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Up The Canyon

By TOM
RUSSOM

Winter has really had its grip on things up the Canyon. It's difficult for stockmen to get to some of their pastures to feed livestock; however, the snow has melted so early every morning the ground is frozen so that the pickups can't get to the pastures.

Anyway, we had "winter time" in a big way here in the Canyon. Winter like we have just had stops all the work, except livestock feeding and chores around the place.

The storm on the livestock really made them shrink and was very hard on them. We don't know about the few stockmen who's sheep were lambing out, but could guess it was really hard on them too.

We have always heard it said that February was a short month and could be put behind quickly, but sometimes February is a real cold, rough month. The Canyon had seven degrees this past spell.

Had a few minutes' visit this week with Holland Teaff, and I was glad he has done so well, after being in a very bad car wreck about a year or more ago. I recall that for many years Holland and I served on the Soil Conservation board together. Perhaps gave the "best part of our lives" to the duty in which we served.

Mr. and Mrs. White has been visiting with Holland. Mrs. White is Holland's sister, and also another sister, Miss Selena Teaff has been with him. I know they all had a good time visiting together.

We regret so very much to hear of the bad luck Sam Swann of Merkel had a few days ago. He slipped and fell on the slick ground, breaking a hip. We understand Sam is in the Hospital in Abilene. Why don't we all send him a card soon.

Elmer J. Paterson, manager of the Butman Youth Camp, has been real sick the last few days. He reported all of the camp's water system was frozen up.

HD Club Leaders Discuss Wills

"How and Why Make a Will" was one program given by County Judge Leon Thurman for the Jones County Home Demonstration leaders in the office of Mrs. Mary Y. Newberry, Jones County Home Demonstration Agent. Sixteen adults and one child attended the meeting.

Judge Thurman discussed advantages of making a will, cost of a will, what happens if no will is left, who can make a will, and the four types of wills.

He also explained the execution of a will, when to rewrite or change a will, probating a will, and the different definitions and terms used in wills.

Leaders who attended the meeting will present the program on wills to their respective clubs. They were Mrs. Elmer Joiner, George Pearce, M. R. Cloud, R. B. Green, Frank Carter, Karl Bonneaux and Martha Viers.

Also Mrs. Minnie Wise, H. A. Haynes, Ab Hunter Jr., Dwaine Johnson, Orval Ely, Curtis Clyburn and Newberry.

'BRUSHSTOMPERS' ORGANIZED IN '61

Picture a scene back in November, 1961 when a group of "horse lovers" were gathered together on an "Indian Summer" afternoon discussing — you guessed — the formation of a riding club. Such topics as membership, horses, riders, horses, colors, rules, horses, leaders, and an arena were "tossed back and forth."

The second meeting of this informal gathering turned out so many interested "riders" that the group decided the first thing on their agenda should be the discussion of an arena. "Everyone pitched in and worked on the arena," says Jarrett Pinckley, an active member of the Merkel Riding Club. "Soon we had a very nice place to hold our weekly meetings. We met on Sunday afternoons until lights were put at the arena and then Saturday night became our regular meeting time."

Along about the third meeting of this group they began to think about a name for the club. "It was finally suggested that each member send in a name for the club," said Pinckley. And after careful consideration "the name 'Brushstompers' was chosen" with the suggestion being given by Pinckley.

The first directors of the "Brushstompers" were David Gamble, president; Pinckley, vice president; Mrs. Mattie Lou Wozencraft, secretary; Ralph Russell, Mark Malone, Walter Whisenhunt, Irvin Davis and Earl Watts.

"Our colors were blue and gold,"



EDWIN READ
... Brushstompers' president

said Pinckley, "but just recently we have changed the gold colored shirts to white."

At a recent meeting of the Merkel Brushstompers Edwin Read and L. J. Gray were elected as directors to replace Pete Morgan and David Gamble, whose terms had expired.

The club chose Miss Shirley Sarchusky the Brushstompers' Sweetheart for 1966, with Miss Terry Wozencraft as alternate.

The directors meeting, which was held Jan. 18, elected Edwin Read, president; Walter Henslee, vice president and Mark Williamson, secretary-treasurer. Committee and chairmen named were Jarrett Pinckley, program; Walter Whisenhunt, parade; Ted McAninch, arena; L. J. Gray, roping, and Mrs. Jack Boone, publicity.

The 1966 directors are Read, Henslee, Mark Williamson, Gray, McAninch, Mark Stowe and Wilmer Criswell.

In cooperation with the Merkel Chamber of Commerce and other local businesses in Merkel, members of the club have ridden in many parades and other festive functions. "These riding activities will remain in our memories for a long time," said Pinckley.

The Brushstompers have attended many parades and rodeos and have "brought home several trophies."

One of the clubs' annual activities is the sponsoring of a contest each summer whereby prizes are given to the winners of all groups entering in the riding contest.

NOTICE

Representatives from the Taylor County Tax Assessor - Collector office in Abilene will be in Merkel Saturday, Feb. 5 to sell automobile license tags. The representatives will be at the Chamber of Commerce office from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. this Saturday and also on duty Saturday, Feb. 26 and March 26.

FEB. 1 MARKED THIRTY YEARS AS POSTMASTER FOR DURHAM

"That's a good question," was Postmaster Wren Durham's chuckling answer to "how many stamps have you licked in the past thirty years?"

Tuesday, Feb. 1 marked the anniversary of thirty years for Durham as postmaster at Merkel and also "recalled many memories in that time."

"Actually, I started working in the Merkel Post Office in 1926 as a clerk," said Durham. That was when the post office was "right next door to the Merkel Mail."

"The next location was where Bill's Flower shop is now," said Durham, "followed then by our present location."

"I recall how my appointment came about," said Durham. "Thomas L. Blanton was Congressman then and he came over to Merkel and said 'let's have an election.' The election was held in the theatre then located on Edwards Street, and several candidates got up on the stage. Somehow or another I won the election and my appointment came later from the president of the United States, Franklin D. Roosevelt."

The appointment came in the form of a large certificate or diploma size, bearing the seal of the Post Office Department, Unit-



POSTMASTER WREN DURHAM
... thirty years' service

ed States of America. It read: "Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, to all to whom these presents shall come, greeting: Know ye, That, reposing special trust and confidence in the intelligence, diligence and discretion of Neville W. Durham, Merkel, in the County of Taylor, State of Texas, and do authorize and empower him to execute and fulfill the duties of that office according to the laws of the United States and the regulations of the Post Office De-

Three New Directors Elected For Chamber of Commerce



COUNTY WINNER — Myrtle Davis, Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club shows her Champion Finewool lamb that took first place in the County Stock Show held recently in Abilene. Miss Davis was also presented the Finewool Medalion by a representative of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association. (Staff Photo)

IDEAS VARY ABOUT 'GROUNDHOG DAY'

Did he? Or didn't he? Some say, "He did." Others say, "He did not." Still others agree, "What difference does it make, nothing to it anyway."

The above discussion centered around the little shy animal called the Ground Hog (or Woodchuck) and about his activities on Feb. 2.

The first person asked about the day answered, "My goodness, I haven't looked out yet, what kind of day it is? Is the sun shining?"

Harley Cuniff, manager of Mer-

kel's Asteroid Restaurant, seemed to be pondering the question himself early Wednesday morning, as he looked at the bright sunshine. But his answer "It's an old wives' tale," quickly dispensed with the idea that perhaps he thought otherwise.

Bill Button solemnly remarked, "Guess we're in for six more weeks of bad weather, but how can it be any worse?"

Vernon Mansfield was quick with the right answer — "He might not see his shadow in Pennsylvania, but right here in Merkel, he sure will." Luther Land's greeting was a little different this morning. Instead of the usual "hello," it was "Well, Mr. Ground Hog sure has seen his shadow by now."

According to World Book Encyclopedia Ground Hog Day is based on a custom that people from Germany and Great Britain brought to America. They believed that it was "time for forecasting the weather." And according to legend the Ground Hog, or Woodchuck, awakens from his long winter sleep on Feb. 2. He sticks his head out of his house in the ground and looks around. If the sun is shining and the Ground Hog can see his shadow, he is frightened and crawls back into his hole. This is supposed to mean that there will be six more weeks of winter weather.

But if the day is cloudy and the Ground Hog cannot see his shadow, he stays out of his hole, indicating that spring weather will soon come. Encyclopedias say that "science has not confirmed this." But just in case you would like to "look around" for one of the little creatures, you probably won't find him in this part of the country. He seems to abound in the eastern and western parts of the United States and in Canada. He is about 15 to 18 inches long, "has long coarse fur of blackish or grayish color above, and chestnut red below." Its legs are short and thick and its tail is bushy. It has a broad flat head and long whiskers.

ANNUAL BANQUET DATE MARCH 10

BULLETIN
The new president of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce is Max Murrell.

He will serve for the 1966-67 term and will be installed at the annual banquet to be held in March.

Three new directors have been chosen for the Merkel Chamber of Commerce. They are Lon McDonald, Bill Button, and Lawton Finch.

A meeting was called Wednesday, Feb. 2 for the election of officers, but at press time the election had not been completed.

McDonald, local Gulf Oil Distributor, is a member of the Merkel Church of Christ, vice president of the Merkel Optimist Club, a member of the Livestock Show Association and the Farmers' Union Organization.

Button, manager of Merkel's West Texas Utilities, recently moved to Merkel from Cross Plains, where he had been active in civic affairs. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Merkel.

Finch, owner of the recently completed Asteroid Motel is a member of the American Rightaway Association, an appraisal group, a member of the Masonic

Lodge, Shriner, and an active member of the Baptist Foundation Board of California and Colorado.

The new directors will be officially installed at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet to be held March 10 at the Merkel High School Cafeteria at 7:30 p.m.

Herman Carson, publicity chairman for the annual banquet plans, announced that R. L. McMillion, an Abilene insurance man, will be the principal speaker for the occasion. "Besides the installation of officers and the principal speaker, there will be other activities planned for those attending," said Carson.

The slate of directors to serve during the 1966 - 1967 term are Max Murrell, John Hardesty, Johnny Cox, Robert Malone, W. R. Cypert, Howard Carson, Finch, McDonald and Button.

Members Plan For FB Week

Judge Roy Skaggs, Taylor County Judge, signed a Proclamation Feb. 1 to proclaim Feb. 7-12 as Farm Bureau Week.

Taylor County Farm Bureau directors and all members who have been designated to participate in the annual membership drive the week of Feb. 7-12 will meet Wednesday, Feb. 9 at 10:30 a.m. at the Dixie Pig for a planning session and luncheon.

The meeting will be under direction of Dick Atkins, president. Other leaders involve Buster Horton of Merkel, membership chairman; Rex Reddell and Lawrence Cary, both of Tuscola; Loyd Perry, Merkel; and Sam Bean, Potosi, committee members.

Noodle 4-H Club Elects Officers

"Managers Highway," a food nutrition course, was the program topic for the Noodle 4 - H Club, which met Jan. 25 at the Noodle School Cafeteria.

Officers elected for the club year were Karen Sullivan, president; Lettie Griffith, vice president; Joyce Hogan, secretary-treasurer; Marilyn Maxwell, council delegate, and Judy Carpenter, reporter.

Song leaders elected were Martha Cochran, Faye Cochran and Kaye Holmes.

'YOUNG TEXAN' NOMINEE HONORED

"My first reaction was one of surprise," remarked Hayden Griffin upon learning that he had been chosen as the Optimists' "Young Texan" nominee for the month of January. "It has been a very high honor, said Griffin, "and I shall continue to do everything I can to live up to it."

Griffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Odis Griffin of Merkel, was chosen by the Merkel Optimist Club as the "Young Texan for the Month of January."

A senior in Merkel High School, Griffin has made outstanding scholastic achievement. He received a "letter of commendation for being in the top 2 per cent of students taking the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test in 1965." This letter of merit was received in the early fall of 1965.

Griffin's other activities include: a four year membership in the High School Band, four years in the stage band, member of the Future Teachers of America, lettering in track, and a member of the annual staff his senior year.

"My aim," said Hayden, "is to be a success at something," and with that aim he has "tried

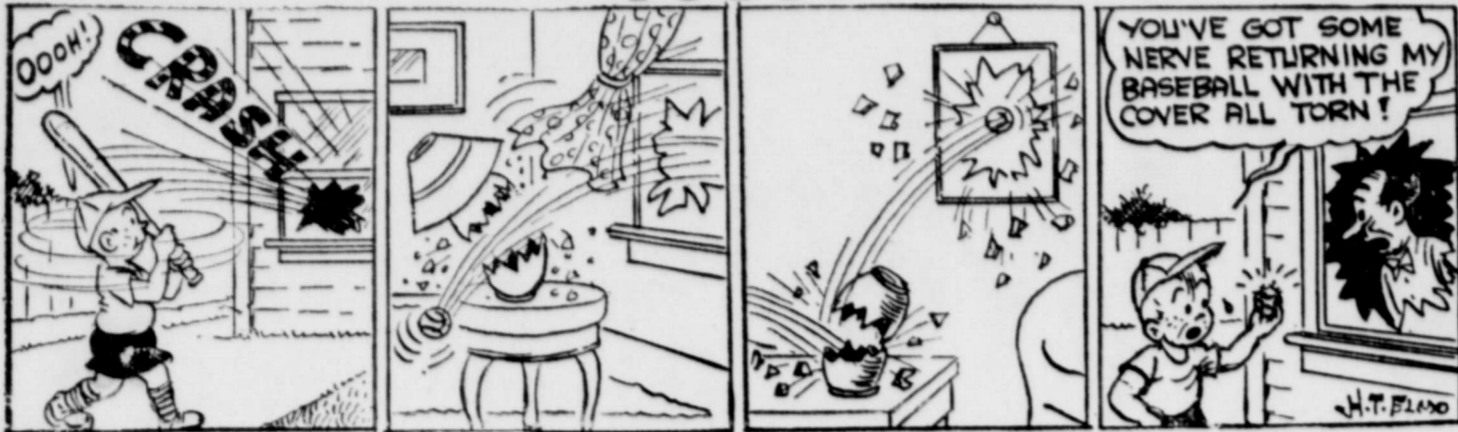


HAYDEN GRIFFIN
... 'Young Texan' nominee to do the best I can."

One of Griffin's favorite hobbies is cars. "Being a member of the Chaparrals (a recently formed car club) I feel that I am doing something worthwhile, learning, and perhaps staying out of trouble," he said.

With the future already in mind, Griffin "plans to enter Texas Tech in the fall and major in electrical engineering."

PUGGY



Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Title
- Norwegian city
- Grasp
- Greek letter
- Rushed
- At this place
- Seaweed
- Scarlet
- Above
- Reemploys
- Utilize
- Woody plant
- False
- Useful quality
- Limit
- la la
- Musical note
- Milk shops
- In
- Label
- Hotel
- Winds
- Purlains
- Old
- Public notices
- Tending a fire
- Solid
- Cow's cry
- Mix
- Cain's brother
- Bind together
- Single
- Withered
- Distribute sparingly
- Light beam
- One: prefix
- Soviet mountain chain
- Consumes
- Branch of learning
- Chair
- Sea eagle
- Those in power
- Searches for
- Carrier
- Publication
- Director
- Muddle
- Coral isle
- Alone
- Girl's name condition
- Color
- By
- Possesses
- Lincoln
- Disordered
- You

DOWN

- Mast
- Small island
- Just claims
- Bone: anat.
- Lively party
- Dregs
- Uneven
- Phantom
- Return to former condition
- Anger
- By
- Ventilated
- Sells
- Experience

Answer to Puzzle

ACROSS: 1. Title, 2. Norwegian city, 3. Grasp, 4. Greek letter, 5. Rushed, 6. At this place, 7. Seaweed, 8. Scarlet, 9. Above, 10. Reemploys, 11. Utilize, 12. Woody plant, 13. False, 14. Useful quality, 15. Limit, 16. — la la, 17. Musical note, 18. Milk shops, 19. In, 20. Label, 21. Hotel, 22. Winds, 23. Purlains, 24. Old, 25. Public notices, 26. Tending a fire, 27. Solid, 28. Cow's cry, 29. Mix, 30. Cain's brother, 31. Bind together, 32. Single, 33. Withered, 34. Distribute sparingly, 35. Light beam, 36. One: prefix, 37. Soviet mountain chain, 38. Consumes, 39. Branch of learning, 40. Chair, 41. Sea eagle, 42. Those in power, 43. Searches for, 44. Carrier, 45. Publication, 46. Director, 47. Muddle, 48. Coral isle, 49. Alone, 50. Girl's name condition, 51. Color, 52. By, 53. Possesses, 54. Lincoln, 55. Disordered, 56. You

THE MERKEL MAIL, MERKEL, TEXAS
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LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas — 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, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Cruz Villareal, Defendant.
Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Court of Domestic Relations of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene.

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TO: FRED EDWARD HUFFMAN, 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 28th day of February A.D. 1966, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 7th day of December A.D., 1965, in this cause, numbered 2200 on the docket of said court and styled Jo Ann Huffman, Plaintiff, vs. Fred Edward Huffman, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about October 31, 1963, and separated on or about March 1, 1964. Plaintiff sues on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment; Plaintiff and Defendant accumulated no community property 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 13th day of January A.D. 1966.

(Seal)
Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk, Domestic Relations Court Taylor County, Texas
By Millie Etchison, Deputy.

46 4tc

Texas, by filing a written answer on or before the 28th day of February A.D. 1966 at 11:00 A.M., to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 6th day of January A.D. 1966, in this cause, numbered 2351 on the docket of said court.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: An adoption proceeding in which you have an interest. At that time, you will have the opportunity to appear in person or by attorney, or both and make such contest as you may determine as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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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 10th day of January A.D. 1966.

(Seal)
Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk, Domestic Court Taylor County, Texas.
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.

LEGAL NOTICE

SCHOOL BUSES FOR SALE

The Merkel School Board is receiving sealed bids in the office of the local school superintendent for 5 school buses listed as follows:

- GMC, 1953 Model, fair body, some parts missing
- 1 1954 Chevrolet, fair body, but some parts missing
- 2 1955 Fords, one fair shape
- 1 1957 Ford, fair shape

All bids must be received on or before February 7, 1966, 7:30 p.m. Bids may be for one or more buses. The board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION

In compliance with Article 1302-2-02 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, notice of intention to become incorporated without a change of name is given by Nick Crain Discount Pharmacy, Inc., 542 Butternut Street, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

46 4tc

Heart Fund Drive Began Jan. 30

Eyes of the nation were on Houston Sunday, Jan. 30, when ceremonies inaugurating the 1966 Heart Fund Campaign were held at the Rice Hotel. The meeting brought together leaders of the Texas Heart Association and prominent national figures in the Heart program.

Leading the list of national dignitaries were Dr. Helen B. Taussig, Baltimore, Maryland, American Heart Association president, who pioneered the "blue baby" operations; Dr. Paul Dudley White, Boston, Mass., a founder of the American Heart Association and President Eisenhower's personal physician during the president's 1955 heart attack; and Owen R. Cheatham, New York City, Board chairman of Georgia-Pacific Corporation and national chairman of the Heart Fund drive to be conducted during February, American Heart Month.

Speaking for the campaign were Mr. Cheatham, representing the national drive, Lt. Gov. Preston R. Smith, Texas State Campaign Chairman, and George Bush, chairman of the Houston campaign.

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KEEPING TAB ON MERKELITES AND AREA RESIDENTS

By JACKIE DOAN

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Oliver and daughters of Midland visited the John Olivers over the week end.

Julia Wood is reported ill at this time and is hospitalized in Hamlin.

Vernon Hudson is in Hendrick Hospital, Abilene.

Correction about Mr. Clarence Newton. He is in St. Ann Hospital rather than Hendrick as was first stated.

Heard, through the grape vine, our local dentist, Dr. Kenneth Morrison, broke both his legs, one leg, one foot (take your choice as to which one is right). Haven't learned as yet where he is at this time — the only thing certain is he isn't standing up, practicing dentistry — with all of THOSE bones broken, who could?

Clipped this little article out of the Readers Digest: As Editor of a small weekly, I was cleaning off my characteristically cluttered desk one day when I came across an announcement of a blessed event that had transpired a full two and a half months before. I extended belted congratulations to the parents via my weekly gossip column, along with a "glad we could get our felicitations in before the young lady starts kindergarten." The next week I received this note from the mother: "Sorry, sir, but you didn't make it. Kathy was born SIX YEARS and two and a half months ago and will enter the first grade this fall. May I suggest that you clean your desk more often?" So you think WE'RE slow; Noticed the editor has been keeping a neater desk, lately.

The Gerald Derricks and Horace Boneyes attended the stock show in Fort Worth last weekend.

The wife asks the husband as he is on the way to work one morning, "Do you know what day this is?" "Of course, I do," he says. "He wasn't about to tell her he didn't! While at work, he racks his brain, it is her birthday, anniversary, etc. On his way home, just to be on the same side, he picks up a box of candy, some flowers and a bottle of perfume. These should cover whatever occasion it might be. He arrives home, the wife opens her gifts, and then remarks "O honey, this is the nicest GROUND HOG day

BADGER TALES



By DEBI CORDER

There seemed to have been a few moans, groans and gripes heard around MHS when students thought maybe some more school days would be called off because of bad weather. We did get to miss seventh period this past Friday though.

Mr. Reed sounded like he knew what he was talking about when he told his band students last Friday that walking was as hazardous as driving. He was caught off guard when he stepped and slipped, and did a few somersaults before entering the west door at school.

Clemma Griffin and Patty Watson decided they were tired of sitting at home, so they got their ice skates and found a nice, icy pond. The fun didn't last very long, though. They fell through, and nearly drowned. They were rescued by a boy who was much smaller than they.

Did you know that an earthworm has ten hearts? Neither did Mrs. Reed! So she decided that she would let her biology students cut some earthworms open to find

out. Sure enough, they not only have ten hearts, but a gizzard and a crop. Oh well, I won't go into details. We all went into the lab feeling brave and knowing that an earthworm would be clean and simple, but it was a very different story. If you don't believe me, just ask Frances Doan and Kay Hanson. They have biology sixth period, and almost failed to make it to their seventh period class.

We did a clam recently. Did you know a clam has a foot? Well it does. We also have a star fish, grasshopper, frog, fish and crab to dissect before long. So have pity on the poor biology students!



TERRY D. ROSS
... to March AFB, Calif.

Merkel High Grad Now at March AFB

(Special to The Merkel Mail)
SAN ANTONIO — Airman Terry D. Ross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil W. Ross of 112 Locust, Merkel, has been assigned to March AFB, Calif., after completing Air Force basic training.

The airman, a 1965 graduate of Merkel High School, will be trained on the job as a transportation specialist with the Strategic Air Command.

"Teen Hop" to Be Sponsored By Post 18, Feb 12

The Merkel Explorer Post 18 will have its regular meeting Thursday, Feb. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the basement of the Presbyterian Church.

Plans will be completed at this meeting for their Teen-Hop, to be held at the Merkel Country Club Saturday, Feb. 12. Admission charges for the "teen-hop" will be fifty cents per person and seventy-five cents per couple. Music will be furnished by the "Malibus." Proceeds from the entertainment will be used in furthering activities of the post.

A. A. Rutherford Of Putnam Dies

Funeral services for A. A. Rutherford of Putnam, and brother of Mrs. Joe Nalley of Merkel, were held Tuesday, Feb. 1 in the Putnam Methodist Church, with Keith Justice, minister of the Church of Christ, officiating. Burial was in the Putnam Cemetery, with Godfrey Funeral Home in charge.

Rutherford, 81, died Sunday in the Callahan County Hospital after a two week illness.

He was born in Eastland Coun-

ty July 8, 1884, and had lived in Putnam since childhood. He was a retired farmer, and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors are his wife; three sons, Kenneth and Dale, both of Lubbock, and Delmus of Abilene; one daughter, Mrs. Claude Boyde of Elmdale; two brothers, Earl of Putnam and Cecil of Abilene; and one sister, Mrs. Nalley of Merkel.



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GOV. CONNALLY DESIGNATES FB MEMBERSHIP WEEK - FEB. 7-12

AUSTIN (Sp.) — Gov. John Connally has designated Feb. 7-12 as "Farm Bureau Membership Week" in Texas — the special period when thousands of voluntary membership workers will call on their neighbors asking them to enroll in Farm Bureau.

"Farming and ranching are essential to the economy of our state and nation," the Governor said in his official proclamation. "About 40 per cent of all Texans receive their livelihood either directly or indirectly from agriculture," he added.

The Governor said the abundance of food and fiber, produced ever more efficiently, helps assure our citizens of the highest living standard in the world.

"Through their organized efforts and by democratic procedures," the Governor pointed out, "the farmers and ranchers of Texas have sought a voice in state affairs and have campaigned for improvements in the economy and government of Texas."

He said these organized groups recognize the necessity of having an informed, prosperous and organized agriculture in our state. After designating the special

week, the Governor, in his proclamation, urged "our citizens to

Atlas Missile Silo Equipment For Bid Feb. 8

(Special to The Merkel Mail) DYEISS AFB, Tex. — Over \$71 million dollars worth of Atlas missile silo equipment, in the 12 silos surrounding Abilene, Texas and Dyess AFB, will be up for bid Feb. 8.

The \$71 million amount (acquisition cost) does not include the real estate surrounding the silos, said Temple Wilcox, SABAMA representative at Dyess.

Open to anyone interested, bids will be accepted for one or all of the sites, but not on any one piece of equipment.

Mr. Wilcox added that the 12 silos are open for inspection now. Further information on the equipment contained in the silos can be obtained by calling Mr. Wilcox at Owen 6-2508, or OWen 6-2681; or by writing Detachment 5, SABAMA, Dyess AFB, Texas, 79607.

cooperate in the recognition and observance of this week in an effort to cooperate in the recognition and observance of this week in an effort to publicize this important phase of our Texas life."

The Texas Farm Bureau now has a membership of 95,204 and has a goal of 100,500 by Oct. 31, end of the organization's membership year.

Student Seminar Set for Feb. 12

(Special to The Merkel Mail) ABILENE — An Americanism seminar for junior and senior high school students within a 100-mile radius of Abilene will be held on the Abilene Christian College campus Feb. 12.

Backing the seminar is the Heritage Project. E. Kirk, assistant West Texas Schools Americanism professor of education at Abilene Christian and coordinator and secretary of the group, said that students will be invited from the following counties: Taylor, Callahan, Eastland, Fisher, Jones, Nolan, Runnels, Shackelford, Stephens and Throckmorton.

The student-planned seminar will tentatively include the presentation of Colors, one or two student speeches, a film on the story of the U.S. Flag, an adult speaker, either from Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene or a soldier recently returned from Viet Nam, a student panel discussion, and a film relating to communism.



SGT. LEWIS W. BROWNE ... leaves for Viet Nam

Lewis W. Browne Now In Viet Nam

After a thirty day leave, Sgt. Lewis W. Browne left in January for Viet Nam, where he will be connected with the Intelligence Service.

Son of Mrs. Kathryn Browne, 800 Truncky St., Merkel, Sgt. Browne is a graduate of Colorado City High School.

He entered the service in May, 1953, and received his basic training at Camp Wolters, Calif. He was also stationed in Viet Nam in 1963, with the First Special Forces Group.

Sgt. Browne's father, E. R. Browne, lives in Brownwood.

CHURCH NEWS

Church wide activities have ranged from banquets to planning for a baptistry in the Merkel area churches.

The annual banquet honoring the juniors and seniors of Merkel High School was held Monday evening, Jan. 31 in Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church.

Bryan Bradbury, an Abilene attorney spoke to the approximately eighty two guests present on a comparison of education in Russia and education in the United States.

"The Dolphins" of Hardin Simmons University presented several musical numbers.

The young people of the First Baptist Church will have their annual Sweetheart Banquet Saturday, Feb. 12 in Fellowship Hall. At this banquet the King Queen, Prince and Princess will be revealed.

"Claimed for God for Missions" is the Church Wide study being presented to members of the First Methodist Church for the month of February. The program is being directed by Mrs. Denzil Cox, with the study being given by Mrs. Newton Daniel.

The study is being held at the church each Wednesday evening.

The First Methodist Youth's Pancake Supper, which was called off Friday, Jan. 28, due to the weather, will be set at some date in February. The date will be announced later.

The Rev. Jesse Swindell of the Noodle Baptist Church tells us that his church is in the process of installing a Baptistry.

There will be a Central West Texas District Fellowship Meeting at the Calvary Baptist Church, Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 7 and 8. The meeting, under the direction of the Baptist Bible Fellowship, International, will start at

7:30 p.m. Monday and 9:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Dr. Scott Alexander, immediate past president of the Fellowship, and pastor of the Freeway Baptist Church of Houston, will be the principal speaker. Churches from Abilene, Coleman, San Angelo, Sweetwater, Big Spring, Odessa, Midland, Anson and Wichita Falls will be represented.



CLARENCE D. HARRIS ... to Chanute AFB, Ill.

Airman Harris To Chanute AFB

(Special to the Merkel Mail)

SAN ANTONIO — Airman Clarence D. Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Harris of 501 Haynes St., Merkel, has been selected for training at Chanute AFB, Ill., as an Air Force aircraft maintenance specialist.

The airman, a 1965 graduate of Merkel High School, recently completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex.

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Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cheyne of Jayton, announce the marriage of their daughter, Zephia Sue, to Charles Morris Dannheim, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Kraut of Merkel.

The wedding was performed January 19 at the Jayton Baptist Church, with the Rev. Murray L. Brewer, reading the single ring ceremony.

The couple's attendants were Miss Karen Schafer of Jayton, and Lonnie Thompson of Merkel.

The bride is a 1965 graduate of Jayton High School.

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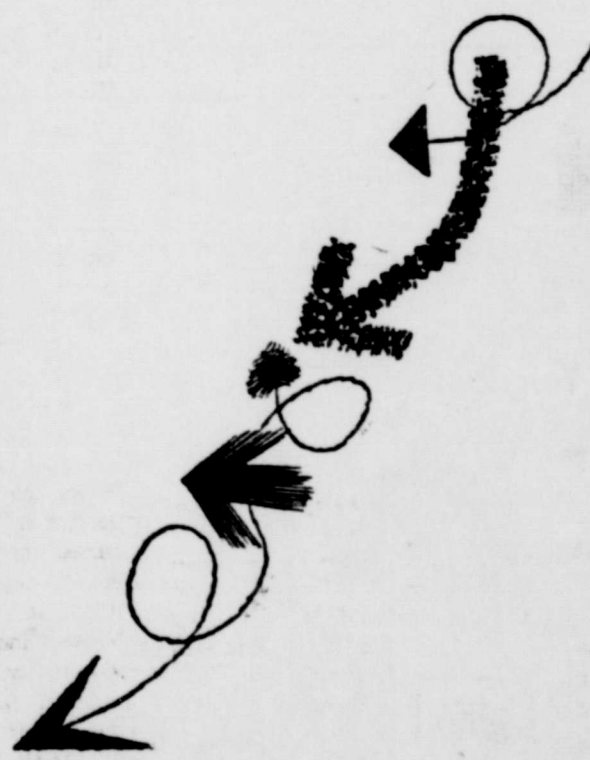


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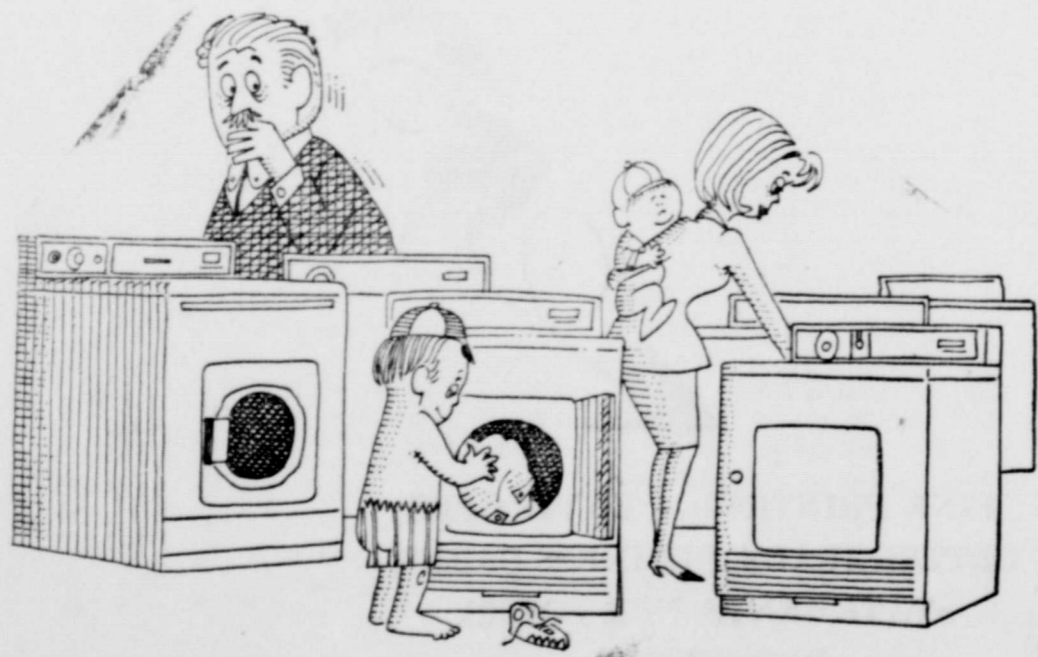
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FB MEMBERSHIP DRIVE STATE WIDE

The county wide membership drive which the Taylor County Farm Bureau is staging Feb. 7 through 12 is of special importance this year," said Taylor County Farm Bureau president Dick Atkins. "The efforts in this county are being matched in some 200 other counties over the state in a gigantic drive to enroll 100,000 members in the Farm Bureau in Texas," he said.

"Due to a number of factors, one of which is the Supreme Court decision on reapportionment, rural areas in Texas might stand to lose their former strong voice in the affairs of this state," said Mrs. Billy Vinson, chairman of the Taylor County FB publicity committee. Mrs. Vinson said that a strong organization, representing both the farmer and other rural peoples' interest "is the strongest bulwark against

complete domination by urban areas."

The Texas Farm Bureau has gone on record in the State Capitol as promoting and protecting rural interests in legislation on items such as "farm to market roads, animal health, agricultural research and education, egg law, insecticide and herbicide regulations, seed laws, sales tax exemptions, water programs, and annexation."

First vice president Buster Horton says that the "policies which guide the organization originates in the counties." But, Horton says it takes a large organization with "active support of its members to implement policies. With political power passing to urban areas, the need for a bigger and more active farm organization will become more urgent in the future," said Horton.

Officers of the Taylor County Farm Bureau organization are Atkins, president, Tuscola; Horton, first vice president, Merkel; Rex Reddell, second vice president, Tuscola, and secretary-treasurer is Billy Sandard of Tuscola.

The Taylor County unit has 812 members with active committees representing membership, state publicity, service, national and young people.

Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



The Stith Community has had its share of cold weather during January, with three snows in the last three weeks. Saturday morning it was five degrees above.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale returned home Monday, Jan. 24, after fifteen days visit in Crosbyton, with Mrs. Bob Hale and Family, and Mrs. Ethel Canida.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning visited Mrs. Brownings' father, C. B. Tatum, at the Starr Nursing Home in Merkel Thursday.

The cast has been taken off of Mr. Tatum's ankle and he is doing very well.

Mr. and Mrs. Manley Denton and children of Austin, visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. West recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Charels Fikes and children attended a family get together at Goldthwaite recently.

Mrs. John Hobbs is improving and able to sit up in bed some.

Mike Hester of Merkel spent Saturday night with George McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn visited Mrs. Mashburn's mother, Mrs. John Shaw, and also Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shaw at Hawley Sunday.

Mrs. Sonny Horton of Lawn visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning and children of Tuscola visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Browning Sunday.

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14,823 Cotton Samples Graded

(Special to The Merkel Mail)
The U. S. Department of Agriculture's Consumer and Marketing Service reported 14,823 cotton samples graded last week. B. B. Manly Jr., in charge of the classifying office said there was very little cotton harvested during the week.

About 1/2 of the samples classed were carried over from the previous week, while the remaining 1/2 was what was accumulated on gin yards and ginned during the week end and the first part of the week.

NOODLE NEWS

By SIMMONS CALLAWAY

Mr. and Mrs. Adry Wheeler and Lisa from Denton, spent from Friday night until Sunday afternoon with Mr. Wheeler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wheeler.

Mrs. Gladys Dooley spent the weekend with Mrs. Elsa Maxwell and Mrs. Alice Cooper.

Clarence Hudson returned home from Antioch, Calif., and other cities, where he visited his brother and sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wheeler and Mr. and Mrs. Dock Callaway spent last Thursday night in Snyder with their children, Mr. and Mrs. Garvis Tarpley and family. They had a hard time getting home through the snow storm.

The rough thing about it was that they were stalled in their car on the highway and no one stopped to help. Of course, they didn't know that they were close to a shop. The owner of the shop came out and pushed the car into his building and got it going again. So we four say that "we're not hankering for any more experiences like that — just stay at home when the weather is bad."

Mr. Bennie Anderson is home from Hendrick Hospital where he had surgery.

Ernest Dixon of Abilene has been home from Scott and White Hospital in Temple since last Friday. Ernest had surgery there two weeks ago, and is recovering satisfactorily.

Billy Underwood of Abilene, visited Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Caldwell. Son, Roy and girl friend, Dana Jones, visited the Bill Caldwells Sunday afternoon.

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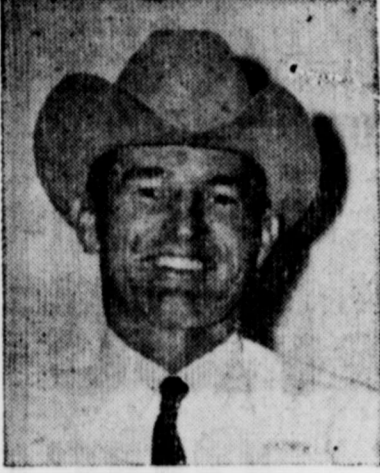
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FERTILITY SHOWN BY SOIL TESTING

(Special to The Merkel Mail)

COLLEGE STATION — "How should I fertilize in 1966?"

This important question will be asked frequently by Texas farmers during the next few weeks, says Dr. C. D. Welch, Extension



TOMMY L. MITCHELL
... TSCRA Field Inspector

TSCRA Names New Inspector

Tommy Lee Mitchell, 29, has been named Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association Field Inspector for district 22.

The district includes Wilbarger, Wichita, Clay, Montague, Baylor, Archer, Jack, Young, Throckmorton, Shackelford, Stephens, Palo Pinto, Taylor, Callahan, Eastland and Erath counties.

Mitchell was born in Gatesville, graduated from high school at Dublin and has been ranching near Stephenville, Texas. He has been associated with the cattle business all his life and also was an officer with the Stephenville Police Department from 1961-63. He will be headquartered at Graham. Mitchell's background also includes working with the Animal Disease Eradication division of USDA, and on occasion horse training. Calf roping is among his hobbies.

soil chemist, Texas A&M University.

Welch says two factors must be considered when answering the question. First, the level of fertility already in the soil, and second, the desired yield.

A soil test is the best way to determine fertility already in the soil, he said. Results of a soil test indicate the level of all major plant nutrients. Results are expressed in one of five levels: very low, low, medium, high, and very high.

When evaluating fertility level of a soil it's important to consider nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium separately, says Welch. For example, a soil may be deficient in N, while having adequate P and K. Or it may be deficient in P and K and have adequate N.

In arriving at an expected yield figure, production, management and climatic factors should be evaluated. Moisture availability in the soil, irrigation possibilities, and estimated rainfall will need careful attention.

When deciding how to fertilize in 1966, consider the fact that the cost of fertilizer has increased about 6 per cent during the past 15 years, while the cost of other production items has increased over 50 per cent.

If you have not had your soil tested, see your county agricultural agent for information, suggests Welch, and you're on the right track for fertilizing in 1966.

Food Production Reported Higher

(Special to The Merkel Mail)

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The average U. S. farmer now produces enough food, fiber and other products for 31 persons, five of them living abroad. The Department of Agriculture reports. This figure has risen rapidly in the years during and since World War II. In 1820 it was four persons per farmer.



Farmers Need Organization

At one time in our history, rural areas in general and farm people in particular were in firm control of the political power of this nation. This has long since changed and now rural Americans, especially the farmers, find themselves in a distinct minority.

Agricultural producers now constitute only about 8 per cent of our total population. The recent Supreme Court ruling on reapportionment further dilutes the voice of rural people. In addition, the economic position of farmers has worsened because of the cost-price squeeze. Not even a spectacular increase in productive efficiency has enabled the farmer to offset production and living cost brought on by spiraling wage and price increases.

If there ever was a time when farmers and ranchers needed strength through organization that time is now. The Taylor County Farm Bureau, with 812 members on its rolls, is seeking to increase its membership strength through a county-wide enrollment campaign. Nationwide, the Farm Bureau is the largest of all general farm organizations, but it needs the support and participation of even more farmers if agriculture is to have the strong voice it so badly needs.

The organization is truly democratic with policies adopted by majority vote in county, state and national conventions. It deserves the support of all farmers and ranchers who want to protect their economic future and guarantee their voice in affairs of government.

MRS. BILLY VINSON,
Publicity Chairman,
Taylor County Farm Bureau

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas —
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, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: JOYCE LEE ANDERSON,
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 14th day of March A.D. 1966, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 6th day of August A.D. 1963, in this cause, numbered 437 on the docket of said court and styled Kenneth Anderson, Plaintiff, vs. Joyce Lee Anderson, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were mar-

ried on 12th of September, 1958, and continued to live together until February, 1961; three children born of this married union; no community property; plaintiff sues on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment 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 25th day of January A.D. 1966.

(Seal)
Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk,
Domestic Relations Court, of
Taylor County, Texas.
By Millie Etchison, Deputy.
48 4tc

JOHNNY COX
Bookkeeping
Income Tax Service
Notary
114 Edwards 928-6943

'Gift Making' Compere HD Club Program Topic

There was a one hundred per cent representation of members at the Jan. 27 meeting of the Compere Home Demonstration Club, which met with Mrs. Eulian Hatfield.

Club president, Mrs. Dwan Johnson opened the business meeting.

The game, "Finish the Sentence," was directed by Mrs. Don Adair, and roll call was answered with "My Favorite Hobby."

The program on "Gift Making" was presented by Mrs. Hatfield, who displayed inexpensive gifts and how to make them.

Mrs. Hatfield was chosen club representative to the Jones County Council.

Refreshments were served to Mmes. Johnson, Adair, Ab Hunter Jr., J. E. Touchstone, W. D. Ramsey, Clyde Chancey and Hatfield.

The February 16 meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Johnson, with the program on "How and Why Make a Will."

Medicare Service Has Vacancies

(Special to The Merkel Mail)

Several vacancies now exist in the newly created Medical Care Administration Services Section (Medicare) of the Texas Department of Health. State health officials are trying to fill these positions immediately:

Hospital consultants; medical records librarian supervisor; public health nursing consultants; laboratory consultant and pharmacist consultant.

Persons interested in these positions must have adequate education and experience. Prerequisites for employment may be

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