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BIBLE VERSE
Let all your anxieties fall
upon Him, for His great inter-
est is in you.
1 Peter 5:7

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John Hancock special meaning for Smith's

"Put your John Hancock right here."
Now, everyone knows this familiar
cliche meaning to sign your name.
Too, everyone who has had a smattering
of history knows who John Hancock
is—he was the first to sign the Declara-
tion of Independence.

His bold, large flourish of a signa-
ture proclaimed his belief in America
and freedom in a time when proclaim-
ing such opposition against the British
wasn't considered the wisest thing to
do.

Yet, that signature little is
known about John Hancock and the roll
he played in the American Revolution.

Sunday, Americans will celebrate the
200th anniversary of that document and
the start of one of the greatest nations
in the world.

And, for at least one Merkel family,
it will have an even more special
meaning—the Ford Smith Jr. family.

Mrs. Smith's great grandmother
Elizabeth Wood was John Hancock's
great grandniece.

Mrs. Smith recalls that little has
been written about John Hancock.
He was active and conspicuous in
his time, but he left few materials
for a biography, and these, for the
most part, in remote hiding places,
Mrs. Smith says.

He was 39 when the Declaration was
signed and the 6-foot patriot was
gracious of the pompous style of the
times. He was President of the
Continental Congress. Although he was
wealthy, he was too much occupied
with public affairs to be advantageously
attentive to his private affairs.

He was most faithfully devoted to
freedom's cause and it is a high eulogy
on his patriotism that when the British
offered pardon to all the rebels for all
their offenses, John Hancock and Samuel
Adams were the only two that denied
this opportunity.

Hancock died October 8, 1793 at
57.
Yes, he had been the first to sign
in his bold signature to that immortal
Declaration in which those who signed
pledged their lives, their fortunes and
their sacred honor to the cause
of liberty.

And, it was not until 103 years after
his death that Massachusetts decided
to dust off the old Hancock marker
and dedicate a monument to his memory
in the old Granary burying ground near
Boston Common.

On this occasion Governor Walcott
remarked with regret upon the neglect
which had allowed the grave of a man
who played so large a part in the
Revolutionary period to remain un-
marked by any enduring monument.
The old marker, which was replaced,
merely stated "No. 16 Tomb of
Hancock."

When the monument was placed it was



TEXAS RANGER—John W. Baker, great grandfather of Mrs. Ford Smith Jr. of Merkel, poses in this 1856 picture wearing the jacket he wore while a member of the Texas Ranger force near San Saba. Baker also fought in the Civil War. Mrs. Smith has the original picture which is 120 years old. Notice the "modern" hair style.

dedicated by Mrs. Wood, great grand-
mother of Mrs. Smith and James Graves
of Houston, children of the late Lola
Ada Williams Graves and Pete Graves
of Junction.

However, it appears that John Hancock
isn't the only patriot in Mrs. Smith's
history.

Mrs. Wood's father (Mrs. Smith's
great-great grandfather) was one of the
signers of the Texas Declaration of
Independence at Washington-on-the-
Brazos March 2, 1836. And, for his
effort in being among those to capture
Santa Anna, he was given a land grant
near San Saba.

In fact, Mrs. Smith's family tree is
among those families who settled the
San Saba and has been outlined in a
book, *The Call Of The San Saba, A
History of San Saba County* by Alma
Ward Hamrick.

James Wood's wife was in the famous
"run away" scrape, frequently referred
to in Texas history.

The family included the parents and
14 children. Found on the streets of
San Saba and very neatly folded was a
document showing the transfer of a
320-acre tract of land from Nicholas
Jacoby, who was a member of the
Count Hans Von Meusebach surveying
party in the county in 1849, to James
Wood who was one of the pioneer settlers
of the county. The document is on sheep
skin and is in perfect condition.

Wood was a member of the first
commissioner's court of San Saba
County and he and his partners worked
the vein of sulphur at Lampasas. His
eldest son Riley served in the battle
of San Jacinto and afterwards was active
in guarding the western part of the
county against Indians.

In 1864 he organized a group of Tex-
as Rangers, known as Capt. W. R.
Wood's Company composed of 100 men
from the San Saba section.

Too, Mrs. Smith's other great-great
grandfather, James H. Baker, also re-
ceived a land grant from General Sam
Houston in the Texas Rebellion. He
settled in Bastrop County and moved
his family to Onion Creek, 8 miles
from Austin where he accumulated a
vast herd of cattle.

He was the second postmaster of
San Saba. At his death in 1856, his
three sons took over the holdings and
moved the 6,000 head of cattle from
Travis County to the ranch holdings
on the San Saba which became known
as Baker Valley.

The Civil War found George Baker
involved at the battle of Chickamauga.
Meanwhile, there was no market for
the cattle and the herd multiplied to more
than 8,000 head.

The Baker brothers then drove three
big herds to Trinidad, Colorado from
1869 to 1871 and established a ranch
there.

John W. Baker, Mrs. Smith's great
grandfather, was the eldest son of James
H. Baker. Mrs. John W. Baker was the
former Mary Elizabeth Wood, daughter
of James B. Wood.

The Bakers also settled at San Saba
and had 11 children: Mrs. Ada F. Miller
of Keemath Falls, Oregon; Winston
Baker, deceased; Mrs. May Anderson
Williams (Mrs. Smith's grandmother)
of San Saba, deceased; Mrs. Ocie Loch-
abay of San Saba; Eddie Baker, de-
ceased; Mrs. Mattie Redding, deceased;
Mrs. Lula Barrick, deceased; Mrs. Bes-
sie Baker Ellis, Seattle, Washington;
Leone Baker, deceased; Harry Baker
and Emmett Baker, Tacoma,
Washington.

From San Saba the Baker family
moved to Seattle where they lived the
remainder of their lives.

The days of the "wild and wooly
West" are recalled with interest when
members of the families get together,
especially at family reunions such as
the Graves family reunion at Coleman
July 24-25.

Mrs. Smith says, "Our great grand-
father Lawrence Decatur Graves was
first county and district clerk in Cole-
man County and the first elected
sheriff."

So, from John Hancock and the set-
tlement of America to the settlement
of Texas, the relatives of Mrs. Smith
have had an active 200 years.
Happy anniversary!

Little League meets Thursday

Little League officials and parents are urged to attend the Little League meeting Thursday night when a business meeting and All-Star teams and coaches will be named. The meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. at the Little League park. Business will consist of the announcement of first place winners in Little League and T-Shirt League; presentation of sponsors; announcement of All-Star players and presentation of trophies; All-Star coaches will be announced; 12-year-old recognition; and election of officers for the auxiliary and Little League will be held.

Farm Bureau sets conference

An outstanding array of speakers will address the Texas Farm Bureau State-wide Commodity Conference for Policy Development July 6-7 in Waco. Sessions will be in the Waco Convention Center.

County Farm Bureau presidents and chairmen of county peanut, rice, cotton and dairy commodity divisions are invited to the Waco meeting which will get under way at 3 p.m., July 6.

The meeting is being held in preparation for the organization's policy development process which gets under way soon in counties.

Local commodity meetings have been held recently in counties to "surface" issues related to those commodities. These issues will be discussed at the statewide conference and recommendations made for consideration at county annual conventions later in the year.

Congressman W. R. (Bob) Poage of Waco, vice chairman of the U. S. House Agriculture Committee, will talk on the "Farm Program Outlook for 1977" at the opening session.

Two Farm Bureau leaders will speak at a banquet that evening at the Holiday Inn on Interstate 35. Bob Delano, vice president of the American Farm Bureau Federation and president of the Virginia Farm Bureau, will discuss "National Legislation in 1977." TFB President Carol Chaloupka will speak on "Action Today--Results Tomorrow."

Farm Bureau and agricultural research and education officials will address a general session Wednesday morning. John Datt, director of the AFBF's Washington office, will discuss "Government Regulations and You in 1977." Dr. Jarvis Miller, director of the Texas Agricultural Ex-

periment Station, will speak on "Research for Low Cost Production."
"Extension Education Needs for Texas Producers" will be handled jointly by Dr. H. O. Kunkel, Dean of Agriculture at Texas A & M

University; and Dr. Daniel C. Pfannstiel, new Agricultural Extension director. Warren Newberry, TFB executive director, will talk on "State Issue in 1977." Luncheon speaker on July 7 will be Rep. Bill Clayton,

Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives. His topic will be "Texas Agriculture--Number One."
Individual commodity meetings will be held prior to 5:30 p.m. adjournment.

THE MAIL



By Carl Dingler

"It (July 4) should be celebrated with parades, games, bells and fireworks from this time forward."

This quote from John Adams, second President of the United States sets the tone for this year's special 200th Bicentennial celebrations.

Besides the usual July 4th picnics, backyard parties, and going to crowded lakes and reunions, this July 4th is special because it marks the 200th birth of our nation. And, the event has been duly noted in the many small cities of the nation as well as in West Texas. The very involvement of diverse community elements in joint efforts is itself an important contribution to the Bicentennial and points out that Americans will come together when the need arises.

It is especially noteworthy that so many people are promoting America through their community efforts when everything coming from Washington indicates that our government is falling around our ankles.

It would certainly be interesting to be around in 2076 and see what our nation is like. It has come a long way in the past 200 years and for those of us here to observe this 200th birthday the 4th is truly a special event. Just be careful during this long weekend and be sure you're around the 6th.

All Merkel businesses will take a holiday Monday as will The Merkel Mail.

If you have an ad or classified for next week's edition, please attempt to get it to us Thursday or Friday. However, we will be back to the Tuesday noon deadline the 6th.

While you are giving the Bicentennial a sizzling salute with fireworks and steaks, be extra careful not to contribute a burned hand or eye to the cause by being careless.

All those working with the Little League program should give Audra Horton a big vote of thanks. She has

been responsible for all the publicity, furnishing The Merkel Mail with weekly information.

The West Texas Fair and Rodeo is set September 11-18; Football training begins at Merkel High and Trent August 3 with contact drills starting August 13.

Everyone wish new Merkel High principal Lee Presswood and his family a large Merkel welcome. Presswood started to work July 1. Anyone knowing of a 3-bedroom house for rent, the Presswood's would certainly appreciate hearing about it.

And, this story as printed by Harry Mabry which helps explain what all the cooperation over the Bicentennial and America is really all about:

A man who had just arrived in Heaven told St. Peter how grateful he was to be in such a glorious place, but asked to be given one glimpse into Hades in order that he might appreciate his good fortune even more. This St. Peter granted.

In Hades he saw a long table extending as far as the eye could reach, laden down with the most delicious of all varieties of foods. But everyone was starving to death. When asked for an explanation, St. Peter said: "Everyone is required to take food from the table only with four-foot-long chopsticks. They are so long that no one can reach the food from the table to his mouth, and therefore all are dying of starvation."

Quickly they returned to Heaven and, behold! the new arrival saw an identical table, laden down with identical foods, but everyone around the table was happy and well-fed. Then he asked St. Peter: "With what do they take the food from the table?" St. Peter answered: "Only with four-foot-long chopsticks." At that the new arrival inquired: "Then why are all those in Hades starving to death while all those up here are so well-fed and happy?"

Whereupon St. Peter replied: "In Heaven we feed each other."

Shop Merkel for July 4th bargains

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,

When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such Principles and organizing its Powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established, should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. — Such has been the patient Sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world. — He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good. — He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them. — He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of People, unless those People would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only. — He has called together legislative Bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures. — He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the People. — He has refused for a long time after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative Powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large, in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of Invasion from without, and convulsions within. — He has endeavoured to prevent the Population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Law for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands. — He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary Powers. — He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their Offices, and the amount and pay, out of their salaries. — He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither Swarms of Officers to harass our People, and eat out their Substance. — He has kept among us in times of peace Standing Armies without the Consent of our Legislature. — He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil Power. — He has combined with us to subject us to a Jurisdiction foreign to our Constitution, and unacknowledged by our Laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation: — For quartering large Bodies of armed Troops among us: — For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from Punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States: — For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world: — For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent: — For depriving us in many cases of the benefits of Trial by Jury: — For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences: — For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to make it an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies: — For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments: — For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with powers to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever. — He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us. — He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our People. — He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to complete the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation. — He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands. — He has excited domestic Injuries amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the Inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished Destruction of all ages, sex and conditions. In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Relief in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered by repeated injury. A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free People. Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British Brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their Legislatures to extend an unwarrantable Jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native Justice and Magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common Kindred to disavow these usurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of Justice and of Consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political Connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm Reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

Butler	John Hancock	Robert Morris	Francis Pickens	John Adams
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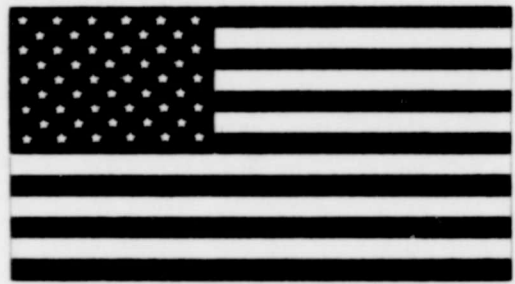
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THE STATE OF TEXAS To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas-Greetings:
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CITATION

BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: David Michael Skerik Respondent, (s) Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS County of Taylor NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of a certain Execution issued out of the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, of the 9th day of February 1976, by of said for the sum of Nine Thousand Three Hundred Three and 83/100--Dollars and costs of suit, under a, Execution, in favor of Albert B. Pittman in a certain cause in said Court, No. 35,007-A and styled Albert B. Pittman vs. James Boyd, placed in my hands for service, I Jack D. Landrum as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 7th day of June 1976, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Lots 1, 2 & 3, Jesse Beene's Subdivision of part of Survey #86, Block 14, T & P RR CO Lands, Taylor County, Texas and levied upon as the property of James Boyd and that on the first Tuesday in July 1976, the same being the 6th day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said Execution I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said James Boyd.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County, Texas, Witness my hand, this 7th day of June 1976.

by R. P. Blackley Deputy
 Jack D. Landrum
 Sheriff Taylor County,
 Texas, 17-3tc

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Equalization of the Merkel Independent School District will be in session at the Merkel High School, City of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, beginning at 9 a.m. on the 15th day of July, 1976 for all oil and utility companies and the 22nd day of July and 23rd day of July if necessary for all taxable real estate property, for the year 1976, and any and all persons interested or having business with said Board are here notified to be present.
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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS County of Taylor

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of a certain Execution issued out of the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, of the 25th day of May 1976, by District Clerk of said County for the sum of Seven thousand eight hundred five and 47/100--Dollars and costs of suit, under a, Judgment, in favor of Olen Dreyer vs. Johnny Lackey and G. W. Lackey dba Country Caravan Club, placed in my hands for service, I Jack Landrum as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 11th day of June 1976, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

The West 90' of the North 22' of Lot 15;
 The West 90' of the South 28' of Lot 15;
 The West 90' of Lot 14;
 The West 10' of the East 50' of Lot 14; and
 The West 90' of Lot 16, Craft's Subdivision of Lot 2, Block 202, Original Town, Abilene Taylor County Texas.

Deed recorded in Volume 977, Page 489, secured by a Deed of Trust, and levied upon as the property of John Lackey and that on the first Tuesday in July 1976, the same being the 6th day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. by virtue of said levy and said Execution I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said John Lackey.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County, Texas, Witness my hand, this 11th day of June 1976.

by R. P. Blackley Deputy,
 Jack Landrum
 Sheriff Taylor County,
 Texas, 17-3tc

Legal Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE
 The City of Merkel, Texas will receive sealed bids until 5:00 P.M., Wednesday, July 7, 1976 on Workmens Compensation Insurance for and covering the employees of the City of Merkel, Texas as required by the Laws of the State of Texas.

Any agency interested in submitting a bid may contact the City Hall, 107 Lamar Street, Merkel, Texas 79536, telephone 915-928-4911.

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Second CJC summer session set

College classes in English, Government, and History will be available to summer school students in the general

area of Merkel through the Cisco Junior College extension program there during the second summer term, CJC

Registrar Olin Odom, III has announced.

Odom said that registration for the Merkel extension classes would be held Wednesday, July 7, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., with classes beginning that same evening.

Registration, as well as class meetings, will be conducted at the Cisco Junior College Building in Merkel. All classes will meet during evening hours, 6:45-10:15 p.m., for the convenience of people having day jobs, Odom said.

Students failing to register at the designated day and time may enroll anytime up to July 12 by coming to the meeting of the particular class they wish to take.

Classes meeting on Monday and Wednesday, with one Friday night session will be English 123 (English Composition and Rhetoric) and Government 223 (State and Local Government). Courses being held on Tuesday and Thursday nights with one Friday session are History 123 (History of the U. S. from Reconstruction) and English 223 (Readings in English Literature).

The Cisco school's low state-supported rates for tuition and fees will, as usual, be in effect for the Merkel extension classes, the registrar pointed out. One 3-hour course costs \$47.50 and six hours' work totals \$59, he concluded.

Odom also said that any course listed in the CJC catalogue would be offered providing at least 15 students request it, and that any class would have to have at least 15 students in order to be held.

Final exams are set for August 11-12.

More information may be obtained by contacting Odom at Cisco Junior College, 817-442-2567, or by calling the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, 915-928-5722.



Mr. and Mrs. Bill Swiney

Kim Jones, Bill Swiney exchange vows

Kim Jones and Bill Swiney were married at Crescent Heights Baptist Church in Abilene Friday, Pastor Harold Scarborough officiated.

Connie Jones, sister of the bride was maid of honor, and the bridesmaids were Melinda McNair and Becky Swiney, sister of the groom. Jim Swiney was his brother's best man, Groomsman were Gary Houston of Oklahoma City and Clark Moody of Abilene. Joe Dixon and Russell Lacy were ushers.

Pat Meleen of Abilene was organist, and Nancy McNair Jones of Lampasas was pianist. Mrs. Alan Huskin sang, accompanied by her husband.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwan Jones

of Abilene, and granddaughter of Mrs. Willie Jones and of Mrs. Clyde Bartlett of Merkel. She is a graduate of Abilene High School and of Commercial College of Abilene, and is employed by Independent Wholesale Grocers.

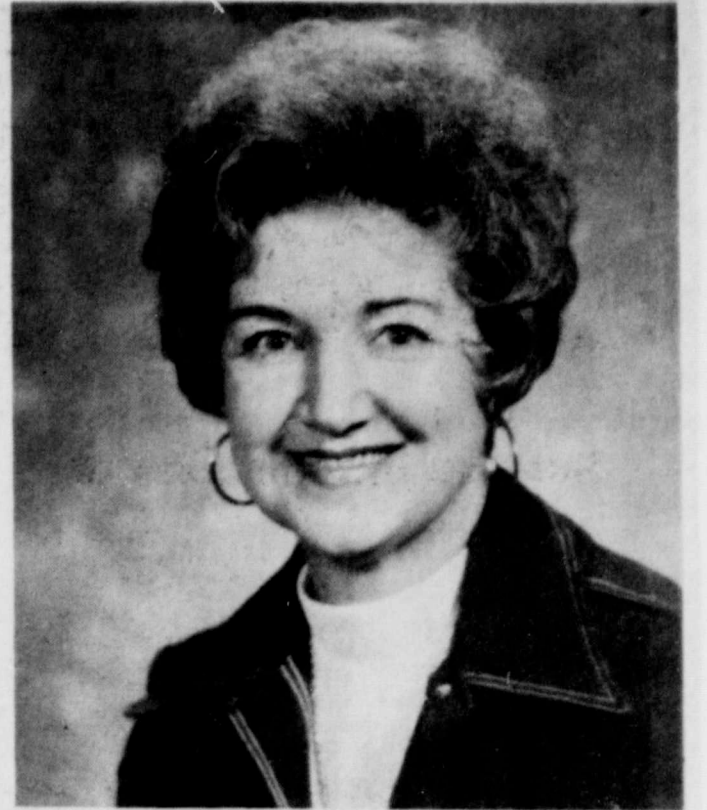
The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Swiney of Abilene. He is a graduate of Abilene High School, attending Cisco Junior College, and is employed in Loan Department of First National Bank of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwan Jones were hosts at a reception following the wedding. Mr. and Mrs. James L. Swiney were hosts for the rehearsal dinner at River Oaks Cafeteria.

Knox reunion

Descendants and friends of the late Finley B. Knox and Sarah Elizabeth Knox gathered at the Vincent Barnett residence on Sunday, June 27. Mrs. Barnett, Mrs. Emmett Briton, and Mrs. A. J. Sparkman are daughters of the late couple. J. D. Knox, Cayton Knox, and Mrs. A. T. Mason, now deceased, are also children of the Knoxes.

Grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, one great niece, one great, great niece, and friends made up the guest list. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Weldon K. Mason, Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. James C. Shelton, Shannon; and Stacey, Lampasas; Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. Finley Barnett, Michelle and Mandy and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson all of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sparkman, Mr. and Mrs. Travis E. Briton, Alise and Elaine, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Bruton, Dawn, and Mandy of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. James F. Bruton, San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin D. Bruton, Brian and Craig, Mrs. Emmett Bruton and Keith, Alpine; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bruton, Vernon; Mr. and Mrs. Knox Bruton, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Whisenand and Misty Ervin, Odessa; Brenda Bruton, Sweetwater, Mrs. Cayton Knox, Richardson; Lynda Knox, Lubbock; and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Keene, and Maria, Fort Worth.



REPRESENTATIVE--Joan Lawless, a new Merkel resident who's husband Jim is Merkel School accountant, is a home decorating specialist and works with the Phillips Carriage House in Abilene. She is available in Merkel each day after 6 p.m. to help with decorating. Her telephone number is 928-5063.

Letters to the editor

It seems that there was an officer fired for conduct unbecoming an officer. I don't know what the people of this community want, but I will say this—just about every young person in town respected this man—they would listen to him and normally do what he asked. Of course this isn't important because it helps the young people!

I've talked to people he had stopped for violations and they said he was extremely courteous even when they became belligerent. Of course we don't need this because Manners went out a long time ago!

If this man's conduct was so bad and unbecoming that he was fired for it you can believe one thing—there are some city employees that should be tarred and

feathered and run out of town on a rail.

This is the first time in over fifty years of my life that I have ever wanted to become involved in city politics, but I believe that some members of the council should back up and reconsider. Not only do I believe this but everyone I have talked to believe the same thing. Of course this isn't important either—it's just what a lot of people want!

One of the really bad parts of this situation is the officer who was fired did not have the opportunity in any shape or form to defend himself.

If any of you members on the council would like to have an open forum on this and drag out a few other skeletons—you all know where to find me.

Signed Fred Heady

Doctor Rongers' Column

By EDWARD W. RONGERS CHIROPRACTOR



This time of the year when the weather permits you to be out with a very limited amount of clothing on, you may be subject to either a sunburn or a sunburn depending on which one you want. You do not need to get a sunburn in order to get a sunburn.

Lets talk about your skin first. The skin is composed of an outer layer called the epidermis and an inner layer called the dermis. The epidermis contains a number of different cells, granular, keratin and pigmented cells. The pigment in the epidermis is called melanin. It is a protein complex and the amount of melanin present determines how dark your skin will become.

The dermis or inner layer of skin contains blood vessels, sweat glands, oil glands, hair follicles and elastic fibers which can present a problem when you are exposed to sunlight.

Lets talk about the sunlight. Sunlight is composed of light rays of a specific range of wavelengths. The medium-length ultra-violet rays are the burning rays while the longer, nonburning rays are the tanning rays.

Now, what happens when sunlight comes in contact with your exposed skin. The ultra-violet or burning rays penetrate through the first layer of skin, the epidermis and attack the second layer, the dermis. The blood vessels dilate and the skin becomes red. Blister formation may follow later depending upon the severity of the exposure. The real damage from the ultra-violet rays is hidden from your eyes. This is the damage to the elastic fibers. These burning rays will cause the elastic fibers to curl,

thicken, and become flaccid. This is the cause of prematurely wrinkled skin.

Wrinkling occurs in direct proportion to the breakdown of the elastic fibers in the dermis, and sunlight causes the greatest injury and damage to the dermis. Those beautiful golden tans of the younger years are paid for with later wrinkling.

Now, how do you get a sun-tan without getting a sunburn? All you need is for those tanning rays to contact your skin and cause a greater distribution or scattering of the melanin pigment in your outer layer of skin, this is how you sun-tan. But you can't sun-tan without sunburning unless you can filter out the damaging, burning ultra-violet rays.

Preventive skin care must begin with a sunscreen that stops the burning rays, but allows the tanning rays to filter through to the skin. There are a number of sunscreens available today at drugstores and elsewhere that contain an ingredient called para-aminobenzoic acid also known as PABA. These sunscreens, creams, lotions or liquids that contain PABA must be reapplied frequently while in the sun as it tends to dissolve away as you perspire or become wet from swimming.

Remember that premature wrinkling is epidemic in America today, so if you are going to be in the sun for any length of time, use a sun-tan product that contains a sunscreen such as PABA and stop the damage to the elastic fibers in your skin. What happens to those elastic fibers in your skin over the years is reflected in the appearance of your surface skin.

CEMETERY DONATIONS

The following have made donations to the Merkel Cemetery Association.

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Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Benson in memory of Christine Collins

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Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown in memory of Christine Collins

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Final Rites held for Mary Adair

Funeral services were Saturday for Mary Jane Adair, 62, who died Thursday at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene following a short illness.

Services were in the Merkel Church of Christ.

Larry Gill of the Merkel Church of Christ officiated, assisted by Billy Patton. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born, October 11, 1913, in Uvalde County, she was a member of the Merkel Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Link Adair; two sons, Donald of Merkel and Harrice Winn of Abilene; a daughter, Mrs. Jerry Wayne Russell; three sisters, Mrs. Willie Brian of Abilene, Mrs. Merle Mitchell of Trent, and Mrs. Dick Browning of

Stith HD news

The Stith Home Demonstration Club met June 23 in Community building. There were 8 members and 5 visitors.

The meeting was called to order by Mae Jones. Daisy Mashburn led in our recreation.

After the business meeting we had a program by Mrs. Annabelle Shouse, Mrs. Joyce Ferguson and Annette Clark.

It was carried out in Bicentennial theme, with patriotic songs and readings. Our hostess served ice cream and cake. A very good program, enjoyed by all.

Our next meeting will be July 14.

Telephone Co-op gets loan

Senator Lloyd Bentson has announced that a \$2.6 million low interest loan has been awarded to Taylor Telephone Co-op in Merkel by the REA.

This loan is made at a special 2 per cent interest rate because of low gross revenue per mile of line and low consumer density.

The money will be used to connect 605 additional subscribers and construct 61 miles of new line, upgrade service to one party lines in Buffalo Gap, Lawa, Tuscola, and Wingate exchanges, and to finance general improvements to the system. L & W

The president of Taylor Telephone Cooperative is J. Farmer of Clyde. The manager is Darrel Farmer of Merkel.

Bland on Collegiate champs

Steve Bland of Trent and his rodeo team members from South-Eastern Oklahoma University were named National Intercollegiate champions after the NIRA Finals Rodeo at Bozeman, Montana.

Steve placed second in the calf roping and fifth in bareback riding.

Second place college was the University of Wyoming and third was Southern Colorado University.

Steve's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bland of Trent, his sister, Becky, his grandmother, Alta Fox, and his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Knight of Abilene were at Bozeman for the Finals Rodeo, June 14-19.

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Jackie Harris marries Steven Best

Jackie Lynne Harris and Steven W. Best were married Saturday evening at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Russell McAnally officiating.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Leon Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Carol Best. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Maid of honor was Debra Beard, and Tammy Hudman was bridesmaid. Best man was Mike Sloan, and Tommy Best of Houston, the bridegroom's brother, was groomsmen.

Ushers were the bridegroom's brother, Gary Best of Lubbock and the bride's brother, Randy Harris.

A reception was hosted by the bride's parents in the fellowship hall of the church. After a wedding trip to South Texas, the couple will live in the Merkel area.

A graduate of Merkel High School, the bride is employed by the Justice of the Peace. The bridegroom, a Merkel High graduate, attended Abilene Christian University and



Mrs. Steven W. Best

is employed by J. A. Griffith.

The bridegroom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner at their home.

Organist was Mrs. J. H. Clark Jr. and soloist was Cindy Elliott, Richa Hill of

Merkel was flower girl.

The bride wore a gown of organza with venise lace accenting high rise neckline, victorian sleeves, repeat lace on the hemline and illusion veil with venise lace border.

Equalization meetings

The Equalization Board of the Merkel School District has set July 15 to hear oil and utility arguments against the present assessed value.

For real estate owners a hearing has been set for July 22 and if necessary July 23.

The meetings will be at Merkel High School.

Jeanina Griffith, Cochran are wed

Jeanina Sue Griffith and Steven Eugene Cochran of Merkel were married Saturday evening at Tye Baptist Church with the Rev. Leonard Payne officiating.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Bud Griffith and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cochran of Merkel.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Pam Hagar was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Teresa Griffith, the bride's sister, and Mary Goodman of Merkel, the bridegroom's sister.

Flower girl was Kimberly Griffith of Lexington, Brad Cochran of Merkel, brother of the bridegroom, was ring bearer. Candles were lighted by Kelly Moore and Laverne Moore, both of Arlington.

Alan Tucker of Merkel was best man. Dean Goodman of Merkel and David Cochran of Abilene were groomsmen.

Ushers were David Griffith, the bride's brother, and Jimmy Davis.

A reception was hosted by the bride's parents in the fellowship hall of the church.

The couple will live in Merkel.

The bride, a graduate of Merkel High School, is employed by Wilkerson's, Inc.

New Ag engineer

Richard E. Withers, Jr., is the newly appointed agricultural engineer for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. He will give leadership to educational programs related to farm and ranch structures, buildings and processing systems. Withers, a native of Beaumont, has been on the staff of the Department of Civil Engineering at Texas A & M University for the past nine years. L & W

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**Reeds return
from Bahamas**

Glenn and Joan Reed returned Sunday from an expensive paid vacation in the Bahama Islands. Glenn is now an agent for Reserve Life Insurance Company after serving as band director and driver training instructor for the Merkel Independent

School District for 22 years. Joan will be starting her 8th year as a teacher aide with the Merkel Schools.

Glenn reports that the trip was to attend the National Conference of Sales Champions which was at the Grand Bahamas Hotel resort where top agents from all over the United States assembled along with their wives to receive outstanding achievement awards. Glenn received a gold Presidents Honor Club ring as the results of the volume of business he has written and with excellent persistence.

Although there were business meetings to attend each day there was plenty of time to lay on the beach and soak up the sun, play golf or tennis, go sailing or fishing... or just relax. Joan says she really enjoyed the trip except she is not much sailor and she really did not care for the last few miles of the air trip—the only bumpy air encountered was returning home around Baird on the edge of a thunderstorm. Both Glenn and Joan agree the trip was great but its great to get home to Merkel.

**McAninch,
Raybin
engaged**

Linda Jean McAninch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. McAninch of Trent, and Paul Eldridge Raybin of Austin are planning a September 4 wedding in Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church in Merkel.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Trent High School and Texas Tech University where she received the BA degree. Miss McAninch is a graduate student at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan, and is employed in the Department of Sociology there.

The prospective bridegroom, son of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Raybin of Houston, was graduated from Westbury High School in Houston and received the BBA degree from Texas Tech University. He is a graduate student at The University of Texas at Austin.

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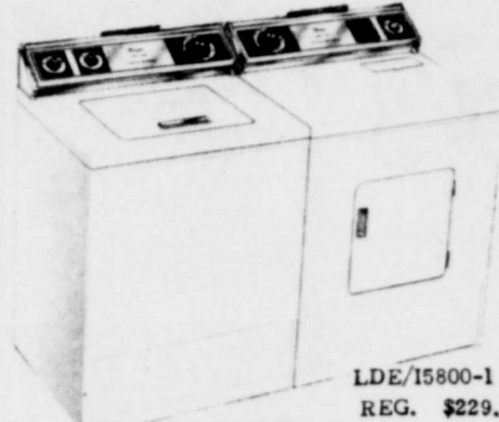
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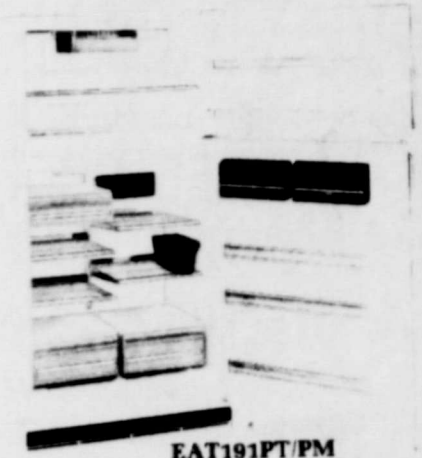
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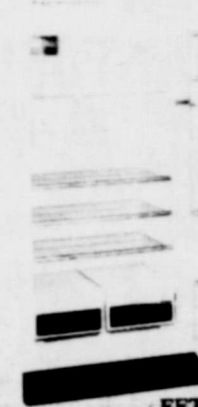
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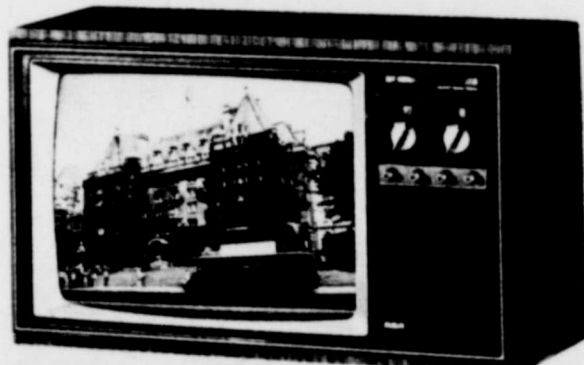
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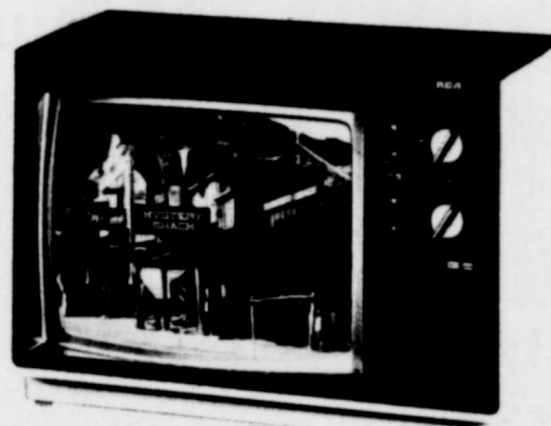
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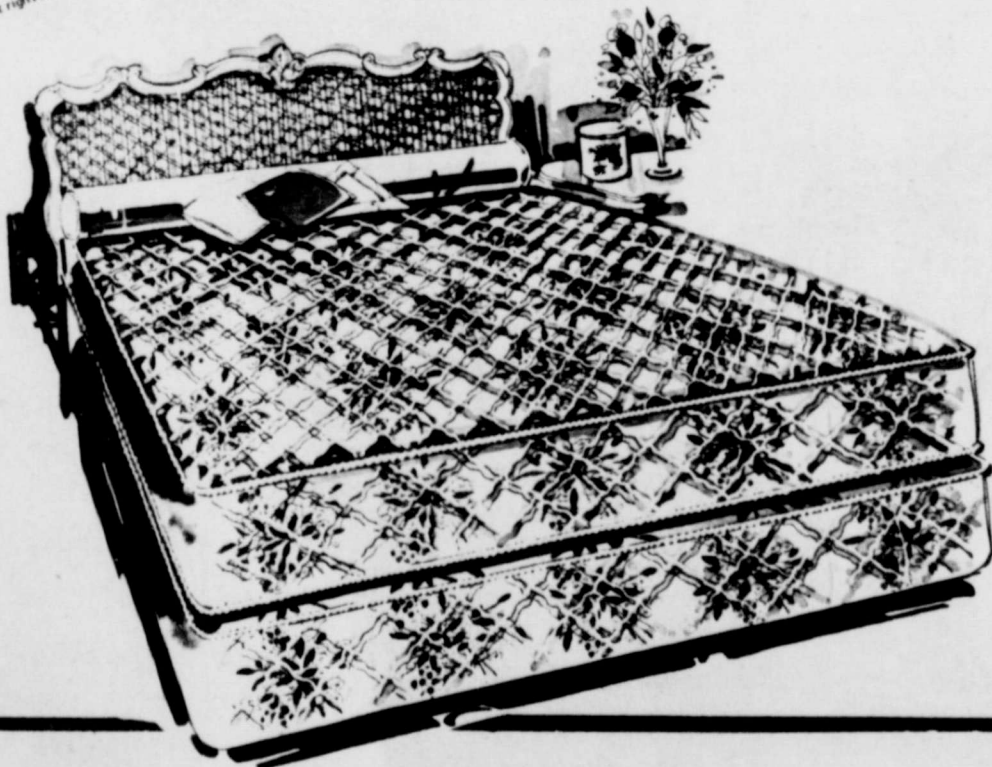
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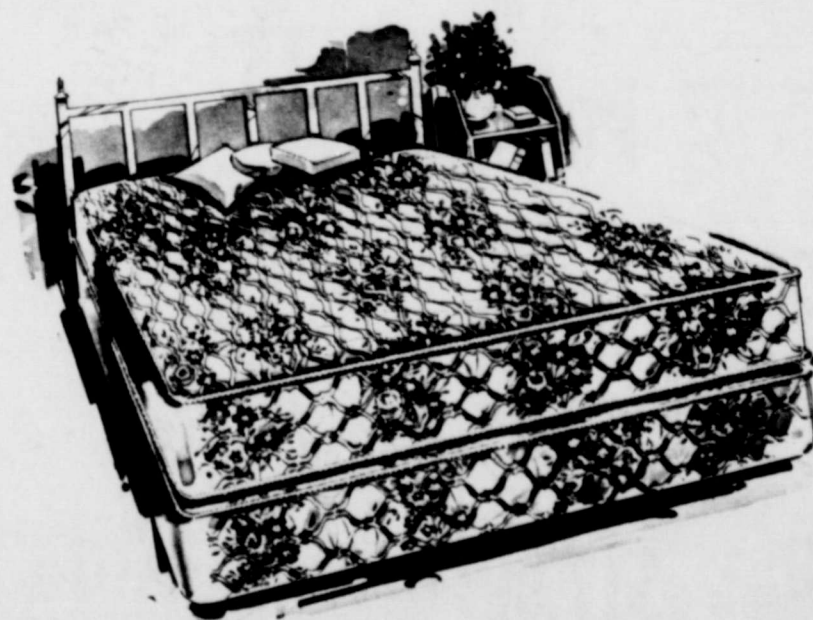


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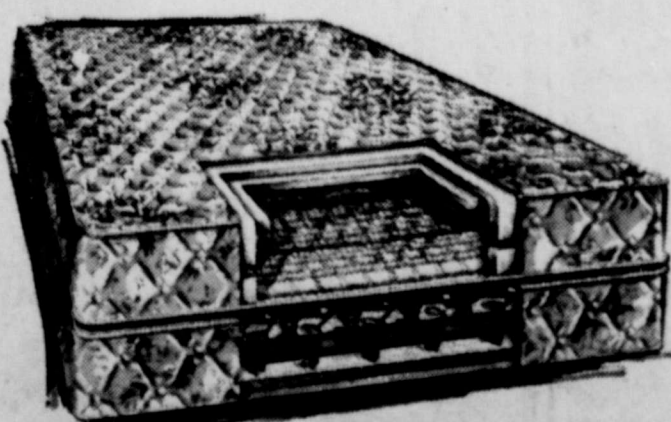
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Braves capture Little League Crown

The Braves captured the Little League baseball title with two victories last week. They finished with a 10-4 win-loss record, beating the Bankers 12-7 and the Supers, 19-3.

They captured the lead from the Willies who lost to the early season leaders Kilowatts, 7-5 and 8-6.

The Supers moved into fourth place with an 11-10 victory over the Vets.

The Willies finished with a 9-6 record while the Kilowatts are third with nine wins and five losses. The Supers are 6-9 and the Bankers 5-8. The Vets finished with a 3-10 record.

The Braves put together seven doubles and a triple to beat the Supers.

Greg Dickinson, Ed Herrera, O. C. McKeehan, Freddy Fortune each scored twice and hit a double; Bubba Atkinson scored three times and hit a double as did Jeff Scott; Billy Atkinson scored three times and hit a double; and Hillman Johnson scored twice and hit the triple.

Ronnie Williams, Tommy Hays and Randy Fenter scored once for the Supers and Fenter hit a double.

The Braves then stopped the Bankers with Greg Dickinson scoring three times, hitting a double and triple and having a perfect 4 for 4 at bat; Billy McKeehan scoring once and adding a double; Bubba Atkinson scoring three times;

Ed Herrera twice; and O. C. McKeehan, Spencer Scott and Jeff Scott once each.

Tim Brady scored twice for the Bankers; Randy Davis scored one run and hit a double; and Ricky Biers, Wayne Horton, Steven Davis and David Wilkerson each scored once.

The Kilowatts scored seven runs the fourth inning to edge the Willies, 8-6 with Greg Beasley scoring twice and Mark Walden, Eddie Harris, Eugene Ford, Russell Lucas, Spencer Schultz and Willie Townsend each scoring once.

For the Willies, James Stevens had two runs and D. Reegan, Keith Watts, T. Wester and Kenny Sims each scored once.

In the second match of the

week the Kilowatts won 7-5 with Steve Walden scoring once and hitting a double; Russell Lucas hitting a triple; and Greg Beasley, Eddie Harris, Eugene Ford, Jay Gibson, David Schultz and Willie Townsend each scoring once.

For the Willies, Danny Ragan scored once and hit a double and had three hits in three attempts; K. Sims scored twice and Mike Hagan and Todd Whetsel scored once.

Leading the Supers past the Vets was Randy Fenter with two runs, a triple and double and 3 for 3 at the plate; Billy Williams with one run and a double and Roy Johnson hit a triple. Also, Tommy Hays scored twice, and David Vinson, Ronnie Williams, Guy McGee, Casey Johnson and Franklin Evans each scored once.

Results in the Major division had Merkel winning a forfeit over Hawley, beating Trent, 22-10 and losing to

Team	W	L
Braves	10	4
Willies	9	6
Kilowatts	9	5
Supers	6	9
Bankers	5	8
Vets	3	10

Kilowatts 7, Willies 5
Supers 11, Vets 10
Braves 12, Bankers 7
Kilowatts 8, Willies 6
Braves 19, Supers 3

Tri-City schedule

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE
TUESDAY -- Ambassadors vs. Wizards
THURSDAY -- Lions vs. Tigers
SATURDAY -- Rebels vs. Ambassadors
MONDAY -- Wizards vs. Lions
TUESDAY -- Tigers vs. Rebels

The Merkel Riding Club held its regular play night Saturday June 26 at the arena. Results were:
Western Pleasure (12 and under)-1. Sherri Williams, 2. Dee Dee Masonheimer, 3. Rodney Carroll, 4. Brooks Boyd and 5. Eddie Sparks, (13-17)-1. Ann Melton, 2.

Mini-Minor girls win

Merkel's Mini-Minor girls softball team won its first game on the field this week, defeating Trent, 20-10 Monday.

In other games in the Mini-Minor division, Hawley won a forfeit over Trent; Hawley beat Merkel, 17-11; Hawley beat Trent, 26-6.

In Minor division games, Merkel beat Hawley, 12-3 and won a forfeit over Trent; Hawley won a forfeit over Trent and then Hawley beat Trent, 11-0.

Tuesday's games in the Mini-Minor and Minor divisions were canceled. Results in the Major division had Merkel winning a forfeit over Hawley, beating Trent, 22-10 and losing to

Sweetwater, 28-27. And in the Snur division, Merkel won three more games to keep its record perfect, beating Sweetwater, 45-9, Snyder, 10-8, and Hawley, 23-8. Hawley beat Snyder, 10-8 and Sweetwater won by forfeit over Hawley.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE
MINI-MINOR
THURSDAY -- Trent at Hawley, 6:30 p.m.
TUESDAY -- Merkel at Trent, 6 p.m.

MINOR
THURSDAY -- Trent at Hawley, 7:45 p.m.
TUESDAY -- Merkel at Trent, 7:15 p.m.

Riding Club results

Jan Melton, 3. Norma Frazier, 4. Sherri Frazier and 5. Shelly Stout.
(18 and over)-1. Cindy Sipe, 2. Barbara Wulsenhuth, 3. Carol McLernon and 4. Lavenna Vaughn.
Barrels (12 and under)-1. Shannon Boyd, 2. Lisa Dokey, 3. Rodney Carroll, 4. Eddie Sparks and 5. Sherri Williams, L & W
(13-17)-1. Sherri Frazier, 2. Jan Melton, 3. Ann Melton, 4. Norma Frazier and 5. Vicki Campbell.
(18 and over)-1. Jan Beck, 2. Carol McLernon, 3. Lavenna Vaughn, 4. Charles Hatfield and 5. Christi Boone. Flags (12 and under)-1. Rodney Carroll, 2. Sherri Williams, 3. Eddie Sparks, 4. Mike Dokey and 5. Candice Henslee.
(13-17)-1. Ann Melton, 2. Suzanne Byrd, 3. Penny Hatfield, 4. Vicki Campbell and 5. Clyde Carroll.
(18 and over)-1. Lavenna Vaughn, 2. Christi Boone, 3. Lonnie Miller, 4. Cindy Sipe and Charles Hatfield (tie) and

Property assessment

Burl King, County Tax-Assessor Collector has announced that property is being assessed at 35 per cent of value and not at 100 per cent. He reports property owners have 10 days to make an appointment to take advantage of the 35 per cent assessment.

Billing machine major concern

The problem of the billing machine was the major item discussed at the Merkel City Council meeting Thursday. The city's billing machine broke down Tuesday with about 400 of the 970 water bills completed forcing city employees to have to go to individualized bookkeeping procedures to get the bills posted and in the mail.

City Coordinator J. A. Sadler presented the Council with a brochure on a new billing machine. The cost \$11,000 for one model and \$19,000 for another.

He said a reconditioned Burroughs model will cost \$7,000. Estimated repair cost on the broken machine is \$2-3,000 and that there is no guarantee on any repairs.

Sadler reported Unibat of Abilene has given an estimate of 15 cents per bill plus mailing to do the monthly billing by computer. However, this figure is not firm and the company is to meet with Sadler and come up with a firm offer.

Sadler estimated it would cost 28 to 32 cents each for the computer company to handle the bills and mail them. Mayor Lou David Allen and the Council authorized Sadler to look into the Unibat deal further.

Allen said that there is a possibility that with billing costing about \$150 a month and the time involved by city personnel in handling the bills that there is a possibility of passing at least 10 cents of the cost on to the customers. Then the question of "what about a fogger?" was asked by the Mayor.

The city's fogging machine was stolen earlier this year. However, there has not been a need for the fogging machine yet but one will be needed should Merkel get a rain, the Mayor was informed.

Sadler was then authorized to check with Abilene and

see about contracting to get them to do fogging in Merkel when necessary.

The Council also received word that the Council of Governments (COG) approved Merkel's block grant application at a meeting in Abilene Wednesday.

The request for \$80,000 for the second phase of the water line project now advances to Dallas for further consideration. Sadler reported it looks "real good that we will get the funds."

The Council then approved a letter to Mrs. Clark, executive director of Housing Authority in Merkel commending her Housing Authority Assistance plan.

The need for a larger tractor to handle mowing and other jobs was discussed. Sadler was authorized to do some checking and to get some prices.

Then Kent Satterwhite asked why the Highway Patrol is working in the city limits so much now.

Other council members agreed that they had been getting a lot of criticism for them working the town.

However, Mayor Allen said, "I am thrilled to death they are working here. I appreciate their being here. I will take any help I can get."

"I went to them and told them that I appreciate them helping us any time they could."

At the present Merkel has only two men on its police force and Allen said the Highway Patrol has been a big help.

Next meeting of the City Council is July 26 at 7 a.m. The request for HUD funds will total \$81,300 to go with \$5,050 in city money to install 11,400 linear feet of 6 inch water mains with valves and fittings, make street repairs and build two highway crossings and a railroad crossing.

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Firemen have top convention

The 100th annual convention of the Texas State Firemen's and Firemarshal's Association was termed a success by those who attended in Austin.

Kicking off the convention Saturday was registration, dedication of Fireman's tower and the parade. The parade was the highlight of the convention with 146 entries from over the state. Floats came from a wide area as well as bands. The Hardin-Simmons Band and Six White Horses represented the Mid-West District of which Merkel is a part of. Many of the departments throughout district donated to have the district represented.

There was fire equipment in excellent condition from the most modern to the hard rubber tire, chain driven, to the horse drawn and some pulled by firemen which pleased the spectators lined up Congress Avenue.

Sunday afternoon the memorial service was held to honor firemen who died the past year.

Monday morning started with the men addressed by John Hill, attorney general and Robert Harris appointed to resolutions committee. The ladies toured the L. B. J. Library and Governor's mansion. In the afternoon, ladies toured the State Capitol and attended the President Tea with Joyce Severs, a unique artist entertaining. Men attended work shop, key rate revision, State Fire Marshals office and certification of volunteers. A dance was held from 8 to 1.

Tuesday morning speaker was Lt. Governor Bill Hobby. Ladies toured the Austin Garden Center and attended the Country Dinner Playhouse with Joan Fontaine starring in "Blithe Spirit." The firemen were addressed by the safety supervisor from DuPont Corporation.

Wednesday morning a program was presented to firemen by the Oklahoma State Firefighters Association Museum. The Ladies held their business meeting and elected officers. Peggy Tackett of Imperial was elected 4th vice-president;

Diana Boring, Rosenberg, chaplin; Lillie Merritt, Tarrant County, parliamentarian; Marcie Doolittle, La Marque, historian; and Nancy Doolittle, La Marque, sweetheart. Pumper races were held Wednesday afternoon with a barbecue following and a dance that night.

Thursday morning was a time for packing and business meeting and election of officers for men, Jack King, Huntsville was elected 4th vice-president; Mascot Bobby Doolittle, La Marque, Convention sites were selected - Lubbock, 1978 and McAllen, 1979.

Attending from Merkel were: Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Adeock, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Lucas, Russell and Teresa, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harris were down for the parade.

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AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL



Farm loan money said available

Agricultural producers in need of financing have a fairly good chance of getting a loan. "There is plenty of money for agricultural loans, and a majority of lenders are actively seeking new farm and

ranch loans. Furthermore, interest rates are down," says Dr. Wayne Hayenga, who conducted an agricultural credit survey recently in Texas.

Hayenga, an economist for the Texas Agricultural Ex-

tension Service, points out that more than 60 per cent of the 161 agricultural lenders responding to the survey said they are serving the same number of customers and have the same number of loan applicants as they did a year ago. Twenty per cent said they had more customers.

"Most of the people borrowing money are paying it back at about the same rate as last year," Hayenga says. "Twenty-three per cent of the lenders even reported a higher rate of loan repayment."

However, more bankers are requiring good financial records from borrowers before they loan money. Lenders reported that more than 60 per cent of all borrowers furnished cash flow budgets, operating budgets and past income statements when applying for a loan. Last year, only 50 per cent of the borrowers supplied these records.

Most of the banks in Texas have the same collateral requirements as they did a year ago, according to the survey. "One advantage for people who borrowed money during the past year was the lower interest rates," says the Texas A & M University System specialist. "Interest rates for feeder cattle loans, real estate loans, and farm and ranch operating loans were all down slightly from 1975."

According to the survey, most lenders said they thought interest rates would stay the same but had more chance of going up than down. About 60 per cent of the lenders surveyed said they thought agricultural spending would increase in the future, and a majority said they believed ranchers' incomes would go up but farmers' incomes would stay the same, Hayenga notes.

Some 40 per cent of the lenders felt the demand for short-term loans would increase in the future, and 27 per cent believed the demand for long-term loans would also increase.

Hayenga says lenders reported that almost 30 per cent of their crops, with 54 per cent contracting on a quantity basis and 42 per cent on an acreage basis. Over half of the lenders said they thought the optimum amount to contract was one-half, adds the economist.

Third women's tourney set

The date has been set and plans are under way for the third Ladies Golf Tournament at the Merkel Country Club.

Jo Ann Smith, president of the Ladies Association, says the tournament this year, scheduled for Saturday, July 24th, will be an 18-hole handicap partnership.

Invitations have been extended to all area clubs. There will be four flights and entries will be limited to the first 32 teams to enter.

Entry fee will be \$15 per team and carts \$7 per team. Tee off time will be 9 A.M. preceded by coffee and donuts from 8 to 9 A.M.

Lunch and awarding of prizes will follow the tournament.

Everyone is urged to come out and play and get their entries in.

Also be sure to attend the monthly play date, supper, and business meeting Tuesday, July 13. At this meeting tournament plans will be finalized and the election of new officers for the coming year will be held.

School Board making progress

Merkel's School Board has continued to make progress in keeping to the 5-year plan as drawn up last August.

The plan to update the school district and facilities was requested by state authorities and all but one item on the first year's plan has been completed.

That one item not completed this year is to replace lavatories in primary and junior high restrooms.

And, they have started on the list of items needed for next year with the hiring of co-ordinators for the four major subjects.

According to Superintendent Travis Davis and the School Board major item this year is to acquire additional space for central office staff and tax-assessor-collector.

By moving the superintendent out of the high school area and the tax-assessor-collector out of City Hall there would be two classrooms and a vault available immediately at the high school and allow the City Hall staff to expand its facilities from its present cramped quarters.

Too, on the 1976-77 list of proposed projects that require immediate attention is the employment of a fulltime certified choir director and employing a head teacher or assistant principal at the Primary building. It would also allow the school to have a PE teacher half time and permit teachers adequate planning time.

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Compre News

Compre HD Club met Thursday in the home of Mrs. Don Adair in Merkel.

The meeting was called to order by President Mrs. Ab Hunter. Mrs. Hugh Taylor led in prayer and Mrs. Clarence Allen led the group in recreation. Roll call was answered with what would you like to do on vacation.

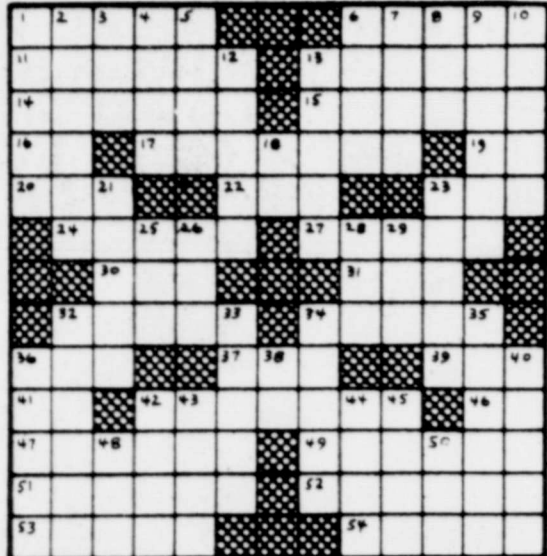
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Rabies cases down

Despite numerous rabies cases in animals, the dreaded disease is generally a thing of the past as far as human infections are concerned. This is due mainly to the vaccination of pet dogs and cats, contends a veterinarian for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. This has protected pet populations, particularly from contacting the disease from wild animals.

Crossword Puzzle



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| ACROSS | DOWN | 26. Turn right! |
| 1. Velocity | 1. Mud | 28. Your: |
| 6. Exploded | 2. Cogitate | 29. Belonging |
| 11. English city | 3. Finish | 30. To us |
| 13. Rebellion | 4. Prepare for publication | 32. Spa |
| 14. Accuse | 5. Does: poetic | 33. Fuses |
| 15. Ale vinegar | 6. Male bovine | 34. Body parts |
| 16. Doctor: abbr. | 7. Indians | 35. Celestial bodies |
| 17. Quivers | 8. Odd dress: slang | 36. Round flat plates |
| 19. Italian river | 9. Lively: slang | 38. College degree |
| 20. Ever: poetic | 10. Beginners | 40. Sieved peas |
| 22. English letter | 12. Courage | 42. Piece of news |
| 23. — and downs | 13. Men | 43. Hardens |
| 24. Cosmetic | 18. That is: abbr. | 44. Draw |
| 27. Rocky | 21. Lassos | 45. Only |
| 30. Prefix: before | 23. Onward to | 46. Regret |
| 31. Cottage | 25. Vase | 50. Hint |
| 32. Begin again | | |
| 34. Songlike | | |
| 36. — Moines | | |
| 37. Flightless bird | | |
| 39. Cut off | | |
| 41. Exists | | |
| 42. Hawaiian — | | |
| 46. Greek letter | | |
| 47. Classified | | |
| 49. Dealer in foods | | |
| 51. Glass bottles | | |
| 52. Greet | | |
| 53. Checks | | |
| 54. Birds | | |

Answer to Puzzle



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Cattlemen set July meet

Keynote speakers at the second state convention of the Independent Cattlemen's Association July 15-18 in Austin will include former Gov. Allan Shivers, U. S. Rep. Bob Krueger and Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby.

Also on the agenda are Norman Moser of DeKalb, chairman of the Texas Animal Health Commission; Sen. Bill Patman of Ganado, chairman of the Senate agriculture subcommittee; Rep. Joe Hubenak of Rosenberg, chairman of the House agriculture committee; and Rep. Susan Gurley McBee of Del Rio.

The program lineup was announced by ICA President T. A. Cunningham of Goliad who said the agenda "is a great program of interesting and informative people whose influence on both state and federal policies have much impact on the cattle producers of Texas."

Cunningham also announced that western music recording star Johnny Bush will be the headline entertainer for this year's convention.

Merkel active in emergency campaign

Saving lives is what it's all about.

It's Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and some of the terminology is new. Some of the techniques are new. But the purpose is the same as it has always been—to get help to sick and injured people when they need it.

Basically, EMS in Merkel begins with an ambulance. But it's a lot more than that, too. It's more training for the attendants so they'll know better what to do in an emergency. It's better equipment so they'll have something more to work with than they have had in the past. It's better communications so hospitals, doctors and ambulances can work together. And it's people in the community learning that emergency care is there, if they want to use it.

"EMS is a pretty new concept for getting emergency medical care to the people in Merkel," says Mickey Hubbard, EMS program director for the West Central Texas area. "We've got a way to go before we accomplish

everything we want to do, but we're moving steadily toward a goal of making sure that people can always get help."

Ambulance service in Merkel is provided by the City of Merkel. The service is supervised by the police department and operates a hearse-type vehicle. Police department personnel and volunteer fire department members serve as ambulance attendants. Most attendants have Red Cross first aid training. The EMS unit has two-way radio communication with the dispatcher and the police department. For emergency ambulance service in Merkel, call 928-4766. Emergency patients are

According to Roman legend, the raven, which was once as white as the swan, was blackened by the god Apollo, for telling him his girl friend was unfaithful.

taken to Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene, where a physician is on call to handle patients in the emergency department.

"All citizens should be able to handle emergencies until the ambulance arrives," says Ms. Hubbard, first aid and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training is available for the public. First aid courses in standard and advanced levels can be scheduled for 3 to 12 person classes by contacting Ms. Ollie Lena Olson, Taylor County Chapter American Red Cross, 1610 N. 2nd, Abilene, Texas 79601. CPR courses, conducted by the American Heart Association are available by contacting Ms. Wanda Vredenburg, CPR Task Force Chairman, 2540 Madison, Abilene, Texas 79601. Her phone number is (915) 672-4321, ext. 250.

The EMS Division of the Texas Department of Health Resources (TDHR) has helped Merkel provide better health care through its concept of EMS planning and development. The Division also provides consultation for local EMS units and helps them define local problems and then solve them. Says Charles E. King, Division Director, Personnel conduct on-going education programs in the West Central Texas area.

"All the finest equipment in the world won't save lives if people don't know it's there, or can't use it," says King. "That's why it's so important that the people of Merkel be aware of the care they can receive."

But King stresses that, even with the help available from the Department, what makes EMS "go or no-go," is the local community. "It all comes back to local responsibility. Communities have to be committed to improving emergency medical services for their citizens."

And in Merkel they are committed. "We want to save lives," says Ms. Hubbard, "it's as simple as that. And with everyone's help, we'll do it."

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Pam Hagar and David King

Pam Hagar, David King wed

Marriage vows were exchanged Saturday afternoon by Pamela Jane Hagar and David Wayne King at the home of the groom's parents, Rev. Kenneth Jones of First Baptist Church officiated at the double ring ceremony. Parents of the bride are Mrs. Milton Newsom of Mer-wood and Don Hagar of Arlington. She is the niece of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Dyckerson of Merkel. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don King of Merkel. Cindy Hagar, sister of the bride, was maid of honor.

Michael King, brother of the groom, was best man. Cindy Elliott of Merkel

50-Year reunion

The 50th year descendants of the late John and Bettie Slauch met at Lake Brown-wood Christian Retreat, June 26 and 27. There were 78 people present. Saturday night 42 and dominoes were enjoyed. Sunday, an 11 o'clock church service was held. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Warren of Merkel attended.

provided the music for the ceremony.

The bride's parents hosted the reception.

Following a brief wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. King will live at 1007 South Third in Merkel.

Both Mr. and Mrs. King are 1976 graduates of Merkel High School. The bride is employed by Wilkerson Manu-facturing and the groom is employed by Sears, Roebuck, and Company in Abilene.

The bridegroom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner at their home.

Shouse wins Mystery Store gift

Annabelle Shouse joined the list of winners in the weekly Merkel Mystery Store con-test, winning the mini-calculator by Wilson's Food Store.

Her name was drawn from the entries Monday, making her the sixth winner in the 10-week contest.

The contest moves into the seventh week this weekend with the many other top value July 4 Bicentennial bargains being offered by Merkel business-men.

Check The Merkel Mail for some of the best July 4th bargains in the big Country being proposed to help Mer-kei and area residents to shop at home and save.

The contest continues this week with L & W Snack Bar being the Mystery Store. L & W will give away a steak dinner for two to this week's winner in a drawing Monday.

The word to find through-out TheMerkelMail this week is "L & W" and it has been inserted throughout the paper at least 10 times.

To enter the contest find the word "L & W" and circle at least 10 of them and then turn the newspaper with your name, address and telephone number in at this week's Mystery Store, L & W Snack Bar before 5 p.m. Saturday.

Or, a contestant may enter by printing your name, ad-dress and telephone number on an 8 1/2 by 11 plain piece of paper and print the name "L & W" 10 times using all capital letters.

No purchase is necessary to enter and you do not have to be present at the drawing to win. L & W

Everyone is eligible for the prize excluding employees of the participating stores and the staff of The Merkel Mail.

At the end of the 10 weeks, a special drawing will be held from all those who have entered and The Merkel Mail will award 10 additional

prizes of \$10 gift certificates.

A contestant may enter as often as he or she wishes.

Participating businesses are L & W Snack Bar, Ann's Flowers, Wilson's Grocery, Western Auto, Castille's Hardware, Bragg's Depart-ment Store, Emma's Clothes Closet, Adcock's Circle A Western Wear, Crawford's and Starbuck's Furniture Store.



LESTER DORTON, JR.

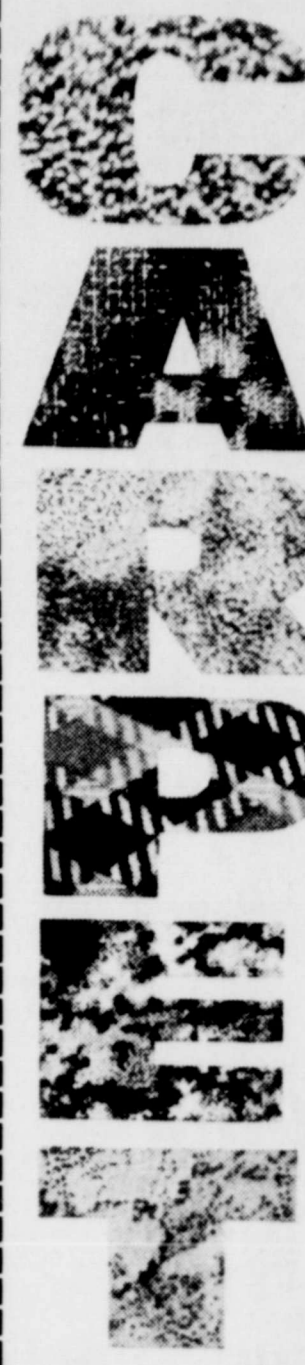
Dorton named bank president

Lester Dorton, Jr., age 33, has been named President of the First National Bank of Rosebud, Texas. He was the Executive Vice-President of the bank until the recent change of ownership.

Dorton is one of a group of individuals buying controlling interest of the bank from its former owner, the V. D. Nicholson estate.

He is a 1961 graduate of Merkel High School and graduated from Abilene Christian University. He is a former state bank examiner.

His wife is the former Carolyn Windham of Merkel and they have four children.

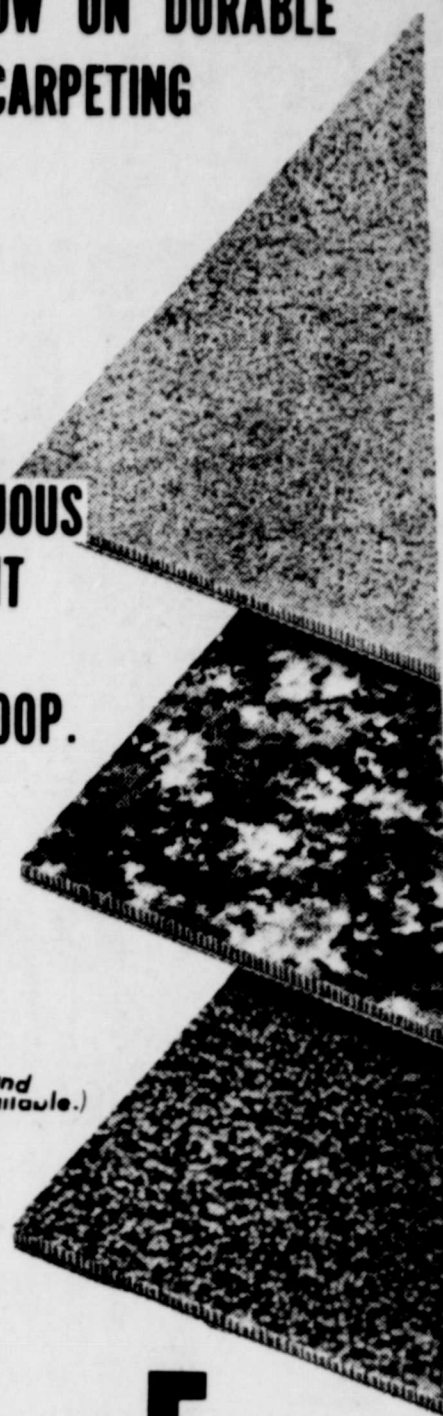


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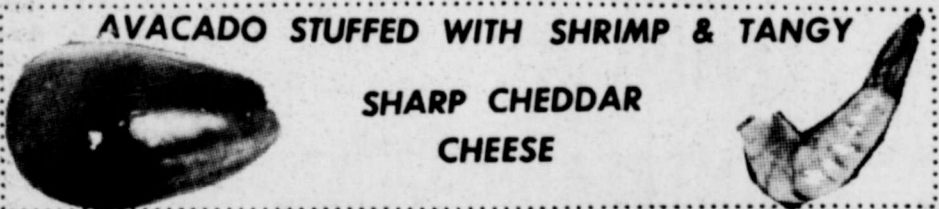
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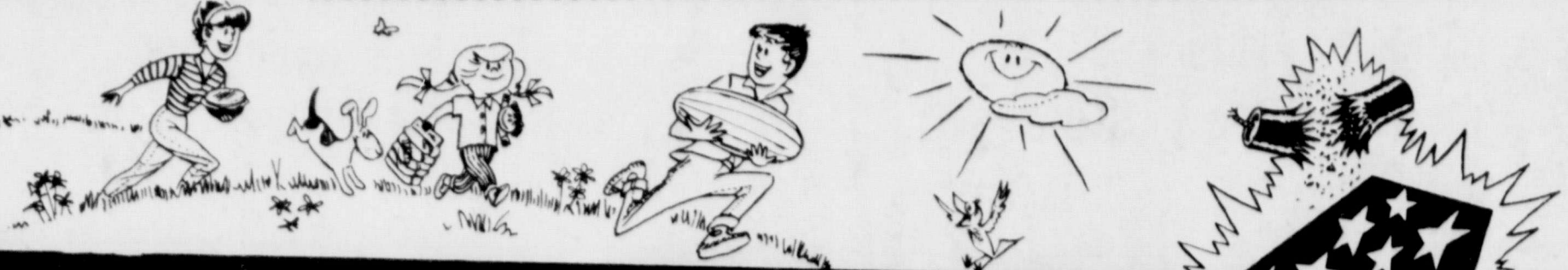
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