometime farmer--"he would make a crop every year"--but was also a cowboy and a "freighter" or trucker.

At the age of 9, Albert worked in a cattle drive as a wrangler in charge of the yoke of bulls pulling the chuck wagon. The drive from Stonewall to Austin took five days with three days for the return trip. His pay was fifty cents a day.

He remembers another time when he helped drive a wagon team back from this area to Crockett. It took 21 days.

"Now we can get there driving in seven hours," he said.

Cattle drives were fun, he said, but there were hard times involved. He remembers awakening "laying in water" after the tent they pitched had leaked during a night rain.

"From 1912 to 1914, I never put my foot on a wood floor," he declared. "Me and my brother spent our time living in tents and working." camping out is still a great love of the couple. They take their pickup truck, spread a tarp over the back of it, and sleep on mattresses in the truckbed.

"I love to get out and sleep out in the fresh air. I don't like to be shut up in a house by windows and curtains," Holt said.

Holt left school young, and said he had an uncle "who taught me as much about books and learning as any school."

He taught himself to be a wizard at math, and his wife



MR. AND MRS. A. A. HOLT
... remember Trent

is still amazed at the way "he can take a real long column of big figures and add them in a few seconds without a pencil, just by looking at them."

The couple's leisure time these days is spent camping out, fishing, and visiting children and grandchildren.

Their children are Horace Holt, who works at Grimes

Gasoline Plant near Trent; Dorothy Bishop, who works at Ben Franklin in Merkel; Catherine Bishop (the daughters married brothers), who works at Valley Faucet in Abilene; Mark Holt, a fifth grade teacher in Port Isabel, and Jewel Henager, who is a teacher's aide in Charlotte near San Antonio. From 1945-50, Holt was an

earth contractor in the area. "I built 2700 miles of terraces and diversion terraces around here," he proclaimed. "We've had fun in our lives. We've had our share of trouble, but goodness knows, the good outweighs the bad," said Mrs. Holt. The couple are members of Trent Methodist Church.

Starr Nursing Home News

The flu has been on rampage around Starr Nursing Home, but is beginning to subside.

Mrs. Bessie Putledge celebrated her 82nd birthday Monday. Her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Williams and her son, Mr. and Mrs. Garth Halman came from Norwalk, California to help with the celebration.

The Presbyterian church of Merkel brought the Sunday service. We enjoyed the good

music. Miss Christine Collins was missed by everyone. We all hope she is well enough to visit soon.

Ladies from the Noodle Baptist Church visited with us Monday and brought 9 lovely lap wraps made of polyester. They are greatly appreciated. We all wish Winnie Cypert a speedy recovery.

Delma Scott visited in the home recently. She is our dietitian and it is always a pleasure to have her. Edna Horton is home fol-

lowing a week in West Texas Medical Center and a week in a Dallas hospital.

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- ETC.

Carsons In Grocery Business For Four Generations — A Family Tradition

The Carsons, owners of Carsons Supermarket at 217 Edwards, are carrying on a family tradition in the grocery business that's four generations old.

Around the turn of the century, J. N. Carson opened a grocery store in Whitesboro, near Sherman. The family had moved there from Tennessee, where they had farming operations.

In 1905, the Whitesboro store burned down. J. N. then headed west with his family for Midland, where he opened another store in 1906, selling out in 1908 and heading still farther west, for Eunice, New Mexico.

In Eunice, J. N. opened a general mercantile store. Supplies to the store were trucked to their store there by a 14-mule wagon from Midland, the nearest distribution point, then larger than Lubbock because it was on the railroad.

In 1921, J. N. sold out the Eunice store to his son, E. O. Carson, and moved to Merkel, putting in a grocery here in 1923.

Then in 1924, E. O. Carson sold out in Eunice and came to Merkel to work for his father J. N. again.

In 1927, J. N. opened up a branch of the "Hocus Pocus" grocery store franchise on Edwards street where Braggs Department Store now is, but occupying 25 by 80 feet, only half of the space that Braggs now does.

The Hocus Pocus store is innovative in that shoppers selected their own purchases instead of ordering through the grocer over the counter as had been the practice in the past.

In 1931, the Carsons went back to Eunice, again opened a store there, and, caught in the throes of the Great Depression, promptly went broke.

They moved out and left all the store fixtures sacked up under a big tree—they couldn't even afford to have them moved back to Merkel.

For a time, the Merkel store had apple crates and baking soda boxes as shelves as family members worked at rebuilding the business from the Eunice loss.

In 1933, the store changed from Hocus Pocus to Carsons, and in 1936 E. O. bought out his father.

E. O. had five sons. One of them, Herman, was six years old when the family first came to Merkel. In 1938,

Herman became partners with his father, Howard left to serve in the Army in 1941, where he was stationed in Europe in World War II. In 1946 he returned to Merkel, and became partners in the grocery store with his brother Herman. In 1946 the store, where Briggs now is, doubled in size to a 50 foot front.

In 1957, the brothers moved the store to its present location, at 217 Edwards, and changed the name from Carson's Grocery to Carson's Supermarket.

In 1973, one-third interest in the business was sold to Herman's son Tom, making the store a three-way partnership which it now is between Herman, Howard, and Tom. Brother J. C. is in charge of the store's meat market.

A fourth brother, Louis, is in Seattle working in civil service after retiring from the Navy. The fifth brother was killed nine years ago while on a fishing trip to Corpus Christi.

Herman recounted how times have changed since he first was exposed to the grocery business as a small boy.

"A store had to carry everything back then; horse collars, trace chains, axle grease, buggy wheels, nuts, bolts, screws, saw belly, red beans, and flour," he recalled.

"Through the late 1920's, we had to sack our own sugar, bean, dry fruit and a lot of other things. Candy and cookies came in bulk in wooden boxes.

"The first thing that came packaged was soda and baking powder. It started coming in wooden barrels packed in between wheat husks.

"We didn't sell fresh meat for a long time—all we had was salt pork and sugar cured



(left to right) HOWARD, HERMAN, TOMMY AND J. C. CARSON
... it's a family affair

bacon and bologna. You got the rest at the butcher shop. "And we didn't have fresh vegetables regularly until the late 1930s," he said.

He noted how times have changed in terms of the dollar volume of business.

"In 1938, I remember one month I did \$1250 worth of business. Now it would be a bad day if I didn't do that much in a single day!"

A big change in merchandising came about seven years ago, when warehouses

went from 30-day terms to cash-on delivery or 7-day terms, a development that Herman said was a blow to the independent grocer.

He said that he's glad of his decision to remain in Merkel.

"In a small town, people are more friendly and you can get more involved in the community. Of course, I've never lived in a big town!"

In order for small towns to survive, people must do their shopping in them instead of

passing up local merchants for those in neighboring large cities, he strongly believes.

Herman's children are Tom, and Paul, who is in sales in Dallas. Howard is the father of Don, a musician in New Mexico; Ann Roberts of Merkel, and Cathy, now of Abilene.

J. C.'s children are Randy, who is employed by Abilene Auction, and David, who is in military service.

Howard and J. C. each have two grandchildren.

TNHA Honors Media For Services During 1975

The Big Country chapter of the Texas Nursing Home Association met Tuesday evening at 7 in the River Oaks Cafeteria in Abilene. Purpose of this meeting was recognition of the news media for their support and service in the communication of nursing home news in Texas.

Larry Wellhausen, president of the Big Country chapter of TNHA presided over the meeting and presented awards to the area TV, radio and newspaper persons responsible for keeping the public informed as to what is going on in the field of nursing care. Those present to receive the certificates of recognition were Bill Shannon of KTXS television, Pat Collins of the Hanger Times in Ranger, Jack Stein of KXOK radio in Sweetwater, Jane

Pride of the Advance Star Record in Rotan, Sarah Eckols of The Merkel Mail in Merkel, Richard Perry of the Ballinger Ledger in Ballinger, Danny Owens of the Munday Currier in Munday, and representatives of KERC radio in Eastland. Plaques will be mailed to those receiving awards but who were unable to attend the meeting.

Guest speaker for the evening was U. A. Hide of the Hide advertising agency in Austin. Mr. Hide has been in the public relations field for many years and has worked on campaigns for Senator John Tower and Governor Dolph Briscoe. Hide, though not a native of Texas, has lived here for 45 years. Following his introduction by Betty Baker, Hide said that

he was glad not to have been introduced as an expert. "An ex," he explained, "is a has been, and a spert is a drip under pressure."

Hide spoke on public relations. "Public relations," he says, "is doing a good job and letting the public know about it." He also told of the responsible and efficient care received by residents and patients of Texas nursing homes. They must be licensed and administered by well-trained administrators.

Jones Retires From Skelly

L. D. (Lefty) Jones of Merkel, pumper for Skelly Oil Company in Sweetwater will retire March 1 after more than 17 years of service. Jones joined Skelly's exploration and production department in 1959 as a floor and derrick hand in Aspermont, Texas. He obtained the position of pumper in 1962 and transferred to El Dorado. In 1973 he transferred to Sweetwater in his present position.

Jones and his wife, Wilma, live in Merkel.

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