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Up The Canyon

By TOM RUSSOM

Well this may be time for Spring, but this is Tuesday March 18th and it is just too cold to ride a tractor.

We are still trying to sow oats, but we are almost through.

I recall when I was a young boy helping with our farming at home. My father had the 15th of April set to plant his maize crop, and we would plant it too.

Now everything has changed so much. The seasons of planting, and farming as a whole has changed so much.

It used to be cotton to sell and maize and bundle feet to feed the 10 or 12 head of mules we used for farming. Now the tractor has taken the place of the mules, and it is \$100 or more a month for the fuel bill.

Farming has slowed down in our area due to the cold weather.

Wheat is still looking good, and a good rain with some warm weather would be the answer to the question on the wheat.

W. C. Perkins and Will Butman, ranchers on top of the divide, reported it was awful cold. Butman said it got down to 9 degrees at his ranch, which is real cold.

The club and church women of our community have been doing some fine work on our Community Center, such as painting and repairing the building.

My oh My we have the finest little 4-H Club organization, and they are doing a fine work.

On March 30th, at 7 p.m., Mr. James Gray of San Angelo, who is best known as a sheep man and a wool man, will meet at our regular 4-H meeting and will speak on the care of wool and mohair; after it is sheared, the care and handling of it until it reaches the warehouse. Everyone! Farmers and ranchers are invited to come. Mr. Gray is well known in our area and has appeared on the program at the Taylor County Sheep and Goat meetings many times.

Melnee Seymore and Roger

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PAT TATE
Merkel Senior

Merkel Senior Of the Week

This week's Merkel Senior is Pat Tate. Pat, 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Tate.

Pat has been a member of the Badgerette basketball and volleyball teams for three years, and is captain of both teams this year.

She has been a member of the FHA and Future Teachers of America for two years.

This year Pat received the Optimist Award as an outstanding student.

She has been a cheerleader for Merkel since her junior year.

Pat is an active member of the First Baptist Church, and plans on attending Cisco Junior College next fall.



HOLD IT POOCH — The Optimists vaccinated 115 pets for rabies last Saturday. Max Murrell, club president, stated there would probably be more vaccination date in the future.

PRESCHOOL CHILDREN INVITED TO VISIT

Parents of children who will start to school for the first time next September are urged to bring their children for a preschool visit on the morning of April 8, 1965, beginning at 9:00. The children will become acquainted with their teacher for next year; they will be taken on a tour of the Primary Building, and they will eat in the lunchroom with the other school children. The preschool children will be dismissed to their parents immediately after lunch.

Letters of invitation are being mailed to all children known to be of school age by September 1st. Children who do not receive a letter but who will be six years of age on or before September 1, 1965, are certainly invited.

Leon R. Walker, Principal of the Elementary School, will appreciate a call from parents of eligible children who were not taken on School Census during the month of January.

Buddy Fellers Dies at Age 64

Buddy Fellers, 64, retired Trent stock farmer, died at 9 p.m. March 17 in Hendrick Memorial Hospital after an illness of several months. He had lived in Clyde since Jan. 1.

Funeral was held March 20 in the First Baptist Church in Clyde, with Rev. Harold Watson officiating.

Burial was in the Clyde Cemetery under the direction of Elliott's Funeral Home.

Born April 24, 1900, in Texas, he married Margaret Ellen Henager in McGregor, Jan. 10, 1925. They moved to a farm near Trent from Coryell County in 1945. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Noodle.

Surviving are his wife; four sons, Marvin R. of Noodle, Byron E. of Houston, Billy D. of Big Spring and Bibby G. of the home; five daughters, Mrs. Alton C. Yandel of Clyde, Mrs. John H. Moore of Tolar, Mrs. Haynie Sides of 4025 Avondale, Mrs. Thomas O. Vandell of Fort Worth and Mrs. Melvin Francis of Minneapolis, Minn.; his mother, Mrs. Ed Fellers of Salado; six brothers, five sisters and 15 grandchildren.

Mrs. King To Attend Funeral

Mrs. Bertha Steel, sister-in-law to Mrs. E. W. King, passed away at 4 a.m. Monday at Garland from a heart attack. Mrs. Steel entered the hospital Saturday night.

Burial will be in Meadowbrook Garden of Memories, east of Paris, beside her late husband.

Mrs. King will attend the funeral.

Son of Merkel Woman Succumbs

Elocadio Pinaluz died Tuesday in Cambridge, Ohio where he had been employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Francisca Garcia of Merkel.

Graveside rites were held Saturday afternoon at Rose Hill Cemetery, with Starbuck Funeral Home in charge.

Mrs. J. M. Sloan Dies at Age 80

Mrs. J. M. Sloan, 80, Abilene resident for the past several years, was dead on arrival at Anson General Hospital about 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

She became ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Maurice Cox, of Route 1, Hawley, where she was visiting, and was taken to the hospital.

Funeral was held at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Merkel Church of Christ with James Fulbright, minister of the Hope Church of Christ, north of Merkel, and Henry E. Speck Jr. of Abilene Christian College officiating.

Burial was in the Stith Cemetery, with Starbuck Funeral Home in charge.

She was born Tennie Theresa Vantreesee Aug. 10, 1884, in Huron, Tenn. She moved to Waxahachie at an early age and married Mr. Sloan there in January of 1902.

They moved to the Merkel area in 1906 and to Stith and Noodle about 1925. Mr. Sloan died in October, 1946.

Survivors are two sons, Troy of Route 1 Merkel and Norman of Route 3 Merkel; two daughters, Mrs. Cline Satterwhite of 1042 N. 17th in Abilene and Mrs. Cox; two brothers, E. F. Vantreesee of Abilene and T. W. Vantreesee of Merkel; one sister, Mrs. Ada Low of Mart; 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Vessie Justice, Bruno Ueckert, Darwood McCoy, Roy Kelso, R. P. Simmons, Norman Bicknell.

Announcement

Mrs. Roy Dalziel has announced plans for a beginning bridge class for people who have played very little, and those who have never played bridge.

The class will meet on Thursday nights for 8 weeks, beginning April 1st. Those wishing further information may contact Mrs. Dalziel at 8-6869.

Jones County Singing Convention Slated For Sunday, April 4

Several quartets and other special singers have already accepted invitations to attend the 73rd Annual Jones County Singing Convention slated for Sunday, April 4 in the High School Auditorium here, it has been announced by T. D. McKinney of Stamford, president.

Plans for the convention were launched at a recent meeting of the officers and it was announced that releases to news media would include an invitation to all singers and lovers of oldtime singing to attend and participate in this year's program. Other officers assisting with arrangements are B. J. Britton, Stamford, vice-president and W. F. Thompson, Anson, secretary - treasurer, Anson.

Singing will begin at 10:00 a.m. and lunch will be served in the High School Cafeteria by the Anson High School seniors, starting at 12 noon. The cafeteria will be open to the public and to singers.

Well known singers and quartets that have already accepted invitations to participate in the convention include the Brown Family Quartet from Fort Worth, the Key City Quartet from Abilene; The Big State Quartet from Sweetwater, and The Tankersleys from Knox City and Abilene.

The Hammond Organ Company will furnish the organ and Mrs. Baird's Bakery will furnish a public address system adequate to serve an overflow crowd.

Merkel Has New Disposal Plant

Since 1926 Merkel has operated with an out-dated sewerage disposal plant, capable of serving a population of 750.

With this in mind, on September 21, 1963, the citizens of Merkel voted overwhelmingly, 202 to 32 to vote bonds for a new plant.

The bond issue amounted to \$155,000.00, and along with it came a State grant of \$63,390.00 bringing the total to \$218,390.00 for a new disposal plant.

Work on this plant will be completed March 29, and on the date Merkel will start using the new plant, which has the capability of serving a population of 7,500.

Mayor Boney stated that this new plant is one of the most modern such plants in this part of the country, and will take care of the anticipated growth of the city.

MERKEL WILL HAVE A LITTLE LEAGUE

By DAN ALLEN

The new directors and officers of the Merkel Little League were elected Monday night at the meeting held for that purpose at the Taylor Telephone Cooperative Inc. building.

Selected as new officers were: president, Troyce Perry; Vice President, Lawrence Hewitt; Secretary-Treasurer, Kent Satterwhite; Player Agent, Glen Reed; Minor League (T-Shirts) Coordinator, Jack Boone and E. A. Conley; and Reporter, Tommye Niell.

Sponsors and managers for the major league teams: Carson Super Market Supers, Tommy Diltz; West Texas Utilities Kilowatts, George English; Taylor Electric Cooperative, REA Willies, Walter Whisenhunt; Malone Implement Co., John Deers, Weldon Steen; Hicks Auto Supply, Cardinals, Jerry Mullent; and F. & M. NATL. Bank, Bankers, Dan Allen.

Sponsors for the T-Shirt teams are the Merkel Optimist Club, Beta Sigma Phi, Merkel Drug Co., and Wilson Food Store. Managers for the T-Shirt teams will be announced later.

Registration will be on April 10th, between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce for all those boys between the ages of 8 and 13 who meet the required league ages (8 years old before July 1st and not over 13 years old until after August 1st).

Jones County HD Conducts Election

A nominating Committee for the purpose of nominating Council Officers for next year, was elected at the regular meeting of the Jones County Home Demonstration Council March 17. Elected were Mrs. Karl Bonneaux, Elmer Joiner and Bob Barksdale.

Mrs. Mary Newberry, the County Home Demonstration Agent and Miss Barbara Marce, an agent in Training, will attend a Workshop on Housing and Home Furnishings in Wichita Falls, March 23-24. They will attend a Training Conference on Latin-Americans in San Angelo March 28-31.

There will be a Leader Training Meeting on New Ideas in Flower Arranging, April 20 at 2:30 p.m. Mr. High, of High's Flower Shop, will be in charge of the demonstration, to be held in the Stamford Production Credit Corp. office.

The Clubs reported having programs on Lawn Insects and How to Control them and Tip and Short Cuis on Growing Flowers and Vegetables. Friendship Club reported making plans for a birthday party for 59 girls at the State Hospital.

Ten clubs were represented. Twenty-two members and 3 visitors were present. The next meeting will be April 21.

Seniors Present One Act Play

By HONEY ANN STECK

"Shadow of a Dream," a play written by Rolant Fernand will be presented by the Merkel Seniors Tuesday March 30 for the Interscholastic League One Act Play Contest.

There will be seven schools participating in the contest to be held at the school auditorium.

Schools participating and their play times are:

- Roscoe—10:00
- Roby—11:00
- Wylie—2:00
- Jim Ned—3:00
- Rotan—4:00
- Merkel—5:00
- Aspermont—6:00

Included in the cast from Merkel are Tommy South, Aleta Scott, Johnny Hardesty, Jennifer and Lois Givins. The play will be under the direction of Mrs. Linda L. Peck.

The public is cordially invited to attend. There is no admission charge.



NOWLIN (CORKY) COX
... receives school grant

Merkel Graduate Receives Grant

Nowlin (Corky) Cox received a grant from the National Science Foundation to study mathematics at the University of Texas for nine weeks.

Cox is a coach and math teacher at Lockett, Texas.

Cox's team won the District 33-B Championship but was defeated by 2 points in an over-time game at regional level.

More History on Merkel Schools

EDITOR'S NOTE: Material for this article, the second and last in a series, is taken from "History of Merkel Schools," which was written by Mrs. H. C. Reid in 1961.

The Merkel school got its first credits of affiliation — three in English and two in Latin — in the fall of 1916 while R. M. Parker was superintendent.

Here is a clipping taken from the Merkel Mail during Mr. Parker's term: "The school board met last evening and completed the election of a full corps of teachers for the coming term. The faculty consists of R. M. Parker, superintendent; Roby B. Mefford, principal; Miss Flora Wright and Annie Smith of high school. Misses Hattie Mae Smith, Emma Houston, Alice Burns, Amber Lewis, Lorena Dry, Almer Wells, Glenn and Lola Lassefer, Ruby Campbell and Lillian Allen.

"Only teachers holding first grade certificates were elected and the honorable board spared no pains in selecting the best out of a large number of applicants. The board was particularly anxious to obtain teachers who would attend strictly to business, and who would not engage in such pleasures at night that would act to disqualify them from doing their best the following day.

Promises of this nature were exacted from every teacher elected.

During the early years children were eager to get the Merkel Mail before school started because it listed the names of the books for each grade and they could shop around among other pupils for a secondhand book to buy and if none was found they could go to the drug store where they might buy a secondhand one that had been turned in there or choose a new one. There were no free text books. The Merkel Mail also listed the pages to be covered for each subject in each grade.

Many pupils could not go the full term because the money would run out before the year ended and the board could not pay teachers for the full term. If that happened, it was up to the parents to pay tuition for the last few weeks of school.

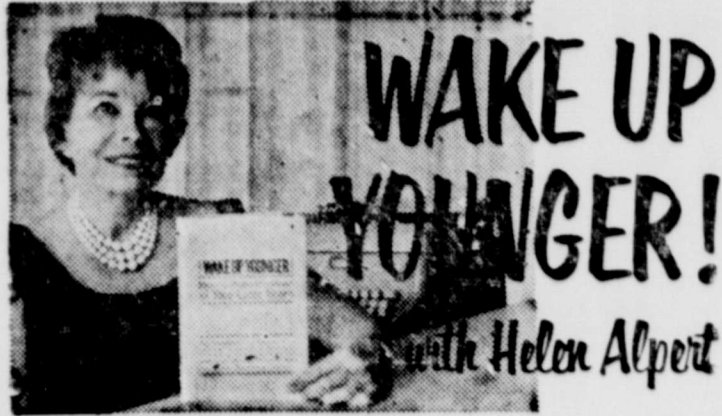
There were many improvements and the school system grew greatly between the two World Wars.

In the summer of 1949 work was started on a new primary building on South Fifth, just south of the elementary building. This building was opened for the first time in the fall of 1949. In 1950 a new elementary building was constructed just west of the 1915 red brick school.

Merkel has now consolidated with the surrounding schools and runs buses to accommodate rural children.

Mrs. Reid's history makes this comment:

"Many, many people who got their early education in this Merkel school have become leaders in their communities and have established many fine homes. Across the states can be found people who have become doctors, lawyers, farmers, druggists, grocers, teachers who attended school within some of the walls of some of the buildings mentioned and who were encouraged or inspired by some of these teachers."



SOCIAL SECURITY

Dear Mam: I will be 62 years old Sept. 23 and I have a big problem. Wherever I go, and I wrote a few letters, I don't get an answer. I was a widow and remarried and my husband died in one month. Now I am told that I lost my rights to social security. To me this is very unfair. How did I know it would happen in only one month to be a widow again. I read in my local newspaper about if a man remarries, will his wife be entitled to social security? The answer was yes, she will be eligible for a wife's benefits. Now I don't understand this. Who makes these laws? Are they different in every State? Will you please tell me what there is for me to do? MYRA

Dear Myra: The Federal Social Security law provides that widow will lose her right to social security widow's payments, based upon her deceased husband's account, when she remarries. She must report it to the Social Security Administration and failure to do so right away may result in not only a request for refund but also a penalty. It does seem a little unfair in your case, but they must have regulations which are necessarily broad in application because they must cover so many situations. Have you investigated the social security standing of your second husband? And there's only one right place to get S.S. information and

answers. Visit your Social Security office — there's one downtown in your city.
NO PLACE TO TURN

Dear Helen: I'm writing in regards to a problem concerning us. My husband fell and is paralyzed. He can't use his left leg and is unable to work. Has been this way for three months and we haven't any income. Our son has helped us all he can as he has a family and obligations of his own. We have asked the trustee for help and he gave our son an order for groceries and to pay the gas bill and says he will not help out anymore. Can you tell us how to get help until my husband is able to go to work. He has Always been self-employed and can't draw workmen's compensation either. We have no income whatsoever. Can you advise us what to do? — MRS. J.P.B.

Dear Mrs. B: You certainly have reason to feel a little desperate. The only place I know to apply for help is the Department of Welfare. If no office is listed in your local phone book, write them at the State Office Building in Indianapolis. Now, your mention of the "trustee" interests me, but you haven't said what he's trustee of, so I can't help you there. But somehow I feel that right there may be a solution of your problem. Report your situation in full to your Dept. of Welfare. They're equip-

THE FIZZLE FAMILY



By H. T. Elmo

ped to advise you and I sincerely hope they come up with a good answer. In fact, I'll say a little prayer that this be so.
TEA FOR TWO

Dear Helen: My problem sounds rather ridiculous but it's got me frustrated. For many years I cooked for my family of seven, which now has narrowed down to only two. Dad and I have lived alone for over a year and I just can't seem to learn to cook for just the two of us. I buy too much of everything and I waste a lot of food (which we can't afford to do) because we get tired of things before they're used up. I'd like to know what others do — MARY—OHIO

Dear Mary: My problem is twice as tough as yours, because I cook for only one. And it ain't funny. I like a roast — but not every day for 3 weeks. My supermarket pre-packaged potatoes in 5-lb bags and most of them spent before I get to them. Found myself eating cold-cut sandwiches till I couldn't face one. Awhile back I ran into a booklet called "Food Guide For Older Folks" which contains all kinds of help about cooking for two — including menus. You can get a copy by sending 10c to Supt. of Documents, U.S. Gov't Printing Office, Washington D.C. and ask for D.A. Home and Garden bulletin No. 17.

TRAVEL TALK

by HULIN FOWLER

DAMASCUS WAS PAGAN, CHRISTIAN, NOW MOSLEM

We were at last on the road to Damascus.

Leaving Lebanon, we came down out of the mountains onto a flat plain. In the distance we could see the Lebanese border station and facing it across perhaps half a mile of "no man's land," the small Syrian station.

There was something sinister about Syria, a feeling we somehow never escaped. Yet we were treated courteously by the border guards as well as other Syrians that we met.

Damascus, a metropolis of over half a million people, is said to be the oldest continually inhabited city in the world, dating back some 6,000 years. In about 1918 B.C. Abram pursued Lot's captors into Hobah, near Damascus

Benson suggested that persons who have been convicted of auto theft be required to make full financial restitution for all damages resulting from the theft.

"The dollar is king in the time in which we live and it speaks a language that the youth of our land understands very well. I am convinced that a uniformly administered policy of providing restitution through the probation authorities of the juvenile courts and through the civil courts against parents would prove a very healthy deterrent to auto theft," Mr. Benson stated.

The National Automobile Theft Bureau is a 50 year old organization that is maintained by 300 insurance companies. Its objectives include the prevention of automobile theft and the recovery of stolen automobiles as well as automobile parts and accessories.

(Gen. 14). Around 1040 B. C. David slew 22,000 "Syrians of Damascus" and put a garrison in the city. Almost 1,100 years later, Paul was converted here and Damascans became Christians en masse.

Damascus today still has parts of the ancient walls that surrounded the city for centuries. The streets are cobblestoned, many covered by picturesque round tin roofs to ward off the sun which at times can be quite intense.

Crowds in the streets are reminiscent of those in Cairo — swarthy people, vociferous and robed. Ancient taxis honk incessantly, their drivers apparently caring little for the lives of pedestrians.

The city is divided into almost a score of quarters of which the "Christian Quarter," called Bab Tauma by the Syrians, contains many of the historical scenes of early Christianity.

We saw Ananias' house, where in about 38 A.D. Paul had his sight restored after losing it on the road to Damascus. We also walked the Street Called Straight, where Ananias first encountered the blind Paul. The street is narrow and cobblestoned but still one of the important thoroughfares of the city, running through the Grand Bazaar and connecting the East and West Gates.

The Syrians, being mostly of the Moslem faith, show little interest in the Biblical landmarks about them. It seems that only the guides, who have something to gain from this knowledge, are cognizant of these facts, while others live in the very shadow of famed Biblical landmarks, quite unaware of their significance.

For example, Paul's window, from which the apostle escaped from the Jews, stands apparently as it has for centuries, unattended and unguarded by signs or other identification. It was easy to see why the disciples had to lower the apostle in a basket for

the window is a narrow slit in a wall high off the ground.

A Mohammedan stronghold, Damascus has one of the finest mosques in the world. I was particularly impressed by this magnificent Mosque of Omayed, which historians say was successively a pagan temple, synagogue, church and finally a mosque. It is said that John the Baptist's head is buried within the fine marble walls.

We had a choice of taking off our shoes before entering the mosque or putting on a pair of elas-

tic banded leather shoe covers ("babouches"). Inside, the floor was covered with fine Persian-style carpets, one of which had been donated by the Shah of Iran. The carpets are never removed. When one becomes worn and soiled another new one is simply placed over it.

Aside from its religious and historical significance, Damascus has a lot to offer the tourist, one being the many "factories" — actually shops — where the tourist can purchase hand-made copper, brass and silver articles: brocades, and mother of pearl inlaid wood furniture.

It was here that I purchased, for about \$50, a small chest made of a highly aromatic wood with mosaic inlay.

I had it shipped home and have never regretted the purchase. Somehow, I derive a particular satisfaction from knowing that it came from the oldest continuously inhabited city in the world, one of the seats of early Christianity.
NEXT WEEK: JERUSALEM.

Minnie Coats, Mrs. Tom Coats and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Pargement spent the weekend in Fort Worth with relatives.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Girl's name
- Ask
- Imitated
- Ring out
- Exist
- Snake-spearian king
- Diele
- Alone
- Get again
- Negative
- Bow
- For example: Lat.
- Visualize
- Moving force
- Breaks out
- Close attention
- Honors
- Tawny color
- Conduct: suffix
- Ego
- Lair
- Musical note
- Instruction
- Vegetable
- Born
- Killed
- English school
- Slave
- Land measure
- Traveller
- Covet
- Plural pronoun
- Tools
- Male nickname
- Thick
- Fly away
- Gait
- Greek coin
- Number
- Harden
- Weep
- Atmosphere
- Particle
- Stitch

DOWN

- Fitting
- Close to
- Title
- Tastefulness
- Fundamental
- Metal
- State: abbr.
- Singer
- Vegetable
- Hearing organ
- Arid
- Ungrateful ones
- Of highways
- Mistake
- Rotate

Answer to Puzzle

Auto Thefts Soar To 20,000 Total

DALLAS — The theft of 20,000 automobiles in Texas during 1965 coupled with widespread "strip ping" of automobile parts and accessories will add up to a record \$10 million economic loss, according to C. C. Benson, manager of Texas Division of National Automobile Theft Bureau.

Speaking at the 16th annual meeting of the Texas Insurance Fieldmen's Association in Austin this week, Mr. Benson also forecast that the continued theft of late model cars, which would later be sold with false serial numbers and titles, would continue to be a major law enforcement problem. Of equal importance, he said, would be the theft of high performance motors, transmissions from sports type automobiles.

Teens Are Top Criminals

"If some way could be devised to keep youngsters out of stolen vehicles, the car theft problem could be cut by two-thirds in Texas. Statistics show that 60 to 65 per cent of all persons arrested in stolen vehicles are under 18 years of age," Mr. Benson said. Questioning the effectiveness of present methods of handling auto thefts involving teen-agers, Mr.

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Lambda Beta Meets With Club

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Tuesday night at the REA building. The program was presented by members of the local chapter of the 4-H Club.

Christy Lucas gave an interesting talk on the meaning of the word "square." Kathryn Criswell gave a talk on the advantages of farm life. A Civil Defense demonstration was given by Sand Hogan and Stephanie Walker, reminding the members of the importance of advance planning in the event of nuclear attack.

Patricia McDuff and Gail Boone gave and electrical demonstration depicting an alarm system for a rural mail box.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Merkel Lodge No. 710 will honor Ford Butman, Sr. as past master Thursday night at 7:30 p.m.

All members are urged to attend.

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The family of W. C. Nalley Jr. 3 1tp

CARD OF THANKS

We want to express our deepest thanks to each and everyone who contributed to the Reuben C. Horton Fund.
Edna Horton and family

Bluebonnet H-D And Canyon 4-H Enjoy Joint Meet

The members of the Bluebonnet Home Demonstration Club enjoyed a joint meeting with the Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club, March 16, at the Community Center. Fifty people were present.

4-H president, Mary Johnson, called the meeting to order. Secretary Myrtle Davis read the minutes of the previous meeting. The 4-H motto and pledge was read by Margo Hunter.

The American pledge and prayer was read by Judy Brnovak.

Glen Bryan gave the inspiration, and Robert Clemmer gave the council report.

The 4-H Club voted to send \$25.00 to A. L. Smith, a friend of 4-H, who is seriously ill in Hendrick Hospital.

Program for the evening was practice demonstrations given by the following:
Judy Brnovak and Becky Bryan gave "My favorite pea salad."

Michale Ray, Mark Dudley and Leonard Schooler gave, "Valuable Junk."

Robert Clemmer and Mark Clemmer gave, "Waste and Pollution of Water."

Gaylon Brnovak gave, "Managing your Bank Account."

Mary Johnson, in public speaking, gave, "Wanted — Long Range Thinkers."

Donald Russom, in public speaking, gave "Wildlife Conservation."

The next meeting will be March 30, 7 p.m. at the Community Center. There will be a special program on wool production given by a specialist, James Gray of San Angelo. The public is invited.

Goodman H-D Club Meets

The Goodman Home Demonstration Club met March 12 in the Community Center, with the president, Mrs. Karl Bonneaux, presiding.

The meeting was opened with a prayer from Mrs. Dan Butler, followed by games, directed by Mrs. Dennis Butler.

Roll call was answered with, "My most humiliating experience."

Plans were made for spring quilting

The history of the U.S. flag was given by Mrs. Karl Bonneaux. It was a most interesting program, and was enjoyed by all.

Refreshments were served by hotease, Mrs. Hellum, to eight members, and one child.

School Menu

School cafeteria menu for the week of March 29 through April 2.

MONDAY
Italian spaghetti with grated cheese, english peas, corn, vegetable salad
Crackers and sliced bread
Cherry Cobbler, milk

TUESDAY
Chicken pie
mixed vegetables
Beet pickles, corn bread
Butter, sliced bread
Fruit cup with fresh oranges
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Roast Beef with brown gravy
Green bean, tomato wedges
Hot biscuits with butter
stewed prunes, white syrup
Peanut butter, milk

THURSDAY
Ham with red beans
Vegetable salad
Oven-baked potatoes
Rolled wheat bread and butter
Fruit jello with fresh apples
Milk

FRIDAY
Hot dogs with home made chili
White beans
Onions and pickles
Buns
Pineapple sweet rolls, milk

Ladies Leave For WOW Convention

The following ladies are leaving Sunday for San Antonio to attend the Woodmen of the World State Convention. Mrs. C. W. Seago will attend as a delegate with Mrs. R. H. Mathews, team captain, Mrs. Fred Johnson, pianist, and team members, Mrs. Alf Walla, Beatrice Reeves, E. P. Hurd, Karl Bonneaux, Edith Perry, Miss Tommie Faye Neill and Maurine White.

There will be three days of activities and the group will return home Wednesday night.

UP THE CANYON

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Moore were home over the weekend. Both are students in Cisco Junior College.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin McCoy of Morton spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seymore.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brnovak were in Fort Worth over the weekend to bring Mrs. Sam Butman home from a few days visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Duncan.

Mrs. B. H. Riney has been on the sick list the last few days.



A bright Spring look, is this delightfully striped and tucked two piecer. Mr. Jack fashions this in an arnel triacetate and nylon blend.

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Garden Club Meeting Held By Mrs. W.S.J. Brown

By MRS. O. B. LEACH

One of the Merkel Garden Club's prettiest parties took place Thursday in the home of Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, with Mrs. Dee Grimes as co-hostess. Club president, Mrs. Joe Hartley, presided at the tea table.

A program, "Music and Flowers," was presented by Miss Christine Collins, who sang "Thank God for a Garden," and "I heard a Forest Praying," by Mrs. Clyde Bartlett, who read "My Neighbor's Garden" and "Manifestation," and by Mrs. Jarrett Williams, playing organ numbers "Spring Song," "To a Wild Rose," and "To a Water Lily."

Members present were: Mmes. Raymond Ferguson, A. H. McElmurray, Herbert Patterson, Earl Hughes, Lucy Ford, Clyde Bartlett, W. L. Brown, Joe Hartley, Charlie Sherrill, Buch Leach, Eunice Massey, Jarrett Williams, John Shannon, H. N. Odum, Mack Fisher, Johnny Cox, W. S. J. Brown, Dee Grimes, and Miss Collins.

Visitors were: Mmes Booth Warren, Tom Largent of Merkel, Mrs. Johnny Snyder of Abilene, and Mrs. Charles Drake of Longview.

Sewing Continues With Busy Bees

Busy Bees met in homemaking room March 22nd. Girls began sewing shifts. Nancy Bagwell served refreshments to the members; Mary Jo Reddin, Cle Juan Douglas, Sandy Hogan, Jan Beasley, and leaders, Lonelle Teaff, Dolly Reddin, and Leona Hogan.



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Palmer Seeks New Masters Record



Two obstacles have frustrated Arnold Palmer in his quest for increasing golf immortality—the winning of an unprecedented second straight Masters and the winning of the PGA title.

Palmer has taken the Masters four times, a feat accomplished by nobody else and that includes Ben Hogan, Sam Snead, Jimmy Demaret, Horton Smith, et. al., at the peak of their games.

Palmer has triumphed twice in the British Open, has come home with the U. S. Open laurels, but the PGA crown has eluded him. He will have another go at it in August.

But it is Palmer's effort to crack through for a repeat Masters performance at the Augusta National Golf Club, April 8 to 11 which will literally catch the eyes of the sports world.

For the Masters, unquestionably, reaches the acme of visual excitement. More than 107 CBS-TV experts, from producers, directors and announcers to technicians, work on this long-established telecast.

Since the event is held at the same site each year, with underground cables and constantly improved techniques projecting the actual excitement into millions of homes, the Masters paved the way for golf's popularity on television.

The 1965 play will be viewed over CBS-TV on Saturday, April 10, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., ET, and on Sunday, April 11, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m., ET. For a number of years the TV cover-

age of this masterpiece of competition, has been jointly presented by The Arrow Company and The Travelers Insurance Companies.

The 35-year old Palmer, pride of Latrobe, Pa., has dominated the Masters in 1958, 1960, 1962 and 1964—oddly enough, he proves the master of the Masters in the alternate years.

But the powerful 180-pounder who, in his decade as a professional since 1955 has earned an all-time record for the period of nearly \$600,000, would like to shatter every possible Masters mark. His 276 in 1964 was but two strokes from Ben Hogan's standard of 274; his six-stroke lead over second-place Jack Nicklaus and Dave Marr was but one stroke behind the record seven-stroke advantage once attained by Cary Middlecoff.

With Nicklaus, Billy Casper, Tony Lema, Bobby Nichols, Gary Player, Julius Boros, twice U. S. Open champion, and a flock of newcomers and veterans pounding at his heels, the odds against Palmer's repeating are formidable.

But would you bet against him?

Letter to The Editor:

While reading the Merkel Mail the past week of what happened in Merkel 75 years ago you mentioned a Rev. S. H. Blair. He was my uncle, brother to my father, John S. Blair.

Uncle Sam was a Baptist Missionary for the whole county.

One day some men asked him to preach for them and he said he would on the following Sunday. But like Moses he wanted to preach the gospel where it had never been preached. Some cowboys standing near told him to go to Castle Peak. He told them he would, and if anyone wanted to get married to come prepared.

There was a large rock on top of the peak where he stood to preach, and it was told on him 'hat' he stomped his foot so hard he left the print of his heel on the rock. I have seen this rock, but no foot print.

After he preached the sermon he announced that if anybody wanted to get married to come forward. A man by the name of Dr. W. H. Martin and bride-to-be walked up and were married. Sam figured there were about 1,000 people there that day.

After leaving Merkel he moved to Houston with his wife.

Uncle Sam visited us in 1910 when we lived at Nubia. We all enjoyed hearing him tell these tales. He passed away in 1913.

Mrs. Harry Riney

LITTLE BADGER TRACKS

Friday the 19th of March Mrs. Benson took the representatives of the Junior Red Cross to the Starr Rest Home to distribute candy. The candy, 40 cups of nut rolls, was made by the students. The representatives were Tommy Walters, Keith Reeger, Judy Hester, Bessie Collier, Carol Whisenhunt, and Elaine Brady. Candy was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Frances Wilson will hold a 4-H meeting in the Merkel Elementary Library Tuesday, March 30 at 3:45. All 4-H'ers will want to attend this meeting.

The best display case of the month banner has been won by Mrs. Holliday's room in the primary building and by Mrs. Orsborn's room in the elementary building. All of the display windows were decorated nicely, but these two stood out among them. The judging for the April display case will be done during the first school week of April.

The colored pictures have been slow in arriving, but we have been assured that they will be here shortly.

The school annual will be arriving soon; probably around the 1st of April. If there are any more students who would like to buy an annual, Mr. Walker still has a few available.

There will be a junior girls and boys tennis meet at Roscoe, Friday March 26. The boys and girls representing Merkel are:

Boy's Singles: Bob Tate; Boys Doubles: Larry Bird and Gaylon

Doan with Tommy Doan as alternate. Girl's Singles: Debbie Buntin and Terry Wozencraft with Terry Sue Doan as alternate. Black; Girl's Doubles: Valorie This meet will start at 9 a.m.

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Preaching Service	11:00	Training Union 6:30 p.m.
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FIRST METHODIST CHURCH		MONDAY
Howard Marcom, pastor		Junior Royal Am. 3:30 p.m.
SUNDAY		TUESDAY
Sunday School	9:45	Intermediate GA's . . . 7:30 p.m.
Preaching	10:55	WEDNESDAY
Youth Meeting	6:00	Women's Missionary Society 9:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	7:00	Sunbeam Band 3:15 p.m.
WEDNESDAY		Junior GA's 3:45 p.m.
Choir Practice	8:00	Intermediate Royal Ambassadors 6:30 p.m.
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CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH		John Curtis, pastor
5th and Rumlens		SUNDAY
John W. Emery, pastor		Sunday School 9:45
SUNDAY MORNING		Preaching 11:00
Sunday School	10:00	Evening Preaching 7:00
Worship Service	11:00	WEDNESDAY
SUNDAY EVENING		Mid-Week Evangelistic Service 7:30
Training Union	6:45	Mid-Week Service . . . 7:30 p.m.
Worship Service	7:30	Choir Practice 8:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY		MISSION BAUTISTA BETHEL
Evening Service	7:30	SUNDAY
—		Sunday School 10 a.m.
CHURCH OF CHRIST		Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Dwight Holland, pastor		Training Union 6 p.m.
SUNDAY		Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Bible School	9:45	NEW LIVE OAK BAPTIST CHURCH
Morning Worship	10:55	3rd and El Paso Streets
Evening Classes	6:00	Bill Williams, pastor
Evening Worship	6:45	SUNDAY
WEDNESDAY		Sunday School 10:00
Bible Classes	8:00	Preaching Service 11:00
—		Training Union 6:00
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Sunday School	9:45 a.m.	

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Suzy Bird Trains In New Jersey

Suzy Bird, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Bird, is in Orange, New Jersey where she is training for computer programming.

She was selected by her company, Monroe Business Control of Dallas, and will be in training three weeks.

In route to New Jersey Suzy visited a former room mate in Washington D.C. While there she toured the historical sites of the city.

During her stay in Orange she will also be sightseeing in New York City.

Our Heritage Is Agriculture

In these days of marvelous scientific progress amidst a booming economy, we are sometimes guilty of forgetting that the very foundation of our nation's wealth is still agriculture.

This basic fact was established more than 350 years ago — nearly two decades before the Pilgrims set foot on Plymouth Rock. It came about as the result of what was probably the first major commercial business failure of America.

In the early 1600's a colony of settlers landed on the banks of the James River in Virginia, eager to establish a new life in a new land. They were mostly tradesmen and skilled workers from England, intent on building a great manufacturing center at the river site which they called Jamestown.

Their first big effort was in the manufacture of glassware, plus a few leather goods. They depended primarily on imports from England for their food and other supplies while they attempted to get their enterprises on a solid footing. That business community lost over half of its population to starvation within eighteen months.

The glass they made was inferior to that which could be made more cheaply in Europe. A shortage of raw material spelled ruin for their leather goods. And the

lack of locally grown food supplies doomed the people to a long winter of privation and death.

The colony floundered. It was not until the people turned to agricultural pursuits that Jamestown became a thriving community.

Tobacco was the first crop which put the settlers back on their feet. The rich tobacco crops built mansions on the James River which are still the envy and marvel of modern day tourists. By 1640, tobacco and other agricultural crops had created an export economy that provided a solid basis for many a family fortune.

In our own state of Texas, agriculture was our first flourishing enterprise. The Spanish padres who came to Texas from Mexico to convert the Indians established the first farms. In the churchyard of Ysleta Mission on the banks of the Rio Grande River, there is a plot of ground which was cultivated continuously from the middle 1600's until 1964 when the drought finally broke this amazing record.

Today, we have only about seven per cent of our people actually engaged in agricultural work on the farm. But our economic health still springs from the soil.

Although farmers make up less than seven per cent of our population, a full 45 per cent and better of our business community is actively engaged in some related agricultural field. These people either buy, sell, transport, process, or manufacture goods which come directly from the land.

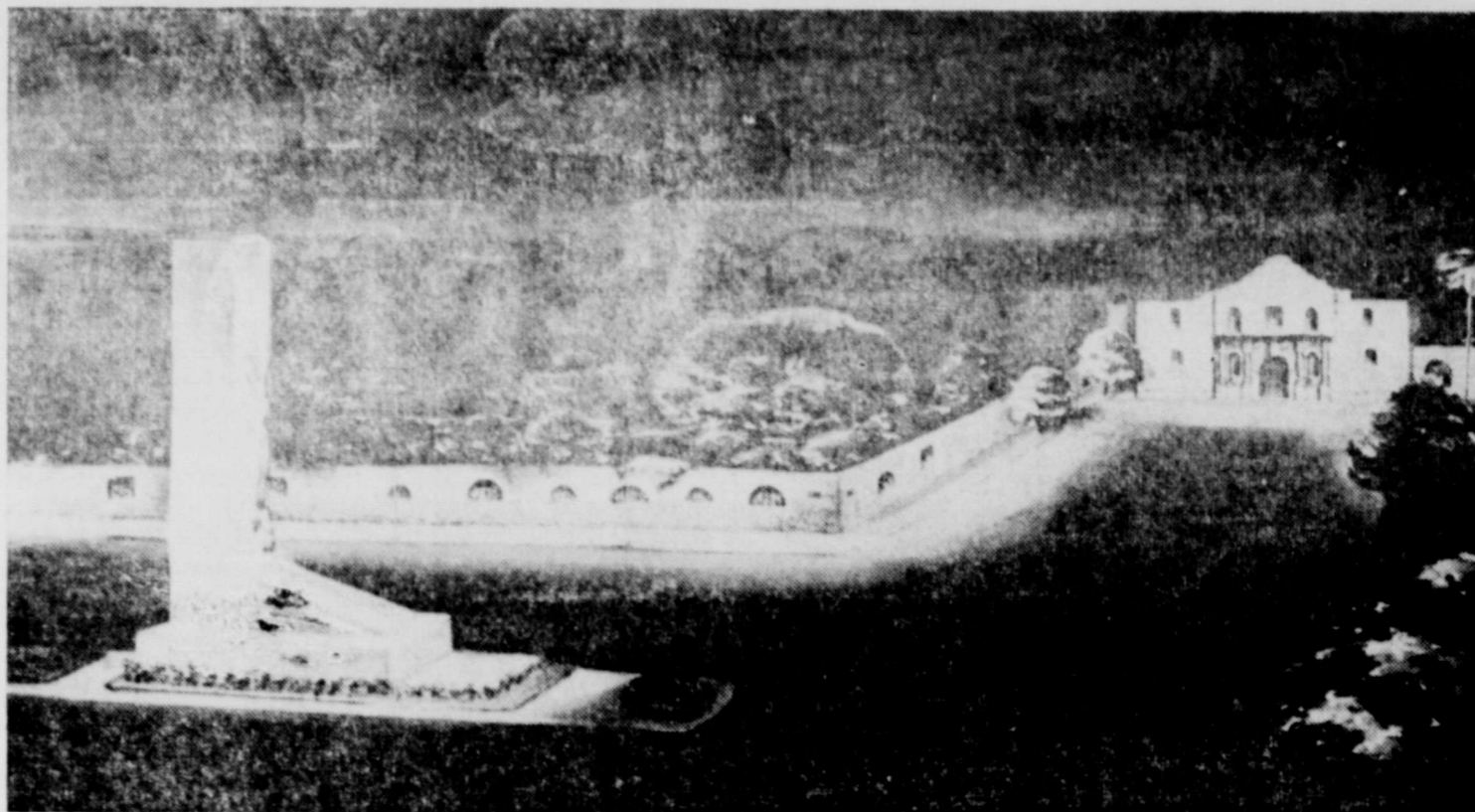
Our state's value of agricultural products is a gigantic two billion dollars each year. We may not any longer be a "nation of farmers" as we once were, but without farming as one of the basic pillars, our national economy would collapse.

The country became a great nation because its economy was rooted in the wealth of the land. Our agriculture, then, is a continuing heritage which we must guard well.

Merkel 4-H Club Holds Meeting

The Merkel 4-H Club had its March meeting at the Taylor Electric Cooperative Building. President, Finley Barnett, presided for the meeting. The American Pledge was led by Kathrine Criswell, and Vickie Robertson led the 4-H Motto, Pledge, and prayer.

In continuing their preparation for the county eliminations contest in April, several members presented practice demonstrations. Patricia McDuff and Gail Boone gave a demonstration on electricity. Mary Jo Reddie and Nancy Bagwell gave a safety demonstration. Sandy Hogan and Stephanie Walker gave a civil defense demonstration. Connie Hagan, Dianne Ann, Dianne White, and Linda Sanford gave vegetable preparation and use demonstrations; and Leslie Heddin and Andy Stephen gave a vegetable production and marketing demonstration.



EXTERIOR LIGHTING OF THE ALAMO will turn "night into day" at the Cradle of Texas Liberty in downtown San Antonio. A General Electric lighting system, donated by the Company, will provide illumination of the Alamo Chapel. Spotlighting will be directed at the Cenotaph, a memorial to the 187 men who died in the defense of liberty. The lighting, which will create an effect comparable to that shown in this artist's rendering, is expected to be installed within 90 days.



ALAMO LIGHTING PLANS. San Antonio Mayor Walter W. McAllister, right, discusses plans for illuminating the exterior of the Cradle of Texas Liberty with General Electric's Ken Cotton of San Antonio, and Mrs. Phillip W. Harral, chairman of the Alamo Committee, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, G. E. is providing lighting for the Chapel, walls and Cenotaph with the cooperation of the City of San Antonio. The lighting which will "turn night into day" was planned by C. M. Cutler, G. E. engineer who supervised the lighting for the Texas Centennial in 1936.

NOODLE NEWS

By SIMMONS CALLAWAY

Mr. and Mrs. Sam McLeod of Snyder were house guests of his mother, Mrs. N. L. McLeod the past week end.

Mrs. Jarrett Pinckley visited in the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary Jewers of Tye the past week.

Mrs. Joe Mason of Abilene was a visitor in the home of her mother, Mrs. N. L. McLeod.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Peterson and family of Abilene were visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Peterson the past week end.

Mr. Raymond Earthman visited in the home of his mother, Mrs. T. T. Earthman the past week end.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Giles of Wichita Falls were visitors in

the home of his sister, Mrs. T. T. Earthman.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sledge were visitors in the home of her niece, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Reed of Snyder over the week end.

Irene Swann of Roswell, N. Mex. was a visitor in the Sam Swann home the past week. Bradley Miles of Abilene was also a visitor.

C. E. Lyle of Amarillo visited his aunt, Mrs. Sam Swann Saturday.

W. L. Johnson from Lubbock visited his sister, Mrs. Emma Wheatly in Starr Rest home Monday and Tuesday.

Sam Swann spent several days in Oklahoma the past week.

Mr. Joe Doan of Odessa was a visitor in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Doan and son, Mark of Lubbock were visitors in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Ja-

cobs and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan the past week end.

Mrs. James Cobaugh and daughter, Kim are visiting in the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Shaw and family for the week.

Dr. and Mrs. Dave Johnson and son, Ray of Waco visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent visited in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Imes of Dallas the past week end.

Merkel Bridge Winners Named

Winners of the Master Point Session held at Taylor Elec. building Thursday night were: 1st - Lt. Robert Richards of Sweetwater and Mrs. Dorothy Sloan of Abilene, 2nd - Mrs. Ed Jay of Sweetwater and Mrs. Bob Wood of Merkel, 4th - Mrs. Frank Peebles and Sue Turner of Abilene, 5th - Jack Russell of Hamlin and Stan Sutton of Abilene.

Merkel 4-H Club Receives Citation

The Merkel 4-H Club received a citation at a recent meeting of the county 4-Council. The Merkel Club enrolled more new club members in 1964 than any other club in the county. Nineteen new members were added in 1964. Individual members receiving certificates of award for enrolling new members were Vickie Robertson, Gail Boone, and Finley Barnett.

The April meeting will be April 1 at the Taylor Electric Cooperative Building.

Miss Teaff Given Gift Tea Saturday

Miss Carolyn Teaff, bride-elect of Bill Nelson of Midland, was complimented with a gift tea Saturday afternoon in the home of Christine Collins.

Co-hostesses were Meses. Jim West, W. J. Derstine, Carl Harber, H. N. Allred, Andrew Baker, Tommy Cutler, Leo Harris, L. A. Dudley, James Russell, John West, S. D. Gamble, Erma Black, Irvin Shields, Walter McCartney and Miss Gloria West.

Mrs. J. W. Teaff received with her daughters, Carolyn and Mrs. Zane Dalton, also of Midland. Musical numbers were presented by Mrs. L. A. Dudley, Mrs. Homer Patterson, and Miss Susan McNary.

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GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, and the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Jess Willard Upton, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Court of Domestic Relations of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty - two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 8th day of March A.D. 1965, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court on the 13th day of January A.D. 1965, in this cause, numbered 1647 on the docket of said court and

styled Betty Beatrice Upton, Plaintiff vs. Jess Willard Upton, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on June 25, 1937, and became permanently separated on or about Sept. 1, 1961. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment, and for custody of the minor children, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 20th day of January A. D. 1965.

(Seal)
Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk, Domestic & District Courts, Taylor County, Texas.
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
52 4tc

LEGAL NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

State of Texas, County of Taylor. In the 104th District Court of Taylor County, Texas. Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff, vs. Ester A. Perez, Defendant.

Whereas by virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the 104th District Court of Taylor County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said Court on the 29th Day of January, 1965, in favor of the said Federal National Mortgage Association, and against Ester

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DOES BLACK PAINT MAKE A WHITE PAINT WHITER?
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Being all of Lot Seven (7), Block Three (3), WOODLAW ADDITION, an addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas; And on the 6th day of April, 1965, being the first Tuesday of said month between the hours of 10:00 o'clock a.m. and 4:00 o'clock p.m. on said day, at the Courthouse door of said County, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash all the right, title and interest of Ester A. Perez, in and to said property.

Dated at Abilene, Texas, this 3rd day of March, 1965.
GEORGE MAXWELL
Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas
By: Leon Sledge, Deputy.
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THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Andrew Fotopoulos, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 3rd day of May A.D. 1965, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 16th day of February A.D. 1965, in this cause, numbered 1696 on the docket of said court and styled Martha Jan Fotopoulos, Plaintiff, vs. Andrew Fotopoulos, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: The Plaintiff and Defendant were duly and legally married on or about August 10, 1956, and separated on or about March 1, 1964, grounds for suit are harsh and cruel treatment. Plaintiff asks for custody of two minor children: Christine Fotopoulos, a girl age seven and a half years and Phillip Fotopoulos, a boy, five months of age; some community property was accumulated and a just settlement will be made between the parties. Defendant should be required to contribute child support monthly for support of said minor children as is fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 19th

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ment of said estate and requests that said estate be settled and closed, and said applicant be discharged from her trust.

Said application will be heard and acted on by said Court at 10 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation, the same being the 12th day of April, 1965, at the County Courthouse in Abilene, Texas.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at said above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 22 day of March, A.D. 1965.

Mrs. Chester Hutcheson
Clerk of the County Court.

Taylor County, Texas
By Louise Hurst
Deputy 3 11c

TEXAS 1964 AVERAGE STATE SALES TAX TABLE

This table is based on the Texas general sales tax of 2 percent. It may be used when deducting sales tax on Form 1040. If the table is not used, sales tax deductions must be itemized and substantiated. Deductible sales tax on the purchase of automobiles and gasoline tax of 5 cents a gallon are not included in this table and must be itemized separately.

Income as shown on line 9, page 1, Form 1040	Family Size (Persons)				
	1 & 2	3 & 4	5	Over 5	Over 5
Under \$1,000	\$ 7	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10
\$1,000-1,499	13	16	16	16	16
\$1,500-1,999	16	19	21	21	21
\$2,000-2,499	19	22	24	24	24
\$2,500-2,999	22	25	27	27	27
\$3,000-3,499	25	28	30	30	30
\$3,500-3,999	28	31	33	33	33
\$4,000-4,499	31	34	36	36	36
\$4,500-4,999	34	37	39	39	39
\$5,000-5,499	37	40	42	42	42
\$5,500-5,999	40	43	45	45	45
\$6,000-6,499	43	46	48	48	48
\$6,500-6,999	46	49	51	51	51
\$7,000-7,499	49	52	54	54	54
\$7,500-7,999	52	55	57	57	57
\$8,000-8,499	55	58	60	60	60
\$8,500-8,999	58	61	63	63	63
\$9,000-9,499	61	64	66	66	66
\$9,500-9,999	64	67	69	69	69
\$10,000-10,499	67	70	72	72	72
\$10,500-10,999	70	73	75	75	75
\$11,000-11,499	73	76	78	78	78
\$11,500-11,999	76	79	81	81	81
\$12,000-12,499	79	82	84	84	84
\$12,500-12,999	82	85	87	87	87
\$13,000-13,499	85	88	90	90	90
\$13,500-13,999	88	91	93	93	93
\$14,000-14,499	91	94	96	96	96
\$14,500-14,999	94	97	99	99	99
\$15,000 & over	97	100	101	101	101

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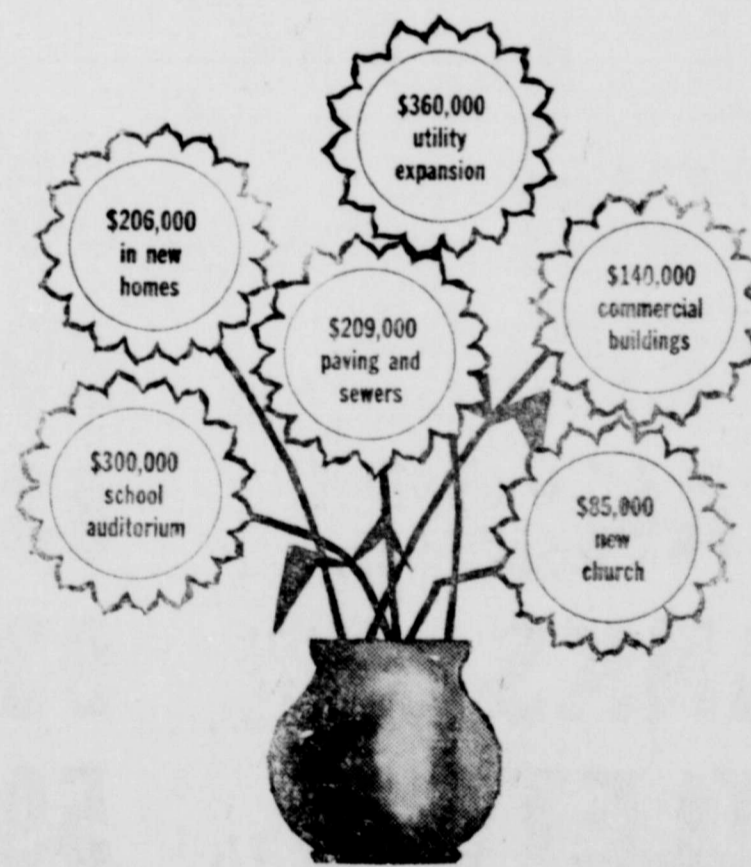
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Stamford blossoms out with a bouquet of community improvements



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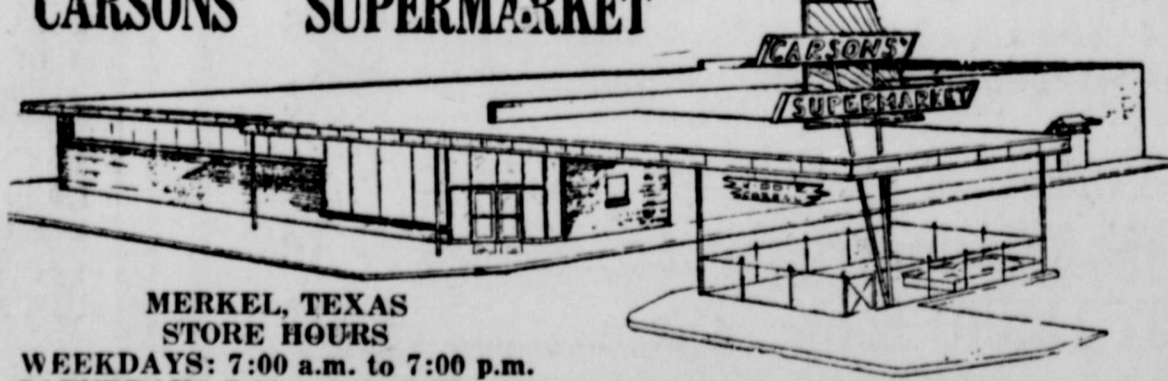
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