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Up The Canyon

By TOM
RUSSOM

Well, it's good to be back home again, even though it was just a short stay in the hospital. It is always a dreadful feeling to have to go to the hospital for me and a wonderful feeling for the doctor to say he was going to let me go home on a certain day. As to my surgery, I saw every move made by the doctor's hand — at times it was painful, but my eyes have not pained me any since the surgery. I have been out some early in the morning, so after all I feel wonderful.

Well, the Canyon has put on some "Sunday Clothes," so to speak, the last few days, since we received up to two inches of much needed rain. However on the east side of the Canyon, around the Leroy Riney place, the rain was lighter is the report we received. But it made long faces shorter, all over the Canyon.

We just received word from Mrs. Will Butman this morning that Albert Shipp of the Nolan area suffered a bad heart attack Monday afternoon. Albert is a former resident of the Canyon, and well known here. We also received word of a good friend of ours passing away last week, Jim Morrow, a well known Nolan area farmer. Speaking from experience, heart trouble is not so bad if we take care of ourselves and take our doctor's advice.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Pyburn of Odessa, and little daughter visited over the weekend in Mrs. Pyburn's parents home, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray.

Mrs. Edwin Polk and children of California are visiting her mother, Mrs. Sam Butman Jr., and other relatives.

To those of you who are interested — this Friday at the State Park, the annual Taylor County Sheep and Goat Raisers' Field Day will be held.

A good program and a good dinner have been planned. All who are interested in sheep and goats come and be with us.

ROY R. LARGENT DIES AT AGE 65

Roy Rust Largent, 65, nationally known breeder of certified cattle, died Tuesday, Aug. 20 in Hendrick Memorial Hospital after a 15 month illness.

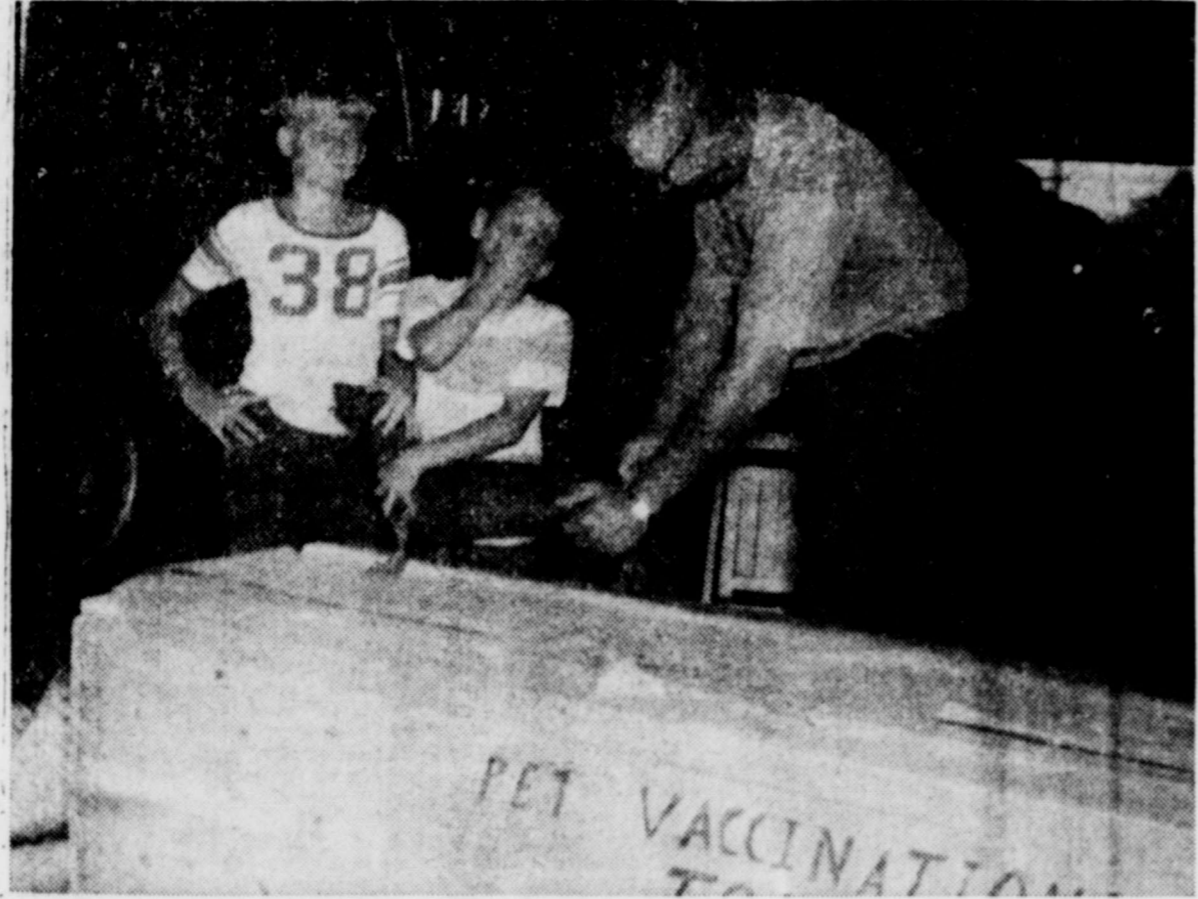
Funeral services were held Wednesday in the Merkel Methodist Church with the Rev. Newton Daniel, pastor, officiating. Burial under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 6, 1902 in Merkel, Mr. Largent was the fourth of five children born to Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent. He attended Merkel public schools and graduated from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth.

He married Hazel Harkrider Aug. 12, 1923, and the couple settled on the Largent ranch. In 1929 he went into business for himself and they moved to Brownwood where they lived until 1939.

As a Hereford breeder, Mr. Largent was a leader at the area, state and national level.

Mr. Largent served as president and member of the board of the West Texas Hereford Breeders in which he helped organize in 1937. He served two three-year terms as president of the Texas Hereford Association and was a member of the association's board. He was elected president of the American Hereford Association in 1951 and also served as director of the organization, and was also a director of the South-



OUCH—IT HURTS ME MORE—And from the way Scott Carlisle is "hiding his face," it must, Steve Peachey is sharing the "pain" with Scott and his Daschund, "Prissy," as Robert Miller, D.V.M., from Ballinger gives the rabies shot. Pet Vaccination was sponsored by the Merkel Optimist Club Saturday, Aug. 17. Scott is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Scotty Carlisle, and Steve, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Peachey. (Staff Photo)

Lions Club Opens Building to Youth

Members of the Merkel Lions Club voted unanimously Tuesday to open the Community Center building to Merkel young people for planned activities.

Leon Walker, principal of the Merkel Elementary School, and chairman of the Youth Program Committee, met with the Lions Club at their noon meeting, and outlined plans and guidelines for youth participation.

Walker said that a temporary Youth Council, consisting of Ann Walker, chairman, and Larry Hewitt, Mike Dudley, Corky Land, Beth Peachey, Judy Hester and Pat Bunch had met several times for youth activity discussion.

a recreation program should be established under a constitution and by laws," said Walker. "Their aim now is for such a program to eventually work into a Community Development program, whereby the youth could be of greater benefit to the city."

Adults working with Walker on the Youth Program Committee are Lawrence Hewitt, Mrs. Clyde Bunch, Mrs. G. R. Peachey and the Rev. Newt Daniel.

Also meeting with Lions at their noon luncheon were members of the Merkel Hospital Board, Max Murrell, chairman; and Othel O'Kelly, Bill Brown and Arthur Moore. Herman Carson, David Gamble and Dr. Don Warren, also members of the Hospital Board, are Lions and were present for the meeting.

Murrell introduced Bob Goyette, with Brasher, Goyette and Rapier, architectural firm from Lubbock, and Harold Knott, and James Mullins, both with the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Fort Worth.

Other out of town guests at the meeting were Everett Bagwell, Tri-State Bakeries, Amarillo, and George Starbuck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Starbuck.

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English Meet Set For November

Mrs. Don Dudley, Merkel High School English instructor, has been notified that the fall workshop of the District VII Texas Joint English Committee will be held on Nov. 2 in the Student Center at Midwestern University, Wichita Falls.

Seven members of the executive committee, of which Mrs. Dudley is recording secretary, met recently in Stamford to plan the state topic for 1968. "A Vertical View of English, Grades One through College."

The District VII workshop will include the viewpoints of the researcher and the administrator as well as the elementary, junior high and secondary classroom teachers.

MERKEL COACHES OPTIMISTS' GUESTS

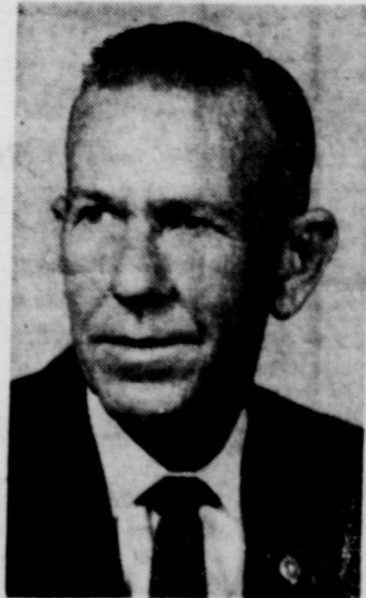
"Determination is what they have plenty of," were head coach Wendell Robinson's remarks concerning the Badger team for 1968-69 to members and guests of the Merkel Optimist Club at their noon meeting Aug. 14.

"We've got some tough games ahead," continued Robinson, "but with the rugged determination of this Badger team, I believe you are in for some very good surprises."

The Merkel Optimist Club began a series of planned programs this past Wednesday, with their first program recognizing Merkel coaches. Max Murrell is program chairman.

Attending besides Robinson were Coach Bill Tate and Coach Mack Davis.

In a recent meeting Optimist officers installed for the year were Bill Button, president; Lawrence Hewitt, vice president; Connie Mack Seymore, secretary;



BILL BUTTON
Optimist president
treasurer, and Roy Kimbrell, publicity.

Murrell outlined programs to members for the year.

School Registration Set Monday, Aug. 26

"Vacation time" ends for Merkel school students when registration for the 1968-69 year begins this Monday, Aug. 26. Students will report for classes on Tuesday, Aug. 27.

Superintendent Mack Fisher said that the school faculty "is now complete and that a faculty meeting would be held Monday morning, prior to student registration."

Two new teachers have been hired for the high school. They are Gerald Williamson, who will teach physical education, social studies and coach track, and Ronny Aldridge, mathematics teacher and boys' basketball coach.

In the primary building, Mrs. Max Murrell will be working with the special education program. Principal Leon Walker said that Mrs. Murrell's work in this department would involve students in grades one through seven.

New teachers for the Elementary grades are Eugene Boaz, who will teach seventh and eighth grade science, and be assistant junior high coach, and Mrs. Kathleen Herring, who will head the Reading Clinic.

Walker said that Mrs. Herring would have her classes in the

Merkel Cub Scouts To Meet Monday

An organizational meeting for Merkel Cub Scouts, Pack 20, has been set for Monday, Aug. 26 at 7:30 p.m., according to Grady Knight, Cubmaster.

"All boys between the ages of eight and eleven who are interested in becoming a Cub Scout, are urged to attend this meeting with their parents," said Knight. "Pack organization and activities of the Pack will be the main topics for discussion."

Assisting Knight will be Joe Henry and Bobby DuBoise, assistant Cub Scout Masters.

Refreshments will be served and "all persons interested in Cub Scouting are invited to attend."

Adcocks to Attend Son's Graduation

Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Adcock will leave early Friday for Dallas, where they will attend the graduation ceremonies of their son, Gary, from the Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science at noon the same day.

Gary, a 1965 graduate of Merkel High School, is a graduate of Cisco Junior College, and upon graduation from the Institute of Mortuary Science plans to do his apprenticeship with Lamar-Smith Funeral Home in Dallas.

Visiting Parents

Petty Officer 2nd Class Jimmy Crawford, arrived in Merkel Sunday, Aug. 18, for a two week visit with his parents and family, Mr. and Mrs. Onis Crawford.

A 1964 graduate of Merkel High School, Crawford attended Cisco Junior College and Texas A&M University before entering the Navy. Formerly stationed on the USS Henderson, he was recently transferred to the USS Warden and has been on several training missions. He has completed twenty-eight months with the Navy.

primary building, but would be working with students in grades six, seven and eight.

"School buses will run on Monday afternoon, Aug. 26, for the registration of students who are scheduled for registration at 1:30 p.m.," said Fisher. "The buses are scheduled to deliver the students to the school at approximately 1:30 and will return them to their homes at approximately 3:30."

Fisher also said that the cafeteria will begin serving meals

Tuesday, Aug. 27. Prices for meals are 30 cents for grades 1-4; 35 cents grades 5-8; and 40 cents grades 9-12. Teachers and other school employees will pay 40 cents for meals and 50 cents will be charged to adults who eat at the cafeteria.

"Parents are urged to purchase lunch tickets on a school month basis," said Fisher.

Football workout began Monday, Aug. 19, with the first game scheduled for Friday, Sept. 13, with Clyde at Clyde.

TRENT'S SCHOOL FACULTY COMPLETE

With the hiring this week of Jerry Cochran as principal, the Trent Public School faculty is complete, according to school superintendent, John Young.

Besides his duties as principal, Cochran will teach high school mathematics and coach girls' basketball.

Cochran, a 1954 honor graduate of Abilene Christian College, received a Academic Year Institute grant in mathematics 1961-62 from the National Science Foundation and has attended North Texas State University and the University of Texas, working toward his master's degree.

He is a state certified civil defense instructor, and has served with the U.S. Navy Hospital Corps from 1947-50.

The 1968-69 school year for Trent students will begin Monday, Aug. 26, with registration

TCSGR Field Day Is This Friday

Friday, Aug. 23 is the Taylor County Sheep and Goat Raisers' Field Day. The event will take place at 10 a.m. at the Abilene State Park.

H. C. Stanlov, county agricultural agent, said that a good program has been planned, and a barbecue lunch will be served at noon.

"If you own a flock of sheep or goats, come on down and join us for a good program and barbecue lunch," said Stanley. "We will take more time for visiting with our friends this year. So mark this date on your calendar now."

SAYS POLICE CHIEF BOWEN

"BE ON LOOKOUT" FOR CHILDREN

It's "back to school" time again.

And police chief D. B. Bowen, reminds motorists that "it's also time to be on the lookout for school children."

"With activities that will begin to 'hum' next week around our three schools, motorists should become more alert in the congested areas," said Bowen. "It is especially important that a sharp lookout is kept for children crossing streets, and darting from behind cars, and that speed limit is reduced in school zone areas."

Bowen again suggested to parents who bring their children to school in cars "to use South Fifth Street for letting children out."

"Motorists going either south or north on Ash Street should turn west on Fifth Street, letting children off at the Primary Building, then making the curve for letting children off at the Elementary Building, and finally high

school students at the High School," said Bowen. "In this way no child has to cross a street to get to his respective school building."

"We have been most fortunate that we have not had any major traffic accidents around our schools," continued Bowen, "and with a little concentrated effort on the motorists' part, this good record will continue."

Harris Receives Inspection Papers

Robert Leo Harris, city water superintendent this week received his Plumbing Inspectors Certificate, after completing tests in Austin last week.

The certificate which states, "having given satisfactory proof of his qualifications is hereby authorized and licensed in accordance with the State Plumbing License Law as a City Plumbing Inspector in the State of Texas," entitles Harris to all city inspection requirements.

Council Meets; Accepts Low Bid

At a called meeting Monday evening of the Merkel City Council, members voted to accept Jim Price of Merkel as city disposal hauler.

Price's bid on "contract on disposal truck" was lowest and his contract will begin Sept. 1, 1968 and continue through Sept. 1, 1969, according to Mayor Johnny Cox.

BOOSTER MEETING

Tuesday, Aug. 27
7:30 p.m.
Taylor Electric
Cooperative Building
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LEGAL NOTICE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of a certain Writ of Execution issued out of the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas, of the 21st day of June 1968, by the District Clerk of said Court for the sum of Twenty - Seven Hundred Fifty (\$2,750.00) Dollars and costs of suit and interest, under a Judgment, in favor of Wally Akin in a certain cause in said Court, No. 30,001-A and styled Wally Akin vs. John L. Tyson,

placed in my hands for service, I George Maxwell as Sheriff of Taylor County Texas, did on the 21st day of June 1968, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows to-wit:

Lot 19, Sec. J, Blk. 4, Elmwood West Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of John L. Tyson and that on the first Tuesday in September, 1968, the same being the 3rd 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 seizure and Writ of Execution I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said John L. Tyson.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a

week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceeding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County, Texas.

Witness my hand, this 27th day of June 1968.

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

Stith News

By MRS.
FRITZ HALE



Stith Community had one inch of rain last week and with the cool nights we have been having plus the rain, it will help the crops.

Approximately twenty - five persons attended the Stith Home Demonstration Club ice cream supper at the Community Center Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn, Don, Marsha and David visited Mr. and Mrs. Herman Aiken and children in Merkel Saturday night.

Mrs. Ethel Canida returned Saturday from a two week visit with relatives in Stephenville, Georgetown and Austin.

Mrs. Mamie Hardin of Midland spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns, and with

the F. J. McDonald family.

Melissa Stephenson, also of Midland, spent last week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald. The McDonalds took Melissa and Mrs. Hardin home and spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Doug Stephenson.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning and children of Tuscola, visited Mr. and Mrs. John Browning Sunday. The Rev. O. P. Tatum of Merkel spent Saturday with the Brownings.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Malone and Monica of Taylor visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Malone and Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale. Mrs. Jean Newton, Kathy and Roger of Lubbock, spent the weekend with Mrs. Newton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley visited Mr. and Mrs. Alanzo Pet-

erson in Merkel Monday.

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. Howard Beard have returned from a month's visit in Los Angeles, Calif., with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Emerson.

Mrs. L. M. Humphrey and daughter, Brenda of Albuquerque, N.M. are visiting Mrs. Humphrey's sisters, Mrs. Howard Beard and Mrs. Ivanelle Bockman.

The historic San Antonio River, which winds through downtown San Antonio, was rerouted to provide boat rides to HemisFair '68 for fair visitors.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
NUMBER SEVEN ON THE BALLOT (SJR32)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Article VIII, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended by adding a new Section 1-e to read as follows:

"1. From and after December 31, 1978, no State ad valorem taxes shall be levied upon any property within this State for State purposes except the tax levied by Article VII, Section 17, for certain institutions of higher learning.

"2. The State ad valorem tax authorized by Article VII, Section 3, of this Constitution shall be imposed at the following rates on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) valuation for the years 1968 through 1974: On January 1, 1968, Thirty-five Cents (35c); on January 1, 1969, Thirty Cents (30c); on January 1, 1970, Twenty-five Cents (25c); on January 1, 1971, Twenty Cents (20c); on January 1, 1972, Fifteen Cents (15c); on January 1, 1973, Ten Cents (10c); on January 1, 1974, Five Cents (5c); and thereafter no such tax for school purposes shall be levied and collected. An amount sufficient to provide free text books for the use of children attending the public free schools of this State shall be set aside from any revenues deposited in the Available School Fund, provided, however, that should such funds be insufficient, the deficit may be met by appropriation from the general funds of the State.

"3. The State ad valorem tax of Two Cents (2c) on the One Hundred Dollars valuation levied by Article VII, Section 17, of this Constitution shall not be levied after December 31, 1976. At any time prior to December 31, 1976, the Legislature may establish a trust fund solely for the benefit of the widows of Confederate veterans and such Texas Rangers and their widows as are eligible for retirement or disability pensions under the provisions of Article XVI, Section 66, of this Constitution, and after such fund is established the ad valorem tax levied by Article VII, Section 17, shall not thereafter be levied.

"4. Unless otherwise provided by the Legislature, after December 31, 1976 all delinquent State ad valorem taxes together with penalties and interest thereon, less lawful costs of collection, shall be used to secure bonds issued for permanent improvements at institutions of higher learning, as authorized by Article VII, Section 17, of this Constitution.

"5. The fees paid by the State for both assessing and collecting State ad valorem taxes shall not exceed two per cent (2%) of the State taxes collected. This subsection shall be self-executing.

Sec. 2. That Article III, Section 51, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended so as hereafter to read as follows:

"Section 51. The Legislature shall have no power to make any grant or authorize the making of any grant of public moneys to any individual, association of individuals, municipal or other corporations whatsoever; provided, however, the Legislature may grant aid to indigent and disabled Confederate soldiers and sailors under such regulations and limitations as may be deemed by the Legislature as expedient, and to their widows in indigent circumstances under such regulations and limitations as may be deemed by the Legislature as expedient; provided that the provisions of this Section shall not be construed so as to prevent the grant of aid in cases of public calamity.

Sec. 3. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 1968, at which election all ballots shall have printed on them the following:

"FOR the Constitutional Amendment continuously reducing State ad valorem property taxes and abolishing all State ad valorem property taxes after December 31, 1978, except the tax levied by Article VII, Section 17, for certain institutions of higher learning.

"AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment continuously reducing State ad valorem property taxes and abolishing all State ad valorem property taxes after December 31, 1978, except the tax levied by Article VII, Section 17, for certain institutions of higher learning.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
NUMBER TWO ON THE BALLOT (SJR11)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Section 51-a of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended, and the same is hereby amended, so as to read as follows:

"Section 51-a. The Legislature shall have the power, by General Laws, to provide, subject to limitations herein contained, and such other limitations, restrictions and regulations as may be deemed expedient, for assistance to and/or medical care for, and for rehabilitation and any other services included in the Federal legislation providing matching funds to help such families and individuals attain or retain capability for independence or self-care, and for the payment of assistance to and/or medical care for, and for rehabilitation and other services for:

"(1) Needy aged persons who are citizens of the United States or noncitizens who shall have resided within the boundaries of the United States for at least twenty-five (25) years and are over the age of sixty-five (65) years;

"(2) Needy individuals who are citizens of the United States who shall have passed their eighteenth (18th) birthday but have not passed their sixty-fifth (65th) birthday and who are totally and permanently disabled by reason of a mental or physical handicap or a combination of physical and mental handicaps;

"(3) Needy blind persons who are citizens of the United States and who are over the age of eighteen (18) years;

"(4) Needy children who are citizens of the United States and who are under the age of twenty-one (21) years, and to the caretakers of such children.

"The Legislature may define the residence requirements, if any, for participation in these programs.

"The Legislature shall have authority to enact appropriate legislation which will enable the State of Texas to cooperate with the Government of the United States in providing assistance to and/or medical care on behalf of needy persons, and in providing rehabilitation and any other services included in the Federal legislation providing matching funds to help such families and individuals attain or retain capability for independence or self-care and to accept and expend funds from the Government of the United States for such purposes in accordance with the laws of the United States as they now are or as they may hereafter be amended, and to make appropriations out of state funds for such purposes; provided that the maximum amount paid out of state funds to or on behalf of any individual recipient shall not exceed the amount that is matchable out of Federal funds; provided that the total amount of such assistance payments and/or medical assistance payments out of state funds on behalf of such recipients shall not exceed the amount that is matchable out of Federal funds; provided that if the limitations and restrictions herein contained are found to be in conflict with the provisions of appropriate Federal Statutes as they now are or as they may be amended, to the extent that Federal matching money is not available to the state for these purposes, then and in that event the Legislature is specifically authorized and empowered to prescribe such limitations and restrictions and enact such laws as may be necessary in order that such Federal matching money will be available for assistance and/or medical care for or on behalf of needy persons; and provided further, that the total amount of money to be expended per fiscal year out of state funds for assistance payments only to recipients of Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled, Aid to the Blind, and Aid to Families with Dependent Children shall never exceed Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000).

"Nothing in this Section shall be construed to amend, modify or repeal Section 31 of Article XVI of this Constitution; provided further, however, that such medical care, services or assistance shall also include the employment of objective or subjective means, without the use of drugs, for the purpose of ascertaining and measuring the powers of vision of the human eye, and fitting lenses or prisms to correct or remedy any defect or abnormal condition of vision. Nothing herein shall be construed to permit optometrists to treat the eyes for any defect whatsoever in any manner not to administer nor to prescribe any drug or physical treatment whatsoever, unless such optometrist is a regularly licensed physician or surgeon under the laws of this state.

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 1968, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon the following:

"FOR the Constitutional Amendment raising the limit on the amount that may be expended in any one year out of state funds for Public Assistance payments only to Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000)."

"AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment raising the limit on the amount that may be expended in any one year out of state funds for Public Assistance payments only to Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000)."

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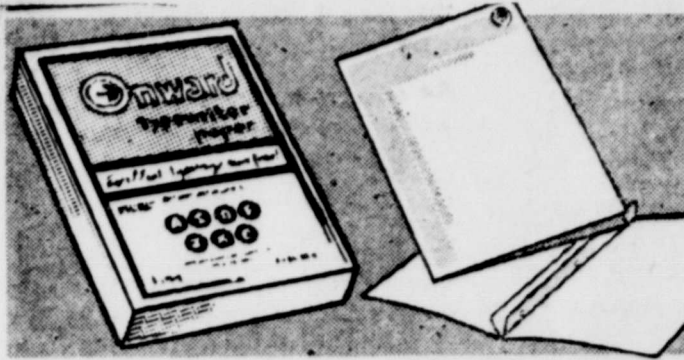
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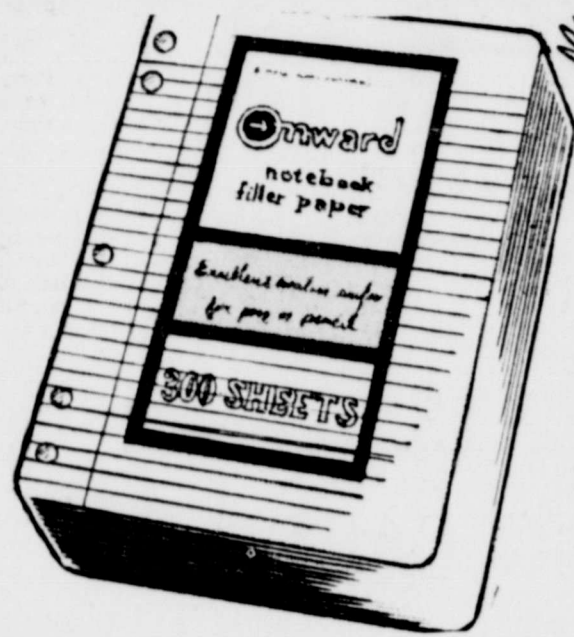
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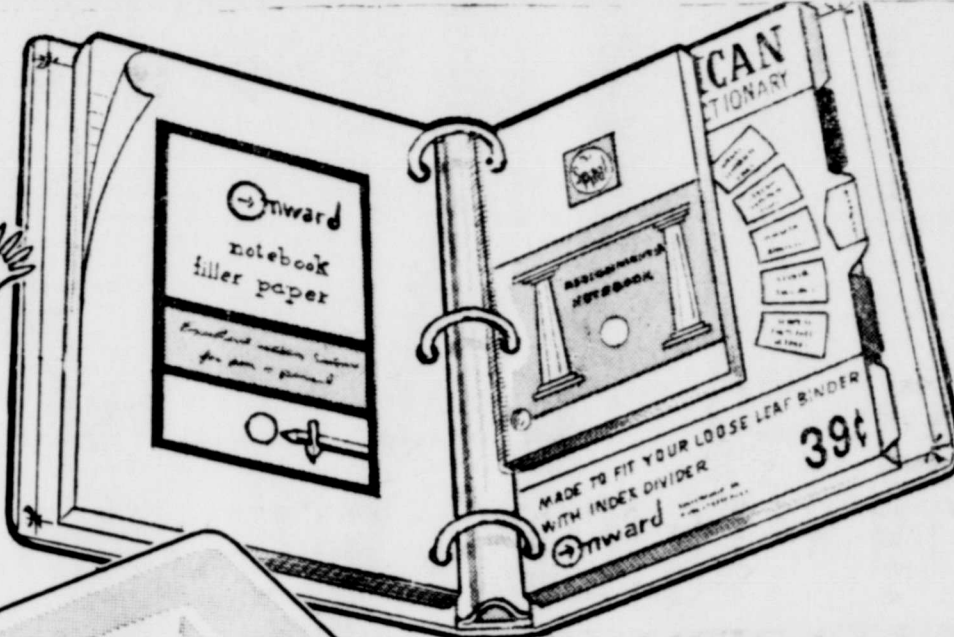
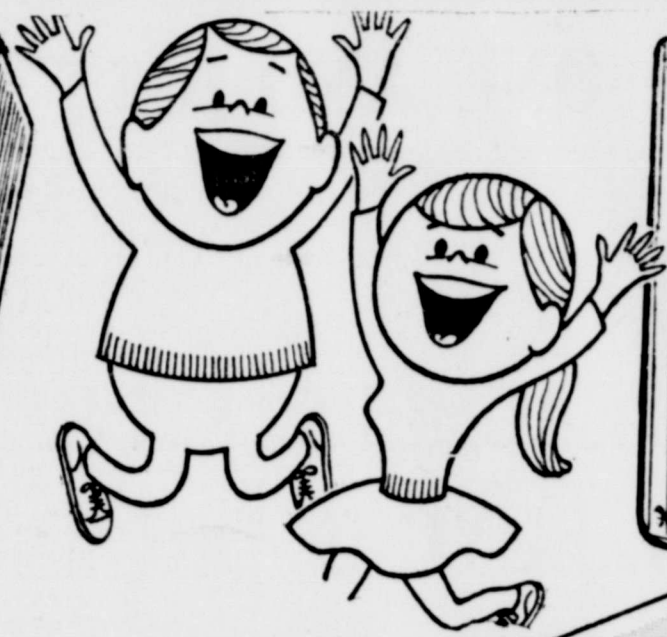
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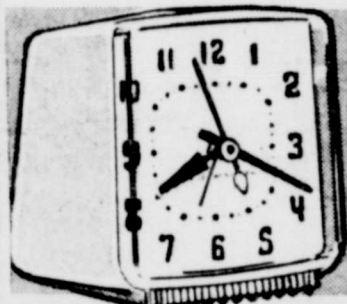
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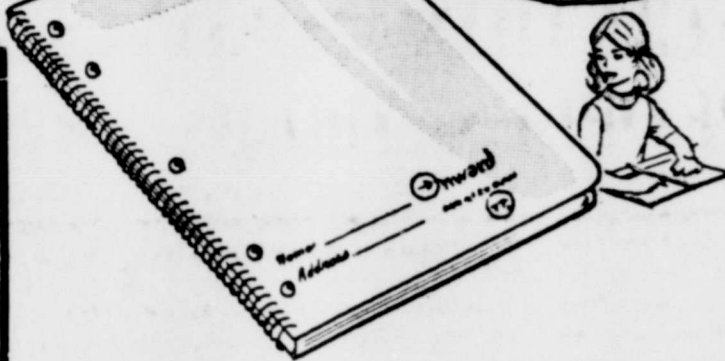
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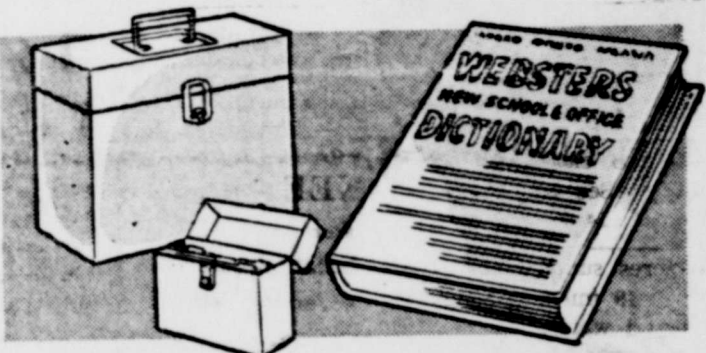


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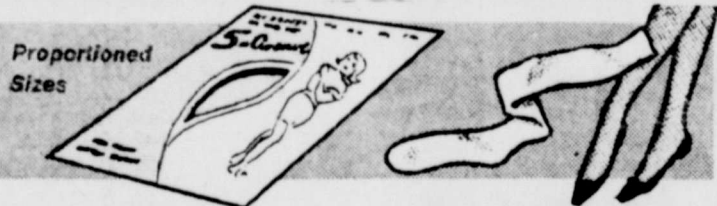


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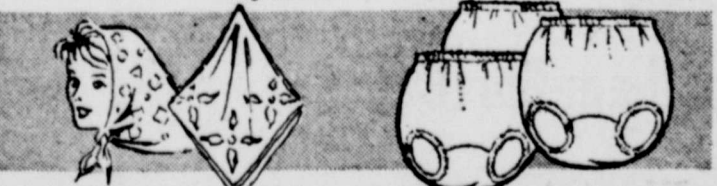
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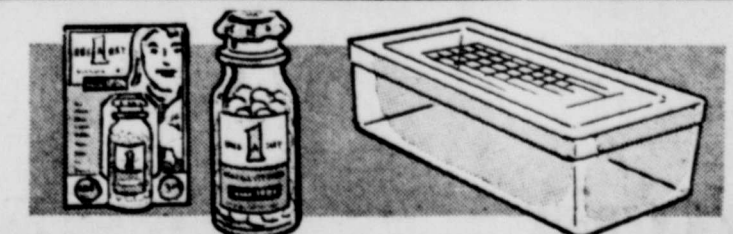
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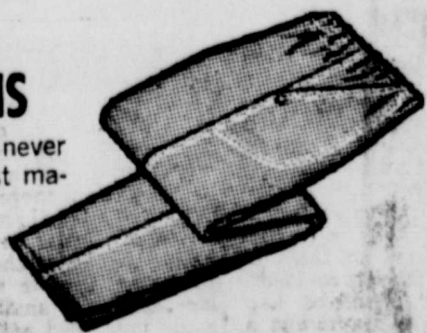


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THE STATE OF TEXAS
 To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas —
GREETING:
 You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the 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 James Arthur Jr., Defendant, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by fil-

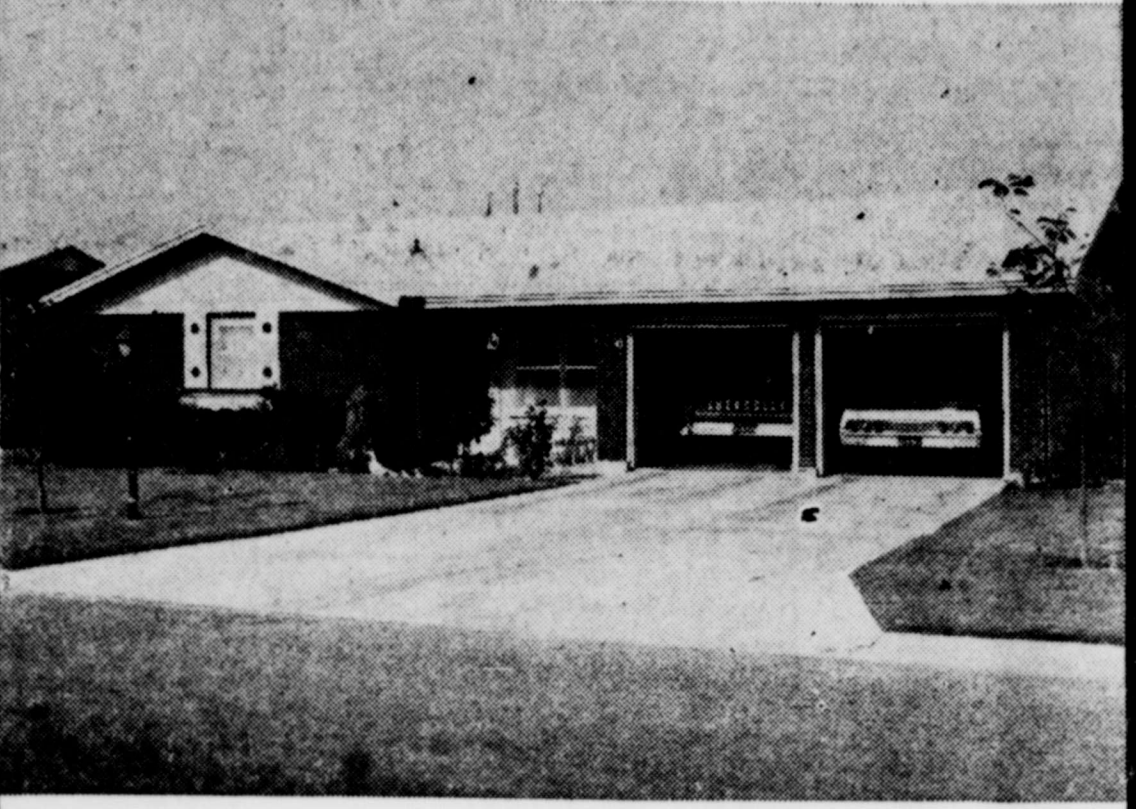
THE MERKEL MAIL, MERKEL, TEXAS
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ing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 9th day of September A.D. 1968, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 25th day of July A.D. 1968, in this cause, numbered 31,835-A on the docket of said court and styled Linda K. Arthur, Plaintiff, vs. William James Arthur, Jr., Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: plaintiff and defendant were married on the 26th day of May, 1967, and became permanently separated on or about the 20th day of December, 1967.

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 25th day of July A.D. 1968.
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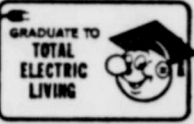
Terry Cecilia, the Richardson's 5-year-old granddaughter, plays comfortably the year 'round and always has plenty of fresh clean clothes. "I use the washer and dryer every day—sometimes several times a day," Irene Richardson says.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
 Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
 NUMBER EIGHT ON THE BALLOT (HJR49)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 Section 1. Section 21 of Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas is amended to read as follows:
 "Section 21. All stationery and printing, except proclamations and such printing as may be done at the Texas School for the Deaf, and paper, except that for the Judicial Department, shall be furnished under contract, to be given to the lowest and best bidder under such regulations as shall be prescribed by law. No member or officer of any department of the government shall be in any way interested in such contract."
 Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 1968, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon the following:
 "FOR the constitutional amendment removing certain provisions relating to purchase of fuel and furnishing the rooms and halls of the Legislature and the requirement that the Governor, the Secretary of State, and the Comptroller must approve certain contracts of purchase."
 "AGAINST the constitutional amendment removing certain provisions relating to purchase of fuel and furnishing the rooms and halls of the Legislature and the requirement that the Governor, the Secretary of State, and the Comptroller must approve certain contracts of purchase."

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
 NUMBER ELEVEN ON THE BALLOT (HJR60)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 Section 1. That Article III, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to add Section 64 to read as follows:
 "Section 64. (a) The Legislature may by statute provide for consolidation of governmental offices and functions of government of any one or more political subdivisions comprising or located within El Paso or Tarrant Counties. Any such statute shall require an election to be held within the political subdivisions affected thereby with approval by a majority of the voters in each of these subdivisions, under such terms and conditions as the Legislature may require.
 (b) The county government, or any political subdivision(s) comprising or located therein, may contract one with another for the performance of governmental functions required or authorized by this Constitution or the Laws of this State, under such terms and conditions as the Legislature may prescribe. No person acting under a contract made pursuant to this Subsection (b) shall be deemed to hold more than one office of honor, trust or profit or more than one civil office of emolument."
 The term 'governmental functions,' as it relates to counties, includes all duties, activities and operations of statewide importance in which the county acts for the State, as well as of local importance, whether required or authorized by this Constitution or the Laws of this State."
 Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 1968, at which election all ballots shall have printed on them the following:
 "FOR the constitutional amendment authorizing the Legislature to provide for consolidating governmental offices and functions and allowing political subdivisions to contract for performance of governmental functions in El Paso and Tarrant counties."
 "AGAINST the constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for consolidating governmental offices and functions and allowing political subdivisions to contract for performance of governmental function in El Paso and Tarrant counties."

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PUBLIC NOTICE
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 NUMBER TEN ON THE BALLOT (HJR60)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 Section 1. That Article VIII, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended by adding Section 1-j to read as follows:
 "Section 1-j. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1 of this article, the Legislature may provide for the refund of the tax paid on the first sale of cigars and tobacco products in this state which are subsequently sold at retail within the corporate limits of Texarkana, Texas, or any incorporated city or town in Texas contiguous to Texarkana."
 Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 1968, at which election all ballots shall have printed on them the following:
 "FOR the constitutional amendment authorizing the Legislature to provide for the refund of the tax on cigars and tobacco products sold at retail within the corporate limits of Texarkana, Texas, or any incorporated city or town in Texas contiguous to Texarkana."
 "AGAINST the constitutional amendment authorizing the Legislature to provide for the refund of the tax on cigars and tobacco products sold at retail within the corporate limits of Texarkana, Texas, or any incorporated city or town in Texas contiguous to Texarkana."

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