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## Up The Canyon

By TOM  
RUSSOM

Here in the Canyon this morning, April 23, it is cloudy and the wind is blowing from the north. Just when farmers should be planting the fields are so soft they won't hold up the tractors.

Some sheep shearing is under way at this time, and when warmer weather arrives the shearing will get underway more so. The wheat is looking better the last few days.

We took a swing across north east of Abilene last Sunday evening. From the looks of the fields there, our farming land is in better shape. Our land is not as wet and our wheat looks a lot better.

Louis Cook, stockman on top of the Divide, has a fine bunch of crossbred lambs on green feed. The lambs will go to market about June 1. Louis plans to creep feed his calves this year.

The Tom Russoms were dinner guests in Mrs. Russom's brother's home Sunday in Abilene. They are Mr. and Mrs. Ben Butman.

Ted Smith, who works in the Farmers and Merchants National Bank in Merkel has leased a place from Louis Butman. The land adjoins the Pioneer Church, and he has just stocked it with cattle.

Mrs. A. D. Scott left for Washington, D.C. this week to visit her daughter who lives there.

Mrs. O. M. Reed visited Sunday in her daughter's home, Mrs. Allen King, and all attended church at Pioneer Sunday.

Mrs. Lottie Butman Everett has had a checkup at Hendricks Hospital and will enter the hospital Sunday for a few days. Mrs. Will Butman is still improving and will be returning to her home soon.

The Rev. and Mrs. Charles Williams of Pioneer Church were in Dallas attending a meeting this week.

Our "hello" this week goes up to Big Spring and to the Rev. Phillips. (Editor's note: Drop Tom or the Merkel Mail a line.)

## TAYLOR ELECTRIC REFUND CHECKS TOTAL \$101,866.40

Consumers attending the annual members meeting of Taylor Electric Cooperative last Thursday, received their share of capital credit refund checks totaling \$101,866.40. The refund was on the 1957 year's business.

The entire slate of board members were re-elected with O. S. Moore re-elected as chairman.

Re-elected were Ray Orsborn, R. C. Watts and Tommy Johnson. Other board officers are Clovis McElmurray, Comer Haynes, Riley Miller, Jack Morow and Al-

ton Whiteaker. Watts was named vice chairman and Morrow secretary-treasurer.

The morning entertainment for the approximately 2,000 members and guests attending included the Merkel High School Stage Band, the L. C. Agnew Western Band, the Wills Family Singers and the "Los Internacionales," a singing group from Merkel.

During the afternoon business meeting, co-op members were told that the cooperative had assets totaling \$5,885,140.20, with liabilities of \$3,755,318.15.

## AMERICAN CANCER DRIVE IS TUESDAY

Merkel's Cancer Drive will be held Tuesday, April 30 and is to begin at 5 p.m., according to Johnny Cox, drive chairman.

"Volunteer workers will meet at the Merkel elementary school building at 5 p.m. for assignment of streets to work," said Cox.

Mrs. David Gamble will assist in working out streets and sections of the city and Mrs. Judith Blankenship and her Home Economics Class will assist in the canvass.

Others who have volunteered time for the drive are Mmes. J. C. Jacobs, Robert Higgins, Paxton Hays, John B. Hughes, Roy

Baccus, and H. W. Higgins.

Also Mmes. W. B. Toombs, R. Allen King, Tom Russom, Joe Mc-M. Ferguson, Frank Brnovak, Duff and Harvey Bryan.

"Many people are now giving money as a memorial in lieu of other remembrances," said Cox. "Checks made payable to the American Cancer Society brought or mailed to Box 188, Merkel, will be deposited. Memorial cards are available and will be sent to bereaved families stating the name of the donor and other cards may be kept for income tax records."

Proceeds from the Cancer Drive will be used for treatment and or surgery of cancer victims, and also to enable scientists to more quickly find the cure and preventing of this No. 2 killer of our people, said Cox.

## Merkel VFW Post Elects Officers

The Merkel Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5683 met Thursday April 11 for the election of officers.

Officers elected are Wallace Doan, commander; Juan Biera, senior vice commander; Kenneth Pursler, junior vice commander; Frank Murphy, quartermaster; Onis Graham, advocate; Earnest Hendricks, chaplain and Sammy Doan, surgeon.

Trustees elected are Odell Barnes, one year; Earl Mashburn, 2 years, and Neely Tittle, three years.

Officers will be installed after the department convention is held, said commander Doan.

## Farmers Co-Op Gin Sets Meeting

The Farmers Cooperative Gin will hold its Annual Membership Meeting this Saturday, April 27, according to president, Joe C. Higgins.

"The meeting will be held at 2:30 p.m. at the Merkel School Cafeteria, and all members are urged to attend," said Higgins.

Business meeting will include the election of officers, reading annual reports, and handing out dividend checks. Curtis McAninch is secretary-treasurer of the Farmers Co-Op Gin, and Morris Smith as manager.

# Merkel, Trent Banks Show Slight Decline In Deposits



PLANNING PTA PROGRAM — Members of Mrs. Judith Blankenship's Home Economics class at Merkel High School will present a Fashion Show to Merkel PTA's this Thursday evening at the school auditorium. Putting the "finishing touches" to clothes they will model at the PTA program are, from left, Elaine Brady, Pam Sandusky and Debie Martin. (Staff Photo)

## LITTLE LEAGUERS' FIRST GAME SLATED FOR THURSDAY, MAY 2

Final registration of Merkel's Little Leaguers totaled 83 boys for little league and 49 for T-Shirts, according to president Don King.

First game is Thursday, May 2, and game time is 6:15 p.m. In an organizational meeting held recently, sponsors and managers were named.

They are Farmers and Merchants National Bank sponsoring

the Bankers, with Juan Yberra manager, and Billy Fisher, assistant; Boney Insurance, Braves, Benny Melton and Rusty Steek; Max Murrell Chevrolet, Cheviets, Grady Knight and Joe Henry; Carson's Super Market, Super Giants, Corky Land and Lee Tucker; West Texas Utilities, Kilowatts, George English and Roland Pack; and Taylor Electric Cooperative, Willies, Walter Whisen-

hunt and Dean Smith.

T-Shirt sponsors are Lon McDonald and Joe Beazleton, Cornadoes; First Baptist Church, Eagles, Wilson Food Store, Mustangs; Optimist Club, Owls; and Merkel Drug, Yankees.

Final work night will be held at the Little League Park Thursday, April 25 at 7:30," said King, "and everybody is invited."

### GAME SCHEDULE 1968

THURSDAY MAY 2  
Kilowatts vs. Bankers  
Cheviets vs. Supers  
FRIDAY MAY 3  
Willies vs. Braves  
Supers vs. Kilowatts  
TUESDAY MAY 7  
Bankers vs. Willies  
Braves vs. Cheviets  
THURSDAY MAY 9  
Kilowatts vs. Cheviets  
Supers vs. Bankers  
FRIDAY MAY 10  
Braves vs. Supers  
Willies vs. Kilowatts  
TUESDAY MAY 14  
Cheviets vs. Willies  
Bankers vs. Braves

Teams listed first will be the home team and take the West dugout.  
First game will start at 6:15 p.m. No inning will start after 7:45 p.m.  
Last game will start at 8:00 p.m. No inning will start after 9:30 p.m.

## MERKEL PAGEANT BY MAIL STAFF

## ARE WE "SLEEPING," MERKEL RESIDENTS?

Is Merkel a "sleepy little town?"

What have we not done to acquire such a title?

And where did such a "name" originate?

It seems that a news announcer for an Abilene television station referred to Merkel as a "sleepy little town" during the robbery in Merkel last Thursday. He said in effect "The sleepy little town of Merkel was awakened last Thursday..."

And residents who "were awake" stood up, and those few who were asleep, "woke up," after hearing the remark.

A letter to Mr. Fitzgerald, signed and sealed should be in the announcer's hands by now.

It read:

"Dear Mr. Fitzgerald:  
"This letter is in response to the descriptive adjective of the little town of Merkel, Texas, which you used on your news cast at 6 p.m. April 18, 1968. We, as citizens of this villa feel that no one who really knows Merkel could call it a sleepy little town; therefore, we invite you to visit us and find out that we are actually 'wide awake.'

"True, we are a small town, but we like it that way. We feel that Merkel offers a wholesome environment in which to rear our children. Because we are small, we are able to know our

neighbors intimately; thus, we come to love one another. Certainly, this world can use more love and understanding.

"So that you may know that Merkel is not asleep and is not living in the past... we would like to point out these things.

"On the day of the robbery, our town and the Taylor Electric Cooperative were playing hosts to more than two thousand visitors, and this business and Merkel, as always, were a 'bee hive' of activity on Thursday, April 18.

"Merkel can boast one of the finest and most progressive school systems in Texas Class A schools. Academically, our graduates rank above the average as they go on to institutions of higher learning. We have a fine athletic record in our school, and you are invited to examine our football, baseball, basketball and golf records. Our junior high and high school bands would do credit to towns of much greater population.

"Most of the business houses in Merkel have recently been remodeled to keep pace with our financial and civic growth.

"Several new business houses have been built along Interstate 20; and we proudly claim them as a part of our citizenry.

"Little league, pony league, boy scouts, girl scouts, 4-H clubs, and an active riding club pro-

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## Crop Prediction 'Looks Favorable'

Unseasonal weather has kept farmers from the field and has delayed farm activity, Merkel's main economic stay. This is reflected in a slight decline in bank deposits.

Also investments in new equipment has pushed loans up slightly.

But with the event of good weather, farm activity will increase with predictions of good crops for the year. Range and pastures are in excellent shape.

Deposits for the F&M National Bank in Merkel are \$3,685,589 for the first quarter of 1968 as compared to \$3,737,382 for the first quarter in 1967. First quarter loans in 1968 were \$1,283,557 as compared with \$1,256,412 for 1967.

Booth Warren, president of F & M National Bank of Merkel — "The situation is unusual in this community in that the farmers have been able to do so little work on the 1968 crops. However, pastures were never in better shape and the wheat crop is varied with some of it rust laden and some in good shape. I still think we will make a lot of wheat.

"The farmers are behind in their work because of the unusual rains and weeds. We have had more rain than even Abilene.

He added that the farmers have acquired more and better equipment and as soon as they are able to get into the fields they will do something in a hurry.

There is such an abundance of grazing over here the cattle are doing real well, he said.

The deposits at the Home State Bank of Trent amounted to \$549,790 as of the first quarter call this year as compared to \$580,287 at the comparable time a year ago.

"We've had a lot of good rains and the farmers are getting started now," said Home State Bank president, J. G. Wilks. "We look forward to a good year."

## MHS Senior Play Scheduled May 10

The Merkel High School Senior play, "Off the Track," will be presented Friday, May 10 at the school auditorium.

Cast for the three act comedy includes fifteen seniors. Seniors not in the play are working on advertisement, programs, tickets and stage equipment.

A matinee performance is scheduled for the afternoon of May 10.

## EXCESSIVE SPEED CONCERNS OFFICERS

Merkel's city policemen are "most concerned" with the excessive speed limit around the schools.

"The speed limit around the Merkel schools is 20 miles per hour," said night policeman, Raymond Kraut. "And this limit is the same — it doesn't vary with the demand for rushing to get some place."

An observation this week by the city policemen revealed that "almost every car, truck or moving vehicle that passed the school were driving in excess of the 20 miles per hour limit."

"One of these days, and we

hope that our prophecy is wrong," said D. B. Bowen, "a child is going to be hit and killed or maimed for life. It seems that public minded and civic minded residents of Merkel and the area could leave their home or place of business in plenty of time to get to their destination without having to race through the school zone."

Both policemen agree that it is totally impossible to stop all cars that are speeding in the school zone area, but both stressed the fact that the seriousness of the situation was forcing them to "do as much as they can to slow down motorists."



POSTER WINNERS — Winners in the recent fire prevention poster contest and grades represented are, third row, from left, Tonja McAninch, first in Elementary; Stephanie Walker, first, and Steve Walker, 2nd, both in Junior High; second row, Steve Gentry, 2nd, and Donna White, 3rd, both in Elementary, and first row, David Burfiend, 3rd, Jacky Minze, first, and Bart Whisenhunt, 2nd, all Primary. (Staff Photo)



### Crossword Puzzle

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**ACROSS**  
1. Wire rope  
6. Sieves  
11. Permits  
13. Want  
14. French cent  
15. Dwarflike  
17. Shelter  
18. Aromatic plant  
20. Be ill  
21. Sleigh  
22. Life story  
25. Myself  
27. Sack  
28. Playing thing  
29. Music note  
31. Candlenut tree  
33. — Cobb  
34. Building wing  
35. Chum  
36. Window bottoms  
38. Heroic poems  
40. Genuine  
41. Spring  
44. Within  
45. It opens all locks (2 words)

**DOWN**  
48. Exclamation  
50. Sports area  
51. Toward  
53. Seem  
55. Slow music  
57. Untidy (2 words)  
58. Combine

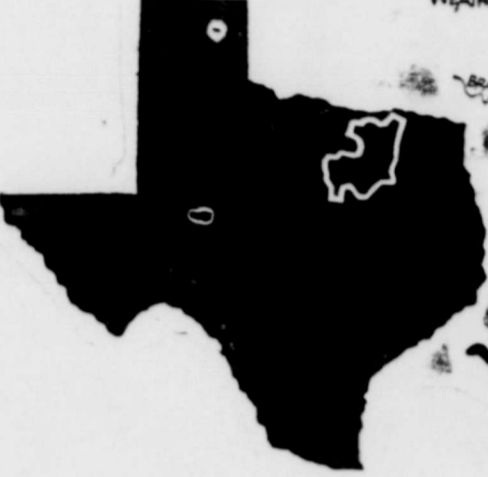
**ANSWER TO PUZZLE**

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**DOWN**  
1. Money  
2. Bitter plant  
3. Verbal ad  
4. Behold!  
5. Female sheep  
6. Japanese coin  
7. Exists  
8. Young mare  
9. Woody plant  
10. Plant origin  
11. Drossy  
12. Expand  
13. Evergreen  
14. Baby's apron  
15. Bashful  
16. Cereals  
17. Rod  
18. Spar  
19. Arab prince  
29. Datum  
30. Too  
32. Emetic  
35. Full of evergreens  
37. Lets  
39. Simple Simon met one  
41. Heavenly body  
42. Combining form: foot  
43. Opera solo  
46. Remain  
47. Antelope  
48. Noah's son  
49. Mimic  
51. Small island  
52. Foot digit  
54. Postscript  
56. American soldier  
26. Arab prince




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Fantasyland occupies an area of 270,000 sq. ft. on the beautiful grounds of Brueningslinden Castle on Berlin's Havel River. The princes, princesses, witches, ogres, gnomes and all the rest can be enjoyed during a leisurely stroll; but a 12-cent fare lets the youngsters cover the ground in a two-coach miniature train pulled by a 10-foot engine that travels at 6 mph along its 820 feet of track.

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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.

**ALLEN MORGAN, W. M. DAN BUTLER, Sec'y.**

**BEAUTY CARE** — For free facial or information on skin care, call Emma Shugart, 928-5027, or Betty Satterwhite, 928-5665. Mary Kay. 44 4tp

**GARAGE SALE** — Starting Thursday, April 25 at Mrs. E. G. Williams, 501 Thornton. 8 2tp

**WANTED** — Painting, paperhanging, inside and outside work. Your work is appreciated. Box 443, 703 Orange. L. E. Ford Jr. Also grain-paint old cabinets. 8 2tp

**HELP WANTED** — Waitress for night shift, 10 p.m. until 6 a.m. Apply at Merkel Restaurant. Phone 928-4923. 8 2tc

**WANTED** — An able bodied school custodian. Contact Mack Fisher, Supt. of Merkel Schools. 8 2tc

**FREE** — Two male puppies. See at 601 Edwards Str. 7 2tc

**WANTED** — Baby sitting in my home. Call 928-5730 or see me at 513 El Paso. 7 2tc

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## For Rent

**FOR RENT** — 1 - 2 and 3 bedroom apartments, newly redecorated, \$45 and up, bills paid. Also 3 bedroom house, furnished or unfurnished. Bedrooms with private bath. 928-5669, 405 Kent. 5 1tc

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**FOR SALE** — 15 ft. fiber glass boat, easy load trailer, 50 HP Evinrude motor, skis and ropes, \$506.00, 1412 Sunset. 8 2tp

**FOR SALE** — Cute pure bred Cocker Spaniel puppies, 3 male and 1 female, 7 1/2 weeks old. Call Merkel 928-5110 or Abilene 672-1100. 8 2tc

**FOR SALE** — The Merkel School Board is receiving bids for 4 Caloric gas cooking ranges. Bids must be submitted on or before May 6 at the superintendent's office. Board reserves right to accept or reject any or all bids. 7 2tc

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**FOR SALE** — Nice three bedroom 2 bath, den, kitchen, living room, utility room, carport, 2 lots. Ronnie Freman Trent, 862-9883. 5 4tc

**FOR SALE** — Cards: anniversary, Birthday, get well, also thank you, informals, wedding invitations and napkins. Mrs. Woodrow Patton, 912 N. 6th. Phone 928-5568. 6 4tc

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State Representative, District 62  
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For District Attorney:  
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## CLASSIFIEDS GET RESULTS

# JONES COUNTY FOOD WINNERS NAMED

The County Wide 4H Favorite Food Show was held on Saturday, April 20th at the Anson Lions Club Hall with fourteen entries in the Four Food Groups, according to Jones County Home Demonstration Agent Mary Y. Newberry.

Janice Boyd of Anson was senior winner in the Fruit - Vegetable group. Christy Spraberry also of Anson, was winner of the Junior Division of the Fruit-Vegetable group. Denise Conger and Lynn Dowland tied for second and Cleta Cochran of Noodle was fourth.

Judi Harms of Anson was first in the meat division, Lottie Griffith of Noodle was second and Dianne Jordan of Hawley was third.

In the Bread - Cereal group, Debbie Kay White was first and Beverly LaLws was second. Both girls are from Anson.

Joyce Hogan of Noodle was winner of the Milk Group.

In the eight year old group, Patti Maxwell of Noodle was first place winner of the Fruit - Vegetable Group and Gwen Clift of Noodle was second. In the Milk Group, Patti Maxwell was first.

Janice Boyd, Christy Spraberry and Debbie Kay White will represent Jones County at the District III Favorite Food Show at Vernon on Saturday, May 18th.

Mrs. Brad Rowland, 4 - H Adult Leader of Anson, was chairman of the Jones County Show. Mrs. Toff Herndon, president of the Bluebonnet Home Demonstration Club, was the judge for the show. The girls were judged according to their knowledge of the four food groups, on the food exhibited, the exhibit, the recipe and the day's menu.



GLORIA MOORE  
... music major

## NTSU Announces Its Opera Cast

DENTON — Gloria Irene Moore of Merkel is a member of the North Texas State University cast for the production of the American opera, "The Ballad of Baby Doe."

The opera is based on the life of Colorado silver miner H. A. W. Tabor and his wife, "Baby Doe." It will be presented April 28-30 by the NTSU Opera Workshop.

It will be directed by Donald Kerne, a distinguished singer and winner of two "Emmies" for television musical productions, who is now a member of the NTSU faculty.

Miss Moore, a sophomore music major and a 1966 graduate of Merkel High, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dee L. Moore, 1406 Sunset Drive.

## Public Is Invited To Birthday Fete

Mrs. Allie Toombs of Merkel will be honored Sunday, April 28 with a birthday party.

Hosting the party will be Messrs. and Mrs. Joe Seymore, Mack Seymore, Riley Jack Seymore, Melvin McCoy, Lloyd Knipe, Allen Harmon and Phil, David and Melba Seymore.

Also Mrs. Mildred Toombs of Trent and Mrs. Floy Smith, Snyder.

"The public is invited to visit Mrs. Toombs Sunday at her home from 3 to 5 p.m. at 512 Edwards and help her celebrate her birthday," said Mrs. Joe Seymore, daughter of Mrs. Toombs.



TRUETT WAYNE THOMPSON  
... receives promotion

## Merkel Graduate Gets Promotion

Word was received recently that Truett Wayne Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Truett Thompson, was promoted from Airman 3rd Class to Airman 1st Class at Plattsburg AFB, New York, where he is stationed.

The Thompsons were also notified that their son entered the hospital recently for surgery on his right knee for a torn cartilage.

The latest report on his progress was satisfactory.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Manuela Guerrero, Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the honorable Court of Domestic Relations of Taylor County at the Courthouse there in Abilene, Texas by filing a written answer at or before 10:00 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 10 day of June, 1968 A.D., to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court on the 22nd

day of December, 1967 A.D., in this cause, numbered 3827 on the docket of said Court and styled Alfredo M. Guerrero, Plaintiff vs. Manuela Guerrero, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: The Plaintiff and Defendant were duly married and subsequently became separated and the Plaintiff is suing Defendant for divorce.

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 18 day of March, 1968 A.D.

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R. H. ROSS  
R. H. Ross, Clerk  
Domestic Relations Court,  
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Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	9,000.00
Banking House	50,000.00
Furniture & Fixtures	10,000.00
Other Real Estate	1.00
<b>AVAILABLE CASH:</b>	
U.S. Government Bond	\$1,258,660.70
Municipal Bonds	707,871.81
Cash and Due from Banks	891,571.24
Total Available Cash	2,858,103.75
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,210,947.26</b>

### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 150,000.00
Surplus	150,000.00
Undivided Profits and Reserves	225,378.17
<b>DEPOSITS</b>	<b>3,685,569.09</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,210,947.26</b>

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## BETHEL MISSION BEGINS REVIVAL

Revival services will be held at the Bethel Mission in Merkel from April 29th through May 5, pastor Juan C. Nix has announced.

Stith  
News

By MRS.  
FRITZ HALE



Several of the folks were real busy last week having their houses retopped, putting in window panes and cleaning up after the recent hail. Some of the wheat looks like it has already been harvested.

Mrs. Curtis Clyburn and Mrs. Ray Mashburn attended the Home Demonstration Club council meeting at the Jones County agent's office in Anson Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stephan and children at Tye Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning met Mildred and Lonnie Harris of Dallas at Stephenville over the weekend and attended the Texas Singing Convention there.

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 Mac Sherry.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Reeves of Howe, visited Mrs. Nora McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald and George last week.

Mrs. Roy Mashburn gave a Jewelry party Friday. Guests attending were Mmes. Wade Shaw, Hawley; Bill Hunter, Abilene, Hugh Taylor and Mrs. Craig Jones.

Mrs. Mamie Hardin and Melissa Stephenson returned Saturday to their home in Midland, after a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald and George and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns. Billy Harris came and took them home.

## Spring Conference For PTA April 30

The 18th District, Texas Congress Parent and Teachers Spring Conference will be held April 30 in Paducah at the First Baptist Church, according to district president, Mrs. J. David Proctor. "Happiness Is Understanding of Abilene."

The district meet theme is "Changing Times and Adapting to the Demands," and Mrs. Donald Love of Childress is conference chairman.

Visiting evangelist will be the Rev. David F. D'Amico, pastor of Good Will Baptist Church in Fort Worth. Rev. D'Amico is a native of Argentina, but now is an American citizen and is a professor of Church History at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

Pastor Nix has announced that on Tuesday, April 30, Bro. D'Amico will be preaching in English, in order that visitors might fully enjoy the services. Other nights, the evangelist will be preaching in the Spanish language.

Pastor Nix extends an invitation to all, and especially to the Latin-American people, to attend the services, which will begin nightly at 7:30.

## HAMBY NEWS

By MRS. WILLIAMS

Mr. and Mrs. Denzil McBeath have returned home from visiting their son, Kenneth and family in Phoenix, Ariz.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Williams went to spur to bring their daughter in law, Mrs. Bobby Williams and children for a visit.

The home demonstration club ladies took cakes and pies to one of the club member's home, Mrs. J. R. Harp, Tuesday. Mrs. Harp has been on the sick list for some time.

Mrs. Alice Williams had as guest for dinner, her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Robert, and son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Williams of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Osborn of Abilene visited in our community Sunday afternoon.

Clyde Hampton was in surgery Tuesday, and is doing well at this writing.

A large number of people went from the Hamby Community to Merkel Thursday to the Taylor Electric Cooperative members meeting. Mrs. Darrell Dean won one of the prizes.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Harp have Mrs. Harp's brother, J. Hadline of California, visiting them.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Brady are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Ann, to Ronald Andrew Sutton of Abilene. The wedding is set for June 29 in the Hamby Baptist Church.

The parent club of the school presented a play at the school house Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mack Williams and daughters, Stephanie and Janice, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Williams.



MR. AND MRS. STANLEY B. KING  
... to observe anniversary

## Merkel Couple To Be Honored

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley B. King are being honored Sunday afternoon, April 28, in the home of their son, Norman King, at 2519 Walnut St., in Amarillo.

The occasion is the King's 50th Wedding Anniversary. The couple was married May 1, 1918 in Abilene and they had lived in Merkel nearly all of the 50 years.

Mr. King retired from the postal service in Merkel in 1962, after 42 years service, with 37 years on rural route 2.

Norman and Nell King are assisted in the celebration by a granddaughter, Linda Beierschmitt and a grandson, Chris King.

The Kings have two grandsons, Kelly and Kevin Beierschmitt. They are members of the Merkel Church of Christ.

## Mrs. Peggy Rudd In 'Who's Who'

Mrs. Peggy Rudd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray of Rt. 2, Merkel, has been listed in the 1968 edition of Who's Who in American Education.

Mrs. Rudd, presently teaching at the Burleson Elementary School in Odessa, has taught in public schools of Fort Worth, Springfield and Neosho, Mo., and Waterloo, Iowa.

The volume listing the honorary positions, include first vice president of the Fort Worth public school's parent teacher association, membership of pilot math program, Waterloo, Iowa; In - Service training chairman, Odessa; student safety chairman, Fort Worth, and textbook committee, Odessa.

Mrs. Rudd's professional memberships include the National Education Association, Texas State Teachers Association and Missouri and Iowa State Teachers Associations.

The Rudds have two children, David and Danny. The Rev. Rudd is pastor of the Belmont Baptist Church, and is president of the Odessa Ministerial Alliance.

## Now In Vietnam

DA NANG, Vietnam — Fireman LeRoy L. Goodgion, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Goodgion of 128 Coke St., Tye, Tex., and husband of the former Miss Brenda S. Brown of 2709 Ferrell St., Plainview, Tex., reported for duty at the U.S. Naval Support Activity, Da Nang, Vietnam.

As a member of the Activity, he helps support more than 130,000 U.S. and Allied forces in the five northernmost provinces in South Vietnam.

## LIBRARY IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

"Be All You Can Be — Read," is the theme for the 1968 Library Week in Texas, and is being observed this week in all fifty states.

"And why not visit the Merkel Library this week," said Mrs. Ray Wilson, member of the Library Board. "The Merkel area people have a library of which to be proud, and only by visiting it can we become better acquainted with its facilities."

Mrs. Wilson said that many people of Merkel and the surrounding area have donated books to the library. She expressed appreciation for the board members

## LITTLE BADGER TRACKS

By MES REPORTERS

The Junior high track meet at McMurry, which was to be held April 15, did not get "off the ground." Just after the busload of tracksters had left Merkel Mr. Walker received a telephone call from McMurry officials saying that the track field was too wet to hold the meet that day. The bus arrived only to be told the news of the wet field. The meet was held the following Tuesday.

Today, the Junior track team will travel to Aspermont for the District 6A championship, and we're rooting for our boys.

Speaking of athletics, the Merkel Optimist Club will host a picnic for the Merkel junior high athletes April 30.

Results of the Intramural track events are as follows:

Fifth grade — Mrs. Benson's girls and boys shared victories; 6th grade, Mrs. Orsborn's boys won, while the girls ended with Mrs. Orsborn's and Mrs. Fisher's rooms tying; 7th grade, honors were both taken by Mr. Davis' room; and in 8th grade, Mr. Martin's room won both boys and girls events. Good sportsmanship awards and "better luck next time" go to the losing rooms.

The two 7th grades will have their annual spring picnic together, and will be Friday, April 28.

Reading tests were given Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. The tests determine if students were progressing with the new reading program sponsored by the school.

PTA will be held tonight, beginning at 7:30. The program is to be a fashion review by the Home Economics class from high school. Please try to come and represent your child's room.

## Gem and Mineral Society to Meet

The Central Texas Gem and Mineral Society will meet Sunday, April 28th, in the Recreation Building, Fair Park, South 7th and Mockingbird, at 2:00 p.m.

The program will be Geology for Rockhounds... to aid collectors in recognizing geological formations where good collecting material may be found, and will be of interest to anyone interested in basic geology.

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

The details of the May 4 and 5 Field Trip will be announced and visitors and prospective members are cordially invited to attend both the meeting and the field trip.

## Hull-Trigg Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hull of Abilene, formerly of Merkel, announce the engagement of their daughter, Coletta, to Clinton Trigg, son of Mr. Henry Trigg of Las Vegas, N.M., and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Steffens of Abilene.

The bride-elect is a 1962 graduate of Merkel High School and is attending Draughtons Business College in Abilene.

The bridegroom - elect is a graduate of Abilene High School, attended McMurry College and is employed by an insurance company in Abilene.

A July wedding is planned.

## Babe Ruth League Sets Work Day

The Babe Ruth Baseball League is scheduling a work day this Saturday at the Babe Ruth Field, according to Mrs. Jane Carson, secretary - treasure of the organization. "Managers and players are reminded to be at the field at 9 a.m.," said Mrs. Carson.

Dan Allen, player agent, said that any boy who would like to play this year and had not signed up could call him at 928-5454.

The first game scheduled will be May 7 and the season includes a 15 - game schedule.

## Barrell Racing Here Sunday

The West Texas Barrel Racing Association will be held in Merkel at the Brushstoppers' Arena Sunday, April 28, and will begin at 2 p.m., according to Mrs. Walter Whisenhunt, association member.

Activities will include barrel racing, pole bending and flag racing.

There will be no admission charge and the public is invited to see the activities, said Mrs. Whisenhunt.

## 'CONGRATULATIONS' TO PARK WORKERS

"We believe that congratulations and public recognition is due the Merkel Garden Club and former members of the Merkel Jaycees for their work on and in developing our small city park," Mayor Johnny Cox said this week. "If you have not been by recently, it would be worth your time to do so to see what progress has been done."

The city park is located by the water tower on Ash Street.

Began as a Jaycee project approximately two years ago, the City Park has become a favorite place for youngsters to spend many hours, playing on the slide, swings or seesaws.

While the Jaycees were active, members spent many hours discussing ways and means of equipping the playground, and many more hours making the equipping a reality.

The Merkel Garden Club planted trees last spring, and they report that "all are living and growing well." This year members are continuing plans for park beautification, with special emphasis on equipping the park with picnic benches.

Persons in the Merkel area who have picnic benches they are not using, may call Mrs. G. R. Peachey, president of the Merkel Garden Club, and "someone will be glad to pick up the benches."

Former Jaycee members who have given many "off hours" to

the park are Joe Alves, Tommy Cutler, Carl Giles, Jack Brown and Carl Wiloth.

"Even though we are not now nor do we expect to be in the near future, a great metropolis, but with the cooperation of all of our citizens we can be a clean, beautiful and friendly little town, with a city park for the children," said Cox.

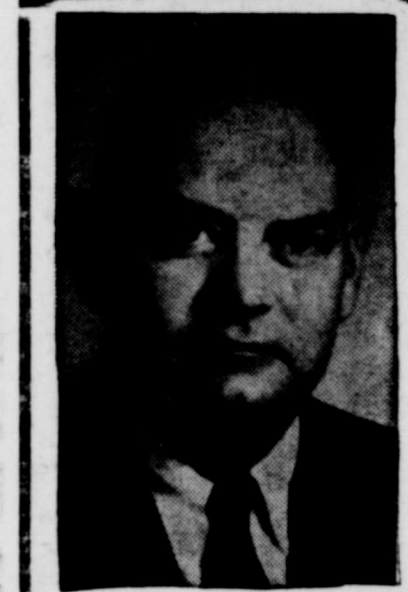
## James T. South Gets Recognition

James Tommy South was recognized for the third consecutive time at Texas Tech's 22nd All-College Recognition Service held recently in the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium, according to Lorrin Kennamer, dean of Arts and Sciences.

The service recognizes students who "during the preceding two regular semesters contributed with distinction to the college in the fields of scholarship and leadership."

Tommy also qualified for the Dean's Honor List, "with the attainment of a grade - point ratio of 3.0 or better during the past semester."

Mr. and Mrs. Jack South, Tommy's parents, attended the special recognition service.



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## FARMERS CO-OP GIN

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Saturday, April 27, 1968  
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The Meeting Includes:

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- Reading Annual Reports
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## ED PAYNTER ISSUES STATEMENT FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Following is Ed Paynter's statement to Taylor County voters: I use this means of formally and publicly announcing that I am a candidate for District Attorney of Callahan, Jones and

Taylor counties, 42nd and 104th Judicial Districts.

In making this announcement, I hope that I am known personally to many of the citizens of Taylor County, as well as Callahan and Jones counties. Except for time spent in the Navy and schooling and two years practicing law in Dallas, I have spent my entire thirty-three years in Taylor County.

I have served as a City Attorney in Abilene and since January, 1967, have served as 42nd District Attorney, having been appointed by Governor John Connally at the time to serve the unexpired term.

In qualifying myself for the



ED PAYNTER  
... district attorney candidate

post sought. I attended McMurry and Hardin - Simmons in Abilene, and graduated from North Texas State and Southern Methodist University School of Law. I maintain memberships in the State Bar Association, the Taylor County Bar Association, and the District - County Attorney's Association.

I was born in Abilene in 1934, attended public school there and graduated from Abilene High School in 1953. My family settled in Taylor County near the Hamby community shortly after the turn of the century.

My mother, the former Ethel Nixon, is a native of Jones County, having been born and reared near the Stith community in the southern part of Jones County, where her family farmed for many years. My wife is the former Ada Bradley of Inverness, Miss.

The Texas Legislature has recently combined the prosecution in the 42nd and 104th Judicial Districts composed of Callahan, Jones and Taylor Counties.

This offers a unique opportunity for service to the citizens of this area in a vital area — that of capable, fair, impartial prosecution of criminal matters, and this is what I offer to the citizens — impartial administration of justice without regard to race, color, creed, wealth or social position. Feel free to check me out — ask questions. I have lived in this area for many years and stand on my reputation.

My promise is to work hard, giving you my best efforts, and therefore I feel justified in asking the voters of Taylor, Jones and Callahan counties to elect me as your District Attorney.

Sincerely,  
ED PAYNTER

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## Star Nursing Home News

By MARY OUTLAW

The patients are all doing well at this writing.

We wish to thank Mrs. Barnett, Mrs. Seymore and Mrs. Holloway, first grade teachers, and Mrs. Wade and Mrs. Pargament, second grade teachers for the Easter basket filled with candy.

John Carranza, Sweetwater, came to the Nursing Home Saturday and played the piano. He visited Mrs. Hays, who taught him in the Mission when he lived here. Everyone enjoyed his playing.

Mr. Black, our state inspector, visited our home last Monday. We got a "straight A" on our home. He told us he was being transferred to Austin. We are glad for him, but we are sorry to lose him. He has made us a very good inspector and instead of dreading his visits, we look forward to them.

We hope it won't be long before we will get our light and bell system in. We are waiting for the equipment to come in. Also we are waiting to get our home reclassified to a No. III "Extend-

ed Care" home. At this time we are rated as a No. II.

We wish to thank Norman Winter and the Taylor Electric Cooperative for the beautiful flowers they sent from their meeting last week.

Mrs. White and her daughter, Mrs. Brady, visited Mrs. Hampton last week. We wish to thank Mrs. Brady for the beautiful piano and organ music.

Gene Bresendine, Abilene, visited his mother, Mrs. Josephine Bresendine, this weekend.

The Salvation Army filled their appointment Easter Sunday. They brought a real good program and also brought candy Easter eggs for the patients. We do appreciate their kindness.

We do thank the church who filled its appointment here Sunday. The Hebron Church traded Sundays and I do not know who they traded with. Not being present, I did not find out, but we do thank the church people who came.

Mrs. M. L. Carroll and Mrs. Howard Carroll, Abilene, visited Mrs. Bresendine Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Brown of Fort Worth visited her mother, Mrs. Frazier, last week.

Thanks to Mrs. Jack Gilbreath, Maryneal, for giving her shampoo and set to one of our patients. She won it at the Taylor Electric meeting and it was very

nice of her to give it to one of our patients. Mrs. Davis is the lucky lady.

Miss Shirley Wilson of Abilene, visited her granddaughter, Mrs. Caroline Davis Sunday. Shirley attends McMurry College.

We wish to express our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Miller for being so attentive and thoughtful and coming to visit Mrs. Elliott.

## Dinner Honors Sgt. Leon West

Mr. and Mrs. William Tucker hosted a dinner recently in honor of S. Sgt. Leon West at Rotan. West's parents are Mr. and Mrs. George West of Merkel. His wife and five children will reside in Rotan while Sgt. West is in a tour of duty in Vietnam.

Sgt. West's parents and four brothers and sisters attended the dinner. They are Messrs. and Mrs. J. C. West and children of Killeen; Don West and children, Jerry West and son, Jimmy West and two children, all of Abilene, and Jerry Horton and children of Merkel.

Also attending was Sgt. West's mother in law, Mrs. Lois Ratliff of Rotan.

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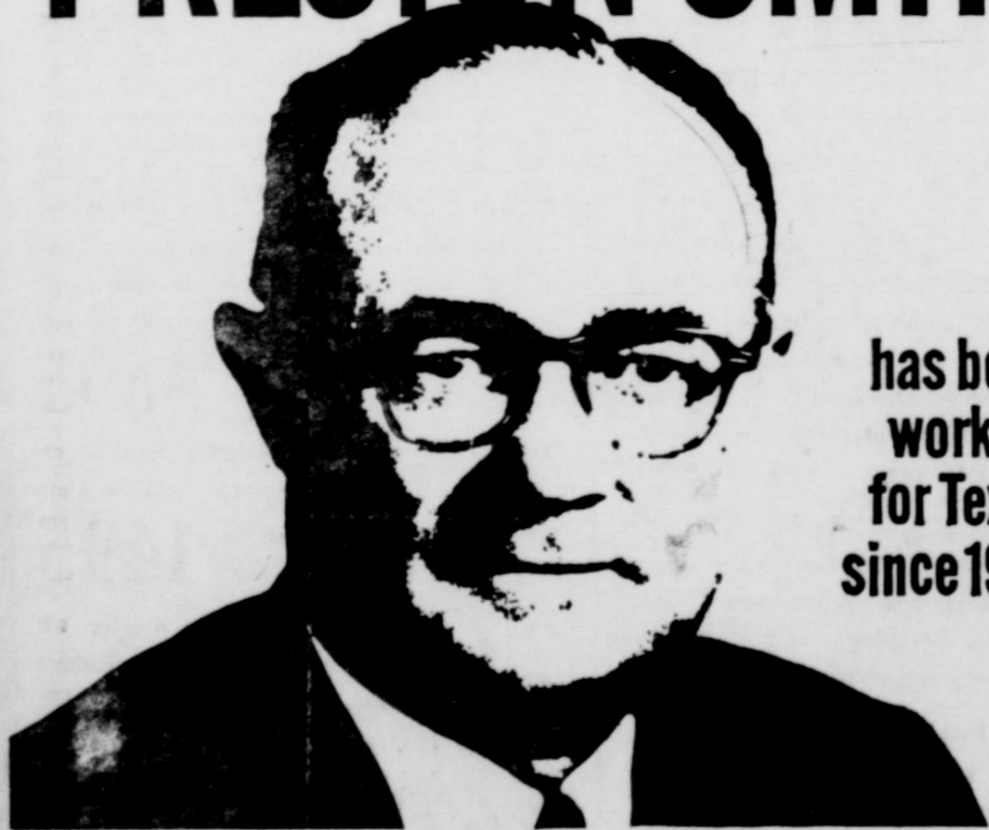
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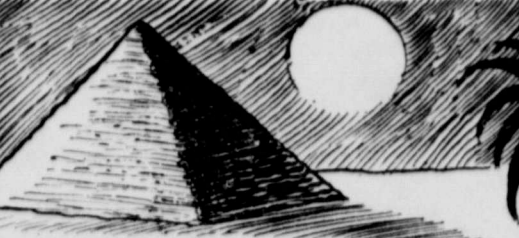
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Williford Rhea Knight, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 3rd day of June A. D. 1968, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court on the 17th day of April A. D. 1968, in this cause numbered 4041 on the docket of said court and styled Lenora Knight, Plaintiff, vs. Williford Rhea Knight, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married September 8, 1960, and became permanently separated on or about February 15, 1968. Plaintiff sues for divorce on ground of harsh and cruel treatment, and for custody of the two minor chil-

dren 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.

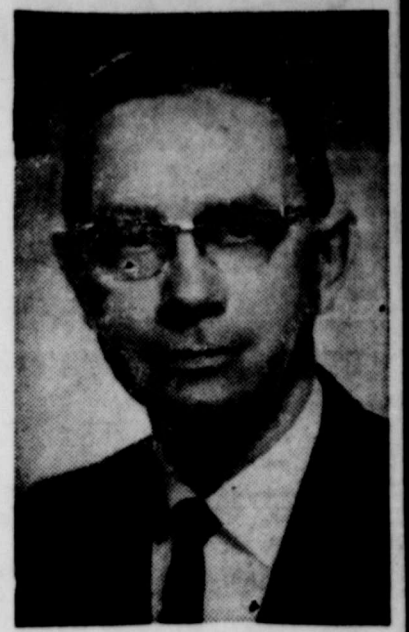
The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 17th day of April A. D. 1968.

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



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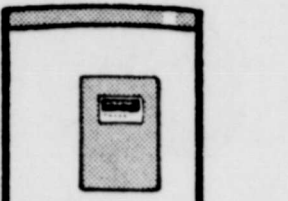
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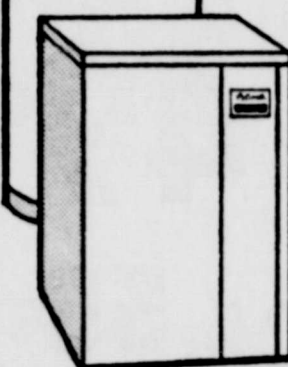
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100 mg. . . . . 2/100's 1.29  
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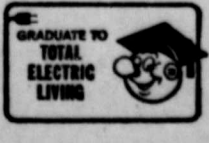
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GANDY'S  
HOMO 2  
**MILK**  
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**CRISCO** CREAMY (1 Limit)  
3-LB. CAN ..... **69¢**

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