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### TAYLOR ELECTRIC

## REPRESENTATIVES TO WASHINGTON

Board members and staff personnel of Taylor Electric Co-operative will be in Washington D.C. on April 9th to help host the Annual Congressional Dinner sponsored by the electric cooperatives of Texas.

The dinner will be held in the Hotel America at 7 p.m. and usually draws an attendance of approximately 500 people.

Congressman and Mrs. Omar Burleson will be special guests of the Taylor Electric Co-operative delegation as will officials and staff of the U.S. Department

of Agriculture.

Leaving Abilene by plane Sunday morning for Washington will be Board Chairman O. S. Moore, Directors Riley Miller, Jack Morrow, Clovis McElmurray, R. C. Watts, Tommy Johnson, Alton Whiteaker, Manager Norman Winter and Co-ordinator B. J. Gist.

Mmes. Morrow, McElmurray and Winter will accompany their husbands as will the Jack Morrow's daughter, Diane. The group will return to Abilene on Wednesday.

## REACTIONS VARY WITH DECISION

"Surprised, shocked, stunned, and disappointed," were the words used by Merkelites contacted this week after President Johnson said Sunday night that he would not seek nor accept his party's nomination for President.

Coffee shops were buzzing early Monday morning with comments. In a coffee shop on Interstate 20 two men were overheard speaking their sentiments:

"Sure hated to hear it," said Sid Wallick of Abilene. "I think he's done a great job. He didn't inherit our problems. Guess he decided to let those Republicans see if they could do any better. Johnson's a fine man and I hate to see him step out." "Me, too," remarked A. B. Chappel, also of Abilene. "He's done an outstanding job as president."

From Merkel's banker, Booth Warren: "I was surprised and I am still endeavoring to evaluate the situation that President Johnson's statement creates."

"It was a severe blow," re-

marked Herbert Patterson. "I think Mr. Johnson is a most capable man, and don't know if we can replace him."

From Horace Boney. "Very much surprised and disappointed." "Quite surprised," said Clyde "lett." "Still think we will have a Democratic president."

Even as late as Wednesday morning people contacted, were still thinking about it."

George T. Moore, Farmers and Merchants National Bank, said, "Never was so surprised. Am still thinking about it."

"Quite a surprise to me," remarked John Hardesty, manager of Taylor Telephone Cooperative. Joe McDuff, Merkel farmer, "Was very much surprised. I am wondering if it is because of his health."

Perhaps Hebb Robertson sums it up. "Heavy, heavy hands over his head. How anyone could want a job like that in these times is besides me. Seems everyone was stunned."

### School Board Election April 6

Candidates for the Merkel Independent School District election will be voted on Saturday, April 6 at the Merkel School gymnasium.

The three incumbents are Johnny Teaff, Joel R. Henry and Ben R. Hicks.

Danny Doan is a candidate for the 2 years unexpired term, and Mrs. John Brady will be a write-in candidate for the unexpired term.

The Merkel Hospital District election, which will be held at the same time, will have five candidates listed on their ballot. They are Don W. Warren, M.D., Mrs. John Hardesty, David Gamble, A. L. Moore and Herman Carson.

Presiding judge will be Bryan Dunagin and Mrs. F. Y. Gaither alternate.

### "Fantasy" Garden Clubbers' Theme

Mrs. Mary Click was hostess for members of the Merkel Garden Club Thursday, March 28, with a program on "Let's Focus on Fantasy."

Members brought small succulents to use in making a Terrarium, which was given to Miss Nora Foster's room for their nature study.

Mrs. W. L. Brown spoke to the group on the Extensive Study of "Ground Cover."

Attending were Mmes. A. H. McElmurray, Herbert Patterson, S. D. Gamble, Charlie Sherrill, Brown and W. T. Sadler.

Also Mmes. G. D. McConnell, Ora Griggs, H. N. Odum, Oda Clark, Click, Eunice Massey, G. R. Peachy, Jessie Shannon, R. M. Ferguson and Miss Christine Collins.

### Trent Seniors To Present Plays

The Trent Senior Class will present one-act plays Monday, April 8 at the school gymnasium at 7 p.m. with an ice cream supper to follow.

Ann Riggan, class secretary, said that the plays are free to the public and charge for the ice cream supper will be 30 cents.

Proceeds from the ice cream supper will be used for the senior trip to Galveston May 16.

### MERKEL HS CHAPTER OBSERVES FHA WEEK

Members of Merkel High School's Future Homemakers of America are observing National FHA week with a schedule of activities.

National FHA Week began Sunday, March 31, and continues through this Saturday. Monday was "Creed Day" with freshmen FHA members repeating the creed when asked by FHA officers. All who failed to repeat the creed correctly "were fined ten cents."

Tuesday members were "seen" by wearing their colors of red and white. A lunch was served to upper FHA'ers by the freshmen Wednesday.

Cleanup day is being observed today (Thursday), with freshmen "wearing a trash bag on their backs and picking up litter around the school campus."

A buffet for all mothers of FHA members is scheduled for Friday at 6 p.m. at the school.

FHA officers are Jo Ann Lassiter, president; Katherine Patterson, vice president; Ann Riley, secretary; Pam Walla, treasurer, and Debi Corder, reporter.

Also Ann Carson, pianist; Vickie Doan, song leader; Audi Wiley, parliamentarian; Janis Long,

# Merkel School Board Names Robinson Football Coach

## Family to Move To Merkel Soon

At a recent meeting of the Merkel School Board, Wendell Robinson was elected head coach and athletic director.

Coach Robinson is a graduate of Stamford High School. During his high school days, he competed in football, basketball and track. He was a member of AA State Championship teams in 1958 and 1959. He won all-state honors as a center in 1959. While at Stamford, he played under Gordon Woods and Larry Wartes.

After graduating from high school, he entered the University of Oklahoma and played under Bud Wilkinson for two years. He completed his college work at Northwestern Oklahoma where he played under Tracy Norwood. Coach Norwood's team went undefeated for eleven games, winning the Conference in 1963.

After graduating from college, Coach Robinson served as head freshman coach at Plainview for two years under Don Williams. In two years, his team record was 13-6-1. He also coached track while in Plainview.

After leaving Plainview, Robinson became head coach at Santa Anna. During his two years at Santa Anna, his teams had a record of 17-4; they won District 9-A conference in 1966 and placed second in 1967. His team won the first championship in the history of the Santa Anna High School. He was named Coach of the Year for the Abilene area in 1966.

Coach Robinson majored in math while in college and received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1964. This year completes four years of experience teaching mathematics.

Coach Robinson is 27 years of age. He and his wife expect to move to Merkel within a few days. He plans to begin work with the Merkel faculty on April 8.

## 'Western Party' To Honor Seniors

Come rain, snow, sleet or ice, or even sunny weather, on Monday, April 8, the Onis Crawford's will honor the graduating seniors of Merkel High School.

The annual fete will be a Western Style theme, and will begin at 7 p.m. with a western dinner to be served in their back yard.

Entertainment too. A boys' chorus from Hardin - Simmons University will be on hand for musical entertainment.



**SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED** — Is the football Felix Castillo, Badger captain, handed Bob Byerly last Wednesday, at the "going away" party held in the Badger Field House. Sharing the moment with Felix are Badgers Bob Tate, Ray Davis and Johnny Thompson, and also being honored are Mrs. Byerly and sons, Brad and Bruce. (Staff Photo)

## BADGERS HONOR THE BOB BYERLYS

The time was Wednesday, March 27, 2:35 p.m.

Place was the vicinity of the Merkel Badgers' Field House.

Weather, misty.

Action plenty. Boys were traveling by car (very fast), by foot (faster), across the school campus, eager to be numbered with the many gathering in the Badger Field House for an emotion packed moment. (This reporter must admit it was the very first time in her life she had the opportunity to be in a "men's" dressing room and loved every minute of it.)

Badgers — big ones, little ones, fat ones, skinny ones — all with their emotions showing, had gathered at the Field House to pay honor to their "chief Badger," who was leaving, and would soon become "chief" on another "reservation."

Center of attraction were Bob Byerly, his wife Audrea, and the two little Byerlys, Brad and Bruce.

Emotions were "showing" too on Bob's and Audrea's face as they heard players and coaches express their appreciation "for the ideals that had been instilled in them by Bob."

Speaking for the football players, head captain, Felix Castillo, said, "Mr. Byerly, you have meant more than just a football coach to all of us. We shall never forget the many things you have taught us, both on and off the field."

And with football captains standing beside Felix, he presented Bob a well - signed football.

To Bob, from the coaching staff and players, assistant coach, Bill Tate presented the Byerlys a clock, with pencil attached, and "use it to drop us a line occasionally, Bob."

To Audrea, a gift of glassware was presented by Coach Ronnie Toombs.

"Thank you, Audrea, for your patience when Bob was late getting home, when it seemed that the Badgers saw more of him than you did," said Toombs. "Now you know 'that other party' in Bob's life were the Badgers."

And Bob Byerly had words to say too.

In a broken voice, Bob told all seated on the benches and those standing too, "You're the best I've ever worked with. You won't soon be forgotten. Just remember, I'll be keeping up with you come fall, and will be in there rooting."

The Byerlys left Friday for Bellmead, Tex., where he will be taking over the job of athletic director and head coach of La Vega High School.

Good luck and not good bye, Bob and Audrea Byerly.

## Merkel Red Cross Drive Nets \$250

A total of \$250.00 was collected during the Red Cross SOS Drive, held Friday evening, March 29, according to drive chairman, Tommy Cutler.

The house to house drive, conducted by volunteer workers, was "over and above donations by Merkel residents in the fall Community Fund campaign and will be used in helping servicemen in Vietnam, and their families."

Cutler expressed appreciation to all who gave of their time and financial assistance in the Friday canvass.

Volunteer workers and organizations represented were, Leslie Reddin, May Beth Boyd, Robert Boyd and Mary J. Reddin, Merkel 4-H Club; Mrs. Bob DuBose, Beta Sigma Phi. (Assisting Mrs. DuBose were Danny Bob DuBose and Gwyn Tipton), and Debbie Martin and Susie Wilson, Merkel High School Home Economics Class.

Also Mmes. Weldon McAninch, Leon Walker, J. C. Carson and Mr. Danny Doan, from Taylor Electric Cooperative.

People who were not contacted during the drive, may mail their contributions in the envelopes left in their door, or may contact Cutler.

## LIONS HONORED AT NOON MEETING

The Merkel Lions Club will be forty years old Friday, April 5, according to a news release from Lions International to president Edwin Read.

Along with the release were awards which were presented to members. Receiving 40 year awards were Booth Warren and Dr. W. T. Sadler.

The awards read, "For Outstanding Service and Loyalty Extending over a period of forty years to his Lions Club, to his district, and to Lions International."

Other awards were presented to Wren Durham, Meyer Mellinger, Nolan Palmer and Ray Wilson for thirty years service; and to Frank Breaux for twenty - five years;

Also Herman Carson, David

Gamble and Edwin Read, twenty years; Mack Fisher, Horace Hargrove, Isadore Mellinger, and Dr. Don Warren, fifteen years; and H. N. Odum for ten years.

Herman Carson, chairman of nominating committee, presented officers for the new year. Officers to be voted on at the April 16 meeting are the Rev. Newton Daniel, president; Meyer Mellinger, vice president; Nolan Palmer, 2nd vice president; Onis Crawford, secretary - treasurer; H. N. Odum, lion tamer, and Frank Breaux, tail twister. New directors presented are Read and Johnny Cox.

Members discussed a pancake supper to be held April 30 at the high school cafeteria, with proceeds to be used for Lions Club projects.

## TRENT HS SENIOR IS AN "ALL STAR"

"This is something that everyone dreams about but never thinks its possible."

The above remark was made by Ann Riggan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Riggan and a Trent High School senior, when informed last week that she had been selected to play on the All-Star Game, to be held in Duncanville, Tex., July 18.

From the beginning of playing basketball in the sixth grade, Ann is now an "All - Star."

And it was not handed to her. "She earned every bit of it," were Trent Coach Ralph Newton's words.

"Ann began playing basketball in the sixth grade. In the seventh grade she made the "A" team." All - Tournament at Hawley that year. The eighth grade honored Ann with an all - tournament award at Trent.

In high school, Ann, plus "extra hard" work, made the basketball team, which won state. On that state championship in 1963 - 64, Ann's final two points ended the game in Trent's favor.

During her sophomore year she was honored at Hardin - Simmons University with the Sportsmanship Award. A repeat honor was given by HSU her junior year, plus all district in Class 6-B, and all tournament at Trent.

Ann, plus an injured knee in her senior year, was able to play in the bi - district game, "with



ANN RIGGAN  
... on All-Star team

the help of Coach Newton and Mr. Short from Roscoe." A big thank you was expressed by Ann to both coaches.

But basketball isn't all. Ann has been an FHA member for four years, acting as reporter her sophomore year and attending the FHA Area Convention in Stephenville.

She has a three - year record as a class officer, plays on the volleyball team, runs track, and is "really looking forward to track this year."

"But I could not have done any of these things by myself," concludes Ann. "I owe so much to my friends, teachers, my parents, and most of all to a God who gave me the strength and health to keep going."

Of the game to be played in Duncanville July 18. Ann was one of three girls chosen from Class B, and the 4th girl in the history of Trent to be chosen. The game will be played between girls from the north half of Texas and the south half of Texas.

## Election Results

In a very light turnout, with only 42 votes cast in Tuesday's elections, three incumbents were re-elected for places on the Merkel City Council.

They were Bob DuBose with 40 votes, Horace Hargrove, 39; and Clyde Wurst, 36.



## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE OF CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

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### CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Bobbie Kaye Brannon, 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 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 22nd day of April, A.D., 1968, to Plaintiff's Amended Petition filed in said Court on the 5th day of March, A.D. 1968, in this cause,

numbered 3590 on the docket of said Court and styled Dan Newton and wife Carline Newton Plaintiffs VS. Weston Nordell Winter and Bobbie Kaye Brannon, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiffs now have in their home a minor child of Weston Nordell Winter and Bobbie Kaye Brannon known as Luther Dwaine Winter; that heretofore in cause 511 of the Court of Domestic Relations a divorce was granted Weston Nordell Winter awarding him full custody of the above said child with Defendant Bobbie Kaye Brannon to have reasonable rights of visitation. Plaintiffs allege that it would be to the best interest of said child to award his custody to the Plaintiffs, as is fully shown by Plaintiff's Amended 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 7th day of March, 1968 A.D.

(Seal)  
R. H. ROSS, Clerk  
Domestic Relations Court,  
Taylor County, Texas  
By Marie Gill

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The 622-foot Tower of the Americas, focal point of HemisFair '68 in San Antonio, is the tallest in the western hemisphere.

## Baby Girl Born To Fred Kolpins

Capt. and Mrs. Frederick Kolpin of Murfreesboro, Tenn. announce the arrival of a baby girl born Friday, March 29 at Sewart AFB Hospital.

Mrs. Kolpin is the former Carolyn Graham, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Onis Graham of Trent.

The new arrival, named Kelly, weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces at birth and was 21 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Graham, and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Kolpin of Aurelia, Iowa.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Taylor of Clyde, and Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Graham of Abilene.

Mrs. Onis Graham left Monday by plane for Murfreesboro to be

with Carolyn and the baby. Lt. Kolpin left Tuesday for England where he will be stationed for three months. Carolyn will be

returning to Texas and Trent "around April 11 to visit with her parents before joining Capt. Kolpin in England."

The theme for HemisFair '68 in San Antonio April 6 - Oct. 6 is "The Confluence of Civilizations of the Americas."



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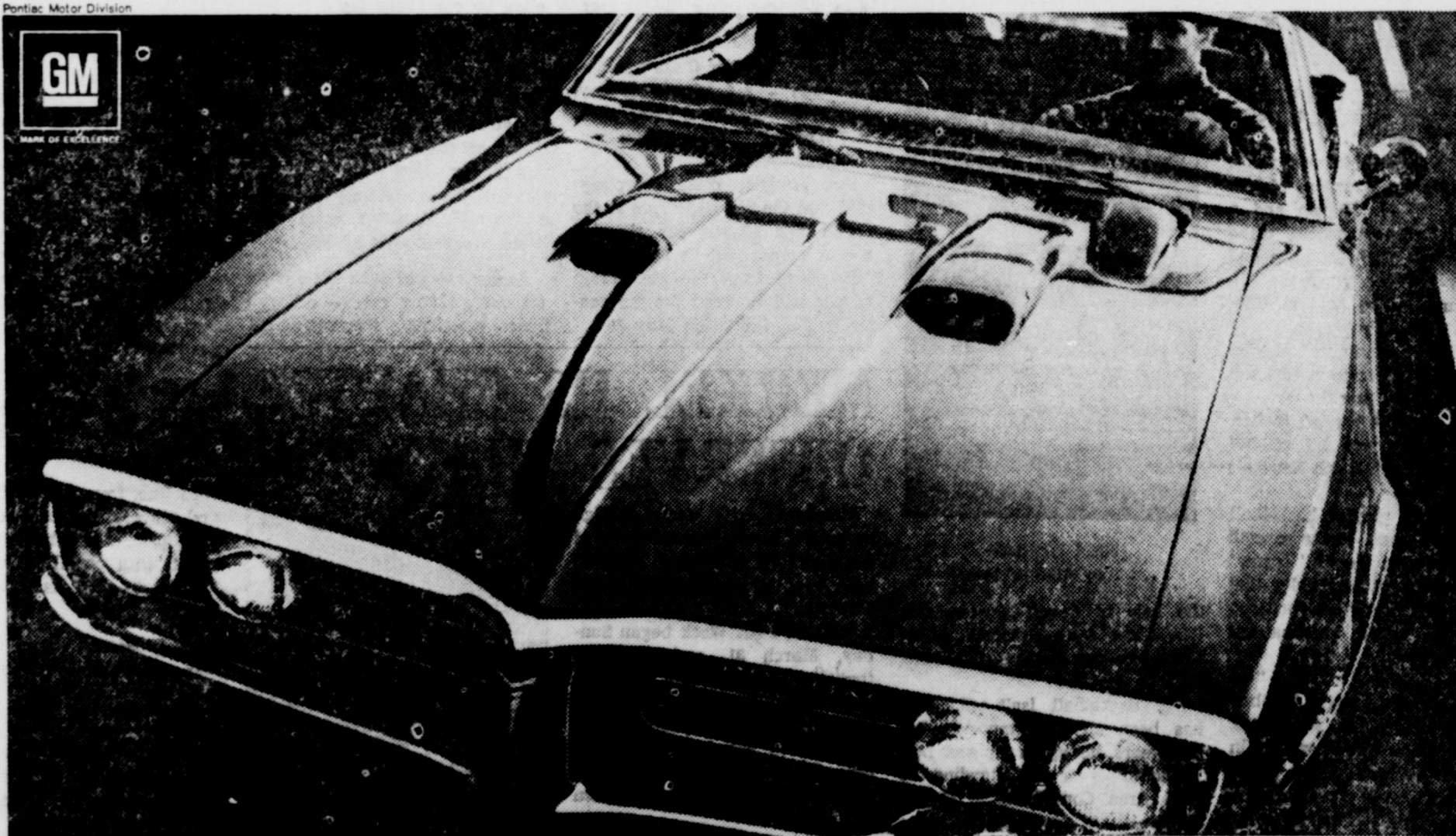
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### Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones spent Monday and Tuesday with Mrs. Jones' sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Howard at De Leon. They attended the funeral services of Mrs. Jones' cousin, Mrs. Auther (Gertrude) Warren, Thursday in the First Methodist Church in De Leon.

The Stith Farmers Coop Gin stockholders held their annual business meeting Tuesday. Floyd Charrel was re-elected manager. Babe Tarpley was re-elected as chairman of the board of directors. Orval Ely secretary. The farmers received dividend checks. Approximately 60 attended.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley attended the singing Sunday afternoon at the Trent Methodist Church.

The Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Swindell, and son MacSherry, and Mrs. J. E. Swindell, were dinner guests Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Hendon of Hawley.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hill, Las Cruces, N.M., Mrs. Ola Chapin, Beswell, Okla., and Mrs. Ada Newton, Anson, were visitors Tuesday in the Fritz Hale home.

Mrs. Zelah Bright of Trent spent Wednesday with Ethel Canida.

Mrs. Roy Mashburn Mrs. Curtis Clyburn and Mrs. Wade Shaw attended a Home Demonstration district club meeting at Haskell Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vantresse

sold their house and 2 acres of land to Mr. and Mrs. Benny Hobbs and the rest of the farm, (100 acres) to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sloan.

### Gets USAF Medal

ABILENE - Staff Sergeant John R. Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Wilson of 1147 Housing Project, Pharr, Tex., has received the U.S. Air Force Commendation Medal at Dyess AFB. His wife, Donna, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Riney of 1508 Heath St., Merkel. Sergeant Wilson, an autopilot repairman, was decorated for meritorious service at U - Tapao

Airfield, Thailand. He was cited for his outstanding professional skill and knowledge.

He is now at Dyess in a unit of the Strategic Air Command.

The sergeant, a graduate of Pharr - San Juan - Alamo High School, attended McMurry College in Abilene.

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## BURLESON ASKING FOR RE-ELECTION

Congressman Omar Burleson has formally announced his candidacy for re-election to Congress, subject to the Democratic Primary on May 4 and the General Election in November.

The 17th Congressional District is now composed of 31 counties, covering approximately 30,000 square miles. Within this area live about 440,000 people.

"The original 12 counties, of which Taylor is one, have really been 'home' and longtime friends and supporters are highly valued," Burleson said. Further commenting he added, "The people whom I have represented all the years I have been in Congress were most understanding two years ago when it was necessary for me to concentrate in campaigning in 12 new counties.

Since seven more have now been added, I shall have to make an effort to become better acquainted and make friends in that new area. I will, however, be calling on my constituents in the older areas at the earliest opportunity. I believe that it is incumbent upon a Congressman to know people and that they know him, to have the best representation. This is fundamental to our system."

In his statement, Burleson says, "During my tenure of office I have followed two guiding principles: First, to know the views of my constituents and reflect their sentiments to the greatest degree possible in my actions in the Halls of Congress. Second, to inform and advise as closely as I can on those issues which affect our District, our State and our Nation."

Burleson termed his approach to government as one of "common sense," gained through the years of public service. "I have tried to see that the people's tax money is spent as wisely and as judiciously as you would have spent it had you been in my place," he said.

"The record will show that a greater part of the time I have found myself in the minority in opposing the vast spending programs which have been put into effect in recent years. In every Session of the Congress the record will show my votes for expenditures below that recommended by the Executive Department and far less than actually appropriated by the Congress.



CONG. OMAR BURLESON  
... for re-election

except in the field of National Defense," Burleson said. He continued, "Without meaning to appear boastful, if the Congress had followed those of us who have voted consistently over the years for fiscal responsibility, our financial affairs would not be in the shape they are today."

"In areas providing for the defense of our Country, I have always supported those things to make and keep our Nation strong-

er than any other in the world," he said.

"I have been discerning in separating those activities which the Federal Government was not designed to do, from those which are truly its responsibility," he said.

Burleson stated that activities of State and local governments, in accordance with the Constitution, should not be infringed and encroached upon by the Federal Government.

"The Federal Government does have specific missions," he said. He gave as examples the conservation of our natural resources, the defense of the Country and its general welfare.

"At the same time," he said, "the Federal Government can not and should not try to take care of everything from Washington, either foreign or domestic. The Federal Government has grown to colossal proportions and centralized power in Washington has increased," Burleson pointed out. "To this, I am opposed and my record is clear in this respect."

Burleson is among the senior members of the U.S. House of Representatives in point of service. His seniority has carried him to the Chairmanship of the potent House Administration

Committee, and to the second position to the Chairman on the powerful Foreign Affairs Committee. In addition, Burleson serves on two important Joint Committees formed from senior members of the House and Senate, as Chairman of one and Vice Chairman of the other.

Burleson is a former County Attorney and County Judge of Jones County. He was appointed an FBI Agent, and served in a number of assignments over the U.S. He resigned from the FBI to join the Navy in World War II, and saw duty in both the Atlantic and the Pacific.

Burleson ended his formal announcement by saying, "Although not having opposition in this year's election, it is my hope to visit my constituency as opportunity affords. The Congress being in session at this time and expected to be long after the Primary Election, there will be little time to leave duties in Washington. I expect, however, to get back home at short intervals to do the best I can in seeing my friends and to make new ones."

The Texas Forestry Association organized at Temple in 1914, pioneered forestry in Texas.

## Services Held For Cpl. Weathers

Services for Lance Corporal Bobby L. Weathers, formerly of Sweetwater, and cousin of Mrs. Jack Bright of Trent, were held on March 30 at the Welch Funeral Home in Longview, Texas, with burial at Sarepta, La.

Cpl. Weathers was killed March 17 in the vicinity of Quang Nam, Vietnam, while riding in a vehicle which overturned when

forced off the road by another oncoming vehicle.

Son of the late L. T. Weathers Sr. and Syble L. Weathers, of Longview, Cpl. Weathers was born Feb. 4, 1948 in Sweetwater and attended grammar school there.

Relatives of this area are an aunt, Verda Browning, Sweetwater, and cousin, Mrs. Theo Alderman, Sweetwater, and Mrs. Bright of Trent.

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## MHS Rodeo Team Holds Meeting

The Merkle High Rodeo team met recently at the Merkle Restaurant for their second meeting.

Teddy Byrd met with the group to discuss future plans and also progress already being made.

The teams consists of approximately twenty members, specializing in activities ranging from barrel racing to bull riding.

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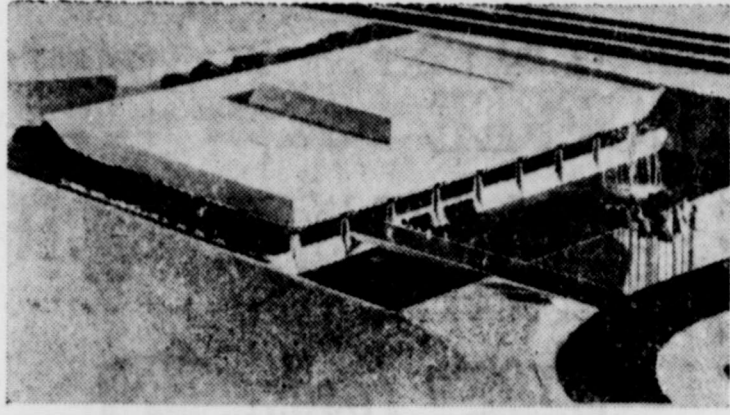
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# DANIEL DISTRICT JUDGE CANDIDATE

Abilene attorney, J. Neil Daniel, has announced his candidacy for District Judge of the 104th District Court, composed of Taylor and Jones counties, and in making his announcement made the following statement:

"In asking your vote for District Judge, I would like to assure the people that I am fully aware of the responsibility to be undertaken. For quite some time it has been my desire to become your district Judge, and to that



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end I have devoted much time and effort preparing myself for this position. In carrying out the duties and responsibilities of District Judge, the only promise a Judge may properly make is that the Court will be conducted in a fair, impartial and dignified manner; that justice will be equally administered, and that all persons having business with the Court will be treated fairly and with the respect due each individual — this is my promise."

Daniel is making an effort to meet every vote in Jones and Taylor Counties; but realizing this is an impossible task, he asks the people to examine his qualifications, not only as a lawyer, but as a family man, a church layman and a man who has taken an active interest and responsibility for the all-around betterment of his community.

A graduate of Abilene High School and McMurry College, Daniel has lived in Abilene continually since, except for the time spent on active duty with the Army.

Daniel's wife is the former Frances Hill Cooper whom he met at Abilene High School and



NEIL DANIEL  
... for district judge

they went on to McMurry together. They have three children: Gayle, a senior at Southwestern University; Sharon, a junior at the University of Houston; and Walter Cooper Daniel who is attending business school.

A veteran of 25 years in the United States Army and Army Reserve, Daniel holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel; he was drafted in March 1941 and served five years active duty during World War II, with more than half that time overseas. He served two years as an enlisted man and received a direct appointment as a commissioned officer while overseas.

Retaining his interest in the U.S. Army Reserve, Daniel was recalled to active duty during the Berlin Crisis of 1961-62 and served ten months with the 490th Civil Affairs Company of Abilene as head of the governmental affairs section and chief legal officer of the Company.

Daniel was discharged from World War II service in December, 1945, and in 1946 was elected District Clerk of Taylor County by an overwhelming majority. While serving as District Clerk he studied law and was admitted to the bar in April, 1954. He has since been associated in the private practice of law with Judge Tom K. Eplen, during which time he also served as City Judge and City Attorney for the City of Abilene.

Always active in civic affairs, Daniel is a past member of the Jaycees, a member of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce and West Texas Chamber of Commerce, a Kiwanian and past president of the Abilene Kiwanis Club and immediate past Lieutenant Governor of Division Twelve of Kiwanis International, a Mason, a Shriner, and on the Board of Taylor County Tuberculosis Association. Interested in the youth of our community, he is a member of the Board of Directors of Abilene Boys Ranch, served four years as Scoutmaster and is merit badge counselor for Scouts heading his assistance.

Daniel has been a member of the official Board of St. Paul Methodist Church for many years, has served as church treasurer and as chairman of various committees and commissions of his church. Professionally he is a member of the State Bar of Texas, the American Judicature Society and the Abilene Bar Association.

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# Merkelites Attend Farmers' Meeting

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Mr. and Mrs. Willie B. Toombs of Merkel were among the approximately fifty delegates to attend 66th annual convention of National Farmers Union, held March 17 - 20 in Minneapolis, Minn.

Toombs, a member of Taylor County Farmers Union, heard discussions that called for expansion and improvement of existing farm programs, along with

new enabling legislation to make possible workable and effective farm bargaining.

"The convention also reaffirmed the call for a 90 per cent of parity support level on milk for manufacturing purposes," said Toombs. "Delegates also heard that Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman had acted to establish the support level of \$4.28 per hundred pounds for the coming marketing year, compared with the existing \$4.00 level." The convention program fea-

tured appearances of major farm spokesmen in Congress from both political parties.

Mr. and Mrs. Toombs are scheduled to give a report to members of TFU at their regular meeting Saturday, April 6, said Joe McDuff, publicity chairman for the organization.

Taylor County Farmers Union officers are Pete Morgan, president; H. T. Fleming, Potosi, vice president; Cramer Reynolds, 2nd vice president, and Harry Franklin, Potosi, secretary - treasurer.

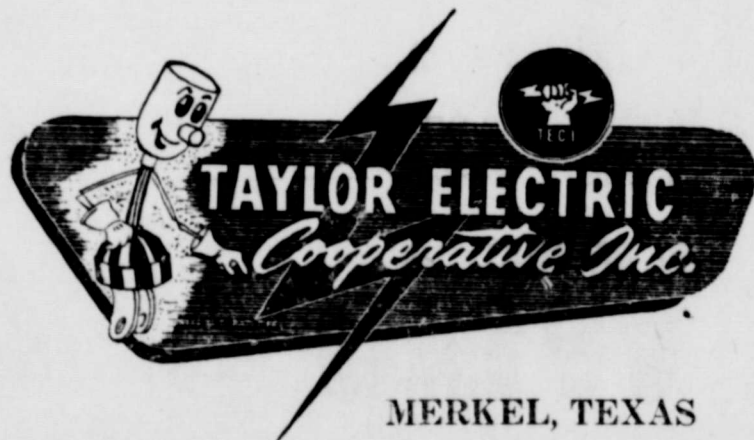
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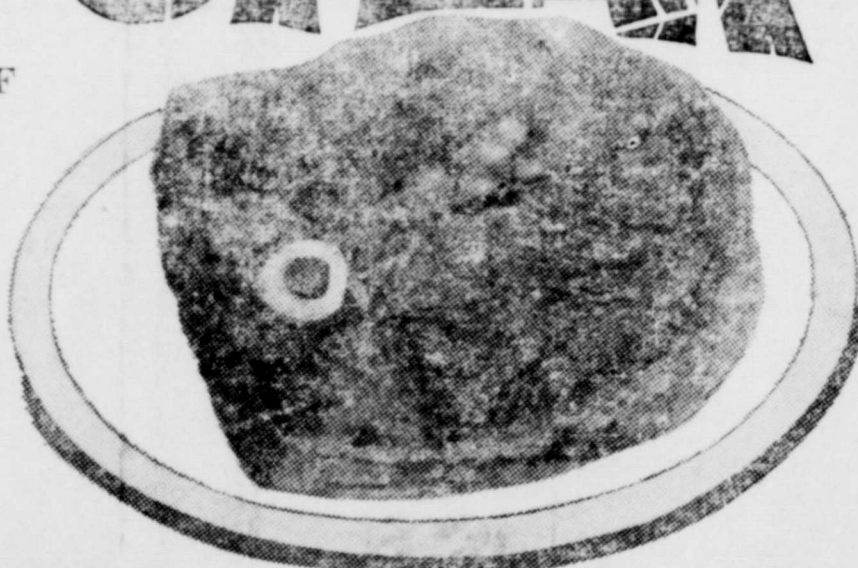
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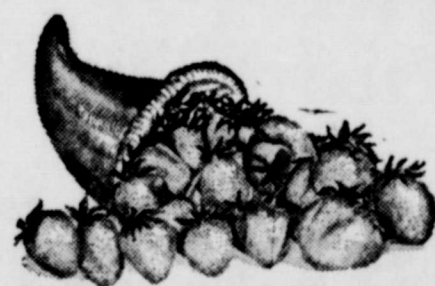
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