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Between You And Me

By SARAH ECKOLS

Readers, there is nothing quite so heart breaking to a weekly newspaper editor as to learn late on Tuesday night that the developer has gone rank and the only pictures available for this week's paper have been a nice golden yellow. Such was the case last week for this editor. Obviously at 8 p.m. it is too late to rush out and purchase fresh chemicals and the paper must be in Sweetwater for printing before any supplier is opened on Wednesday morning.

My sincere apology to those who should have been pictured in last week's paper. Unfortunately, the negatives are just too bare to get decent prints even for this week's edition.

For those guys who have never had the experience of witnessing a women's pool tournament, you really missed an event Saturday afternoon when the ladies hoisted the cue sticks and got behind the 8 ball at the L & W Snack Bar.

Oh yes, yours truly was right there in the middle of it all with cue stick in hand and referee Pat Williams at side. For those of you who missed this wonder of wonders, I played in the first pool game to be timed by the hour. With precision I lined the little white ball behind the ones I was to put into the little baskets on the sides and ends of that nice green table. Now was it the ones with the rings around them or did I have those nice pretty ones that just had numbers? Oh well, I guess it doesn't matter much, but I got real good at getting that white one in. Now Pat didn't seem to want me to get that one in at all. I don't understand that either. I thought it was the prettiest one on the table and he got all upset when I hit it in top. . . now was that the fifth or sixth time in a row?

That Pat gets awful touchy too. Did you know he is against long hair even on women? Really! I bent down (when you're as short as I am you don't bend down far, do you?) that white ball and I did it really well. He said he was proud of me too, because it didn't go into a basket. But then he called foul. He said my hair had touched a ball.

Well, after about an hour and a half or so I finally lost the game to Mychelle Hammond. She played just a little better than I did, if you can say one player is better than the other in a two hour game of 8 ball.

Actually, the girls played very well and it was quite a fun day at the L & W. Needless to say, I did not come out with the number one spot. I lost my second game to Ann Wade. Several well-meaning onlookers offered to give me lessons and I might just take them up on it. . . in my spare time!!!

There will be a cub scout pack meeting Thursday, April 1 at the Scout Hut at 7 p.m., it was announced.

There will be a Little League meeting at the Merkel Restaurant Thursday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m.

To add to my usual lovely disposition on Tuesdays, this week I got to sit for four hours in a doctor's office. I got to do all sorts of things I don't usually get time for like cleaning my fingernails ten times, listening to the tapes who got shots cry, fidget in my chair, read parts of McCall's, Reader's Digest, and Redbook from August, 1968, December 1971, and May, 1973 respectively; recut my checkbook six times, coming up with the same unbelievably low figure each time. I counted the stripes in the paneling, the dots on the ceiling and the petals in the flower arrangements at least three times each. After all of this the doctor asked me if I am nervous. If I hadn't been before I went into his office, I surely was when I came out. I just accepted the mild tranquilizers with a smile and gritted my teeth as I paid the bill. Seriously, I admire the medical profession very much. It just seems like the inevitable waiting period is endless at the time. However, when one has the luck to see a doctor who gives his time as though he had only one patient, it makes the wait worth it.

In case no one else has said it to you yet. . . "April Fool" everybody. I say it not because I have pulled an April Fool joke, but just on general principal, so all my readers will know what day it is.

Progressive City To Launch Clean Up Campaign

How often have you driven through a town and been turned off by its appearance. It is true that a book can't be judged by its cover, but a town can lose prospective residents, businesses and industry by its unclean, unkempt look.

Merkel, our very progressive city, in my opinion, is above the average when it comes to eye appeal. We need to do some work, sure, but over all it is a very attractive city. Let's make it even more attractive. It is a city on the grow, let's make it the nicest place for new industry and new residents to help it grow.

TSTI Classess Canceled

Due to a lack of participation, classes in Trent to be sponsored by Texas State Technical Institute in Sweetwater have been canceled. If there is enough interest shown in the future, the program will be offered again next spring it was announced.

Merkel is getting the reputation of being a progressive city because of its new businesses and homes being built. Another sign of progress is how clean and neat the downtown and residential area is kept. To encourage the people of Merkel to improve the appearance of our city, the City Beautification Committee of the Chamber of Commerce has selected as one of its projects a "Fix-Up, Paint-Up, Clean-Up" month. The committee selected the month of April to promote the clean up project.

Three paint dealers, Western Auto, Starbuck's, and Higginbotham-Bartlett, will be having special sales on paint and material needed to clean up our city.

The City of Merkel will make special trips to pick up all trash, limbs and junk left in front of the homes or in the alleys. The dates of the special pick-ups will be published in The Merkel Mail.

Let each of us do our part to make this project worth while. Make Merkel a city we can be proud of in every way.

Two Merkel Businesses Stage Grand Opening

Furthering the progress of Merkel will be marked by the Grand Opening of its two newest businesses, Merkel Home Furnishing Center and Emma's Clothes Closet. Both businesses are located on North Kent Street.

Ribbon cutting ceremonies will begin at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 1 as Benny Melton, Manager of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce will do the honors. Grand opening sales at both stores will continue from April 1 thru April 10.

Opened in mid February, Merkel Home Furnishing Center will have daily business hours from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. A line of RCA, Whirlpool, Brother Sound, Design Electronics, Panasonic Microwave ovens, Corningware and Sunbeam small appliances and Ludlow and Stephens Carpets will be carried. The 6,000 square foot store will house appliances, televisions, dishwashers, garbage disposals, fine low and medium classed furniture and fine carpeting.

Mastercharge, BankAmericard and credit terms will be available, according to owner Rodney Cosper and manager, Ken McCasland.

"A need in Merkel for a low and medium priced furniture store and the acceptance we received in our Western Auto Associate Store," was the answer given by Cosper as to why he decided to open the home furnishing center.

The Cospers, Rodney and Sharon and their two children, Staci who is 10 months old and Brian who is 4 years old have recently moved to Merkel and plan to build a home here in the future.

They are members of the First Baptist Church where Rodney is a deacon and he is also a member of the Merkel Lions Club.

Emma Shugart, former plant supervisor for Gilene Manufacturing and former supervisor at Alleen's in Abilene decided to buy and open Emma's Clothes Closet around the first of the year. Following a complete remodeling and a brand new look, Emma's was opened in mid January.

Emma carries such name brands as Stage 7, Honey Togs, Patti's Sports Wear, Pat's Fashions, Gilene's Fashions, Wendy's Tops and Wilkerson Company, Inc. Fashions.

Currently, she has in stock

leisure jumpsuits, blouses, skirts, pants and pantsuits, material, shoes, panty hose, socks, macrame, shorts, jeans, jewelry, custom made items, house shoes, purses and some hand made childrens clothes.

Emma's Clothes Closet is open daily Monday thru Saturday from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. at 131 Kent street.

Emma and Duane Shugart are the parents of four children, Steve 20, Tony 17, Brad 16 and Lisa 13. They are members of the First Baptist Church in Merkel.

"I love it," is Emma's description of her feelings for her new business venture.

The people of Merkel wish much success to these two new businesses in our city.

Former Merkelite Died In Dallas

Carvelle Clark, 60, of 125 Collins in Irving died early this week in Dallas. Funeral services were held at 9:30 a.m. March 31, in Restlands Wildwood Chapel in Dallas with burial in a Dallas cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Joyce Clark; sons, D. F. of Fort Hood, Carvelle Renfro and Danny Lake both of Irving; a daughter, Mrs. Virginia Whittington of Phoenix, Arizona; a sister, Mrs. Mildred Logan of Wichita, Kansas; and three grandchildren.

Last Chance To Join Square Dancers

This Thursday night will be the last chance to join the fun and exercise offered by the Merkel square dancing class to be held each Thursday night.

Classes begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Merkel Lions Club building on South First Street. The teacher-caller is Jack Mason of Sweetwater.

Presently the class consists of people from Trent, Abilene, Sweetwater and Merkel.

If you are interested in more information or joining the class, please come to the class to be held tonight, Thursday, April 1. There is a charge of \$2.25 per couple. Remember this is the third class, so this is the last chance to join.

Health Careers Assembly Scheduled Merkel High

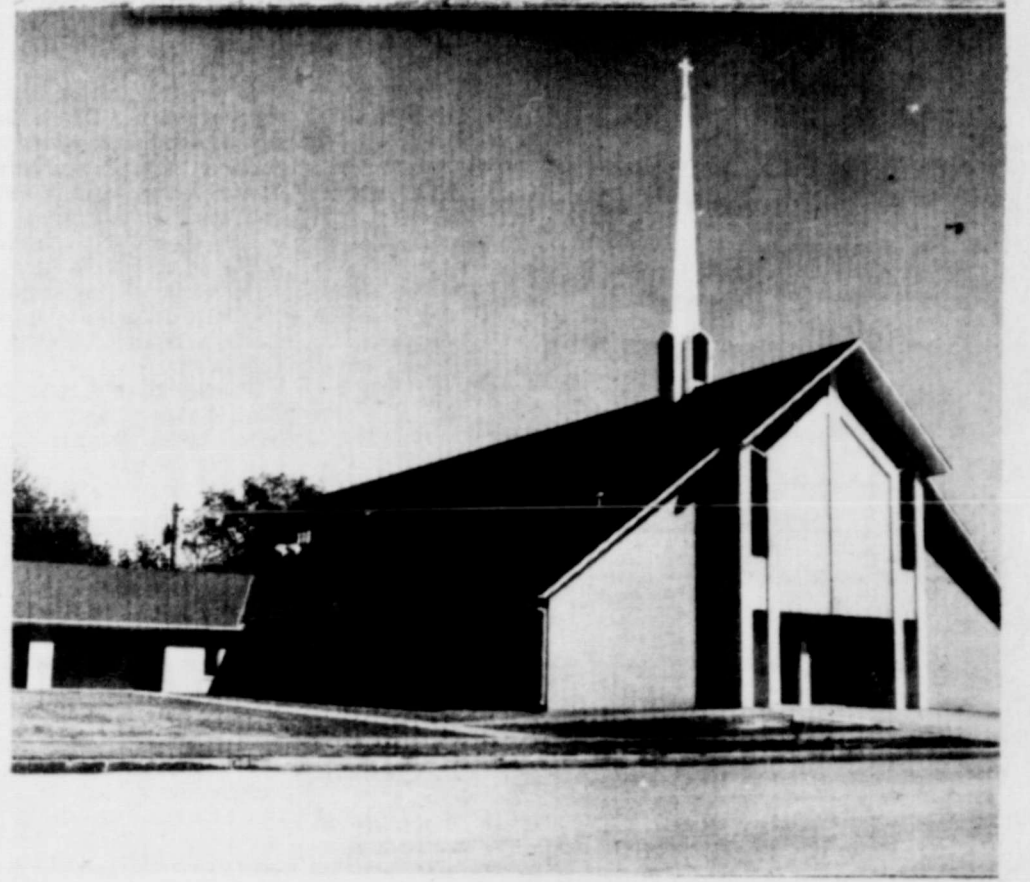
The Texas Health Careers Program will present a Health Careers Assembly for Merkel High School on April 7, 1976 at 8:40 a.m. The unique presentation by Mr. John Haddad, Assistant Director of the Texas Health

Students Of Ann Doan To Perform

Mrs. Ronny Loan will present her piano students in recital Friday, April 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church.

Playing in the recital are Angie Allen, Lisa Allen, Christi Brady, Angela Dunlap, Becky Dunlap, Gayle Irvin, Kathryn Irvin, Cheri Patterson, Roger Reed, Marissa Sandusky and Ginny Yaddow.

The public is cordially invited to attend.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MERKEL
...burning note on new building

Noteburning Ceremonies Marked At First Baptist

Noteburning Ceremonies will be held on Sunday morning, April 4, at First Baptist Church in Merkel, pastor Kenneth F. Jones has announced. The burning of the note will symbolize the retirement of a \$60,000 debt

on the new church auditorium, making the First Baptist Church debt-free in almost record time. Completed in May of 1974, the new auditorium has been in use less than two years.

"The debt on our building was financed for a period of fifteen years, with prepayment privileges, through our local bank," pastor Jones said. "We are so very happy and grateful for the response of our church members in paying for what we have built in this brief period of time," he stated.

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held on May 20, 1973 and Dedication services were held a year later, May 19, 1974. The building and parking area facilities were completed at a cost of \$205,000.

"On next Sunday morning during the worship service, we will have the chairman of the various committees to participate in the actual noteburning ceremony. The shovel used in the Groundbreaking ceremony will be used as a receptacle for the burning note. Following this, a prayer of Thanksgiving will be led by our chairman of deacons," the pastor commented. "Following the worship service, we will have a covered dish dinner at the church, and we are hoping for an overflow crowd," said Pastor Jones. "All our members are urged to be present and we welcome the attendance of visitors and friends," he concluded.

Committee chairman expected to take part in the noteburning ceremony are: Herman Carson, Joe McDuff, Jerry Gibson, and Leon Walker.

Jones Singing Slated For 84th Year

The annual Jones County Singing Convention will meet for the 84th consecutive year Saturday April 3 and Sunday April 4, it was announced earlier this week by Ray McCarty, president of the Jones County chapter.

Singing will begin at the Anson High School Auditorium at 7 p.m. Saturday evening and again at 10 a.m. Sunday morning. There is no admission for this event featuring exceptional talent from over the state and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Featured this year will be the Brown Family from Fort Worth, the Stamps Baxter Quartet and many other outstanding gospel singing groups.

If you wish to hear the best in trio, quartet and group gospel music, come out this week end and enjoy the talent on stage.



RONNIE WHISENHUNT
... Eagle Scout



SCOUT COURT OF HONOR-Front row (left to right) Jack Townsend, W. A. Kinder, Terry Owen and Kyle Wolf; back row Ronnie Whisenhunt, Brad Wade, Scott Cain, Willie Townsend and Kelley Wolf. Not pictured is Tim Brady.

Ronnie Whisenhunt Eagle Rank In Scouting

Ronnie Whisenhunt received his Eagle Scout rank Sunday, March 28, in ceremonies of Troop 218 Court of Honor held at the Merkel United Methodist Church. Only one boy out of every one hundred ever obtain the Eagle ranking.

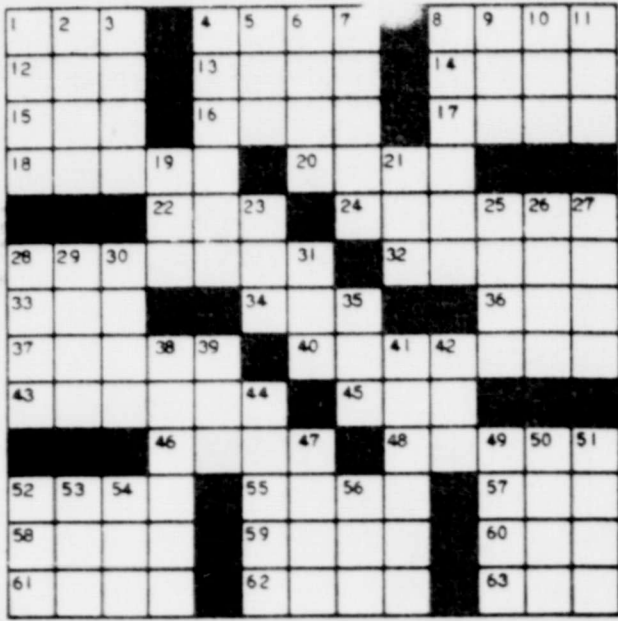
Ronnie has proven over and over, that he is well deserving of the Eagle Rank and his demonstration in many

ways has been an outstanding example of what Boy Scouting really stands for.

Ronnie is always ready to lend a helping hand to anyone that needs help. Other scouts that attended and received awards were Kelley Wolf, Brad Wade, Scott Cain, John Townsend, Terry Owen, Willie Townsend, Kyle Wolf, W. A. Kinder and Tim Brady.

★ CROSSWORD PUZZLE ★

- ACROSS
 1. Hansom
 4. Welcome -
 8. Cover thickly
 12. Exclusively
 13. — Turgeniev
 14. Recommend earnestly
 15. Garland
 16. N.Z. parrot
 17. Interpret
 18. Altar slab
 20. Narrative poem
 22. American humorist
 24. Canvas shoes (S.)
 28. Dissection of animals
 32. Concede
 33. Night bird
 34. Deplete
 36. Fem. name
 37. Requirements
 40. Sweet bun
 43. More irritable
 45. Child's game
- DOWN
 1. Serenity
 2. Away from the wind
 3. Kind of pancake
 4. Gilbert and Sullivan operetta
 5. Pepper plant
 6. Extract
 7. Sparkles
 8. Damned
 9. Norwegian con
 10. Turk. general



Starr Nursing Home News

With the end of the flu in sight, maybe we can have more news in the paper. Mrs. Bessie Rutledge is doing well following surgery. The loss of Lester Shugart has saddened our home. Our sympathy goes to his family. Mrs. E. P. Rutledge, who has been in the hospital with the flu and pneumonia has returned home.

We welcome Mr. E. P. Farmer back home. A new resident at our home is Mrs. Willie Grayson of Monument, New Mexico. We are glad to have her and wish her a pleasant stay with us. She is related to Mrs. Mae Seago.

We are still in the process of remodeling. We have installed new kitchen tile and have put in smoke doors and fire alarm systems. Our sprinkler system should be in operation at the time you read this paper.

A special thanks goes to Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Davis who allowed us to cross their property with a water line for the system and to J. A. Sadler and the city employees who got up in the early morning hours to install the line. We wish to make improvements that will make Starr Nursing Home a better place for our residents.

Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Shugart and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Shugart for the clothing you gave to our home.

Mrs. Gertrude Ogletree of Trent, a resident, celebrated her 90th birthday Sunday. Another new resident is Mrs. Linnie Hatfield of Lub-

bock. She has sisters here and we wish her a pleasant stay. Larry Gill took several of our residents for a ride this past week. It was a beautiful day and it was nice to get out. Everyone enjoyed it very much. Thanks goes to Larry, a fine minister and a good friend. The residents always enjoy services on Sunday. Those

Mrs. Gamble Hosts Fortnightly

Mrs. David Gamble was hostess for the Fortnightly Study Club Tuesday, March 23, in her home on Oak Street. During the fellowship hour members enjoyed delicious cherry pie and coffee.

Mrs. Comer Haynes, program chairman introduced the program. Mrs. Johnny Cox told of the "Beauty and Profit" from her own garden. She passed colored pictures of her flower garden for members to see, then she told of how profitable her garden was during depression days. Mrs. W. R. Cypert read a very interesting story entitled "A Split Cherry Tree." It was a good example of community spirit that is so important to happy living. Mrs. Johnny Hammond told an interesting story of her own home town, Wells, in Angelina County. Then she told why she and Mr. Hammond decided to move to Merkel. She stated they have always been happy with the town and enjoy living here. She brought large framed pictures of the mayors of Merkel for the last sixty years for the club members to see. A rather lengthy business meeting followed the program with the president Mrs. Ray Wilson presiding. Members present were Mesdames S. C. Dixon, Buster Horton, Lem Dudley, Don Hart, Ray Wilson, Charles Knight, Andy Shouse, Johnny Cox, David Gamble, Comer Haynes, Charles Eager, W. R. Cypert, Johnny Hammond and Carl Hughes.

who come and help with these are most appreciated. Please let us know if you are unable to come so that we might make arrangements for a substitute. We are sorry to be losing our activity director, Debbie Hobbs. Debbie will be going to school and will be missed by all of us. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ashton of Oregon were visitors here a couple of weeks ago. He is one of the owners of our home and this was his first visit with us. He has plans for further improvements. Lloyd Knecht, another owner from San Antonio was also a recent visitor. He visits the home regularly and is pleased with the progress and management.

Brenda Roberts, administrator in training here visited in San Antonio last week. She will receive her administrator's license in June.

Mrs. Leona Dishman celebrated her 101st birthday in February. We had a joint birthday party for her, Bessie Rutledge and Ruby Sanders at that time.

Mrs. Mattie Dickerson is in the hospital and we all wish her a speedy recovery. We wish to remind visitors that aerosol cans are prohibited by state law because of the fire hazard. Please don't bring gifts that are contained in aerosol cans.

Our telephone has been changed some time ago, but there seems to still be some difficulty in getting us. The numbers are 928-5673, 928-4758 and 928-4759.

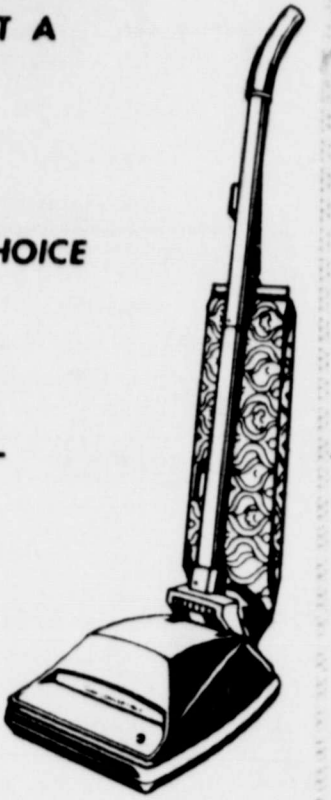
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Health Care Leaders To Head Workshop

Regional, state and national health care leaders will speak Wednesday, April 14th, at the West Central Texas Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Workshop.

The event will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Hendrick Memorial Hospital Auditorium.

Charles J. Weigel, J. D., national chairman of the Board of the American Trauma Society, will speak on "Medical-Legal Problems in EMS." He is a professor of law at South Texas Law School in Houston and a guest lecturer at the Baylor Col-

lege of Medicine and the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

Giving an over-view of "Emergency Medical Services in Texas" will be Charles E. King, director of the EMS division of the Texas Department of Health Resources (TDHR). Luncheon speaker will be Adrian Arriaga, project director of the EMS System of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council.

Also on the program will be James W. Robinson, Communications specialist with the TDHR's EMS division; Dr. Myron Woltjen, director of Public Health Region IV; and Dr. Dale Brannom, chairman of Taylor-Jones Counties Medical Society's EMS committee and physician director of the WCT EMS advisory council.

In addition to the talks by professionals, the workshop will include panel discussions, question-answer sessions and a slide show. It is being designed to let local emergency health care professionals know what is going on with EMS locally and around the state, according to Mickey Hubbard, regional

coordinator of WCT EMS.

The workshop will be co-sponsored by the Texas Department of Health Resources, Public Health Region IV, Anson Jones Memorial Medical Foundation and Hendrick Memorial Hospital.

Cost of the session will be \$10, and pre-registration will continue through April 7th. Health care professionals who want to obtain more information, or to pre-register, may contact Ms. Pat Evans, Anson Jones Memorial Medical Foundation, 1818 Pine Street, Suite 134, Abilene 79601.

Visitors

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn over the week end were Mr. and Mrs. Royce Mashburn of Longview; Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Mashburn of Richland, Washington; Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shaw of Gainesville; Brenda Harden of Lawton; Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Mashburn and Joshua of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mashburn, Jason and Jennifer of Merkel; David Clyburn of Stith; M. C. Church of Abilene; W. J. Mashburn of Abilene and Buddy Mashburn of Mesquite.

On Sunday the Mashburns all got together at the Stith Community Center for lunch and in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Mashburn. Ernie is the brother of Royce Mashburn. Those enjoying the day were: Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Mashburn; Mr. and Mrs. Royce Mashburn; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn; Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Harden and children; Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Mashburn and Joshua; Linda Mashburn, Jason and Jennifer; Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shaw of Gainesville; Buddy Mashburn of Mesquite; W. J. Mashburn of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hogan of Merkel; Mrs. Aileen Tackett of Kemp; Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Brown of Abilene; Gladys Richardson of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Norton of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Church of Abilene; Charles Mashburn of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Church of Lubbock; Clara Dwiggs of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Stricklin and children of Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Pond of Lubbock; Neta Gilmore, Margaret, Joshua and Gerald Gilmore of Merkel; Anna Lou Shaver and Jennifer of Rochester; Linda Mashburn and children of Mesquite; Mr. and Mrs. Edd Thompson of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Don Mashburn of Abilene; Gladys Bursleson of Tye; and Steve Castille of Merkel.

Card of Thanks

MAY I TAKE THIS Method of thanking my friends for their many, many cards, visits, phone calls, food and especially your prayers for me while in the hospital and recovering at home. May God bless each of you.

Mae Seago 6-1tp



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Lambda Beta

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi were entertained by Abilene chapter Up St Lon Friday, March 19 at Lytle Shores in Abilene. Spanish guitar music and Spanish games were part of the entertainment presented by social chairman Kathy Haynes of Up St Lon.

This event was part of a plan to bring the area chapters closer together by the Abilene city chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

Members present were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Allday, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Couch, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Teaff, and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Welch.

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Project Identification: Improvements to the Water System of the City of Merkel identified as "Phase Number One. This program will consist of the installation of 4000 feet of 6 inch water mains within the dedicated street beginning at the intersection of Sunset and Avondale Street; thence North within West Street to intersect with an existing water main located at the intersection of North Second and Martin Streets. This project will necessitate the crossing of the railroad and Highway 80 which will be done by boring and casing each section. There will also be four 3-way fire hydrants installed on this water main with all necessary valves and fittings.

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(SEAL) Attest: Irene Crawford
District Clerk
Domestic Relations Court in Taylor County, Texas.
By Sandra Harris
Deputy
6-1tc

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Riding Club News

The Merkel Riding Club will launch their new year of activities with a parade through downtown Merkel beginning at 4 p.m. Saturday, April 3.

Following the parade, riding club members will go to the Merkel Riding Arena for a Barbecue and play night. The activity year of the riding club goes from April until September of each year. Membership is \$25 per family.

There will be a meeting in the Taylor Electric Building Thursday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m. for further planning for the parade and barbecue. Members are urged to attend this important meeting.

Xi Nu Chi News

Xi Nu Chi chapter of Phi Sigma Phi will have a book sale Saturday, April 3rd starting at 9:00 a.m. in front of the West Texas Utilities building. Proceeds will go to funding chapter projects. Anyone wishing special baked goods may call 8-5335 or 8-5246.

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Letters To The Editor

Lifetime Merkel Man Says, "Vote"

Dear Editor:
I have on several occasions started to write a letter to the editor, but just never seem to find the time. I believe it is time to take a few minutes to express my opinion about our city. I don't consider myself an authority on this subject as I have lived here only 56 years and 10 months; not long enough to learn everything about what is going on, but experiencing lots of changes.
In the past, I have served six years on the school board, 22 years as Fire Chief and Fire Marshal; working very closely with the mayor and council of our city. I have seen the best men come and go, doing a fine job in serving the interests of the people. Some doing better than others. But each one doing what he thought was best for the city and the people they served. Some of them taking great financial losses in their business because they could not please everyone; making it almost impossible to get good men or women who are in business, who look out for the best interests of the city as a whole (not that you have to own a business to be a

good mayor or councilman or councilwoman) but most likely not seeking office for personal reasons.
It is true I am sure, that none of these people did everything I or you as citizens thought they should have, but I would like to inform the people who have never held a public office that things never look the same from the seat around the council table as it looked from the outside before they were elected. (ask anyone of them who have served and if they tell you otherwise, I'll eat my words, if they are not lying, and if their interest was for the welfare of the city.)

I have nothing whatsoever against new candidates seeking office, but I am saying that it takes the better part of two years to learn what the city government is all about. It takes that long for a person to realize that he is just a part of a team, striving to provide ways for our city to grow, and that no one or two persons can do the job alone.

Our city is beginning to show growth that I know we are all proud of. I know that

part of it is due to the present set up in the city government. Some of the improvements are due to government grants that have been obtained only through the management we now have. I know all too well that many people are against this program, but I say "let's give it a chance." America was not known until Spain through Columbus, spent lots of money to see what was out here. Was it worth it?? This has all been said, to get to this one point. It is the time in our new beginning growth to have experienced people for our city government; people who may not, and do not claim to know all the answers, but who are far better qualified to work them out than we who have no experience.

I say a big "Thanks" to the people who have and now are steering our city to greater things. Let's back and help them all we can, and never let it be said that I or we put a stump in the road, but rather let it be said of us that we helped pave the road to success by keeping experienced people in the driver's seat of our growing city.

This is to say, "Vote April 3, 1976."

An old country boy who is proud of my hometown and who wants it to progress,
Waymon Adcock

P. S.
A special thanks to our Police Department, though short handed as they are, for not only keeping their job going, but who are doing a good job keeping our only link to a hospital going by manning the ambulance service. This is a service that Merkel can not do without, and it seems that this is the only way we can keep it.

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Shopper Gives Views

Dear Editor:
Concerning this letter in your paper last week where this Mr. No Name is advising the people of Merkel where to buy and spend their money. Maybe that is just what the city of Merkel needs,

is a good advisor. One of the things that is cheaper in Abilene, is gasoline. The merchants in Merkel should realize that the average citizen in Merkel is in Abilene twice a week anyway.
A Wise Merkelite

Comparative Buying Advocate

Dear Editor,
I would like to say a few words in regard to this ex business man's letter to the editor in your paper 3-25-76. Mr. ex business man, go to the grocery stores here and take down the prices of bread, milk, coffee, name brand can

goods, and fresh vegetables. Then go to Safeway and K Mart grocers in Abilene and compare the prices. Mr. ex business man you can get major company gasoline in Abilene for 46¢. Here in Merkel gasoline was selling for regular 54 and has recently come down to 50 to 53. Oh, yes Mr. ex business man while you are comparing these prices go by Gibson's and Save X Pharmacy and compare the drug prices with the price here. I love Merkel too, but if I can get things cheaper in Abilene that's where I will buy. Same as you Mr. ex business man, in your letter you left the door open. No name please as Mr. ex business man

Cards Of Thanks

WE WANT TO THANK Each of you for your visits, letters, cards, phone calls and especially for your prayers while David was in the hospital and since he came home. May God bless each of you.
David and Callie Anderson

FOOD MARKETING ALERT

USDA Agricultural Marketing Service
As of mid-March, the supply situation in April is expected to look like this . . .

RED MEATS —

Beef . . . plentiful. Production 10-12% above April '75 and about 15% greater than 1973-75 average. Continued increases in fed beef output will account for bulk of gains.

Pork . . . adequate. April production to move upward seasonally, but will average 8-10% under 3-year average.

POULTRY & EGGS —

Broiler-fryers . . . plentiful. Record April marketings — about 8% more than in April 1973-75 and 14% above the April 1973-75 average.

Turkey . . . adequate. New crop marketings likely near record large for the month, some 18% above a year earlier and one-fifth more than 1973-75 average. April 1 cold storage holdings down about 40% from a year earlier and one-third less than the 3-year average. Supplies, heavily influenced by shrunken inventories, are estimated about 1/4 less than in April 1975.

Eggs . . . adequate. Production should be near year-earlier, but under 3-year average.

MILK & DAIRY PRODUCTS —

Milk & dairy products . . . adequate. Milk production has been above a year earlier and the 3-year average for the past 5 months including Feb. should provide additional supplies for manufacturing. Jan. butter output dipped 3.1% from a year earlier. American cheese output in Jan. topped both the yearly and 3-year average levels for the third consecutive month. Nonfat dry milk production continued to run below both yearly and 3-year average levels for Jan. At the close of Jan., commercial butter stocks had dropped to a record low — 83% under the 3-year average. Commercial inventories of American cheese were 7.4% under the 3-year average. Manufacturers' stocks of nonfat dry milk at end of Jan. were far below '75, but in line with 1973-74.

FRUITS, VEGETABLES, NUTS

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENGAGE IN WEATHER MODIFICATION ACTIVITIES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that IRVING P. KRICK INC. OF TEXAS, 611 S. Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs CA 92262, who holds License #76-2 of the State of Texas, intends to engage in an operation to change or attempt to change by artificial methods the natural development of appropriate atmospheric cloud forms or precipitation forms which occur in the troposphere, for and on behalf of WEATHER MODIFICATION INC. OF THROCKMORTON, TEXAS, and will conduct a program of weather modification to increase useful precipitation by means of ground-based silver iodide dispensers, as follows:

1. Area in which equipment will be operated includes the Texas counties of Knox, Baylor, Archer, Stonewall, Haskell, Throckmorton, Young, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Stephens, Palo Pinto, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan, Eastland, Erath, Runnels, Coleman, Brown and Comanche.
2. The target area will be portions of the Texas counties of Throckmorton, Shackelford, Young and Stephens.
3. The areas adjacent to target area which may be subject to the effects of the operation are in general within 15 to 20 miles of the target area. The maximum intentional effect is in the target, but some downwind effect may occur mostly to the immediate northeast of the target.
4. The materials and methods to be used in conducting the operation are silver iodide electric are ground-based dispensers that have an output in the range of 1/2 to 2 grams per hour per dispenser.
5. Person who will be in charge of these operations is Mr. Eddie F. Choy.

The operation will extend during the period beginning as soon as authorized and ending about 1 May 1980. Individuals, organizations, or agencies who consider that their interests will be adversely affected by the operation proposed may file a formal protest for consideration by the Board with the following:

WEATHER MODIFICATION AFFAIRS COORDINATOR

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

P. O. Box 13087 Austin, TX 78711

DATED: 23 March 1976

SIGNED: Paul J. Caubin

Fresh apples . . . plentiful. Jan. 31 cold storage holdings 25% larger than a year earlier and 37% more than the latest 3-season average.

Fresh pears . . . plentiful.

Cold storage stocks (mainly D'Anjous) Jan. 31 9% greater than year earlier and 35% larger than the most recent 3-season average.

THE MERKEL MAIL
Thursday, April 1, 1976

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IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE WE WILL BE RE-DECORATING AND RE ARRANGING OUR FOOD SERVICE SO THAT WE MAY TAKE CARE OF YOU BETTER & FASTER. THIS WILL BE DONE IN A WAY OF A CAFETERIA BUFFETS STYLE COUNTER THAT WE HOPE TO HAVE FINISHED BEFORE THE END OF APRIL. WE WISH TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATRONAGE THAT YOU HAVE KINDLY GIVEN!

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OR

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A SCHOOL BOARD THAT WILL WEIGH EACH AND EVERY DECISION AND RUN THE SCHOOL IN A BUSINESS LIKE MANNER? A SCHOOL BOARD THAT WILL FURNISH US A GOOD SCHOOL SYSTEM AT AN ECONOMICAL FIGURE, WOULD YOU LIKE PEOPLE YOU WOULD YOU LIKE PEOPLE ON THE BOARD WHO ARE COMMITTED TO THIS DISTRICT, PEOPLE YOU KNOW, PEOPLE WHO WILL CONTINUE TO LIVE IN MERKEL AND EDUCATE THEIR CHILDREN HERE?

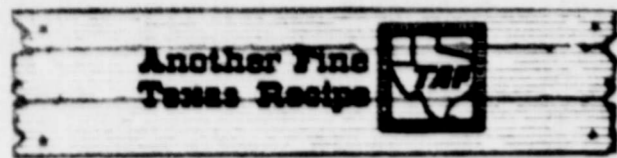
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THESE MEN ARE COMMITTED TO THIS DISTRICT AND MERKEL, THEY ARE ECONOMICALLY MINDED MEN. THEY ARE MEN WHO WILL FURNISH US THE SCHOOL SYSTEM WE NEED WITH THE LEAST AMOUNT OF TAX DOLLARS.

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JOHN F. HENSLEE
TREASURER



CHICKEN 'N SWISS EXTRAORDINAIRE

- 3 whole broiler-fryer chicken breasts, halved, skinned and boned
- 1 tsp. flavor enhancer
- 1/2 c. flour
- 1/2 c. corn oil
- 6 thick slices French bread
- 6 slices Swiss cheese
- 1 T. butter
- 1/2 lb. mushrooms, sliced
- 2/3 c. white wine
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper

Sprinkle chicken with flavor enhancer. Roll in flour. Heat corn oil in fry pan over medium heat. Add chicken and brown on all sides. Reduce heat; cover tightly and cook about 10 minutes or until fork can be inserted with ease. Place bread topped with cheese slices on baking sheet. Heat in 200-degree oven while preparing mushrooms. Remove chicken from fry pan. Add butter to fry pan; add mushrooms and saute over low heat about 3 minutes. Push mushrooms aside; add wine and stir to loosen browned bits. Add salt and pepper. Return chicken to fry pan and simmer until sauce is slightly thickened. (Sauce may be thickened with a bit of flour if desired.) Place chicken piece on top of each bread slice and spoon mushrooms and sauce over chicken. Makes 6 servings.

National Rural Health Week Set For April 4 - 10

"Improving the Quality of Rural Life Through Better Health" is the theme of National Rural Health Week, April 4-10, which is being sponsored in Texas by the American Medical Association and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"Aim of National Rural Health Week is to focus attention of the medical profession and the public on rural America's health needs," points out Jack Jones, resource development specialist for the Extension Service. "Furthermore, the week aims to motivate rural citizens to become more health conscious and to improve rural-urban cooperation in health care issues."

The need for rural health care in Texas is "desperate" for many small Texas communities, notes Jones. The woes are several, from lack of proper equipment in hospitals to not even having a hospital or a doctor for many, many miles.

Statistically, health care in Texas is in critical condition," points out the Texas A & M University System specialist. A 1970 study by the Office of Comprehensive Health Planning in Texas found the average physician-to-population ratio for rural areas of the state to be one doctor per 1,467 persons. The osteopath-to-population ratio

for rural Texas was found to be one per 11,806. In June, 1973, 17 Texas counties with a total population of 29,004 were without physicians, according to the Texas Medical Association.

Jones cites other facts to illustrate the need for rural health care in Texas. In January, 1967, the federal government under the Medicare program classified 248 hospitals in small Texas towns as "7-C" facilities, indicating they were either understaffed or under-equipped. In June, 1973, the

number of "7-C" hospitals had been reduced to 63, largely because 101 hospitals closed when they could not meet federal standards.

Statistics also reveal the urgent need for improved emergency health care, says the specialist. A 1972 survey by the Texas State Health Resource's Civil Defense and Traffic Safety Division showed 29 Texas counties without emergency rooms and 13 counties without ambulance service. The survey also showed about 20 percent, or more than 2.25 million Texans in 178 counties, have neither local, county or state

public health programs.

During National Rural Health Week Jones urges Texans to familiarize themselves with the National Health Planning and Resources Development Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-641) and the 12 newly formed health service areas in Texas.

These areas are designed to provide better delivery of health care for both rural and urban Texas. Citizen understanding and involvement in these regional health care planning organizations should result in improved delivery of medical services to the Texas citizenry.

Feedlots To Determine Cattle Prices--Cattle feedlots will play a big part in determining prices of fed and feeder cattle for 1976, says a livestock marketing specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Fed cattle supplies are increasing and continued growth will depress prices. Recent resurgence in cattle feeding has been due to better prices for fed cattle as well as a decline in feeding costs due to a large fed grain crop last year. A seasonal decline in cow and non-fed cattle slaughter this spring should boost Choice fed cattle prices.

I would appreciate your vote in Democratic primary, and confidence helping to elect me to the office of Justice of the Peace Precinct 2, Merkel Taylor County, Texas. I ask for your vote in the May primary. I feel that I can rule on the cases that come before me with a nonpartisan mind and also I wish to be of all the help I can to anyone in my jurisdiction. This will be for the unexpired term.

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Scout-O-Rama '76 Set For Saturday

Scout Troops and Cub Scout Packs representing approximately 1500 Scouts will show off their skills to the public Saturday, April 3, in Abilene and Stamford.

The colorful demonstrations, based on the Bicentennial theme, will feature action and not just displays. In Abilene the location will be inside and outside of the westgate Mall, and the Show will be in continuous operation from 1:00 to 6:00 P.M. Scouting Units from Taylor, Callahan, Shackelford, and

Coleman Counties and from

will be participating. The location in Stamford will be the Lions Club Building and the City Square. Units from Jones, Haskell, and Stonewall Counties will be involved. The time will be from 3:00 to 6:00 P. M. One week later on April 10, a Scout-O-Rama will be held in Sweetwater, in and around the Texas Guard Armory, from 3:00 to 6:00 P. M.

Scouts are busy selling tickets to earn money for

their local Units and also for scholarships to Summer Camp and Cub Day Camp. They sell for \$1.00 and every one under 18 years of age is admitted free.

Farm-facts

A Weekly Report Of Agri-Business News

Compiled From Sources Of The TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
John C. White, Commissioner

Bah, Bah, Bah... Moo, Moo, Moo... Chirp, Chirp.

Sheep and lamb feeding is up 10 per cent from a year ago and up 17 per cent from a month ago in Texas.

Drylot sheep feeders with a lot capacity of 2,000 head or more had 68,000 sheep and lambs on feed as of March 1, according to the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

Current intentions to market the 68,000 head are 28,000 this month, 25,000 in April and 15,000 in May. The April and May intentions are subject to change since additional lambs could be placed on feed.

CATTLE FEEDING is continuing to surge ahead, too. There were 1,810,000 head of cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in the state's feedlots as of March 1. This is 68 per cent above a year ago, although it is 5 per cent below a month ago.

In the seven major feeding states of Texas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska, the number of cattle on feed is up 48 per cent from 1975.

Texas cattle feeders placed 293,000 head into their lots during February. This is 119 per cent above a year ago but 10 per cent under a month ago.

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ABOUT YOU

Urine is the fluid that is filtered from the blood by the kidneys when the blood is cleansed or purified. This urine that is excreted from the kidneys is stored in the bladder and later discharged through the urethra. Since urine is a by-product from the filtration and purification of blood, it contains many substances that when tested, give detailed information as to the state of health of the individual.

Urine is tested for its pH reaction, that is, whether it reacts as an acid or as alkaline. Normal urine has a pH value of about 6 which means that it is slightly acid. The extremes of urine pH health are 4.7 to 8.0 on a pH scale of 1.0 to 14.0 with 7.0 being neutral. Urine can react as an acid, alkaline, neutral or amphoteric, which means urine reacts both acid and alkaline. If urine becomes alkaline, it could indicate a chronic bladder infection or it could also mean the patient has been on a vegetarian diet.

The weight of urine, known as specific gravity, is checked. The normal range of specific gravity of urine is about 1.003 to 1.030. If the weight is too low, it could mean that the kidneys are not retaining body water efficiently.

The color of normal urine

Doctor Rongers' Column

By EDWARD W. RONGERS
CHIROPRACTOR

is amber and clear, although some degree of cloudiness is not considered abnormal or pathologic. A urine of high specific gravity is usually dark, and one of low specific gravity is light. The normal color of urine can be altered due to blood, bile, melanin (pigment), drugs, poisons and some foods.

The average quantity of urine that is excreted from a healthy individual during a twenty-four hour period is about three pints or 1200 to 1500 cubic centimeters (cc). One thousand parts of healthy urine contain about 960 parts

of water and 40 parts of solid matter.

Some of this solid matter normally found is urea, phosphoric acid, uric acid, sulfuric acid, sodium chloride, urobilin, certain organic salts and others.

Some of the abnormal matters found in urine are blood, bile, glucose, acetone, albumin, hemoglobin, pus and others. Blood in the urine is called hematuria and may indicate kidney infection, inflammation of the urethra and prostrate, tumors of the bladder, leukemia, kidney stones and others.

Bile in the urine could result from liver disease, blood disorder or gallbladder malfunction.

Glucose or sugar in the urine may indicate diabetes which is caused by the body's inability to secrete enough insulin.

The presence of ketone substances, such as acetone, in the urine is known as ketonuria. This condition is most commonly caused by diabetes mellitus and starvation.

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Mulberry Canyon 4-H News

Mulberry Canyon 4-H met March 8 at their club house. Our vice-president, Bart Whisenhunt, presided. The meeting was called to order. DeeDee Masonheimer led the 4-H pledge and prayer. Shannon Boyd led the American pledge. Roll call was called by the

secretary. Twelve members were present. The minutes were read and approved. Due to the illness of J. D. Sandusky, Pam Bishop gave the program on Rifle and Rifle Safety.

We had one new member; Mike Pape. Our next meeting will be April 12 with Kay Manning giving the program on Record

Book preparation. Members present were: Bart Whisenhunt, Lisa Hughes, Sherrie Dunn, Tommy Swinney, Sheila Swinney, Sherri Williams, Alane McGee, Guy McGee, Leslie Masonheimer, DeeDee Masonheimer, Shannon Boyd and Mike Pape. The meeting was adjourned.

Compere HD News

The Compere Home Demonstration Club met March 26th, at the Noodle community center for the regular meeting with seven members and one visitor present.

Mrs. Hunter presided and Mrs. Taylor directed a quiz game. Roll call was answered with my favorite small appliance.

Mrs. Hunter gave the council report. At the next council meeting there will be a county wide program on "Fire Safety." On March 31st, there will be an all day Training Meeting in Anson on "Food Preservation" by the agent.

The salad luncheon will be March 30th, at Anson and members will arrive at 8:30 to help up for the Bazaar. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Clyde Mims, April 8th.

There were refreshments for Mrs. Ab Hunter, Clyde Mims, Mrs. Clyde Chancey, Dewey Ramsey, Hugh Taylor, Clayton Dillard, Ernest Spurgeon and Angela Johnson, a visitor.

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CITATION

BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: William Richard Leach and his wife, Ann Bettie Leach, any and all grandchildren of Lillie C. Baker heretofore born, any and all grandchildren of Lillie C. Baker yet to be born, any and all heirs yet to be born of any and all grandchildren of Lillie C. Baker yet to be born, any and all persons in being and not in being, claiming and to claim any title or interest in the hereinafter described properties or any part thereof and any and all unknown and/or unborn owners of any part or portion or interest in the hereinafter described properties claiming any interest therein by, through or under the will of Lillie C. Baker, Deceased, which will was probated in Cause No. 6036 in the Probate Court of Taylor County, Texas, hereinafter called Defendants. Said properties being situated in Taylor, Jones and Farmer Counties, Texas, and described as follows, to-wit:

First Tract: All of Lots 3, 4, 5 and 6 in Block 44, to the Town of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas.

Second Tract: Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section Seventeen (17) Township 1 North Range 4 East of Capitol Syndicate Reservation in Farmer County, Texas, containing 180 acres.

Third Tract: One Hundred Sixty (160) acres of land out of Capitol League 448, described as the northeast one quarter (NE 1/4) of Survey or Section Number Six (6), Township Number One (1) North, Range Number Four (4) East of a "Capitol Syndicate Subdivision" in Farmer County, Texas, as shown by Plat of such Subdivision of record in Deed Records of Farmer County, Texas, Volume 5, Page 394.

Fourth Tract: All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land situated in Jones County, Texas, and being 80 acres of land off of the South side of Lot No. 3, C. P. Warren's Subdivision of Block No. 56 (Ranch Reservation) of Godwin Subdivision of the DeWitt County School Land, and further described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at a stake set for the S. W. corner of Lot No. 3 of C. P. Warren's Subdivision of the said DeWitt County School Land;

Thence N. 15 W. 556 vrs. to a stake and stone mound in W. B. line of said Lot 3;

Thence N. 75 E. 812 vrs. to a stake in E. B. line of said Lot 3;

Thence S. 15 degrees 21' E. 556 vrs. to S. E. corner of said Lot 3;

Thence S. 75 W. 814 vrs. to the place of beginning, and being further represented by the map of said Warren's Subdivision of said Block No. 56 on record in the Clerks office of Jones County, Texas, to which reference is hereby made.

Fifth Tract: Being 192.21 acres of land off of the N end of a 267.15 acre tract out of the C. P. Warren Subdivision of Block 56 "Ranch Reservation" of the Godwin Subdivision of the DeWitt County School Lands, League 125, 126, 149 and 150, and the G. A. Kirkland Surveys Nos. 1, 2 and 3 as per map of said Warren Subdivision of record in Vol. 14, Page 17, of the Deed Records of Jones County, Texas, being a part of a 267.15 acre tract described in deed from C. P. Warren, et ux, to John W. Lyles, recorded in Vol. 28, Page 414 of the Deed Records of Jones County, Texas, and described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at a point in the E. B. Line of Subdivision No. 4 of the C. P. Warren Subdivision of Blk. No. 56 of the Godwin Subdivision of the DeWitt County School Lands in League No. 125, and 553 vrs. S. 15 deg. E. from the N. E. corner of said Subdivision #4, the same being in the W. B. line of an old 40' public road now widened to about 60' from said point an iron pipe brs S. 75 deg. 40' W 10' set for the S. E. corner of an 80 acre tract of land off of the N end of said subdivision No. 4, and for the NE corner of the said 267.15 acre tract; and for the NE corner of this tract;

Thence S 75 deg. 40' W with the S. B. line of the said 80 acre tract and with the N B L at 818.8 vrs to an iron pipe at fence corner post in the

WBL of said Subdivision No. 4, for the S. W. corner of the said 80 acre tract and for the NW corner of the said 267.15 acre tract, and for the NW corner of this tract;

Thence S 14 deg. 42' E with the WB lines of Subdivision Nos. 4, 5 and 6 with fence line and with the W. B. line of the said 267.15 acre tract of land at 1319.7 vrs. to an iron pipe for the S. W. corner of this tract, the same being in the W. B. line of said Subdivision No. 6;

Thence N 75 deg. 40' E across said subdivision No. 6 at 825.7 vrs to point in the EB line of said Subdivision #6, and in the W. B. line of a 40' public road for the S. E. corner of this tract;

Thence N 15 deg. W with the E. B. lines of said Subdivisions Nos. 6, 5 and 4, and with the WB line of the old road, at 1319.7 vrs. to the place of beginning, and containing 192.21 acres of land as described in deed dated September 13, 1941, from Zaria E. Stamps, et al, to Fred A. Baker of record in Vol. 252, Page 57, Deed Records of Jones County,

Sixth Tract: Being 70.94 acres in the South part of Lot No. 6 of the C. P. Warren Subdivision of Block No. 56 of the Godwin Subdivision of the DeWitt County School Lands, Leagues 125, 126, 149 and 150 and the G. A. Kirkland Surveys Nos. 1, 2 and 3 in Jones County, Texas, as per map of said Warren Subdivision of record in Vol. 14, Page 17 of the Deed Records of Jones County Texas, being a part of a 267.15 acre tract described in Deed from C. P. Warren, et ux, to John W. Lyles, recorded in Vol. 28, Page 414, Deed Records of Jones County, Texas, and described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at the S. W. corner of said 267.15 acre tract, which is also the S. W. corner of said Subdivision No. 6;

Thence N. 15 W. 484.6 vrs. with the West line of said Tract No. 6;

Thence N. 15 W. 484 vrs. with the West line of said 267.15 acre tract and the West line of said Subdivision No. 6 to the S. W. corner of a tract of 192.21 acres off the North end of the said 267.15 acre tract (which 192.21 acre tract now belongs to Fred A. Baker);

Thence N 74 deg. 39 min. E. 825 vrs. to the East line of said 267.15 acre tract, and the S. E. corner of said 192.21 acre tract in the East line of said Lot No. 6;

Thence S 15 deg. 21 min. E 484.6 vrs. to the S. E. corner of said 267.15 acre tract, which is also the S. E. corner of said Subdivision No. 6;

Thence S. 74 deg. 39 min. W with the South line 825 vrs. to the place of beginning, containing 70.94 acres of land.

Seventh Tract: Being 175.27 acres off the South end of Lot No. 97 of the J. S. and D. W. Godwin Subd. of the DeWitt County School Lands, Leagues 125, 126, 149 and 150 and the G. W. Kirkland Surs. Nos. 1, 2 and 3 in Jones County, Texas, as per plat of said Subd. of record in Vol. 12, Pages 218 and 219, Deed Records of Jones County, Texas, described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at a stake at the S. W. cor. of said Lot 97; Thence E with the S. line of said Lot 97 to the S. E. cor. of Lot 97 and the S. W. cor. of Lot 98 a stake;

Thence N. with the E. line of Lot 97 and the W. line of Lot 98 to the NE cor. of tract of land conveyed to M. Patton by G. W. Jones and wife, by deed dated Oct. 8, 1903, of record in Deed Records of Jones County, Texas;

Thence in a Westerly direction

with the N. line of said tract to the N. W. cor. of the same in the W. line of Lot 97, a stake;

Thence S. with the W. line of Lot 97, to the place of beginning and containing in all 125.27 acres of land. Save and Except 1/2 of the bonuses, 1/2 of the rentals and 1/2 of the royalties paid under the terms of any oil and gas lease covering all or any part of the lands described in Tracts Nos. 6 and 7 above which interests were reserved by the grantors in the deed from Orval Lyles, et al, to Fred A. Baker dated the 27th. of January, 1948, and recorded in Volume 3209, Page 10 of the Deed Records of Jones County, Texas.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 104th. District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 3rd. day of May A. D. 1976, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 18 day of March A. D. 1976, in this cause, numbered 12,953-Bon the docket of said court and styled Fred A. Baker, Jr., et al, Plaintiff, vs. William Richard Leach, et al, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

For the Partition of the above described real estate into segregated tracts, as follows:

(A) That the Title to and possession of that undivided one-half (1/2) interest therein that is owned by the heirs of Fred A. Baker shall be vested as follows:

Fred A. Baker, Jr.,----1/2
Linda Kathleen Leach
Hodges--1/4th.

William Richard Leach
1/4th.

(B) That the title to and possession of that undivided one-half (1/2) interest therein that is owned by the devisees, known and unknown, under the Will of Lillie C. Baker, shall be vested as follows:

Fred A. Baker, Jr.--All for his lifetime, with the remainder at his death all vesting in the then living grandchildren of Lillie C. Baker, whom ever they may then be and who are now unknown.

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 18th. day of March A. D. 1976.

(SEAL) Attest: Irene Crawford Clerk,

104th. District Court

Taylor County,

Texas.

By Fayle Lyons, Deputy.

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Answer to puzzle 3-8-76

Baseball News

The Tri-City Baseball meetings have been changed to every Thursday night at 7:30 at the Big Country Inn. We hope this new time will be more convenient to people and they will come to the meetings. We need help if the girls are to have a field to play on this summer. We need to get a backstop up and need some volunteer welders. We have the things to do the job just need a welder who will volunteer some time. Contact J. C. Carson or come to the meeting Thursday night. Need other people too, come out and see where you can help. The boys field is pretty well under way. We are also collecting recipes again for a recipe book we are going to print and sell to help pay for the ball field. Turn recipes in

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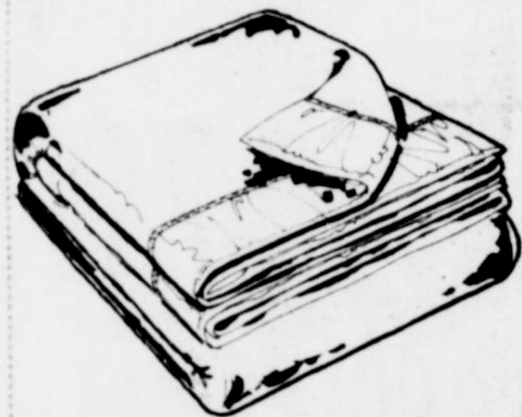
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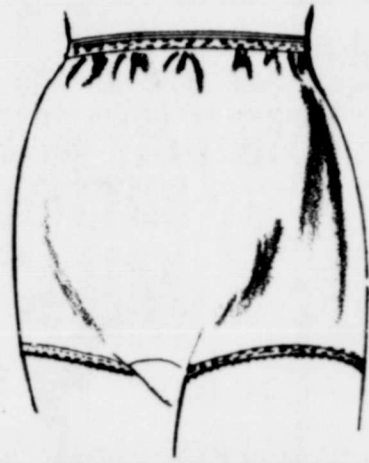
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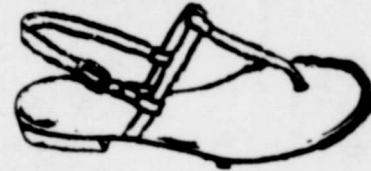
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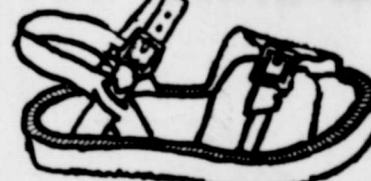
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DELMONTE SWEET PICKLES 12 OZ **53¢**

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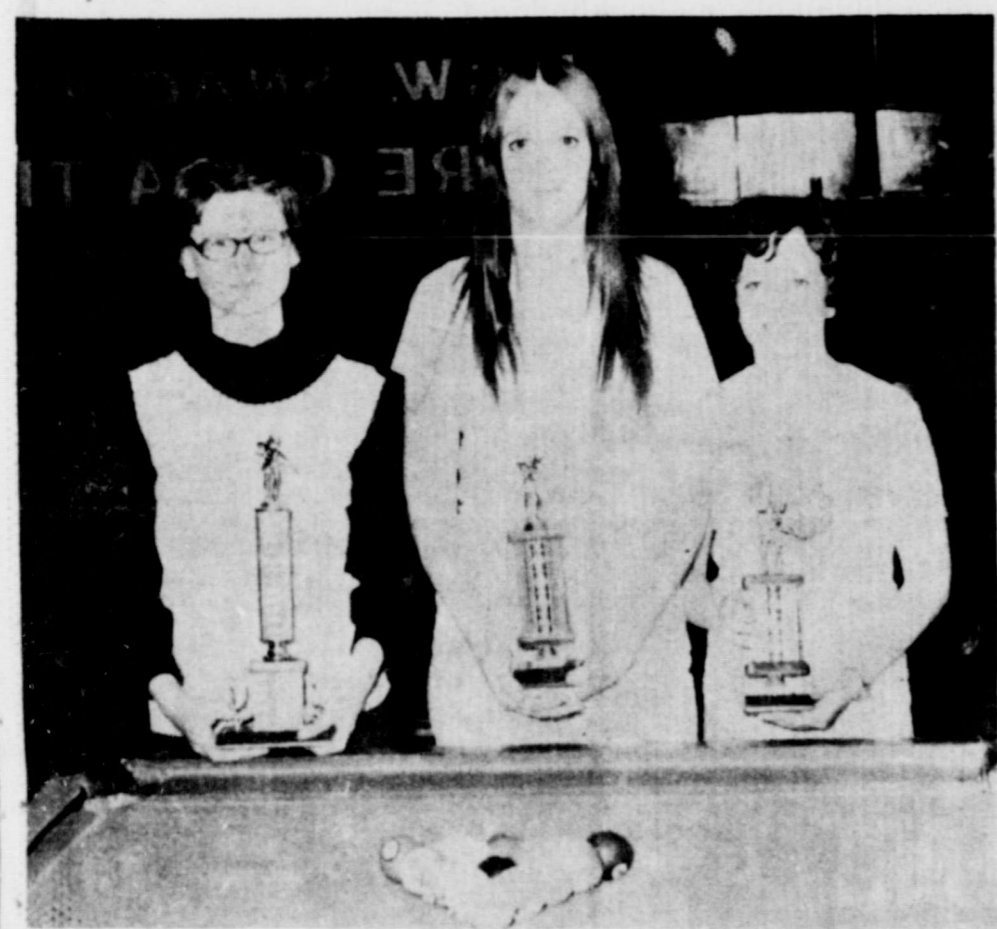
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WINNERS BEHIND THE 8 BALL—Winning first, second and third places in the Ladies Pool Tournament Saturday were Linda Williams, Pam Bishop and Kim Gurganau, respectively. Coming in 4th, but not receiving a trophy was Ann Wade.

Dickerson Reunion Held In Merkel

The reunion of the family of Mrs. F. W. Dickerson was held in the home of Troy Dickerson in Merkel Sunday, March 28. Those present were Mrs. Carl Carey of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Brooks of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Green and Amy of Abilene, Margie Bird and Patti of Arlington, Mrs. Truman Carey of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Willy Noah of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Don Dickerson and Melissa of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Gann and Dena of Anson, Mr. and

Mrs. Jimmy Carey with Alice and Truman of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. O'Dell Dickerson of Trent, Seanna Knigge of Austin, Herman E. Dickerson and Gary of Merkel, Brenda Dickerson of Houston, Mrs. Ken Jacks of Lubbock and Cecelia McDonald also of Lubbock, Mike and Pam Hager of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Dickerson of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Dickerson of Merkel, Miss Kay Brooks of Abilene, Mrs. T. W. Dickerson of Merkel, Mrs. T. W. Dickerson will celebrate her 91st birthday May 9.

and grandson, Larry of Abilene took a week of vacation in Louisiana. They visited relatives including a brother-in-law, F. W. Wallis near Dallas.

CARD OF THANKS
I WANT TO EXPRESS my thanks to each of you who did so many thoughtful things for me during my illness. I especially thank you for your prayers.
Mrs. E. R. Foster

MERKEL PLAYSCHOOL & NURSERY ANN TALENT

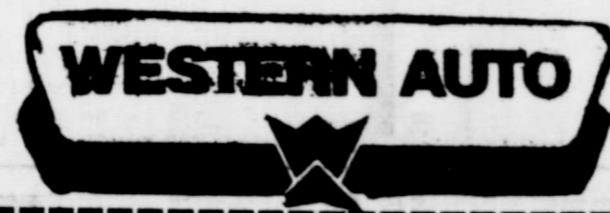
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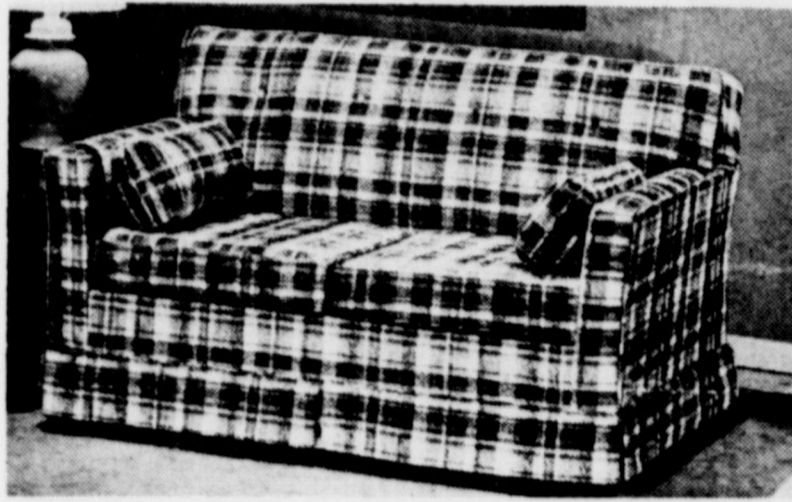
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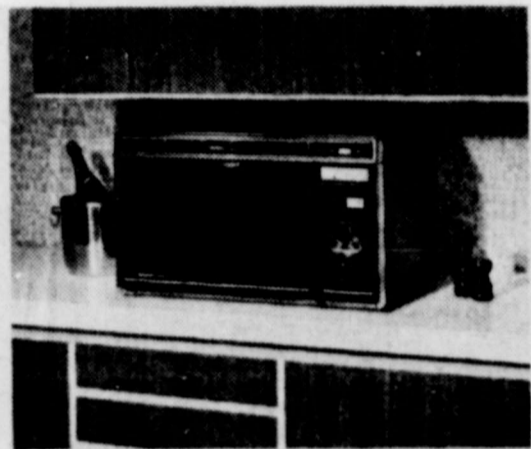
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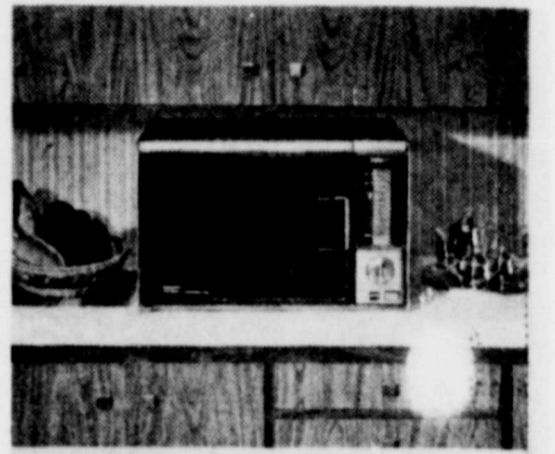
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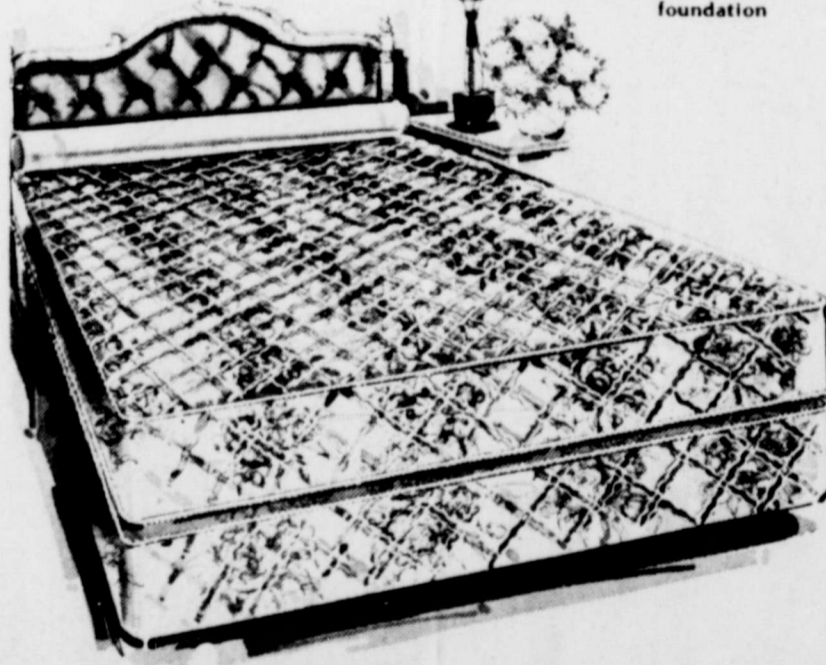
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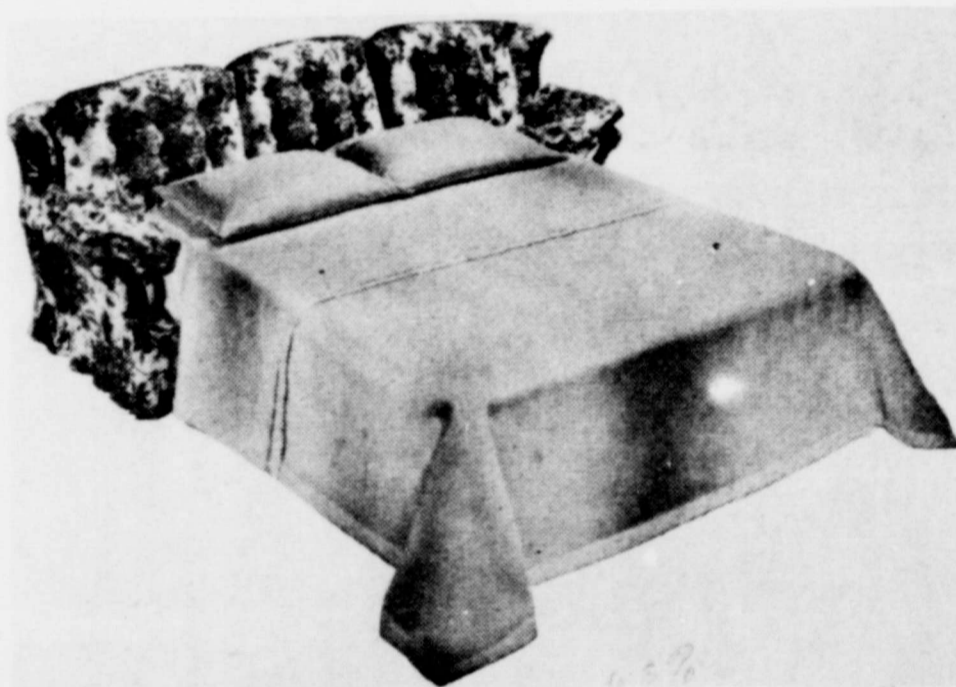
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- Plug-in Accu-Circuit modules - simple servicing
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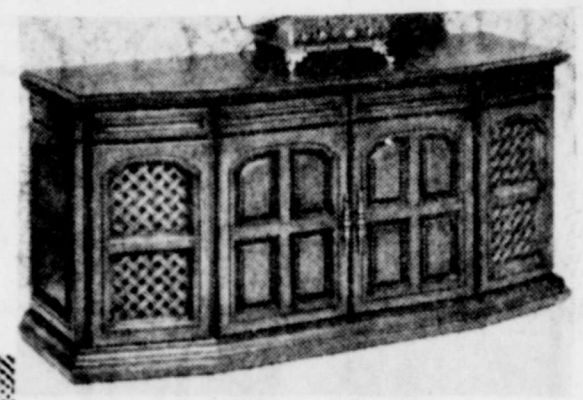
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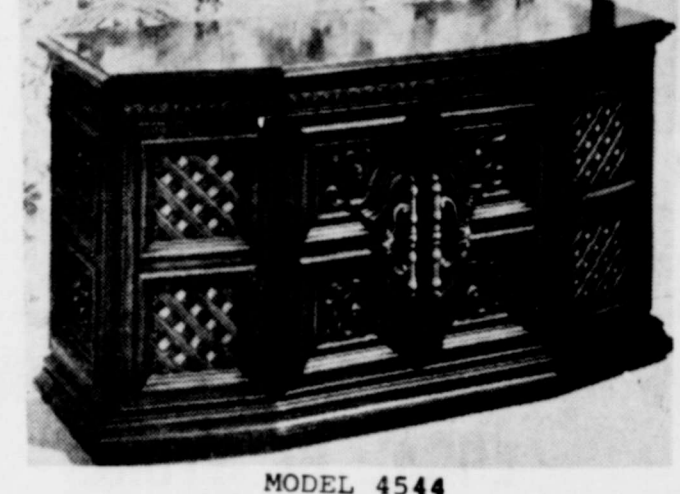
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MODEL 5499
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Full-size BSR record changer with diamond stylus, cue/pause control, stylus pressure adjustment, anti-skate control and 45 RPM adapter
REG. \$349.95
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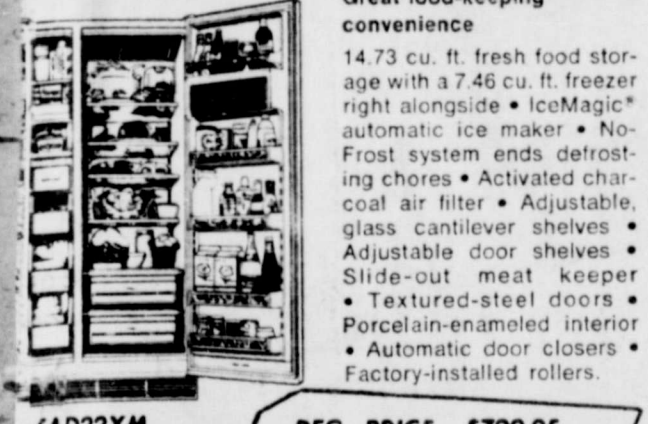


MODEL 4544
Mediterranean styling in Spanish Oak-stain finish
AM/FM/FM-Stereo receiver with built-in auto/manual 8-track tape player
Full-size BSR record changer with diamond stylus, cue/pause control, stylus pressure adjustment and 45 rpm adapter
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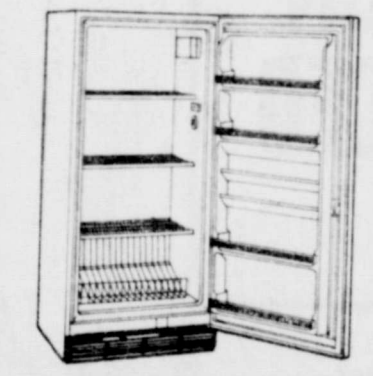


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- 3 fast-freeze shelves with cold coils built into shelves
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- Defrost drain helps eliminate time-consuming sponging
- Million-Magnet™ door helps keep cold air in, warm air out
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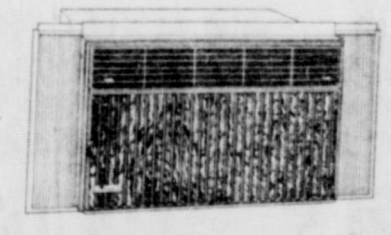


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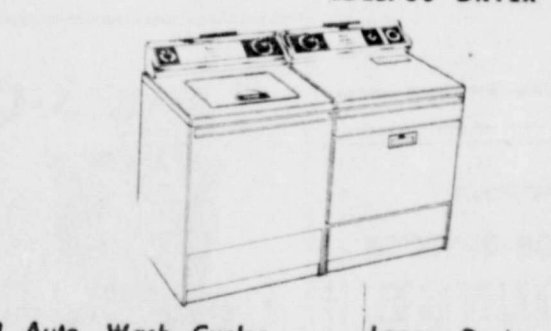
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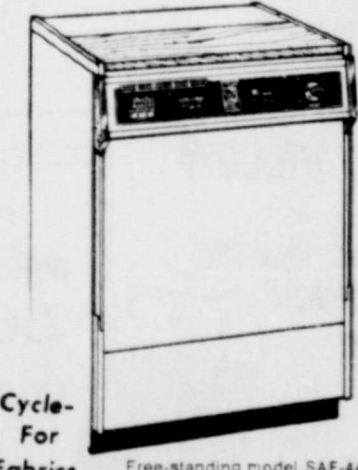
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SILVER DOLLAR FOR EACH PURCHASE

Merkel (BF)-The infamous J. B. Rabbit, better known as Bunny Rabbit, released Wednesday his intentions of offering a silver dollar to every person that purchases ten dollars or more of merchandise at the Ben Franklin Store in Merkel. "This is equivalent to ten percent off anything in the store," said Mr. Rabbit in an interview with the press. Asked whether this had anything to

do with his coming Easter deliveries, he commented "... Well yes, you could say that. You know, people are always looking for good buys whether it's Easter or some other event. This sale includes everything from my eggs and baskets to Dickey pants, lawn chairs, tennis shoes, toys, and fabrics!" Hammond, the owner of the Ben Franklin Store, com-

mented, "The silver dollar will be offered with each purchase of ten dollars or more. Therefore, if a person was to have a twenty-dollar purchase they would be entitled to a two silver dollar 'bonus'."

Hammond said that sale will last from Thursday morning to closing time Saturday. "I would like to remind everyone," he added, "that our summer goods have

arrived. We have tomato plant food, water hose, lawn mowers, seeds, and even picnic baskets in stock."

Johnny Hammond and J. B. have been longtime friends. "Johnny and I first became friends when he first opened his Ben Franklin Store thirty-four years ago," Rabbit related. "In fact, I brought him his very first dozen eggs. Now I bring them by the truck load!" laughed Rabbit.

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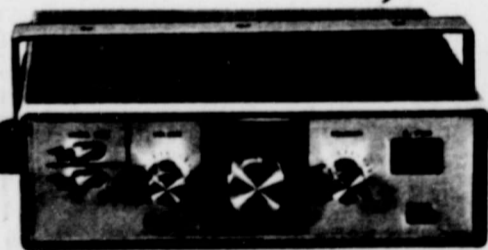
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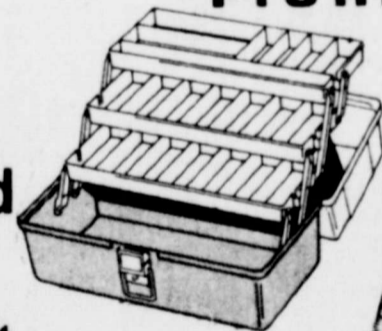
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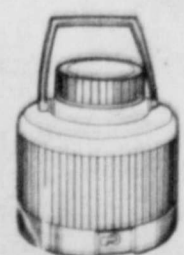
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