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Up The Canyon

By TOM
RUSSOM

Light, misty weather is falling across the Canyon at the time of this writing (Wednesday morning). Fortunately, we are not having any high winds, but the grass and weeds are fast taking the moisture out of the ground.

A lot of crops are up, some are plowed out to plant some wheat land that was plowed before the rains, and they are running into trouble. The ground is rough, making planting not too good.

Well, just a little report on the Mulberry Canyon 4H Club tour held recently. It was a record-breaking crowd that made the tour. People came from other communities to take part in the tour.

As has been the custom for a number of years, the tour ends at the L. A. Dudley place, and as usual the welcome mat was out.

Awards were presented to the boys and girls and also to their leaders, as well as awards going to the county agents.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Davis received the highest award that any adult leader could receive—the gold pin award for 15 years of 4H Club leadership.

Myrtle Davis, daughter of the Irvin Davises, made a farewell talk to the group thanking her parents, county agents, and all who had had any part in 4H club work.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Clemmer, who ended the years' work as adult leaders, received an award of honor.

The Rev. E. H. Phillips of Big Spring preached at both the morning and evening services last Sunday at Pioneer. His wife was ill and could not accompany him here.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brnovak had Frank's sister and family visiting in their home over the weekend.

SWIM APPLICATIONS MUST BE IN TODAY

Thursday, June 29 (today at noon) is the deadline for getting Learn to Swim applications filled out and returned to the Merkel Chamber of Commerce office. This announcement comes from Mrs. Bobby DuBose, president of Beta Sigma Phi, co-sponsor of the Merkel Swim Program.

"We need these applications in today in order to complete our plans for the swim program," said Mrs. DuBose.

Appreciation Fund Nearing \$7,000.00 Total

Merkel's Appreciation Fund for Fire Chief Waymon Adeock and Fireman Chester McWilliams has come a long way from its beginning in May. The total now stands at \$6,967.10 — only \$32.90 shy of the \$7,000.00 mark.

Contributors have been many, but perhaps there is one more somewhere in the "Big Country," who would like to round off that figure. It would be appreciated!

SMALL GROUP

C-C MEMBERS MEET; DISCUSS INDUSTRY

A very small group of Merkel Chamber of Commerce members met this Tuesday at the Merkel Restaurant and discussed the Trade Development Program and business stimulation for Merkel for the summer months.

Of the Trade Development Program, C-C president, Herman Carson, told the group about an industry that is interested in moving a plant into the Big Country.

"They are from the east and are definitely interested in establishing an industry in the area that would employ approximately 100 people," said Carson. "This particular industry would need approximately 20,000 sq. ft. of building space, and would want it in the more desirable part of town."

In discussing possible locations, Tommy McAlister, owner of Merkel Restaurant, offered to donate 200 feet of frontage just east of

the restaurant. "I realize this would not begin to be enough land," said McAlister, "but possibly could get more around it."

Carson and members who met agreed that before decisions could be made on what to offer this industry, "there would have to be a better representation of Merkel Chamber of Commerce members."

A business stimulation program was discussed by members for the summer months, with suggestions for summer promotions.

The group discussed the possibility of using license plates belonging to people in the area and posting a license number in each store participating in such a promotion.

"If such a promotion were accepted," said Carson, "it would draw a number of people into Merkel and into stores."

MERKELITES TO RIDE AT COWBOY REUNION

Eight young ladies will represent the Merkel area when the Stamford Cowboy Reunion gets rolling July 1, 2 and 4.

They are Davna McAninch, who will represent the Merkel Riding Club; Karlan Gamble, the Farmers and Merchants National Bank; Katherine Criswell, Abilene Auction; Barbara Whisenhunt, Taylor Electric Cooperative; Gail Boone, West Texas Utilities; Sun Pinkney, Taylor Telephone Cooperative; Pam Sandusky, Farmers and Ranchers Auction, and Terry Wozencraft, the Merkel Chamber of Commerce.

The Reunion will stage three night performances and a matinee on the afternoon of the 4th.

Traditional with ranching people "laying by" on Sunday is still observed when a Sunday intervenes with dates of the show. However, there are always a lot of "free" shows and activities going on all

day at the arena. The Palomino Horse Show is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Sunday, July 2, at the Quarterhorse arena, according to Cecil Eager, chairman for this part of the show. The American Quarter Horse Shows will be on Monday and Tuesday under the supervision of Charles Stenholm, chairman.

A special Youth Activities Show will be held Monday afternoon beginning at 1 p.m. Entry in the Youth Activities is open to all area youths under 18 years of age. There will be two age divisions with the 14 year olds and under competing and the 15-18 year olds competing. Entry in the Youth division is not limited to registered horses, said Stenholm.

Victory Baptist Begins Revival

A revival meeting which began this Wednesday at the Victory Baptist Church, will continue throughout Sunday, July 2, according to church pastor, the Rev. W. G. Richardson.

Rev. Richardson will do the revival preaching through Friday, and a guest speaker, Johnny Dowell of Hobbs, N.M. will speak at the Saturday and Sunday services.

The Rev. Dowell is assistant pastor of the Highland Baptist Church at Hobbs.

Rev. Richardson extends an invitation to all Merkel area people to "come and join in the singing and fellowship and hear the revival messages."

Tennis, Anyone? Meet at MHS Gym

Merkel High School's tennis Coach, Lester Rogers, has announced that an organizational meeting for all persons interested in playing or learning to play tennis, will be held at the high school gym on Monday, July 3.

"The meeting will begin at 9 a.m.," said Rogers, and ages 9 and up are invited to attend."

Dates and hours for playing tennis will be announced at the meeting.

Merkel Beauty Pageant Set Saturday, July 1, 8 P. M.



"WITH THIS BOTTLE I THEE CHRISTEN"—Says Cindy Wade, of her newly built backyard swimming pool. Built by her father, Brandon Wade, Cindy and her brother, Brad, have spent many happy hours in the pool. And she is never at a loss for company either. A "christening" party was given this past Friday with several of Cindy's friends attending. See story page 5. (Staff Photo)

FB QUEEN CONTEST, TALENT FIND, SET

Mrs. Maudie Reeves, chairman of the Young People's Committee, says the Queen Contest and Talent Find for Taylor County Farm Bureau has been set for July 21.

Mrs. Reeves said that there will

Optimist Banquet Slated Friday

The Merkel Optimist Club will hold its annual Installation Banquet this Friday, June 30 at the Asteroid Restaurant at 7:30 p.m., according to planning chairman, Max Murrell.

Guest speaker for the occasion will be state representative Frank Calhoun. Mrs. Calhoun will accompany her husband.

Robert Darrell Cross, recent Optimist Zone F honoree for Young Texan of the Month, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Cross of Ovalo, will also be guests.

Officers to be installed are W. R. (Pinky) Cypert, president; Ralph Newton and Bill Button, vice presidents; Vincent Barnett, secretary-treasurer, and F. H. Duncan, sergeant at arms.

Incoming directors are Murrell, Bill Woods, Derrell Farmer, Juan Ybarra, Lawrence Hewitt, Arthur McNary and Johnny Young.

BAND PARENTS ASSN. SPONSORS PAGEANT

Merkel's annual Beauty Pageant, sponsored by the Band Parents' Association, will be held this Saturday at 8 p.m. at the High School Auditorium.

This year's working committee consists of band association president, Bill Button, Mrs. Carol Britton, vice president, and Mrs. Charles Toler, secretary.

Assisting the association officers are Mrs. Glenn Reed, Mrs. Alf Walla, and band director, Glenn Reed.

Mrs. Britton is chairman of the annual pageant planning committee.

J. Lynn Knight of Merkel will act as master of ceremonies for the occasion.

Mrs. Britton explained "there will be three age divisions with three trophies to be awarded in each division."

As of press time Wednesday, a total of 61 contestants have entered the Beauty Pageant, with Merkel businesses as sponsors.

Contestants

Beauty Pageant contestants are Christy Brady, Theresa English, Kim Mashburn, Susan Peachey, Kay Lynn Butman, Tammy Thomas, Becky Watts and Suzanne Byrd.

Also Katherina DuPont, Lori DuBose, Dana Saltzman, Milo Dee Byrd, Robin Byrd, Gwen Tarpoley, Marisa Sandusky, Wendy Hogan and Kristi Hewitt.

Also Pauline Allison, Yvonne Allison, Phyllis Toler, Marsha Thompson, Donna White, Pam Mashburn, Debbie Mashburn, Lee Ann Butman, Debbie Fincher and Faye Cochran.

Also Mary Cochran, Cynthianne Steck, Judy Doan, Nancy Doan and Cindy Whisenhunt.

Also Cindy Elliott, Cindy Boone, Susan Oakes, Jodie Roddy, Audy Byrd, Jan Newsome, Judy Diltz, Jerry Kay Smith, Cindy Smith and Debra White.

Also Pati Maxwell, Nancy Fudge, Christy Fudge, Debbie Edwards, Clesta Cochran, Sharon Allen and Cindy Byrd.

Also Debra Beard, Gala Tolliver, Kim Saterwhite, Kathryn Murrell, Jan Brumbeau, Pam Walla and Vickie Robertson.

Also Marilyn Maxwell, Beth Peachey, Nancy Rich, Elaine Brady and Martha Cochran.

Sponsoring Merchants

Merchants sponsoring the beauties are Barnett Barber Shop, Fisher Service Center, Bragg's, Mansfield Farm & Ranch, Ed Lewis, Reporter - News Dealer and Shamrock Truck Stop.

TAYLOR COUNTY 4-H HORSE SHOW TODAY

The Merkel Riding Club Arena will be the scene of the Taylor County 4H Horse Club meeting Thursday, July 29, according to H. C. Stanley, county agricultural agent.

Events are scheduled to start at 3:30 p.m. and "the public is invited to the free show."

Heading the planning committee are adults leaders Irvin Davis, Don Dudley, Walter Whisenhunt,



J. LYNN KNIGHT
... o emcee pageant

Also Taylor County Farmers Union, Texaco Distributor, Ben Franklin, Mike's Restaurant, Saddle Clinic, Conley Barber Shop and Mellinger's.

Also Merkel Drug, Carson Grocery, DuBose Texaco Station, and Glamour Bar.

Also Palmer Motors, Wilson Food Store, Warren Clinic, Ann's Beauty Shop, Stuckey's, Merkel Telephone and Starr Nursing Home.

Also Allison Plumbing, Merkel Mail, Al and Jeanne, Winter's Butane, Johnny Cox Income Tax, Pastime Recreation Center, Bullocks, Chamber of Commerce, West Laundry, Hick's Auto, Henry - Owen Ford, Malone Implement, Merkel Auto Parts and Starbuck's.

Also Merkel Premier, Boone Service Station, Bill's Garden Shop, Asteroid Motel, Lemens Butane and Merkel Locker Plant.

Oma Davis Washeteria, West Texas Utilities, Farmers and Merchants National Bank, Merkel Restaurant and Pat's Beauty Bar.

Also Taylor Electric, Merkel Farm Machinery, Wilson Jewelry, Cyrus Pee Agency and Mack's Cleaners.

Also Boney Insurance Agency, W. B. Thomas Service Station, Taylor Telephone and Murrell Chevrolet.

Tickets will be on sale at the door for 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children.

Proceeds from the Pageant will be used to complete payments on band equipment, and for purchasing other band equipment," said Mrs. Britton.

Judges for the contest will be from Abilene, according to Band Association member, Joe Lasiter.

Dan Snow and Calvin Wade.

Both halter and performance classes will be included on the afternoon's program, said Stanley. A showmanship award is to be presented by Taylor Electric Cooperative.

Superintendent of the show will be Bob Warren. L. J. Gray will be announcer and bookkeepers will be Mrs. Calvin Wade, Mrs. Wilmer Criswell and Mrs. Jack Boone.

HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE 4TH!

Editorial

The Right to Worship

The freedom we enjoy throughout the land is an outgrowth of the deep religious faith of our forefathers. Their religious convictions played a vital role in the creation of our democracy.

The material achievements of our country, too, result from the efforts of a spiritually-minded society which has been free to search out its God-given potentialities. The right to worship each week, a precious American privilege, has helped men to find those spiritual resources which have aided progress. Also, it is a right that has fostered America's growing sense of responsibility for all people.

During July — as we observe the signing of the Declaration of Independence — It's good to remember that the community where worship is ignored, where men have abandoned or ignored their religious needs, is a community on the downgrade — On the other hand a community that provides worship facilities — and uses them — continuously lifts its people to a higher level.

It seems only appropriate at this time for Religion in American Life program to remind all of us that the door to our church or synagogue is always open. We need only to enter.

EDITOR

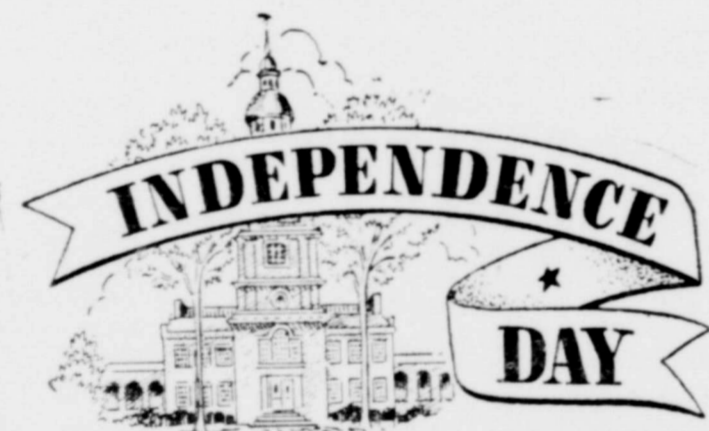


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Let us make part of our observance of AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY a renewal of fighting determination to think and act like Americans. We have INDEPENDENCE DAY this coming week — let us make sure we continue having it in the years to come.

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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: J. P. (Jess P.) Wotten and J. E. Wenzler, Defendants. 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 7th day of August A.D. 1967, to Plaintiff's First Amended Original Petition filed in said court, on the 12 day of June A.D. 1967, in this cause, numbered 30,890-A on the docket of said court and styled O. A. Rhodes, vs. J. P. (Jess P.) Wotten and J. E. Wenzler, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Trespass to try title and for possession of Lot 5 and Lot 14 in Block C, T. R. Rhodes Subdivision of Block 15, North Park Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, 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 according to requirements of law, shall promptly serve the same 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 12 day of June A.D. 1967.

(Seal)
Attest R. H. ROSS Clerk,
42nd District Court
Taylor County, Texas.
By Kathryn Williams, Deputy.
15 4tc

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 104th District Court of Taylor County, of the 9th day of June 1967, by virtue of said Judgment and Order of Sale for the sum of Six Thousand Five Hundred and Thirteen 22-100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment, in favor of Emma O. Futrell et vir in a certain cause in said Court, No. 10,613-B and styled Emma O. Futrell joined by her husband James W. Futrell vs. Fermin Hernandez and Chona Hernandez, placed in my hands for service, I, George Maxwell as sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 9th day of June 1967, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

Lot Nineteen (19), Block "A", Norwood and Gibson Subdivision of part of Blocks Twenty Four (24) and Twenty Six (26), Central Park, an addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of Fermin Hernandez and Chona Hernandez and that on the first Tuesday in July 1967, the same being the 4th 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 above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Fermin Hernandez and Chona Hernandez.

And in compliance with law, I

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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 12th day of June 1967.

GEORGE MAXWELL
Sheriff Taylor County, Texas
By Leon Sledge, Deputy.
15 3tc

Goodman HD Club Plans County Fair

The Goodman Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Vivian Winters, June 23 and discussed plans for the County Fair.

Club vice president, Mrs. Dan Butler, presided at the business meeting. Mrs. Frank Carter asked the opening prayer, and Mrs. Butler gave the council report. Refreshments were served to eight members and one visitor.

Visits Mother

Mrs. Nelda McPeters, and children of Nashville, Tenn., were visitors this past week in the home of McPeters' mother, Mrs. Ilene Jones, 311 Marion Street.

Mrs. McPeters' husband, Sgt. James D. McPeters, has received orders to report for overseas duty. The family will depart in August and will be stationed for three years in Hawaii, according to Mrs. Jones.

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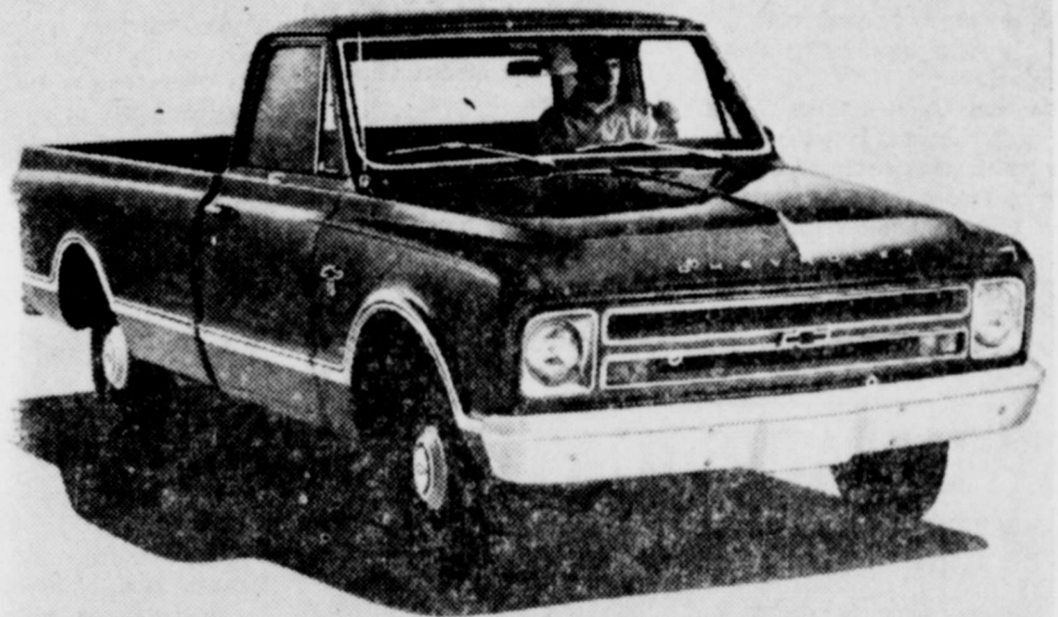
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MASONIC MEETING
Stated Meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710 on 2nd Saturday and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Members urged to attend.

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WANTED — Lawns to mow, yard work and light hauling. 846-4335. Bill and Tim Hatley. 7 2tp

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FOR RENT — Unfurnished two bedroom house. Freshly painted inside, plumbed for washer. Three room furnished house. Backyards fenced. Phone 928-5236. 11 tfc

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FOR RENT — Three bedroom house, plumbed for washer, garage, located at 810 Walnut St. Call 846-4172. Nubia. 15 2tc

FOR RENT — 2 bedroom, unfurnished, plumbed for washer, carpet, floor furnace, fenced in back yard. Available July 1st. Call Fred Starbuck. 16 tfc

FOR RENT — Five room house, furnished \$35 a month. Also kittens to give away and 50c goes with each one. 306 Orange. 16 2tp

WANT TO RENT — Two bedroom extra nice, unfurnished house, to couple, no children. Contact R. L. Bland, Cal-Tex Feed Yard. 16 2tc

FOR RENT — One 4 room house, unfurnished. Double garage. One 2 room apartment furnished. Brooks Patterson, 607 Oak St. 928-4901. 17 2tc

FOR RENT — One two bedroom furnished apartment, bills paid. One large three bedroom furnished apartment, fenced yard, bills paid. Call 928-5669. 17 tfc

For Sale

FOR SALE — House to be moved \$200.00. App. 900 sq ft. floor space. Contact 712 Cherry St. 928-3934. 17 2tp

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FOR SALE — One 48 gallon Butane tank and adapter, for 65 Model Ford Pickup, \$150.00. One 5 1/2 HP Garden Plow and equipment, breaking plow, lister, cultivator, \$150.00. Jake Barnes, 610 Manchester St. 928-5366. 17 2tp

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REAL ESTATE

NEW ARRIVALS

Chris Franklin Cutler, five pounds, eight ounces, was born at 7:35 p.m. Sunday, June 25, at Hendrick Memorial Hospital.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Cutler of Rt. 3, Merkel.

Chris is the Cutler's first child.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Baker and Mrs. Stella Cutler, all of Merkel.

Cutler is Member Services Advisor for the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc.

He is also president of the Merkel Jaycees.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Le Smith of Merkel announce the birth of a son, Gary Shane, weighing eight pounds, 8 1/2 ounces. He was born June 25 at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene.

Maternal grandparents are Mrs. Betty Whisenhunt, and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith Jr., all of Merkel. Great grandparents are Ford Smith Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver, also all of Merkel.

TC Dress Revue Thursday, 8 pm

The girls of the Taylor County 4H Clubs will present their annual County Dress Revue Thursday, June 29th, at 8:00 p.m. The event will be held in the auditorium of the YWCA in Abilene, according to Mrs. Loretta Kelley, Home demonstration agent.

Approximately fifty girls will model the garments made in their 4H Clothing classes. Juniors from age nine to fourteen and seniors age fourteen to nineteen will model various types of garments. "Around the World in Fashion" will be the theme of the revue. The girls will model skirts, blouses, tent dresses, casual and evening clothes.

Two singing groups will provide entertainment during the revue.

City Council Asks Cooperation

Merkel's City Council and its mayor, Johnny Cox, are asking the cooperation of local people who haul trash to the dump ground.

"So much of the trash that is being hauled by local people is being scattered around and blocking the road leading to the dump entrance," said Cox. "It is becoming difficult for our regular trash hauler to get into the grounds to unload."

People are asked to haul their trash to the back of the grounds, thereby leaving an entrance for the city garbage to be unloaded.



LOCAL DRESS REVUE — Miss Carolyn Gilbert, left, assistant Taylor Home Demonstration agent, visits with Katherine Criswell, center, and Christi Lucas during the Merkel 4-H Club Dress Revue. In picture at right, members model dresses they made for the Revue. They are from left, Gail Boone, Mary Jo Reddin, and Christi Lucas. (Photo Courtesy Taylor Electric Cooperative.)

Merkel 4H Club Holds Dress Revue

The Merkel 4H Club had their monthly meeting at the Willmer Criswell home Tuesday, June 20. The program for the group was the local dress revue.

Girls completing clothing units this year were Dayna McAninch and Kathryn Criswell, senior division; and Mary Jo Reddin, Jerrie Stephan, Suzie Wilson, Annetta Stephan, Gail Boone, Patricia Boyd, Mary Beth Boyd, Tonja McAninch, Judy Shields. The girls are preparing for the

County Dress Revue which will be held June 29 at the YWCA in Abilene at 8:00 p.m.

The American Pledge was led by Terry Wade and the 4H Club Motto, Pledge and prayer was led by Leslie Reddin.

Punch and cookies were served to members and guests. Beth Peachey and Suzie Wilson served at the table.

Christie Lucas was narrator for the local Dress Revue.

Scout Troop 18 To Go to Camp

Troop No. 18 will leave Sunday afternoon, July 2, for Scout Camp for one week to be held at Camp Tonkawa, according to Scout Master, Glenn Reed.

Reed said that "any boy who would like to join the Scouts now will be eligible to attend the camp." They will need to contact Reed to get necessary paper work completed before Sunday.

Troop 18 is sponsored by the First Methodist Church of Merkel.

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RIDING CLUB



NEWS



Winners in the Merkel Riding Club activities held Saturday, June 24 at the arena, are listed in first, second and third place:

Barrels
12 and under — Gail Boone, Tim Wozenkraft and Debbie Fincher
13 thru 15 — Dayna McAninch, Kathryn Criswell and Pam Sandusky
16 thru 19 — Sue Pinckley, Randy Bond and John Read
Open — Mary Boone, Jarrett Pinckley and Waymon Hicks.

Flag Race
2 and under — Gail Boone, Tim Wozenkraft and (tie) Tonja McAninch and Debbie Fincher
13 thru 15 — Suzie Riney, Tommy Frierson, and Pam Sandusky

16 thru 19 — Randy Bond, Jean Read, and Myrtle Davis
Open — Jarrett Pinckley and Waymon Hicks.

Pole Bending
12 and under — Gail Boone, Tim Wozenkraft and Debbie Fincher
13 thru 15 — Kathryn Criswell, Suzie Riney and Pam Sandusky
16 thru 19 — Myrtle Davis, Randy Bond and Jean Read
Open — Jarrett Pinckley, Mary Boone and Waymon Hicks.

The Taylor County 4-H Horse Show will be held at the Merkel Arena Thursday, June 29, starting at 3:30. Halter classes will be in the afternoon and the performance classes will be after supper. The public is invited.



PERFECT LANDING — "The landing could not have been better," says Clyde Wurst of the automobile in the foreground. Just recently the driver of this car was traveling down East Highway 80, had a mishap, and after several turns and flips, landed in Wurst's wrecking yard, with front end landing on the trunk of an already wrecked car. (Staff Photo)

BOOKS AVAILABLE ON WATER SAFETY

Students of Merkel's "Learn to Swim Program" will be able to follow up their training this summer by reading books on swimming techniques and water safety available on the bookmobile from the Abilene Public Library.

Mrs. Joy Long, bookmobile librarian, said that during July and August a special collection of books on swimming and other

sports will be on the bookmobile during its bi-weekly stops on Kent Street July 8th and 22nd and August 5th and 19th.

Books in the collection will include Jack Pollack's "Swimming," The American Red Cross' "Swimming and Diving Manual," Charles Silvia's "Lifesaving and Water Safety Instruction," and the "Sports Illustrated Book of Swimming." Advanced swimmers will enjoy reading Fern Yates' "Synchronized Swimming," Caroline Kauffman's "How to Teach Children to Swim" will be of special interest to parents.

LEGAL NOTICE

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING

In obedience to an order of the Board of Equalization, notice is hereby given that the Board of Equalization for the Merkel Independent School District, Taylor and Jones counties, Merkel, Texas, will be in session in the Merkel High School, Merkel, Texas, at 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., on Friday, July 28, 1967 and on Friday, July 21, 1967 at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of determining, fixing, and equalizing the value of any and all taxable property situated in the Merkel Independent School District, Taylor and Jones counties, for the taxable year of 1967 and any and all persons interested or having business with the said Board are hereby invited to be present.

For the convenience of those interested in the July 14 meeting is reserved for local persons having taxable property other than public utilities, oil and related properties, and the July 21 meeting being designated for others having or representing public utilities, oil and related properties.

By order of the Board of Equalization of Merkel Independent School District, Taylor and Jones counties, Merkel, Texas, this 25th day of June, 1967 17 1tc

Those interested in other summer activities will enjoy such books as "Tennis Made Easy," by Lloyd Budge, "Better Golf for Boys," by the Editors of Golf Digest, and "Hobbies, the Creative Use of Leisure," by Margaret Mulac.

Returns to States

USS GRIDLEY (DLG-21 — Machinist Mate First Class Halley L. Simpson, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Simpson of Rt. 1, Trent, has returned to Long Beach, Calif., aboard the guided missile frigate USS Gridley after a seven month tour of duty with the U.S. Seventh Fleet.

During the time spent in waters off North Vietnam, the Gridley was assigned a search and rescue mission which involved rescuing pilots of aircraft damaged in combat or otherwise disabled. A helicopter was carried aboard the Gridley to aid in the recovery of downed pilots.

Adelaide, Australia, and Wellington, New Zealand were among the ports visited by the Gridley during its cruise. While in Australia the crew participated in the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary commemorating the Battle of the Coral Sea.

SURVEY REVEALS TRIPS, VISITS AND "STAY-HOMERS" FOR THE 4th

A variety of activities are being planned by Merkelites and area families for the 4th of July holiday.

Tuesday, July 4th, an announced holiday for the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, merchants and their families plan trips, guest entertaining or just staying at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson plan to participate in the "Fly In" breakfast at Colorado City, early the morning of the 4th. Ray and Ted will leave in time to land at the Colorado City air strip and have breakfast, Chuck Wagon style at 7 a.m.

Also partaking of the "fly-in" breakfast will be Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Fisher. Fisher explains that the breakfast is free to those who arrive by plane; a charge for those arriving by any other transportation.

The Duane Shugarts will spend their 4th at their cabin on Lake Sweetwater. "It's rather like "open house," says Mrs. S. "Friends drop in for a hello and a cup of coffee and we like to have them."

The David Gambles will be at Stamford, since, as Mrs. Gamble explains, "Karl will be riding at the Cowboy Reunion."

The Waymon Adcocks are planning on loading down their "camper" and taking off for Lake Brownwood. "We'll have our daughter and her husband along," said Mrs. Adcock. They are Mr. and Mrs. Gary (Sonny) Gardner of Aspermont. Wayne Adcock, who is in Hendrick Hospital after an automobile wreck this past Sunday morning, will have a lot to do with the above plans, said Waymon.

The Horace Boneys will be at their recently completed cabin also on Sweetwater Lake. Mrs. Fanelle said they just plan to "eat, sleep, and rest."

Betty Jane Tittle will be visiting her brother, Weldon, who is here from Washington. They plan a trip to Sonora, but as Betty Jane remarked, "we'll probably wind up at our cabin at Sweetwater."

The Bill Buttons left this past

NOODLE NEWS

By MRS. CLAYTON DILLARD

Our community was shocked at the sudden death of Riley Spraberry Tuesday, June 13th. Our deepest sympathy goes to his wife, Addie Spraberry and daughters, Mrs. Raymond (Virginia Ann) Schwartz of Winters and Mrs. Robert (Sandra) Montgomery of Sweetwater. He was a Deacon in the Noodle Baptist Church and had been a resident of the Noodle Community for sixteen years. He will be missed in the Noodle Community as a neighbor and friend to everyone.

Vacation Bible School started Monday morning at Noodle Baptist Church.

Most crops are up to a good stand and plowed out. Cotton looks good and is doing good but feed stuff needs rain.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carr of Houston spent several days with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. John Carr the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Herron have all of their children home for a visit. Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Weeks of Las Vegas, Nev., Mrs. Deloris Kelley and children of El Paso and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Gilbert and children of Lubbock.

Tommy and Atwell Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Henderson of Irving and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Watts were visitors in the Clifford Eoff home at Hamlin Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Palmer spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Palmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dillard attended the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Alton Propst Jr. Saturday night in Anson. Mrs. Propst is the former Janis McGinnis and a cousin of Mrs. Dillard.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Sloan are spending several days in Ruidoso, N.M.

The men of this community gathered Monday morning at Mrs. Riley Spraberry and plowed her crop. The ladies brought lunch at the noon hour and served the men.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Spurgin and new baby daughter visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Spurgin. This is the Spurgin's first granddaughter, they have four grandsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Anderson went to Devils River in Meico fishing last week.

JONES COUNTY HD CLUBS MEET; HAVE "RALLY-FUN" DAY

The Jones County Home Demonstration Club members and guests met Wednesday, June 21 at 10 a.m. in the Anson Community Center for a "Rally - Fun Day"

The Bluebonnet Club registered sixty two members and guests. Registry book which was made by Mrs. Walter Love, displayed a picture of Texas Bluebonnets grown on Johnson's ranch.

A "fun hat" and decorative apron were worn by members present, and prizes were given for the most original hats.

Mrs. J. E. McCoy received a prize for her "prettiest hat;" Mrs. Rowell, "floppiest hat;" Mrs. R. E. McNale, "smallest

hat;" Mrs. Vernon Huison, "showiest hat;" Mrs. Louise Hudson, "tackiest hat;" and Mrs. Clyde Chancy, "most unique hat."

First prize for apron went to Mrs. Herndon, Mrs. Clyburn and Mrs. Johnson.

After a covered dish luncheon a program was given by eight of nine clubs present. They were the Bluebonnet, Compere, Friendship, Goodman, Pleasant Valley, Stith, Sunshine and Willow Creek clubs.

A council meeting, held in the afternoon, had 15 members and 17 visitors present. Mrs. Karl Bonneaux, chairman, presided at the meeting.

ABILENE JAYCEES TO HOST JR. RODEO

The Abilene Jaycees will host their second annual Junior Rodeo here on July 6, 7 and 8, with some 150 contestants expected to be on hand for the A.J.R.A. sanctioned event.

Among the contestants will be a number of well known West Texas Junior cowboys and cowgirls who will compete in the Old Abilene Town Arena at Old Abilene Town located on Interstate 20 East. Such entries will include competitors from Abilene, Clyde, Baird, Lamesa, Comanche, San Angelo, Big Spring, Snyder, Odessa, Midland, Stamford, Anson, Albany, and other points of the Big Country, who are contenders in race for national honors in the various events.

Other performers on hand will be clowns and additional special events. A rodeo queen will be crowned at the opening performance and a downtown Abilene parade will be staged on the afternoon of July 6.

Entry blanks can be obtained by writing the Abilene Jaycees. All entries are invited.

Poolside Party Fetes Cindy Wade

Cindy Wade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Wade, was honored with a party at her home Friday, June 23.

Just prior to the party there was a "pool christening" of Cindy's new swimming pool, by members of the family.

Guests played miniature golf and bowled, before a swim in Cindy's pool.

Attending the party were Jan Beasley, CleJuan Douglas, Beth Hicks, Carla Hobbs, Sandy Hogan, Marsha Jordan, Sheila Smith, Debbie Teaff, Stephanie Walker and Carol Whisenunt.

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Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE

The farmers have their crops clean. Last week was fine weather for killing weeds. Crops look good.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones Tuesday night.

at the Avoca Baptist Church attended the workers conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Liles, Myrna and Janie of St. Louis, Mo., visited last week with Mrs. Liles parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley. Mr. and Mrs. Liles and daughter visited over the weekend in Fort Worth with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Lyles. They will return this week to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley for a longer visit.

JoAnn and Susie Bauchhoffer of Graham are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Perry.

The Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Row and children of Bledsoe visited several days last week with Mrs. Row's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley. Katie Row remained with her grandparents for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lindall of LeMars, Iowa, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tindall of Los Angeles, Calif., visited Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones last week.

Melisa Ann Stephenson of Midland spent last week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. McDonald took her home and spent the weekend. Mrs. Mamie Hardin spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns. Mrs. Hardin returned to Midland Saturday with the McDonalds.

Visitors attending services at the Stith Baptist Church Sunday were Katie Row, JoAnn and Susie Bauchhoffer.

Mr. and Mrs. James Strong and Melinda of Odessa spent the weekend with Mrs. J. E. Swindell and the Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Swindell and MacSherry.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn and Rodney spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn and children in Carlsbad, N.M.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley attended a singing in Sweetwater Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. J. E. Swindell is visiting in Odessa with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Strong and Melinda.

James Wayne Holt of Trent visited Ronnie Hobbs Friday.

Mrs. John Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Hobbs visited last week in Fort Stockton with Mrs. Helen Kokit and Mrs. Sticman.

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The double ring wedding ceremony was held Sunday, June 11 to unite Miss Darla Anita Kerr and Jimmy Sledge.

Ceremonies were held in the First Baptist Church at Gainesville, Tex., with Dr. Hary Roark, church pastor, officiating.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Weldon B. Kerr of Gainesville, and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Sledge of Merkel.

White gladioli and greenery decorated the altar space as the bride was presented by her father. She wore a formal length gown of Chantilly lace and taffeta designed on empire lines. The shoulder length veil was attached to a satin headpiece and she carried a bouquet of Phalaenopsis orchids and stephanotis on a Mother of bear Bible from Jerusalem. The Bible had belonged to her late Grandmother Carruth.

Miss Karen Boren of Sherman was her cousin's maid of honor. Her dress was of olive peau de soie, and she wore a matching headpiece.

Sabrina Kerr of Fort Worth, niece of the bride, was flower girl.

Allison Kerr, brother of the bride, and Jackie Mercer, a cousin, served as ushers.

Wayne Mitchell of Irving was best man.

Music was furnished by Donna Kerr.

Mrs. W. B. Kerr Jr., of Fort Worth registered guests.

After a wedding trip to Galveston, the couple are living in Irving.

The bride attended Gainesville High and Cooke County Junior College and is credit analyst and cashier for Beneficial Finance Co., Farmers Branch in Dallas.

Sledge attended Merkel High School and Hardin - Simmons University. He is sales service manager for the Beneficial Finance Co. in Grand Prairie.

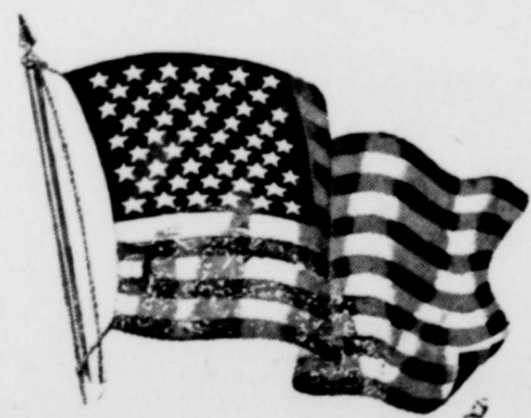
Weekend Visitor

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MULBERRY 4-H CLUB SHOWS PROJECTS

Mulberry Canyon 4H Club members presented their projects to relatives and friends during their 4H tour, held Friday, June 23.

Members began their tour at the Edgar Davis Ranch, where club member Myrtle Davis showed her lambs, sewing and cooking, two heifers and her horses.

The group next stopped at Susie Riney's, where she presented vegetables from her garden, dresses, preserves and a colt.

Margo Hunter showed her blue ribbon she won in a 4H food show, her garden and horses.

At the Tom Rusosm home, won for various 4H activities.

Kathy Griffin showed ribbons

Don Rusosm's projects were presented by his mother, Mrs. Tom Rusosm. They were de-horning gate, a sheen cutting chute and some tanned hides.

Teresa and Mark Clemmer presented their poultry and swine.

At the Brnovak home, Gaylon and Judy showed their 4H projects. Gaylon showed his chickens, sheep, pigs and a chute he is making. Judy presented flowers, a dress, artwork and a garden.

The Bryan home was the next stop, where Glenn and Becky showed their projects. Glenn showed his Angus calf won at the calf scramble in Houston, some chickens, and told about his ribbons won for farm and ranch management demonstrations.

Becky showed a dress, fudge candy, sewing and art work, a rock garden, pigs and chickens.

Jeffery Wells, a new member to the Canyon 4H Club, showed his calf.

At the Sandusky home, Pam and Jerry Don showed their horse ribbons, sheen and their horses.

Johnny Gray showed his sow and pigs, a calf and a horse.

At the Neill home, Katie Neill presented her 23 lambs that she has bought or raised.

Jeff, Cindy and Bart Whisenhunt presented their horses, along with a calf, some pigs and a garden.

Debbie Mashburn showed the room she had helped to decorate.

The Don Dudley home was the last stop, where Mark and Mike showed their horses. Mike is president of the Canyon 4H Club.

A business meeting was held at the Dudley home, with a summary



MIKE DUDLEY
... Mulberry 4-H president

of the year's activities given, and pins presented to members.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Davis and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Clemmer were honored at the meeting. The Davis' are completing their last year of 4H work, and the Clemmings were organizational leaders for the club this year.

County agents making the tour were H. C. Stanley, Dexter K. Sagebiel and Carolyn Gilbert.

New Assignment

In General Telephone's new assignments at San Angelo, Harlan R. Jones, son of Mrs. Irene Jones of Merkel, has been named General Rate and Tariff Analyst. He has been serving as special services consultant in the general office.

Jones, a native of Merkel, was educated in public schools here, and graduated from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. He joined General Telephone as a communication consultant in Robstown in 1962.

He is married to the former Shirley Sue Byrd. They have three sons, ages 10, 12 and 14.

U.S. gas utility and pipeline plant investments will nearly double within the next 15 years — rising from \$29,250 million in 1965 to an estimated \$54,987 million in 1980, according to the American Gas Association.

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: Russell Lee Graves, 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 7th day of August A.D. 1967, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 28th day of April A.D. 1967, in this cause, numbered 3331 on the docket of said court and styled Ruby Lorene Graves, Plaintiff, vs. Russell Lee Graves, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

Plaintiff and defendant were married on or about June 29, 1965 and became permanently separated.

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.

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, Texas, this 23rd day of June A.D. 1967.

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

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Nayat Daghor Shadid, Defendant, Greeting:


YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 104th 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 31 day of July A. D. 1967, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 14 day of June A. D. 1967, in this cause, numbered 10,655-B on the docket of said court and styled Jerry Bill Shadid, Plaintiff, vs. Nayat Daghor Shadid, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about June 11, 1966 and lived together until on

or about March 17, 1967. Plaintiff sues on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment. Plaintiff asks for divorce and for full custody of the minor child. Plaintiff asks the court to divide the property, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit, within ninety days after the date


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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 14 day of June A. D. 1967.

Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk, 104th District Court Taylor County, Texas. By Marie Gill, Deputy.

Ausburne, Plaintiff, vs. William E. Ausburne, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about January 9, 1960 and became permanently separated on or about July 10, 1965.

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.

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 22nd day of June A. D. 1967.

Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk, 104th District Court Taylor County, Texas. By Faye Terry, Deputy.

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: William E. Ausburne, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Court of 104th District 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 7th day of August A. D. 1967, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 11th day of March A. D. 1967, in this cause, numbered 10,615-B on the docket of said court and styled Alethann

Speding should not be confused with driving too fast for conditions, says "Texans for Traffic Safety." If road conditions are such that 20 miles per hour is the maximum safe speed then a person driving 25 miles per hour is driving too fast for conditions, even though the posted limit may be 30, 45 or even 60 mph.

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Taylor County Oil-Gas Roundup

More than \$16.5 million a year of economic stimulation for Taylor County flows from its oil and gas wells each year, an annual study by Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association showed today.

"As one of the 206 producing counties in Texas, Taylor County's economy is sensitive to fluctuations in the oil industry generally," commented W. A. Landreth, Fort Worth, Association president. "Long range, the demand for oil looks strong and current production rates continue to provide Texas as a major source of its income."

Based on latest U.S. Bureau of Mines production figures, Taylor County in 1965 produced 5.3 million barrels of crude oil, valued at \$15.5 million and 7.4 billion cubic feet of natural gas valued at \$63,500 and ranks 69th among Texas counties in production.

CRAZY-QUILT TRAFFIC LAWS

Texas hodgepodge of traffic laws and their application confuses drivers, and traffic confusion can be deadly, says "Texans for Traffic Safety." The group urges adoption of uniform traffic signs, signals and regulation as contained in a Uniform Traffic Code.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. 25 cents
2. Separate
13. Experience
14. Hearsay
15. In
16. Zoo enclosure
17. Erbium: chem.
18. Dad
19. Raids
21. Poem
23. Swings loosely
24. Article
27. Insect
28. Immerse
29. Joining
31. Limn
33. Diminished
34. High peak
36. That girl
37. Obtain
38. Icy rain
40. Orient
42. Web maker
43. Because

44. Sun god
46. Italian coin
47. French "the"

48. Adored
50. Citrus fruit
52. Asp
53. Hot springs

20. Invaders
22. Selected a jury
24. Doctrine
25. Mind
26. Greek letter
29. Rodents
30. Europeans
32. Carry notice
33. Cause
35. Parer
36. Cures
38. Sprinkle
39. Hair braids
41. Migrate
42. Father
45. Fruit drink
46. Record
49. State: abbr.
51. Germanium: chem.

Answer to Puzzle

DOWN
1. Drink
2. Countless
3. Public
4. Retreaded
5. Shallow
6. Incites
7. Fish eggs
8. Exist
9. Unadulterated
10. Before noon
11. Lassoting
12. Region

A Peach of a Dessert



Make the most of the fresh peach season and treat your family to Peachy Ice Cream Puffs. They're so easy to fix you'll want to have them often. Bake the puffs early in the day and slice the peaches at the same time. FRUIT-FRESH®, the same ascorbic acid mixture you use to freeze and can fruit, will keep them from turning brown. At dessert time, you'll be able to assemble them in short order.

PEACHY ICE CREAM PUFFS

- 1/2 cup boiling water
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup sifted all-purpose flour
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons FRUIT-FRESH (ascorbic acid mixture)
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 4 fresh peaches (2 cups sliced)
- 1 pint vanilla ice cream Whipped cream

Bring water, butter or margarine and salt to a boil. Add flour all at once. Beat over low heat until mixture leaves sides of pan and forms a compact ball. Remove from heat; cool slightly. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition until smooth.

Drop 5 mounds of batter three inches apart on greased cookie sheet, swirling tops of each mound. Bake in a hot oven 450° F., 20 minutes; reduce heat to 325° F. and bake about 20 minutes longer. Cool on cake rack. Meanwhile, combine FRUIT-FRESH and sugar. Peel and slice peaches into sugar mixture; toss well to coat each slice. Refrigerate peaches.

At serving time, slice tops off puffs. Place a scoop of ice cream in each puff; cover with sliced peaches. Replace tops and garnish with whipped cream. Makes five peach puffs.

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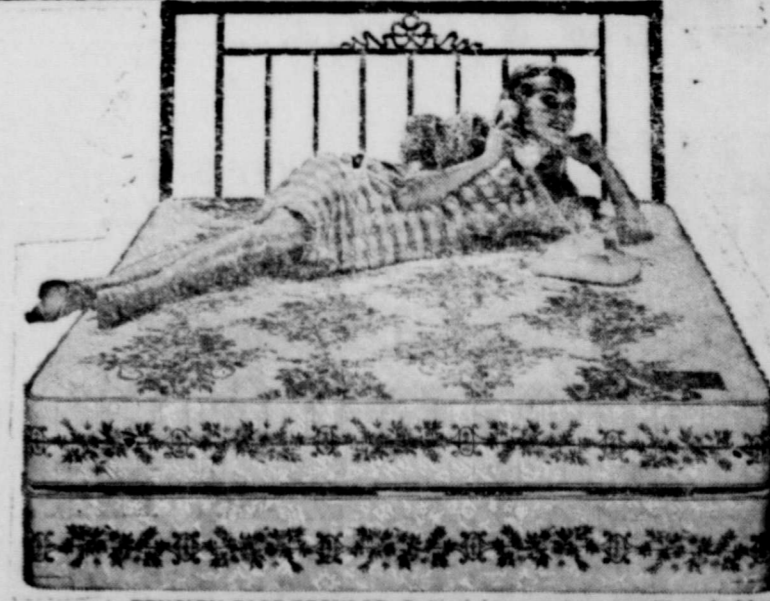


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