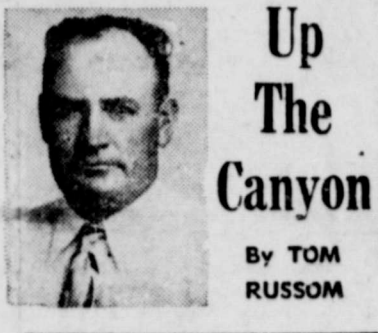


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Up
The
Canyon
By TOM
RUSSOM

The weather here in the Canyon is just like springtime; you can even sleep without any cover at night. This is the 24th day of January 1967 and not one bit of snow have we had.

We recall a year ago at the livestock show in Abilene there was 9 degree weather, with snow and ice on the Abilene streets and on the highways. And just a day or so ago at the Abilene stock show boys and girls were getting rid of their coats in 75 and 80 degree weather. Quite a contrast.

The farmers are saying now "it will be a miracle if we make a wheat crop." Recently some heavy dew fell in our area — enough to run off of the house, but all signs and forecasts for rain have failed.

The labor on the farms and ranches is worse than it has been for years since we can remember. Just recently Booth Warren, Merkel banker and rancher, told us of working the cattle at his ranch. Booth has three grandsons whom he can depend upon when it comes to cattle work at the ranch. Booth picked a Saturday to work the cattle so he could have some help. Of course, Saturday, the bank was open until noon, so the grandsons and the ranch foreman, Reuben Dye, reported back to the bank and to Booth that they had completed the cattle work. So, a little of this ranch work could rub off on the grandsons, or, we could say, the great grandsons, having reference to the late J. T. Warren, who enjoyed his ranch work as a hobby and spent quite a bit of time working at the ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Davis and daughter, Myrtle and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russom attended the Bob Cooke appreciation dinner Monday night. It was really a fine party and a large turnout. The program was good and all committees did a very fine job.

MERKEL PAGEANT

By MAIL STAFF

The Merkel Mail owes a great deal to Bob Cooke, retired farm Editor of the Abilene Reporter-News.

Bob was always willing to give a hand to the smaller paper. He shared information, made pictures available; he did everything in his power to help this small neighboring paper.

Many stories were told of Bob Cooke as a man, as a writer, as an editor at the dinner in his honor Tuesday night.

Here's a story Bob would never tell anybody.

Yet it's one that those who like Bob Cooke should know. Like the man it's an humble story.

The incident occurred when Bob Cooke was sometimes city editor of the Reporter-News.

At that time there was an opening for a permanent city editor of the expanding newspaper. And those who were sometime editors recognized that they were being weighed and the most pleasing of the sometimes city editor would be given the permanent job.

Bob was in the running. The schedule of work was such

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MUNICIPAL LEAGUE MEETS HERE TONIGHT

Merkel will be host tonight for a large number of representatives from towns in area 6 of the Texas Municipal League.

The meeting will be held at the Merkel Restaurant and will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Johnny Cox, Merkel's mayor, and vice president of area 6 TML, said "a large crowd is expected at this meeting. Approximately one hundred have already sent in reservations for the dinner meeting."

Tom Taylor of Austin and head of the Travel and Information Division of the Texas Highway Department, will be guest speaker. "Much of Taylor's talk will be centered in and around tourism," said Cox.

Towns included in area 6 are

Reby, Rotan, Roscoe, Ranger, Robert Lee, Rising Star, San Angelo, Santa Anna, Sonora and Sweetwater.

Also Talpa, Junction, Lueders, Loraine, Lawn, Hamlin, Melvin, Menard, Impact, Moran, Putnam and Miles.

Also Abilene, Albany, Anson, Blackwell, Baird, Ballinger, Breck Blackwell, Baird, Ballinger, Breckenridge, Bronte, Carbon, Cisco and Clyde.

Also Coleman, Cross Plains, Brownwood, Blanket, Bangs, Brady, Eastland, Eden, Eldorado, Stamford and Merkel.

H. G. Andrews Jr., mayor of Stamford is president of area 6 TML. Cox vice president, and Lila Fern Martin Abilene city secretary, is secretary of the organization.

TC FARMERS UNION TO MEET FEB. 7

Members of the Taylor County Farmers Union will hold their regular meeting at 7 p.m. at the Taylor Electric Cooperative building Tuesday, Feb. 7, according to Farmers Union president, Joe McDuff.

"A representative of the Planters Distributors with headquarters in Plainview, will be at the meeting to speak to members on New Soil Conditioning and Soil Restoration," said McDuff. "Of special interest to members will be the soil conditioner which is now being tested in the Pecos Valley area."

Three items to be discussed will be "What Effect do mineral elements have on plant life," "Why minerals in feed for animals" and "why minerals in stock feed crops."

McDuff urges all members to attend this meeting and to bring a guest. "There will be a drawing after the meeting and one ton of Planters Soil Conditioner will be given away."

Mason-Son Night Slated Jan. 26

A Mason and Son Night will be held at the regular Merkel Lodge meeting Thursday, Jan. 26, at the Lodge Hall.

District Grand Deputy L. O. Mohr of Abilene also will be present for the meeting.

Time is 7:30 p.m. and all members are urged to attend.

TROOP 18 IS FIRST AT WINTER CAMP

Merkel's Boy Scout Troop 18 placed first in Scoutcrafts and campercrafts competition among 14 other Taylor County troops at the Chisholm Trail Councils' Central District Winter Camp Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 18 and 19. The winter camp meeting was held at Hubbard Creek Lake.

The winning troop, sponsored by First Methodist Church in Merkel, took 305 points out of a possible 400. There were 236 boys

attending the camp meeting. Troop 18 Scout members are Ray Young, Keith Reeger, Allen Fudge, Terry Reed, Mike Warren and Lon Beasley.

Also Randy Brown, Mike Brown, Stephen Walker, John Dixon, Wayne Walters and Tommy Walters.

S. C. Dixon is assistant Scoutmaster, Alan Reed, Junior assistant Scoutmaster, and Glenn Reed, Scoutmaster.

MERKEL HOSPITAL BILL INTRODUCED

Sen. David Ratliff of Stamford Monday introduced a bill to the Texas Senate authorizing the creation of a hospital district co-extensive with Commissioner Precinct No. 2, Taylor County, according to an article appearing in the Jan. 24 edition of the Abilene Reporter-News.

A 30 - Bed hospital for Merkel is a prospect under the terms of

the bill that was introduced. Attached to the Ratliff bill is a formal notice signed by 20 electors last December. (Notice of intent of "presentation of the bill" was published in the December issues of the Merkel Mail.)

The bill introduced by Ratliff provides that an election "may be called upon petition of 50 property tax paying citizens that will authorize formation of the district and levy a tax of not to exceed 75 cents on \$100 valuation."

The nine directors named in the bill are Bill Wood, Mrs. John P. Hardesty Jr., W. S. J. Brown, W. H. Button, Joe Cypert, Herman Carson, Lawton Finch, Max Murrell and W. D. Gamble.

A drawing of the proposed Merkel Hospital appeared in an October edition of the Mail and the grounds for the proposed hospital has been given to the Merkel Hospital authority by Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon of Merkel.

Mothers March of Dimes Set For Tuesday, January 31



MERKEL ELEMENTARY CONTRIBUTION — Leon Walker, principal of the Merkel Elementary School presents a check of \$48.38 to Mrs. Larry White, chairman of the Mothers March of Dimes drive. The contribution is from the students of the Elementary school. (Staff Photo)

TRENT HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECEIVES YOUNG TEXAN TITLE

Zone chairman of Optimist Zone F, Truman Belcher, announced today that Deris Hutcheson has won the zone award. "Young Texan of the Month" for the month of December.

Deris, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hutcheson of Trent, is a senior at Trent High School.

"The award is noteworthy," said Belcher, "in that Deris has won the zone award." Zone F includes the North Texas District, which includes Abilene (4 Optimist Clubs) Breckenridge, San Angelo and Merkel.

The Merkel Optimist Club participates in the Young Texan program in zone, district and state.

"To be chosen Young Texan for zone, a candidate will have performed outstandingly in the field of community or humanitarian service," said Belcher. "Each candidate's unselfish activity receives equal weight with scholarship and extra curricular activities. Candidates are 'spotted' by teachers, principals and superintendents of the schools which they attend."

Deris has been outstanding in athletics activities. He was all



DERIS HUTCHESON
... Young Texan of Month

VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED FOR DRIVE

More than a million mothers across the nation will join in the fight against birth defects when the traditional Mothers March of Dimes drive is staged Tuesday evening, Jan. 31.

Volunteer workers for the Merkel Mothers March of Dimes will meet at the Merkel Elementary Library at 5:30 p.m. before beginning the house to house drive.

"Approximately thirty volunteer workers will be needed to successfully complete this drive," said Mothers March chairman, Mrs. Larry White. "Representatives from the various women's civic organizations and other volunteers will be called upon to help with this drive. We have always had a wonderful turnout of volunteers and we are counting on a good one this year."

Mrs. White said that porch lights turned on helped greatly with the drive.

"The need for a successful drive is vital and immediate," said Mrs. White. "Each year more than 250,000 American babies are born with birth defects... that's about 700 infants born each day

with a physical or mental defect. On the Merkel's door to door march, volunteers will have two main goals in mind. One will be to leave pamphlets that will educate parents and parents - to be about birth defects and what is known about how to prevent them. They will also try to raise funds to support the fight on birth defects.

The educational leaflet, "Happy Birth Day," will be distributed during the Mother's March.

Contributions to the 1967 March of Dimes will help the fight on birth defects.

Assisting Mrs. White will be Merkel Elementary School Principal, Leon Walker who is serving as campaign director of the March of Dimes for the Merkel area.

"Merkel volunteers will be among the million mothers who march this month who will share the certain knowledge that they will indeed be marching to help generations of babies yet unborn," said Mrs. White.

Study Club Sets Bake Sale Jan. 28

Plans for a Bake Sale were discussed at the Fortnightly Study Club's regular meeting Tuesday, Jan. 24.

Meeting at the Merkel Restaurant with Mrs. S. D. Gamble as hostess, the group decided to conduct a Bake Sale Saturday, Jan. 28 at the West Texas Utilities building.

"Proceeds of the sale will be used for the club's annual civic project, said club president, Mrs. Comer Haynes.

A Texas Exhibit highlighted the program topic, with members showing items of interest that were "handed down to them" from early Texans. Some of the exhibits included books, rugs, knives, newspapers and pictures.

The club's next scheduled meeting is Feb. 14 and will concern Famous Texans.

HOME-EC STYLE SHOW PRESENTED TO P-TA

A style show presented by the Merkel High School Homemaking Class highlighted the Parents-Teachers Meeting Thursday, Jan. 19. Mrs. Kathryn Ryle is the Homemaking teacher.

The style show consisted of clothing made by the Homemaking Class. Penny Tanner was coordinator and music was by Don Carson.

Also the class conducted a "varied poll," stressing education, and was shared with members attending.

Mrs. Comer Haynes third grade class was again winner of the Parent Participation trophy. "They have retained the trophy for three months with the highest number of parents from their room attending meetings," said Mrs. Clyde Bunch, P-TA publicity chairman.

Mack Fisher, superintendent of Merkel Schools, asked the invocation.

Larry White, president of the

Merkel Parent - Teachers Association, conducted the business meeting.

\$4,819.00 School Payment Granted

U. S. Senator Ralph W. Yarborough has informed the Merkel Mail that \$4,819.00 has been certified for immediate payment to the Merkel Independent School District.

The \$4,819.00 provides federal assistance "for public schools in federally impacted areas." Tentative entitlement for 1967 by the Department of Health Education and Welfare is \$6,426.00.

Attends Market

Mrs. Dee Grimes and Mrs. Ethel Pee of Bragg's Dept. Store left by plane Sunday, Jan. 22, to attend the Summer Market in Dallas. They will return this week.

MOTHERS MARCH OF DIMES - JANUARY 31

THE FIZZLE FAMILY



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MEASLES CAN BE A CRIPPLER, KILLER

It's time to stop thinking of measles as a slightly tumorous childhood disease, says the American Medical Association. Many people don't realize two important things about measles: First, it's a crippler and killer. Measles strikes millions of children, but the ones left with deafness or mental defects or encephalitis — or even the ones who die — seem to be forgotten by the public. Measles isn't at all a funny disease; it's one whose tragedy isn't fully realized. Second, measles could be eliminated as a major health threat. Some medical officials believe it could be eradicated in this country within a year. There's no doubt that it SHOULD be. Several types of anti-measles vaccine are available. They are easily administered by your physician and have been proven safe and effective. Measles-susceptible children can be immunized by their family's physician. The best time is when they are approximately one

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Word of HemiaFair 1968 is being spread globally. U. S. Ambassador to Australia Edward Clark, right, a native of Austin, presented a package of information on the international exposition to Lt. R. C. Sullivan, USN, officer in charge of Pole Station, Antarctica, on a recent inspection trip. HemiaFair, the Texas World's Fair, opens in San Antonio on April 6, 1968.

year old. Older susceptible children — those who have neither had the measles nor been given measles vaccine — should be immunized as soon as possible, particularly if they are of school age. In some communities, and in the states of Rhode Island and Delaware measles has been practically eliminated by concerted area-wide immunization campaigns. Such campaigns have been endorsed by the AMA's Council on Environmental and Public Health, but their organization requires the counsel of the local medical society and close cooperation by the community's civic, education, and health organizations. Local physicians are in a position to determine the best way to conduct an immunization campaign in this community. The most important step is to insure that your own children are protected from measles. If they have not been immunized, have it done now.

King George VI died February 6, 1962.

CEMETERY FUND

- The following made recent contributions to the Merkel Cemetery Association:
- D. W. McLeod
 - Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray in memory of Mrs. Sam Swann
 - Dee Teaff and sons
 - Lottie B. Everett in memory of Buck Leach, W. J. Derstine and Carlton King.
 - Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hester in memory of Carlton King.
 - Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McDuff
 - Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson
 - Lum Gilbert
 - William Hughes
 - Mrs. M. G. Bryan
 - Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Miller in memory of Carlton King
 - Mrs. J. M. Winter
 - Elmer D. Nelson
 - Mr. and Mrs. Joe Risinger
 - Mrs. Austin Robertson
 - Mrs. Howard M. Phillips in memory of Mrs. Sam Swann.
 - Mary Grimes and Mrs. T. G. Bragg
 - Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler in memory of E. L. McLeod
 - F. T. Hogan Jr. in memory of E. L. McLeod
 - Paul E. Farmer in memory of Mrs. Clarence Melton
 - V. R. Justice
 - William W. Barry and Mary S. Barry in memory of Maude V. Simpson
 - Mr. and Mrs. John Crain in memory of Mrs. W. Y. Steen
 - Mr. and Mrs. John Crain in memory of E. L. McLeod.

4-Her Prepares Complete Meal

Margo Hunter was assisted by her mother, Mrs. Tommy McAlister, Jan. 23 on 4-H cooking. Margo prepared a complete meal which included chili mac, pea salad, drop biscuits, baked apples, milk, and coffee. The four food groups were discussed and plans for the next meeting were made.

FDR held his first "Fireside Chat" in 1933.

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Goodman HD Club Installs Officers

The Home Demonstration Club of Goodman met recently in their regular session at the Community

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During the business meeting officers were installed, yearbooks completed and committees appointed.

Nine club members attended the meeting.

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TRENT GARDEN CLUB HEARS MRS. BROWN

Mrs. W. L. Brown presented a lecture and demonstration on Creativity, Abstract, Modern and assemblages flower arranging to members of the Trent Garden Club Monday evening, Jan. 23.

Memorial Gifts

Memorial gifts honoring those who have died from Cancer may be made to the American Cancer Society, according to Johnny Cox, area chairman.

"A memorial card will be sent to the family, stating a memorial gift has been received and giving the name of donor," said Cox.

Memorial gifts may be mailed to Cox at 114 Edwards, Merkel, Texas.

Meeting in the home of Mrs. Othell Barnhill, Mrs. Weldon Beasley presided in the absence of club president, Mrs. Erma Black.

Six designs were created and explained by Mrs. Brown.

Mrs. Mary Click discussed the planting and growing of amaryllis.

Members present were Mmes. Geta Williamson, Foy Steadman, Weldon Beasley, Odell Freeman, and Claude Butler.

Also Mmes. A. McNary, Stella Cutler, Lesley Beasley, Mary Click, and Brown, and a new member, Mrs. Lottie Everett. Mrs. Steadman co-hosted the meeting with Mrs. Barnhill.

The minimum hourly wage was raised by law to 75 cents in 1949.

CTG&M Society To Meet Jan. 29

The Central Texas Gem & Mineral Society will meet Sunday, Jan. 29 in the Recreation Building at Fair Park, South Seventh and Mockingbird, at 2:00 p.m.

A club auction, with L. C. Vitilow of Rotan as auctioneer, will be held for the benefit of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies' Scholarship Fund. Members and guests are asked to bring finished jewelry, mineral specimens, good slabs, faceted stones, good cutting material — any GOOD item — to be donated for the auction, said Mrs. Mutt Moore, publicity chairman. No "junkite, please!"

A door prize will be awarded and refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting.

Visitors and prospective members are cordially invited to attend.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

HIGH SCHOOL

The following are district games for both A boys and girls, at 7:00
Jan. 27 — Roscoe, here
Jan. 31 — Aspermont, here
Feb. 3 — Rotan, there
Feb. 7 — Jim Ned, here
Feb. 10 — Wylie, there

ELEMENTARY

Jan. 26-28 — Jim Ned Tournament, boys and girls A
Jan. 30 — Merkel at Jim Ned, boys A and B and girls A



... photo by Lee Scott Studio

TERRY SUE WOZENCRAFT
... Cowgirl Sweetheart

MERKEL C-C CHOOSES RODEO SWEETHEART

Terry Sue Wozencraft, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wozencraft of Merkel, has been chosen Cowgirl Sweetheart for the Merkel Chamber of Commerce to ride out on her horse "Chico" for

a special introduction at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show Rodeo in Fort Worth.

Her performance is set for Saturday, Feb. 4, and the rodeo will be held in the Will Roger Memorial Coliseum.

Terry, a sophomore at Merkel High School, has been riding since she was seven years old. She has participated in Barrel Racing with her local riding club, "The Merkel Brush Stompers," and in 1965 competed in the top ten finals at the Texas Cowboy Reunion sponsors contest in Stamford.

In 1966 Terry was alternate sweetheart for the riding club.

She is a member of the MHS Band, and the FHA.

'LOVE THE LAND' GARDEN CLUB THEME

"Love the Land — it is the Footprints of the Past and the Hope of the Future" — these words of Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson formed the theme carried out in Thursday's meeting of the Merkel Garden Club in the home of Mrs. A. H. McElmurray. "Conserving and beautifying America should start NOW" — each of us starting in our own corner of our yard."

Charlie Sherrill and Jarrett Williams.

Also Mmes. Mary Click, Herbert Patterson, Ora Griggs, Lottie Everett, G. R. Peachy, John Shannon Earl Hughes, Eunice Massey, A. H. McElmurray and Miss Christine Collins.

Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Leach each talked on some phase of the conquest of ugliness, with advice to Green Thumbers, and with pictures shown of Mrs. Johnson's beloved Hill Country in spring. Bluebonnets and Indian Blanket vied for color prominence.

Members present were Mmes. Lucy Ford, W. S. J. Brown, Joe Hartley, Edith Leach, Lige Gamble, W. L. Brown Johnny Cox, Mack Fisher, R. M. Ferguson,

ABILENE SS OFFICE WILL CHECK CLAIMS

Older people in the Abilene district are invited to have their medicare claims checked at the Abilene social security office before mailing, says R. R. Tuley Jr., district manager.

Tuley believes that most people will need this help only the first time they make a medical insurance claim. "The Medicare Handbook, given to all beneficiaries, shows how to make claims," he said; "the form is relatively simple, but most people can use some advice the first time. We're glad to offer aid, and believe we can help some people avoid a delay in payment."

"The social security office does

not make the decision or pay the claim," Tuley said. "The law requires that the payments be handled through the selected carriers. But we can answer general questions about medicare and help people in this area get their applications ready for review by the carrier."

The Abilene social security office is located in the Post Office Building. The phone number is OR 4-5262. Representatives of that office make regular visits over the 15 county area. Each post office has a copy of the current schedule. See a representative at the place most convenient for you.

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BADGER TALES

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The Fat Stock Shows have been the major cause for a drop in attendance this week and there have been a surprising number of students absent lately.

It has been told around school that Mary Johnson won a blue ribbon in the stock show. Someone said that "he didn't know who showed her," but that she won first place.

The second week of the second semester is nearly gone and everyone seems to be adjusted to "school life" again. Those dreadful tests have passed and report-cards issued.

Mike ended the past weekend with a blast. Last Sunday night his car backfired and a fire was the result. The fire department was even called.

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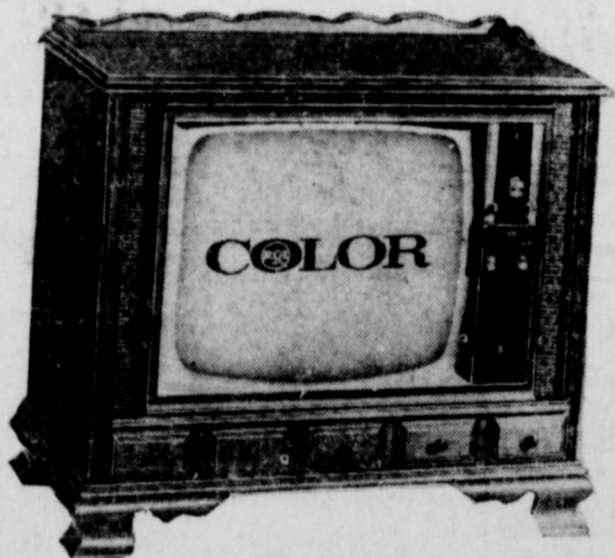
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To McConnell AFB

A.I.C. and Mrs. William J. Starzyh reported to McConnell Air Force Base, Wichita, Kan., where Sgt. Williams will be stationed for the next few months.

Williams has been on thirty-day leave after 12 months with the 33rd Supply Squadron at Phang-Rang and Da Nang in Vietnam.

Mrs. Starzyh is the former Beth Patton, daughter of the Woodrow Pattons of Merkel. The Starzyhs have one son, Paul, who is eight months old.

The Patton's other daughter, Lucky, and her husband, Ronald Causey, are stationed at Ft. Davis - Monahan Air Force Base in Tucson, Ariz.

VISITS IN MERKEL

Mrs. J. D. Smith and daughters, Evelyn and Cindy of Big Spring spent the weekend with Mrs. Smith's mother, Mrs. Margaret Foster, in Merkel.

Mrs. Smith also visited her brother, Elbert Foster and other relatives while here.

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Services Held For Mrs. Driggers

Funeral services for Mrs. A. B. Driggers, 93, were held Wednesday, Jan. 18 in the Trent Church of Christ with Phil Spears, minister, officiating. Burial was in Trent Garden of Memories Cemetery with Starbuck Funeral Home in charge.

Mrs. Driggers, a longtime Trent resident, died Monday at her home after three months illness.

Born Oct. 4, 1873 in Hunt County, she married A. B. Driggers in 1896 in Borden County. They moved to Palo Pinto County in 1896 and then to Trent in 1905. Her husband died Sept. 21, 1925. Surviving are five sons, Albert

and Ike of Clyde, A. B. and Sherman of Trent, Louis of San Antonio four daughters, Mrs. Mae Bright of Dimmitt, Mrs. Willie Dennis of Brady, Mrs. Katie Freeman of Lubbock, Mrs. Myrtle Perkins of Abilene; 23 grandchildren, 43 great grandchildren. Grandsons were pallbearers.

LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Merkel will be accepting bids for oil and gasoline. Specifications to be picked up at City Hall, Merkel, Texas. Sealed bids must be in City Hall office on or before February 4, 1967, at 5 p.m. Submitted by City Secretary, Flossie McKeever.

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Lone Star State 4-H'ers Named for Awards

Achievements as monumental as the state of Texas have won state recognition for four Lone Star State 4-H'ers.

Two 18-year-olds who speak with ease before the public won state honors in the 4-H Public Speaking program sponsored by The Pure Oil Company. They are Rodney Williams of Texas and Ethel Mabry of Arkansas. His award was a wrist watch, and hers, a chest of silverware.

"Public speaking has encouraged me to major in political science when I enrolled in college," said Williams, who won state honors in public speaking for four years.

The inspiration for his speech, "Our Generation's Future," came when he was a delegate to the Attorney General's Youth Conference on Crime.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll D. Williams, the eight-year 4-H'er has served as boys' vice chairman of district five and Bowie County 4-H Councils.

Miss Mabry plans to minor in speech at Texas Technological College where she is a freshman. During her 10-year 4-H career she gave 149 speeches to some 25,000 people. Her winning speech was on "Americanism and Patriotism."

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Mabry, spoke at the Attorney General's Youth Conference, Texas Electric Cooperatives and the National A.I.C. conventions.

She has served as Hale County 4-H Council chairman and recreational leader, emcee of many county events and junior leader in speech activities.

When David Berend, 16, of Windthorst, was nine years old he started his poultry project with 52 broilers. For the last three years he has had 6,438 layers under his supervision and in four years he has raised 7,290 pullets.

He started his turkey project in 1965 with 15 turkeys and has had 25 this year.

Berend believes his 4-H experience prepared him for his family's large poultry operation. He plans to major in poultry



Williams



Miss Mabry



Berend



Miss Wittenburg

science when he attends Texas A & M University. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Berend.

Berend has won top district and state honors in poultry judging. His award from Heisdorf & Nelson Farms, Inc., 4-H Poultry sponsor, was a wrist watch.

Jimmie Ruth Wittenburg, 18, Rocksprings, won her wrist watch award in the 4-H Sheep program sponsored by Wilson & Co., Inc. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Wittenburg, who operate an 11,700-acre ranch, she says that her interest in ranching and the sheep and goat industry dates back to several generations.

The nine-year 4-H member has raised almost 3,000 sheep, and has several boxes full of ribbons which she has won with sheep, wool fleeces and goats.

There are 519 registered Rambouillet in her sheep flock and 163 registered Angora goats. For three years she was second premier exhibitor with her Rambouillet sheep at the San Angelo Fat Stock Show and now has permanent possession of the Leonard Richardson trophy.

Miss Wittenburg is a member of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association and American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association.

The four state winners were selected by the Cooperative Extension Service.

tresse and Barney Berry. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Perry visited Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Perry of Tye Sunday.

The Rev. James Williams was a supper guest in the Ray Perry home Sunday.

Mrs. Will Hendon of Hawley and Mrs. Virgle Stoke of Hodges visited Mrs. J. E. Swindell, the Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Swindell and MacSherry last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Babe Tarpley visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Maxwell and children in Anson one day last week.

O. B. Johnson built Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry a storm cellar last week.

NOODLE NEWS

By MRS. CLAYTON DILLARD

Mrs. Winniford Dodds spent the last week in Brownwood with her mother, Mrs. Lon Boyd, who is recovering from surgery. Veonna Dodds stayed with her grandmother, Mrs. Dodds of Early.

Rev. Jessie Swindell, Nell, MacSherry, Nanny and Mrs. Alice Cooper had dinner with the Hubert Sullivans and Karen Sue.

Mrs. Riley Spraberry had eye surgery at St. Ann Hospital last Friday in Abilene. She is just fine at this time.

O. F. Hill Jr. graduated from A&M University at mid-term. He will leave for Maryland Feb. 5th for service. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Hill of Syl-vestor. Mr. Hill is a former teacher in the Noodle School.

S. G. Flowers, Clayton Dillard, J. E. Touchstone all farmers

from south Jones County attended Farm & Ranch Day of Jones County. They reported a good meeting at Stamford High School Auditorium. Dr. John McHaney, extension economist, was guest speaker. There were six other speakers. They had a question and answer program. Our county agent also attended. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Richards of

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In adult bedrooms, a wife can turn the lights on low without disturbing a sleeping husband.

Used outside, dimmers are ideal for porches or patios—as the sun sets, the light level can be dialed up.

And when those unexpected guests drop by and you haven't had a chance to dust—down go the lights!

LITTLE BADGER TRACKS

By MES REPORTERS

The Honor Roll for Merkel Elementary School's third six weeks of work is an impressive list. We are especially proud of these pupils, who must make grades of 90 or above to be included. They are:

Fifth grade — Debbie Fincher, Ruth Hahn, Ronnie Sanford, Ca-

thy Cypert, Cindy McDonald, Cecilia Wade and Ricky Conley.

Sixth grade — Dianne Allen, Mary Beth Boyd, Patsy Button, Don Clyburn, Becky Holloway, Zana Mansfield, Jerry Beard, Joe Bigbee, Linda Black, Mark Clemmer, Nancy Doan, Dennis James, Connie Ragan, Wayne Walters and Kiy Crenshaw.

Seventh grade — Mike Allen, Deborah Bowen, Sandy Hogan, Patricia McDuff, Kerry Thames, Cindy Wade and Marsha Jordan.

Eighth grade — Paul Thames, Gail Gentry, John Dixon and Vickie Robertson.



Stith News

By MRS.
FRITZ HALE

We have been having weather like spring for the last few days. The farmers are doing very little work in their fields it is so dry.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Ely, Neilon, Randon and Becky spent the weekend of the 15th in Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. Faye Rogers and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Browning of Lefors visited Mr. and Mrs. John Browning last week.

Myrna Liles and Linda Malton of H-SU of Abilene visited Sunday with Myrna's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley.

Mr. G. C. Bond of Rising Star, father of Mrs. Orval Ely, had surgery in Eastland Memorial Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Ely visited him Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning attended the funeral of Bill Jones in Nolan Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn visited Mrs. Ella Clyburn in Abilene last week. They also visited in the Bill Barker home in Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hunter and children of Merkel visited the Clyburns Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Manly Denton, Dent and Lauri of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Mrs. Frostie Winter and Wendee of Abilene visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. West Sunday.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry during last week were Mrs. Bud Lilly, Mike Berry of Abilene, Lonnie Baird of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Van-

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