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Up The Canyon

By TOM
RUSSOM

This weather is just a little unusual — some days cold, and some days hot. Anyway, it's fine, except we could use some moisture on the wheat and oats. However, the ground is plowing real good.

Livestock is doing real well and stockmen still have plenty of hay and other roughage for the cattle.

Well, what happened to the deer hunting. Some of the hunters just didn't find any and others killed their quota. The game warden has made a check recently with land owners and he reported that the report showed up to as high as forty deer killed on one ranch. The warden also agreed that we had a lot of doe or female deer. So it looks as though the season for next year on doe might be for a larger kill. Of course, we never know what the program will be from year to year on the deer.

Some people just don't hunt deer and some people just don't care much for venison. In fact, one stockman or farmer said he wished the hunters would kill all the deer off. I don't feel quite that way. I am wild - life minded and I like wild life. If I think it should go hand in hand in our farming and ranching.

One game warden said to me one time "When you go to combine your wheat each year, leave a strip around the field for your quail and throw brush in your tanks so the baby fish can find protection from the larger fish." And that has stayed in my mind ever since.

Mrs. Lottie Butman Everett has spent a few days in Hendrick Hospital for treatment received from a severe cold that did damage to her lungs. She is doing fine and perhaps will return home in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seymore drove up to Snyder last Saturday night and spent the night with a daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Knipp, and then they drove on out to O'Donnell to visit.

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HOSPITAL MEETING — John Cutbirth, left, representative of the First Southwest Company, Abilene, met with the Merkel Hospital Board members Monday evening and discussed the upcoming sale of bonds for the construction of the Merkel Hospital. Board members pictured here are, second from left, Othel O'Kelly, Dr. Don Warren, and David Gamble. Date set for sale of bonds is March 11. (Staff Photo)

BRISK WEATHER 'NO HANDICAP' FOR SATURDAY'S STOCK SHOW

The weather was clear and brisk for the Merkel Livestock Show this past Saturday, and the crowd and action around the arena were just as brisk.

In the Horse Show that preceded the judging of the swine, sheep and steers, Bart Whisenhunt showed the grand champion mare, and Dayna McAninch had the reserved champion, and Johnny Gray brought in a blue pennant in the show's gelding under 5 years class. Dayna is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted McAninch, Bart son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Whisenhunt, and Johnny, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Gray.

In the swine show, young Johnny took both grand and reserve champion prizes in with a pair of Duroc gilts.

Approximately 160 entries were judged Saturday with Terry Wade winning grand champion steer rosette, and Rusty Holloway showed the reserve champion steer.

Taking top honors in the gelding division, winning grand and

reserve champion respectively were Woozer and Patricia Boyd. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd.

Winning first places in the Hampshire - Dorset and Southdown classes was Katie Neill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Neill. Katie, Merkel FFA Sweetheart, also awarded ribbons to stock show winners.

Suzie Riney showed the first place Finewool lamb and Robert Clemmer had the blue ribbon winning cross bred. Suzie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Riney and Robert is son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Clemmer.

Leo Fry of Abilene was judge for the horse show and Billy Riley, Novice FFA instructor, judged the other three divisions.

Chester Collinsworth, Merkel Vo - Ag teacher and Bennie Melton, stock show secretary-treasurer, expressed appreciation to "all who had in any way, helped with the 1969 Livestock Show to make it the success it was."

Merchants contributing to the

stock show are listed on Page Four of this edition.

Results of the show are listed below in the order of their judging:

Horses

Gildings — 5 years and over — Woozer Boyd and Patricia Boyd.

Gildings — under 5 years — Johnny Gray, Woozer Boyd, Mark Dudley and Pam Sandusky.

Grand Champion Gilding — Woozer Boyd.

Reserve Champion Gilding — Patricia Boyd.

Mares — 5 years and over — Suzie Riney, Pam Sandusky, Kathryn Criswell, Mark Dudley, Christi Boone, Tonja McAninch, Cindy Whisenhunt and Jeff Whisenhunt.

Mares — under 5 years — Bart Whisenhunt, Dayna McAninch, Gail Boone, Suzie Riney, Woozer Boyd, Gaylon Boone, Karlen Gamble.

Grand Champion Mare — Bart Whisenhunt.

Reserve Champion Mare —

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Hospital Board Sets Date For Bond Sale

A meeting of the Merkel Hospital Board was called Monday evening for the purpose of discussing the upcoming sale of the general obligation bonds for the construction of the Merkel Hospital.

John Cutbirth, representative of the First Southwest Company of Abilene, met with board members, discussed the bond sale, explained procedures by which date should be set for sale, and bids accepted.

Cutbirth, in talking with board members, recommended an "early sale of the bonds."

"We have no assurance that the bond market will improve," explained Cutbirth, "and we do not recommend further delay on the sale of these bonds."

Date set by board members for the bond sale is March 11.

Cutbirth, in expressing optimism concerning the sale of the bonds, said "the ratio of the bond indebtedness for this district to the assessed valuation is very good. This will be attractive to potential bidders."

In a question asked members and Cutbirth concerning the actual beginning construction of the hospital, Cutbirth said that the date for such beginning construction "would be determined by sale of bonds and subject to completion of plan details and specifications by the architects."

Architects handing the plans for the proposed hospital are Brushner - Goyette - Rapier of Lubbock.

Max Murrell, board president, explained that first interest payment due on the bonds will be six months after delivery of bonds, which will be in September of this year.

"Monies received as result of the bond sale will be used to purchase government securities until such time as it is needed

for payment on construction cost," said Murrell. "The government securities will normally earn interest at a greater rate than that which will be due on the bonds sold."

Merkel Hospital District Board members are Murrell, president; Dr. Don Warren, vice president; Mrs. John Hardesty, secretary-treasurer, and David Gamble, Othel O'Kelly, John Hamner, W. S. J. Brown, Arthur Moore and Herman Carson.

SCHOOL COMMITTEES TO MEET TONIGHT

Clive Pierce, Taylor County School Superintendent has called a meeting of School Committees for Thursday, Jan. 16, at 7 p.m. at the Merkel High School auditorium.

Committees of the small school districts were named recently to further study the Governor's Committee on Public School Education. Besides studying the report, members are also to make proposals and give suggestions to "do whatever is necessary to prevent the loss of local control of the small school districts."

Small school districts having organized committees to unify action about the Governor's Committee report are urged to attend this meeting tonight, said Pierce.

School committees, representatives and board members to meet tonight include Jim Ned, Butterfield, Hamby, Elmdale, Wylie, Tye and Trent.

Gene Stewart, president of Merkel's Parent Teachers Association and a member of Merkel's School Committee, announced Wednesday that "there would be no P - TA meeting Thursday evening."

"Due to the fact that the upcoming meeting at the Merkel School auditorium is of such vital importance to the future of the Merkel schools, we will not have our regular P-TA meeting," said Stewart. "The next regular PTA meeting will be held Feb. 20, with a program to be announced at a later date."

In a recent meeting of Merkel and area people, Pierce said

WOW Grove 6563 To Host Meeting

Merkel Woodmen of the World, Grove 6563, will host the district Groves and Camps Thursday, Jan. 16, at 7 pm for the installation of officers.

Mrs. Alf Walla, president, urged all members to make plans to attend this meeting at the Community Center. Each member is asked to bring a covered dish.

Mrs. John Oliver is reporter for the Grove 6563.

RIDING CLUB MEETS; ELECTS OFFICERS

The Annual Meeting of the Merkel Brushstomper (Merkel Riding Club) was held this past Monday evening at the School Cafeteria.

During the business meeting officers and two directors were elected.

Officers elected are Walter Henslee, president, Jarrett Pinckley, vice president, and Alvin Wozencraft, secretary - treasurer. Directors elected are Henslee and Pinckley.

Karlan Gamble, was elected to represent the Merkel Chamber of Commerce at the Fort Worth

"The Merkel Independent School District has been outstanding throughout the year. With forty - two and one half courses offered in High School and rated AA by the State Evaluation Committee, such system is very rare."

Merkel's school committee consists of Joe Earl Lassiter, chairman; Booth Warren, treasurer; Horace Boney, vice chairman; Mrs. Glenn Reed, secretary, and Mrs. Dave Brumbeau, publicity. The Rev. Kenneth Jones and Stewart were named members at large.

TC Farm Bureau In Member Drive In 'Full Swing'

In a recent organizational meeting of the Taylor County Farm Bureau, Billy Vinson was elected to head the organization for 1969.

His late father, R. Lee Vinson, was also a Farm Bureau leader in Taylor County and served as president in the late 50s.

As president, Vinson will direct the activities of the 886 Taylor County organization as it strives to promote and develop agriculture.

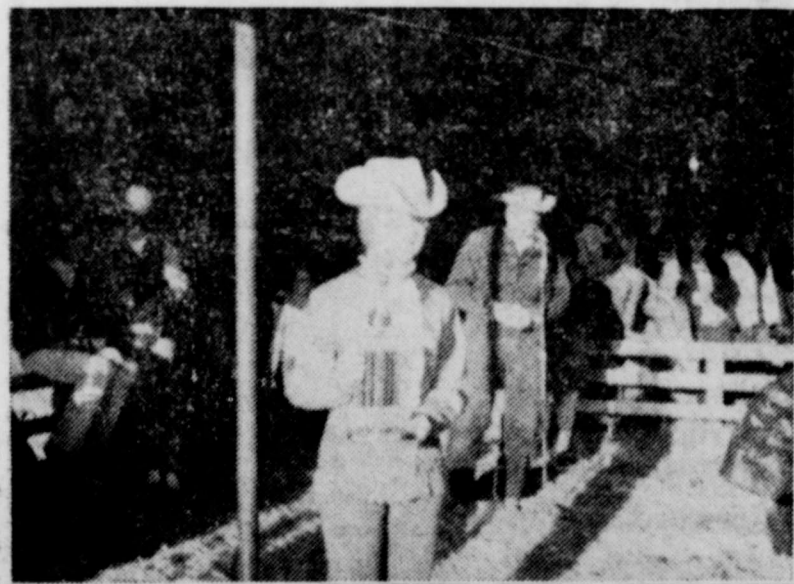
Vinson and his wife, Dorothy, live northeast of Abilene on a stock farm.

Committee chairmen appointed at the meeting are H. W. McKee, policy development; service, Buster Horton; membership, Dick Atkins, and young farmers and ranchers, Darrell Cross.

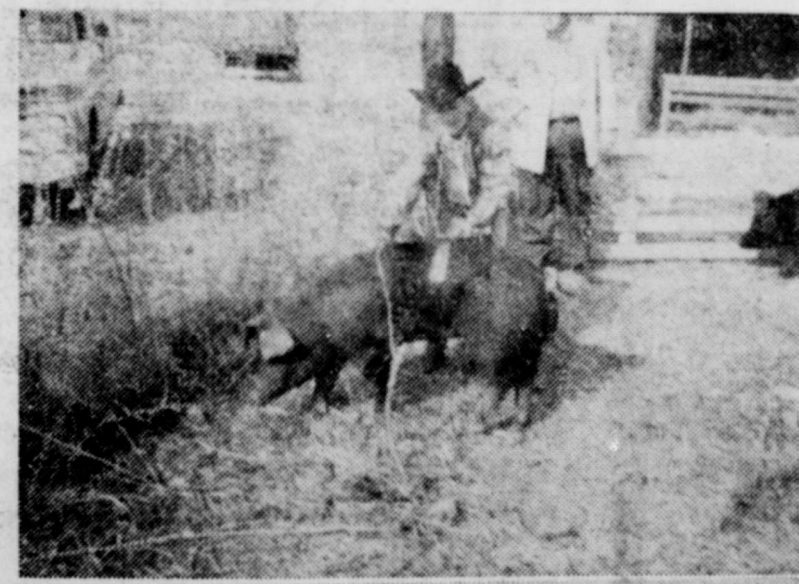
Also safety, Derrell Dean, information Mrs. Braune, and policy execution for state is Sam Beam and national, Loyd Perry.

A kick - off supper for the Farm Bureau membership drive was held Tuesday evening, Jan. 14 at the Town Crier Restaurant in Abilene. Hub King of District 2 was principal speaker for the dinner.

Following King's address, membership drive plans were revealed with team captains being chosen.



STOCK SHOW WINNERS — Suzie Riney, upper left, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Riney, was this year's Taylor Electric Cooperative Showmanship winner and Johnny Gray, upper right, won the grand champion rosette with his Duroc gilt, and also reserve champion prize. Johnny is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J.



Gray. In lower left, Katie Neill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Neill, won first place in the Hampshire - Dorset and Southdown classes, and Terry Wade, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wade, won Grand Champion Steer. (Photos by Connie Harris)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Appreciation Told To Local Firemen

Dear Sir:

On January 8, 1968, grass fires, fanned by high winds, enveloped a large area in the vicinity of Albany, causing extensive range damage, and even bringing concern for the safety of our City.

Response to our need for containing the fire came from within the City, from neighboring cities and towns, from local ranchers, dozer operators, water haulers, and other sources. Equipment and workers continued to arrive until the fire was contained and Albany became assured of its own safety.

The people of Albany wish to express their sincere gratitude to Merkel for its generosity and neighborliness in sending equipment and workers in our time of need.

Albany Chamber of Commerce Sincerely,
M. L. Joyce, Manager

4-H Cooking Class Chooses Name

Lisa Jon Hughes and Lesa Dawn Swinney met in the home of Mrs. Tom Russom in December for their first cooking lesson in 4-H.

A name, "The Twins" was chosen for the class, and Mrs. Russom and Mrs. John Hughes are adult leaders.

Banana milk drink and bread and butter sandwiches, which the girls made, were served to seven people attending.

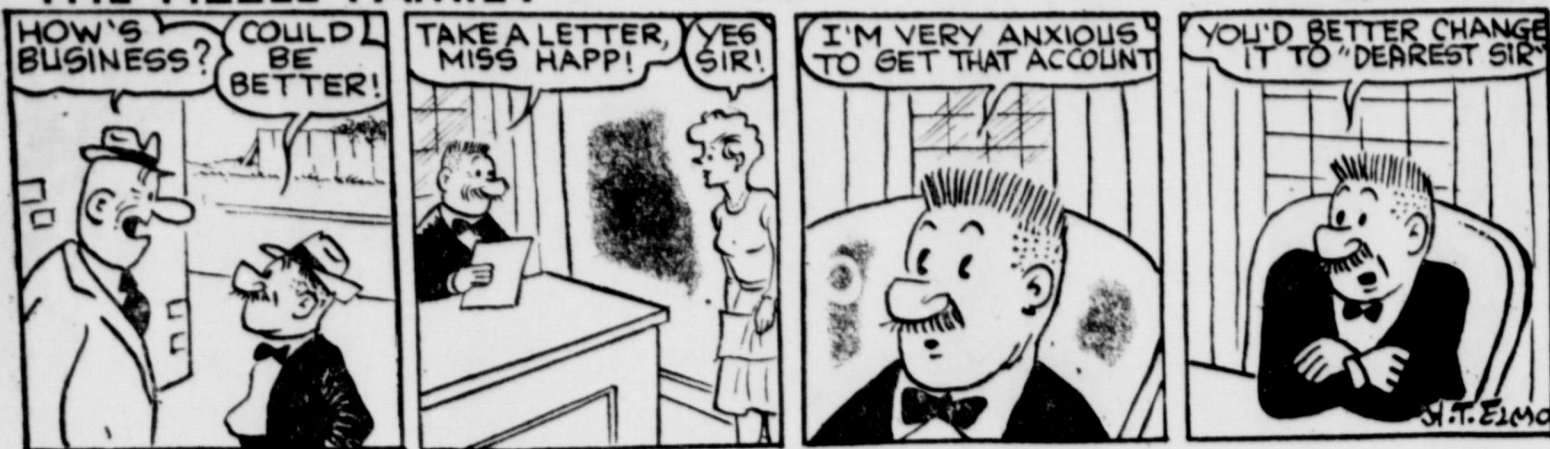
Both girls are members of the Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club.

Friday Singing

Third Friday Night Singing will be held this Friday at the Victory Baptist Church, according to president Mack Seymore.

Seymore invites all area people to attend, and singing will begin at 7 p.m.

THE FIZZLE FAMILY



By H. T. Elmo

THE MERKEL MAIL, MERKEL, TEXAS
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LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas — GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein following is a true copy.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Walter Earl McClelland, Defendant, Greeting:

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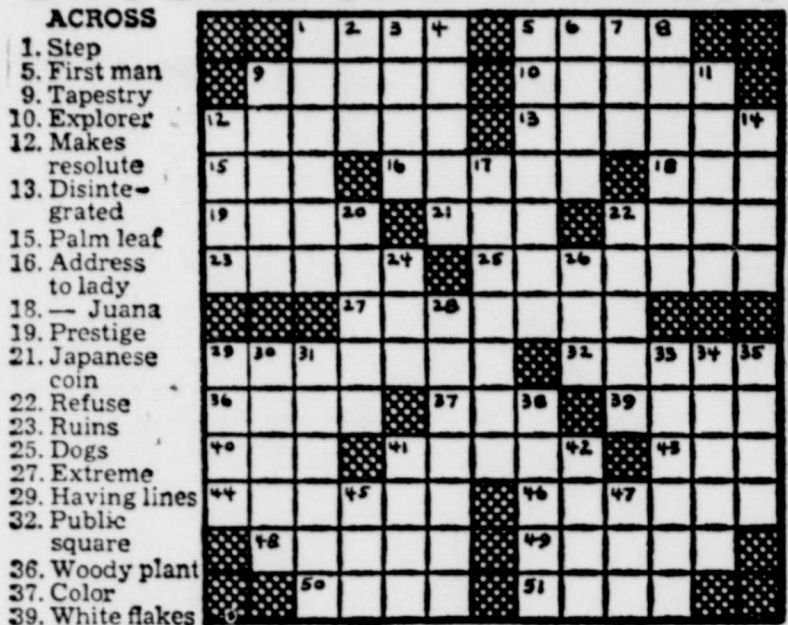
MANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 3rd day of February A.D. 1969, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 26th day of November A.D. 1968, in this cause, numbered 32,634-A on the docket of said court and styled In Re: Plaintiff, vs. Adoption of Minor Child, Defendant.

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

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1. Step
5. First man
9. Tapestry
10. Explorer
12. Makes resolute
13. Disintegrated
15. Palm leaf
16. Address to lady
18. — Juana
19. Prestige
21. Japanese coin
22. Refuse
23. Ruins
25. Dogs
27. Extreme
29. Having lines
32. Public square
36. Woody plant
37. Color
39. White flakes
40. Lubricant
41. Mythical king
43. Arabian garment
44. Coupled
46. Cattle herder
48. Rent
49. Silkworms
50. Resorts
51. Places
DOWN
1. Sermonize
2. Exist
3. Peaceful
4. Attempt
5. Calendar
6. Judge
7. Instrument
8. Glove
9. Map
11. French river
12. Couch
14. Periods
17. Settled
20. Weird
22. Herbs
24. Plant juices
26. Dope
28. Mocks
29. Cease
30. Examination
31. Depends on
33. Fish
34. Asian cattle
35. Distant
38. Carps
41. Rocky hill
42. Grievous
45. Knock
47. Wisdom

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 13th day of December A.D. 1968.
(Seal)
Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk,
42nd District Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Faye Terry, Deputy.

ought to be regulated by the Texas Education Agency and that James Connally Technical Institute at Waco should be operated as a separate entity for training scarce vocational tech instructors and counselors
14 4tc

Special Training To Be Boosted
House Education Committee has urged at least \$30 million outlay during the next biennium for vocational - technical education in Texas
HEC, which conducted study and 10 hearings, found that 16 vocational schools should be provided in 10 years to furnish 180 such facilities. It said all private technical and business schools



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THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Carlos D. Roberts, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-
MANDED 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 17th day of February A.D. 1969, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 31st day of December A.D. 1968, in this cause, numbered 4497 on the docket of said court and styled Dorot'w J. Roberts, Plaintiff, vs. Carlos D. Roberts, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were duly and legally married Dec. 24, 1954, lived together as husband and wife until on or about Aug. 15, 1966. No children were born, and none adopted, and no community property acquired by Plaintiff and Defendant, 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 31st day of December A.D. 1968.
(Seal)

Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk,
Domestic Relations Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Faye Terry, Deputy.

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Awards Given Homemakers, Young Farmers

DALLAS — Awards were presented and new leaders were selected during the annual conventions of the State Association of Young Homemakers and Young Farmers here Jan. 3-4, 1969.

Attending from Merkel were M. and Mrs. Hugh Baker and Mrs. Adele Jones. Mrs. Baker represented Taylor County Young Homemakers and Mrs. Jones represented Taylor Electric Cooperative.

Ben Holcomb of Dimmit was elected president of the Young Farmers and Mrs. Thomas Reed, Palestine, is the new head of the Young Homemakers for 1969.

Chosen as the State Little Sister winner was Patsy Tripp, a San Saba Chapter entry from Richland Springs, who received a \$500 scholarship from Texas Electric Cooperatives, Inc.

During a Friday evening banquet, Benny Edwards of O'Don-

nell received the Star Young Farmer award. The outstanding Chapter award went to Fluvanna Young Farmers and Young County Young Farmers were named the Outstanding New Chapter.
Both the Young Farmer and Young Homemakers organizations are designed for educational benefits of young adults 35 years of age and younger.

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BURR HENDRICKS, W. M. ROY MASHBURN, Sec'y.

FOUND — Two brown coats (one found at stock show) and one left at Mrs. Robert Harris' home. Call Mrs. Harris, (Connie) at Merkel Mail, 928-5712 or Home 928-4944. 46 2tc

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STOCK SHOW

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Dayna McAninch.

Swine

Light Weight Barrows and Gilts — Johnny Gray, Mike Snowden, Larry Byrd, Johnny Gray, Roy Young, Mike Snowden, David Bratcher, Johnny Gray, Fred Herrendt (9 and 10).

Heavy Weight Barrows and Gilts — 1, 2 Johnny Gray, Michael Ray, Larry Byrd, Johnny Gray, Michael Ray, Gaylen Boone, Joe Dudley and Jerry Barnes. Grand Champion Barrow or Gilt and Reserve Champion Barrow or Gilt — Johnny Gray.

Lambs

Fine Wool Lambs — 1, 2 Suzie Riney, Katie Neill, Jeff Whisenhunt, 3, 6, Suzie Riney, Robert Clemmer, 8, 9, Katie Neill, Pam Sandusky, 11, 12 Kathy Griffin, 13, 14 Mike Brown, Kathy Griffin.

Cross Bred Lambs — Robert Clemmer, Suzie Riney, Katie Neill, Mark Clemmer, Mark Dudley, Robert Clemmer, Carolyn Gilmore, Katie Neill, Beverly Gilmore, Cindy Whisenhunt, Teresa Clemmer, Mark Clemmer, Bart Whisenhunt, Suzie Riney, Katie Neill, Pam Sandusky, Beverly Gilmore, Liesa Swinney, Mark Clemmer, Robert Clemmer 20, 21; 22, 23 Liesa Swinney, Pam Sandusky, Mike Brown, 25 & 27 & 28 Kathy Griffin.

Hamp and Dorset Lambs — 1, 2 & 3 Katie Neill, Beverly Gilmore, Carolyn Gilmore, Mike Dudley, Mark Dudley, Cindy Whisenhunt, 9 & 10 Mike Dudley, Mark Dudley, Bart Whisenhunt, Vickie Robertson, Robert Clemmer, David Robertson, 16 & 17 Mark Clemmer, Teresa Clemmer, Mike Brown, Vickie Robertson, 21 & 22 Liesa Swinney, 23 & 24 David Robertson, Vickie Robertson and Kathy Griffin.

Southdown Lambs — Katie Neill, Mark Dudley, Katie Neill, Carolyn Gilmore, Beverly Gilmore, Katie Neill, Mike Dudley, Mark Dudley, Jackie Harris, Vickie Robertson, David Robertson.

Steers

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The Family of Willard Pogue

CARD OF THANKS

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS our thanks and appreciation to the people who showed their concern when our house burned. To those who helped put out the fire, those who contributed money, for the many gifts, and to all of our friends who have helped and offered to help in any way, we say thank you to each and every one.
The M. E. Griffith Family

CARD OF THANKS

WE WISH TO EXPRESS our sincere gratitude and thankfulness for all the acts of kindness shown us during the illness and loss of our beloved mother, grandmother and sister. Every thoughtful act was appreciated beyond expression. May God Bless each of you.
Mrs. J. M. Teombs

CARD OF THANKS

WE WISH TO TAKE this opportunity to thank our friends for their prayers, floral arrangements, cards, visits, etc., during my recent stay in the hospital. Your concern and thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated.
Connie Mack Seymore and family

diETING

A Sweeter Diet? Try It!
Many a dieter still thinks that a weight-control diet means no sugar—no dessert—no fun foods. Not so, says a well-known nutritionist. To control weight, you've got to eat down—not out. Ice cream with lunch? Can do. Layer cake with dinner? Permitted. But, warns this specialist, the serious dieter must follow two rules:

- Essential foods must be eaten every day. That means protein foods, fats, carbohydrates, minerals and vitamins.
 - Never go over your daily calorie quota.
- "Eat a little of everything," counsels this doctor. If there's enough variety in the daily menu, you're almost sure to get all the nutrients you need for health.

For a sweet at the end of a meal lets you leave the table satisfied. Then you won't be tempted to snack, or to overeat at the next meal. A teaspoon of sugar measures only 18 calories—and even a 100-calorie dessert may not swamp your daily quota.

A diet counselor suggests: "Watch your fats and oils: they have twice as many calories as sugar...Flavor vegetables with lemon or herbs...Try a vegetable souffle instead of rice... Learn to lose weight slowly—take off the ounces and you'll take off pounds."

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EDDLEMAN-RINEY VOWS EXCHANGED

Mary Kathleen Eddleman became the bride of Thomas Harris Riney Saturday, Jan. 11, at Date Street Baptist Church in Plainview.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Adams of Tullia. Mr. and Mrs. Don Riney of Merkel are parents of the bridegroom.

The Rev. Eddy Freeman officiated. Music was by Arlis Hamilton, organist, and Brenda Stewart, soloist.

Mr. Adams presented the bride in marriage.

She wore a linen gown with jewel and pearl edging on the sleeves and bodice. A coronet with bow and white fabric held her veil. She carried white carnations and orchids on a Bible.

Beverly Eddleman of Tullia was her sister's maid of honor. Jeanett Rutland, also of Tullia, was bridesmaid.

They wore pink bonded crepe dresses with bell sleeves and round necklines. Coronets held their veils. They carried white and pink carnations.

Jerry McPeak of Midland was best man. Doug Jones of Lueders was groomsmen. Kyle Adams of Rankin lighted candles.

Richard Sandel of Midland, John Herring of Tullia, and Larry Riney of Merkel, brother of the bridegroom, acted as ring bearers.

A Tullia High School graduate, the bride is a junior at Wayland Baptist College. She is a member of Texas Student Education Assn., and is on the Dean's Honor Roll. The bridegroom, a graduate of Merkel High School, is also a junior at Wayland and is employed at Excel Seed Co.

His parents hosted the rehearsal dinner at Alceve Restaurant. The couple are living in Plainview.

BADGER TRACKS

By WALLY KNIGHT

Katherine Patterson won second place in the T. A. P. queen's contest that was held during the March of Dimes Telerama this past weekend. Katherine's votes totaled \$528. This is the first year that Merkel has had an entry in the contest. Way to go Katherine. Also congratulations to everyone who contributed money for her campaign or for the March of Dimes.

Merkel held an invitational B-team tournament last Thursday and Saturday evening. Both of the Merkel B teams (girls and boys) won second places in the tournament. The Wylie B team won the girls first place trophy and the Roscoe B team won the boys. The Badger basketball A teams will play their next four games at home.

The Teen Center had a good turnout Saturday night. Eighty-seven teenagers attended the Saturday night activities. A dance contest was held from 9:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Rodney Mashburn and Karlan Gamble won the contest and each received a prize of \$3.00. Teenagers at the gathering decided to sponsor a live band to perform at the center on January 25. The band is called the HEAVY LIGHT. Advance tickets of \$1.50 will be on sale at the high school.

The Merkel chapter of the FFA held their annual stock show at the Vocational Agriculture building Saturday.

The school year is half over. Students completed their mid-term exams this week. They also received the dreaded document called the report card.

Here are some Misery is quotes from some of our famous students:

Mike Dudley — Misery is living with an English teacher.

Bob Hammond — Misery is finding a pickle in your chili burger.

David Coker — Misery is getting kicked out of seventh period library.

Len Beasley — Misery is copying the paper of the only person



ENGAGEMENT TOLD

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Kirkland of Port Neches, announce the engagement of their daughter, Toni Verone Kirkland to Mr. Jerry Don McWilliams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester McWilliams of Merkel. An early spring wedding is planned. The bride-elect, a graduate of Port Neches - Groves High School, where she was an Indianette, is a stenographer with the FBI in Dallas. Her fiancé, a graduate of Merkel High School, is attending the University of Texas in Arlington where he is majoring in industrial engineering. He is employed by Ling - Temco - Vought Aerospace Corporation in Grand Prairie.

LITTLE BADGER TRACKS

By MES REPORTERS

The students of Merkel Elementary have gotten back into the swing of things after Christmas Vacation and are really looking forward to Easter Holidays.

The Safety Patrol met with Mr. Pratcher Monday for their regular meeting.

Student Council met Monday and made plans to start the Valentine Post Office February 3.

The boys and girls basketball teams lost some well-fought games to Wylie. They're really hoping to do better next time.

There's been a little switch in the reading room. Students are now using the Library and reading room.

Up The Canyon

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it another daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. Harmon. The Seymores reported a fine visit.

Mrs. B. H. Riney, who has been on the sick list for quite some time, has returned to her home after a few days spent in the West Texas Medical Center in Abilene. She said she was doing good, except for a bad cold, and that makes anyone feel bad.

Siith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



Mrs. Nora McDonald returned to her home Thursday after a two week's visit with her brother, Joe Reeves and family in White-right. Mr. Reeves came home with her for a visit here.

Paul Bradley is slowly improving after an attack of bronchial pneumonia and flu. Mrs. Bradley is feeling better, after also having the flu. Visiting the Bradleys during the weekend were Mrs. Boyce Barnard, Buford Walsh, Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Shafer of Muleshoe.

Ghronda Tarpley is feeling better after a few days' stay in a Houston Hospital. She is back in school at this writing. Mr. and Mrs. Babe Tarpley, Ghronda and Buster visited in Big Spring Sunday with Mrs. Gaston Gregory and Mr. and Mrs. Troy Gregory.

Ronnie Hobbs is on the "sick list" this week.

Shirley Hale and Carroll Bufin of Midland visited Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Cox visited over the weekend in Lubbock with their daughter, Lana.

The Siith Home Demonstration Club gave Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shaw a house warming Monday night. Mrs. Shaw had eye surgery Wednesday at the West Texas Medical Center in Abilene. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mashburn and Mrs. Curtis and children visited Mrs. Shaw at the hospital Sunday.

Wade Shaw spent Saturday night with his mother, Mrs. John Shaw in Merkel.

Charles Hale visited his brother, James and family, in Midland, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Murry Toombs of Lubbock spent two night last week with Mrs. Toombs' father, Sam Mashburn. Mr. and Mrs. Toombs attended the funeral of his mother, Mrs. J. M. Toombs held in the United Methodist Church in Merkel Wednesday. Tommy Toombs was in a Lubbock hospital and could not attend his grandmother's funeral.

Merkel 4-H News

By MARY BETH BOYD

The Merkel 4-H Club met Thursday, Jan. 2, for their regular monthly meeting.

President Robert Boyd called the meeting to order.

The American pledge was led by Jackie Harris and the 4-H motto, pledge and prayer was led by Karlen Gamble. Inspiration was given by Leslie Reddin. He presented the 4-H creed.

Assistant County Agent, Dexter Sagebiel, presented a demonstration on showmanship.

Entries were then taken for the Merkel Stock Show. They were as follows: Gaylon Boone, Chris Boone, Gail Boone, Vickie Robertson, David Robertson, Kathryn Criswell, Dayna McAninch, Tonja McAninch, Patricia Boyd, Woozer Boyd and Terry Wade.

Kindergarten Plans Told

A kindergarten for the Merkel area has been organized by Miss Dorothy Torrence, a former student of Baptist Bible College, Springfield, Mo.

Miss Torrence said children would be instructed from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Monday through Friday. Registration is to begin Saturday, Jan. 18 at 10:01 a.m.

Hamby HD Club

The Hamby Home Demonstration Club met at the Club House Thursday, Jan. 9 with Mrs. Walker Williams giving opening exercises. Roll Call was answered with a "Laundry Shortcut."

Members voted to contribute to the March of Dimes.

Mrs. Hessie Coleman was hostess and nine members attended.

in the room that failed.

Others are:
Misery is your face.
Misery is my face.
Misery is giving your nose a drink at the water fountain.
Misery is sitting on a big wad of chewing gum for a whole period.
Misery is the loud noise the candy machine makes when you're trying to be sneaky.

HAMBY NEWS

By MRS. W. T. WILLIAMS

Guests in the Dave Massey home this past week were Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Goodman of Beaumont, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Goodman of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Clements, Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes and Letha of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coffe and son, Jimmie, of Abilene, spent Tuesday night with Mrs. Coffe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Grantham.

Mrs. W. T. Williams and Mrs. J. E. Deatherage visited the hospital and saw several patients Thursday afternoon.

Boys from Hamby won places at the Abilene High School and Cooper High School FFA Stock Show, sponsored by the Abilene Kiwanis Club Saturday. They were Randall Moore, Butch Lenaham and Robert Dean.

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WHY WILL PARENTS DELIBERATELY CAUSE THEIR CHILDREN TO STARVE FOR FOOD OR POISON THEM???

I read some time ago of a woman who deliberately starved her son until almost his death was ultimate. About 2 years ago I read of a couple in another state who gradually poisoned their children by putting a small portion of poison in food each meal.

How can parents (which is questionable) deliberately do such as this, it almost seems as though they HATE their children. We usually ease our pain at the thought or justify the one's involved by saying they are just mentally deranged.

But how about you parents who are deliberately refusing to give any spiritual food to your children or allow them to go to Bible School to gain any? We almost insist upon their education in school that tends to the needs of this life which at best last only 100 years... How about their welfare in eternity?

A child came up to a Bible Class teacher and ask, "WHO IS GOD?" The child asked it in sincerity because he had never heard of God. And then we get angry when Mrs. O'Hair criticized Bible reading in space.

But Bible School affects more than just eternity. It affects this life also. In an article entitled, "WHY I BELIEVE IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL," by J. Edgar Hoover, he said, "Of course I believe in the Sunday School. Crime among youths would become practically negligible if the young people of America attended Sunday School regularly during their formative years (18 mo. to 8 yrs.)."

The other day I was observing a couple of boys at their play which manifested the attitudes being presently installed in them, and I thought to myself... "They need to be in Bible School." And later I learned they should be coming to OUR Bible Classes and one of the children said they had not been in 3 years. Are they not next on the list for Satan's army?

ARE YOU STARVING YOUR CHILD'S SOUL??? SOME OF THESE DAYS IT WILL BE TOO LATE TO START!

and ARE YOU POISONING THEIR MIND BY GIVING THEM THE IMPRESSION THAT RELIGION IS NOT IMPORTANT?

Proverbs 10:1; 20:11; 22:6, 15; 29:15 needs to be studied by every parent!

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Mean home, and farm, and education
For our own?

Our Jim is on the football team
And Suzy's in the band;
They are all in the 4-H work,
But lands!
As busy as they are
They have their chores ahead.

While other countries labor for their bread!
Where, but in America, can we work out our
dreams

When our Jims and Joes and Suzies
Will be strong to take the reins?
Where'er they live, they'll work then
Toward their own goals ahead —
While other countries labor for their bread!

But here in this America
In our little Merkel town,
Today, we pray
Our goals are tumbling down:
Our prized possessions snatched away
From this, their rural life,
And crowded into buses, to meet a world
of strife
Called Progress!

Can this thing be?
Can this happen to you and to me
Here, in America?
Other countries tried such plans
(Dear God, not this, our Nation)
Of Central Work, and Central Play, and
Central Education.
What price to pay for Progress!
Instead,

Other countries labor for their bread!

by Mona Faye Bartlett
Jan. 9, 1969
Merkel, Texas

EDITOR'S NOTE — The above poem written by Mrs. Bartlett, expresses her feelings concerning the proposed Governor's Committee's proposal on Public Schools.

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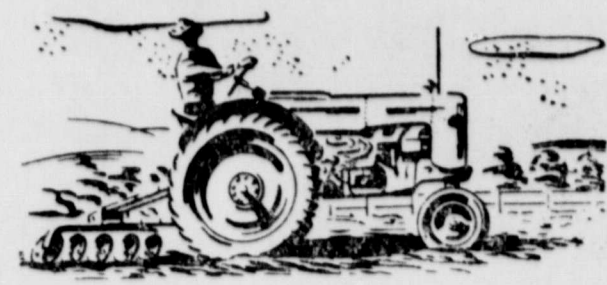
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THE STATE OF TEXAS
To any Sheriff or any Constable
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GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to
cause to be published once each
week for four consecutive weeks,
the first publication to be at least
twenty-eight days before the re-
turn day thereof, in a newspaper
printed in Taylor County, the ac-

comparing citation, of which the
herein below following is a true
copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Sara Luna, Defendant,
Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-
MANDED to appear before the
Honorable Domestic Relations
Court of Taylor County at the

THE MERKEL MAIL, MERKEL, TEXAS
Page Seven Thursday, Jan. 16, 1969

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 March A.D. 1969, to Plain-
tiff's Petition filed in said court,
on the 7th day of January A.D.
1969, in this cause, numbered
4513 on the docket of said court
and styled In Re: Ricardo Luna,
Plaintiff.

A brief statement of the nature
of this suit is as follows, to-wit:
in regard to adoption as is more
fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition
on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served
within nine days after the date
of its issuance, it shall be return-
ed 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 di-
rects.

Issued and given under my hand
and the seal of said court at Abi-
lene, Texas, this 13th day of
January A.D. 1969.

(Seal)
Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk,
Domestic Relations Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
46 4tc

Merkel HS Grad Honored By ACC

ABILENE, Tex. — Willard
Paine, president of the Citizens
National Bank of Lubbock since
April, 1968, has been named "Out-
standing Alumnus of the Year
1968" at Abilene Christian Col-
lege.

Chesley McDonald, Sterling

City, rancher and president of
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the announcement at a luncheon
honoring Paine Friday noon, Jan.
10, at In Town Inn in Lubbock.
A native of Oklahoma, Paine
graduated from Merkel High
School in 1939 and entered Abi-
lene Christian College. Paine's fa-
ther was justice of the peace
and magistrate of the city court

of Merkel before his death in
1956.

A 1948 graduate of Abilene
Christian, Paine is chairman of

the college's Board of Trustees.

He began his banking career af-
ter graduation from ACC in 1948
as agriculture field representa-

tive, loan officer and cashier for
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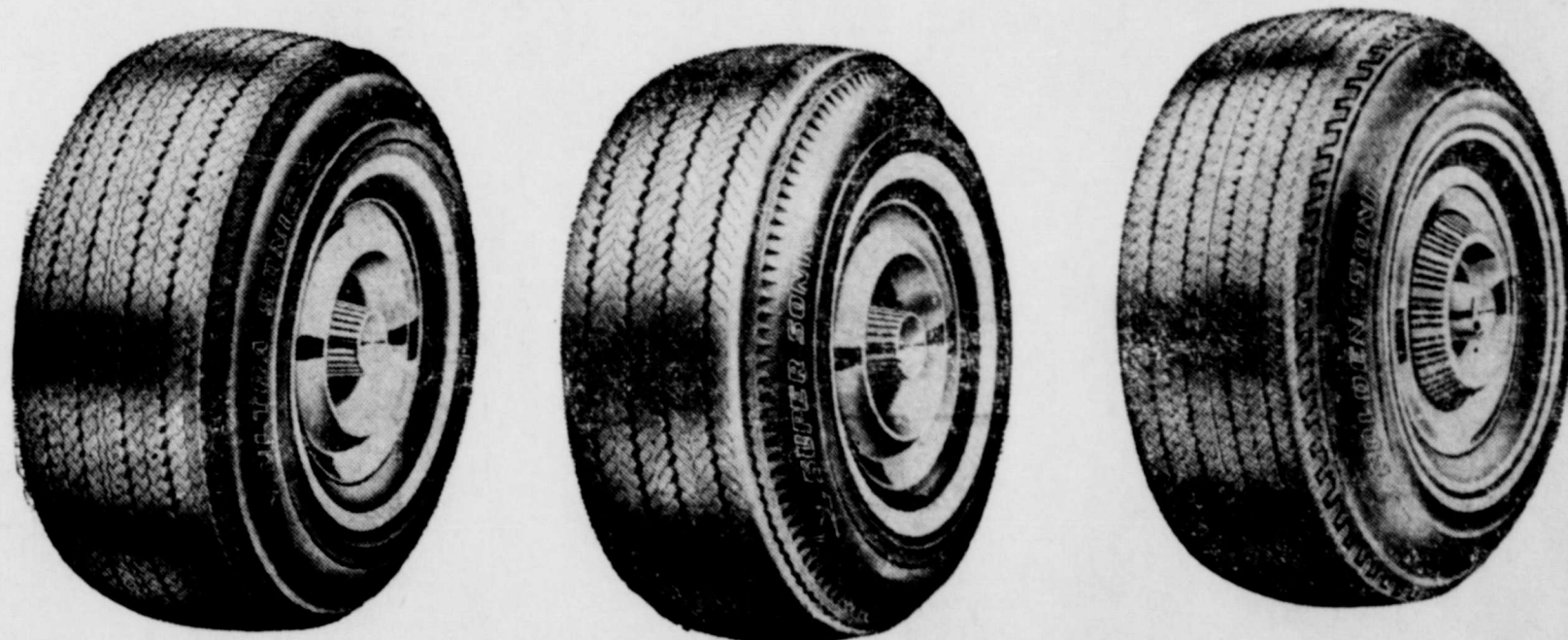
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PUGGY



THE MERKEL MAIL, MERKEL, TEXAS
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Walter Earl McClelland, Defendant, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 3rd day of February A.D. 1969, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the

26th day of November A.D. 1968, in this cause, numbered 42054-A on the docket of said court and styled In Re: Plaintiff, vs. Adoption of Minor Child, Defendant.
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Adoption as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.
If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.
The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 19th day of December A.D. 1968.
(Seal)
Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas By Faye Terry, Deputy.

Crossword Puzzle

by Horace Elmo

ACROSS

- Shuts tight
- Ruse
- Exclude
- Twofold
- Appropriate
- Duck
- Gaelic John
- Distress signal
- Frighten
- Star
- Bone
- Thing: law
- Compass point
- Mass of stars
- Paris tower
- Baba
- Damage
- Poem
- Wrench
- Moon goddess
- Mimic
- Rodents
- Possessive pronoun
- Dazzling light
- Illuminated
- Baseball league
- Clash
- State: abbr.
- Abundance
- Violin
- Pilferer: slang
- Put away
- Arm bone
- Falsehood
- Demon
- Produce crops

DOWN

- Time of year
- Uncover
- Deeds
- French "the"
- Hurried
- Civil wrong: law
- Ruthenium: chem.
- Wading bird
- Part of a sentence
- Dog-house
- Coronet
- Compact tribe
- Owing
- Engagement notice
- Weak
- Hurl
- Criminal
- Higher
- Letter strokes
- Ice pendant
- Caught
- Chum: slang
- Skirt inset
- Prepare for publication
- Catch: slang
- Nigerian
- Lithium: chem.
- Medical title

Answer to Puzzle

Friday Deadline For W-2 Forms

DALLAS — Friday, January 31, 1969 is the deadline for employers to give employees their 1968 W-2 forms, showing the amount of earnings, income tax withheld and social security information. Ellis Campbell Jr., District Director of Internal Revenue for North Texas, said today.

Forms W-2 have to be filed with income tax returns and those who had more than one job last year should make sure they have received all of them when they file their returns.

Sweetheart Fete Is February 15

The First Baptist Church's Sweetheart Banquet will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 15 in Fellowship Hall.

Members of the planning committee for the Banquet include JaNell Lassiter, Donna Diltz and Dayna McAninch.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Charles D. Roberts, 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 17th day of February A.D. 1969, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 31st day of December A.D. 1968, in this cause, numbered 4497 on the docket of said court and styled Dorot'w J. Roberts, Plaintiff, vs. Charles D. Roberts, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were duly and legally married Dec. 24, 1964, lived together as husband and wife until on or about Aug. 15, 1966. No children were born, and none adopted, and no community property acquired by Plaintiff and Defendant, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 31st day of December A.D. 1968.
(Seal)

Attest R. H. ROSS Clerk, Domestic Relations Court Taylor County, Texas By Faye Terry, Deputy.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Sara Luna, 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 March A.D. 1969, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 7th day of January A.D. 1969, in this cause, numbered 4513 on the docket of said court and styled In Re: Ricardo Luna, Plaintiff.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: in regard to adoption as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.
The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.
Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 13th day of January A.D. 1969.
(Seal)

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

Earns Unit Award

HONOLULU — Technical Sergeant James D. McPeters, son of Mrs. Goldie McPeters of Rt. 1, Hazel Green, Ala., is a member of the 61st Military Airlift Wing that has earned the U. S. Outstanding Unit Award.

His wife, Nelda, is the daughter of Charles Jones of 6732 Hovenkamp, Fort Worth. Her mother, Mrs. Irene Jones, resides in Merkel.

Sgt. McPeters, a material specialist at Hickam AFB, Hawaii, with a unit of the 61st, will wear the distinctive ribbons as a permanent decoration.

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THE THREE ARE FOSSIL FUELS.... DERIVED FROM REMAINS OF PRE-HISTORIC ANIMALS OR PLANTS!

WHICH IS ONE OF THE OLDEST FRUITS KNOWN TO MAN?
THE APRICOT... WHICH FIRST GREW IN ASIA! AS FAR BACK AS 2000 B.C. IT WAS UNDER CULTIVATION IN CHINA!

Charter No. 7481 National Bank Region No. 11
Call No. 468

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE Farmers & Merchants National Bank OF MERKEL, IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON DEC. 31, 1968 PUBLISHED IN RESPONSE TO CALL MADE BY COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY, UNDER SECTION 5211, U.S. REVISED STATUTES.

ASSETS

- Cash, balances with other banks, and cash items in process of collection \$1,223,139.23
- United States Government obligation 1,159,965.94
- Obligations of States and political subdivisions 952,787.32
- Other Securities Stock in FRB 9,000.00
- Loans and discounts 1,195,323.31
- Bank premises furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises 60,000.00
- Real estate owned other than bank premises 2.00
- TOTAL ASSETS \$4,600,217.80

LIABILITIES

- Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations \$3,855,294.43
- Deposits of United States Government 22,534.76
- Deposits of States and political subdivisions 232,612.95
- Certified and officers' checks, etc. 10,855.50
- TOTAL DEPOSITS \$4,121,397.65
(a) Total demand deposits 4,121,397.65
- TOTAL LIABILITIES \$1,121,297.65

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

- (c) Common stock—total par value 3,000 shares at \$50.00 par value \$ 150,000.00
No. shares authorized 3,000 — No. shares outstanding 3,000
- Surplus 150,000.00
- Undivided profits 178,820.15
- TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS \$ 478,820.15
- TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS \$4,600,217.80

MEMORANDA

- Average of total deposits for the 15 calendar days ending with call date \$4,116,540.16
- Average of total loans for the 15 calendar days ending with call date 1,239,872.33
- Valuation reserves, as deducted from loans shown in asset item 7 50,000.00

I, Booth Warren, President, of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this report of condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

BOOTH WARREN

We, the undersigned directors attest the correctness of this report of condition and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief is true and correct.

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