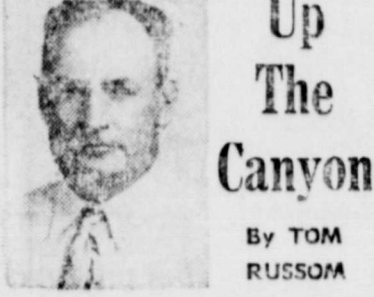


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Up  
The  
Canyon  
By TOM  
RUSSO

Say — where did that 66 and 67 winter time go? We don't recall having any. Last Saturday it looked as if winter had gotten here, for about two hours the rain and snow fell very nicely. The snow was as beautiful as we have ever seen, and in just a short time it was all gone and the sun was shining.

As the saying goes, "February is always a short month," then spring time is soon here, with good rains and crops get underway.

Mack Seymore, who is in the stock farming with his brother, Riley, reported the recent moisture wet the ground down to the wheat seed. However, he said he didn't think it could be of too much help to the wheat. The Seymore brothers have some thirty or forty head of cattle in the feed lot. This has been a wonderful winter on all livestock all over our area.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Douglas, former residents of Merkel, and now of Ruidoso, N.M., were in Merkel a few days ago meeting

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## PRESBYTERIAN INSTALLATION SERVICE SET

On Sunday, Feb. 19, the Rev. James Sinclair will be installed as pastor of the Grace Presbyterian Church of Merkel, and the First Presbyterian Church of Winters, at the Winters church, according to John West, Grace Presbyterian Church layman.

Installation time will be at 7:30 p.m. and the "public is invited to attend."

The installation service will mark the official beginning of "not only Mr. Sinclair's service as pastor but also as the start of a yoked parish arrangement between the two congregations."

"In the Presbyterian tradition, a pastor is installed by a Presby-

tery, the regional church governing body to which both the pastor and the congregation are responsible," said West.

Participating in the service will be the Rev. George Walker, pastor of the Matthews Memorial Church, Albany and also moderator of the Brazos Presbytery; the Rev. George Faison, pastor of the Grace Presbyterian Church, Lubbock, who will preach the sermon; the Rev. Wallace Paris, pastor of the Central Church, Abilene, who will give the charge to the pastor, and the Rev. Floyd Kinser, John Knox Church, Abilene, who will give the charge to the congregation.

Also serving with this group will be two laymen, West of Merkel, and R. W. Balke of Winters.

Miss Susan McNary, pianist for the Merkel Church, will play a special prelude for the service, and Mrs. Floyd Sims, Winters' church organist will furnish the service music.

Following the service, the women of both congregations will hold a reception in the Fellowship Hall of the Winters Church.

## Babe Ruth League Meeting Called

A meeting is being scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 16 at the Merkel Restaurant for officers, managers and also parents of children in the Babe Ruth League.

Mrs. Betty Whisenhunt, league secretary, said that this meeting, to begin at 7:30 p.m., "will be an organization meeting."

Boys, ages 13 - 15, are eligible for the Babe Ruth League.

# Merkel Chamber Banquet Scheduled For March 17



REP. GRANT JONES  
... C-C banquet speaker

## C'S ANNUAL REPORT TO BE PRESENTED

State Representative Grant Jones will be guest speaker for the Merkel Chamber of Commerce banquet Friday, March 17, at the Merkel School cafeteria.

Besides Jones as guest speaker, annual reports for the chamber will be presented, along with the introduction of chamber officers and directors.

Jones was elected to the 59th Legislature and was appointed member of the Legislative Council during the interim. He was elected to the 60th Legislature and is currently serving as vice chairman of the Insurance Committee and as a member of the State Affairs, Banks and Banking, Privileges, Suffrage and Elections, and Examination of Comptroller's and Treasurer's Accounts committees.

A native of Abilene, Jones attended the Abilene public schools system, and has bachelor of business administration from Southern Methodist University, and a master of business administration from the graduate division of the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce of the University of Pennsylvania.

He is in the general insurance business and a partner with Russell Howerton in Abtex Insurance in Abilene. He holds the designation of Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriters, which is a professional degree in the area of general insurance.

In business life, Jones has served as president of the Abilene Association of Insurance Agents; chairman of the Casualty Committee, member of the board and president of the Texas Association

of Insurance Agents.

In civic affairs, Jones has been on the board of Kiwanis Club of Abilene, the West Texas Fair Association, the United Fund, and president of the Community Welfare Council. He and his family are members of St. Paul Methodist Church in Abilene.

Lon McDonald, local Gulf distributor, will be master of ceremonies for the occasion.

Entertainment will be furnished by the Merkel High School Stage Band under the direction of Band instructor, Glenn Reed and a girls' trio, composed of Gloria Moore, Liz Rogan, Linda Doan.

Ballots went into the mail this week for the election of three directors for the chamber.

Directors selected by the nominating committee and to be voted upon by the chamber members are Benny Melton, Jack Boone, Herman Carson, Ben Robert Hicks and Ray Wilson.

"Ballots must be returned by February 24," said chamber secretary, Mrs. Betty Whisenhunt.

Ticket chairman, Herman Carson, said that tickets to the event will be \$2.00 each and will be available next week.

## ATHLETIC TROPHIES GIVEN TO SCHOOL

Athletic trophies were presented to the Merkel High School at an assembly program held Tuesday, Feb. 14.

Richard Walker, Ray Woodard and Nick Davis presented the tri-district football trophy, and Robert Crawford and Walker presented tournament basketball trophies.

Cathy Derrington and Nancy Evans presented the girls' tournament basketball trophies to the school.

Football jackets were presented to the players by coaches, Bob Byerly, Bill Tate and Ronnie Toombs.

## MHS Senior Class To Hold Dinner

A Sunday Dinner, sponsored by the seniors of Merkel High School, will be served at the school cafeteria February 19. Serving time will be from 12 until 1:30, according to senior Liz Ragan.

The menu will include chicken fried steak, gravy, creamed potatoes, tossed salad, green beans, homemade rolls, butter, tea or coffee, and peach cobbler.

"Proceeds from the dinner will be used in purchasing blankets to be awarded to the seniors," said Miss Ragan. "Tickets are \$1.25 for adults and 75 cents for children under 12, are being sold by the senior class and will also be available at the door Sunday."

## NOTICES

Burl King, Taylor County Tax Assessor - Collector, will sell Car tags Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Chamber of Commerce office in Merkel from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Greely Aston, Taylor County Service officer, will be at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank in Merkel Friday, Feb. 17 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

## THREE FILE FOR CITY VACANCIES; FILING DEADLINE IS MARCH 3

As of noon Wednesday, Feb. 15, only three persons had filed for the three city vacancies that will occur with the expiring terms

of Mayor Johnny Cox and councilmen Charles (Peck) Eager and Weldon McAninch.

The three filing are Mayor Johnny Cox for re-election, William (Bill) Button and Eager for councilmen.

In filing for re-election Cox said that "being connected officially with the West Texas Council of Governments, and vice president of the Texas Municipal League, Zone 6, I feel that with this connection, plus two years experience as your mayor, that I will be able to render even a better service."

"Merkel has been good to me and my family," said Bill Button concerning his decision to file for the councilman post, "and I would like to repay these kindnesses in working for this city."

Button, manager of West Texas Utilities, took over this job about a year ago, coming from Cross Plains where he was WTU manager there.

In filing for re-election, Tagger said that a "great deal of progress had been made in the last three years that I have been on the council, and I would like to be a part of this continued progress."

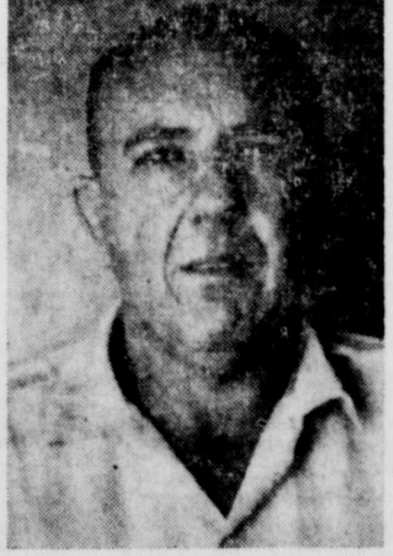
Merkel's City election has been set by the council for April 4, with filing deadline for the above offices by 12 noon, Friday, March 3.

"Candidates will have until 12 a.m., March 3, in which to file for place on ballots," said City secretary, Mrs. Flossie McKeever.

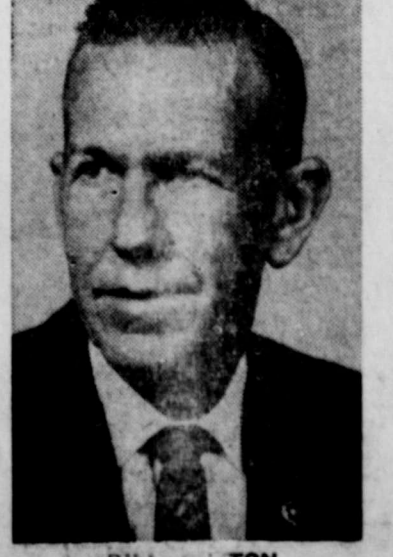
According to Mrs. McKeever



JOHNNY COX  
... incumbent mayor



CHARLES EAGER  
... incumbent councilman



BILL BUTTON  
... files for councilman

## Former Merkelite Receives Award

Word was received this week that former Merkel resident Fred McCall, member of the Iota Lambda Class of the Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science, has been named recipient of the Waltrip Memorial Scholarship.

The Waltrip scholarship is provided to make available funds for the purpose of mortuary science education, and the awardee is selected for the honor from the many applying candidates by a scholarship committee on the basis of review and selection.

McCall has maintained grade averages in the 90s during the three quarters of the 12-month course completed and will be graduated this month.

He and his wife, Margaret and their two children, Leeanne and Troy lived in Merkel, where McCall was an employee of Taylor Electric Cooperative.

## MERKEL SCHOOL BOARD POSTS OPEN

At a recent meeting of the Merkel School Board, members set the trustee election for Saturday, April 1.

As of press time, there had been no filings, according to school superintendent, Mack Fisher.

The expiring terms of Dr. Jarrett Williams and Odus Griffin will be filled at this election.

"Anyone wishing to have his name on the official ballot must file his name or have his name filed in the office of the local school superintendent, according

## TC Cotton Yield

In a telegram Thursday from Congressman Omar Burleson to the Merkel Mail he stated that the State ASCS Committee has allotted Taylor County 18 additional pounds of cotton to the established yield, with the added yields to be added to the county average projected yield for 1967.

to law, on or before March 1, 1967, by 3:30 p.m." said Griffin, chairman of the board.

Clyde Bartlett, school tax assessor - collector will act as clerk for absentee balloting, which will begin on March 12 and end March 28.

Absentee balloting may be done between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Balloting will also be done at the City Hall.

Also at the recent board meeting, a three year contract was signed for Merkel Elementary School Principal Leon Walker.

## MERKEL 4-H CLUB NEWS

By ROBERT BOYD

The Merkel 4-H Club met Thursday, Feb. 2 at the Taylor Electric Cooperative building for their monthly meeting.

Vice president, Mary Johnson, presided in the absence of club president Kathryn Criswell, who was attending the Invitational Barrel Race at the Fort Worth Stock Show and rodeo.

Club members, who participated in the recent stock shows, were recognized at the meeting. They were Robert Boyd, who showed two steers at the Odessa Sand Hills Hereford Show and the Abilene Fat Stock Show; Randy Bond, who showed his steer at the Odessa and Abilene Fat Stock Shows, and Terry Wade who showed his two Angus steers at the Abilene Fat Stock Show.

Also Mary and Betty Johnson who showed their lambs at the Odessa and Abilene Fat Stock Shows, and Larry and Vickie Robertson, who showed lambs at the Abilene Stock Show.

Club members who have recently purchased steers for 1967 stock showing are Terry Wade, Randy

Bond and Patricia and Robert Boyd.

Members of the Merkel 4H Cooking class are preparing for the County Food Show, to be held this Saturday, Feb. 18 at the Westgate Shopping Center. The public is invited to attend this show and see what good cooks our club has.

Tonja McAninch and Debbie Fincher presented a demonstration on Civil Defense at a recent club meeting. Also Mary Johnson gave her speech, "The Giant," which told about the Taylor Electric Cooperative, and how this big concern has helped the rural areas. And by the way, Mary went on to win the contest the following week and will take that Washington, D.C. tour this summer. So Merkel 4-H Club says "hat off" to Mary for her fine achievement.

The next meeting will be held March 2 at the Taylor Electric Cooperative building and each member will present demonstrations.

## Information Ask On Rent Property

Max Murrell, Merkel Chamber of Commerce president, is requesting "area citizens who have rent houses available" to please contact the chamber of commerce office in writing.

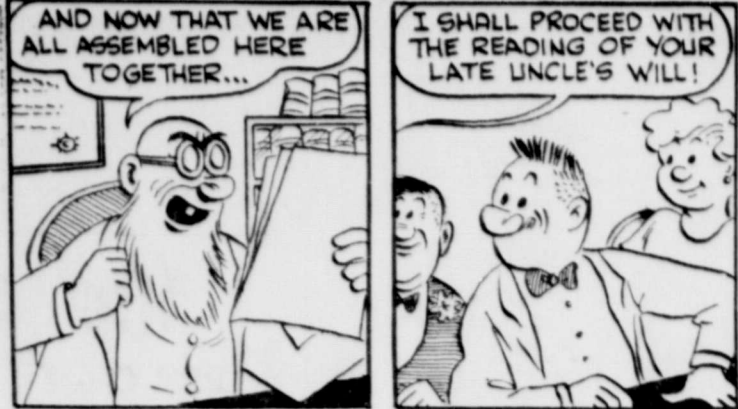
"Information needed concerning the rent property will be the number of bedrooms, where located, and amount of rent," said Murrell.

Murrell said that this information is being secured in an effort "to have available in the chamber office, rental property that might be desired by concerns moving families into the area."



ORATORICAL CONTEST WINNERS AND ALTERNATES — Two Merkel young people were winners in the recent Oratorical Contest sponsored by Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc. They are Mike Dudley, left, and alternate, Paul Nash of Sweetwater; Mary Johnson, far left, and Madge Scroggins, Abilene. Mike's speech was entitled "Dawn to Evening — A day in a Cooperative," and Mary's "The Giant of the Big Country." (Photo courtesy Taylor Electric Cooperative)

**THE FIZZLE FAMILY**



**By H. T. Elmo**



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**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
To F. S. Collins, Mrs. F. S. Collins (wife if any, of said F. S. Collins), F. I. Murray and wife A. T. Murray, J. T. Skillern and wife S. T. Skillern, C. B. Hackleman, Mrs. C. B. Hackleman (wife, if any, of said C. B. Hackleman), Mrs. Amanda Williams and (if married) her husband whose name is unknown to plaintiff, Sarah Magdalene Payne (otherwise known as Magdalene Payne), L. R. Michael and wife Camilla Michael, F. W. Sheppard, Mrs. F. W. Sheppard (wife, if any, of said F. W. Sheppard), E. L. Montgomery, Mrs. E. L. Montgomery (wife, if any, of said E. L. Montgomery), H. O. Barber, Mrs. H. O. Barber (wife, if any, of said

H. O. Barber), Guy Robertson, Mrs. Guy Robertson (wife, if any, of said Guy Robertson), J. E. Redburn, Mrs. J. E. Redburn (wife, if any, of said J. E. Redburn), C. Jobe, Mrs. C. Jobe (wife if any, of said C. Jobe), W. A. Barker, Mrs. W. A. Barker (wife, if any, of said W. A. Barker), James V. Ross, Mrs. James V. Ross (wife, if any, of said James V. Ross), and all persons claiming any title or interest in land under deed heretofore given to Midwest Improvement Company of Taylor County, Texas, as grantee, recorded in Vol. 177, Page 17, of Deed Records of said Taylor County, and all of the unknown heirs and unknown devisees and unknown legal representatives and unknown assigns of each hereinbefore named and - or described and - or indicated person other than said Sarah Magdalene Payne and plaintiff, and all of the unknown stockholders of Midwest Improvement Company of Taylor County, Texas (a private corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas but now being defunct), and all unknown heirs and unknown devisees and unknown legal representatives and unknown assigns of each such aforesaid unknown stockholder,

**THE MERKEL MAIL, MERKEL, TEXAS**  
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and all unknown owners and unknown claimants of the herein described land and every part thereof and interest therein, defendants. — GREETING:  
You (being all the defendants in the hereinafter styled and numbered cause) are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable District Court of Taylor County, in the 42nd Judicial District of Texas, at the Courthouse thereof in the City of Abilene, in Taylor County, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty - two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 27 day of February, A.D. 1967, to Plaintiff's petition filed in said court on the 18 day of November, A.D. 1966 in this cause which is numbered 30.631-A on the docket of said court and styled William Robert Spence, plaintiff, vs. F. S. Collins, et al. defendants; you, the foregoing named and - or described and - or indicated defendants being all of the defendants in said cause.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: same being a trespass to try title suit by plaintiff against defendants to recover from defendants the title and possession of 24 acres of land in the Southwest one-fourth of the Northeast one-fourth of Section No. 36 in Block No. 19, T. & P. Ry. Co. land, in Taylor County, Texas, and being a part of the North Trent Addition to the City of Trent in said County; plaintiff, in addition to claiming good indefeasible title to said land, specially pleaded he has good title to all of said land against all the defendants under and by virtue of the ten years statute of limitation of the State of Texas; plaintiff also specially pleads that defendants claim some right or title to said land or part thereof; that such claims are inferior to his title but are clouds thereon which he seeks to remove, and he prays for judgment against all defendants for title and possession of all said land, for removal of said clouds to his title, for his damages and rentals and general and special relief, all as more fully shown in his 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 13 day of January, A. D. 1967.  
(Seal)  
Attest: R. H. ROSS  
Clerk of the District Courts of Taylor County, Texas.  
By Kathryn Williams, Deputy.  
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**Stith News**  
By MRS. FRITZ HALE

We had a little of all kinds of weather Saturday. A light rain, big snow flakes fell for a few minutes, wind and sunshine in the afternoon. Not enough moisture to do any good.  
The Orval Ely family and the Charles Fikes children attended a chili supper at the Tye Methodist Church Friday night.  
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Miller and children of Abilene visited Mrs. Miller's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Odie Fikes Sunday. The Millers also visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fikes and children.  
The Rev. James Williams was a dinner guest in the Paul Bradley home Sunday.  
Mrs. John Browning visited her father, O. B. Tatum, at the Starr Nursing Home in Merkel Saturday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Orval Ely and children visited Mrs. Ely's father, G. C. Bond at Eastland Hospital Tuesday and Friday. Mr. Bond

is slowly improving.  
The Rev. Herbert Row has resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Floydada and accepted the call of the First Baptist Church in Bledsoe, Texas. He will also teach in the public school at Tatum, New Mexico. Rev. Row and his family moved to Bledsoe last week. Mrs. Row is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley.  
WEEKEND VISITORS ... Edward VIII abdicated the British throne on December 11, 1936.  
WEEKEND VISITORS  
Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Griffin of Coleman were weekend visitors in the home of R. L. Griffin of Merkel.  
R. L. is O. A.'s uncle.  
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**ACROSS**  
1. Account  
5. — Mater  
9. Prefix: before  
12. Animal  
13. Spare  
14. Paddle  
15. Girl's name  
16. Glistening  
18. Manservant  
20. Crafty  
21. Quartz  
24. Rub out  
28. Suffix: plural  
30. Enormous  
32. Heroic poem  
33. Be ill  
35. Praise  
37. Pitch  
38. Applaud  
40. Doctrine  
42. Greek letter  
43. Walls  
45. At no time  
47. Saturn's wife  
49. Choose

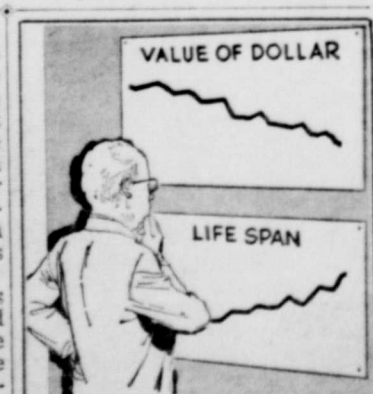
**DOWN**  
1. European  
2. Verdi opera building  
3. Marsupial  
4. Printer's measure  
5. High peak  
6. Meadow  
7. Planet  
8. Leg part  
9. Hawaiian dish  
10. Raced  
11. Work unit  
16. Gaze  
17. Stringed instrument  
19. Breakfast food  
22. Sermon theme  
23. Consumed  
25. Fitting  
26. Country  
27. Color  
28. Every  
29. Farm  
31. Sound: music collection  
34. Rules  
36. Crowbar  
39. Scheme  
41. — Aviv  
44. Country  
46. Insurgent  
48. Aspect  
50. Boy's name  
51. Three: cards  
52. Crow's cry  
53. Be indebted  
54. Seine  
55. At once  
56. Building wings  
60. Exclamation

**Answer to Puzzle**

1. ACCOUNT 2. EUROPEAN 3. MARSUPIAL 4. PRINTERS MEASURE 5. HIGH PEAK 6. MEADOW 7. PLANET 8. LEG PART 9. HAWAIIAN DISH 10. RACED 11. WORK UNIT 12. ANIMAL 13. SPARE 14. PADDLE 15. GIRL'S NAME 16. GLISTENING 17. STRINGED INSTRUMENT 18. MANSERVANT 19. BREAKFAST FOOD 20. CRAFTY 21. QUARTZ 22. SERMON THEME 23. CONSUMED 24. RUB OUT 25. FITTING 26. COUNTRY 27. COLOR 28. EVERY 29. FARM 30. ENORMOUS 31. SOUND: MUSIC COLLECTION 32. HEROIC POEM 33. BE ILL 34. RULES 35. PRAISE 36. CROWBAR 37. PITCH 38. APPLAUD 39. SCHEME 40. DOCTRINE 41. — AVIV 42. GREEK LETTER 43. WALLS 44. COUNTRY 45. AT NO TIME 46. INSURGENT 47. SATURN'S WIFE 48. ASPECT 49. CHOOSE 50. BOY'S NAME 51. THREE: CARDS 52. CROW'S CRY 53. BE INDEBTED 54. SEINE 55. AT ONCE 56. BUILDING WINGS 60. EXCLAMATION

**Retirement When?**

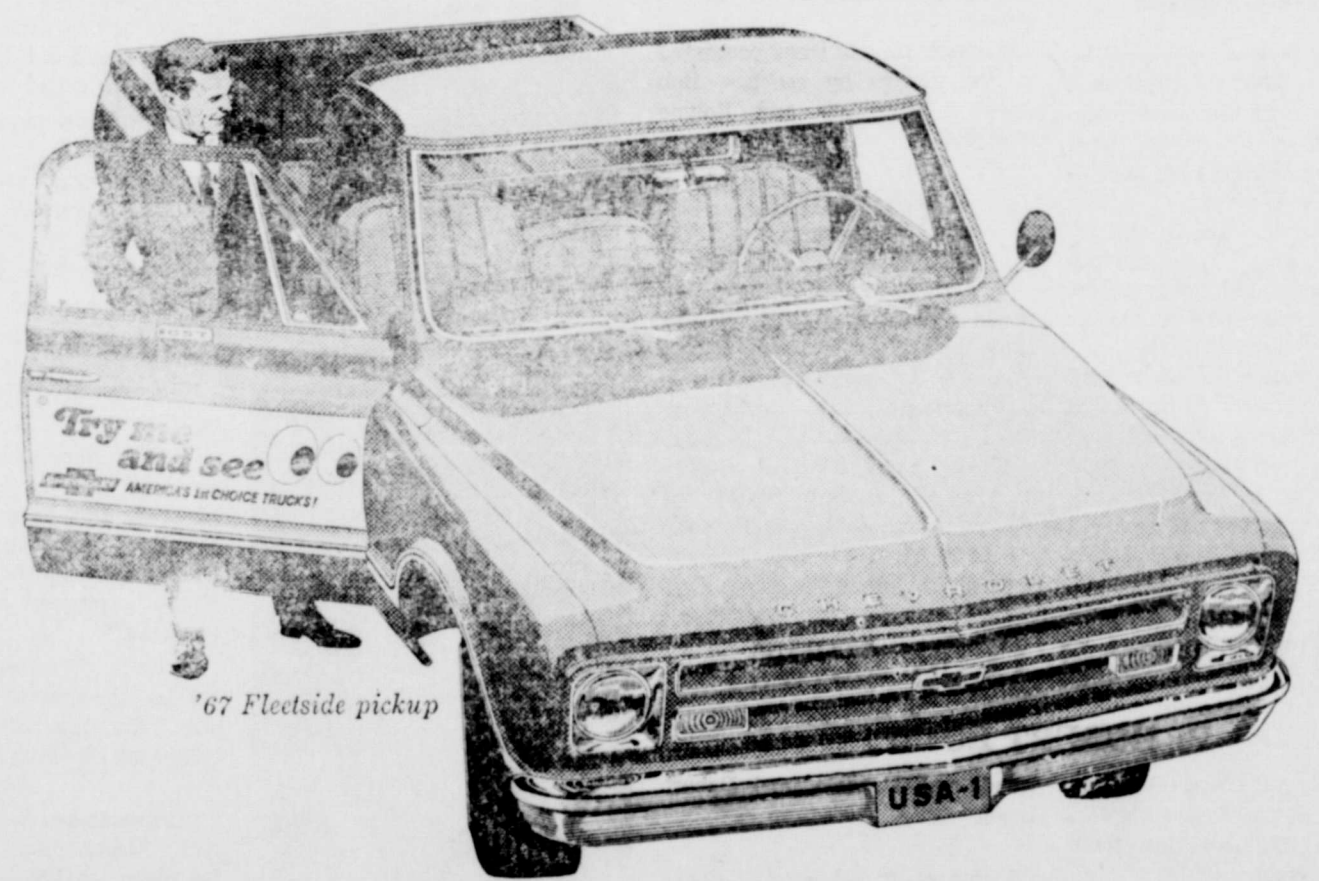
Upon reaching the age of 90, a well-known financier was asked how it felt to be a nonagenarian. "Quite good," he replied, "especially when you consider the alternative."  
Perhaps too many people today who fail to provide adequately for their retirement needs overlook the real possibility that they may live well beyond the normal retirement age of 65.  
According to the Investment Company Institute, two of the important factors the individual must consider in preparing for the moment when his working days are ended, are inflation, which chips away at every dollar put aside, and the real prospect of a longer life span which modern medicine has made possible.  
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The family of Rev. R. T. Smith

## Peace Corps Test Saturday, Feb. 18

Merkel area residents interested in putting their skills to use in developing nations around the world are invited to take the Peace Corps placement test at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Post Office Building in Abilene.

The Peace Corps uses the Placement Test to determine how an applicant can best be utilized overseas. The test measures general aptitude and the ability to learn a language, not education or achievement.

The Placement Test requires no preparation and is non-competitive — an applicant can neither pass nor fail.

## Up The Canyon

Continued from Page One

and shaking hands with friends. Paul is in the real estate business and he said things are in good shape in Ruidoso. He said he wants his friends, "if they are ever up that way," to pay them a fine visit. Paul and Douglas, it was good to see both of you. They are longtime readers of the Merkel Mail and said "Tom, we even read up the Canyon news."

The Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club is going great and they have two very fine adult leaders to guide them. They are Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Clemmer. Incidentally, the Mulberry Canyon Club is the largest in this part of the area.

This Friday night the people at the Victory Baptist Church, formerly the New Live Oak Baptist Church, are organizing a regular Friday night singing. The Rev. Richardson wants every one who will to come and enjoy a real good singing. Rev. Richardson has bought the church building and is improving it and has organized the church and named it Victory Baptist.

We received word this week that our brother-in-law, James B. Sloan of Big Spring has been selected honorary steward of First Methodist Church there. Mr. Sloan has been a longtime member of that church. He is the husband of the late Abbie Butman Sloan.

## Merkel HS Grad Receives Honors

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Gladden have been notified their son, Douglas Ray, a senior student at Texas Tech at Lubbock, is on the Deans Honor Roll for this past semester's work, with a grade point average of 3.36.

Doug is a 1963 graduate of Merkel High School, and after graduating from Tech in January 1963 with a Math major, plans to do post-graduate work towards a degree in Astronomy.

## Recent Visitors In the Canyon

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Scott, Mul-

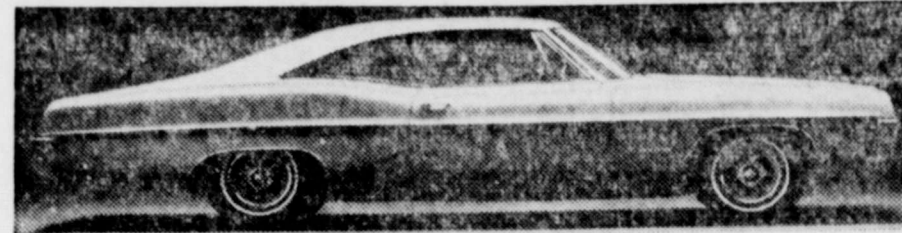
berry Canyon, were Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Vickers of El Paso.

Mrs. Scott recalled that Edwin's father, the late Ed Vickers, home-stayed the Butman Ranch place in the late 1870s.

"Edwin is also the grandson of the late J. C. Tucker, who was the first postmaster in the Canyon," said Mrs. Scott.

While here, the Vickers also visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ensminger.

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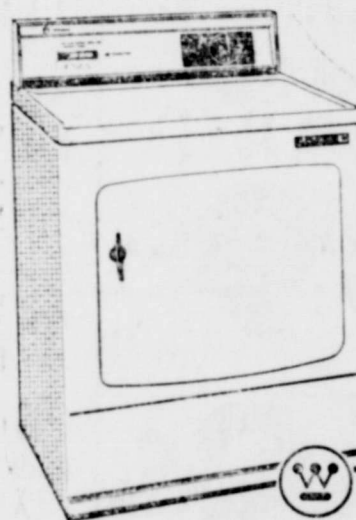
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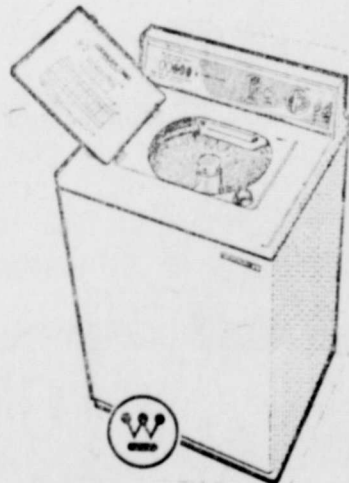
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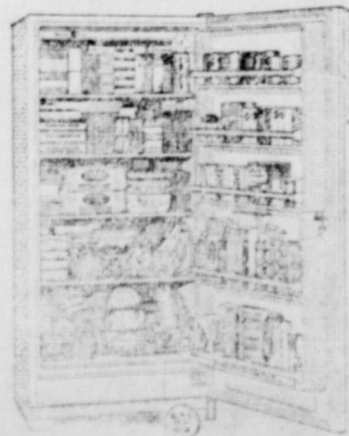
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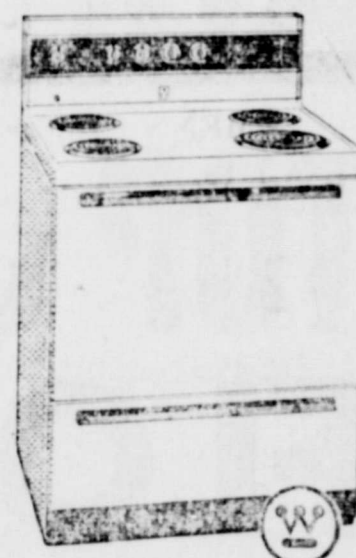
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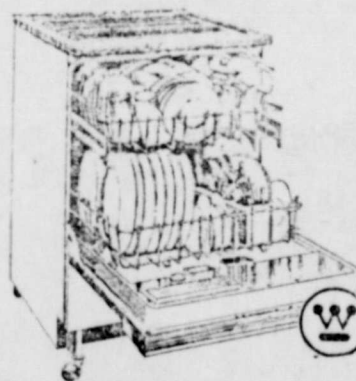
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**FFA WEEK** — Governor John Connally officially designates February 18 - 25 as FFA Week in Texas, as two FFA members look on. In designating FFA Week, Connally says "The Future Farmers of America organization is playing an outstanding role in assuring the future progress and prosperity of our State and Nation."

**Services Held For Rev. Smith**

The Rev. Rufus T. Smith, 74, longtime Nazarene preacher, died Wednesday, Feb. 8, in the Starr Nursing Home after a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were held Sunday in the Merkel Church of Christ, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

He was born Aug. 7, 1892 in Kaufman County, Texas, and married Ruth Fly Sept. 1914, in Ardmore, Okla. They moved to Merkel in 1925.

He had pastored Nazarene churches at Broken Bow, Okla., Caddo, Okla., Wellington, Tex., Big Spring, Eastland, Merkel, Stephenville, Canadian, Littlefield and was pastor at Anson when he was stricken with his illness.

Survivors include his wife; four sons, William of San Jose, Calif., Raymond T. of Odessa, Leroy of Selkirk, N.Y., and Dean of Merkel; four daughters, Mrs. Estell Martin of Kelso, Wash., Mrs. Inez Morris of Midland, Mrs. Mildred Snodgrass of Abilene and Mrs. Jean Morris of Sedalia, Mo.; two brothers, C. O. and Ben, both of Big Spring; four sisters, Mrs. Joyce Pearce, Mrs. Dollie Richardson and Mrs. Ezie Hutchison, all of Medill, Okla., and Mrs. Ida Bell Henderson of Coletan, Calif.

Rhode Island would fit into Texas 220 times.

**NOODLE NEWS**

By MRS. CLAYTON DILLARD

We had a little taste of rain and snow Saturday — just enough to know that it can and might come yet.

Mrs. Faye Daniels of Abilene spent the night with her brother, Allen Griffith and family. She attended church Sunday night with her sister - in - law, Mrs. Allen Griffith. We were all glad to see Mrs. Daniels — she lived in the Noodle Horn Community many years.

Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Vancil spent the weekend in Dallas with their sons and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Waylon Vancil and Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Vancil.

Visitors in the Burt Hayes home Sunday evening were Mrs. Hayes' cousin, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Funston. Also Mr. and Mrs. Buster Jones of Hodges.

Mrs. V. D. Heron spent last week in El Paso with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Kelley.

Mr. Grady Bishop is home from Hendrick Memorial Hospital recovering from surgery. His son, Omer Bishop of Odessa and daughter, Mrs. Don Doans of Pecos, came to be with him for the surgery.

Dinner guests in the Chester Cox home Sunday were their daughters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Grogan of Tobacco and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Uckert. Also visiting were Mrs. Cox's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Houston Tiner of Merkel. The Tiners have built a new home in Bettis Heights Addition.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Ritchie had both their sons and families home this weekend. They are Mr. and Mrs. Gearld Ritchie and Mr. and Mrs. Freddy Ritchie of Arlington. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bicknell of Kermit, and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Steel of Sweetwater spent Friday night with their sister and fami-

ly, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Sloan.

The attendance at the MOD musical at Truby was good Saturday night. James Mankin, chairman, always works to make it a success each year. There was a good number of Noodle people who attended. Also a good representation from Anson, Abilene and many other communities. The musical is held the first Saturday night of each month. If you like country music, don't miss it. We have been attending it some 16 years.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry of Stith were visitors in Noodle Sunday evening. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Burt Hayes and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dillard.

Mrs. Bill Poplin and children spent the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vessie Justice. Her parents accompanied her home Friday. Mrs. Justice visited her mother, Mrs. Jim Spurgin and Missie Spurgin while in Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Benningfield spent Sunday afternoon in Sweetwater visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gardner. They also visited their grandson, Billy Jack Benningfield while in Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Richaris and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dillard attended the Medina demonstration slide show on cotton, feed, grass, garden and orchards. The show was held in the Anson High School cafeteria.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Spraberry spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Riley Spraberry.

**TAX MAN SAM SEZ:**

Farmers should stop by their County Agent's office or by the local Internal Revenue Service office and get the 1967 edition of the Farmers Tax Guide.

This free booklet tells farmers in plain down - to - earth language how to prepare their 1966 tax returns. It's worth plowing through.



**LAMB WINNER** — Katie Neill, is shown with her champion lightweight Southdown, entered at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in El Paso Feb. 8. Due to illness, Katie was unable to attend the show, and Mark Dudley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Dudley, showed for her. (Photo Courtesy Taylor Electric Cooperative)

**Katie Neill Gets a "First"**

Once again, Katie Neill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Neill of Merkel is in the "lamb limelight."

She placed first in the lightweight Southdown division at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in El Paso, Feb. 8 and captured two third places with her Hampshire and Southdown at the San Antonio Fat Stock Show this past weekend. The Southdown was bred by Prosper Brothers, Higgins, Texas.

Katie also won 4th place in the El Paso Show with her Hampshire ewe lamb of her own breeding.

She will enter six lambs in the Houston Fat Stock Show Feb. 27.

**CLASSIFIEDS GET RESULTS**

**AMERICAN HERITAGE HD CLUBS' THEME**

STITH — The Stith Home Demonstration Club met at the Stith Community Center Wednesday, Feb. 8 with Mrs. Roy Mashburn as hostess.

The opening prayer was given by Mrs. Fletcher, and Mrs. Ray Perry led the group in singing "Let Me Call You Sweetheart."

Club president, Mrs. Vernon Hudson, presided at the business meeting.

A study of "Our American Heritage," was led by Mrs. Curtis Clyburn.

Twelve members answered roll call with "One Qualification of a Good Citizen."

Mrs. Mary Newberry, Jones County Home Demonstration Agent will be the leader for the Feb. 22 meeting, with the program on "Better Living."

COMPERE — The Compere Home Demonstration Club met Thursday, Feb. 9 in the home of Mrs. Buddy Williams.

The program theme, "American Heritage," was stressed with each member participating in a group discussion. Of special interest was discussion on the American Indians and the buffalo.

Mrs. Don Adair led the opening prayer, and Mrs. Ab Hunter directed games.

Roll call was answered with "one qualification of a good citizen."

During the business meeting members voted to hold an auction sale and supper in the Noodle Luncheon March 11, with each member responsible for "at least three gifts for auctioning."

GOODMAN — The Goodman Home Demonstration Club met Friday, Feb. 10 with vice president Mrs. Dan Butler presiding.

The program was a study of "Our American Heritage," with roll call being answered by each member giving "one qualification

of a good citizen."

**Ross Ferrier Dies at Age 77**

Ross Ferrier Sr., 77, longtime Merkel resident, died at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, at his home after a critical illness of one month.

Funeral was held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Merkel Methodist Church with the Rev. Newton Daniel, pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Bill Tanner, pastor of First Baptist Church here.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery with Starbuck Funeral Home in charge.

He was born Sept. 6, 1889 in Jones County. He married Annie Lue O'Brian, May 14, 1913 in Merkel.

An early employe of the T&P Railroad, he has been the bus agent in Merkel for the past 40 years.

He was a member of the Methodist Church since early manhood.

Survivors are his wife; one son, Ross Jr. of Fort Worth; one brother, George of Portales, New Mexico, and two grandchildren.

Palbearers were John West, George T. Moore, John Westenhover, Dean Higgins, Paul Orsborn and Ray Wilson.

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<b>Cannon Dish Cloths 12 for 79c</b>	<b>Ladies' Better Robes 1-3 off</b>	<b>PART WOOL Double Blanket \$3.99</b>
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**INDIAN TALE**

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# THE MERKEL MAIL

**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: Phillip Edward Newman, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District 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 20th day of March A.D. 1967, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 2nd day of February A.D. 1967, in this cause, numbered 30,797-A on the docket of said court and styled In Re: Michael Dean Newman, Plaintiff, vs. Phillip Edward Newman, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: a matter which concerns Michael Dean Newman 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

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 7th day of February A.D. 1967.

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

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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By Irene Crawford, Deputy.  
50 4tc

Albert Einstein, German refugee, arrived and settled in Princeton N.J. on October 17, 1933.

## LITTLE BADGER TRACKS

By MES REPORTERS

The Interscholastic League try-outs in the Elementary School are now underway. The events in the contest are number sense, spelling, essay writing, poetry reading, picture memory, and story telling. The events are to be held at Aspermont on April 1. Training for the track and field events will start Thursday in the seventh and eighth grades. Mr. Petty and Mr. Davis are looking forward to a good spring.

Mrs. Benson's room won the Best Display of the Month award with a showcase display of baby pictures of the pupils. Try to stop to see it.

The last basketball games of

the season were played Monday night, Feb. 13, here, with Baird. The boys seventh grade won 13-8, and the 8th grade won 41-14. Our girls lost with the 7th graders 13-9, and the 8th graders 33-8.

## Mrs. Newton Dies at Age 71

Mrs. Lizzie Newton, 71, died Friday, Feb. 10 at her home in Abilene.

Funeral services were held Sunday at the First Methodist Church in Merkel with the Rev. Newton Daniel, pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. E. V. Brooks, pastor of Tye Baptist Church.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born Elizabeth Arkansas Teaff March 19, 1895 in Coryell County.

she moved to Tye as a child with her parents. She married W. C. Newton Dec. 25, 1924 at the Cross Roads Community. They lived there until 1942 when they moved to Merkel. They moved to Abilene in January 1966.

She was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors are the husband; four sons, Alton, Arthur, Kernitt and Clinton, all of Abilene; two daughters, Mrs. Ann Ray and Mrs. Louise Baird, both of Abilene; seven brothers, Garland Teaff of Tye, Doc, Walter and Earnest Teaff, all of Merkel, Will Teaff of Post, Henry Teaff of Abernathy, and the Rev. Arthur Teaff of Zavala; 14 grandchildren.

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on December 24, 1963 and became permanently separated on May 3, 1964. Plaintiff sues for divorce 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.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

### SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TAYLOR

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain ORDER OF SALE issued out of the Honorable 42nd Court of TAYLOR County of the 5th day of January 1967 by issuing of said Judgment for the sum of THREE HUNDRED NINETEEN and 50/100 (\$319.50) Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgment, in favor of The City of Merkel, in a certain cause in said Court, No. 30-090-A and styled the City of Merkel vs. EARL STEVENS, et al, placed in my hands for service, I, GEORGE MAXWELL as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 10th day of Feb. 1967, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

#### T. WINTER TRACT:

Being a tract of land out of the West one - half of Lot No. Two (2), Block "A," Thornton Subdivision of Blocks No. 13 and 25, College Addition to the City of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, and being the South 87' and the East 68.6' of said West one-half of

Lot No. Two (2), save and except the following described portion which was conveyed as R.O.W. to the State of Texas for Interstate 20, and, BEGINNING at a point South 13' and West 100' of the NW corner of said Lot No. Two (2), Block "A," Thornton Subdivision; THENCE South 80 degrees 38' East 53.53' to a point for corner; THENCE South 72 degrees 36.5' West 3.8' to a point and continuing in a southwesterly direction which is South 84 degrees; 2' West 53' to a point for corner; THENCE North 9 degrees 22' East 15.58' to the place of beginning.

#### ANNIE L. STEVENS TRACT:

Being a tract of land out of the West one - half of Lot No. Two (2), Block "A," Thornton Subdivision of Blocks No. 13 and 25, College Addition to the City of Merkel, Taylor County Texas, and more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at the SW corner of said Lot. No. Two (2); THENCE North 9 degrees 22' East along the WBL of said Lot. No. Two (2), a distance of 44.65' to a point for corner; THENCE along the R.O.W. of Interstate

Highway 20, North 84 degrees 12' East 103.6' to the NE corner of this tract; THENCE South Parallel with the WBL of said Lot No. Two (2), South 9 degrees 22' West, a distance of 72.75' to the SBL of said Lot No. Two (2); THENCE South 80 degrees 38' West along the SBL of said Lot No. Two (2), to the point of beginning.

and levied upon as the property of Earl W. Stevens, Roy Stevens, Bill Stevens, Mrs. Ralph Sabin, & unknown heirs of W. T. Winters and that on the first Tuesday in March 1967, the same being the 7th day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said ORDER OF SALE, I will sell said above - described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Earl W. Stevens, Roy Stevens, Bill Stevens, Mrs. Ralph Sabin, and the unknown heirs of W. T. Winters.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.

Witness my hand this 10th day of Feb. 1967.

GEORGE MAXWELL  
Sheriff Taylor County, Texas  
By Leon Sledge, Deputy.  
50 3tc

## Mrs. Thomas Honored at Tea

A tea honoring Mrs. Gaston Thomas, the former Vickie Parkinson, was given in the home of Mrs. Margaret Anderson Saturday, Feb. 11.

Mrs. George English presented the bride, and also her mother, Mrs. Parkinson, and the groom's mother, Mrs. Raymond Thomas. Mrs. Royce Hardy registered guests.

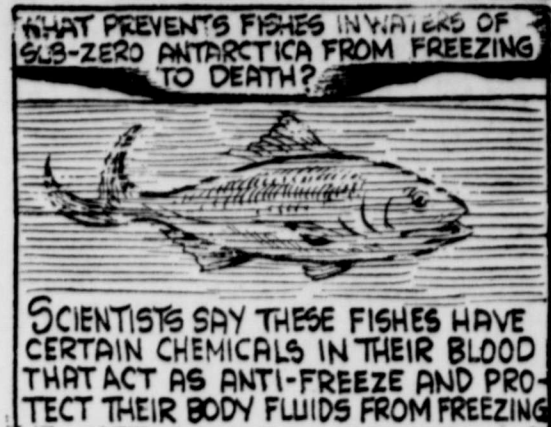
Mrs. Phil Winters presided at the refreshment table.

Hostesses were Mmes. Lynn Teaff, Jarrett Pinckley, Gordon Pursley, Waymon Adcock, Chester McWilliams and Bob Whitehead.

Also Mmes. J. C. Carson, Irl Walker, Tom Seymore, Billy Rich, Lenora Bond, Doris Hook, Joyce Knight and Dorothy Morris.

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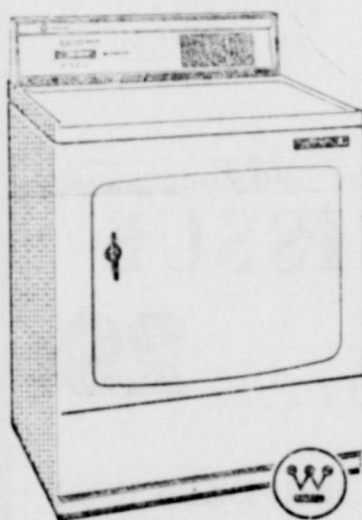


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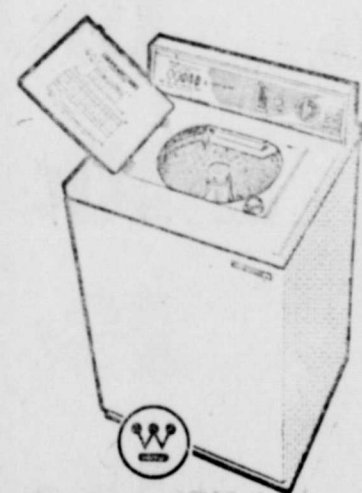
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## ANNOUNCING



Clothes Dryer

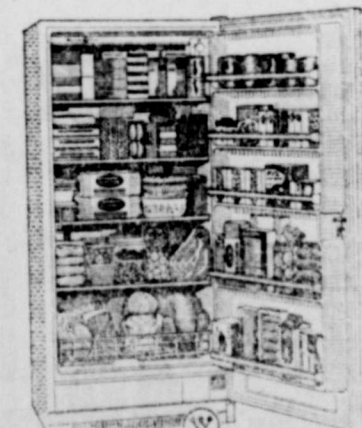
Star Hardware has been appointed as the new Westinghouse dealer for Trent and surrounding area.



Washer

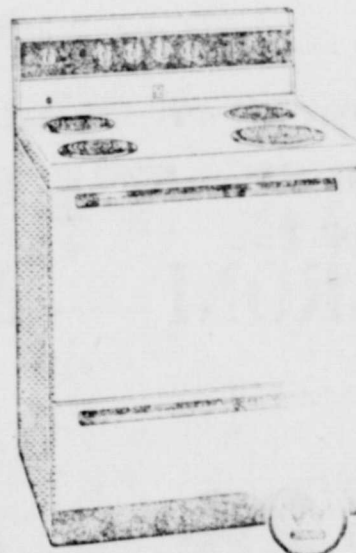
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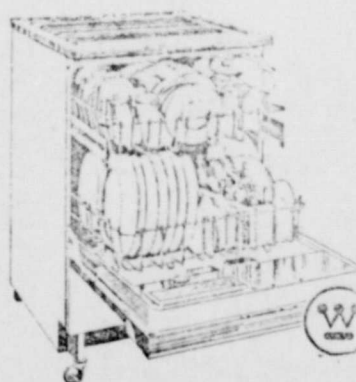


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Lawson 96" melon tweed den sofa. Loose pillows. Reg. 549.95	off 25%
Old world Spanish 90", woven olive & pumpkin. Reg. 329.95	off 25%

### CHAIRS

French Provincial pair. Wood trim, olive velvet. Reg. 189.95 ea.	off 25%
Spanish old world pair. Gold tweed. Reg. 139.95 ea.	off 25%
Early American pair. Green pepper, nylon tweed. Reg. 149.95 ea.	off 25%
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FRUIT OF THE LOOM  
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## COFFEE

MARYLAND CLUB  
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GLADIOLA  
5 LB. BAG

### 49¢

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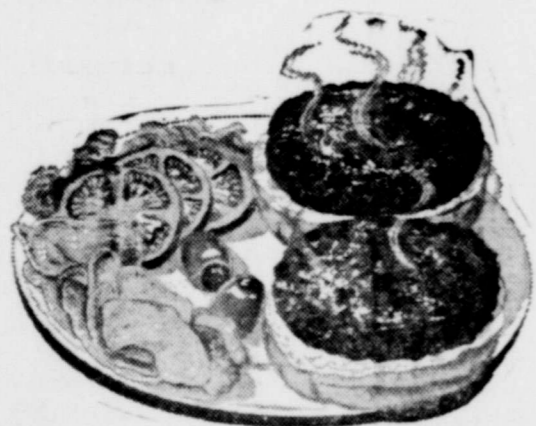
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GOOCH B. R.  
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