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Up The Canyon

By TOM
RUSSOM

Well, we are having some short changes of weather, but are not getting any moisture. We've got January behind us, and it was about the mildest January we have had in years. January is usually our most dreaded month of the winter.

Not many sheep boys make it a practice of lambing in the winter, due to the cold weather and not any green pasture to make the ewes give milk for the baby lambs.

The late Sam Butman Sr. who made a fortune in the sheep business, always told us boys to have the lambs come in April, so April showers would bring green grass as well as spring flowers.

Sheep raising in our area takes in a large part of Taylor County, especially the southern half, but we note some of the boys North of Merkel are buying some sheep, and some have been in sheep business for a long time.

Wollmer Criswell, who has a very fine stock farm, went over to San Angelo last week and bought some good ewes and lambs to put on his wheat fields.

The late T. J. Warren, who owned a ranch just east of Merkel, always had a fine flock of sheep on the ranch, and his son, Booth Warren, Merkel banker, has maintained the sheep since his father passed away.

We would like to express our sympathy to the families of V. Garner and Mrs. Jess Anderson for the loss of their loved ones. Mr. Garner was loved by everyone in our area who knew him.

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LINDA BARNHILL
... Trent senior of the week

Trent Senior Of the Week

Linda Barnhill, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Barnhill, who represents the Trent Senior Class of 1965, was chosen Trent Senior of the Week at Trent High School. Linda was a member of the High School Band three years, and cheerleader in 1964. She has been very active in both tennis and volleyball for 4 years, and has played guard on the basketball team all four years in high school, and this year made all tournament in the Trent Invitational Tournament.

Linda was class favorite in her junior year, has been class reporter, and reporter for the FHA.

Linda is snap shot editor on the annual staff.

Linda is a member of the Baptist Church, where she is an active member. Linda plans on attending Cisco Junior College next fall.

Mrs. Hargrove Quits C C Job

Mary Hargrove, executive secretary of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, has resigned.

Members of the board of directors accepted her resignation.

Details of the meeting and future plans will not be available until John Hardesty, chamber of commerce president, returns from a business meeting. He will be out of town for three or four days.

Mrs. Hargrove is the third secretary for the Merkel Chamber of Commerce. The first was Onis Crawford, now owner of Crawford's Men's Wear. The second was O. D. Roland, who left Merkel to take a chamber of commerce post at Hamlin.

Peace Corps Test To Be Feb. 13

An opportunity for Merkel area residents to test their aptitudes for Peace Corps service will come at 8:30 a. m., Saturday, Feb. 13, at Room 5 of the Federal Building in Abilene.

The opportunity is the Peace Corps Placement Test. It is not passed or failed, but simply indicates where your greatest potential lies. The Peace Corps Questionnaire which must be filled out and brought to the exam unless previously submitted, tells what an applicant has done in the past. But the placement test is aimed at showing what he or she CAN do in the future. Applicants do not have to register for the test ahead of time.

The Peace Corps Questionnaire can be picked up at the Abilene Post Office. If you can't find a questionnaire, write the Peace Corps, Washington, D. C. 20525.

There are two parts to the Peace Corps Placement Test: a general aptitude test and a modern language aptitude test — for which knowledge of a foreign language is not necessary. Applicants should plan on about one and a half hours at the testing center, unless they wish to take the Spanish or French achievement test. For this optional test, another hour should be added.

No passing or failing marks are given out, nor will the applicants' sults be used, with the character references and Questionnaires, ever learn their scores. The test is to estimate the applicant's potential for completing the intensive training program and his ability to be an effective volunteer overseas.

TOUR PLANNED BY TEXAS FARM BUREAU

WACO (Special to the Merkel Mail) — Plans are being made now for a group of Texans to go to Europe this Spring on an agricultural market - building mission, according to an announcement by C. H. DeVaney, president of the Texas Farm Bureau.

The state farm leader said the European tour is one aspect of the TFB's "accelerated program" this year in marketing and other areas.

DeVaney said the first Texas Farm Bureau Market - Builder Tour to Western Europe will be March 31 to April 14 and will be an "on the spot look at markets in one of the most prosperous areas of the world." The group will fly to Europe from Houston via KLM Royal Dutch Airlines. Points to be visited include Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Brussels, London, Frankfurt, Heidelberg and Paris.

The tour group will be comprised of farmers and agri - businessmen interested in expanded foreign markets for Texas farm products. It is described as "a working tour with ample time for

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Mrs. Anderson Succumbs at 66

Lila Lee Anderson, 66, longtime Merkel resident, died at 5:50 a. m. Sunday in Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene following a brief illness.

Funeral was held at 3:30 p. m. Monday in First Baptist Church here with the Rev. Bill Tanner, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 2, 1898, in Lavaca County, she came to Merkel with her parents in 1906. She married Jess Anderson Oct. 4, 1914, in Merkel. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

Surviving are her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Gordon Pursley of Merkel and Mrs. Douglas Chancey of Santa Maria, Calif.; two brothers, Craig Humphrey of Merkel and Doyle Humphrey of Lovington, N. M.; nine grandchildren and four great - grandchildren. A son, J. T., and a daughter, Bonnie Wayne, preceded her in death.

Pallbearers were Chester McWilliams, Bert Knapp, Bob Riney, Irvin Thompson, Burr Hendricks and Jack Collier.

Announcement

The public is invited to a Game Night of 84 for adults and other games for adults and children, to benefit the March of Dimes.

Game Night is Friday, Feb. 5, at the Noodle School Cafeteria, and games will start at 7 p. m.

Ladies of the community will furnish cookies and coffee, and there will be no charge for the games or refreshments.

The hat will be passed for contributions to the 1965 March of Dimes, stated Mrs. Vernon Stanley.

sight - seeing and other items of interest."

Walter Meyer, TFB commodity director and manager of the Texas Agricultural Marketing and Development Association (a TFB affiliate), will be in charge of the tour. Meyer toured the area himself two years ago and saw potential benefits to be gained by Texas sellers meeting and visiting with European buyers.

The trade builders will have samples of Texas agricultural products to show everywhere they go. In fact, plans are being made for miniature "trade fairs" to be set up in each of the hotels where they will stay, complete with a staff capable of advising buyers and sellers on every aspect of exporting a particular agricultural product.

DeVaney said the trade mission will have the active support of the U. S. Department of Commerce, the Farm Bureau Trade Development Corporation, the Foreign Agriculture Service of the USDA, "and other groups interested in promoting trade in agricultural products."

V. Garner Dies at 81

V. Garner, 81, longtime resident of the Merkel - Stith area, died at 3 a. m. Thursday while en route to the hospital after a short illness.

Funeral was at 1 p. m. Friday in the First Baptist Church here with the Rev. Bill Tanner, pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Howard M. Arcom, pastor of Merkel's First Methodist Church.

Burial was in Comanche Cemetery with graveside rite being conducted by the Rev. Bill Glassgow, Baptist pastor from Benbrook, Tex.

Born Sept. 9, 1883, in Comanche County, he moved to this area in 1921, where he farmed until his retirement in 1946. He married Kate McDaniel Nov. 3, 1903 in Hamilton. She preceded him in death in 1927.

He married Stella Ellis Dobbs March 31, 1928 in Anson. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Howard of Farwell, Tex., Clifford of San Diego, Calif., six grandchildren; 16 great - grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Homer Wilhelm of Comanch.

Pallbearers were Houston Robertson, Hobb Robertson, Wilmer Criswell, Joe Higgins, Audrey Witcher and Tom Russom.

Rites Held For Alton Boone, 60

Funeral for Alton Vernon Boone, 60, who died Saturday in Starr Rest Home here, were held at 10:30 a. m. Monday in Trent Church of Christ. Officiating was the minister, Jack McKinney. Burial was in Trent Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

A lifelong Trent resident, he was born there Jan. 3, 1905. He had been ill several months.

Surviving are his wife, Fannie Lee; a son, William R. of Dallas; his mother, Mrs. Annie Boone of Trent; two brothers, Joe of Merkel and Jack of Memphis, Tex.; two sisters, Mrs. Ola Lee Winn of Trent and Mrs. Joe Alexander of Silver City, N. M., and two grandchildren.

Mrs. McLean Has HD Meet

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Dewel McLean.

President, Mrs. Odie Griffin, opened the meeting with members answering roll call with "How I Like to Spend a Rainy Day."

The program on hepatitis and arthritis was brought by Mrs. Frank Brnovak.

Refreshments were served to the following members. Mmes. Frase Demere, Frank Brnovak, Tom Russom, Maurice Johnson, R. E. Clemmer, Kent Marrs, Odie Griffin and one visitor, Mrs. Wynona Scroggins.

Noodle 4-H Club Meets

The Noodle "Handy Helpers" Junior 4 - H Club met in the school cafeteria.

Janice Hill, junior leader, was in charge of the program. The girls learned to use a grill. They cooked hamburgers with vegetables. They also made "gum drop hermits."

Those present were Sandra Womack, Martha Cochran, Marilyn Maxwell and Janice Hill.

New Road Now Open

The \$125,000 road from the underpass east of Merkel to Stith is shaping up well, according to County Commissioner Joe Cyfert.

Cyfert said the base is now down and the road is open to traffic, giving Merkel a valuable

farm - to - market transportation. Completion of the road now depends upon the weather, Cyfert reported of the state - constructed road.

He said as soon as warm weather is here, and the base now

laid is set up, that hot - topping of the road will commence.

Cyfert placed the completion of the road as sometime between April and October, depending upon weather conditions.

"It's progressing well," he stressed.

Mary Collins Named F & M Vice President

Directors Cite 20 Year Service

The Farmers and Merchants National Bank held its annual shareholders meeting January 28, and an organizational meeting of the board of directors elect.

The directors named Mary Collins active vice president in recognition of her many years of faithful service to the bank, and because the title of vice president is more indicative of her capabilities and the type of work she performs from day to day.

Miss Collins came to Merkel in 1931 after completing high school at Lamesa, and started working for the bank in a permanent capacity as bookkeeper and stenographer in 1935. In January of 1942 Mary was made assistant cashier, and has served in these two capacities until being named vice president.

Miss Collins handles all correspondence, and is qualified to draw the bank's mortgages and legal instruments of all kinds, besides making numerous loans herself. Particularly do the ladies prefer to counsel with her about obtaining a loan.

The bank's payroll and withholding records are also part of Miss Collins' responsibility.

She is an active member of the Methodist Church and a member of the official board. She has also served numerous times as a member of the budget committee, and is now serving as chairman of the Social Concerns Committee.

For recreation, she enjoys bridge, and is an active member of the Merkel Duplicate Bridge Club.

President of the bank, Booth Warren, stated the vice presidency is a culmination of 20 years of outstanding efficiency.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rister of Levelland were recent visitors with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Dean and other relatives. Raymond Rister, a student at ACC, also visited with them.



NEW OFFICER — Miss Mary Collins has received promotion for outstanding performance at Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

FIRE DESTROYS WALKER BUILDING

Leon Walker lost his combination pump and storehouse Wednesday when fire enveloped two lots in the 1400 block of Stewart St.

Walker, and his neighbor, Ed Lewis' yards were completely burned, and Walker's pumphouse, a building 8x12 feet, were totally burned. Walker stated his wife

left the house at 12:15 p. m. and that there was no sign of fire at that time, but by 1:00 o'clock the fire was raging.

Walker said he could not place an estimate on the loss until he could inventory what was housed in the building.

Fire Chief Waymon Adcock stated they could not as yet ascertain the origin of the fire.

TEXAS DRIVERS LEVEL SPEEDS

Texas drivers "flirted" with excessive speeds after the speed limit was raised to 70 mph late in 1963.

But the affair went pfft, according to a speed survey made by the Texas Highway Department a year later, and Texans for the most part are now observing the speed limit.

Take passenger cars for instance. The Highway Department radar checked speeds of at least 25,000 of them in 30 locations scattered over the state.

In 1963, a fraction more than 11 per cent of the motorists were clocked at more than 70 mph. A year later — under the same highway conditions, and in the same places — the figure had dropped to just 5.1 per cent.

It was the same pattern across the board, with pickups, trucks, and busses logging dramatically reduced speeds.

Why were speeds up so high

after the legislature hiked speed limits by 10 mph.

"We're engineers, not psychiatrists," said one Highway Department official, "but it seems that it was just a flirtation. Motorists had a sudden new freedom to go ten miles an hour faster. In exercising that freedom, some of them said 'what the heck' and went for broke."

How come they slowed down a year later, then?

"The novelty wore off. At least that's all we can figure. It's admittedly just a guess."

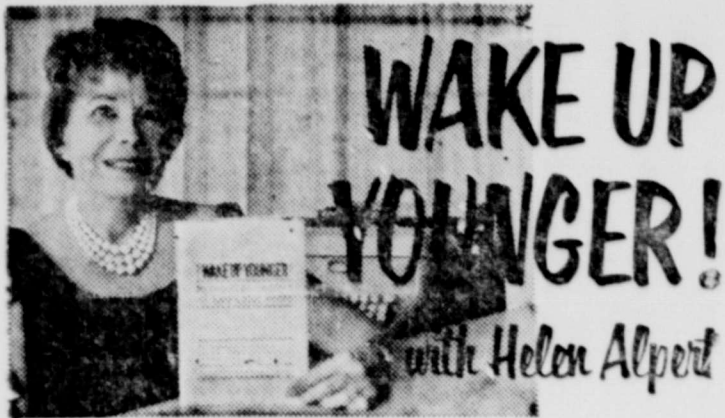
In all vehicle categories, speeds seem to be leveling off from highs recorded during the period of "flirtation."

Of all vehicles surveyed only 3.6 per cent were exceeding the 70 mph speed limit last fall. A year earlier, 8 per cent of vehicles of all kinds were breaking 70.

HELP!!!

the best made plans — they don't work out. And it was the plan of the publisher of the Merkel Mail to have a nicely bound volume made of the papers published for 1964 but . . .

Two copies are missing — August 13 and August 28. If any readers have copies of these two editions will they please let us know so we may pick them up and complete our records.



GO TO FLORIDA?
My wife and I are thinking of retiring to Florida. We're not sure what city to pick. We'd have to live where expenses are not too high for rent, food, etc. Can you recommend a place? We already wrote to several Chambers of Commerce in Florida.
B. F. K., Columbus, Wis.

Today I sent you two booklets, free. One is "Facts About Florida Retirement" issued by the Florida Development Commission, Tallahassee. The second is just your ticket: "How Much to Live in Florida?" showing actual living costs in 14 Florida cities. This gives prices of haircuts, newspapers, meat, bus rides, the works. Newsstands charge \$1.00 for it. These are two of the many excellent booklets on my free list for all you readers who request them.

SUCH WONDERFUL BOOKS

Dear Helen, The doctors say my husband will not live much longer. His profession was law, but his real love was teaching. Consequently we have a library of thousands of books he lovingly collected. Our one daughter, married, is willing to take several hundred books, but this would destroy the continuity of the subject matter, especially the reference volumes. I will not want

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the books because I plan to get a small apartment later and retire with my widowed sister in Florida. How can we keep this library intact, in good use? Or do we owe it to our daughter to give her first choice?
Mrs. J. L. L., Louisiana

This poses a most personal decision. Nevertheless, here's a directive from a reader who wrote me last week. Facing a similar situation with a career collection (not books) she and her husband donated it to an institution whose faculty members were proud to house it. A fine library is quite special and a small college or university would be gratified to welcome such a gift. It could be honored in the name of your husband as, for instance, the Jonas L. Doe Memorial Library. Undoubtedly, too, this type of memorial would bring enduring contentment to your daughter!

WE SPEND MILLIONS!

In your column an irate woman scolded storekeepers for not being more polite to older people. I think she said that the country's 17 million people over 65 spend something like 500 million dollars a year on purchases. Is this true? Sounds unbelievable.
Doubting Thomas, Mass.

The Wall Street Journal says yes. This sum includes all kinds of sporting equipment, too. The golf cart business admits it got its start with the older golfer! Older persons spend more on housing and food than any other segment of the population. Fascinating fact, isn't it?

The biggest machine man has ever built is a huge radio telescope.

**Young America Bakes—
Raised Gingerbread Doughnuts**



GRANDMA wouldn't recognize these doughnuts. They have the same yeast-raised texture, but delightful new gingerbread flavor.

Old-Fashioned Favorites with New Flavor

One of the best sweet-tooth satisfiers is the doughnut. Americans have been enjoying doughnuts 'n coffee or milk for many a year. And the home-baked variety is impossible to beat. This yeast raised favorite is remembered as a specialty just like grandma used to make.
Now the old-fashioned treat

has a new look. Youthful doughnut devotees are making the same yeast-raised recipe with molasses, brown sugar and spices added for a special zesty flavor. They have the flavor of gingerbread, but the same delightful texture of grandma's best. Eat them plain, or coat with spiced sugar.

RAISED GINGERBREAD DOUGHNUTS
Makes about 2 dozen

- 1 cup milk
 - 1/2 cup brown sugar
 - 1/4 cup dark molasses
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) Fleischmann's Margarine
 - 1/4 cup warm water (105°-115°F.)
 - 1 package or cake Fleischmann's Yeast, active dry or compressed
 - 1 teaspoon ginger
 - 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 - 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
 - 1/2 teaspoon allspice
 - 2 eggs, beaten
 - 5 cups unsifted flour, (about)
- Scald milk; stir in brown sugar, molasses, salt, and Fleischmann's Margarine. Cool to lukewarm. Measure warm water into a large warm bowl. Sprinkle or crumble in Fleischmann's Yeast; stir until dissolved. Add lukewarm milk mixture, ginger, cinnamon, nutmeg, allspice, eggs, and 3 cups flour; beat until smooth. Stir in enough additional flour to form a soft dough. Turn out onto lightly floured board and knead until smooth and elastic, about 8-10 minutes. Place in greased bowl, turning once to grease top. Cover; let rise in warm place, free from draft, until doubled in bulk, about 1 hour and 15 minutes. Punch down. Place dough on lightly floured board and roll out to about 1/2 inch thickness. Cut into doughnuts with 2 1/2 inch doughnut cutter. Place on greased baking sheets. Cover; let rise in warm place, free from draft, until doubled in bulk, about 1 hour. Drop into deep hot fat (375°F.), raised side down. Fry 2 or 3 minutes, turning once. Drain on absorbent paper. Roll in cinnamon-sugar mixture, if desired.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben E. Rich and children, Earl and Nancy, visited in the home of her sister and family. Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Toliver of Breckenridge Sunday.

NOODLE NEWS

By SIMMONS CALLAWAY

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Maxwell were guests of Mrs. Elsa Maxwell and in the afternoon they all visited Dock Callaway in the Anson Hospital where he has been since Wednesday. Dock has a light case of Bronchial pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Caldwell and son, Roy, of Anson, and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Jones of Hodges were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell Sunday.

Celesta Cochran was honored on her sixth birthday last Thursday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Baldwin. Those helping her enjoy her party were Mrs. Gene Cochran, Mrs. Billy Maxwell and Patty, Tommy and Shelia Sloan, Mrs. Alice Cooper and Mrs. Della Robinson.

Mrs. Zenobia Lucas ate lunch with her niece, Mrs. D. L. Bowen, Sunday, and visited with several of her friends in and around Noodle. Hix Goode is home from Hen-

dricks Hospital, where he had been for a long time after having an injury to one of his hands. The Benny Andersons are home from Temple where he had been in a hospital for some tests. Mrs. Carl Jackson spent several days in the Merkel Clinic, but is now back home. Mrs. Bill Piplin and children of Midland, spent a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Justice.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McCaffey of Goldsboro are visiting for a few days with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Page and girls.

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Bill Williams, pastor

SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:45
Preaching 10:55
Youth Meeting 6:00
Evening Worship 7:00

SUNDAY

Sunday School 10:00
Preaching Service 11:00
Training Union 6:00
Preaching Service 7:00

WEDNESDAY

Choir Practice 8:00

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Dwight Holland, pastor

SUNDAY

Bible School 9:45
Morning Worship 10:55
Evening Classes 6:00
Evening Worship 6:45

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes 8:00

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
5th and Runnels
John W. Emery, pastor

SUNDAY MORNING

Broadcast 9:00
Sunday School 10:00
Worship Service 11:00

SUNDAY EVENING

Training Union 6:45
Worship Service 7:30

WEDNESDAY

Evening Service 7:30

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
John Curtis, pastor

SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:45
Preaching 11:00
Evening Preaching 7:00

WEDNESDAY

Mid-Week Evangelistic Service 7:30

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Radio Broadcast 10:15 a.m.
Worship Service 10:50 a.m.
Radio Broadcast 11:00 a.m.
Training Union 6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY

Junior Royal Am. 3:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

Intermediate GA's 7:30 p.m.

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Women's Missionary Society 9:30 a.m.
Sunbeam Band 3:15 p.m.
Junior GA's 3:45 p.m.
Intermediate Royal Ambassadors 6:30 p.m.
Mid-Week Service 7:30 p.m.
Choir Practice 8:30 p.m.

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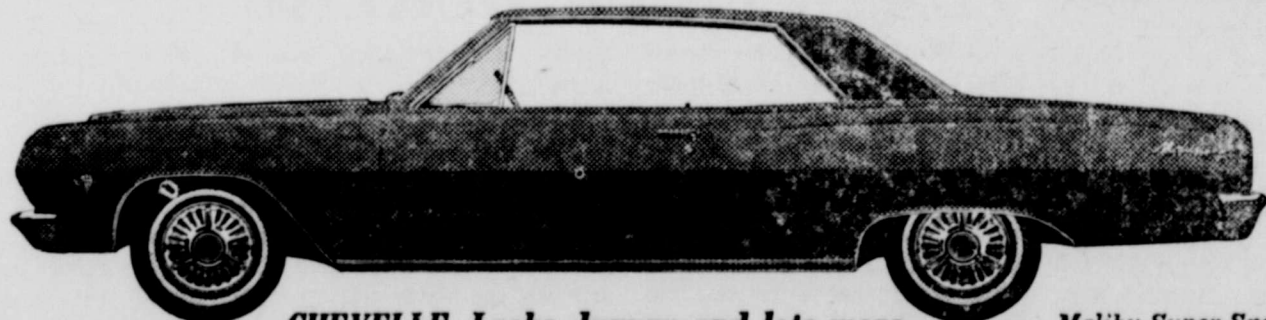
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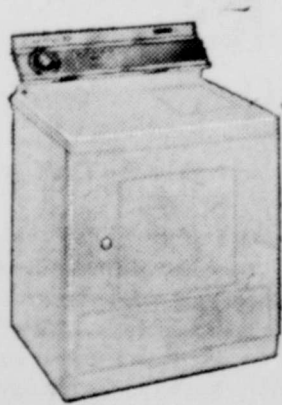
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FOR SALE — Complete set of white bathroom fixtures and 25 gallon hot water heater. Set includes basin, tub and commode. Call after 6 at 8-5244. 48 ttc

CARD OF THANKS

Our heartfelt thanks to all who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the beautiful service, floral offerings, and other kindnesses, we are deeply grateful.
Mrs. Alton Boone
The Reagan Boone family
Annie Boone and family



MRS. HENRY JAMES PRUETT
... the former Peggy Joy Lewis

LEWIS AND PRUETT EXCHANGE VOWS

Peggy Joy Lewis became the bride of Henry James Pruett of Midland Monday in the Church of Christ.

Houston Conley of Galveston, Church of Christ minister, officiated for the double ring rites.

LEGAL NOTICE

The problem of local citizens answering the fire alarm has become hazardous.

It is illegal to follow fire equipment to the scene of a fire, and the law also requires that, in the event of an alarm or approach of a red lighted vehicle, to pull over to the side of the road, or street and park. Unauthorized personnel are not allowed in the block where the fire is in progress.

In the future, the law will be enforced by our local Police Department to the fullest extent, and if necessary, the aid of the Highway Patrol will be enlisted. Traffic tickets will be issued to any and all violators.

By the authority of the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas. 48 2tc

Vocal music was presented by Kent Denton and a quartet.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed W. Lewis are the parents of the bride. Pruett is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Davis of Brownwood.

Mrs. Kenneth Williams of Abilene was matron of honor and George Causey of Brownwood was best man. Don Landrum and Gene Landrum, both of Abilene, seated guests and lighted candles.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a satin gown with bell skirt and organza overskirt. Her veil of illusion was attached to a crown of seed pearls.

She wore a diamond and pearl necklace, a gift of the bridegroom, and carried butter-fly roses.

Mrs. Williams' dress of red peau de soie had a bell skirt. Headdress was a matching bow with circular tulle veil, and flowers were pink carnations with red velvet hearts.

Reception was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Breaux.

After a wedding trip to Cloudcroft, N. M., the couple will live in Midland.

The bride was graduated from Merkel High School, and Pruett is a graduate of Brownwood High School. He is employed by Radio School. He is employed in Midland by Radio Station KCRS.

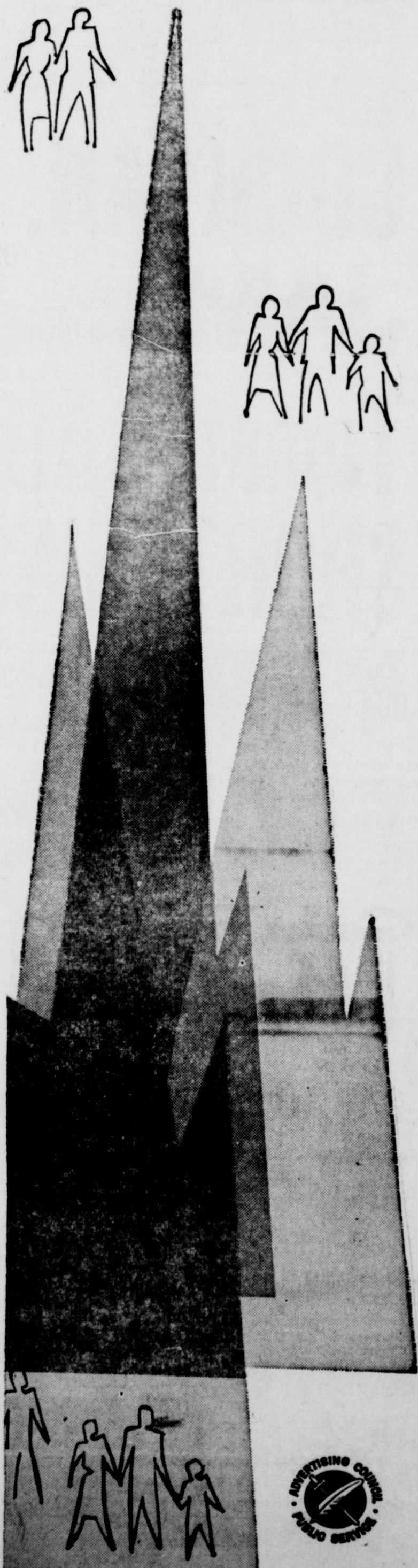
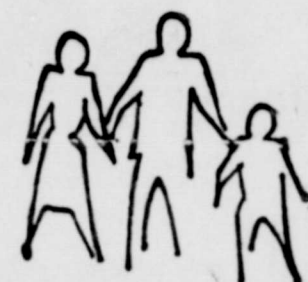
Find the strength for your life...

Does it seem to you sometimes that the world has gotten so crowded and complex that you just don't count at all in the grand scheme of things? It's not uncommon, that feeling. We feel helpless... unable to alter or even really to understand ourselves and the world we live in.

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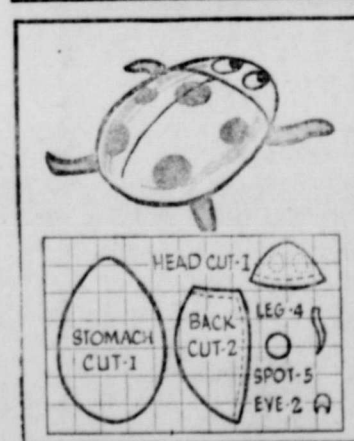
But faith and spiritual strength can be found, nourished. Then they grow within you through regular worship. This week go to your church or synagogue. Start to build a fuller, more meaningful life. Cherish your faith and keep it strong so that it may strengthen you.

Worship this week



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TSCRA CATTLEMEN MEET IN EL PASO

Hundreds of cattlemen are expected to gather in Hotel Paso Del Norte in El Paso March 15-17, for the 88th annual convention

of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

Joe S. Fletcher of Fort Worth, TSCRA secretary general manager, said the three day program will include discussions on matters of primary interest to cattle producers in committee meetings, talks by top livestock authorities, and the traditional "Cattleman's Ball."

UP THE CANYON

Continued from Page One

and Mrs. Anderson was loved and respected by many friends also.

We are having a lot of "flu" and colds here in the Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Scott were in Fort Worth over the week end on business.

Mrs. Sam Butman has been visiting quite some time with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Polk of Midland.

Mrs. Homer Patterson, Mrs. Dub Derstine and Mrs. Lenard Schooler, all of Merkel, and Velma Orsborn of Mulberry Canyon, are working in the Taylor County Tax Collector's office. They told me they love their jobs.

SMITH FAMILY TOURS

NATION'S CAPITOL

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Smith and daughter, Euveta, and son, Lindy, have returned from a two-weeks trip touring Washington, D. C. and visiting relatives.

They visited their son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gilchrist in Carolina and then went to Greenbelt, Md., for a family reunion. While there they toured the capitol, just missing the inauguration by one day.

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MRS. KENNETH LEE HAYS
... nee Vickie Diane Teaff

Vickie Diane Teaff Becomes Bride Of Kenneth Lee Hays at Tye

Vickie Diane Teaff and Kenneth Lee Hays were married January 30 in the Tye Baptist Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Deverel Teaff of Route 2, Merkel. Mr. and Mrs. Paxten Hays of Route 1 are the parents of the bridegroom.

Officiating for the double-ring ceremony was the Rev. L. R. Ellen Moore and soloist was John McAnelly Jr.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of angelmist taffeta with sabrina neckline outlined with pearl-accented lace medallions. A detachable train with lace medallions heavily accented with mock pearls extended from a bow at the back waistline of the bell skirt.

A coronet of soft flowers, laced with seed pearls accented with a teardrop, held her butterfly veil of French illusion. She carried a cascade of white roses, accented with string pearls and a white linen handkerchief, presented to her by Mrs. Carl Hughes.

Ann Tipton was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Jo Lynn Buntin and Lois Givens, both of Merkel, Junior bridesmaid was Debra Teaff of Tye.

The maid of honor's gown was of sugarplum satin; her headdress was a matching cabbage rose with circular veil. She carried a single carnation.

Bridesmaids' dresses and headdresses were fashioned like those of the maid of honor and were in orchid.

Dianne Mauldin of Tye and Jeannie Hook of Merkel lighted candles. Flower girl was Gayle Teaff and ring bearer was Lea Price of North Little Rock, Ark.

John Price of North Little Rock was best man. Groomsman were Skippy Hicks of Fort Stockton and Robert Higgins of Merkel. Billy Lucan of Merkel and Walter T. Henderson of Lubbock were ushers.

The bride's parents were hosts for the reception in Fellowship Hall.

Mrs. Danny Doan was at the register. At the serving table were Nancy Watts, Aleta Scott, Pat Tate and Linda Rutledge.

The bride is a senior at Merkel High School where she is a member of the annual staff, Future Homemakers of America and secretary of Future Teachers.

A graduate of Merkel High School, Hays is employed in Abilene by Central Texas Iron Works.

The bridegroom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner.

Out of town guests were from Fort Worth, Irving, Big Spring, Odessa, Lubbock, Sonora, Haskell, Rotan, Austin, Denton, Fort Stockton, Cherokee and North Little Rock.

Mrs. Charley Sherrill Wins

Gay Gardeners Flower Display

The February meeting of the Gay Gardeners was held in the Elementary school library at which time arrangements made

by the members were on display.

Judging the entries were Mrs. Jarrett Williams and Mrs. Mary Click. The arrangement by Judy Hester won first place, Diane White received second place and Lois Traweck was third.

Mrs. Charley Sherrill, a many times winner in flower shows, gave a very interesting demonstration on flower arranging.

The hostess, Mrs. Buck Leach, and Mrs. Ramond Ferguson served refreshments to the members and visitors, Mrs. W. T. Sadler, Miss Christine Collins, and Mrs. Homer Easterwood.

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School Menu

For the week of Feb. 8 through 12.

MONDAY

Meat Balls
Tomato Sauce
Buttered Corn
Turnips and Greens or Spinach
Crispy Corn Bread
Butter
Apple Cobbler
Milk

TUESDAY

Steaks, Gravy
Rice, Green Beans, New Potatoes (combined)
Hot Biscuits
Butter
White Syrup
Cranberry Crisp
Milk

WEDNESDAY

Barbecue Beef
Red Beans
Cabbage Salad, Sweet Relish
Sliced Bread
Butter
Fruit Cup with Fresh Oranges
Milk

THURSDAY

Salmon Croquettes, Catsup
Macaroni and Tomatoes
Blackeyed Peas
Rolled Wheat Bread, Muffins
Butter
Prune Cake, Brown Sugar
Milk

FRIDAY

Hamburgers or Tuna Salad
Sliced Cheese
White Beans
Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles
Buns
Date Cup Cakes
Milk

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BLUE BONNET HD CLUB HOLDS MEETING

Nine members of the Blue Bonnet Home Demonstration Club heard Mrs. Jewel McLean give a report on the council meeting. The opening prayer was given by Mrs. Tom Russom. Minutes were read by Mrs. Ted Marrs.

Next meeting will be February 16 in the home of Mrs. Leroy Riney.

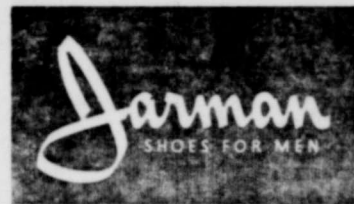
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STITH NEWS

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



Mrs. Fletcher Jones Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fields visited Sunday in Abilene with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hindman.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dunagin are building a new home on their place at Stith.

Mr. and Mrs. Pick Payne and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ramsey of Seminole visited Mrs. Bess Jackson at Merkel Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. F. S. Hale visited her sister, Mrs. C. B. Smoot in the Anson Care Home Thursday.

Mrs. Wesley Mashburn spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hogan and Joyce of Noodle.

Miss Louise Hudson visited Mrs. Paul Bradley Tuesday.

O. B. Tatum of Merkel spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. John Browning.

Mrs. F. J. McDonald spent Sunday through Thursday in Midland with her daughter, Pat, who was in a wreck. She was not badly hurt, but did receive bruises on her face and head, and was off work for several days.

F. J. McDonald and Jim Burns went to Midland Thursday and Mrs. McDonald returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley attended a singing at the Calvary Baptist Church in Merkel Sunday afternoon.

Martha Perry of Irving spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry. She attended services at the Stith Baptist Church Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Malone spent Thursday through Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Malone at Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Horton of Lawn visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn and Rodney Sunday.

Mrs. Raymond Anderson and son of Abilene, visited Mr. and

WOMEN KNOW

By JEAN KINKADE
Women's Consultant

The Travelers Insurance Companies

Question: We're thinking of buying a working ranch and going into business for ourselves. One hitch to the idea is having to give up the automatic pension plan where my husband works. Is there any way that self-employed persons can provide for their own pension in the same manner that corporations can provide it for their employees? If we get the ranch, we may be a little low on cash for the first few years.



Answer: The recently enacted Keogh Act can help you retire pension worries. Aimed to give self-employed persons the tax benefits allowed on pensions for those who work for others, the Keogh Act now allows you to deduct up to \$1250 a year from your taxable income in order to finance your retirement.

Question: You mean that if we clear \$5000 the first year, we can sink \$1250 of it into a pension plan—tax free?

Answer: No—it's a little more complicated. Under the terms of the bill only 10 per cent of your earned income can go into an insured pension plan—in that

case \$500—and only half this amount would be tax deductible. But if you have employees you can deduct 100 per cent of your contributions in their behalf—after they have been with you for three or more years.

Question: I'm only dreaming, but suppose we found oil or something on our land and earned a whopping \$50,000 a year. How much of this could go into a pension plan for our golden years?

Answer: Any amount you like, of course. But if you are planning to take advantage of the Keogh Act tax benefits, the ceiling expenditure on pensions is \$2500 a year—and half this amount would be tax deductible.

Question: Would we also pay taxes on the plan's accumulated earnings?

Answer: No. Only on benefits you actually receive during your retirement. During that time your income tax bracket will probably be considerably less than it is today.

FLYING FACTS



Air Wear—Then And Now

What to wear while in the air has been a topic for thought ever since the days of the Wright Brothers; and even before flying became a reality, some legendary people clothed themselves most peculiarly, thinking it would help.

The Chinese prince Ki Kung-shi, for instance, wore a strange ceremonial robe when he piloted his flying chariot. And the Persian king Kai Ka'us steered a flying throne while he wore a special crown, so the story goes. Assur, the chief god of the ancient Assyrians, wore an eagle's wings.

More famous in myth and legend are Mercury, messenger of the Roman gods (he wore a silver helmet with little wings on it) and the father-son team of Daedalus and Icarus (they used wax to fasten feathers on their backs, which proved unfortunate when they flew too near the sun).

World War I army regulations provided that a flying officer wear spurs along with the rest of his riding outfit! In the English Air Force of that period, the most uncomfortable flying uniform on record was developed: its high collar produced chafed necks when pilots turned their heads to look for enemy planes.

Today, special garb isn't really

called for when you fly. In overseas travel, it's often suggested that you wear loose-fitting clothing, since you may be traveling for about eight hours. A business suit for the men, casual dress or travel suit for the ladies is appropriate and comfortable.

One way veteran travelers find complete comfort is through using an Air Travel Card. Accepted by all major airlines and thousands of hotels, motels and restaurants, the card can be used for charging flight fares, lodging, meals, etc.

Such convenience lightens a traveler's load of concerns, which is why major airlines readily give information and applications for obtaining Air Travel Cards.

Considered by some to be "a passenger's outfit in itself," it, and the casual approach to air wear today, show how times have changed—with the speed of sound!

Stith HD Club Meets

The Stith Home Demonstration Club met Wednesday, Jan. 27 at

the Stith Community Center with Mrs. Pat Byrd as hostess. Eight members and one new member, Mrs. Ernest Smith, answered roll call with, "How to Cope With Unexpected Guests." The monthly council report was given by council delegate, Pat Byrd.

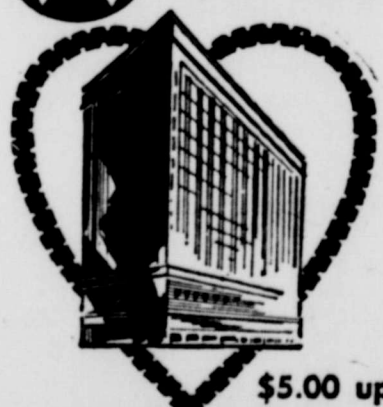
After refreshments were served, the club members made seed pictures, which proved quite interesting.

Mrs. Smith received the hostess' gift.

The next meeting will be Feb. 10 at the Community Center, with Mrs. Lorese Ely as hostess, and the work project will be making burlap bags, said Mrs. Vernon Hudson.

Fishing nets are among primitive man's earliest inventions.

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LITTLE BADGER TRACKS

There will be a monthly P-TA meeting Thursday, Feb. 11 in the Merkel High School auditorium. The primary reading program will be discussed, and all parents are urged to attend.

The Merkel Garden Club will meet in the Merkel Elementary Library Thursday, Feb. 4.

The Student Council's Safety Committee is going to have a safety poster contest sponsored by the Student Council.

The Student Council will open its Valentine Post Office Monday, Feb. 8. Sealed sentiments will be sold for a nickel, singing telegrams will be a dime, and chandy will be sold for 25 cents for 3 pieces, of six pieces for 50 cents. The candy will be cut in two - in squares, and deliveries will be made Friday morning, Feb. 12. Penny Tanner is in charge of this program.

This week Mr. Bratcher's room elected their class officers. Scotty Higgins was elected president, Randy Doan, vice president and Wayne Holloway, secretary.

The Merkel Elementary "A" boys and girls played Anson here Jan. 29, with the girls winning 24-18. High pointer was Ann Walker. The boys were defeated by Anson by a 47-28 score. High point maker was Bob Tate.

Merkel Elementary "A" team girls and "A" and "B" boys played their fourth conference game at Jim Ned Monday, Feb. 1. The boys "B" team was defeated in a close game by a 11 to 6 score, with Jack Whisenhunt as Merkel's high pointer.

The "A" team girls defeated Jim Ned 30-8 with Ann Walker high pointer.

The "A" boys defeated the Jim

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Ned team in a very close one by a score of 20-18. Bob Tate was Merkel's high man.

Singers Elect Russom Prexy

Tom Russom has risen from vice president to president of the Taylor and Jones County Sunday Singing Convention. Russom, of Mulberry Canyon,

was elected on the merits of his boasting and attendance, and not on his singing ability, so stated Tom Russom.
Elmer Ray of Abilene was elected vice president of the organization.

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GAS DRYER BUYER DAYS

SOCIETY



By MRS. T. J. AMASON
Correspondent

Mr. J. H. Whitlock of Cisco is a house guest of his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Coop for an indefinite time.

Mrs. Carol Whitaker and children from Dallas were visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Dunagin Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell of Abilene were visitors in the home of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Doan.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Kerr from

ANDY SHOUSE
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NOTARY

Spur visited over the week end in the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ramby. Also visiting in the home of Mrs. Charlie Ramby were her sister and daughter, Mrs. A. A. Ashley and Donna from Abilene.

Don Rich of Cisco Junior College was home for the week end visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben E. Rich. Miss Leatrice West and June Owen of Lorenzo were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Owen and family. June is a junior at Texas Tech in Lubbock.

Mrs. Callie Price visited in the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Price and son, Henry of Abilene the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Knapp of home of their friends, Mrs. Margaret Anderson the past week.

Mrs. N. L. McLeod visited in the home of her son, Dr. and Mrs. N. L. McLeod in Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Foster of Abilene visited his mother, Mrs. J. B. Foster and his sister, Norah.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Higgins of Seguin were visitors in the home of her mother, Mrs. Jim Toombs for an indefinite time.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wilson of Falls were visitors in the home of his uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sledge.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacky Russell of

IT'S A FACT!..... by Thompson

THE GUNPOWDER PLOT,
AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT
TO BLOW UP PARLIAMENT IN 1605,
IS CELEBRATED EACH YEAR IN ENGLAND
AS GUY FAWKES DAY!

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AN IMPORTANT ABRASIVE MATERIAL,
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THE BEST GRINDING WHEELS.

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WHICH FASTEN INSTANTLY INTO CONCRETE
OR AS MUCH AS 1/4 INCH OF STEEL BY AN
EASY SQUEEZE OF THEIR TRIGGERS—WERE
PIONEERED IN THE U.S. BY OLIN'S
RAMSET OPERATIONS. THE TOOLS DERIVE
POWER FROM THE ENERGY OF A FIRED
BLANK INDUSTRIAL CARTRIDGE.

Richardson were visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell the past week end.

Mr. James Cough and son, David, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Behr and son, Mark of Johnstown, Pa. were visitors in the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. James Cough and daughter, Kimberlee for the past two weeks.

Mrs. J. A. Horton of Abilene was a visitor in the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Horton and attended services at the First Baptist Church Sunday.

**Merkel Bridge
Winners Named**

Winners of the Fractional Master Point Session held at the Taylor Electric Coop Thursday night were: 1st, Max Murrell and Bonnie Dayton of Merkel; 2nd, Stan Sutton of Abilene and Lt. Eob Richards of Sweetwater; 3rd, Marka Rowland and Mrs. Roy Dalziel of Merkel.

TRAVEL TALK

By HULIN FOWLER

See Paris in the Spring, Or Any Time, But See It!

There is a saying that everyone has two countries, his own, and France.

Paris occupies a special spot in the heart of every visitor. It never changes yet it is ever-changing. You see one Paris in the day, and get an entirely new concept of it at night.

Talk to someone who has been to Paris and you will see a look of pure nostalgia come onto his face as he reminisces about that glorious city.

What is there about Paris? a thousand books could not describe it.

Paris is a stroll through one of the magnificent parks that dot the city or along one of the tree-lined boulevards. Paris is an animated discussion at one of the scenic sidewalk cafes that are so typical of this ancient Gallic city of kings, royal gaiety and scene of the rise and fall of empires.

On a typical day in Paris you may want to rise early to eat in your room or at a nearby restaurant before seeing the sights. Your breakfast may be "continental," consisting of hot "cafe au lait" (half hot milk and coffee) and croissants with butter and marmalade.

You will stroll out onto a street already humming with the early morning traffic and hail a passing cab. The ride may be breath-taking in the heavy traffic and your driver may have some words to exchange with another cabbie who brushes past. But French cabbies are good drivers, and he will deliver you safe and sound to your destination — the Eiffel Tower.

A visit to the "tour Eiffel" will give the visitor a sweeping view of Paris, the meandering river Seine, the astounding boulevards, the parks which dot the city with green islands, and in the distance a historic site that you will want to see close-up, the Basilica of the "Sacre Coeur," on top of the Butte Montmartre. You will see also, on an island in the center of the Seine, the medieval cathedral of Notre Dame which took over 100 years to construct.

Leisurely sightseeing may take you from the "Arc de Triomphe," memorial to the victories of Napoleon, down the Champs Elysees to the Place de la Concorde, the formal gardens of the Tuileries, the "Louvre" ancient palace of the French Kings, now a famous museum. Every street, every building has beauty and historical meaning.

France boasts of the best "cuisine" in the world, and you will stop for lunch at one of Paris' many restaurants. Eating is almost a ritual which should never be hurried. After an "aperitif," you may choose "soupe a l'ognion" (onion soup) or a wide variety of hours d'oeuvres.

This is a day in your life in Paris but tomorrow is another day. You will not really get to know Paris on a short vacation but what you will see and do you will never forget.

**Noodle 4-H
Club Meets**

The Noodle Community 4-H Club met in the school cafeteria Jan. 25 with Eddie Arris presiding.

The minutes were read by Marilyn Maxwell and Karan Sullivan gave the treasurer's re-

port. Method demonstrations were discussed and members selected demonstrations to be given at a later date.

Plans were made for an achievement Tea and Favorite Food Show in March.

Members present were Sandra Womack, Ronnie Alexander, Joyce Hogan and Lettie Griffith.

Adult leaders present were Mrs. Ernest Tate, Mrs. Bil Maxwell and Mrs. Hubert Sullivan.

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