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Up The Canyon

By TOM RUSSOM

Well, there's plenty to write about this week after another two inches of rain, with things already in good shape. The rain, every drop of it, went into the ground. I haven't heard anyone say the ground isn't wet now. I will say the farmers sure need to get into the fields.

Perhaps there's more wheat being grazed with livestock than there has been for a good many years. Most of the farmers are thinking wheat will be real cheap and cattle so high that the grazing would be the best bet, and perhaps that is true.

We sometimes think when everything is in such good shape here at home, we wonder how it is elsewhere. We have just returned home from a little trip up in northeast Texas, the wheat and oats were knee high. We saw 100 acres of oats already headed out and they were just speaking of all. It seems that the farmers were all doing real good; most of the land was ready for planting and one thing we noticed were so many new homes.

On our trip we visited my sister and family, who live in McKinney. We had plenty of fresh garden stuff to eat. I just must take our thoughts back about a week or two ago to Easter Sunday, a great day it was. We had our annual Easter Sunrise Service and then all returned home to attend the regular church services. About 120 attended the service at Pioneer Church. The Gover Blair family were here for the service and a lot of families who lived here at some time. Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hill of Houston and family attended services. Also Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Ray and family of Fort Worth were here. They were visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray.

The ladies of Pioneer Memorial Church will bake your favorite cake or pie, including birthday cakes and candy. Their project is a livingroom suite for the parsonage.

The Rev. and Mrs. David Hutchins, pastor and wife of Pioneer Church, have just returned home after visiting Rev. Hutchins' parents at Denton, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hutchins.

Recently Mr. and Mrs. Blair and daughter of Fort Worth were driving up the Canyon and stopped for a few minutes' visit with us. They also visited Mr. Blair's sister, Mrs. B. H. Riney, who has not been too well for quite some time.

MHS Senior Play Set for April 25

The "Stage is set" and actors are ready for the Merkel High School Senior Play.

Seniors are presenting the farce, "Take Your Medicine," a comedy in the "funniest of fashion."

Friday, April 25 is the date. Matinee is at 1:30 p.m. and evening performance begins at 7:30. Admission will be students 25 cents and adults 50 cents.

Sports, Entertainment Spotlight on Merkel BOOSTER CLUB BANQUET SLATED

Gordon Wood, head coach at Brownwood High School, will be the guest speaker for Merkel's All-Sports Banquet here Saturday, April 26.

Sponsored by the Booster Club, the event will be held at the school cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. W. J. Roddy will cater the food and girls from the home economics class will serve. They will be directed by home economics teacher, Mrs. Judith Blankenship.

Dan Allen, Booster Club president, said the annual event will honor high school students, both boys and girls, who participate in athletic activities.

Brownwood High School's head football coach and athletic director, Gordon L. Wood is reserved himself a page in the annals of Texas schoolboy football history with an amazing 22 year record of 220 wins, 37 losses, and seven ties.

And this sterling record includes five state championships — three of them at Brownwood in 1960 and 1965-67 — nine district championships and two district co-championships.

Wood was chosen coach of the year in 1965 polling 7 of the Texas State Sportswriters' Association and was a runnerup in 1960 and 1965.

A graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, Wood also holds a Master of Education degree from the school.

He began his coaching career in 1938 at Spur and was head coach at Rule before spending four years in the Navy.

In 1945 he resumed his coaching career at Roscoe and later worked at high schools in Seminole, Winters, Stamford, where he took two state championships, and Victoria.

Wood, who has won 24 out of his 26 play-off games — is very active in the State Coaches Association, having served as di-

rector from 1955-60; vice president 1967-68; and president 1968-69.

He coached the victorious North All Star team in the 1968 Houston clinic and has spoken for coaching clinics including the Texas State High School Coaches Clinic in Houston, Howard Payne College Clinic in Brownwood, Sul Ross State College Clinic in Alpine, Ohio High School Coaching Clinic in Canton, Ohio, and Southern California High School Coaches Association at Disneyland.

Wood will be a guest lecturer at the New Mexico High School Coaches Association at Albuquerque this summer.

Tickets to the all-sports event will go on sale Monday and price is \$2.00 each.

During the program the Booster Club will recognize the outstanding lineman of the year, outstanding back and most conscientious player.

Citizens planning on attending the banquet are urged to buy their tickets early, so that food arrangements can be made, said Allen.



GORDON WOOD
... here April 26

HIGH SCHOOL RODEO IS APRIL 18-19

Merkel's first rodeo in "several years" will be held here at the Riding Arena Friday and Saturday, April 18-19.

Sponsored by the Merkel High School Rodeo Club, the Grand Entry will start at 7 p.m. with the posting of colors, said Robert Boyd, club president. Performances for both days will begin at 7 p.m. Contestants will arrive from cities including Hamlin, Aspermont, Clyde, Sisterdale, Abilene, Trent, Sweetwater, Anson, Noodle, Stamford, Haskell, San Angelo, Goldsboro and Eastland.

The organization of the Merkel High School Rodeo Club began "approximately one year ago," and they now total twenty members.

"One of the first things we started out planning for was a rodeo," said Boyd. "Merkel has not had a rodeo in many years, and we wanted to be the club that began it again."

Immediate planning committee consists of Boyd, Woozer Boyd, Pam Sandusky, Suzie Riney, Betsy Johnson, Ghronda Tarpley and Buster Tarpley.

Also Dayna McAninch, Gail Boone, Jennie Fincher, Karlen Gamble, Terry Sue Woozencraft, and Kathryn Criswell.

Teddy Byrd is club sponsor and John Boyd is arena director.

Judges and timekeepers for the two-evening performances will be Gene Stewart, Mack Baggett and Gary Rust.

Ghronda Tarpley is chairman of the concession stands, which will be equipped to serve "short orders," and cold drinks.

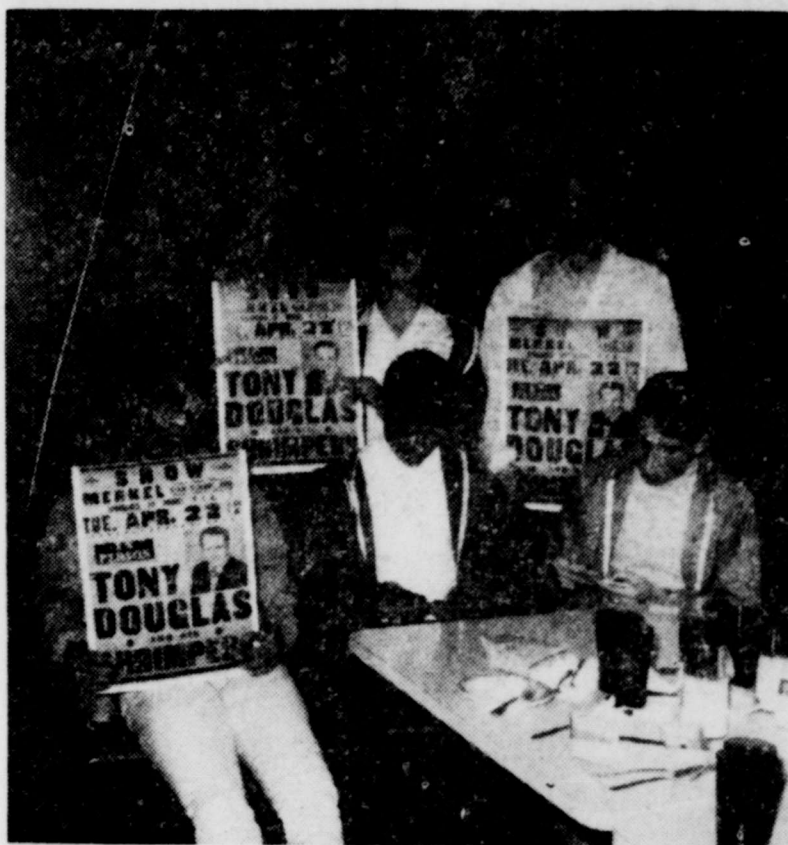
Boyd said that two clowns would be on hand both evenings for entertainment.

There will be eight girls setting the pivots in the Grand Entry with purple and gold uniforms — traditional colors of the Merkel school.

Setting the pivots will be Jenny Fincher, Gail Boone, Betsy Johnson, Ghronda Tarpley, Suzie Riney, Pam Sandusky, Patricia Boyd and Debbie Fincher.

"There is a 14 and under age group," said Boyd, "and it will include bull riding, break away roping, and girls' barrel racing." The 15-18 age group will include bull riding, tie down calf roping, ribbon roping and girls' barrel racing.

Admission will be \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students.



Ticket sales and posters — display Friday, getting tickets and crews for Missing on the Merkel PTA Stage Show were representatives of the high school classes and organizations. The Stage Show is featuring Tony Douglas the Shrimpers Tuesday, April 22 at the high school auditorium. Pictured here are, from left, Tommy Anderson, Bob Tate and Alan Reed; standing are Jan Beasley and Mike Steck. Class or organizations selling the most tickets will receive a prize. (Photo by Connie Harris)

MERKEL LIONS CLUB 'THANKS LASSITER'

Members of the Merkel Lions Club at their noon meeting Tuesday passed a resolution "thanking Joe Earl Lassiter for his outstanding work in organizing and directing the opposition to House Bill No. 300 and to Senate Bill Nos. 474-475.

Both House and Senate Bills concern the Governor's Report on public school education, which has been a "fiery subject" in and around small school districts.

Vice president, Nolan Palmer, presided for the meeting in the absence of president, the Rev. Newton Daniel.

"Joe Lassiter has done an outstanding job for our state in voicing the opposition of the people," said Booth Warren, in making the resolution.

In other business, new officers were elected for the '67-70 Lions year.

They are Dr. Don Warren, president; W. D. Gamble, first vice president; Mack Fisher, second vice president, and Fred Starbuck, third vice president.

H. N. Odum was elected Lion Tamer; Herman Carson, Secretary; and Onis Crawford, secretary-treasurer.

New directors are H. O. Boney and Daniel. Other directors are Frank Breaux and Ray Wilson.

Officers and directors will be installed at a June meeting and will take over their duties in July.

A broom sale and club project for fund raising projects. Project committee is Cyrus Pee, chairman, and Mack Fisher and Frank Breaux.

TONY DOUGLAS SHOW SCHEDULED

Tickets to the Merkel PTA Stage Show, featuring Tony Douglas and the Shrimpers are going at a fast rate, according to PTA president, Gene Stewart.

"We are very pleased with the response to the Stage Show," said Stewart, "and especially the response the high school students have given in selling tickets."

The Stage Show is Tuesday, April 22 at the Merkel High School auditorium and will begin at 8 p.m.

Students representing classes and organizations at the Merkel High School met at the Asteroid Restaurant this past Friday and tickets were handed out for selling.

A \$15 prize will be given the class or organization selling the most tickets, said Stewart.

Organizations and classes selling tickets to the Stage Show are Terry Sue Doan, junior class; Mike Steck, sophomore class, and Jan Beasley, freshman class.

Representing organizations are Alan Reed, Badger Band; Bob Tate, Football Team, and Dayna McAninch, Cheerleaders.

Representatives also have committees under them, said Stewart, and all are "vying for the \$15 prize money."

Tony Douglas, a native of Athens, Tex., is well known to the young set in and around Merkel. Approximately two months ago he was in Merkel for a short visit and autographed several recordings.

Douglas' latest cut is "That's What I Get for Loving You," and his hit release was "His and Hers."

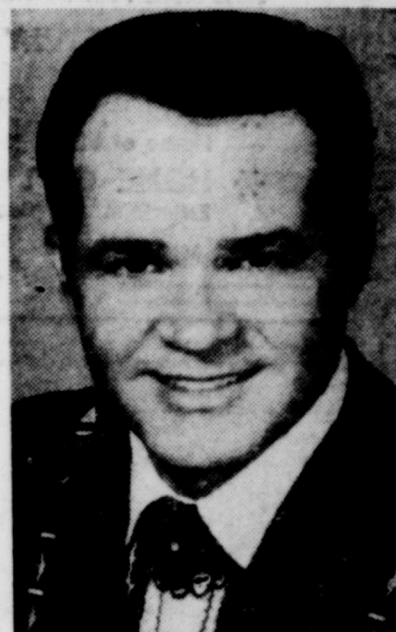
A rock and roll hit of Douglas' is "Piddle Around the Puddle," and another that has "real made good" is "What's the Matter, Mister?"

A new instrumental release just out is the "Shrimpsy."

Members of the band are Chuck Jennings, lead guitar; Harlan Howell, bass; Bobby Garrett, Steel and Freddy Bowman, drummer.

The PTA project for this year is purchasing study tables with equipment for the schools.

"Since these tables are very vital for the students, we are hoping for a sell-out in tickets," said Stewart. "You will know that when you purchase a ticket you



TONY DOUGLAS
... to be here April 22

will be helping the Parent-Teacher Association and thereby you, schools and the students."

Prices for tickets are fifty cents for children, seventy-five cents for high school students and \$1.50 for adults. Advanced adult tickets may be purchased for \$1.25.

Tickets will be sold at the door," said Stewart. "However, if we sell all our tickets in advance there may be trouble finding even standing room."

Masons to Host Family Supper

A Family Supper for Masons and their families will be held Monday, April 21, on the main floor of the Lodge Hall on Edwards Street.

Worshipful Master, Burr Hendricks, said that serving would begin at 7:30 p.m. and that "Masons and their families were invited to attend."

Roy Davis Files For Alderman

Roy Davis of 1507 Heath Street is the only person who has filed for alderman on the Merkel City Council, as of Wednesday's press time.

Election will be held May 27 and filing deadline is May 6, according to city secretary, Mrs. Flossie McKeever.

Friday Singing Begins at 7 P.M.

Third Friday Night Singing will be held this Friday, 7 p.m. at the Victory Baptist Church, according to president, Mack Seymore. Victory Baptist Church is located at 3rd and El Paso Streets.

Seymore invited all who enjoy good singing to make plans to attend.

Wanted—Odd Jobs

Merkel High School Cheerleaders are getting out early this year, putting in their "bid" for odd jobs that might be "running around the area."

Seriously, head cheerleader Dayna McAninch, sends out an SOS for "anyone who needs almost anything done in the odd job line," to contact her or any of the other cheerleaders.

Cheerleaders besides Dayna, are Terry Sue Doan, Dayna Teaff, Glenna Doan and Cindy Wiley.

Funds collected from "odd jobs" will be used for cheerleaders' school, to be held at Cisco Junior College, June 8-15, and also for the purchase of cheerleader sweaters.



MERKEL HIGH CHEERLEADERS—To lead the 1969-70 "cheering section" for the Merkel Badgers will be head cheerleader, Dayna McAninch, center, and from left, Debbie Teaff, Glenna Doan, Cindy Wiley, and Terry Sue Doan. Cheerleaders are now "advertising" for odd jobs to earn money to attend Cheerleaders School in Cisco this spring. (Staff Photo)

Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Annual Members Meeting
BEGINS TODAY AT 9 A.M. WITH
Registration and Entertainment
Barbecue Lunch at Noon
Business Meeting at 1:30 p.m.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
County of Taylor
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
That by virtue of a certain Execution issued out of the Honorable 95th District Court of Dallas County,

of the 19th day of February 1969, by District Clerk of said Court for the sum of Two Thousand and eight hundred ninety five (\$2,895.00) Dollars and costs of suit, under a Execution, in favor of Irving Bank and Trust Company in a certain cause in said Court, No. 68-9305-D and styled Irving Bank and Trust Company vs. Pearl B. Stewart, placed in my hands for service, I George Maxwell as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 7th day of April 1969, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor

County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: 1.3500 acres of George Hancock Survey 430 and levied upon as the property of Pearl B. Stewart and that on the first Tuesday in May 1969, the same being the 6th 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 Execution I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Pearl B. Stewart.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County, Texas.

Witness my hand, this 7th day of April, 1969.
GEORGE MAXWELL
Sheriff Taylor County, Texas
By Robert Alexander Deputy. 6 3tc



DARRELL W. DAILY
... in aircraft maintenance

Completes Basic At Lackland AFB

SAN ANTONIO — Airman Darrell W. Daily, son of Mrs. Lucy O. Kroth, Tye, has completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex. He has been assigned to Sheppard AFB, Tex., for training in aircraft maintenance.

Airman Daily is a 1968 graduate of Merkel High School.

Book on Prayer Is Reviewed

EDITOR'S NOTE — Mrs. W. H. McConnell, librarian at Merkel Public Library is reviewing this week's book, "All Things Are Possible Through Prayer," by Dr. Charles L. Allen.

Charles L. Allen is pastor of Grace Methodist Church, Atlanta, Ga., where he preaches to overflow congregations. He writes a column for the Atlanta Constitution and other newspapers and travels extensively. Dr. Allen is author of nine inspirational books that have attained a sale of more than 350,000 copies.

"Is God really concerned about my day to day problems?"

This small book contains simple, applicable answers to this and other often-asked questions — "Why Should I Pray?" "Is Physical Healing Possible Through Prayer?" and "Does God always

answer Prayer?"
Dr. Allen discusses the reasons for praying, what to pray for to receive God's power and His Peace, how to pray effectively for others, and presents illustrations from his experience in counseling as to how God answers prayer. Dr. Allen asks everyone everywhere to pray and believe, "All things are possible through prayer."
This book may be checked out from the Merkel Public Library.
—By Mrs. W. H. McConnell

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JO ANN LASSITER
... plans May wedding

Jo Ann Lassiter, Rod Robertson Engagement Told

Jo Ann Lassiter will be married to Rodney Warren Robertson in late May. The wedding will be at the home of the bride-elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Earl Lassiter.

Parents of the bridegroom-elect are Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd B. Robertson. The couple graduated from Merkel High School and attend Hardin-Simmons University.

Miss Lassiter is a sophomore business major, employed at the Bureau of Economic and Business Research at H-SU.

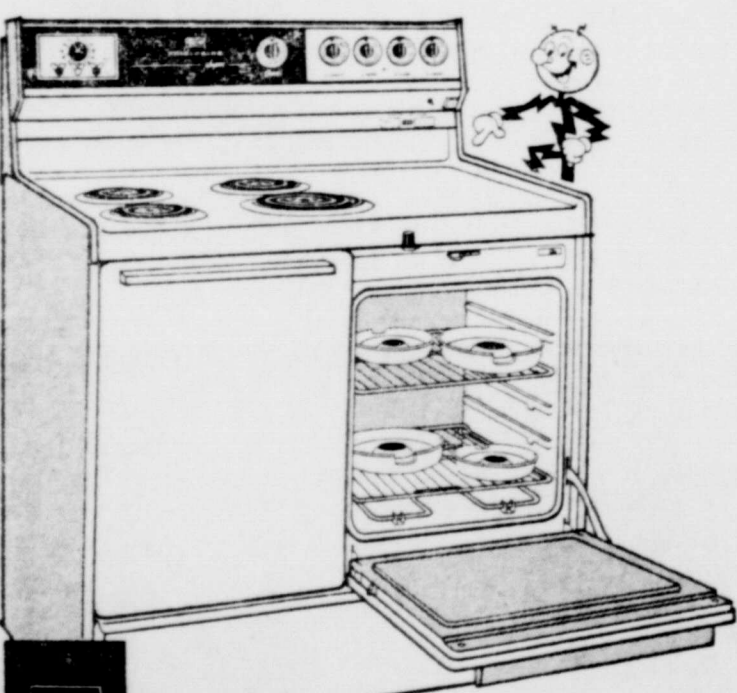
Her fiance will receive a BBA degree in business in May. He is a member of ROTC and will be commissioned a second lieutenant in May.

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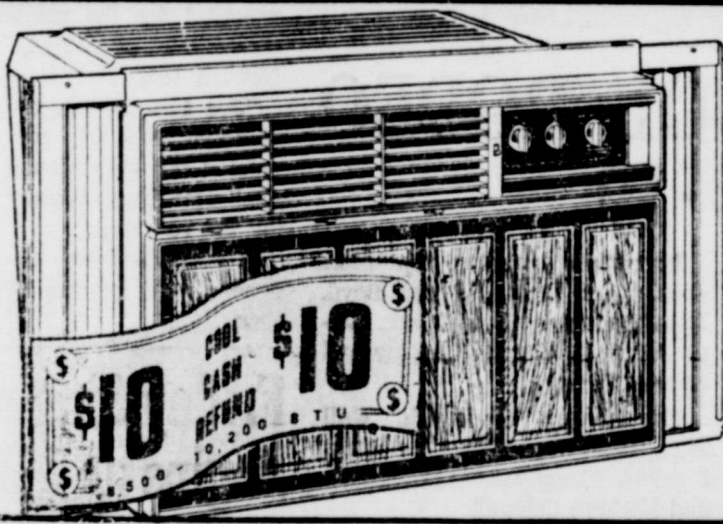
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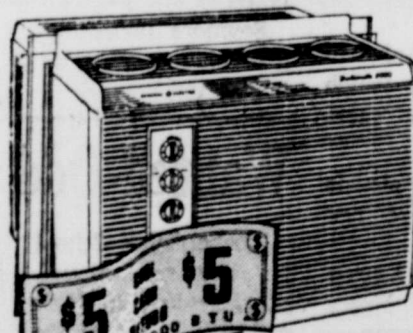


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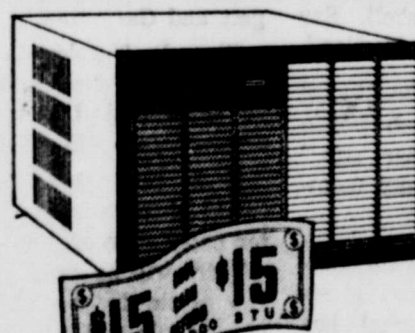
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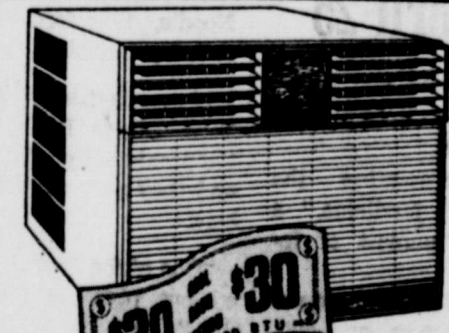
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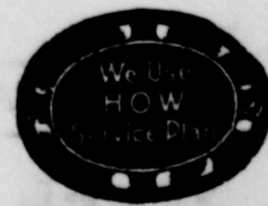
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WANTED - MHS Cheerleaders want odd jobs to earn money to go to Cheerleaders School. If you have any kind of job, please call Dayna McAninch, 928-5609 or Glenna Doan, 928-5728. 6 tfr

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: G. C. Hardy and his unknown heirs and assigns, Defendant.

GREETING:
YOUR 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 26th day of May A.D. 1969, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 8th day of April A.D. 1969, in this cause, numbered 32243-A on the docket of said court and styled Norman Boggs, Carl Webb, and Johnny Jones, Trustees for and in behalf of the United Pentecostal Church, Plaintiff, vs. G. C. Hardy, his heirs and assigns, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land situated in Taylor County, Texas, and described as: Lot No. Sixteen (16), in No. Two (2) of the Campus Addition adjoining McMurry College, Abilene, Texas, as shown by the plat of said addition, of record in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, Plat Volume No. One (1), page No. Sixty-Six (66); and as shown in a certain warranty deed wherein K. B. Leggett conveyed this property to G. C. Hardy, dated January 1, 1924, and recorded in Vol. 143, page 78, Deed Records, Taylor County, Texas; being one lot and known as 1501 Portland Street, Abilene, Texas, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law.

MHS Drama Club Receives \$50

Mrs. Mack Fisher was hostess to the Fortnightly Study Club meeting at the Merkel Restaurant April 8.

During business session, members voted to contribute \$50.00 to the Merkel High School Drama Department to be used as needed. The gift to the Drama Department will be the club's project for this year.

A program on "Creative Federation Woman" was presented by Mrs. Ben Robert Hicks and Mrs. Eddie Glenn Sandusky.

Mrs. Hicks reported on her recent trip to Hawaii. Mrs. Sandusky presented various interesting hobbies a "creative" woman may pursue.

NEEDED - Man with mower for about week's work. Contact Fred Starbuck.

CARD OF THANKS
WITH A HEARTFULL OF GRATITUDE thanks to all my friends and loved ones who so graciously helped to make it a happy day for me. For all the pretty cards, all the lovely flowers and gifts I am most appreciative. To my out of town visitors from San Antonio, Hobbs, N. M., Seymour, Midland and Tye, the registry of names will give me many hours of happy memories. Thank you and God Bless You All.
Mrs. C. P. Stevens

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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 8th day of April A.D. 1969.

(Seal)
Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk,
42nd District Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Faye Terry, Deputy. 7 tfr

Teen Center Sets Clean-Up Day

The Merkel Teen Center will have a "cleanup day" this Saturday and will begin at 9 a.m., according to president, Mike Dudley.

"The purpose of this cleanup day is to remove the tree stumps on the east side of the center," said Dudley. "We hope to have this side fenced in in the near future so we can play outside games."

The Center will be open this Saturday night and a local group will entertain. Known as the "Scuzzy," the group includes Lon Beasley, Roger Beard, Mike Ray and John Dixon.

Wednesday morning the center received a check totaling \$233.33 from the Merkel Community Fund. Improvements are on the agenda and will include remodeling rest-rooms and making other repairs to the building.

"The Teen Council invites all parents and adults to come by and inspect the center," said Mrs. Robert Harris, adult counselor.

"We are always glad for parents to visit the Center at any time," she said.

Girls Track Team Winners Named

Merkel Girls Track Team placed first in the 500 yard relay with a time of 1:56.7 at the District 23 Division A meet held in Anson April 10.

Karlen Gamble was first in the 600 dash with a time of 23.6.

Other MHS girls placing in the meet were Mary Hicks, 4th in shot put; Judy Hester, 4th and Terry Hatchett, 5th in discus; Ann Walker, 2nd, Marylee Noster, 3rd and Suzie Wilson, 4th in board jump.

Also Marylee Noster, 4th in triple jump and Ann Walker, 5th; Karlan Gamble, 3rd and Pat Bunch, 4th in high jump; Kathy Griffin, 5th, 440 yard dash; Beth Peachey, 4th, 200 dash; Noster, 3rd and Walker, 6th in finals 60 yd. dash.

In the 80 meter hurdles, Sandra Cox placed 2nd and in the 100 yard dash (finals) Marylee Noster, 4th and Sandra Cox, 5th.

Merkel placed third in the Finals One Mile Relay and 1st in the 800 yard relay, and 3rd in finals 440 relay.

Winners of the first, second and third places go to Regional, while the 4th place winner will be alternate. Regionals will be held in Winters April 24.

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Mrs. Buchanan Host Dorcas Class

The Dorcas Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met April 10 in the home of Mrs. R. Y. Buchanan.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Mrs. Homer Finch, followed with testimonials by each member. Dorcas class song, "What A Friend We Have In Jesus," was sung by the members; Mrs. Buchanan pianist.

Attending were Meses. Clay Satterwhite, R. H. Matthews, Agnes King, Mary Jones, Josie Shanks, Sam Hill, John Mansfield, Cordelia Schere and Emery Wilburn.

Also Meses. J. W. Tiner, Ira Moore, W. L. McCandless, Finch, Eunice Massey, Bessie Jackson, Callie Price, Callie Anderson, Oma Robertson, Myrtle Waker and hostess, Buchanan.

NEW ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pruett of Houston are the parents of an 8 lb. 3 oz. boy, born March 14. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lewis of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. James Davis of San Angelo. Great-grandmother is Dessie Lewis of Abilene.

Cotton Growers Meet Here Tues.

The Taylor Countywide Cotton Meeting will be held this coming Tuesday at the Taylor Electric Cooperative building. Meeting time will be 7:30 p.m.

"We decided last year to rotate our Countywide Cotton Meeting from one section of the county to another," said H. C. Stanley. "Since we are having this meeting in Merkel I hope that all Merkel, Trent, and Tye cotton

growers will turn out for the meeting as well as the Tuscola and Lawn growers did last year."

The "Cotton Team" from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University, will be at the meeting. Fred Elliott, Cotton specialist, will discuss weed control by using some of the new chemical weed killers. Weldon Newton, extension entomologist, will tell about what is new in the control of insects, with special emphasis on boll weevil control.

Beta Sigma Phi Sets Game Night

The Merkel Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will have a Game Night at the Asteroid Restaurant Saturday, April 19.

Mrs. James Allen, Beta Sigma member said that activities would begin at 7:30 p.m. and there would be "prizes or all."

Quarterly Report of Taylor County Treasurer

On April 14, 1969, The Commissioners Court met in regular session, compared and examined the report of Mrs. Bob Haile, County Treasurer, for the Quarter ending on March 31, 1969, and found it to be correct and the amounts received and paid out to be correct since the preceding report.

FUNDS	Balance Last Qtr.	Received This Qtr.	Paid Out This Qtr.	Balance This Qtr.
Jury	\$ 41,674.72	\$ 4,105.72	\$ 10,119.91	\$ 35,660.53
Precinct No. 1	58,200.52	66,018.27	19,046.94	105,171.85
Precinct No. 2	56,013.12	55,725.61	36,344.12	105,394.81
Precinct No. 3	47,287.82	44,095.27	13,546.97	77,836.12
Precinct No. 4	59,503.38	55,294.55	40,208.91	74,589.02
General Fund	354,184.37	164,207.35	114,634.76	403,756.96
Pauper Fund	8,115.72	30,214.50	29,749.52	8,580.70
Road Fund Ser. '47	230.00	.00	.00	230.00
Road Bond Ser. '53	24,576.40	.00	.00	24,576.40
Road Dist. 1, Skg. Series 1947-53	43,520.24	8,673.31	31,222.25	20,971.30
Officers Salary	45,980.68	154,672.98	139,403.41	61,250.25
Lateral Road Fund	18,719.74	125.00	.00	18,844.74
Road & Bridge R.O.W.	23,083.55	250.00	.00	23,333.55
Perm. School	1,694.77	378.75	190.75	1,882.77
Payroll Account	1,050.00	184,324.39	184,324.39	1,050.00
Perm. Improvement Skg. Series 1954	46,204.18	13,423.23	52,800.95	6,826.46
Library Fund	1,382.93	2,336.00	3,056.26	662.67
Perm. Improvement	68,833.00	24,965.88	1,703.42	92,095.46
Rent Fund	6,501.85	.00	.00	6,501.85
Road Bond Ser. '55	686.40	.00	.00	686.40
Road Dist. 1 Skg. Ser. '55	24,623.72	8,216.14	30,406.50	2,433.36
F.I.C.A. Tax Fund	18,059.72	7,032.04	.00	25,091.76
Ref'd Bond Skg. Series 1957	408.55	69.65	.00	478.20
Spec. R. & B.	1,286.00	.00	.00	1,286.00
J. P. Prec. 1, Pl. 2	10,724.99	201.65	.00	10,926.64
Coliseum Skg. Series 1967	1,124,992.58	24,802.56	266,103.48	883,691.66
Coliseum Skg. Series 1967	51,830.47	17,776.55	34,462.50	35,144.52
Courthouse & Jail Bond Series 1967	2,602,765.22	.00	.00	2,602,765.22
Courthouse & Jail Skg. Series 1967	62,053.20	149,341.73	145,548.55	65,826.38
	\$4,834,187.84	\$1,016,251.33	\$1,152,893.59	4,697,545.58

BANK BALANCES

Abilene National	\$ 155,389.91	Total Bank Balances	\$4,697,545.58
Bank of Commerce	184,200.00	Total Time Deposits	3,875,300.00
Citizens National	1,357,835.13		
First National	2,056,948.80	Total Checking	\$ 822,245.58
First State, Abilene	733,554.77		
First State, Tuscola	209,614.81		
*(Outstanding deposit	2.16		

Securities Owned By Taylor County—Owned by Perm. School Fund

Jury Fund Gov. Bonds	\$10,000.00	Buffalo Gap School Bond	4,700.00
Rd. Dist. No. 1 Skg. Fd. S. 47-53		Everman Ind. School Bds.	8,000.00
Buffalo Gap S. Bonds	3,200.00	Government Bonds	3,000.00
		San Saba Road Bonds	1,000.00
		Federal Land Bonds	1,636.30
	\$13,200.00		\$18,336.30

TAYLOR COUNTY BOND INDEBTEDNESS

Issues	Original Issues	Bonds Redeemed	Bonds Outstanding
Bond Series 1953	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 285,000.00	\$ - 65,000.00
Bond Series 1954	850,000.00	585,000.00	265,000.00
Bond Series 1955	350,000.00	350,000.00	.00
Coliseum Bonds S. 1967	1,750,000.00	.00	1,750,000.00
Courthouse & Jail B. F. 1967	3,000,000.00	95,000.00	2,905,000.00
	\$4,300,000.00	\$1,315,000.00	\$4,985,000.00

The Requirements of Art. No. 401 P.C. have been complied with, and a tabular statement has been filed as required.

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WINNERS NAMED IN TC 4-H CLUB ELIMINATIONS

First place winners to represent the county in the District 7 contest at San Angelo College April 26 were selected at the Taylor County 4-H Elimination contest Saturday.

First place for public speaking in the senior division went to Mark Dudley, and to Christy Boone in the junior division. Second place winners in the junior division was Mike Henry.

In civil defense, junior division, first to Mary Carter and Cathy Holloway, seconds to junior divisionists Tonja McAninch and Mary Boyd.

Senior division winners in electric demonstrations went to Katie Neill and Suzie Wilson. Second in junior division, Paul Tucker and David Hendrick.

Andy Stephen and Leslie Reddin were first in senior division safety demonstration. Yeeann Holloway and Deborah Goetz were second. Junior division was captured by Annetta Stephan and Becky Young.

In the senior division vegetable production and market, a first went to Kathryn Criswell and Mike Dudley. Junior division went to Larry Toliver and James Allison.

Natural resources senior division winner was Robert Boyd.

Patricia Boyd took junior division first in farm and ranch management, and Beverly Gimore and Jo-he Roddy took junior division first in cooperative demonstration.

Horse demonstration first was taken by senior divisionists Betsy Johnson and Dayna McAninch.

In food and nutritional educational activity, Margo McAlister was first in senior division. Gail Boone and Kathy Mansfield were first in senior division vegetable preparation and use. Audy Byrd and Gayla Toliver were second in the junior division.

In the live-stock judging, senior division winning team was Rusty H. Howay.

Clothing education, active in the junior division, Jerrrie Stephan was third place.

Rifle team Jerry Sandusky, Pam Sandusky, Robert Clemmer and Dwain Johnson in senior division. In the junior division for the Rifle Team are Mark Clemmer, Gavin Boone, Tom Stevens and Bert McMurray.

Judy Brnevat, senior foods winner will go to the district, and Teresa Clemmer, winner in the junior Foods division.

Horse judging team is not final.

Trent Parents Received Sen's Medals Monday

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Lackey of Trent were presented several posthumous awards Monday, April 14 at 2 p.m. in the office of Col. Johnny M. Rice, professor of military science at Hardin-Simmons University.

The awards were awarded posthumously to their son, Pfc. Robert E. Lackey, who was killed in Vietnam Dec. 11, 1968, while serving with Battery A, 2nd Battalion, 320th Artillery, 101st Airborne Division.

Awards presented were the Bronze Star Medal (1st Oak Leaf Cluster) for heroism, Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service from April 8 - Dec. 11, 1968, Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service from May 1 - Sept. 30, 1968, and the Purple Heart.

Service medals and badges include the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Ribbon and the Marksman Badge.

Motel Announces New Management

New managers of the Asteroid Motel are Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Howard, formerly of Munday. The Howards who have had experience in the motel management will live at the Asteroid. They have five children, all married and living away from home.

W. J. Reddy, owner of the Asteroid Motel and Restaurant said that the "Howards would be taking over the motel part of the Asteroid which would leave him more time for his Real Estate business."

Associated with Reddy in Real Estate will be Mr. Reddy, and their son, Ronald. They will maintain an office at 129 Asteroid and will continue to live in Merkel at the Asteroid.

"There have been so many people asking if we are leaving Merkel," said Reddy. "I thought we'd better let them know that we like Merkel and we plan to stay here."

Reddy invites Merkel area people to "come by and meet the Howards."

Mrs. Andy Shouse Speaks to Club

The Past Matrons and Past Patrons Club met at the Masonic Hall April 8th with president, Mrs. Wade Ensminger, presiding.

After the business meeting a devotional was given by Mrs. Andy Shouse on "Friendship." Games were played, led by Mrs. H. H. Windham. The names of secret pals were revealed and gifts exchanged.

Refreshments were served to 17 members.

BADGER TRACKS

By WALLY KNIGHT

High School students were entertained Friday by another Southern Assembly program. This program featured three men from Austria who sang, danced and told some folklore about their country.

Kenny Jernigan will journey to Lubbock this Saturday for the Class AA Regional track meet. Kenny won the first place and the right to go to Regional in the mile run last Saturday at Stamford in the district meet. Bill Whisenhunt placed sixth in district in the 330 Intermediate high hurdles.

Mrs. Don Dudley and some members of the Drama Club will travel to Lubbock this Saturday to view the Regional one-act play competition.

There is less than five weeks of school left, T-minus 23 days and counting. All conditions are good!

The Teen Center will be open this Saturday night at 8:00 p.m. All high school students are invited to attend. Bring just 35c and for no extra charge you will be able to see Steve Doan's flower pants.

Students are now selling tickets for the Tony Douglas show that will be in the high school auditorium April 22.

Mrs. John Barnes Dies At Age 71

Mrs. John (Lula Mae) Barnes, 71, died Sunday, April 13 at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene after a short illness. Funeral services were held Monday in Trent Church of Christ with Ron Hull, minister, officiating. Burial was in Trent Garden of Memories.

She was born Lula Mae Geer in BonAir, Tenn., March 16, 1888, and married John Barnes July 28, 1914 in Weatherford. She moved to Trent area in 1920, then moved to Oklahoma. They returned to the Trent area in 1935, where they lived from that time. Mrs. Barnes was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband; one son, John Jr., of Corpus Christi; six daughters, Mrs. B. C. Payne of Abilene, Mrs. Edna Bergstrom of Chicago, Ill., Mrs. R. T. Bishop of Odessa, Mrs. Calvin Keith Sr., of Monahans, Mrs. Charles Bagley of Trent and Mrs. B. W. Hamner of Trent; 16 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; four brothers, Henry Geer Geer of Florida, Jesse Overton of Chattanooga, Tenn., Sutton Geer of California and Samuel Geer Jr., of Tennessee; two sisters, Mrs. Mattie Geer of Arkansas and Mrs. Alice Payne of Alabama.

Mrs. Durham Dies in Clovis

Funeral services for Mrs. Rose Durham, 88, of Clovis, N.M., and mother of Merkel's Postmaster, Wren Durham, were held Wednesday, April 9 in Clovis.

Services were held in the Charles V. Steed Memorial Chapel, with Dr. Edward Hamilton, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, officiating. He was assisted by the Rev. Jack Moffatt, associate pastor. Burial was in the Mission Garden of Memories by the Steed-Todd Funeral Home.

Mrs. Durham, a longtime Clovis, N.M., resident, died Sunday at the Clovis Memorial Hospital. Mr. Durham died in 1967.

Mr. and Mrs. Durham, former Merkel residents, were publishers of The Merkel Mail from 1920 until 1928.

Survivors include three sons, Jack of Lubbock, Wren of Merkel, and Neil of Clovis; four daughters, Mrs. Tommie Echols and Nell Durham, both of Amarillo, Mrs. Sie Hamm of Fort Worth and Mrs. Doris Foreman of Denver, Colo.; and ten grandchildren.

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4-H Club Sees Demonstrations

The Merkel 4-H Club met Thursday, April 10, for its regular meeting.

American Pledge was led by Vicki Reddin and Jodie Roddy, the 4-H Motto, Pledge and Prayer. Inspiration was given by Mary Beth Boyd.

The program was presented by the members who gave their demonstrations. Meeting was then adjourned and refreshments were served. Reporter is Mary Beth Boyd.

Services Held For Mrs. Stevens

Funeral services for Mrs. James Pearl Stevens Jr., were held Friday, April 11 in the Trent United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Jim Sharp, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mrs. Stevens, 36, died Thursday at her home in Trent, following an apparent heart attack.

She was born Betty Jane Taylor July 2, 1932 in Christoval, and married James Stevens June 3, 1954 at Sweetwater. She was a teachers' aide in the Trent School System.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Tommy Earl and John William, both of the home; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Taylor of Hamlin.

Pallbearers were J. M. Heatley, Johnny Heatley, Weldon Steen, Yates Sipe, Hollis Jones and Thurman Jones.

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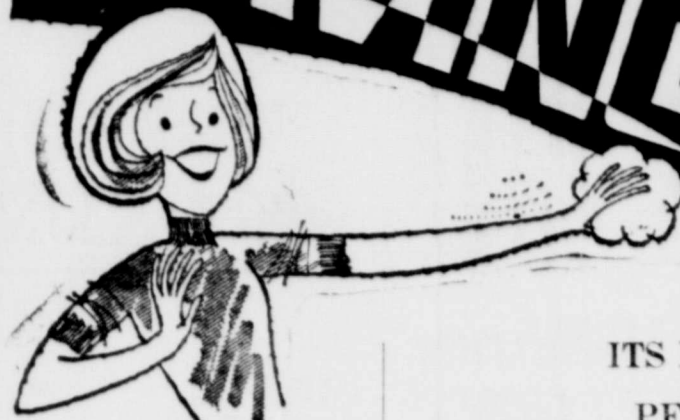
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MILK 2 for **93¢**

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BOLD BOX **59¢**

GAIN GIANT BOX **63¢**

REG. SIZE
OXYDOL Box **29¢**

GIANT
JOY Bottle **69¢**

REG. SIZE
CASCADE Box **39¢**



DOUBLE
ON
WEDS.

METZGERS 1/2 GAL.
BUTTER
MILK .. 2 for **89¢**



SHORT RIBS CHOICE BEEF POUND **35¢**

BACON DECKERS POUND **63¢**

FRANKS DECKERS ALL MEAT LB. **55¢**

STEAK CHOICE BEEF SIRLOIN or T-BONE LB. **1.05**

CHEESE WISCONSIN CHEDDAR LB. **75¢**

STEAKS GOOCH 5 BEEF **75¢**

SALT PORK BACON FRESH NO. 1 LB. **45¢**

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