

Up The Canyon

By TOM
RUSSOM

Who is it who hasn't had enough rain?

The rain picture the last few months has completely erased the hot, dry weather picture, that threatened our area earlier with a severe drought.

Just before the rains started a few weeks ago, a lot of the ground was cracked open due to the long, dry hot weather. But now, with the amount of rain we have received, it has sealed cracks over and there is standing water over the land.

With the late rains, the crops are late and are making a wonderful growth and will make a lot of grazing or hay. Some stockmen report they are buying cotton cake to feed the livestock and planning on grass and less hay.

We were on a ranch last Sunday, looking over 40 acres of coastal grass being watered and running 70 head of steers on it. The steers were being fed 2 pounds of cake daily per steer. This setup was far out of anything I have seen for finishing cattle out. The cattle will go to market when they reach 700 pounds. They are now weighing around 550.

We had a report from a good rancher friend down in Coke County this week. He is F. E. Modgling of Bronte. He has sold 1,500 lambs last week, and had bought the lambs earlier to winter, but due to the continued rise in price he resold the lambs and says perhaps his 7 section ranch will go unstocked this winter. So that's what a lot of late rain will do.

Fred White, who ranches on the old White Home Ranch, told us this week after Sammy Cox of Abilene died, that he, White, moved off the Cox ranch, and went back to the old White Home Ranch. Fred said after being ranch foreman on the larger ranches, would make an old man out of a young man, due to the labor shortage.

The Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Phillips of Big Spring were weekend guests in the Tom Russom home. They drove down Sunday night, after church services were over

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PARADE PARTICIPANTS—"Future Merkel Badgers and Cheerleaders" made themselves known as they waved and welcomed Exes to the 1969 Homecoming Festivities Saturday. "Future Badgers and Cheerleaders" are Russell White, Randy Leveridge and Mike and Tim Brady, and Christy Wiley and Suzie Hewitt. (Staff Photo)



PARADE VIEWERS — A good-sized crowd gathered on the streets of Downtown Merkel Saturday to get a "good look" at Homecoming candidates, cheerleaders, Badger Band, and the new 1970 automobiles carrying parade participants. (Staff Photo)

MERKEL BADGERS HIT THE ROAD FOR ASPERMONT THIS FRIDAY

By CONNIE HARRIS

The Badgers will be trying for their third win of the season this Friday night when they take on the Aspermont Hornets, at 8 p.m. at Hornet Field in Aspermont.

Aspermont, who is 2-0 for the season is ranked first in 6-A.

'69 Badgers had fans and exes on the edge of their seats Saturday night as the score at half-time was 6-0, Bears leading. After recovering a Badger fumble on

the 13, James Collins, Baird back, charged over the goal line after 4 plays to put the Bears on the scoreboard with five minutes left in the second quarter.

Tailback Tommy Anderson rolled out wide to receive a pass from quarterback Bill Whisenhunt, to make an 81 yard run over the goal line. The attempt for extra point failed.

Anderson plunged over from the 2 yard line for 6 more points, af-

ter the Badgers drove 54 yards in 7 plays. Whisenhunt scored the two-point conversion after a sneak through the middle.

The Badgers scored their final TD after Randy Smith intercepted a pass from the Bears quarterback Gary Goble, on the 49 yard line. Anderson charged over from the 16 yard line. Don Purser kicked the extra point for the Badger's final TD.

Final score was 21-6.

Merkel	Baird
10 First downs	15
206 Rushing yardage	142
52 Punting yardage	59
2 for 5 Passes completed	6 for 15
2 Passes intercepted by	9
2 for 35 Punts, average	2 for 26
3 for 42 Penalties, yards	11 for 75
2 Fumbles lost	0
MERKEL	0 0 8 13-21
BAIRD	6 0 0 0-6

LIONS CLUB HEARS FOLK-POP MUSIC

Members and guests of the Merkel Lions Club were entertained at their Tuesday noon meeting with musical numbers by the Passersby, a singing duo from McMurry College. Juniors at McMurry, Lee Ferris and Jim Newton, sang popular folk-pop during the luncheon hour.

Following entertainment, president Dr. Don Warren, welcomed guests and new members. Guests included four members of the Abilene Downtown Lions Club, and new member was John Hardesty, manager of Taylor Tele-

phone Cooperative, (signed up by Nolan Palmer).

During the business meeting, members discussed plans for a light bulb sale. Herman Carson, chairman, and Bill Button, Billy King, and the Rev. Jim Sinclair, will head the planning committee for the sale, which will be announced at the Lions' October 7 meeting.

Also approved by members was a slate of sponsors for the Merkel Teen Center. They are Mrs. Glenn Teaff, Mrs. Jackie Doan, Dan Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Billy King and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hewitt.

The adult sponsors meet with the Teen Council and supervise plans for teen activities during the year.

The club's next meeting will be October 7.

EMERGENCY SERIES STARTS THIS WEEK

The first in the series of articles on nuclear emergency appears on Page Two of the Merkel Mail this week.

Prepared by the Office of Civil Defense, Department of Defense, material was mailed to Merkel Fire Chief Waymon Adcock last week for publication.

"There are practical ways for citizens to survive fallout from a nuclear attack," said Adcock, "and this is the reason the De-

Taylor Telephone's Meeting Is Tuesday

Ben D. Sudderth, attorney at law, Comanche, will deliver the principal address at the annual meeting of the membership of Taylor Telephone Cooperative at the Merkel High School auditorium Tuesday, Sept. 30, at 2 p.m., according to TTC manager John Hardesty.

Sudderth, a graduate of Early High School, Howard Payne College and the University of Texas Law School, is presently attorney for the Texas State Wide Telephone Cooperative Association. He served in the Texas Legislature as member of the House of Representatives from 1957 to 1969 and is a practicing attorney in Comanche. He is past-president of the Comanche Chamber of Commerce and president of the Comanche Jaycees. He serves as attorney for Southwestern Peanut Growers Association, Texas Central Railroad, Texas Central Motor Freight and the Comanche County Telephone Company.

He has also served as Legislative Consultant to Texas Trial Lawyers Association for several years.

He and his wife, the former Carole Phippen of Callahan County, have four children.

Also on the Cooperatives' agen-

Optimist Carnival

The Merkel Optimist Club is sponsoring a Carnival to begin this Thursday and continue thru Friday.

Lawrence Hewitt, Optimist president, said that the Carnival would be held on Kent Street, opposite the ice house, and that games and rides would be featured.

Proceeds from the Carnival are used for Optimist projects.

"If you want to have an old-fashioned good time, bring the family and come out any or all of the evenings of the Carnival," said Hewitt.

da will be the election of directors for the 1969-70 year, and report from officers of the Cooperative.

The following members nominated by the Committee on Nominations to be voted on at the meeting are:

Place No. 1 — Charlie T. Myatt, Grady Smith

Place No. 2 — L. O. Huddleston, E. J. Cooley

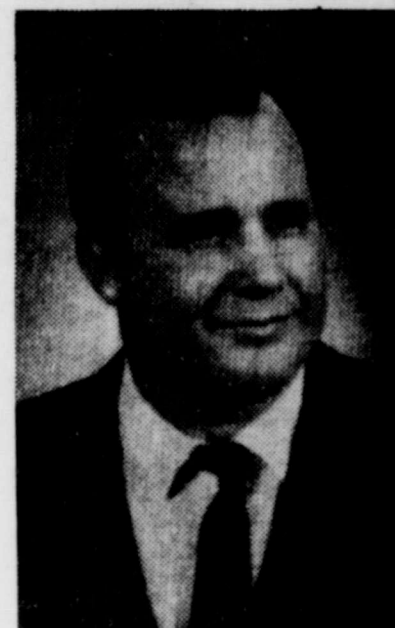
Place No. 3 — Troy Sloan, Hubert Sullivan

Place No. 4 — A. L. Moore, Roy Bacaus

Place No. 5 — L. A. Lister

"Additional nominations may be made at the meeting," said Hardesty.

The proposed amendment to be voted on by members pertains to "Patronage Capital in connection with furnishing Telephone Service."



BEN D. SUDDERTH
... guest speaker

PRESBYTERIANS SET RENEWAL WEEK

Grace Presbyterian Church of Merkel and the West Taylor County Area Ministry are presenting a Preaching Mission beginning Sunday, Sept. 28 and to continue through Oct. 2.

The Rev. James Sinclair, minister, said that the Renewal Week services will be held each evening at 7:30 at the Merkel Church.

Theme for the mission is "A Time of Special Preaching and Praise."

People of Merkel and the West Taylor County area are given a special invitation to "attend any or all of the services."

Guest preacher will be the Rev. Jerry Boles, pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church of Stamford.

"Special music will be provided by choirs from surrounding Presbyterian churches and also from Merkel's United Methodist Church," said Sinclair.

Rev. Boles, a native of Waxahachie, received his high school education at Paschall High School in Fort Worth, and his college



REV. JERRY BOLES
... guest preacher

degrees from North Texas State University, Denton, and the McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, Ill. He held pastorates in Illinois, prior to his present pastorate in Stamford, where he has been for the past sixteen years.



MERKEL QUEEN-MR. X — E. A. Conley, class of 1946 was recognized as Mr. X, and Mrs. Robert Malone, class of 1936, was crowned homecoming queen in half-time ceremonies at the Merkel - Baird football game Saturday. Carolyn Gilmore was crowned High School homecoming queen. (Staff Photo)

'ROUNDUP TIME' IS SEPTEMBER 29

ABILENE — In trucks, trailers and pickups loaned by other ranchers, volunteers are busy driving all over the state picking up stock donated to the Cattle-men's Roundup for Crippled Children.

The Roundup, the unique fund-raising event which annually provides the bulk of the operational funds for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, is set for Sept. 29 at Ranchers and Farmers Livestock Auction here.

Persons in this area who wish to donate stock to the sale are asked to check with area chairman, Sam Swann.

"There's still time to get your donation to the sale," said Swann, "and if you want to bring your cattle to my ranch, I will get them to the Roundup. If you do

not have a calf or cow to give, we will be glad to take your check for any amount you wish to give to this cause."

One of the top donations already in the WTRC's holding pens is a four-year-old 2,600-pound tuxedo Charolais bull given by Mrs. L. O. Terrett of the L. T. Ranches at Richmond.

Bidding for the spot on the auction block, too, will be a registered Santa Gertrudis bull from the 9-Bar Ranch at Cypress; two registered Santa Gertrudis from R. W. Briggs of San Antonio; and a registered Hereford bull from J. Fike Godfrey of Spur, the president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

The King Ranch at Kingsville has also sent one of its top steers to the sale.

partment of Defense has taken time to prepare material for readers to use. Material that will appear in the Merkel Mail on nuclear attack should be read and perhaps clipped out and saved for future use."

The first article concerns nuclear hazards and knowing the key to personal survival.

The chances of surviving and recovering from a nuclear attack are much better if citizens:

1. Understand the dangers of an attack.
2. Learn the actions that should be taken in the event of an attack.
3. Are prepared to take whatever action is necessary at the time of an attack.

Material on Nuclear Hazards appearing on page two concern In Time of Emergency.

Trash Pick-Up

Schedule for garbage and trash pickup was announced this week by Robert Leo Harris, City Water and Sewer Department superintendent.

Schedule for pickup is as follows:

- Monday — Oak Street, East.
- Tuesday — From Oak Street to Ash Street.
- Wednesday — South 7th to Ash, back South.
- Thursday — South 7th to Ash, back north.
- Friday — All of North Side of City.

THE FIZZLE FAMILY

by H. T. ELMO



THE MERKEL MAIL, MERKEL, TEXAS
Page Two Thursday, Sept. 25, 1969

LEGAL NOTICE

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS**

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to be and appear before the District Court of the 11th Judicial District of Texas, to be holden in and for the County of Dallas at the Courthouse thereof, in the City of Dallas, at or before ten o'clock a.m. of the Monday next following the expiration of Forty - two days from the date of this citation, being Monday, at 10 o'clock a.m. on the 20th day of October A.D. 1969, then and there to answer in writing to the plaintiff's petition of RUSSELL REGAN filed in said Court on the 7th day of April A.D. 1969 against the said

2. That each of the following Defendants in this suit is a nonresident of the State, or is absent from the State, or is a transient person, or a person whose residence is unknown: DOLPH D. COATS, J. T. COATS, ROY R. COATS, ROSABELL COATS DANIEL, and her husband, DANIEL WILMUTH B. COATS CLARK and her husband, CLARK ERNEST WALKER, ADA WALKER, W. J. COX, A. C. WALKER, MARTHA J. ROWLAND and her husband, J. A. ROWLAND, MRS. S. E. WALKER, F. I. WALKER, ALICE McLEAN and her husband, JOHN L. McLEAN, HARRY O. WALKER, TOM W. WALKER, OLA

PORTER and her husband, HENRY PORTER, CECIL BODEN, HATTIE BODEN and her husband, H. E. BODEN, HORACE WALKER, O. W. WALKER, NANCY WALKER, surviving wife of T. J. WALKER, BEULAH WALKER, BELLE WALKER, J. C. WALKER, and Mrs. J. C. WALKER, if living.

3. That the names and residences of the Defendants in the above numbered and entitled cause who are the unknown heirs and legal representatives of BESSIE LEE COATS COX and her husband, LEE W. COX, ALICE G. COATS, DOLPH D. COATS, J. T. COATS, ROY R. COATS, ROSABELL COATS DANIEL and her husband, DANIEL WILMUTH B. COATS CLARK and her husband, CLARK ERNEST WALKER, ADA WALKER, W. J. COX, A. C. WALKER, MARTHA J. ROWLAND, and her husband, J. A. ROWLAND, MRS. S. E. WALKER, F. I. WALKER, ALICE McLEAN and her husband, JOHN L. McLEAN, HARRY O. WALKER, TOM W. WALKER, OLA PORTER and her husband, HENRY PORTER, CECIL BODEN, HATTIE BODEN, and her husband, H. E. BODEN, HORACE WALKER, O. W. WALKER, NANCY WALKER, surviving wife of T. J. WALKER, BEULAH WALKER, BELLE WALKER, J. C. WALKER, and MRS. J. C. WAL-

KER, if deceased, and the name or names of the unknown owner or unknown owners, and any and all other persons unknown, including adverse claimants, owning or claiming an interest in the real property described in the Petition herein, and the heirs, executors, administrators and other legal representatives of said unknown owner or unknown owners and person unknown, are unknown and cannot be ascertained after diligent inquiry.

4. That citation should include notice to the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs and legal representatives, and to the unknown heirs of the heirs and legal representatives of BESSIE LEE COATS COX and her husband, LEE W. COX, ALICE G. COATS, DOLPH D. COATS, J. T. COATS, ROY R. COATS, ROSABELL COATS DANIEL and her husband, DANIEL WILMUTH B. COATS CLARK and her husband, CLARK ERNEST WALKER, ADA WALKER, W. J. COX, A. C. WALKER, MARTHA J. ROWLAND and her husband, J. A. ROWLAND, MRS. S. E. WALKER, F. I. WALKER, ALICE McLEAN and her husband, JOHN L. McLEAN, HARRY O. WALKER, TOM W. WALKER, OLA PORTER and her husband, HENRY PORTER, CECIL BODEN, HATTIE BODEN, and her husband, H. E. BODEN, HORACE WALKER, O. W. WALKER, NANCY WALKER, surviving wife of T. J. WALKER, BEULAH WALKER, BELLE WALKER, J. C. WALKER, for suit, said suit being numbered 69-395-F the nature of which de-

mand is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff makes affidavit that the whereabouts of Defendants are unknown. Being a suit on Tresspass to Try Title to the following property.

On the 27th day of March, 1961, Plaintiff was, and still is the owner in fee simple of the following described premises situated in the County of Taylor, Texas:

The same being that real property which is identified as being Block sixty - one (61), Johnson's Addition to Merkel, sometimes referred to as the Town of Merkel and sometimes identified as the City of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, the same being of record in the Deed Records of Taylor County in Volume Y, page 639.

III.

On such day, also, he was entitled to possession of such premises; and immediately thereafter on the 28th day of March, 1961, the defendants unlawfully entered upon and dispossessed him of such premises and withheld from him the possession thereof.

IV.

Defendants have occupied and used such premises under such unlawful possession for the period from and after March 28, 1961, and the rental value thereof during such occupancy is \$50.00 per month, in which amount by virtue of such wrongs, the defendants are justly indebted to Plaintiff, but though repeated demand for payment thereof has been made by plaintiff of defendants, defendants have failed and refused, and still fail and refuse to pay same, to Plaintiff's damage in the sum of \$4,700.00.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays that the defendants be cited to answer this petition, and that Plaintiff have judgment for the title and possession of the above described premises for his damages, for cost of suit, and further relief as he may be entitled to either at law or in equity, special or general.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but of this writ make answer as the law requires. If this citation is not served within 90 days after its issuance it shall be returned unserved.

WITNESS: BILL SHAW, Clerk of the District Court of Dallas



JAMES SOUTH
... English assistant

**MHS Graduate
On ACC Staff**

ABILENE — James South, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack South of 402 Cherry, has been named as graduate assistant in the English department at Abilene Christian College.

South will be teaching some freshman classes. As an undergraduate at Texas Tech, South was on the Dean's Honor Roll eight times. He was a member of Phi Eta Sigma, Sigma Tau Delta, and Phi Kappa Phi.

County, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in the City of Dallas, Texas, this 2nd day of September A.D. 1969.

(Seal)

Attest: BILL SHAW
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Dallas County.

By Sue McCrary, Deputy.

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**In Time of Emergency
Knowing Nuclear Hazards
Key to Personal Survival**

The nationwide U.S. civil defense system, which is being enlarged and improved constantly, is designed primarily to help Americans survive and recover from nuclear attack. Its heart is a fallout shelter system which could save the lives of millions of persons that would otherwise be lost because of radioactive fallout.

The civil defense system also includes warning and communications networks, local governments organized for emergency operations, and many other resources. If an attack should come, many lives could be saved through a combination of emergency actions taken by governments and private citizens.

The chances of surviving and recovering from a nuclear attack are much better if citizens:

1. Understand the dangers of an attack.
2. Learn the actions that should be taken in the event of an attack.
3. Are prepared to take whatever action is necessary at the time of an attack.

If an Attack Comes . . .
All nuclear explosions cause light, heat and blast. In addition, explosions on or close to the ground would create large quantities of dangerous radioactive fallout particles, most of which would fall to earth during the first 24 hours.

If the U.S. should be attacked, the people who happened to be close to a nuclear explosion probably would be killed or seriously injured by the blast, or by the heat of the explosion.

People a few miles away in the "fringe area" of the explosion would be endangered by the blast, heat and fire. Department of Defense studies show that in any nuclear attack, tens of millions of Americans would be outside the damage areas. To them, and to people in the fringe areas who survived the blast, heat and fire, radioactive fallout would be the main danger. Protective measures against this hazard can be taken.

radioactive. As these particles fall back to earth, and after they reach the ground, they give off invisible gamma rays—like X-rays—which can kill or injure. These particles give off most of their radiation quickly, so the first few hours or days after an attack would be the most dangerous period.

In dangerously - affected areas the fallout particles would look like grains of grit or sand. However, the rays they would give off could not be seen, tasted, smelled or felt. Special instruments would be required to detect the rays and measure their intensity. The Federal Government has distributed several million of these instruments to State and local governments.

Fallout Would Be Widespread

The distribution of fallout particles after a nuclear attack would depend on what part of the country had been attacked, and the number of weapons used, as well as wind currents, weather conditions and other factors. However, there is no way of predicting in advance what areas of the country would be affected, or how soon the particles would fall back to earth at a particular location.

Some communities might get a heavy accumulation of fallout, while others might get little or none. No area in the U.S. could be sure of not getting fallout, and it is probable that some particles would be deposited on most of the country.

Areas close to a nuclear explosion might receive fallout within 15 to 30 minutes. On the other hand, it might take 5 to 10 hours or more for the particles to drift down on a community 100 or 200 miles away.

Generally, the first 24 hours after fallout began to settle would be the most dangerous period to a community's residents. The heavier particles falling during that time would still be highly radioactive and give off strong rays. Lighter particles falling later would have lost much of their radiation high in the atmosphere.

Fallout Causes Radiation Sickness

The invisible gamma rays given off by fallout particles can produce radiation sickness, which is caused by physical and chemical changes in the cells of the body. If a person receives a large dose of fallout radiation, he will die. But if he receives only a small or medium dose, his body will repair itself and he will get well.

The same dose received over a short period of time is more

damaging than over a longer period. Usually, the effects of a given dose of radiation are more severe in very young and very old persons, and those not in good health.

No special clothing can protect people against gamma radiation, and no special drugs or chemicals can prevent large doses of radiation from causing damage to the cells of the body. However, antibiotics and other medicines are helpful in treating infections that sometimes follow excessive exposure to radiation.

Almost all of the radiation that people would absorb from fallout particles would come from particles outside their own bodies. Only simple precautions would be necessary to avoid swallowing the particles, and it would be practically impossible to inhale them.

People exposed to fallout radiation do not become radioactive and thereby dangerous to other people. Radiation sickness is not contagious or infectious, and one person cannot "catch it" from another person.

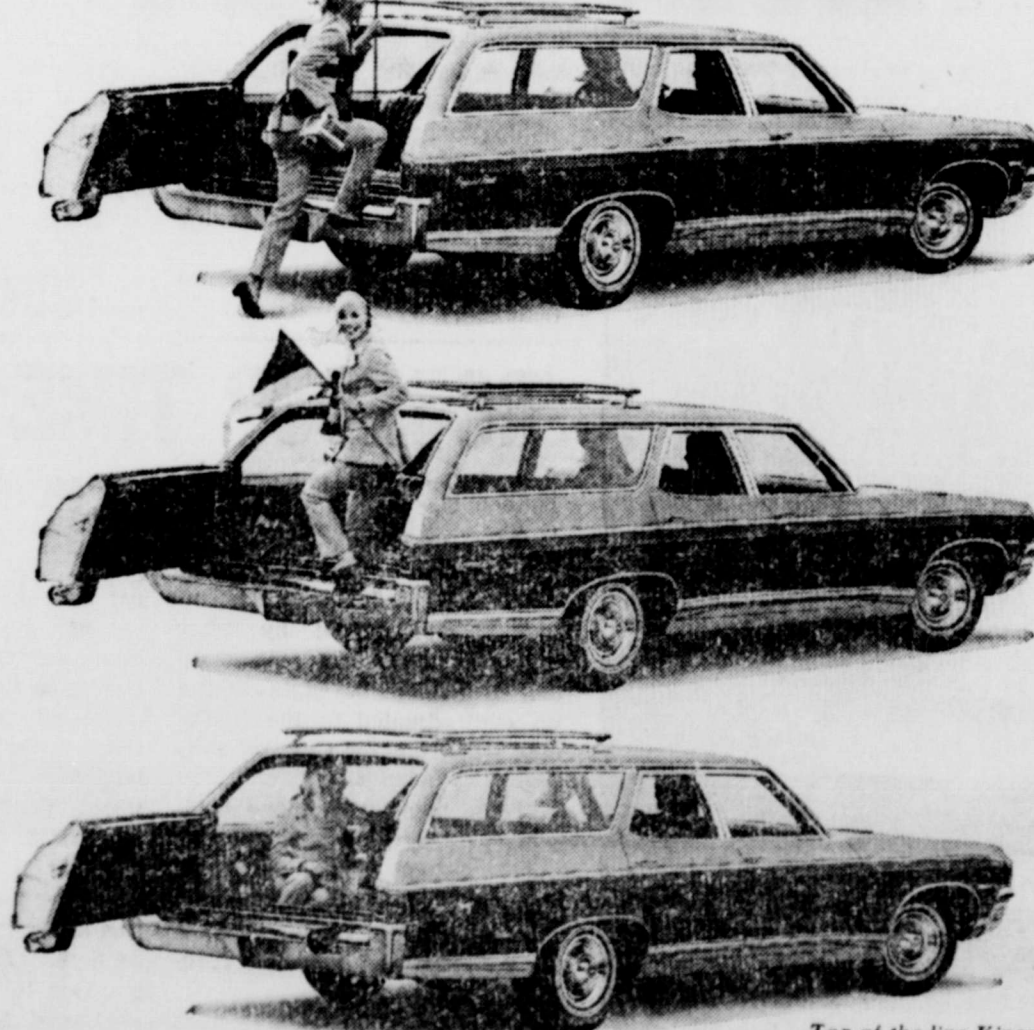
Protection Is Possible

People can protect themselves against fallout radiation, and have a good chance of surviving, by staying inside a fallout shelter. In most cases, the fallout radiation level outside the shelter would decrease rapidly enough to permit people to leave the shelter within a few days.

Even in communities that received relatively heavy accumulations of fallout particles, people soon might be able to leave shelter for a few minutes or a few hours at a time to perform emergency tasks. In most places, it is unlikely that full-time shelter occupancy would be required for more than a week or two.

The information in this story was furnished by the U.S. Department of Defense, Office of Civil Defense, to help people prepare for a nuclear attack and learn what actions to take in case an attack should occur. Local government authorities are responsible for supplying the public with more detailed survival instructions for this area. This information was drawn from the OGD publication "In Time of Emergency" (H-14), which is available without charge at local civil defense offices.

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UP THE CANYON

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at their church. Rev. Phillips enjoys coming back home. He wants to do a little fishing when he comes. He reported running into heavy rains coming down Sunday night.
E. C. Ray, who had surgery recently, has returned to his home and is reported doing real well.

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Reading Program Winners Named

Winners in the Merkel School Summer Reading program were named this past week.
Stacy Stanly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stanley, Rt. 2, Merkel, won first place in the elementary division.
An eighth grader at Noodle School, Stacy read thirty nine books this past summer.
Drew Mawson, son of Mrs. Darla Mawson, was the primary winner, having read five books. Drew is a third grade student at Merkel Primary School.

Dump Ground Fire Creates Problems

Robert Harris, city water and sewer superintendent, this week thanked the people of Merkel for their cooperation in trash burning during pickup hours.
"We have had fine cooperation from our residential area in this matter," said Harris. "However, a new problem arises in that fires, are being started at the city dump grounds, and city equipment cannot bury trash."
Harris asked that people who take trash to the dump ground to "just unload it and let the city bother with burying it."
"I feel sure that people who try to burn the trash at the grounds think they are helping with the disposing of refuse, but actually it delays us," said Harris.

Mrs. Griggs Hosts Garden Club Meet

The Merkel Garden Club re-assembled Saturday, Sept. 20 in the home of Mrs. Ora Griggs with co-hostess, Mrs. Oda Clark.
Theme for the year, "The Blast Off," was introduced by president, Mrs. R. M. Ferguson, followed by Mrs. Jarrett Williams who talked on the year book programs.
Mrs. Newton Daniel and Mrs. W. M. Merrell were guests of the club.
Members answering roll call were Mmes. Mary Click, Dee Grimes, Lottie Everett, W. L. Brown, Lillie Pratt Brown, Leota Sherrill and W. T. Sadler.
Also Mmes. Williams, Ferguson, Billie Hartley, Olga Gamble, Maggie Patterson, Clark, Griggs and Miss Christine Collins.

Visits in El Paso

Mr. and Mrs. Cramer Reynolds and son, Jacky, were in El Paso recently, visiting their son, Tommy W. Reynolds who completed basic training at Ft. Bliss.
Upon his completion of basic, Tommy reported to duty at Fort Ord, Calif.

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AT COUNTRY CLUB

MEMBERSHIP DUES TO BE INCREASED

At a recent directors meeting of the Merkel Country Club, members voted some changes in the operation of the club that "we believe is necessary for continued operation and improvement of the course."
"Beginning January 1, there will be a \$25.00 membership fee for new members," said Howard Carson, Merkel Country Club president. "This has become necessary because some have been joining in the spring and paying dues for the summer months and then dropping out in the fall, only to start again in the spring. Should a member stop paying dues, the \$25.00 will be used up."

FHA Organize; Discuss Plans

Future Homemakers of America met Sept. 17 for their organizational meeting for the 1969 school year.
Members discussed plans and activities for the year and officers presented their duties to members and stated the purpose of the chapter.
Mrs. Linda Bean is sponsor. Mignon Crawford is reporter.

MYRICK-DENSON VOWS EXCHANGED

Miss Brenda Gayle Myrick of Monahans became the bride of Terry Lee Denson in a formal ceremony Sept. 13, at First Baptist Church in Monahans.
The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth D. Myrick of Monahans and her bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin L. Denson, also of Monahans. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Perry of Merkel are the bride's grandparents.
The Rev. Kenneth Adress read the double ring vows at the altar centered with a large arched candelabra flanked by two baskets of hot pink gladioli and pink Kilian daisies. Candelteers with pink tassels and hot pink bows lighted the scene.
Mrs. Tommy McLain presented a recital of pre-nuptial selections, accompanied by vocalist, Dan Gibbs.
Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a silk linen gown, fashioned on empire lines. Peau de ange lace trimmed the

Green fees were raised to \$1.50 for week days and \$2.00 on weekends and holidays.
Directors also voted to raise annual membership to \$96.00 per year, beginning Jan. 1.
"Club members may authorize the secretary to draw a monthly draft for the dues or dues may be paid in advance for the entire year for \$90.00," said Carson.
Of the \$2.00 monthly raise in dues, \$1.00 will be put in a special fund to pipe the fairways.
A recommendation of having seven directors instead of five was voted on and will be presented to members at a future meeting.
Directors' terms would be for two year period and that "four be elected one year and three the next year."
"The seven directors recommendation will better insure a quorum at meetings," said Carson.

The Association's next meeting is at 7:30 tonight at the Country Club, with a supper and to be followed with a business meeting.
Directors besides Carson are Truett Thompson, vice president; Mack Seymour, secretary - treasurer; and Roscoe Shields and Robert Higgins.

bateau neckline, elbow length sleeves and edged the bottom of the A-line skirt. Her chapel train fell from the high waistline circled in lace.
A pearl tiara held her elbow length illusion veil and she carried a cascade bouquet of white gladiolus with a detachable corsage.
Miss Donna Welch, maid of honor, was dressed in formal length pink silk shantung, with chiffon sleeves and her flowers were variegated pink carnations in a large colorful bouquet.
Larry Denson served his brother as best man. Ushers were Randall Russom, Abilene, and Paul West, who also lighted candles.
A reception followed in Fellowship Hall of the church.
The couple will live in Alpine where he is a sophomore history major at Sul Ross State College. Both are graduates of Monahans High School.

Mrs. Hollis Herton Dies; Rites Held

Mrs. Hollis Herton, 61, longtime Merkel resident, died Saturday, Sept. 20, in her home of an apparent heart attack.
Funeral services were held Church. Burial was in Rose Hill Monday in the First Baptist Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.
Mrs. Herton, born Letha Velma Walker, April 21, 1908, in Spur, married Hollis Herton, Oct. 19, 1929, in Merkel, and had lived here since that time.
Survivors include her husband; one son, Virgil D. of Phoenix, Ariz.; four daughters, Mrs. Ruby Lee Poone of Corpus Christi, Mrs. Lorene Jeanne Wills of Midland, Mrs. Melba Faye Glasscock of Merkel and Mrs. Jo Ann West of Odessa; two brothers, Dennis Walker of Pecos and Loy Walker of Lovington, N.M.; three sisters, Mrs. Grace Light of Pecos, Mrs. Annie May Brown of Pampa, and Mrs. Lois Henry of Llano; 12 grandchildren.

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ROUND-UP

By PAT BYRD

Where can you find 110 lively, happy teenagers, and participating all together without discord in one place. Really want to know? Just attend... Yes just drop in on the activities at the Teen Center sometime. That's what happened last Saturday night. We have a great bunch of teenagers in Merkel.

Visiting with Mrs. Irene Jones and the Alvin Byrds of Tye this weekend were Harlan and Sue Jones and boys of Seymour.

Mrs. Allie Mae Tuckey and family had guests in their home from Petersburg, Va., her daughter, Frances and husband, Jack Cannon. They arrived Sept. 1 and visited until the 18th.

Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Adcock had their children home for the homecoming activities — Andria and Sonny Gardner of Colorado City, and Gary and Joan Adcock of Dallas.

Patsy (Thomas) Baggett of Pomona, Calif., attended the homecoming activities and stayed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. McKeever.

Mr. E. C. Ray returned home Friday, Sept. 19 after having surgery in an Odessa hospital. Mr. Ray was reported to be recovering at home. During Mr. Ray's stay in the hospital, Mrs. Ray found out how wonderful children can be. While some of the children took over Mrs. Ray's duties at the hospital at night, other children would plan activities to help relieve some of the stress and tension on Mrs. Ray. Some of the activities were football

game, Ice Capades, and a birthday party.

Visiting with Leon Kelso this past week were Bob and Marilyn Power and children of Clyde and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kelso of Benville, Ark.

The Merkel Mail received a letter from Ruth Vaughn of Rogers, Arkansas, this week and we want to thank her for writing, and share her letter with you.

She says, "I always enjoy reading in the Merkel Mail and getting news of relatives and old friends — always makes me lonesome to see them. The Flea Market sounded like fun. And I don't think Merkel sounds 'dead' at all, but rather like a regular bee hive of activity. My best to everyone."

Mr. and Mrs. David Anderson observed their 62nd Anniversary Sept. 15 with all the "trimmings." Guests who celebrated with them were Messrs. and Mrs. Odell Anderson, Bentville, Tex., Homer Campbell, Burnett; H. J. Campbell, Andrews; and James Young, Goliad. Also visiting were the Rev. and Mrs. Tommy Jones, of Wilson, Okla. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, on 62 years of happy living.

Little Miss Amy Nichol Tomlinson and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tomlinson of Irving, visited over the weekend with great grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Reynolds and her great-grandfather, Bertie Reynolds. Little Amy made the fifth generation present. Also visiting were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Reynolds and Vicky, and Mrs. Elbert Carroll of Irving.

TC FARM BUREAU MEETING SATURDAY

Taylor County Farm Bureau's County Convention will be held in the Jim Ned High School Cafeteria Saturday, Sept. 27 and is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. "During the convention there will be an election of six directors," said Billy Vinson, TC Farm Bureau president. "There will also be the election of delegates to attend the State Convention in San Antonio Nov. 16-19."

A report on the year's activities will be given in connection with

the business session, the president said.

Prior to the regular meeting a chicken dinner will be served and each Farm Bureau member is invited to attend and bring his family.

"The County Conventions all over the state are the backbone of Farm Bureau," said Vinson. "This is the beginning of the policies that will determine the direction that Farm Bureau will take for the future. The resolutions that are passed on favorably by the county are then sent to the state and worked up for presentation to the State Convention."

Vinson reminded members that if they have a resolution or a recommendation pertaining to local, county or state or national issues, to contact H. W. McKee, Rt. 1, Tye, chairman of the policy development committee for Taylor County.

Besides elected delegates who will attend the State Convention in November, will also be Shelia Hamner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hamner of Trent, winner of the District 7 Farm Bureau Contest held at Brady in August.

Tom Fuller, Richard Petree and Martha Ferguson, winners of the Talent Find Contest will also attend the state convention.

WANT ADS GET RESULTS!

[New Look At The Big Board]

For years one of the most familiar sights in America has been the trading floor of the New York Stock Exchange. No matter where people live, they generally recognize photographs of the bustling securities marketplace rising five stories to its ornate, lofty ceiling. In an age of change it isn't surprising that this has changed some too. The historic trading floor at the corner of Wall and Broad Streets in New York City looks exactly the same as it always has. But it has a young brother now. During the summer, the Stock Exchange opened a \$5 million extension of its trading facilities that increase total space by twenty per cent. The new extension, under construction for 18 months, provides Stock Exchange brokers more space to handle the public's orders quickly and efficiently, at a time when some 26 million Americans own stock and trading averages more than 10 million shares a day. With bright blue walls, closed circuit television ticker, and an automated lighting system, the new extension will serve as a proving ground for many of the automated techniques that will be incorporated into the projected new Exchange building. It will rise on a landfill site at the eastern end of Wall Street and is scheduled for completion in the mid-1974.

HOMEMAKERS WEEK IS BEING OBSERVED

Members of Taylor County Young Homemakers are this week observing Texas Young Homemakers Week, (Sept. 21-27), by extending an "invitation to all area women to become members."

Young women "interested in improving their present knowledge and efficiency in homemaking" are given special invitation to attend meetings.

Young Homemakers of Texas can provide women with opportunities to "broaden their interests and enrich their lives as homemakers."

YHT is the State Association for young women, sponsored by

the Division of Home and Family Life Education of the Texas Education Agency. Their overall goal is to provide creative opportunities for young women in maintaining effective home, family and community life.

The local chapter holds meetings at 7:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Programs are planned for the coming year include a trip to Richburg's Decorating Gallery in Sweetwater, showing of the YHT slide story, presentations by representatives of Lone Star Gas Co. and West Texas Utilities, and other interesting programs concerning cake decorating, cloud formations, short cuts in sewing, first aid and home and family life.

An area convention is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 27 at the Starlite Inn, Abilene. Registration at 9 a.m. will begin the day's activities which will include the election of new area officers. Speaker for the afternoon session will be Mrs. Marthe Harmon, home economist for Lone Star Gas Company, and Dr. W. Clark Ellzey of Texas Tech University will speak for the 6:30 p.m. Awards Banquet.

Visiting delegates from the Taylor County chapter are Mrs. Glen Bicknell and Mrs. Billy Patton.

Health Care Aids Now Available

Health and Home Care aids are now in the process of being added to the Merkel Drug for rental purposes. These aids include wheel chairs, walkers, commodes, crutches, canes and beds, and may be rented through the Drug Store. "Care at home can reduce the total cost of convalescence," said David Gamble, owner of Merkel Drug. "And there are products designed specifically to aid in the progress of this convalescence."

Physicians will be able to specify requirements for the equipment and aids needed in good home health care, and the community pharmacist can help in meeting these needs, as well as explaining benefits available from new government programs.

Medicare, which became operative in July, 1966, is one of the programs, which "emphasizes restorative, rehabilitative care." Other medical appliances to be available for rental at the drug store will include bed pans and urinals, walkers, vaporizers, back rests, exercisers, heat lamps, and bath tub rails.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF LAURA J. REID DECEASED

You are hereby notified that letters of testamentary were issued to me, the undersigned, on the 25th day of August, 1969, in Probate Cause No. 9241 in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas; that the administration of said estate is pending; and that you are required to present such claims within the time prescribed by law to me, the undersigned, at the following, which is my residence and post office address: 387 Cypress Street, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

Dated this 23rd day of September, 1969.

MACKIE GRAY
Independent Executor of the Estate of Laura J. Reid, Deceased.

Beta Sigma Phi Hosts Meetings

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its Beginning Day Tea Aug. 31 in the home of Mrs. Jimmy Leverich, with six members and one visitor, Mrs. Vernon Wade, present.

The first regular meeting was held Sept. 2 in the home of Mrs. W. J. Roddy, with a program on "Happiness" being presented by Mrs. Dan Allen and Mrs. Bobby DuBose.

Members present were Messrs. Leverich, John Brady, DuBose, Larry White, Lawrence Hewitt, Roddy and Allen.



Stith News
By MRS. FRITZ HALE

Services Held For Mrs. Tucker

Funeral services for Mrs. J. E. Tucker, 91, were held Friday, Sept. 19 in Starbuck Chapel, with the Rev. Jim Sinclair, pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Tucker, Merkel area pioneer, died Wednesday in the Williamsburg Nursing Home in Abilene after a short illness.

Born May 6, 1878, in Crowley, she moved to the Mulberry Canyon area in 1900. She married James E. Tucker Sept. 15, 1901, in the White Church community.

Mr. Tucker died in 1945, and she moved to Fort Worth that year, to Gatesville in 1961, and had been living in Abilene since May of this year.

Survivors include four sons, Carvel of Corpus Christi, Lester of Sherman, Leo of Abilene, and Jack of Franklin, Neb.; two daughters, Mrs. Ansel Coats of Fort Worth, and Mrs. E. C. Norman of Longview; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

The Stith Community Center has taken on a new look. The girls hands painted it last week and it looks real nice.

Mr. and Mrs. Truett Jones, Gatesville, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones. They also attended services at the Stith Baptist Church Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Ellison of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale Tuesday.

Samatha Mashburn of Carlsbad New Mexico, daughter of J. R. Mashburn is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn J. R. Recently moved from Carlsbad to Fort Worth; he spent the weekend in his parents' home.

Mrs. Charles Fikes was honored with a pink and blue shower in the home of Mrs. Paul Hudman Tuesday, Sept. 16. Mr. and Mrs. Fikes moved Wednesday to Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Blondy Hanson returned last week from a two week visit in Idaho.

M. E. West spent several days in Hendrick Hospital. He is feeling much better and is back at work.

Mr. and Mrs. West accompanied their daughter, Mildred Winter, to Fort Worth Friday and spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Manley Denton and children.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brownie attended a singing at the Brownlie Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, and were supper guests in the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning and family in Tuscola.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sloan and children of San Angelo spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sloan.

Visitors attending services at the Hope Church of Christ Sunday were the Larry Sloan family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kelso and Mrs. Ina Kelso.

Mrs. Paul Bradley and Mrs. Ira Stanley visited Mrs. Pick Payne at Hendrick Hospital Wednesday. Visiting the Paul Bradleys Sunday was the Rev. James Williams.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF A. T. BONTKE, DECEASED

You are hereby notified that letters testamentary were issued to me, the undersigned, on the 25th day of August, 1969, in Probate Cause No. 9600 in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas; that the administration of said estate is pending; and that you are required to present such claims within the time prescribed by law to me, the undersigned, at the following, which is my residence and post office address: 387 Cypress Street, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

Dated this 23rd day of September, 1969.

ETTA E BONTKE
Independent Executrix of the Estate of A. T. Bontke, Deceased.

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1969 STATE FAIR, OLE! JESSE LOPEZ ON HIS WAY



SWINGING STATE FAIR FIESTA — Jesse Lopez, who lights up the whole State Fair of Texas when he sings and swings, will be back to do his new Pearl Thing II during the 1969 fair, Oct. 4-19, in Dallas. With the Jesse Lopez Band and the Pearl Dancers, Jesse will turn on the crowds at a free daily performance on the Outdoor Stage, directly across from Big Tex.

Getting Involved . . .

It is difficult to get many people involved. It is difficult to get people to accept responsibility at times. Whether its Little League Baseball, or Booster Club activities in Football, or getting people out to worship God on the Lord's day. Many churches do not have Sunday evening worship due to a lack of attendance, and all I suppose have much less attendance on Sunday evening than for morning services. Is it because "you don't need it?" That's doubtful!

The basic problem is accepting RESPONSIBILITY. When one says, "I don't want to get involved," he is really saying, "I don't want to be responsible." But one thing is sure, we shall all give account (be responsible) to God for every deed and thought. II Corinthians 5:10.

Many are the scriptures that teach we are to get involved in helping other people. "Love thy neighbor" is the commandment often repeated in God's Word. And its like what one has said, "What we do for ourselves dies with us, what we do for others lives on and is immortal."

The whole of Christian living (outside of formal worship itself) is being interested in and helping someone other than self. Selfishness, which is lack of involvement, is taught against throughout the New Testament, as well as our obligation to follow Jesus, and he was described as one who WENT ABOUT DOING GOOD."

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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2 P.M.

● Registration

● Business Meeting

● Door Prizes

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 below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Henry L. Gates, Defendant,
Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 104th 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 November A.D. 1969, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 17th day of September A.D. 1969, in this cause, numbered 11,067-B on the docket of said court and styled CITY OF ABILENE, Plaintiff, vs. HENRY L. GATES, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: A suit for a judicial finding that the house located on Lot Two (2), Block Five (5), East one-half (1/2), Bowyer Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, is a nuisance and is substandard and ordering it to be demolished, 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



GRAND CHAMPION — Johnny Gray, Merkel FFA member, winner of the all-breed barrow show of the West Texas Fair last week, shows off his champ and ribbon. The Hampshire won over the reserve champion, a Chesterwhite shown by Mark Williamson Jr. of Trent. Johnny is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Gray. (Photo Courtesy Abilene Reporter-News)

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 17th day of September A.D. 1969.

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD,
District Clerk, 104th District
Court, Taylor County, Texas
By FAYE TERRY, Deputy.
30 4tc

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ed 11,063-B on the docket of said court and styled City of Abilene, Plaintiff, vs. Marcus Rodriguez, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: A suit for a judicial finding that the house located on Lot Six (6), Block Thirty-three (33), Sears Park Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, is a nuisance and is substandard and ordering it to be demolished, 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 15th day of September A.D. 1969.

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD,
District Clerk, 104th District
Court, Taylor County, Texas
By Faye Terry, Deputy.
30 4tc

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Frank Gordon Burks, if living, and if Dead, the Unknown Heirs of Frank Gordon Burks, Deceased, Their Heirs and Legal Representatives, and Frances May Burks, if Living, and if Dead, The Unknown Heirs of Frances May Burks, Deceased, Their Heirs and Legal Representatives, Defendant, Greetings:

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 November A.D. 1969, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 22nd day of September A.D. 1969, in this cause, numbered 22-443-A on the docket of said court and styled Leona B. Burks, Mary Louise Reid, Eunice Tikker, Prentiss W. Burks, Duke C. Burks, Francis Burks Cronin, Thomas J. Burks, Russell H. Evans, George B. Houston, William B. Houston, Margaret Alice Burks, Mattye Burks, Bettye Joe Burks, A. J. Burks Jr., Billie Frances Burks Short, Robert Mauldin, W. P. Mauldin and Annie Mae Burks, and Max Duane Burks, Plaintiff, vs. Frank Gordon Burks, if Living, and if Dead, the unknown heirs of Frank Gordon Burks, Deceased, Their Heirs and Legal Representatives, and Frances May Burks, Deceased, Their Heirs and Legal Representatives, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: This is a suit for partition of real estate through sale by receivership and said real estate being described as Section 140, Block 64, H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Taylor County, 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, 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 15th day of September A.D. 1969.

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD,
District Clerk, 104th District
Court, Taylor County, Texas
By Faye Terry, Deputy.
30 4tc

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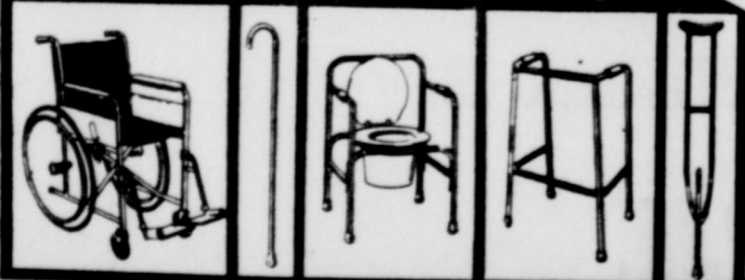
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the first publication to be at
least twenty-eight days before
the return day thereof, in a news-
paper printed in Taylor County,
Texas, the accompanying citation,
of which the herein below follow-
ing is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: David Gene Jenni, De-
fendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-
MANDED to appear before the
Honorable 104th District Court
of Taylor County at the Court-
house thereof, in Abilene, Texas,
by filing a written answer at or
before 10 o'clock A.M. of the
first Monday next after the expira-
tion of forty-two days from the
date of the issuance of this
citation, same being the 13th
day of October A.D. 1969, to
Plaintiff's Petition filed in said
court, on the 25th day of August
A.D. 1969, in this cause, number-
ed 11,058-B on the docket of said
court and styled In Re: Katherine
Elaine Jenni.

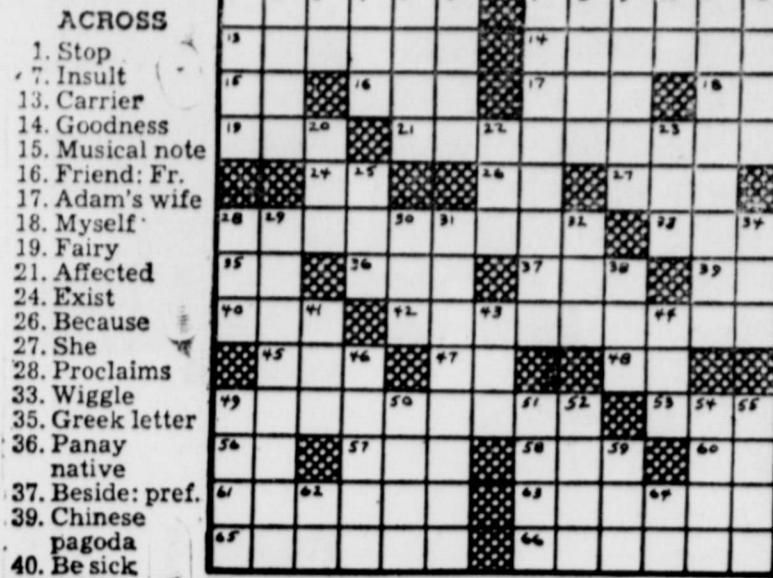
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of this suit is as follows, to-wit:
concerning Katherine Elaine Jen-
ni as is more fully shown by
Plaintiff's Petition on file in this
suit.

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within ninety days after the date
of its issuance, it shall be return-
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The officer executing this writ

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Crossword Puzzle



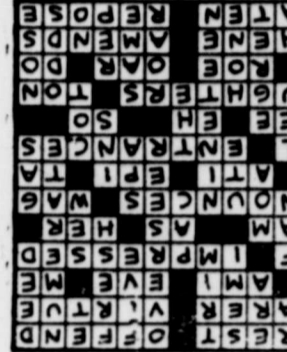
ACROSS

1. Stop
7. Insult
11. Carrier
14. Goodness
15. Musical note
16. Friend; Fr.
17. Adam's wife
18. Myself
19. Fairy
21. Affected
24. Exist
26. Because
27. She
28. Proclaims
33. Wiggle
35. Greek letter
36. Panay native
37. Beside; pref.
39. Chinese pagoda
40. Be sick
42. Adits chem.
45. Watch
47. Interjection
48. Therefore
49. Female children
53. 2000 lbs. fruit

DOWN

1. Capable
2. Actual
3. Sun god
4. Time period
5. Half
6. Neat
7. Supervisor
8. Number
9. New
10. French "and"
11. Count
12. Action
20. Devotee; slang
22. Moccasin fabric
23. Stitch
25. Extinct bird
28. Collection
29. Annoyance
30. Indian
31. Number
32. Spring
34. Fuel
38. Those in power
41. Rumanian coin
43. Article
44. Small bed
46. Heron
49. Dull
50. Sharpen
51. Bellow
52. Identical
54. — and ends
55. Face part
59. Ribbed fabric
62. Exclamation
64. Negative

Answer to Puzzle



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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 Abilene, Texas, this 25th
day of August A.D. 1969.

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD
Clerk, 104th District Court
Taylor County, Texas 26 4tc

LETTIE FRYMIRE, SHERRY
MULLINS, MARGIE CLARK,
DONNY EDWARDS AND DALE
EDWARDS, Defendants, in the
case of GOVERNMENT NATION-
AL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION
vs. JOHN W. EDWARDS, Individ-
ually, et al. No. 32,321-A, in such
court, I did on the 3rd day of
September, A.D. 1969, at 3
o'clock P.M. levy upon the fol-
lowing described tract of land,
situated in the County of Taylor,
State of Texas, as the property of
JOHN W. EDWARDS, Individu-
ally, et al. to-wit:

Lot Twenty (20), Block Two
(2), Arthel Henson Addition to
the City of Abilene, Taylor
County, Texas, and on the 7th
day of October, A.D. 1969, being
the first Tuesday of said month,
between the hours of 10:00 o'clock
A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. on
said day, at the Courthouse Door
of said County, I will offer for
sale and sell at public auction,
for cash, to the highest bidder,
all the right, title and interest of
the said JOHN W. EDWARDS,
Individually and as Guardian of
PATRICIA ANN EDWARDS;
BETTY HUDDY, DOROTHY
HOPKINS, BARBARA WALGREN,
FLORENCE RILEY, LETTIE
FRYMIRE, SHERRY MULLINS,
MARGIE CLARK, DONNY ED-
WARDS AND DALE EDWARDS.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL
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AND ORDER OF SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TAYLOR

By virtue of an execution and
Order of Sale issued out of the
42nd District Court of Taylor Coun-
ty, Texas, on a judgment ren-
dered in said Court on the 5th day
of August, A.D. 1969, in favor of
GOVERNMENT NATIONAL MOR-
TGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
and against the said JOHN W.
EDWARDS, Individually and as
Guardian of PATRICIA ANN ED-
WARDS; BETTY HUDDY, DOR-
OTHY HOPKINS, BARBARA WAL-
GREN, FLORENCE RILEY.

in and to said property, as pre-
scribed by law.

And in compliance with the 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 the
3rd day of September, 1969.

GEORGE MAXWELL
Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas
By: Tommy Barlow, deputy.
28 3tc



Young Farmers Meet Tonight

An organizational meeting of
Taylor County Young Farmers
will be held Thursday, Sept. 25,
at 7:30 p.m. at the Agriculture

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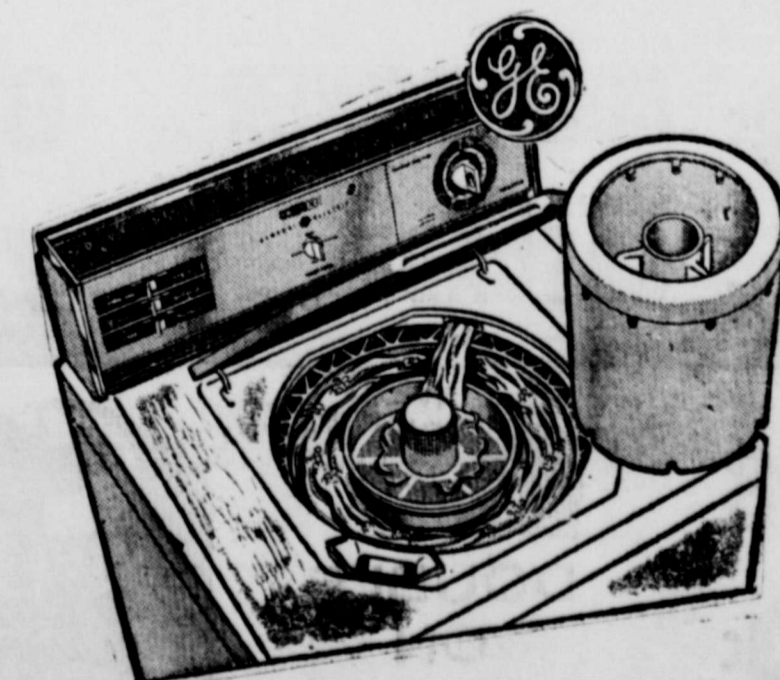
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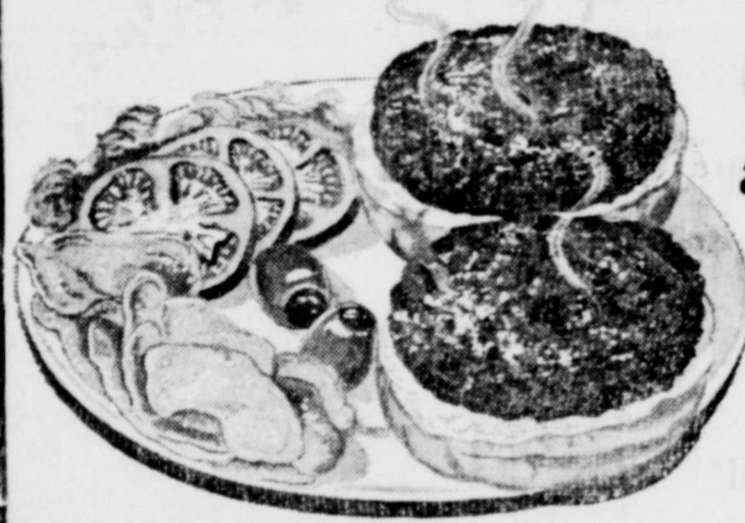
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