

wicAninch and **Eager Win Election**

Tuesday's election saw a turnout of 193 Merkel voters, according to city secretary, Mrs. Flossie McKeever.

In the election, Roy Dalziel was



Well it is still trying to rain

here in the Canyon, but so far

we haven't received much rain.

on'y light showers. But the 15th

of April is a very good time to

The wheat is looking good how-

We were in Anson Sunday and

the wheat from north of Merkel

to Anson looks like it needed rain

more so than our area. I really

think things are in good shape.

Pasture are getting green, springs

are running again, and the fra-

grance of spring time is in the

air. The birds are singing spring-

time tunes. So I think things are

I heard an 80 year old man

say the other day, "Brother, I

love it here and I hope I get to

stay around for a good while."

Well, I am not that old, but I

want to stay a while longer too.

Mail for almost fifteen years, I

had my worst blow the other day.

I walked in a store and a woman

said to me, " Don't you think it

is about time to change that pic-

ture in your column or add on 20

In a case like that I always try

to find words to answer in the

most simple and sensible way I

can, and I said to her, "I had

always stood for the best things

in life and I certainly wasn't

for taking any steps backword

years more?"

After writing for the Merkel

in very good shape.

ever, it is needing rain badly.

set for rain.

Eager. Eager polled 119 votes to Dalziel's 84. The other incumbent Weldon McAninch, received 172 votes for

reelection. In the mayor's election Johnny Cox, running unopposed, received 157 votes. Incumbent Horace Boney, who did not seek reelection, received 34 write - in votes. J. Lynn Knight received one vote in the city council election. Mrs. McKeever stated the election would be canvassed within

five days according to law. In the election Saturday of members of the school board of trustees Johnny B. Teaff, Ben R.

Masons Will Meet At Abilene Lodge

A workshop has been scheduled for officers and members of Masonic Lodges in this area at 7:30 p.m. April 10, 1965. The meeting will be held at John Sales Lodge in Abilene. Officers of Anson, Merkel, Stamford, Hodges, Hamlin, Tuscola, Lawn and three Abilene Lodges are especially invit-

The workshop is part of a statewide, semi - annual program aut-h orized by the Grand Master of Masons in Texas, J. Carroll Hinsley of Austin. The program is conducted for nearly 1,000 Texas Masonic Lodges with a membership of 250,000 men. The Masonic Order is the state's largest fraternal organization.

The purpose of the workshop is to enable Masons to study common problems of Masonic Lodges and their operations. The workshop will be conducted by James H. Farr of Hermleigh, chairman of a Masonic workshop area which includes eight counties.

Grand Master Hinsley stressed the importance of attendance by all lodge officers and emphasized that other Masons are wel-

defeated in his bid for reelection Hicks and Joel R. Henry were to city council by Charles (Peck) elected over J. Lynn Knight. Terrell Farmer, Quannah Dudley and T. J. Neil.

> Teaff received 140 votes, Hicks 129, Henry 109, J. Lynn Knight 83, Terrel Farmer 68, Quannah Dudley 31 and T. J. Neil 28.

Cayton F. Knox, **Former Abilenian Dies at Age 42**

Cayton French Knox of 509 Salem Dr. in Richardson, native of Cisco and former Abilene resident. died at his home Friday. Funeral was held Monday in the First Methodist Church in Richardson. Burial was in Restland Cemetery at Dallas.

He was born Jan. 4, 1923, in Cisco, graduated from Abilene High School, and atended McMurry College and Columbia University. He received his degree in civil engineering from the University of Oklahoma. Mr. Knox was a member of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers, the American Society of Professional Engineers, and the American Assn. of Asphalt Paving Tech-

He was active in the Kiwanis Club and various fields of construction and industrial chemicals. Mr. Knox served 3½ years in World War II in the U.S. Navy as a lieutenant (j.g.)

He was a member of the First Methodist Church.

Survivors are his wife, Mary Joe: two daughters, Kathy and Lynda of the home: his mother. Mrs. F. B. Knox of Midland; and three sisters, Mrs. E. H. Bruton of Stanton, Mrs. A. J. Sparkman of Midland and Mrs. Vincent **Barnett** of Merkel.

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ern Baptists and along with a busy schedule have enjoyed serving in many capacities of church work on state and local levels. Mrs. Finch has been Sunday

School teacher, clerk and was librarian at First Southern Baptist Cturch, . a:: sa, Calif., this past year.

Mr. Finch, who has been ordained as a deacon, served on the Colorado Board of Trustees for Bond Sales. In 1963 he was elected to serve a four - year term on the Board of Directors of the California Baptist Foundation.

Other club and fraternal afiliations of Finch are American Righof-Way Asociation, Elks Club, Masonic Lodge and Shriners.

Trent FHA Group Elects Officers

The Trent FHA elected officers for the 1965-66 school year. Officers elected is as follows: President, Glenda Riggan; vice president, Joyce Scott: secretary, Peggy Hartline: parliamentarian. Betty Reddin; treasurer, Beverly

Hogue: reporter, Ann Riggan: historian, Kathy Williamson; song leader, Wanda Moses; pianist, Betty Sharp.

Glenna Riggan and Joyce Scott were also elected as delegates to the State FHA meeting held in Dallas, April 22 through 24. Besides elections, the chapter

discussed and planned a picnic for the new members coming into the Trent Chapter.

Taylor Telephone Expansion

John Hardestil, manager of Taylor Telephone Cooperative, announced the completion of an improvement and enlargement project of the central office buliding on State Hiway 36, east of Potosi

This project was completed at a cost of \$6,016, and was the first of a three phase expansion program for the Potosi exchange of Taylor Telephone Coop.

The third phase of the estimated \$208,000 expansion program is a \$91,488.30 contract lot by the board of directors of Taylor Telephone Coop to C & B Construction Co. of Mineral Wells for outside plant construction.

Hardesty stated this expansion is expected to take care of the expected growth on the Potosi exchange for the next five years.

Sister of Two **Area Women Dies**

Mrs. Gracie Mae Dunham, 75. died at 5:34 p.m. March 21, at her home at Brady. She was born May 2, 1889 in Eastland and had lived in Brady three years with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wal-

ter Hill. Funeral was held in Wilkerson Chapel in Brady with burial in Dublin Cemetery. Mrs. Dunham was a sister of

Mrs. Hugh Massey and Mrs. J. E. Masey of Merkel.

At best words are a poor medium, typifying, but unable to portray or express our sincere appreciation of the confidence and trust expressed in Tuesday's election.

It will be our aim and purpose to serve with equal devotion all the people of Merkel to the best of our knowledge and capabilities.

Merkel belongs to all of us; it is our town. With the cooperation of our fine councilmen, and all the people we can make our good town not only better but the best.

> Sincerely. JOHNNY COX

FROM INTERSTATE

A prediction of a phenomenal increase of tourists on Interstate Highway 20 and the question of what Merkel can do to trade with these tourists was presented to members of the Merkel Lions Club Tuesday

Onis Crawford said information presented by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce and state tourist agencies show that tourists spent \$5,322.200 in Texas in 1963. Predictions are that tourists will spend \$800.000 000 in Texas in 1970

The importance of the tourist trade to a town like Merkel was pointed up by Crawford's statistics which showed the decline of rural population.

In answer to what Merkel can do to cause more tourists to stop here Crawford pointed out that more work could be done on Merkel's north and south crossroads to make them attractive to motorists. He said these roads are now 25 miles per hour roads and they should be 70 mile per hour highways. For tourists who already go

zipping by, Crawford suggested better highway signs, pointing out the attractions of Merkel as tourists approach. He said the signs could stress the swimming pool. golf course, little league park.

Ralph Duncan, West Texas Chamber of Commerce, said special work should be done with those who contact the tourists filling station employes, waitresses, law enforcement officers.

Trent 4-H'ers Attend Contest

Trent 4-H Club members won the following awards in the Taylor County Elimination Contest held at ACC Saturday, April 3: Public speaking, Arthur Mayberry, 1st place and Pam McElmurray, a blue ribbon; Share the fun, Mark Williamson Jr., a blue ribbon; Foods and Nutrition, Linda McAninch a red ribbon.

Arthur Mayberry will go to San Angelo May 1st to compete in the District Meet.

Work with these people with the purpose of showing them how tourists should be handled is of vital importance, said Duncan.

Johnny Cox reported on attendance at the Lions Club Ladies night at South Taylor. He said Bob Fielder, zone chairman, unreeled jokes that kept the entertainment rolling.

He said a district Lions Club meeting will be held in April at Abilene, the date to be announced



GARY ADCOCK . . . Merkel senior

Merkel Senior Of the Week

BY HONEY ANNE STECK

This week's Merkel Senior is Gary Adcock son of Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Adcock.

Gary has played football for Merkel for the last four years, and has lettered three of these years. He was chosen as most conscientious player this year by the Quarterback Club.

Gary was a class officer for two years, in which he was parlamentarian his sophomore year and vice president his set year. He was also chosen some more favorite.

He has been a member of the FFA and this year was ch FHA Sweetheart by the FHA girls.

Gary is a member of the Church of Christ and upon graduation plans to attend Cisco Junier Col-

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nologists.

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Dear Helen: Every now and

then you strongly talk about citi-

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- LIONEL

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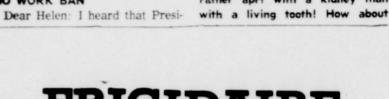
workers. True? ARKANSAS. Dear Arkansas: True. By Executive order, President L. Johnson made it official U. policy that contractors and subcentractors who supply the government must erase age barriers against employees. Likewise, they cannot discriminate in "Help Wanted" ads. This is viewed as a giant step forward in the campaign to eliminate our present and ridiculous barriers!

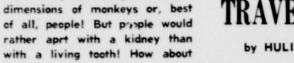
TOOTH BANKS NEXT?

zenship and voting. Soon we'll be Dear Helen: I hope you don't needing to look sharp at candithink I'm nuts, but I think I redates and campaign promises to member our newspaper reporting us. Are you a Democrat or Rethat some day we may have "tooth publican and whom do you favor banks" just like eye - banks for President and local elections? and blood - banks. Would you know about this? I hunted all Dear Lionel: How about NOT? over and can't find the clipping. -DENTURES

It's not fair for me to try to in-Dear Dentures: Don't dash to you. We're all old enough the dentist vet: but you're right. our own decisions. The A university of Michigan dental freedom of choice is This, too, is what I surgeon has perfected some transstrongly talk about! Do what plants to use the third molar, or "wisdom tooth." as replacement do: listen hard, lock hard, exfor a no-good first molar in the amine all candidates. Determine mouth. Darn trouble is he's been which promises they can fulfill which are pipe - dreams. experimenting on hamsters and guinea pigs. The hamster's de-Talk to the candidates wherever veloping teeth are hardly bigger you can. Analyze their answers. Discuss them in your clubs, with than the head of a pin. Drawback your family and friends. Then is that this does not exactly paraarmed with facts, use them where llel the behavior of a human tooth. They need to get to dental they belong - in that miracle of democracy, the voting booth!

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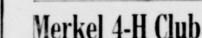




ON EARTH The road from Jerusalem led

imperceptibly downward for we were on our way to the Dead Sea, the lowest spot on the face of the earth.

away and we were in the hear of the land of the nativity. This season in the United States is associated with snow and cold weather, yet here in Jordan the air was hot, dry and still, the road





that?

ORCHIDS TO YOU Dear Helen: Do you know anything about orchid growing? Maybe I could sell them commercially and make some money? -FLOWER LOVER Dear Flower Lover: Why not try? It's a blooming hobby every-

where! You'll find pots of friends by writing to their national association, the American Orchid Society, Botanical Museum of Natural History, Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Helen: I don't agree with your answer to Whitney, the career woman. She sounds as if she's flaunting her public image around her daughter's friends. -ISABEL

Dear Isabel: I sent your letter, unsigned to Whitney, to think about. You made excellent points!

TRAVEL TALK

DEAD SEA LOWEST PLACE

Christmas was less than a mothh

not

lem. On the way we passed Shep-The water has a bitter taste due herd's Field, encircled by a stone to the magnesium content and wall, said to be the site where oily feeling from calcium. The taste of the water remained in an angel of the Lord told the shepherds that a King was born our mouth all day. (Luke 2:8). Beyond, we could see From the shores we could see the Field of Boaz, mentioned in the Mountains of Moeb and the Ruth 1:22, and later we visited hills of Judeah, and it is said the tomb of Rachel, a small that the sinful cities of Sodom domed building said to be erectand Gomerrah lie beneath the ined on the site where she died givland sea's still waters. A beautiful ing birth to Benjamin. hotel, with the picturesque name of the Dead Sea Hotel, has been In a small shop we purchased constructed on the north shore. some Christmas cards which, sent

Our first stop was Bethlehem,

about 10 miles south of Jerusa-

winding and dusty

and, despite the barrenness of by surface mail, arrived just in the land, boasts a beautiful beach. time for Christmas back home. Doubling back to Bethany we on to Jericho, the oldest known stopped at the Inn of the Good city site in the world. Although Samaritan, the traditional site modern Jericho is a community marked now by some old stone of about 35,000 people, ancient walls and mosaics, supposedly Jericho is simply a mound comleft from the time when the Saposed entirely of the debris of maritan took the beaten traveler human existence dating back to at least 8,000 years before Christ.

Leaving the Dead Sea we drove

About twelve miles northwest of

Now we were on a road that The mound has been extensively was "down all the way." as the Bible says, leading to the Dead excavated by the British, who re-Sea, and a magnificent sight opencently found a town hall and a ed before our eyes. Like looking defense tower built before 7,000 down on history we could see Jer-B. C. and portrait heads of plasicho on the left and the Dead Sea ter over human skulls done about on the right. The Jordan River, 4,500 B. C., the earliest examples where Jesus was baptized by of portraiture. John, wound gracefully down Although the discoveries have through mountains, 200 miles to shed little light on the fall of pass through the Sea of Galilee Jericho, they have added a wealth to lose itself in the Dead Sea. of artifacts now reposing in mu-

Finally we arrived at the Dead seums all over the world Sea which, strangly enough, is so forbidding as it's name. Jericho are the caves of Khiribet Though its banks are treeless and Qumran, where the famed Dead barren, the waters were calm Sea Scrolls were found by Beand a clear blue. The sea, the douin shepherds looking for a lowest spot on earth at 1,300 lost goat. Written by hermits who feet below sea level, is 53 miles fled wicked Jerusalem in about long and 10 miles wide. The wa- 140 B. C., the goat skin scrolls -

ocean and fish which get caught have given civilization its clearin the swift waters of the Jordan est picture of life around the time die upon entering the salty brine. of Christ

> The scrolls can be seen daily in the Palestine Archaelogical Museum, silent but effective witnesses to that ancient and holy time.

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and Mrs. C. A. Creigh of Abilene.

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Haynie of Abilene

Knight of Merkel.

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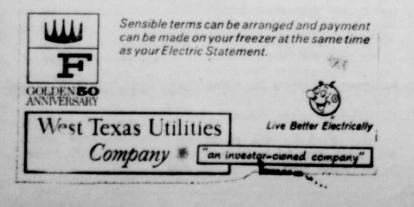
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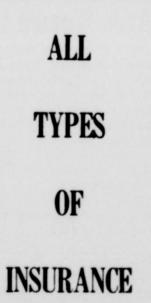
Attends Program

On 'Dog Training'

Merkel 4-H Club held its regular meeting April 1st at the Taylor Electric Building. Finley Barnett called the meeting to order. American Pledge was led by Dianne Allen and the 4 - H Pledge and prayer was led by Patricia McDuff. The roll was called by Christie Lucas.

The program was on "Training Dogs" by Airman Pack from Dyess. Then the following gave their skit they will do in Share the Fun; Melvin Parker, Vickie Robertson, Gail Black, Billy Black, Mary Doan, Donna Dickerson, Terry Doan and Mary Castillo. Meeting was adjourned. Recreation was led by Vickie Robertson. Refreshments were served to twenty - six members and fifteen

adults



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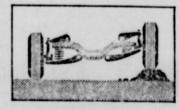


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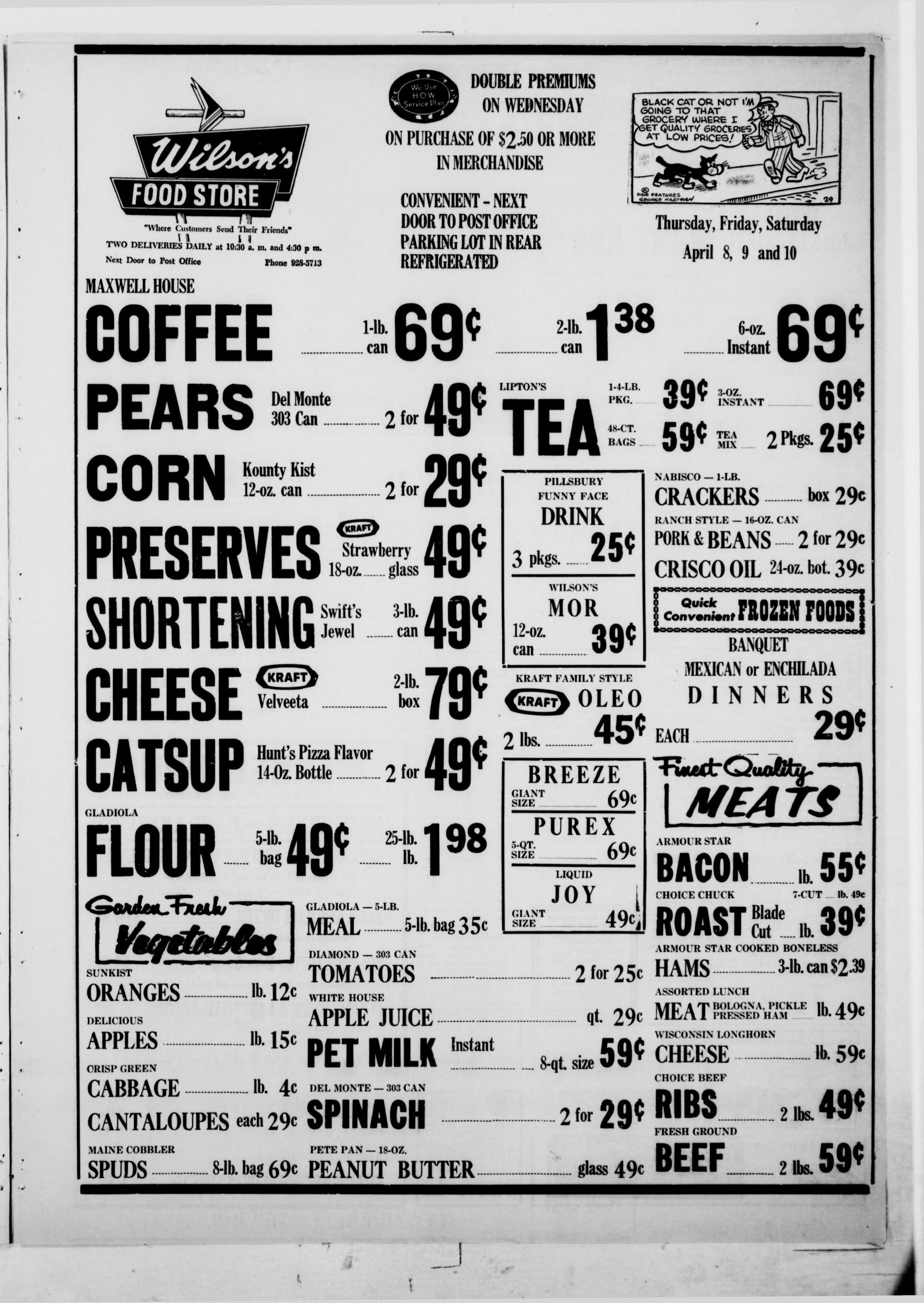
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MASONIC MEETING Stated Meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710 on SGX 2nd Saturday and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Members urged to attend. IKE TURNER, W.M.

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ANDRIA JEANETTE ADCOCK ... senior at ACC to wed May 29

ADCOCK - GARDNER AN MAY Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Alcock

ber will also be employed by the Lubbock School System.

The marriage ceremony will be May 29 in the Merkel Church of Christ at 7:30 p.m.

Handy Helpers Practice Skit

The Handy Helpers of Noodle met March 30th in the Home Economics Room. They practiced on their skit for the Fun Festival which is to be held in Anson

UP THE CANYON

Continued from Page One and always leaving good enough alone

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nally and Tom Russom attended the annual Jones County Singing Convention in Anson Sunday. I didn't know anyone in Anson, I didn't think. But many people shook my hand and said, "Hello Tom."

Reminded me of the little boy and his mother walking down the street and met Santa Claus and Santa shook his hand and said, "Hello, Sonny." The little boy asked his mother how he knew his name.

We met C. M. Lyles, a big singer from Floydada, in Anson Sunday. He is a brother in law to Houston and Hob Robertson and father of the Rev. Cloy Lyles. former pastor of the First Metho dist Church of Merkel. Mr. Lyles told me he doesn't ever miss reading our column. He is a long time reader of the Merkel Mail. We were across the east part of the divide the other day, along the route of the new farm road.

Those right of way fences are really something. Well, I know a good fence when I see one and they are the best ones I have ever seen. They are all free to the landowners for their land for the right of way. It wasn't so with us boys up the canyon. We gave our land and furnished our posts and wire.

Times have changed a lot. Reminds me of a letter I had the other day from a friend. He said, "Education is being stressed more and more all the time, but what are we educating them for?" There's a prediction in the next century you may walk into an office and there would be a computer with it's legs crossed talking on the telephone to another computer.

Some food firms would have a spray, if ordered a sandwich they would just press the spray and out would come a sandwich. A group from Pioneer Church

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took a program to the Starr Rest Home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Rust and sno, Taylor of Abilene, spent the week end in Mrs. Rust's mother's home and attended church at Pioneer

Mrs. O. W. Reed, mother of Mrs. Allen King is back at her home after a month of illness and a stay in the home of asister, Mrs. John Coomer.

Tax Man Sam Sez

Itemizing deductions presents a problem for many taxpayers because they don't keep good records. Be sure that you have the records to support your itemized deductions. Paying by check and keeping all your receipts is usually the best evidence. Check all your records carefully before you prepare your tax return. Don't itemize if the standard or minimum standard deductions will cost you less.



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daughter, Araris Jeanette, 10 4 1tc Gary (Sonny) Gardner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Gardner of Swenson.

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FOR SALE - House and three lots for cash consideration can 5 1tc be bought at a bargain. Cyrus Pee Insurance Agency.

graduate of ACC and in Septemhave announced the engagement and coming marriage of their



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GUEST SPEAKER AT MULBERRY CANYON 4-H — Jim Gray receives a gift of appreciation from Suzie Riney.

MULLBERRY CANYON 4-H CLUB HAS SPECIAL SPEAKER

By DON RUSSOM

The Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club met March 30 for a special program

Mr. Jim Gray, wool and mohair specialist from San Angelo, spoke on the production, care, marketing and grading of wool and mohair. He pointed out that the quality of products we have to sell depends on the kind of care we give the animals before marketing.

He also said if we think our product is inferior, and handle it accordingly, we can expect an inferior price for it.

Mr. Gray sounded a discouraging note for the sheep men when he said the wool business was just about over for the American sheep grower, because we do not prepare our wool as well as other countries.

It was interesting the way he explained why mohair prices are so much higher at times than oth-

market, while on the other hand there is no market except speculation

Mary Johnson introduced the speaker.

Katie Neill lead the American Pledge and Robert Clemmer led the 4-H Motto and Prayer.

Suzie Riney presented a gift to the speaker.

Refreshments were served to 75 people. Our thanks go to Taylor Electric for cold drinks and coffee, and to the 4-H mothers and friends for cakes.

Announcement

The annual meeting of the Compere Cemetery Association will be April 13. Please attend. Let us work together, eat together, and enjoy the day

Letter to The Editor:

Dear Sir:

I enjoy reading the new Merkel Mail, especially the parts about the long ago times.

The mysterious wreck that was pictured in the Mail on March 18 was commonly known as the mule wreck. It happened Sunday morning in the spring of 1916 about 10 o'clock. A burnt journal caused it. As I recall there were four or five cars involved. The name "mule" wreck came because there was a mule trapped in the car left standing - one end of the car was still on the tracks, the other was on the ground. The wheels that were in the forefront came from this car the mule was in. He sure was one excited mule, but was not hurt, But we had to wait for orders from Big Spring before we could open the door as it had a railroad

seal on it. When the door was finally opened the mule left for parts unknown. It took the section crew two or three days to recapture him and send him on his way.

The wreck was there in town just east of the section house crossing. The trains weren't blocked although the main line was blocked; however, the passing track was still open. No railroad crossing was blocked. In fact, I am pictured in the picture. I am the man leaning against the wheels in the front of the pic-

ture. I can't recall who took the picture though. I remember all of the pictures and it brings back

some memories. Yes the old North Side School was condemned, but it was some job to take down. We had to use lots of TNT to blow the thing

down I came to Merkel in 1911 and called it home until 1943. So you see I made quite a stay there. Saw some hard times and lots of good ones. At one time I knew every man, woman and child in Merkel, and I could tell you lots of tall tales (all true) but still unbelieveable. I lived in the West end of town, where the FFA Barn is now

I bought bill of groceries from W. L. Diltz.

Mr. George West was the big in any manner which may be of The Merkel Band Parents Club merchant of the town along with the Anchor Merchantile Company, 7:30 in the band hall. All mem-F. L. Bland, Arthur Rose and H.



DON CARTER KING

. . . special assistant

JAMES J. HARNEY ... TSCRA field inspector

Cattle Association Names King And Harney To New Posts

James J. (Jack) Harney, 41, in 1946. He later attended John of Archer City, has been named Tarleton Agricultural College and received a B.S. degree in animal Texas and Southwestern Cattle husbandry and agricultural edu-Raiser's Association Field Inspeccation from Texas Technological tor for District 22. effective April College in 1949. He was self-emannounced secretary - general ployed in cattle ranching in Jack manager Joe S. Fletcher. County until 1956, when he became

Harney was born in Upland, a commissioned agent for the Ark. and attended high school in Mobil Oil Company in Jacksboro. Alloween, Okla. He is a longtime He still raises registered Hereresident of Texas, and is well ford cattle. acquainted with the cattle busi- King was named TSCRA field

ness.

inpector for District 22 in May, He served in World War II and 1962, and has served in that cawas discharged as a corporal, pacity until the present time. He From 1960 to 1964, he served as is a graduate of the Department deputy sheriff of Archer County, of Public Safety Field Inspectors three years of which was in the School and the DPS Criminal Inposition of chief deputy. From vestigations Seminar.

Sept., 1964 until the time he join- He is active in many agriculed the association he served as tural and civic affairs, including city fire marshall in Archer City The American Hereford Associaand is a graduate of the Depart- tion, the Fort Richardson Masonic ment of Public Safety Field In- Lodge, and the Scottish Rite Conspectors School in Austin. sistory in Dallas.

Harney is active in the Archer He is married to the former City Lions Club and is a member Billie Coley of Jacksboro, and of the Church of Christ. He and they have two children, Sherry his wife, Effie, have two children. Lynn 11, and Don Carter Jr., 7. Upon completion of the Graham Fletcher stated that the Asschool year in May. Mrs. King sociation was fortunate to acquire a man of Harney's experience to and the children will join Don in Fort Worth, where they will serve as a member of the field make their home. inspector force. He is one of 31

field inspectors throughout Texas

and Oklahoma who represent the

Texas and Southwestern Cattle

Raisers Association in the districts

to which they are assigned, help

to locate missing or stolen cat-

tle, and further assist ranchers

Don Carter King, 36, Texas and

Southwestern Cattle Raisers As-

sociation field inspector for Dis-

trict 22, with headquarters in

Graham has been named special

assistant to secretary - general

manager Joe S. Fletcher, effec-

during the recent 88th annual

TSCRA convention held in El

In this position, King will be

concerned with special assign-

ments of the secretary - general

manager, and will be located in

the Fort Worth headquarters

building of the TSCRA, announced

King was born in Jermyn, and is a descendant of the pioneer

Jack County ranching family of

John W. Carter. He attended pub-

lic school in Jermyn and gradu-

Merkel 4-H'ers Place at Abilene

By VICKIE ROBERTSON

Merkel 4-H members did a tine job at the county 4 - H eliminations in Abilene at ACC Saturday, April 3. First place winne :: from each division will go to the dis- and Gail Black. trict contest in San Angelo May 1.

Boys and girls from the Merkel club, the division in which each was entered and their ratings are as follows:

Electric Team Demonstration: Gail Boone and Patricia McDuff,

Civil Defense Team Demonstration: Sandy Hogan and Stephanie Walker, 1st

Vegetable Preparation and Use Team Demonstration: Diame vices at the New Live Oak Bap-White and Linda Sanford. 3rd, ty- tist Church, beginning Sunday, ing with Dianne Allen and Connie Ragan for this position.

Vegetable Production and Marketing Team Demonstration: Andy Stephen and Leslie Reucin, 1st services at 6:30. Safety Team Demonstration: Mary Jo Reddin and Nancy Bag-

well, 1st Junior Girls Public Speaking. Christie Lucas, 1st; Kathrine Criswell, 1st; (Both received a blue tibbon, because each made a score of 90 or above: however Christie outscored Kathrine by one point, so Christie will repre- tend these services.

sent the county at district. Junior Boys Public Speaking: Larry Ragan, 3rd. Senior Boys Public Speaking: Finley Barnett, 1st.

Share the Fun: Merke' 4-H Clab. 1st: feam composed of Melvin Parker, Terry Doon. Doima Dickdistrict contest in these eliminae:son, Vickie Robertson, Mary Doan. rilly Black Mary Castillo

New Live Oak Baptist Church Holds Revival

The Rev. Bob Bockman, pastor of the Nugent Baptist Church. wil be speaker for revival ser-April 1 and continuing through Sunday, April 18.

Services will begin each night at 7:00 p.m., preceded by prayer

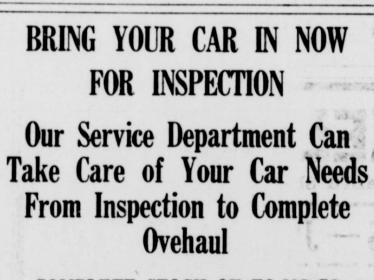
Mr. W. B. Hodges, also of Nugent, will lead the song services for the revival. Mrs. Hodges will be the pianist.

Rev. Bockman is a former member of the New Live Oak Church and resident of Merkel. Both pastor and church extend a hearty welcome to all to at-

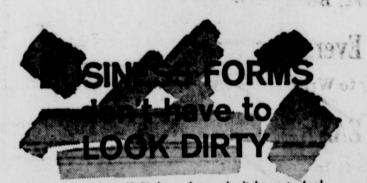


Mary Johnson, left, and Kathy Whisenhunt with their displays - two of the poster displays proclaiming the objectives of the Future Homemakers of America.

ers. He said the styles and fads in clothing, upholstering, car in- will meet Monday the 12th at teriors, etc. can determine a good bers are urged to attend.



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MERKEL MAIL

L. Propst. Fred Groene was the photographer and show man. I am 77 years old, or young as you like. I am still active and work from four to six hours per day and enjoy it. Up at 5 a.m.

and to bed at 9 p.m. I was known to most of the Merkelites as Uncle Bill Smith. I worked for the City of Merkel for several years. Dock Vaughan

was my last boss. I always wil be a Merkelite 100 per cent. Your friend, G. W. (BILL) SMITH

Rt. 6, Box 598-75 Houston, Texas 77016

Merkel cheerleaders will hold a car wash at Jack Collier Texaco Saturday, the 10th, from 7:30 on. Price is \$1.00 per car or pick-

There will be a meeting held at the chamber of commerce Thursday night, 7:30 p.m. for the managers, officers, and all persons interested in the Babe Ruth League. Purpose is to set up try-outs. ister.

ated from Jacksboro High School Registration for Little League boys will be at the chamber of commerce office Saturday the

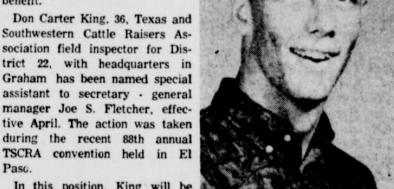
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10th from 3 to 6 p.m. Boys 8 years old before Aug. 1 and not older than 13 before Aug. 1 are eligible. All T-Shirters must reg-



Cast and Sponsor of Merkel's one act play - from left, John Hardesty, Lois Givens, Mrs. Peck, Leta Scott, David Hammond, Jennifer Griffen and Tommy South.



KEITH WILSON ... NTSU sophomore

R. Keith Wilson Makes Honor List DENTON - Names of 76 students on the 3.0 honor roll and

491 on the 2.5 honor list for the fall semester at North Texas State University have been announced by vice president J. J. Spurlock.

Those in the 3.0 group made a grade of "A" in all of their course work. The 2.5 listing includes all others whose grade average came at least midway between an "A" and a "B."

Robert Keith Wilson of Metkel was named to the 2.5 list. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson 805 Oak W. son is a sortomore chemistry major' a 1963 graduate of Merkei righ School

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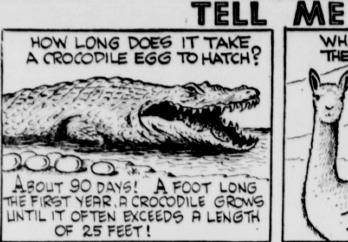
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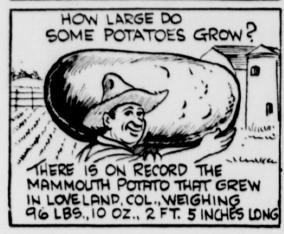
Divorce: Sign of the Times?

Divorce, once a social sin great enough to shame an entire family if any member committed it, has now apparently be-come socially acceptable in almost every strata of society. Why? The rapidity with which the transition from sin to ac-ceptability was made has appalled social workers and psychi-atrists for a generation, but statistics are proving that divorce is here to stay.

is here to stay. Why? There are several theories. Well-heeled career wives are one. There was a time when a wife depended entirely upon her husband's largess for her livelihood and thought twice (and swallowed hard) before she packed her suitcase and flounced from his bed and board forever. The







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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Andrew Fotopulos, Defendent. Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-MANDED 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

Fotopulos, Plaintiff, vs. Andrew

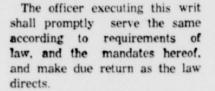
A brief statement of the na-

ture of this suit is as follows, to-

wit: the Plaintiff and Defendant

were duly and legally married

Fotopulos. Defendant.



Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 19th day of March A.D. 1965.

Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk. (SEAL) Domestic Relations Court Taylor County, Texas.

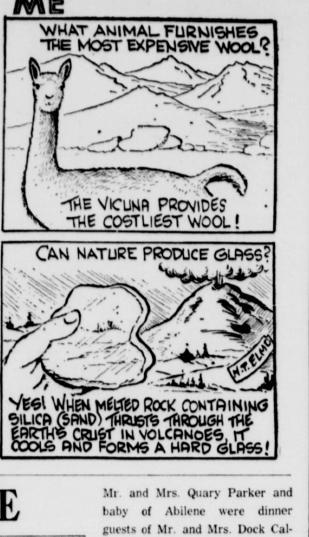
By Janie Brock, Deputy.

By SIMMONS CALLAWAY

NOODLE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Bonneaux left Sunday for Perrin AFB near Sherman where they will spend a few days with their son, Lt. Col. Karl Bonneaux Jr. Col. Bonneaux is stationed near New New York City and is at Perrin AFB on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Kent Denton and week



laway Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Derrell Ueckert of

Lubbock spent a few days last week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ueckert.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Justice of San Angelo spent the week end with her paren's. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Campbell.

A few friends of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Spann, formerly Zenobia Lucas, went to their home in Abilene Tuesday night and surprised them with some gifts from friends at Noodle and Merkel. Joe and Zenobia were married March 26 in Abilene.

E-5 Don W. Putman called his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Putman Saturday from Ft. Belvoir telling them of their new grandson born Saturday, weighing 7 lbs, and 19 ozs. E-5 Putman is in the Seabees Nuclear School at Ft. Belvoir where he has been since midsummer.

rrey Sloan is home and doing better after spending several days in a hospital in Abilene last



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THE MERKEL MAIL, MERKEL, TEXAS

Why today's brides

second thought usually did it -and they wound up cele-brating their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Not any more. Working wives some times contribute as much as half to the family income, and with this new-found emancipation they feel their hus-bands can either toe the mark or else. And if children are caught up in the maelstrom and become victims of broken homes, well-everybody's do-ing it, isn't he?

Like the weather, every body talks about divorce, but nobody seems to be able to do anything about it but thealyzing three broken mar-riages in his latest book of fiction, I LOVE YOU, I HATE more to the case than meets

usual, more-than-ordinarily glamorous life. But his treat-ment of the cause for divorce is an interesting one: he does it via three related novellas in which three sets of pro-

tagonists do their level best to destroy not only their marriages but their peace of mind and dignity as well.

The stories will mean many things to many people. In the first one, "Grounds for Divorce," it will seem unformer band leader - actor -composer who quit the music business at the height of a re-markable career to write, does an admirable job of an-alyzing three broken mar-YOU, DROP DEAD! These are unusual mar-riages, to be sure, for Shaw has been exposed to an un-usual more to the case than meets the eye. And so it goes through the novellas, the third being a mystery en-titled "Whodunit," whose

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 Fotopulos, a girl age seven and a half years and Phillip Fotopulos, 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

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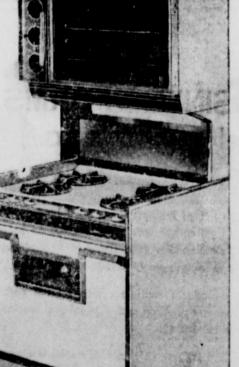


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Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Thaxton

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visitors in the home of his par-

ents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Thax-

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Elliott the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Moore and children, Danny and Dianne, and Delisa of Brownfield were visitors in the home of his mother, Mrs. Ira Moore the past week.

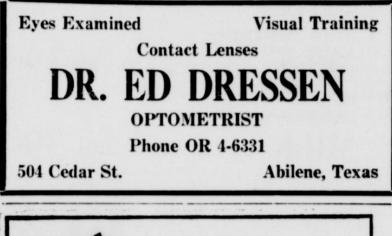
Mr. Ray Elliott of Dallas was a visitor in the home of his mother, Mrs. W. M. Elliott the past week.

Mrs. Allie Holmes and grandsons, Ricky and David of De Leon were visitors in the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Henry the past week.

Mrs. N. L. McLeod has returned home after a visit with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mason of Abilene. She also visited in the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Springer and Randy of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Rubin Holmes of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Crawford of Seminole visited in the home of his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. home of his son, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Henry recently. Mr. and Onis Crawford the past week end. Mrs. Barton Buster of Abilene Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sheppard of were also weekend visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Conley and home of her aunt, Mrs. W. M. children of Monahans were visi







FUTURE TOURIST ATTRACTION - Preliminary model of HemisFair 1968 shows how the 90-acre site in downtown San Antonio would look for the first major international exposition in the history of the Southwest. Located two blocks from the Alamo, the proposed scale model is dominated by a 70-story tower and a civic center complex that would include an arena and fine arts theater. Theme of the fair, scheduled for 184 days in mid-1968, will be a centuries-deep probe into the varying cultures of the family of Americas.

tors in the home of his mother, Chancey the past week end. Mrs. Leona Conley the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lockhart a visitor in the home of his mothof Corpus Christi were visitors in the home of her mother Mrs. Leona Conley the past week end. Mr. and Mrs. Pat Maddox of a visitor in the home of his moth-College Station were visitors in er, Mrs. W. E. Petty the past the home of her parents, Mr. week end. and Mrs. Albert Chancey the past week end. Jack Chancey of A&M Colege home of her parents, Mr. and was a visitor in the home of his Mrs. Gordon Howell of Abilene

STITH Mr. R. B. Horton of Abilene was er. Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason NEWS Wednesday.

Mr. Byers Petty of Abilene was

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Doan and son. Garth were visitors in the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert the past week.

Early Lawn Fertilization Pays

soon after spring growth begins at about the same rate. has many advantages, according to Neal Pratt, an Extension agronomist at Texas A&M University. Pratt says spring lawn fertilization encourages early growth and early green color, improves water - use efficiency, and increases hardiness and drouth resistance because fertilizer helps the grass to develop a stronger. deeper root system.

Complete fertilizers are those containing nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium, Pratt said. Common examples are 12-12-12 and 10-10-10. The numbers represent the

COLLEGE STATION - Apply- early application ,the other two ing a complete fertilizer to lawns nutrients will naturally be applied week

As an example, Pratt says a fifty - pound bag of 10-10-10 which would contain five pounds of each of the nutrients, would be just right for the spring application on 2,500 square feet.

The agronomist says that during summer an application of ferweeks.

Berry and children of San Antonio

F. J. McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley visited Wednesday through Friday at Taft with Mr. and Mrs. Noel McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Royce McDonald.

Mrs. Jerry Lindsey, the former Lola Loflin, was honored with a bridal shower at the Stith Community Center Monday night. March 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bauchhoffer and family of Denton visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Perry over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale returned Friday after a three week visit with their children, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Newton and family of Monahans, and Mr. and Mrs. James Hale and children of Midland.

John Hobbs is seriously ill in son Sunday afternoon. Sadler Clinic - Hospital in Merkel. His children visiting him ov- recovery and was able to sit up er the week end were Mrs. Ollie

Fowler of California, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Hobbs and families of Grand Prairie, Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Hobbs and children of Fort Worth, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hobbs of Munday.

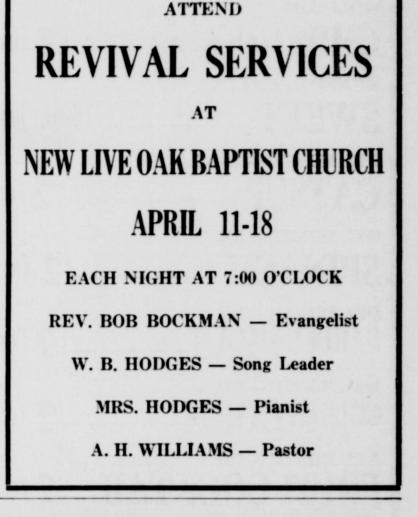
Benny Hobbs is on the sick list. The Baptist people had a church social at the Stith Community Center Wednesday night.

The Rev. James Williams brought the devotional. Group singing was led by Ira Stanley. Several of the community attended the singing convention at Anson Sunday.

Mrs. Kawler of Merkel attended services at the Stith Baptist Church Sunday morning.

Olin Potts, son in law of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones suffered a heart attack March 20. Mr. and Mrs. Jones visited him in An-

He is making a very satisfactory some Sunday.



Light showers fell at Stith Monday morning. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Swindell Jr. and family of Athens, Mr. and Mrs. James Strong and Melinda of Odessa and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thomas of Seymour visited Mrs. J. E. Swindell and the Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Swindell last

By MRS.

FRITZ HALE

Mrs. Thelma Dedmon moved to Abilene last week. She had been living with her mother, Mrs. A. M. Evans since the death of her husband on Nov. 20.

Mrs. Nora McDonald returned home with them after a visit tilizer that is high in nitrogen of several months with her sons' should be made every eight to 10 families. They also visited with T.Sgt. and Mrs. Robert Wayne

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pounds of the nutrients in each 100 pounds

Pratt emphasized that fertilizers should be bought on the basis of its guaranteed analysis.

The rule - of - thumb in applying fertilizer to lawns is to use 11/2 to 2 pounds of nitrogen per 1.000 square feet, according to the agronomist. With the complete fertilizer recommended for

Officers Elected By Girl Scouts

The Girl Scouts of the Juliette Low Patrol elected officers March 29. Elected were: president, Dianne Allen; vice president, Jeanette Tanner; secretary, Cathy Carson; treasurer, Kay Holler; reporter, Dianna Dayton: game leaders, Zana Mansfield, and Connie Ragan; Scout leader, Mrs. Bonnie Dayton.

Requirements for the needlecraft badge have beeen completed and were on display at the Scout Hut April 5th.





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