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**Up  
The  
Canyon**  
By TOM  
RUSSOM

Another good rain fell across the Canyon Sunday evening; part of the Canyon reported up to 1 1/2 inches of rain. The west end of the Canyon and north side didn't receive much of the rain, only showers fell. And the first rain they have had in a good long time.

It rained on Arthur Moore's place this time. He reported that he received over 1 inch of rain. I think he must have put a dollar in the collection plate (and took out two) — anyway, Arthur said it got the job done in a big way.

The cotton looks good here, but you can't tell just what the return will be until it is in the bank. It might be like the work going on around our place. My wife thought she would try to dry some peaches like they used to do a long time ago. Due to the showers, she brings them into the house two or three times a day. It's also like my hay we had to cut down and got the rain on. Now it looks as if the boys will have to turn the hay and try to get it dry enough to bale.

Well, we had some lamb buyers this week, wanting a few light weight lambs. But there just isn't any of that kind in our area. The lambs are pretty heavy here.

Frank Brnovak had a load of lambs on the San Angelo market this week. The hay baling was well under way until the rain hit and now it will be several days before it is ready to bale again. There will be a lot of hay put up in our area.

Pat Tate of Merkel visited in the home of her girl friend, Aleta Scott, over the weekend.

Phil Seymore is home on leave from the Army, enjoying some of his Mom's good meals. Phil arrived here too late for the Seymore Reunion.

Tom and Joseph Swinney have just returned from a Marine Training Roundup. They flew to California and back, and spent two weeks there at the base.

The 33rd annual Sheep and Goat Raisers Assn. meeting will be held at the Abilene State Park Friday of this week. The Sheep and goat owners will meet and discuss the problems of their business and will have speakers on the program. It starts at 10 a.m. and closes at 3 p.m.

The Taylor and Jones County Fifth Sunday Singing Convention will be held at Pioneer Church this Sunday afternoon, beginning at 2 p.m. We are going to have another good singing, so come on out and enjoy it with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewell McLean of the Canyon visited Sunday afternoon, with their daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. Griff Barnett of Anson.

### Joe Swinney Sons Finish Training

Cpl. Marvin Swinney returned home Saturday, after his two weeks' training at Twenty Nine Palms, Calif. with the last unit of the Fifth Motor Maintenance Unit of Abilene.

Cpl. Joseph Swinney spent two weeks at Twenty Nine Palms the last of July.

Marvin and Joseph are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Joe (Joe and Gladys) Swinney of Route 2. They are grandsons of the late Sam Butman, Sr.



**IT WAS A WONDERFUL THRILL!** — Were the words Mrs. Ada Higgins used in describing her recent "first" plane ride. Taking the trip with her son, Ollie Sr., and grandson, Deverle. Her pilot . . . and grandson, Ollie Jr., took the picture.

### MRS. HIGGINS, 89, TAKES PLANE RIDE

"It's the most thrilling experience I've had in my life!" These were the words Mrs. Ada Higgins used when describing her recent plane ride — her very first one!

"My grandson, Ollie Jr., had been begging me to go up for three years," said Mrs. Higgins. "Every time I would see him he would say 'Grandmother, you ready to go up?' But I just never could get ready."

Ollie Jr., who piloted the plane, asked one more time last week "Grandmother, you ready to go up." And grandmother replied, "Yes, I'm as ready as I ever will be."

All this took place at the Fort Phantom Lake Airport last Sunday, Aug. 15.

"My son, Ollie, and my other grandson, Deverle, went along," said Mrs. Higgins. "We took off and I couldn't keep from looking down. We flew over Abilene, Merkel and Trent."

When asked if she recognized any places over Merkel, Mrs. Higgins replied, "Several places were pointed out to me, but by the time I located them, we were already passed."

Sitting in Mrs. Higgins' living room, watching the twinkle in her eye as she told of her wonderful ride, we felt the excitement was contagious. When asked if she had ever experienced a more thrilling time in her 89 years, she replied, "Never! Horseback riding when I was a girl was exciting, but nothing like my plane ride."

Mrs. Higgins has lived in and around Merkel all her life. "I came to Taylor County when I was a young girl in 1922, and I've lived around here all my life. And no one could have told me then that when I was 89 I

### Gleaners' Class Attend Breakfast

A seven o'clock breakfast Wednesday, Aug. 18, in Fellowship Hall of First Methodist Church highlighted the Gleaners' Sunday School Class meeting.

Breakfast was served to the following members and guests:

Mmes. Mary Cick, W. S. J. Brown, Roy Largent, H. N. Odem, Hubert Patterson, Beulah Stanford and Mary Grimes.

Also Almeda Bullock, Sallie Gant, Sallie Moore, Mattie Billingsley, Lee Tipton, Kenneth Pee and Forrest Gaither.

Also Rev. Baucus, Johnny Cox, John Shannon, A. H. McElmurry and O. E. Harwell, and Miss Louise Hudson and Miss Mabel McRee.

Host and Hostess were Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Toombs, Mrs. Dee Moore and Mrs. Denzil Cox.

## Citizens Reminded To Obey City Speeding Ordinance

Stricter enforcement of speed and stop sign laws in the city are on the agenda for the citizens of Merkel. At a recent City Council meeting members voted unanimously to "tighten the belt" on offenders of speeding automobiles and lack of observance of stop signs within the city.

The City Council, composed of Onis Crawford, Charles Peck Eager, Clyde Wurst, J. L. Fisher, Weldon McAninch and Mayor Johnny Cox, feel the need to remind citizens that observance of all safe driving laws can prevent needless accidents.

"With school fast approaching," says Mayor Cox, "it's imperative that the citizens of Merkel and surrounding area, observe and obey speed laws and come to a full stop at all stop signs."

The Council referred to City Ordinance No. 2 in their discussion of prohibiting fast driving in the City of Merkel. Section 12 of Ordinance 2 reads — "It shall be unlawful for any person to drive at a rate of speed in excess of fifteen miles per hour within the business section of the City of Merkel or within one block of the boundary lines of any public school building."

Section 16 of Ordinance 2 reads — "Penalty for violating this ordinance shall constitute a misdemeanor, punishable by fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars for the second or any subsequent offense, not less than ten nor more than two hundred dollars."

"Stop signs are erected and



**CITY TROUBLESPOT** — Stop sign on the corners of Cherry St. and S. Third arouses the concern of Policeman D. B. Bowen. This "most often run sign" was a major cause for recent City Council action.

## OPTIMIST CARNIVAL SET FOR THIS WEEK

"There's fun for the entire family," says publicity chairman, John Emery, "when you come to the Optimist Carnival Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Aug. 26, 27 and 28.

Hours of planning and preparation have gone into the staging of the annual carnival. The planning committee, composed of Arthur McNary and Pinkie Cybert, have worked with the entire Optimist Club members in bringing to Merkel a type of entertainment for all to enjoy.

Some of the entertainments planned are the "Dunking Sam," Bingo, and rides for the kiddies.

### Chaplain Noll To Preach Aug. 29

Chaplain Frank Noll, of Dyess Air Force Base, will preach at the eleven o'clock hour at Grace Presbyterian Church Sunday, Aug. 29.

### Sheep and Goat Raisers Assn. To Meet Aug. 27

Annual field day for the Taylor County Sheep and Goat Raisers Assn. will be held Friday, Aug. 27, at 10:30 a.m. in the Abilene State Park.

### J. E. Bowers, 78, Rites Aug. 21

Funeral services for J. E. Bowers, longtime Trent merchant, were held Monday at Elliott's Chapel of Memories with burial in Elmwood Memorial Park in Abilene.

Bowers, 78, died Saturday at Hendrick Memorial Hospital. The Rev. Robert P. Jackson, pastor of North Park Baptist Church, and the Rev. W. T. Hamor, retired Baptist minister, officiated.

Bowers was born Dec. 29, 1886, in Tolar. He was a retired merchant, having operated a dry goods store in Trent for 35 years. He married Anna Howell in Eastland Feb. 17, 1910.

In 1946 they moved to Abilene from Trent. Survivors include his wife; two sons, Jack of Fort Worth, Billy J. of Big Spring; and three grandchildren.

## TEC IS PRESENTED 3RD SAFETY AWARD

A safety certificate has been awarded the construction and maintenance crews of Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc.

The certificate was presented to Horace Childers, Line Superintendent by Kenneth Rogers, Safety Engineer and Instructor from the Safety Training Department of A&M University.

In qualifying for the award, the employees worked a total of 217,921 man hours and traveled 1,025,510 miles since the last last time accident. This record was maintained by the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc.

the third certificate to be presented to Taylor Electric Cooperative.

Norman Winter, General Manager of Taylor Electric Cooperative, says "we are especially proud of this safety award since the men work during all hours, day or night, and in any kind of weather." Winters says that the Cooperative will continue its rigid safety training program to prevent lost time accidents.

Winters also stated that he believes that accidents do not just happen, they are caused.

### Election To Be Held Sept. 7

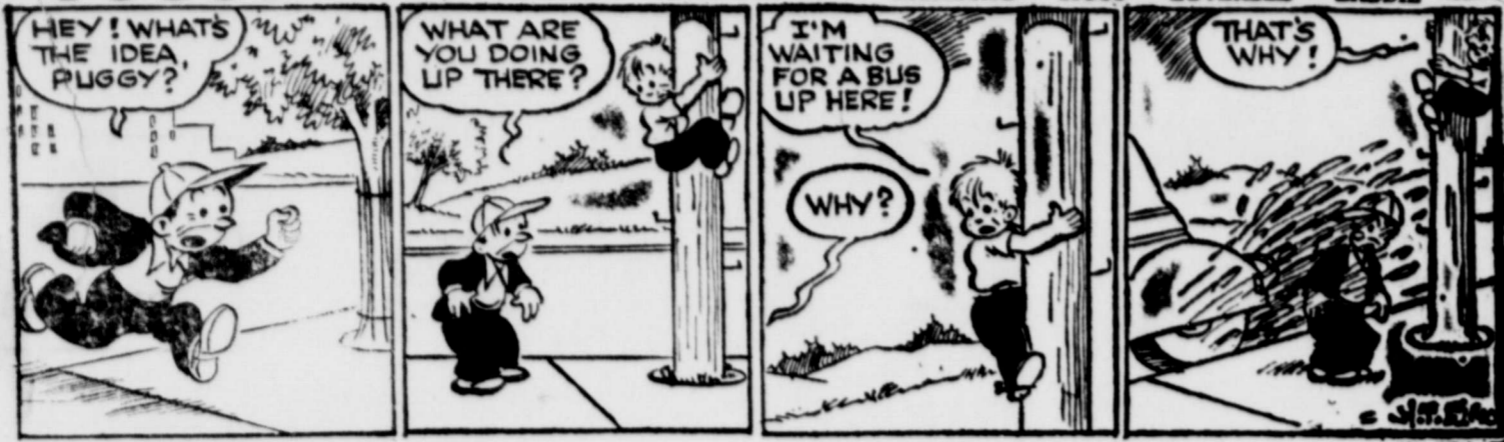
"There will be an election held Tuesday, Sept. 7," said Precinct Chairman Raymond Ferguson, "concerning the amendment of increasing the number of senators from thirty one to thirty nine."

The voting place is the high school gymnasium and "boils will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. said Ferguson.



**SAFETY CERTIFICATE** — Horace Childers (standing, second from left) displays certificate awarded the Construction and Maintenance Crews of the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc.

**PUGGY**



**AMERICA'S MOST LOVEABLE LADDIE**

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**Cheek to Cheek with DollyGram**



The little doll the big doll is holding is a unique greeting and gift idea which is fast becoming an "in" thing around the country. It's a Western Union DollyGram, a doll by wire that carries a cuddly sentiment across the country or across the street for people who like to be a little bit different. There are four types of DollyGrams and each is embroidered with a special greeting across its colorful front: "Happy Birthday," "Have a Happy Day," "Congratulations," and the one above, held by Jo Ann Martino which says, "Please Cheer Up." A DollyGram is an ideal combination of greeting and gift that is neither too much nor too little for any occasion, but is unusual enough to be long remembered. They are appropriate for a wide range of situations which require a remembrance: anniversaries, births, promotions, vacations, bon voyages, house-warmings, retirements, hospitalization, and general "good luck" wishes. And they are permanent, renewing themselves, and thoughts of the sender, over and over. DollyGrams can be sent for \$2 plus telegraph message charges from Western Union offices in more than 1,000 cities, or by telephoning Western Union. A supplementary message also may be sent along with the doll.

**WAKE UP YOUNGER!**  
with Helen Murry

**SEWING CIRCLE**

Helen Murry: For some time I have been thinking of writing you with the hopes that you might be able to help me. I embroider by hand, dresses, handkerchiefs, but mainly table cloths and napkins. I have placed an ad in the newspapers but to no avail. I work at home. I wonder if you know of any firm I can contact? Thanking you. — NEW YORK

with this sort of thing. If so, won't you please write me so that we can try to help these ladies? Thank you very much.

**Sept. 1 Deadline For Fair Entrants**

(Special to the Merkel Mail)—The first day of September will mark the first deadline in the Women's Department for the 1965 State Fair of Texas, October 9 through 24 in Dallas.

Mrs. Leah Jarrett, department director, said that registration forms should be in on Sept. 1 for the following divisions: Art, Designer - Craftsmen, Leathercraft, Hand Painted China, Ceramics, Creative Hobbies (former Miscellaneous Arts), Holiday Corner, Needlework and Sewing, Foods, Antiques, and Hobby Collections. Articles to be exhibited are to be received in the Women's Department Sept. 24 through 28 in all these divisions.

The second important target date will be Tuesday, Sept. 7, when registration forms must be submitted to the Women's Department by people who plan to enter the Clothing Contest. Upon receipt of the registration form, identification tags will be mailed back to the contestant for attaching to garments before modeling.

Dear Helen: After reading so many of your articles I have decided to write to you for help. I am planning to retire soon, but would like some part time work that I could do at home. While my children were small, I used to do hand work at home for gift shops, but as far as I know there are none in existence that I know of. Could you give me the address of some reliable firm that I could write to? I sew, crochet, tat and knit and embroider. I have ads from (blank) and (blank), but would like to know of some nearer home. I know nothing about either of these firms, but if you do, or any other that I might contact, I would be very glad to hear from you. —RHODE ISLAND

Dear Madam: I am 66 years old and on S. S. but would like to make a little extra money. I would like to do simple sewing or assembling articles at home without selling. I have tried several times, but the only thing I got out of it was to lose the \$2.00 or \$5.00 for entry fee. Would you know of any reliable company offering such work? — NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dear Readers: The above three letters came to me over a three day period — and I don't have help. I don't have the means for any answers. Maybe you can investigate such firms and I'm certainly not going to furnish any names without knowing what I'm doing. The letter from New Hampshire indicates why. My judgment tells me that a fee is required tells me that when a fee is required it's a good idea to forget about it. A company who wishes to employ homework help shouldn't need a fee from its employe. I feel sure some of my readers have had reliable experience

Mrs. Jarrett said clothing contest entrants must bring their garments to the Women's Building not later than 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18, for judging. Winning garments will be retained

in the Women's Department and will be modeled on opening day of the State Fair, Saturday, Oct. 9, at which time award winners will be announced. This showing

will be open to fairgoers. Registration forms and the premium list are available by writing to the Women's Department, State Fair of Texas, Dallas 75226.

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**GRAPE JELLY** KRAFT ..... 18-oz. glass **29¢**

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Giant Size ..... **59¢**

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FOR RENT — Six room house on Bettis Heights. Call 928-5959. 25 2tp

FOR RENT — Nice four room house, unfurnished, on Rose Street. Brooks Patterson. Ph. 8-6901. 25 2tc

FOR RENT — Unfurnished 3 bedroom house. Plumbed for washer. 402 Ash. Ph. 8-5236. 25 2tc

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### CARD OF THANKS

It is with grateful hearts that we express our thanks for the many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy extended to us during the recent loss of our loved one, May God's richest blessings be yours.  
The J. E. Bowers Family.

### CLASSIFIED ADS

GET RESULTS



BAND OFFICERS — The 1965-66 Merkel High School Band officers elected, are from left, Mike Walla, first lieutenant; Almer Barnes, second lieutenant; Hayden Griffin, captain, and Sue Holloway, second lieutenant.

## MERKEL AREA 4-H CLUBS EXHIBIT FOR CALF TOUR

H. C. Stanley, Taylor County Agent, praised the quality of animals seen on the annual Beef-Calf Tour which was held Friday, Aug. 20.

Approximately 70 people who were on the tour, saw 64 beef animals on feed for the coming show season.

The first visit was at Rusty and Lee Ann Holloway's, who are members of the Countywide 4-H Club. There the group saw five Angus and four Hereford steers on feed. Breeders of their steers were Heston McBride, Granite Hills, L. C. Jennings, Arthel Henson and Dr. Donald Strode.

The next stop was at Bill and Sue Holloway's where the group saw one Angus and four Herefords. Breeders of the Holloway steers are Roy Largent, Jerry

Cresswell, Buck Long and Heston McBride. Bill and Sue and Countywide Club Members.

Melvin Parker Jr., was the next stop, where the group saw three Hereford steers. Melvin is a member of the Merkel 4-H Club. Roy Largent is the breeder of the steers owned by Parker.

Finley Barnett, Merkel 4-H Club member, was the next stop. He exhibited two Hereford steers bred by Gerald Petree and D. Gartman.

Jerry Shafer showed the group four Hereford steers bred by his father, Red Shafer. Jerry is a member of the Countywide 4-H Club.

Pam McElmurry showed one Angus steer and one Angus heifer at her home. The animals were bred by Ricky McElmurry. Pam is a member of the Trent 4-H Club.

The last stop for the Merkel area tour was at the Erwin Davis Ranch where Myrtle Davis showed her three Hereford steers and two Hereford heifers. The animals were bred by Edgar Davis. Myrtle is a member of the

## Attention Mother Are You Setting A Good Example?

(Special to the Merkel Mail) — Thousands of mothers will be going back to school this year as they prepare to take their turns as chauffeurs in the neighborhood car pool.

"But will they be setting a good example for the future drivers in their car pool?" asks F. P. Mims, Regional accident prevention director of the Allstate Motor Club. "Driving a group of children to and from school is an important responsibility and also the perfect opportunity for mothers to exhibit the safe driving practice of the much needed defensive driver."

Mims urges mothers to take time out and brush up on the rules of the road and defensive driving techniques. To prevent becoming involved in a needless accident, a driver must possess the highest degree of patience, foresight, alertness, knowledge, skill and a good attitude.

To help mothers prepare for this special assignment, Mims offers the following checklist for car pool mothers:

1. Explain to children the first day that certain rules MUST be obeyed while in the car. These rules include the following: Everyone must be seated while the car is moving. All hands, heads and possessions must be kept inside the car windows. No one may touch or bother the driver.
2. Keep all doors locked while care is moving and make certain children know they must not touch door handles until car is stopped.
3. No children should be allowed to have lollipops, candy or ice cream on sticks while in the car. A sudden bump or swerve can turn a treat into a threat to a child's eyes and mouth.
4. No roughhousing or wild antics should be allowed while in the car. Loud shouting or sudden movements will distract the driver.
5. Keep the automobile in good mechanical condition to prevent failure of brakes or other parts while in traffic. Check gas gauge before starting each trip.
6. Obey ALL traffic signs at ALL times. Reduce speed when approaching children or other cars discharging children.
7. Have seat belts installed in both front and back seats and require children to use them.

## Merkel High Band Has Picnic-Swim

The Merkel High School Band elected its 1965-66 officers Friday, Aug. 20. Officers elected were Hayden Griffin, captain; Mike Walla, first lieutenant; Sue Holloway, 1st Second Lieutenant; and Almer Barnes, 2nd Second Lieutenant.

The band, under the direction of W. G. Reed, have been currently having summer rehearsals. Rehearsals will continue through Aug. 27. Tim Beasley is drum major.

Approximately 40 members attended a picnic and swim party Saturday, Aug. 21 at Abilene State Park.



Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club. The group was treated with a barbecue dinner at noon by the Abilene Kiwanis Club. I. B. Duck, chairman of the Agricultural and Conservation committee of the organization, welcomed the group.

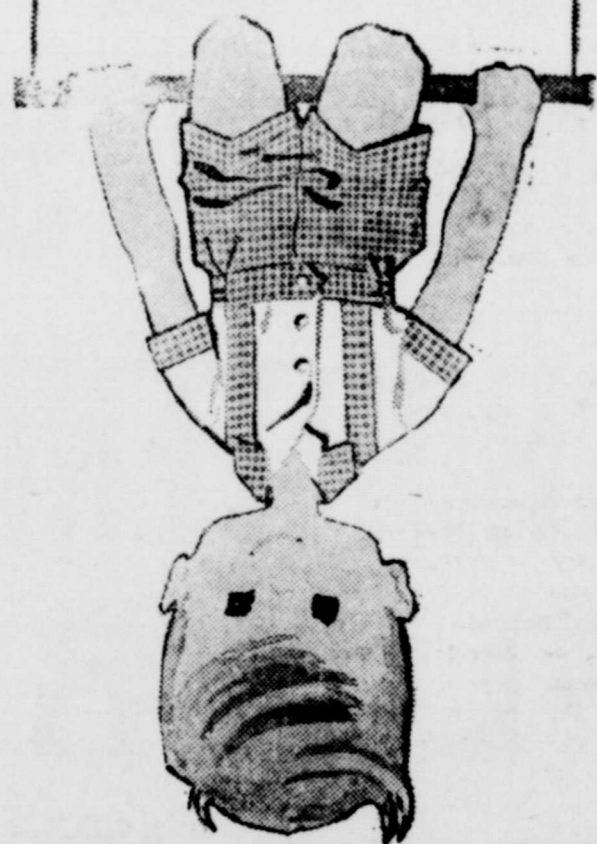
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## HODGES - HEALER WEDDING VOWS READ

Double ring wedding vows were read for Janice Carolena Hodges and Francis Marien (Frank) Healer, Friday, Aug. 20 in the Hobbs Baptist Church, Rotan, Tex.

The Rev. F. E. Healer, father of the bridegroom, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carrol M. Hodges of Rt. 2, Sweetwater. The Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Healer of Sweetwater are parents of the bridegroom.

Reva Jo Hall of Hobbs was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Wynell Barnes of Lazbuddie, and Mariha Aylesworth of Plainview and Mary Feazle of Baytown. Anita Healer, sister of the bridegroom was junior bridesmaid. Their dresses were tangerine crystal peau. They wore matching net veils with white accessories. Each carried a white gladiola.

The bridegroom's brother, James Healer, was best man. Groomsmen were Jerry Hodges, brother of the bride; L. A. Wiloughby, Sweetwater, Brent Scott, Plainview, cousin of the bride; and Steve Pearce of Lamesa, cousin of the bride. Chuck Pearce of Lamesa, cousin of the bride, and Roger Marcrom of Hobbs, were candlelighters. Dale Scott of Plainview, cousin of the bride, and Walt Cave of Hobbs, seated guests.

Shirley Sellars, Hobbs, and Judy Herndon of Bridgeport, registered guests.

Music was presented by Mar-

vin Scott of Plainview, uncle of the bride, and Mrs. Billy Carter and Mrs. Dale Scott. Organist was Janie Healer, sister of the bridegroom. Pianist was Mrs. J. C. Cave of Hobbs.

Kathy Hull of Hobbs was flower girl and Becky Healer, sister of the bridegroom, was ring bearer.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of white silk organza and chantilly lace, fashioned with a fitted bodice, scalloped neckline, and long petal - point sleeves. A panel of lace enhanced the skirt of organza. The silk illusion fingertip veil was caught to a tiara of seed pearls. She carried a bouquet of white roses, mounted on a white Bible.

The reception was held in the home of the bride's parents.

Following the wedding trip to Six Flags, Fort Worth, the couple will be at home at 850 E. 15th St., Sweetwater.

The bride is a 1964 graduate of Hobbs High School and attended Hardin - Simmons University.

The bridegroom is a 1961 graduate of Newman High School and has served four years in the U. S. Air Force. He is employed by the Western Electric Company in Sweetwater.

The bridegroom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Denis Doolley Thursday evening.



MRS. FRANK HEALER  
... formerly Janice Carolena Hodges



PROFFITT REUNION — Relatives attending the reunion included, from left, Mr. and Mrs. Jody Proffitt, Mr. and Mrs. George Proffitt, Mr. and Mrs. George Proffitt, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Newsom, Mr. and Mrs. Zara Staley, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Neal and Mr. and Mrs. Olen Young.

### Proffitt Reunion Held August 15

The Proffitt Reunion was held at Ira's Cafe Sunday, Aug. 15, with approximately fifty relatives attending.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Newsom were hosts for the reunion at the cafe.

Relatives attending were from San Angelo, Albany, Merkel, Abilene, Ballinger, Hawley, Brownwood and San Diego, Calif.

### Scotsdale Youth Choir to Present Musical Program

The Youth Choir of the Scotsdale Baptist Church, El Paso, will present a musical program at the First Baptist Church in Merkel, Sunday, Aug. 27 at 7:30 p.m.

The Rev. Riley Fugitt is pastor of the Scotsdale Baptist Church and Thomas W. Cline is Music and Youth Director.

"The First Baptist Church of Merkel is the first stop for the Youth Choir," said Mrs. Joe Lassiter, First Baptist Church secretary, "which will present musical programs at various points on their trip to Fort Worth."

"The public is invited to attend this program," said Mrs. Lassiter.

### Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club Member Is Fair Nominee

Myrtle Davis has been nominated for the 1965 West Texas Sweetheart contest.

Miss Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Davis of the Nubia community, will compete with other West Texas Fair entrants, at the West Texas Fair Sept. 13-18.

An active member of the Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club, Miss Davis is secretary - treasurer of this organization. She is the 1965 District FFA Chapter Sweetheart, treasurer of the Merkel Future Homemakers, and plays a flute in the Merkel High School Band. Miss Davis will be a junior in Merkel High School this fall.

### Workers Needed In Many Fields

(Special to Merkel Mail) The Abilene area continued to show a moderate gain in total employment during July. Unemployment dipped sharply from a month ago. A further drop in the number of unemployed is expected during the forecast period.

Cotton chopping had hay harvesting activities were at a peak in July, thus causing agricultural employment to rise slightly over last month's total.

Demand for workers were easily available in most occupations in applications on file in the Abilene office of the Texas Employment Commission. However, additional workers are needed in the following occupations: floor layers, dragline operators, refrigeration mechanic, silk finishers, wool pressers, route salesmen, secretaries with underwriting experience and cooks.

### NOODLE NEWS

By SIMMONS CALLAWAY

Noodle experienced a freakish windstorm Friday afternoon. A heavy rain lasting about 10 minutes, accompanied by a real hard wind blew off the roof of one of Gerald Derrick's barns and carried it some 250 to 300 feet. Up - rooting a china tree in the Callaway's yard, and blowing down an apricot and two mesquite trees near their barn, the wind traveled on to strike a china tree at the Bonneaux's and also a tree at Carol Best's.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Earl Smith and boys from Odessa spent the weekend with the Bill Caldwell and the Tommy Smiths of Hodge.

Mrs. Elsa Maxwell spent a few days last week with her daughter, Joane, in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Griffin Sr. visited with their son, J. B. Jr., and his family in Fort Worth four days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Ueckert and children from Monahans spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. McCain.

Visitors in the Dock Callaway home last Wednesday afternoon were his daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gary of Dume, and Mrs. Callaway's granddaughter, Mrs. Don Darby and children of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Best and children from Coahoma visited Saturday evening with his brother, Carol Best and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dillard had her brother and wife, the Wayne Mays, of Beaumont, visiting recently. The Dillards returned home with them, stopping over in Texas City where they met three other brothers, Winefred, Don and Buck. Before returning home, the visited other relatives in Dallas.

Mrs. Troy Sloan attended the funeral of her Aunt Alice McNay in Fort Worth one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Sprayberry visited their daughter's family, the Robert Montgomerys, in Odessa last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Poplin from Midland visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Justice several days last week.

### Beverly Butman On Campaign Trip

Miss Beverly Butman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lois Butman, Rt. 2, Merkel, is one of a group of forty - four high school and college students who are taking part in a "Campaign for Christ" in Mason City, Council Bluffs and Clinton, Iowa.

The students are knocking on doors of Clinton, Ia. and encouraging persons to study the Bible. The campaign will last through Aug. 22. The central headquarters are in Washington Junior High School at Clinton.

Seventeen of the students are from Lubbock, who recently conducted a similar campaign in Liverpool, England. They are members of the Broadway Church of Christ of Lubbock.

Miss Butman, who will be home the latter part of August, will return to York College, York, Neb., in September to resume her studies there.

### Club Members Get Recognition In Magazine

Karen Sullivan and Mrs. J. C. Williams received recognition for their club activities in "The Messenger," a magazine published bi-monthly by the Home Demonstration Clubs of Texas.

Karen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Sullivan of Rt. 2, Merkel, is junior leader of the Noodle Community 4 - H Club. She was recently chosen the 1965 4 - H Gold Star Girl. Other summer activities include her second - place winning on her "money management" demonstration in district and a red ribbon at state.

Mrs. Williams, who is a charter member of the Avoca Home Demonstration Club, has lived in Avoca for sixty years. She takes an active part in community work and was recently awarded the National Congress of Parents and Teachers pin.

### Merkel Graduate To Teach in C. City Schools

Bryan Beth Dunagin of Merkel has been elected by the Colorado City Public Schools as teacher of fourth grade for the school year 1965 - 66.

Miss Dunagin is a 1962 graduate of Merkel High School. In January, 1965, she completed requirements for a Bachelor of Science from Hardin - Simmons University with a major in elementary education and a minor in history.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Dunagin are her parents. Colorado City Schools will begin Sept. 1.

### EDITORIAL

Dogs, dogs everywhere, big dogs, little dogs, dogs that are kept home and are pets and a joy to the family, dogs that bark at night keeping the whole neighborhood awake, dogs that roam the streets and alleys, turning over trash barrels, dogs that dig up other people's flowers and shrubs that have cost time and money to raise, dogs that run in droves certain times of the year.

People who allow their dog or dogs to roam over town or bark and howl all night are violating the law. Without a dog pound, truck and equipment and a full time man to operate same leaves the city virtually helpless. Merkel cannot afford this enormous expense.

Complaints from all parts of town indicate that the situation is becoming intolerable. Some have, and others say that they are going to use their shot guns when dogs molest their property or by fighting and barking and keeping them awake half the night. Owners of dogs that are not kept in the yard and kept from barking, have no legal complaint or recourse, if their dog "comes in dead" some morning.

We of the Merkel City Council urge your cooperation in an effort to relieve this deplorable situation. Unless this menace radically improves, drastic measures will have to be put in force to protect those so annoyed.

Johnny Cox, Mayor.



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