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Up The Canyon

By TOM
RUSSOM

Well, the old year, 1966, has been put behind and a new 1967 is facing us.

1966 was a very fine year for most of us, with real good feed and cotton crops. There is no doubt but what the cotton put money in the farmers' pockets.

At this time it looks as though the wheat farmers could be faced with a very severe failure of a wheat crop, and too, on top of that we think our nation is faced with a shortage of wheat on hand. It was once said by a wheat farmer, "I had rather pay my part of the storage on our wheat supply and know we have a supply on hand." I thought that was a very fine way to look at it.

Perhaps a lots of the farmers at this time have an awful large amount of money tied up in sown wheat, plus gas and oil bills, and the question could be who wouldn't worry about why it doesn't rain.

Well, the annual livestock shows are getting off to a good start, with some very fine stock to show. We attended Trent's annual show last Saturday and as usual they had a very fine show.

Albert Mayberry, vo - ag teacher at Trent, reported over \$1,200 worth of livestock was consigned to the show. That was hogs, cattle, sheep, rabbits and poultry. About \$1,300 prize money was collected for prize animals. To us, it looked as if the Trent Show led the way again with the show. The question may be asked "Why is it Trent always leads the shows?" Well, here is a good answer, I think. The adults are as highly interested as the youngsters in putting the show over.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney and family were in Big Spring over the weekend to visit a son, Harold Gray and family. They also visited in the home of Mr. J. B. Sloan and family.

It was announced last Saturday that Bob Cooke, a longtime writer for a Farm and Ranch column known as the Waggin Tongue, in the Abilene Reporter News, would not write anymore stock shows. Due to the fact he was resigning at the end of 1966, a gift certificate was presented Bob by John Hamner, the Trent Livestock show superintendent, and some very fine words of appreciation were given Bob for what he has done in this part of West Texas.

Allen King is back home and resting fairly well.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russon and son, Don, visited in the J. B. Sloan home and also the home of Sloan's daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gray in Big Spring New Year's Day. It is a custom of the Russoms to go up every New Year's to pay a visit and watch the Rose Festival Parade in color. We always look forward to that each year. Mr. Sloan is the husband of the late Abbie Butman, and a longtime reader of the Merkel Mail.

SS 'Late Hours' To Continue

The "late hours" maintained by the Abilene Social Security Office on Tuesdays will continue at least through March, 1967, reports R. R. Tukey Jr., district manager.

However, instead of remaining open until 9 p.m. the closing time will be 8 p.m. he added.

This extra service is intended for persons who find it inconvenient to call during normal 9 - 5 hours for necessary social security business matters.

PUBLIC IS INVITED TO AWARDS BANQUET

The Merkel Badger football team will be honored Saturday evening, Jan. 14 at a football awards banquet sponsored by the Badger Booster Club. The event will be held at the Merkel School cafeteria beginning at 7:30 p.m.

"Tickets are now on sale for the banquet," said Ted Smith, president of the Booster Club, "and the public is invited to attend this occasion."

Speaker for the occasion will be Larry Mildren, head football coach of Cooper High School in Abilene.

Smith will act as master of ceremonies for the banquet.

Others who will appear on the program will be Vernon Mansfield, club secretary, who will present a history of the club; Coach Bill Tate, who will introduce speaker, and Coach Byerly will introduce the Merkel football team.

The Rev. N. S. Daniels, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Merkel, will ask the benediction, and the Rev. Bill Tamm, pastor of Merkel's First Baptist Church, will give the invocation. Howard Carson is vice president of the Booster Club.

CUB SCOUTS VISIT CAMP TONKAWA

A group of Merkel Cub Scouts "braved" the twenty degree weather Friday, Dec. 30 and journeyed to Camp Tonkawa, near Buffalo Gap, for a visit to the Holland Cogdell Museum at the camp headquarters.

After a picnic lunch, the Cubs participated in a "Fox Hunt," led by Boy Scouts, Tommy and Wayne Walters.

Cubs attending were Stacey Stanley, Mike Henry, Gwynn Tip-ton, Ray King, James Hale, Cliff Smith and Mark McCarthy.

Also Gregg Doan, Mendez Moreno, Steve Peachy, David West, Charles Williams, Danny DuBose, Duane Pack, Scott Tarpley, Er-

nie Walters and Darell Bunch. Guests attending were Mark and Leta Walters, Troy

Adults sponsors were Mrs. Vernon Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Knights, Bill Bob DuBose, Mrs. G. R. Pt, Mrs. Mrs. Buddy Walters and Mrs. Clyde Bunch.

Merkel 4-H Club To Meet Tonight

The Merkel 4-H Club will hold their regular meeting this Thursday at the Taylor Electric Cooperative building, beginning at 7:30 p.m., according to president, Kathryn Criswell.

Larry Orsborn, formerly assistant Taylor County Agent, will be the principal speaker.

ADMINISTRATORS MEET IN AUSTIN

Some 1,500 administrators from throughout the State of Texas have registered for what is expected to be the biggest meeting ever of the School Administrators Advisory Conference to be held in Austin Wednesday through Friday, Jan. 4-6.

Delegates to the eighteenth annual conference will include administrators from public, private and parochial schools and colleges and universities, as well as county school superintendents.

Mack Fisher, superintendent of Merkel Public Schools, left Wednesday afternoon to attend the regular called meeting Wednesday evening.

After the general session Thursday morning Fisher said that he would attend the "two hour work sessions that followed."

The Texas Education Agency annually sponsors the conference so delegates can discuss new educational programs and review and improve procedures used by the agency in its relations with local public schools. Also known as the Mid - Winter Conference, the annual get together provides a two - way communication between school administrators and agency staff members and gives the administrators an opportunity for exchanging of ideas.

"I find this conference most informative," said Fisher, "and one of the finest ways to obtain up - to - date ideas in the educational

Aliens Reminded To Make Report

District Director J. W. Holla of the San Antonio Immigration and Naturalization Service has again reminded all aliens to report their addresses during January.

Cards with which to make the reports are available at Post Offices and offices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service throughout the country. The reports must be submitted to one of those offices. Parents or guardians submit reports for alien children under 14 years of age.

Mr. Holland urges all aliens report before the end of January as willful failure to do so may lead to serious penalties.

Merkel's Livestock Show Scheduled for January 14



CELEBRATES "FIRST BIRTHDAY" — Members of the Chaparrals (Car Club) celebrate their organizations' first year of operation. They are, from left, D. A. Bishop, club comptroller; Dick Leach, secretary-treasurer; Robert Harris, president, and Joe Dixon. The club's aim is to "promote courtesy and safety." (Staff Photo)

CAPACITY CROWD SEES TRENT'S FFA AND 4H LIVESTOCK SHOW

A capacity crowd saw the judging of more than 200 head of FFA and 4-H Livestock at the Trent Show held Saturday, Dec. 31 at Trent with more than \$1,270 in cash, plus trophies, being presented.

Dr. Edwin DuBose, associate professor in the agriculture department of Abilene Christian College did the judging.

T. C. Blankenship, vo - ag teacher at Hamlin, announced winners in the capon, broiler and breeding chicken classes and the breeding and fryer rabbit classes.

Gaylon Brnovak entered the champion pen of laying hens, and Glenn Bryan the reserve champion.

The champion pen of broiler chicks was entered by Ronnie Ponder and Lathan Henegar entered the reserve pen.

Tom McLeod won for the third time the capon single championship with the reserve singles capon title going to Gaylon Brnovak.

In the rabbit department Monty Heasley showed his grand champion buck and doe rabbits. He is



SHOWMANSHIP AWARD — Albert Maberry received the Taylor Electric Showmanship competition trophy at the Trent Livestock Show, held Saturday, Dec. 31. Clovis McElmurray presented the trophy. (Photo Courtesy Lee Scott)

a breeder of New Zealand Whites. Overall champions in both the breeding female and the barrow swine divisions were Bill Hamner and Lewis Mayberry. Over all champion female was exhibited

by Hamner and the reserve female was shown by Mayberry.

The overall barrow champion was shown by Mark Williamson Jr. and the reserve overall was a cross - bred animal exhibited by Bill Hamner. The 130 head of breeding and market type hogs was the largest swine show for Trent.

Among other breed type classes entered were the Hampshires in which Pam McElmurray had the champion the Durocs won by Shelia Hamner; the Poland Chinas, won by Pam, and the Spotted Poles, the champion from Tom McLeod's entries.

Pam McElmurray showed an Angus bred in the beef cattle competition.

Albert Mayberry won the Taylor Electric Showmanship competition trophy.

Other showmanship winners were Tom McLeod, poultry; Gaylon Brnovak, lambs; Mayberry, swine, and McElmurray, beef.

Gaylon and Judy Brnovak exhibited the grand and reserve champion fine wools in the lamb show.

TC 4-H Horse Club Members See Film

The Taylor County 4-H Horse Club met Friday, Dec. 30 at the Mulberry Canyon Community Center, with Mike Dudley leading the 4-H Motto, Pledge and Prayer. Gail Boone led the American Pledge.

Charles DeGeer presented a film on Quarter Horse Confirmation to the Taylor County members and also guests, the Nolan County 4-H Horsemen.

Members present were Mike Dudley, Jeff Whisenhunt, Cindy Whisenhunt, Myrtle Davis, Kathryn Criswell, Suzie Riney, Gail Boone, Ricky Snowder, Billy Don Snow and Eddie Bull Jr.

Also Eddie Gist, Margo Hunter, Janice McNutt, Johnny Gray, Johnny Wheeler, Robert Boyd, Karlan Gamble, Elaine Pointer, Glen Pointer and Galen Boone.

90TH ANNIVERSARY TO BE CELEBRATED

J. W. Hammond announced today that more than 2,400 Ben Franklin stores, located in each of the 50 states, plan to stage a year - long celebration during 1967 commemorating the 90th anniversary of the founders of Ben Franklin stores.

Highlighting the 90th birthday event will be the promotion of 52 key values, one to be featured each week throughout the year at a very low price. Announcement of these special values will be made in this paper throughout the coming year.

Hammond also explained that the local Ben Franklin Store is participating in a 90th Anniversary nationwide sweepstakes be-

ing sponsored by all Ben Franklin stores. Nine "pick your trip" prizes will be awarded to nine lucky couples. First prize will be a two - week all expense paid trip for two to anywhere in the Continental United States. No purchase is required to participate, Hammond stated.

"The merchandise division of our Ben Franklin headquarters has come up with some outstanding merchandise values to be offered each week during 1967, Hammond announced. "The weekly low - priced values are our way of thanking Merkel's shoppers for past patronage and to emphasize on policy of better living," Hammond added.

Judging to Begin At 1:30 P.M.

Three new breeding gilt classes, Hampshires, Durocs and Chester Whites will be an added feature to Merkel's Annual Livestock Show, according to Merkel's vo - ag teacher, Chester Collinsworth.

Judging will begin at 1:30 Saturday, Jan. 14 and will be held at the Vocational Agriculture barn.

T. C. Blankenship, vo - ag teacher at Hamlin will serve as the judge on all classes.

"A large number of entries have already come in," said Collinsworth, "and we will have more."

Entries are to be brought in Friday afternoon, Jan. 13 and Saturday morning, Jan. 14.

As of this date, Collinsworth said that 20 steers have been entered, 35 swine, and 35 lambs.

The steer show will feature Herefords and Angus. The steers will be divided into heavyweights and lightweights. Collinsworth said that a Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected.

The swine will also be divided into heavyweights and lightweights. A champion of each class will be selected instead of a Grand and Reserve champion.

The Taylor Electric Cooperative will present a trophy to the boy or girl winning the showmanship award. Collinsworth said that this is an "annual presentation by the Electric Cooperative and is presented to the contestant on his ability to show his animal and his cooperation with the judge and show officials.

Joyce Button, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Button, is Merkel's FFA Chapter Sweetheart, and will present ribbons to the winners.

Collinsworth said that "any boy or girl attending the Merkel School is invited to exhibit in the Merkel Livestock Show.



JOYCE BUTTON
... FFA Sweetheart

To Enter Odessa Livestock Show

A number of Merkel FFA Chapter members are showing steers this week at the Odessa Livestock Show, according to Chester Collinsworth, Merkel's vo - ag teacher.

Showing steers are Robert Boyd, Randy Bond and Bill Holoway. Also Mary and Betsy Johnson are showing lambs at the show.

PUGGY

ARE THESE THE CANDIES YOU WANT?

NO SIR! NOT THOSE!

HOW ABOUT LOLLYPOPS... OR PEANUT CLUSTERS... OR CHOCOLATE BARS.....

OH, NO SIR!

WELL... WHAT DID YOU WANT?

I WANTED TO SEE WHAT I COULD'VE BOUGHT IF I HADN'T LOST MY DIME!

by Horace Elmo

TELL ME

WHAT IS THE FASTEST FLYING BIRD OF ALL?



THE DUCK HAWK! TIMED AT 190 MILES AN HOUR FROM AN AIRPLANE... THIS BIRD HOLDS THE SPEED RECORD!

WHICH WEIGHS MORE... A CUP OF BROWN SUGAR OR A CUP OF WHITE SUGAR?



THE BROWN SUGAR DOES, SINCE IT HAS A HIGHER WATER CONTENT, THUS MAKING IT HEAVIER IN BULK!

WHAT IS THE MOST EXPENSIVE PETROLEUM PRODUCT OF ALL?



WATCH OIL! IT COSTS \$850 A GALLON!

DO SNAKES HAVE EARS?



NO! BUT THEY CATCH SOUND WAVES WITH THEIR TONGUES..... WHICH ENABLE THEM TO HEAR!

A DOG'S LIFE — Best Friend Man's Best Friend Can Make Life

A dog's bark can be worse than his bite. No dog owner out to get the comic strips allows his pet to fray the mailman's trousers... your neighbors' nerves can be torn to shreds by constant howling, yapping, whining or moaning for long hours when you are away. Even the best of dogs, the most loyal as well as the most lovable, can breed ill will between his owner and others if the dog is not trained to avoid this bad dog habit.

Curing a dog of howling and disturbing the peace, suggests the Purina Pet Care Center, is simple. But it does take a little patience.

After taking your dog for its morning exercise, lead him into a room and shut the door. Leave him alone. If he begins to bark, enter immediately and make him stop immediately. Your presence usually will be enough to silence the dog. After all, he is making noise because he wants to remain at your side. If you must enter the room more than once, however, it may be necessary to assert your mastery. A few little slaps under the chin will suffice. Remember, your purpose is not to punish your pet but to train him.

When your dog has remained alone and quiet for about an hour, open the door and let him come to you. Praise him. Play with him for a few minutes. Re-assure him of your love—and then put him back in the room.

When he's come through another session of good behavior, let him join you again for a while. Repeat this procedure throughout the day. By evening, your dog will have learned that, to be a member of your family, he must be quiet when he is left alone. He'll love you as much as ever. And so will your neighbors.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Doorway
- Those people
- As well as
- Winglike
- Italian city
- Extinct bird
- Used to be
- Single thing
- Axe
- Useful quality
- You: archaic
- Woven vessels
- Italian river
- Gray
- Also
- Fruit drink
- Games
- Bridge term
- Suffix: most
- Thing: law
- Spools
- Always:
- poetic
- Foot lever
- Mexican slave
- Gives food
- Vase
- Exclamation of grief
- Journey
- Palestine coin
- Slipper
- Bait
- Some
- Nuisance
- Time period
- Discharged a gun
- Rained heavily
- Particle
- In bed
- Vale
- Gaelic
- Compass point
- Bestial
- Removes secretly
- One
- Set again
- Cougar
- Ireland
- Sole
- Air duct
- Electrical unit: abbr.
- Regret
- Boy's name
- Through

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: Rolen Hubbard Riggs, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 6 day of February A.D. 1967, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 18 day of May A.D. 1966, in this cause, numbered 2603 on the docket of said court and styled Alice Patton Riggs, Plaintiff, vs. Rolen Hubbard Riggs, Defendant.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR AN ACT CREATING THE MERKEL HOSPITAL DISTRICT OVER A PORTION OF TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS TO THE RESIDENTS OF TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS, AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that after due publication hereof the undersigned intend to apply to the Texas Legislature at its regular session in 1967 for the passage of an act authorizing the creation of a Hospital District over a portion of Taylor County, Texas, under the authority granted by Article IX, Section 9, of the Texas Constitution, the general purposes and nature of such Act being expressed as follows:

"AN ACT authorizing creation of the MERKEL HOSPITAL DISTRICT: providing for an election within the area of the proposed hospital district and making certain findings in connection therewith; providing for the operation and financing of said district, including the procedures it is to follow; providing a severability clause; and declaring an emergency."

DATED This 14th day of December, 1966.
Maxwell Murrell

W. W. Toombs
John R. West
Ben R. Hicks
Meyer Mellinger
J. W. Hammond
M. H. Ely
W. D. Gamble
Mark M. Williamson
Glenn Teaff
W. H. Carson
Johnny Cox
J. L. Hensley
Sylvan Mellinger
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DR. ED DRESSEN

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Stith News
By MRS. FRITZ HALE

The weather was pretty during Christmas, and there was lots of visiting among our people.

The Stith Baptist Church had their Christmas social Wednesday night, Dec. 21 at the Community Center. Instead of exchanging gifts each gave an offering to the Lottie Moon Missions.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Chappell spent the holidays visiting relatives in Alabama.

Mrs. Nora McDonald spent Christmas Day in the home of her son's family, Mr. and Mrs. W. and Mildred Anderson.

Mrs. E. L. Berry were their guests Christmas Day in dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Bill the home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Strong and Melinda spent Christmas with Mrs. J. E. Swindell and the Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Swindell and son. Christmas weekend visitors in the Babe Tarpley home were Mr. and Mrs. Troy Gregory and Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Gregory, Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gregory, Lisa and Todd and David Tarpley, all of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fincher and Bridget of Arlington; Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Hicks, Jeanie, Debbie, Mike and Nick; Stith; Mr. and Mrs. Inlo Gregory, Craig and Scott, Midland; Troy Harris, Fayetteville, La., and Dona Harris of Abilene. Visitors celebrated the 18th Anniversary of Babe and Billie Tarpley. Troy Harris, one of the visitors, was best man at their wedding.

The Babe Tapleys, Ghronda and D. A. Bishop had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Eld Kelsa and Stella Tarpley in Abilene Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Hobbs, Grand Prairie, and Gaston Hobbs and Victor of Fort Worth.

Dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald Christmas Day were Mr. and Mrs. T. Burns and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Burns, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. David Glover, San Marcos; Mr. and Mrs. Doug Stephenson and Melisa, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Harris and Kathy, Mrs. Mamie Hardin, all of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Baird and family, Odessa, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns.

Those having dinner Christmas Eve in the John Browning home were Mildred and Lonnie Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Harris, Dallas; the Rev. and Mrs. Jack Bedford and children, Cottonwood; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning and children, Tuscola; O. B. Tatum, Merkel, and Ona Pence, Abilene. The John Browning family met at the home of the Bedford family in Cottonwood for Christmas dinner.

Christmas weekend visitors in the Babe Tarpley home were Mr. and Mrs. Troy Gregory and Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Gregory, Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gregory, Lisa and Todd and David Tarpley, all of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fincher and Bridget of Arlington; Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Hicks, Jeanie, Debbie, Mike and Nick; Stith; Mr. and Mrs. Inlo Gregory, Craig and Scott, Midland; Troy Harris, Fayetteville, La., and Dona Harris of Abilene. Visitors celebrated the 18th Anniversary of Babe and Billie Tarpley. Troy Harris, one of the visitors, was best man at their wedding.

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90TH ANNIVERSARY

THIS WEEK'S

KEY VALUE

BEGINNING THURSDAY, JAN 5
THRU WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11

98c BATH TOWELS .. only 71c
(23x46 — Assorted Colors)

29c WASH CLOTHS .. only 21c
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Vinyl Upholstery Material

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BEN FRANKLIN STORE
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Recent Visitors

Mr. Ernest Hail of Socora, N. M. was a visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Henderson Monday, Dec. 26.

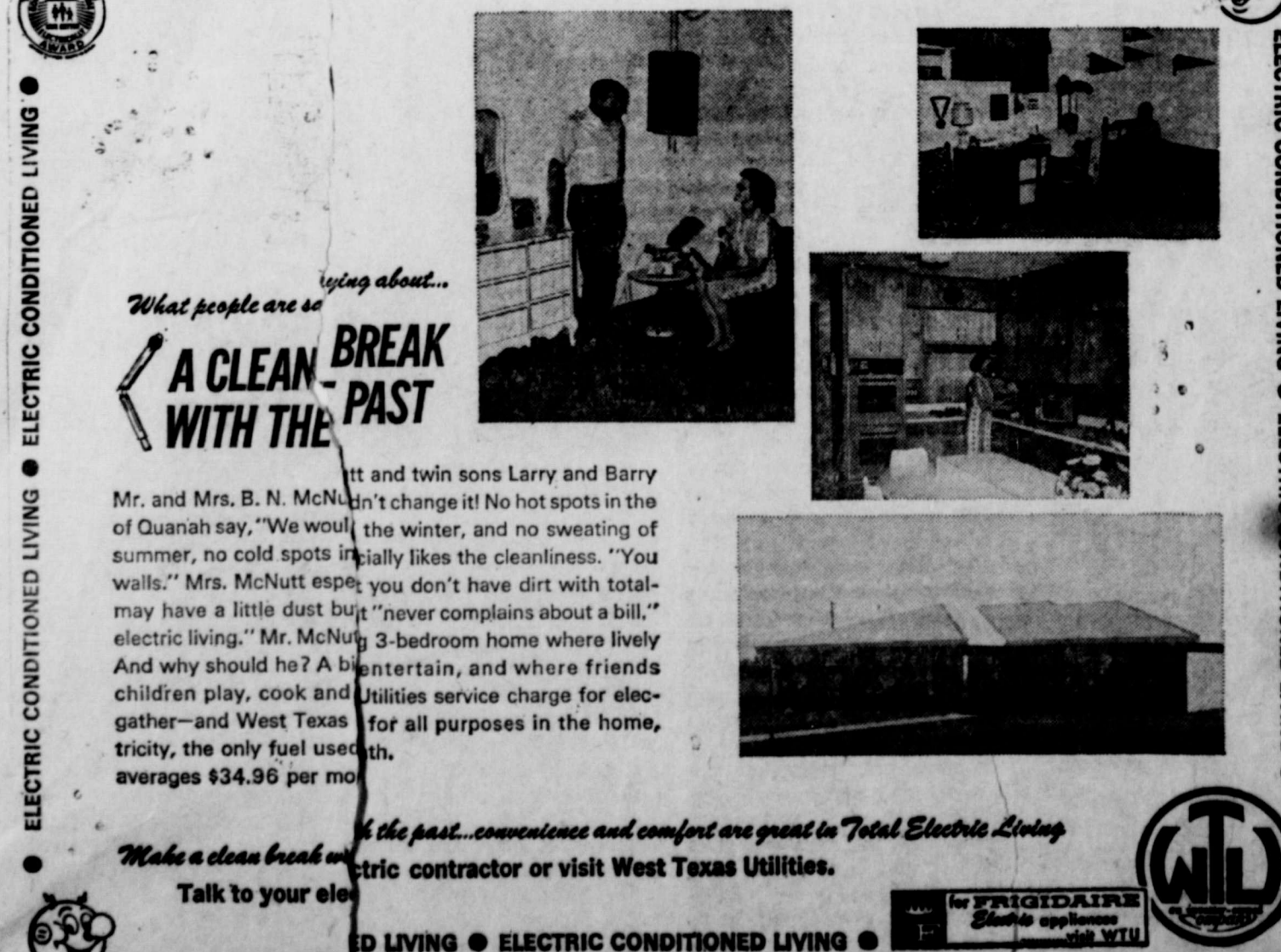
Also visiting the Hendersons Monday were Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Hail and son from Perryton; Mrs. Mayme Kennedy, Abilene; W. O. Winter, Trent and Woodrow Rogers of Merkel.

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 21 day of December A.D. 1966.
(Seal)
Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk,
Domestic Relations Court
Taylor County, Texas.
By Marie Gill, Deputy.

ELECTRIC CONDITIONED LIVING

What people are saying about...
A CLEAN BREAK WITH THE PAST




Mr. and Mrs. B. N. McNutt didn't change it! No hot spots in the of Quanaah say, "We wouldn't the winter, and no sweating of summer, no cold spots especially likes the cleanliness. "You walls." Mrs. McNutt expect you don't have dirt with total may have a little dust but "never complains about a bill," electric living." Mr. McNutt 3-bedroom home where lively entertain, and where friends children play, cook and utilities service charge for elec- for all purposes in the home, tricity, the only fuel used, th, averages \$34.96 per mo.

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Talk to your electric contractor or visit West Texas Utilities.

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JANUARY 5, 6 & 7

COFFEE

Folger's 1-Lb. Can 69¢ 2-Lb. Can \$1.38

APRICOTS Black Knight 2 1/2 can 2 for 45¢

CHILI Kimbell's No. 2 Can 59¢

CATSUP Hunt's Pizza Flavor 14-oz. Bot, 2 for 25¢

Shortening Armour's Vegetole 3-Lb. Can 59¢

Grape JELLY KRAFT 18-Oz. Jar 29¢

BEANS Ranch Style 300 Size 2 for 29¢

Dog Food Pard 16-Oz. Can 3 for 39¢

FLOUR Gold Medal 5-Lb. Bag 59¢

Save on MEATS LONGHORN CHEESE Lb. 65¢

FRESH GROUND BEEF 3 Lbs. \$1.00

FRYERS Fresh Dressed (WHOLE) Grade A Lb. 29¢

BACON Swift Premium Lb. 63¢

RIDLEY'S PURE PORK SAUSAGE 3-Lbs, \$1.09

STEW MEAT Lean Boneless Lb 69¢

CANDY Chocolate Covered Cherries Box 39¢ Qt.

KRAFT Miracle Whip 49¢

Dressing Wish Bone Thousand Isle 8-Oz. Bottle 29¢

COCONUT Baker's 4-Oz. Pkg. 19¢

OLEO KRAFT Parkay 2 for 49¢

3-MINUTE POP CORN 10-OZ. CAN 19¢

HIP-O-LITE MARSHMALLOW CREAM 7-OZ. JAR 19¢

INSTANT FOLGER'S COFFEE 6-OZ. JAR 79¢

BONUS DETERGENT 2 REG. SIZE 49¢

PICK OF THE CROP FROZEN FOODS

KEITH'S KRINKLE CUT POTATOES 2-lb. Bag 29¢

DONALD DUCK - 12-OZ. ORANGE JUICE Can 37¢

Crisp FRUITS and VEGETABLES

WINESAP APPLES Lb. 15¢

CHOICE NAVEL ORANGES Lb. 10¢

PASCAL CELERY Stalk 15¢

TEXAS - 5-LB. GRAPEFRUIT Bag 39¢

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MISCELLANEOUS

FOR MONUMENTS and CEMETERY CURBING
M. A. (Sarg) NOSTER
1404 Herring Dr.
Merkel, Texas
Phone 8-5565

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

ROY MASHBURN, W. M. DAN BUTLER, Sec'y.

NEED A NEW WELL DRILL-ED? An old well cleaned out? Call Robert Higgins, 9-5968. Also sell and install Meyers Pumps 51-tfc

REWARD — Offered for return of male Papillon dog, named "Nicky" 12 inches high, black and white, long hair, large black ears, curly tail, wears black collar. Contact H. R. (Bud) McKeever, 928-5577. 43 tfc

SPOTS before your eyes on your new carpet — remove them with Blue Lustre. Rent electric shampooer \$1. Bullock Hardware, Phone 928-5310. 44 tfc

WANTED — Lady between ages 18 - 30 for general work, house-keeping. Call 928-5376 after 6 p.m. 44 tfc

WANTED — A janitor. Contact John R. West at West Company. Phone 928-5512. 44 tfc

WANTED — Night waitress. Contact Mrs. Faye Uecker at Merkel Restaurant, 928-6923. 44 tfc

FOR RENT

FOR RENT — Unfurnished apartment. 2 bedroom, bath. 306 Locust. Phone 8-5713. Ray Wilson. 33 tfc

FOR RENT — Three bedroom home. Call 928-5348. C. R. Melton. 30 tfc

FOR RENT — Modern 5 room house, 6 miles southwest of Merkel, 1/4 mile west of Blair store. \$30 month. Consult at Blair Store. 44 tfc

FOR RENT — Furnished, nice two bedroom rock house. Lots of cabinets and closet space. Phone 928-5777. 44 tfc

FOR SALE

FOR SALE — Two bedroom and den house has water well. Ph. 8-5056. 38 tfc

FOR SALE — Trailer House, all aluminum, 36 ft. \$400.00. See at 4th and Nolan. Lonnie Bryan. 43 tfc

FOR SALE — Good bundle feed, 5 cents per bundle. Phone 928-5492. 42 tfc

FOR SALE — 1958 Plymouth Station Wagon. Fair condition, good tires, good school or work car. Will sell cheap. Call Lee Scott, 928-5376, after 6 p.m. 44 tfc

FOR SALE OR RENT — Two bedroom and bath, unfurnished house. Sell for \$2,700, or will rent for \$30 month. Call or see Vernon Simpson, 928-6936. 44 tfc

FOR SALE — One and one-half City limits of Merkel 6 . . . acres, 4 houses and outbuildings. City limits of Merkel. Contact J. A. Campbell, 860 Mulberry, Abilene or Phone OR 3-6033 after 6 p.m. 44 tfc

FOR SALE — 1 eight disc International 24 in. disc plow. Long tail wheel. \$200. Trash barrels, \$4. A. H. Murphree, 928-5370. 44 tfc

FOR SALE — Three bedroom, two bath house, carpet throughout, own water system, close to town.

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SUNDAY
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Worship Service 10:55
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WEDNESDAY
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CHURCH OF CHRIST
Dwight Holland, pastor
SUNDAY
Bible School 9:45
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John Curtis, pastor
SUNDAY
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SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.
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Youth Service 7:30 p.m.
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HIGH SCHOOL
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Jan. 10. — Rosecoe, there
Jan. 13 — Aspermont, there
Jan. 17 — Rotan, here
Jan. 20 — Jim Ned, there
Jan. 24 — Wylie, here
Jan. 27 — Rosecoe, here
Jan. 31 — Aspermont, here
Feb. 3 — Rotan, there
Feb. 7 — Jim Ned, here
Feb. 10 — Wylie, there

ELEMENTARY
Jan. 5-7 — Anson Tournament, boys and girls A
Jan. 9 — Jim Ned at Merkel, boys A and B and girls A
Jan. 16 — Merkel at Wylie, boys A and B and girls A
Jan. 23 — Merkel at Baird, boys A and B and girls A
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WELDON TITTLE . . . HPC returning letterman

MERKEL GRADUATE IS HPC LETTERMAN

BROWNWOOD (Spl.) — When the Howard Payne College Yellow Jackets, coached by Joe James, open spring football drills, Weldon Tittle, of Merkel, will be one of 28 lettermen returning, according to George Hine, head of the publicity department at HPC.

The Yellow Jackets, who played .500 ball in both season and in conference play with 5-5-1 and 3-3-1 marks, respectively, lost only two players this season.

So, if experience means anything, HPC should enjoy a banner year in the tough Lone Star

Conference football race in 1967, said Hine.

Tittle, who was out of action the latter part of the season due to a knee injury, was the Yellow Jackets' second leading rusher. He carried 106 times for a net of 378 yards.

Weldon is the son of Mr. Neely Tittle. He is majoring in physical education at HPC, home of the famed Douglas MacArthur Academy of Freedom.

The strait connecting the upper and lower New York bays is called the Narrows.

Riding Club Plans Banquet

The Merkel Riding Club is getting plans in order for their annual meeting Monday, Jan. 16.

"The meeting will be in the form of a banquet," said Mrs. Jack Boone, publicity director. "Members will be notified what food to bring and the meat will be furnished."

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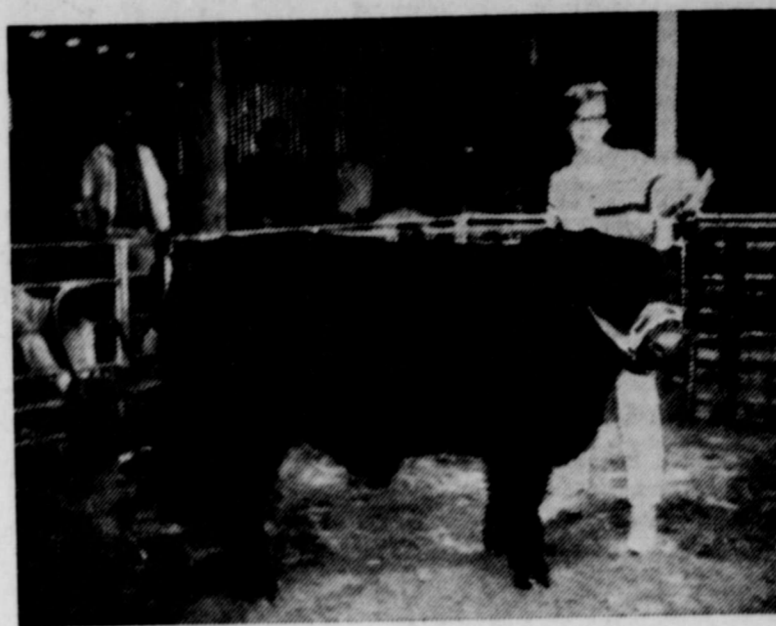
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RABBIT WINNER — Monty Heatley exhibited his New Zealand White buck and doe rabbits to the grand championship.



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HAMPSHIRE WINNER — Pam McElmurray showed the champion Hampshire in the breeding type classes. (Trent Livestock Show Photos Courtesy Lee Scott)

Scotts Entertain Holiday Visitors

Visitors in the A. D. Scott home for the "Christmas Tree" were Mr. and Mrs. Payton Scott, Theresa, Neil and Sam of Foraker, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Barry Scott, Cynthia and Carolyn, Mr. and Mrs. David Scott and Jeff, Miss Aleta Scott, Texas Tech, Mr. J. D. Alexander, Ft. Meyers, Va., Mrs. Sam Butman, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brnovak, Gaylon and Judy; Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Powell, Linda and Larry, Roswell, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Polk, Ann, Randy and Beth, Bakersfield, Calif., and "Ole Santa," Mr. Donald Woodard.

Other holiday visitors included the Rev. and Mrs. Wayland Dowden and son Ronald of Clyde; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Shugart and Eddie Glyn Sandusky all of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Farris Neill Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Slater, Du Quoin, Ill.

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YOUNG HOMEMAKERS TO MEET JANUARY 5

The regular monthly meeting of the Taylor County Young Homemakers will be Thursday, Jan. 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the Adult Home-making Center, 1902 South 11th, Abilene. Mrs. Loreta Kelley, County Home Demonstration Agent, will present the program on "The Psychological Importance of Clothing."

Two voting delegates will be elected to attend the State Convention of Young Homemakers of Texas in Corpus Christi, Jan. 13 and 14. Those planning to attend the convention are Mrs. Curtis Robbins, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs.

Hugh Baker, and Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Cutler, all of Merkel; and Mrs. Edgar Helton and daughter, Sarah of Abilene. Miss Helton will represent the Taylor County Chapter and Area IV as "Little Sister" nominee. The State "Little Sister" will be announced at the Young Homemaker - Young Farmer Awards Luncheon on Friday, Jan. 13. The Taylor County Chapter is also in competition with other areas for the State Publicity Award.

"Everyone is invited to attend this Thursday evening meeting," said Mrs. Baker, publicity chairman.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: George Wayne Farmer, 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 13th

day of February A.D. 1967, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 25th day of May A.D. 1966, in this cause, numbered 2614 on the docket of said court and styled Lois Alpha Farmer, Plaintiff, vs. George Wayne Farmer, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment, and for an equity of the community property, and for custody and child support of the minor child 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.

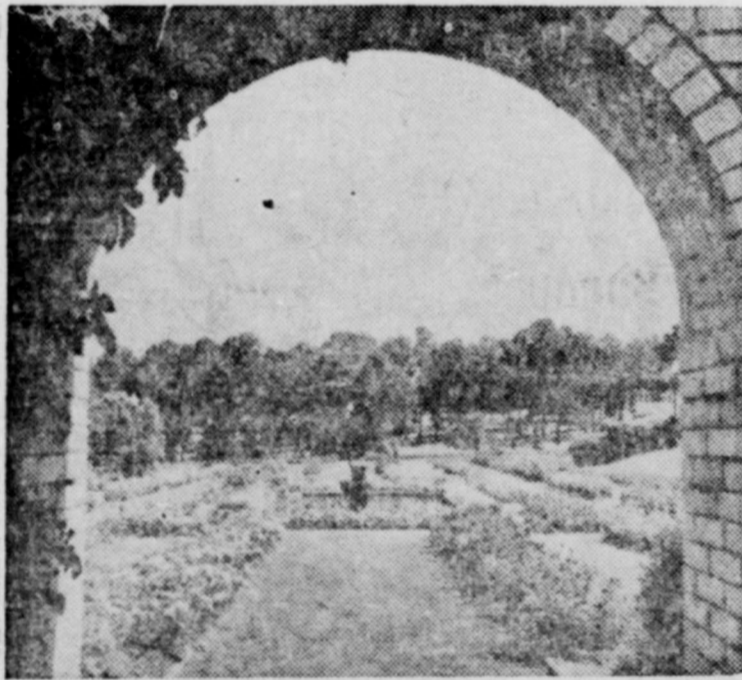
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Cooks who care always add charming touches to even the simplest foods, as did the Borden Kitchen in glamorizing Dutch chocolate ice cream into a Chocolate-Marshmallow Pie decked with marshmallow flowers and chocolate cutouts—tulips, of course. To make marshmallows bloom, flatten the large size, then snip with kitchen shears dipped in hot water. Leave the center intact. For the simple tulip silhouettes, melt together over hot (not boiling) water 1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate morsels and 1/2 teaspoon vegetable shortening. Spread melted chocolate in a thin, even layer on waxed paper; chill. Cut out with small cookie cutters or by following a paper pattern. It's easy to do Dutch and create this conversation piece.

Chocolate-Marshmallow Pie
(Makes one 9-inch pie)

White Coconut Crust:

2 tablespoons butter
1-1/8 cups (one 3-1/2 oz. can) flaked coconut

With a spatula, spread butter evenly over sides and bottom of a 9-inch pie plate. Firmly press coconut evenly against bottom and sides of pie plate. Bake in a moderate (325°F.) oven for 15 minutes, or until light, golden brown. Remove from oven. Chill thoroughly. Fill with Chocolate Ice Cream Filling.

Chocolate Ice Cream Filling:

1 quart (one-half 1/2-gal. pkg.) Borden's Dutch Chocolate Ice Cream
1 cup Campfire Miniature Marshmallows
Marshmallow and chocolate cutouts, optional

Let ice cream soften at room temperature until of spreading consistency. Add marshmallows; mix well. Spoon mixture evenly into chilled White Coconut Crust. Place in freezer for 1 to 1-1/2 hours, or until firm. If desired, before serving garnish top of pie with marshmallows and chocolate cutouts.

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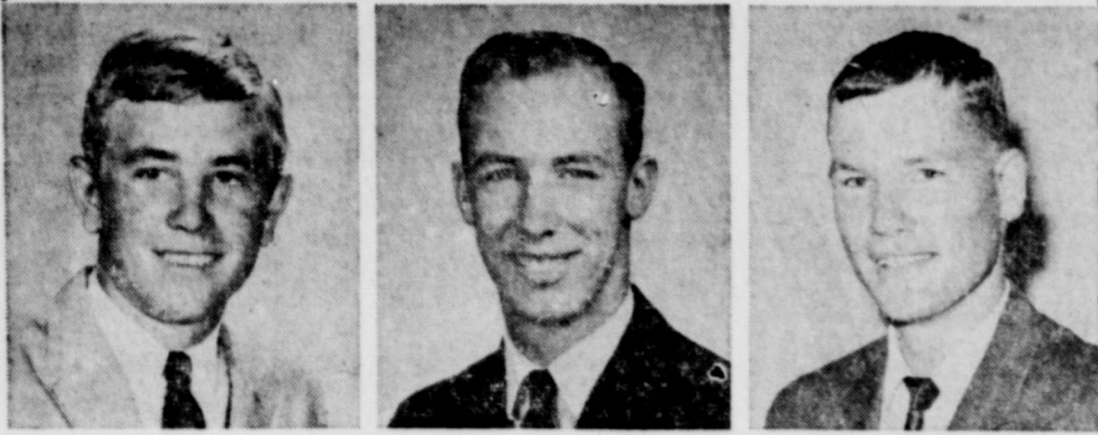
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4-H'ers Back from Chicago



Bob Franke

Richard Webb

Rollin Heifrin

Three outstanding Texas boys have returned from the recently-concluded National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. Each won an expense-paid trip to the congress by being named best in the state in his 4-H project.

Chosen by the Cooperative Extension Service were Bob Franke, College Station, beef; Richard Webb, Kress, automotive; and Rollin Heifrin, Lancaster, tractor.

At the age of 15, Franke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Franke, has compiled an extensive list of county and state beef awards. The first 4-H'er in Brazos Coun-

ty to have a champion in each field of livestock, young Franke also is a director of the Texas Junior Hereford Association.

His award was provided by E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company.

Webb, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Webb, has been a member of 4-H for eight years and a participant in the automotive program for three.

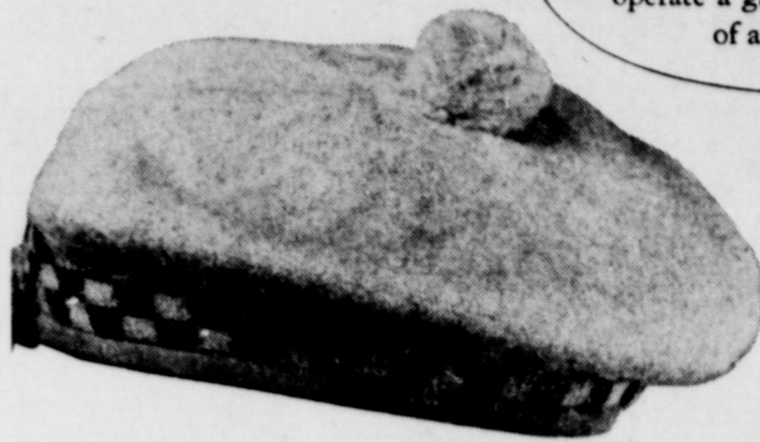
Leader of the junior automotive group for two years, he said the program has helped him to reduce expenses by teaching him how to care for a car. He also has given a demon-

stration on automotive safety on the highway.

His award was donated by The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company.

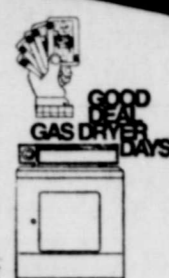
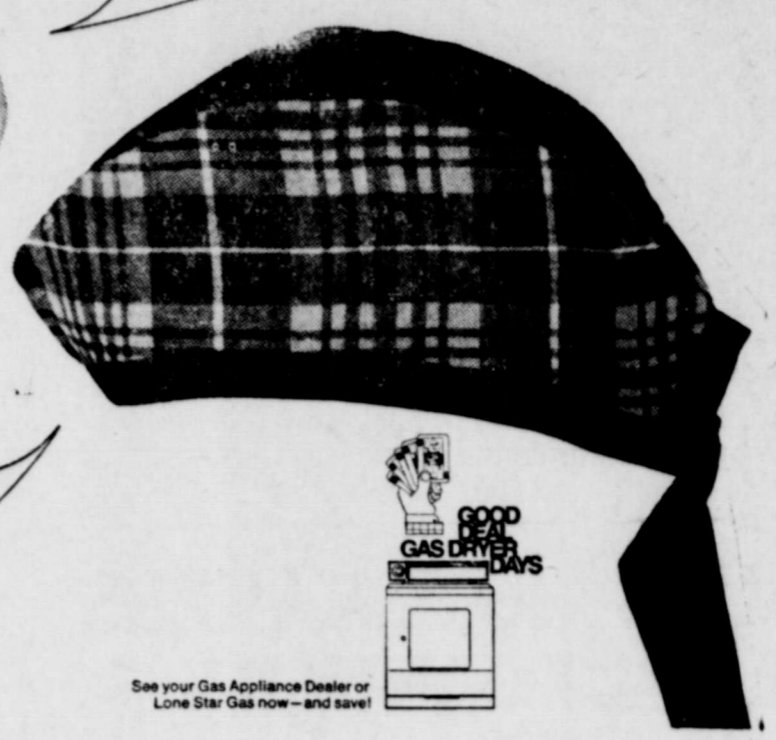
A career in agricultural engineering is planned by Heifrin, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Roy Heifrin Jr., who won the award sponsored by the Humble Oil & Refining Company.

Since joining the tractor program six years ago, Heifrin has placed first in four county and two district tractor operators' contests and has earned awards for five of his six years of tractor work.



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Committee of Steel Pipe Producers, A. I. S. I.

New GI Bill Now in Effect

Over one-half million veterans have applied for certificates to attend college or take some other form of training under the new GI Bill, Jack Coker, manager of the Veterans Administration Regional Office in Waco said today.

In a report to President Johnson, William J. Driver, administrator of Veterans Affairs, said that as of Dec. 1, a total of 289,000 were actually in training, mostly at the college level. Over 49,000 of these also attended summer school under the new law and enrolled for the fall semester. The educational benefits of the new GI Bill became effective last June.

"Recalling the gratifying results of the World War II and Korean GI Bills, the good early response to the new GI Bill promises vast benefits for the entire nation as the educational and economic status of our veteran - citizen increases," Driver said.

Relatives Visit H. L. Thaxtons

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Thaxton over the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Suter of Dublin, Calif., and Johnny Suter of Big Spring. Also Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Massey of Merkel were visitors in the Thaxton home.

Gene and Johnny Suter are Mrs. Thaxton's brothers and Mrs. Massey, her sister. Says Mrs. Thaxton, "It's the first time since 1937 that we've all gotten together for such a long visit, and there was a lot of talking done."

Holiday Visitors

Mrs. Grace Cranfill and Mrs. Betty Ryan and children of San Angelo were visitors in the John Oliver home Monday, Jan. 2.

Mrs. Cranfill is Mrs. Oliver's sister, and Mrs. Ryan is her niece.

INCOME REPORT DUE BY JANUARY 31

More than two million veterans and dependents receiving pensions from the Veterans Administration are being mailed cards on which to report their annual income. Jack Coker, manager of the VA Regional Office in Waco said today.

The check-sized income report cards, enclosed with the November pension checks, must be filled out and returned to the VA by Jan. 31, or payment of the pension will be stopped. Coker reminded. The law requires that payments be stopped if income is not reported.

The forms have been simplified this year, and designed for fast-

er processing in automatic accounting machines. It is important that the cards not be folded, torn or mutilated.

The income questionnaires are going to all veterans and dependents of deceased veterans on VA's non-service-connected pension rolls, and to parents of deceased veterans who are receiving dependency and indemnity payments.

JACKPOT ROPING WINNERS NAMED

Dennis Hill was top winner in the Jackpot Calf Roping, held Friday, Dec. 31 at the Merkel Arena.

Tex Herring, owner of Tex Herring Western Wear in Old Abilene Town, and also announcer for the roping event, presented Hill with the trophy belt buckle.

There were approximately forty calf and team ropers who entered the event.

Winners of the \$11 two-calf average were Tommy Flinniken, first place with a time of 11.5; Doug McCraw and Joe Templeton, second and third, both with a time of 12.7.

In the second go-round, Royce Kitchens was first with 10.1; Truman Bacon, second with 10.8, and Robert Reagan, third with 11.1. Average winners, listed first, second and third were Tommy Wliniken, 23.5; Truman Bacon, 24.5, and Dennis Hill, with 26.5.

First place in the team roping went to Bill Guest and J. W. Green, with a time of 16.9. Dennis Hill and Truman Malden were second with 17.9 and Tommy Wilson and Joe Templeton, third with 18.2.

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BY THE 1850's, farms produced wheat for the small gristmills located on many streams throughout the countryside. Thirty bushels an acre was a common yield, but the number of acres one man could farm was small. Planting, reaping, flailing, and winnowing were all done by hand. This was a prelude to the great wheat treasure the Midwestern states would yield in time.

TODAY, amid the rolling wheat fields of South Central Nebraska, in Minden, there stands a monumental tribute to the pioneer men and women who founded the great communities of the Midwest. Pioneer Village, a unique and comprehensive collection of Americana, was built by Harold Warp as a living museum. Here you can see how the pioneers lived, among the 22 buildings completely furnished, an actual sod house, country house, and church, even to the clothes they wore, and the implements they used to help found a mighty nation.



Retirement—An Age-Old Problem

The fact that comparatively few Americans provide adequately for their retirement is supported by figures from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare which show that 60 per cent of the 18 million people in this country who are 65 and over rely on public or private agencies or relatives for subsistence.

All of which clearly underscores the importance of recognizing that retirement planning is a long-term proposition. In building a retirement nest-egg, there are two other important factors to consider: inflation, which chips away at every dollar put aside, and a longer life span, which modern medicine has made possible.

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CLAY-TERRELL BOUT SCHEDULED FEB. 6

Muhammad Ali, nee Cassius Clay II, and Ernie Terrell, will meet for the undisputed heavyweight boxing championship of the world in Houston's Astrodome on Monday, Feb. 6.

The fight arrangements were made by Astrodome Championship Enterprises, Inc., the fight promoters and a newly formed organization wholly owned by the Houston Sports Association.

"The Ali - Terrell fight should settle once and for all the man who deserves to wear the world heavyweight crown," said Fred Hofheinz, president of Astrodome Championship Enterprises, Inc. "It was inevitable that these two great fighters should meet, and we are very happy that they have chosen the Astrodome as the set-

ting for the fight." Ticket prices will be \$5, \$10 and \$15 in the permanent Astrodome stands, and there will be three ringside ticket prices at \$25, \$50 and \$100.

Tickets may now be ordered by sending check or money order to Ali - Terrell Title fight Astrodome, Box 1691, Houston, Tex.

In Vietnam

DA NANG, Vietnam (FHTNC) — Marine Private First Class Jerrie Heatly, son of Mr. Johnnie O. Heatly of Trent, is serving with the First Battalion, First Marine Regiment, First Marine Division at Da Nang, Vietnam.

The battalion is engaged in search and destroy missions

against the enemy and a determined effort to win the people to the side of the legitimate government of South Vietnam.

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James C. Jacobs Gets Promotion

FT. DIX, N.J. (AHTNC) — James C. Jacobs, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Jacobs, Rt. 3, Merkel, received an early promotion to Army pay grade private E-2 on completion of basic

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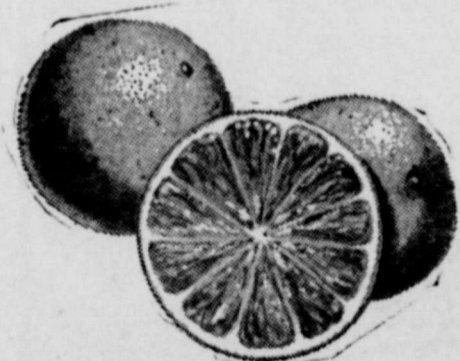
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