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Ginners Term Cotton Crop Good, Bad Weather Halts Completion

The 1972 cotton crop in the area was termed good by all the area gins.

Joe Higgins of Farmers Co-Op in Merkel said about 80 per cent of cotton has been ginned. He said they were caught up with their ginning at the present time. There has been 2,045 bales ginned to this date, and total for last year was 2,348.

At the Planters Gin in Trent, Red Shafer said they had about

500 bales still on the yard which had not been ginned due to the weather. He said about 85 per cent of the cotton had been ginned and they expect about 600 or 700 more bales would be ginned. The Planters Gin has ginned 1,905 bales so far. Last year a total of 2,587 was ginned.

Tip Carter, manager of the Smith Gin said they were caught up with their ginning today and they probably had about 500 more

bales in the fields to be ginned. They have ginned 1,420 bales at this time and the total for last year was 824.

Jerry Jeffrey of the Noodle gin said at the present time they have turned out 1,101 bales and are also caught up. Last year they ginned 1,042 bales of cotton and Mr. Jeffrey said, "We may make anywhere from 300 to 400 bales if the weather has not damaged what is on the ground."

312,000 Samples Cotton Classed In Abilene Office

B. B. Manly Jr., of the U.S.D.A. Cotton Classing Office in Abilene reports that approximately 57,000 samples were classed during the week ending January 5th. The cotton harvest is much advanced compared to last season. A total of 312,000 samples have been classed at Abilene to date, while only 89,600 had been classified by this time last year.

The Agricultural Marketing Service reports that prices were increased by one-half cent per pound at several gin points during the past week. Prices paid for grade 42 with staple 31 ranged from 22.50 to 23.50 cents per pound. Price ranges for some other grades of premium micronaire cotton include: 5231's at 19.75 to 21.45, 5131's at 22.10 to 23.10, and 4131's at 23.80 to 24.50 cents per pound. Cottonseed brought 51 to 52 dollars per ton.

The quality of cotton samples is higher for all quality factors than at this date last season. Last week 30 per cent of the samples graded white, 65 per cent graded light spotted, and 5 per cent graded spotted. Grade 42 comprised 36 per cent of the samples classed; grade 52 was 21 per cent, grade 41 was 16 per cent, grade 51 was 13 per cent, and grade 32 was 8 per cent. Thirty-two per cent was graded in grade on account of bark.

Micronaire readings were 29 per cent low, 2 per cent high, and 69 per cent were in the 3.5 to 4.9 range. Of the low micronaire readings: 3 per cent was 2.6 or less, 5 per cent was 2.7 to 2.9, 12 per cent was 3.0 to 3.2, and 9 per cent was 3.3 to 3.4. During this week last season, only 23 per cent was in the premium, 3.5 to 4.9 range.

Staple lengths remained predominantly 31/32 inch, with 65 per cent this length.

Joyce Bullock To Student Teach

McMurry College will send out 78 student teachers to Abilene and Wylie Schools this spring to apprentice in the art of instruction, says Dr. Bruce Browning, McMurry education chairman.

Among the McMurry faculty members who will supervise the student teachers are Dr. Browning, Dr. C. W. Tarter, R. M. Hix, Roger Rush, Arvalee Chappell, Pauline Hix and Lenora Hernandez.

Among the student teachers, is Joyce Bullock from Tye. Joyce is the wife of Ralph Bullock of Tye.

Joyce will be doing her practice teaching in the 4th grade at Reagan in Abilene.

City Council Grants WTU Rate Increase

A request for the first general rate increase in West Texas Utilities Company 50-year history was presented to the Merkel City Council Jan. 4, 1973 by WTU Manager Bill Button.

The request was passed by the City Council.

The Company requested a six per cent increase in each step of the residential, commercial and industrial rates and the application of a fuel adjustment clause to municipal water pumping rates.

The increase will not apply to

minimum bills, fuel adjustments, municipa rates and power interchanges with other utility companies. "As a result," Button said, "the increase in the Company's total revenue will be less than five per cent."

The increase will add about 2-2/3 cents per day to the average residential bill, according to Button. He pointed out that since 1968 the average residential cost has dropped from 3.64 cents per kilowatt-hour to 2.59 cents, a decrease of 29 per cent. During the same time, the average residential usage has increased more than 3 1/2 times.

While this is WTU's first general rate increase, the power company manager noted that WTU had voluntarily reduced rates 14 times. The firm's last major rate reduction was in 1964.

In asking the City's approval of the new electric rate schedules, the WTU Manager said that the new rates would be applied to bills rendered on or after March 1, 1973.

Button pointed out that almost every electric utility company in Texas has found it necessary to request rate adjustments and that WTU is one of the last to make such a request.

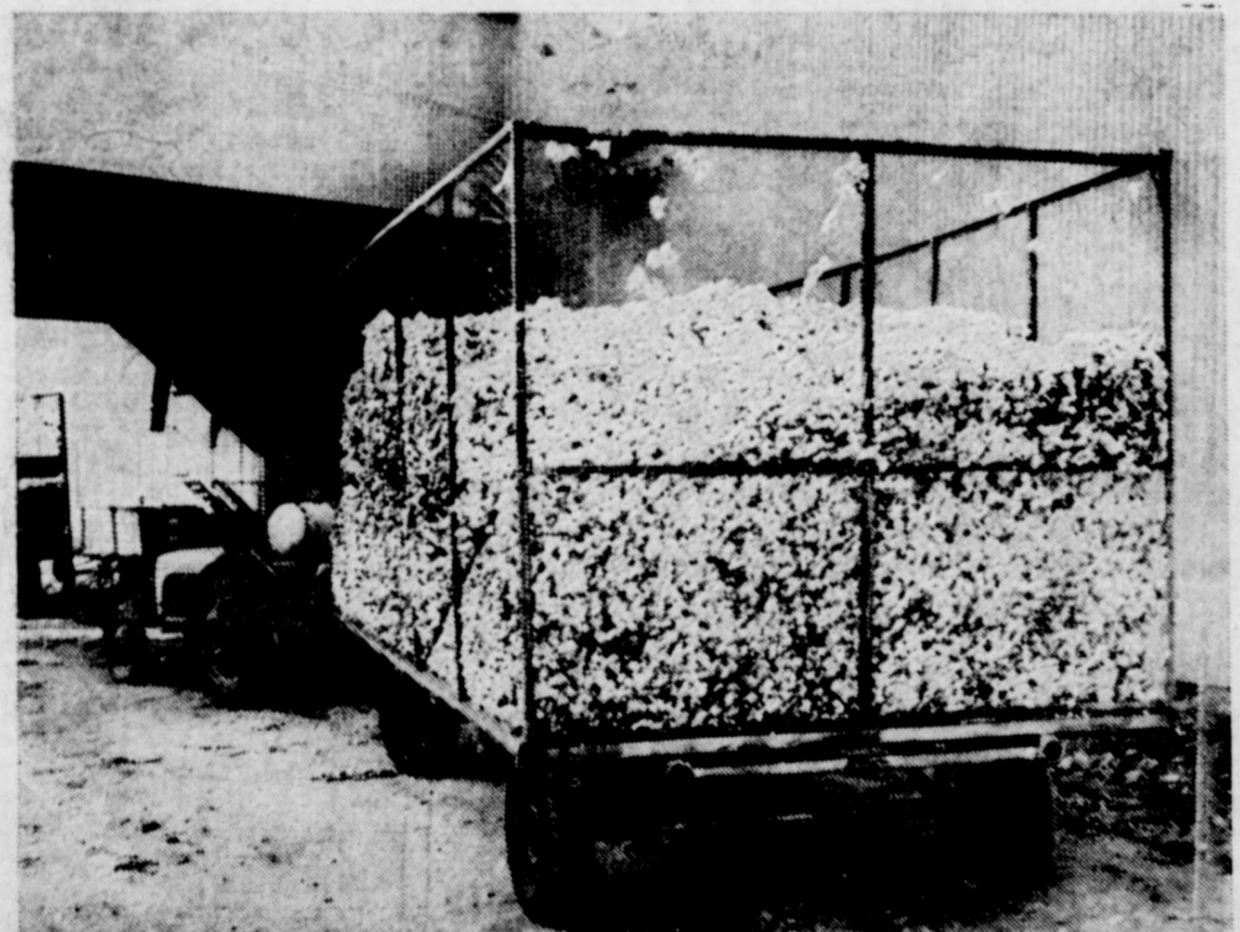
"The spiraling cost of nearly everything we buy or use to provide electric service makes the rate adjustment essential," the WTU Manager said. "The increase is the minimum needed and nothing more."

He emphasized that WTU had been caught up in the "cost squeeze" as a result of the increases in the cost of equipment, services and labor, cost of new power plants, lines, and environmental controls.

With interest costs more than doubled, he pointed out that the cost of borrowing money was one of the major problems. To supply future needs, the Company expects to spend about 77 million dollars for new facilities in the next five years.



THIS WAS THE SITE SEVERAL WEEKS AGO WHEN farmers had pleasant weather for stripping. On the yard of the Merkel Co-Op Gin was many trailers waiting to be unloaded. (Photo Courtesy of Abilene Reporter News)



ONE OF THE MANY TRAILERS WAITING NEXT in line to be taken through the suction and quickly enter into the process of making a bale of cotton. (Photo Courtesy of Abilene Reporter News)

Bank Presidents Comment for '73

Presidents of the two area banks were optimistic for '73.

Booth Warren, president of Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel said "We had a very profitable 1972 and the earnings at the bank were most satisfactory."

We are optimistic concerning at least the first half of '73 and we expect acceptable conditions to prevail in spite of the probably lowering of government subsidies.

We do have an excellent winter season in the ground and given just a few days of sunshine and somewhat warmer weather, wheat and oats will make excellent growth and make good grazing.

There are many cattle in the Merkel area which will be marketed during spring and summer at prices that are "out of this world."

Farmers and Merchants Bank

had an all-time high in deposits Feb. 24, 1972 of \$5,781,805 and expect to exceed this amount in '73 when cotton has all been processed.

J. G. Wilks, president of the Home State Bank in Trent said he thought it was a pretty fair year in '72. Cotton was down, but cattle was up, so it was about the same.

"We have about 75 per cent of the cotton ginned now. There is also a good deal of wheat and oats in the ground around here, so it should be a good year in '73," said Wilks.

Deposits for the 4th quarter, ending Dec. 31, 1972 at Farmers and Merchants National Bank totaled \$5,294,019.61, and for Home State Bank, \$877,486.37. Loans were \$1,486,037.88 for F&M National Bank and \$316,482.12 at Home State Bank.

Ice Storm Strands Motorists This Week

The ice storm that struck the Big Country area Saturday night has kept the Merkel Fire Department on 24 hour duty since Sunday pulling cars and trucks who slid off the busy IH 20.

The Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary also was pressed into action making sandwiches. Monday area residents furnished sandwiches, potato chips, cookies, milk and other items.

All the local motels were full and some people were staying with area residents.

The Fire Department had people bedded down in the school gymnasium. There were 75 Monday, 50 Tuesday and 30 Wednesday.

Nancy Sullivan of Detroit, Michigan, was one of the many stranded motorists who stayed at one of the local motels on IH 20. She and a girl friend were traveling through on their way home.

Nancy just pitched in and helped wait tables in the restaurant connecting the motel in which she was staying. She said "I might as well be doing something."

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Stock Shows Scheduled

Merkel's Judging Begins at 12 Noon

Saturday beginning at 12 o'clock, the Merkel Livestock Show will get under way at the Ag barn, weather permitting.

Judge for the show will be Fred-

dy Mack Sturat, stock farmer and former Ag teacher at Roby.

Benny Melton, Livestock Association secretary, said Wednesday morning that "approximately 100 head of livestock had been entered. This total includes 11 head of steers, 37 lambs and 48 swine."

Merchants are being contacted this week to contribute to the show with approximately an eight hundred dollar purse being estimated.

Superintendents and assistants for the show are: Swine, L. J. Gray and George English; Lambs, R. E. Clemmer and Loyd Gilmore; Steers, Freddy Toombs and Teddy Byrd.

First to be shown Saturday, weather permitting, will be swine, heavy and light weight lambs, Hampshire, Southdowns, Fine Wool and Crossbreed. Steers will follow the lamb showing.

Chester Collinsworth, V. - Ag teacher said "First places in each class of lambs will be named and the grand champion and reserve champions will be named in the two classes each of swine and steers."

Kent Satterwhite with Taylor Electric Cooperative will present the annual Showmanship Trophy.

"All livestock must be in the pens by 10 a.m. Saturday morning," according to Melton. "This will be so anyone wanting to come and see the livestock on their lunch hour can view the livestock," he went on to say.

Badger 'A' Defeated Roscoe Last Friday

The Merkel Badgers and Badgerettes traveled to Roscoe last Friday night to bring home one win. The Varsity boys won their game 62-40 and the Badgerettes lost 43-33. Also playing was the "B" team and they were defeated 47-39.

In the basketmakers club this week are the following: Patsy Button 12, Linda Black 10, Aneta Stephan 9, and Jerri Stephan 2. Also playing a good game were the guards Jerri Smith, Rufus Welch, Cindi Whisenhunt, Tonya

Crenshaw, Cynthia Stock, Sharla Dean, Gayla Toliver, Kathy Thomas, and Jody Barnes.

The "B" boys basketmakers were Doug Hutchings 6, Johnny Frazier 10, Larry Toliver 10, Billy Watts 4, Darrel Riggins 7 and Steve Shugart 2.

Every member of the "A" made the basket club with Steve Teaff making 10, Jackie Sims 8, Tommy Law 4, Terry Reed 4, Jeff Cox 1, Robert Morgan 7, Darel Bunch 16, Paul Duran 2, Johnny Gray 4, and David Copeland 6.

Two Will Receive Degrees in Fall

The University of Texas has named tentative candidates for various degrees at the end of the fall semester.

Among the candidates are Elwyn Vernon Mansfield, son of Mrs. Vernon Mansfield and the late Mr. Mansfield of 807 Locust. He will receive a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree.

Also receiving a degree from UT at the end of the fall semester is Bronwyn Gamble Leamon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Gamble of 701 Oak. She will receive a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics.

DATEBOOK

TUESDAY, JAN. 16

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. will have a practice at 7:30 at the fire station.

LAMBDA BETA will have their meeting at 7:30 in the home of Mrs. Larry Justice.

XI NU CHI will meet at 7:30 in the home of Mrs. Carroll Benson.

ROYAL AMBASSADORS of the First Baptist Church will meet from 4:50 to 6:00 at the church.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 17

GIRLS AUXILIARY of the First Baptist Church meets at 4:30 at the church.

Girl Scout News

By DIANA BIEN

The Girl Scout Troop 313 met Thursday, Jan. 4 and elected new officers for both patrols. These patrols are the Badgerettes and the Ramblers.

The officers for the Badgerettes are Mischeal Stinert, Patrol Leader; Janet Wade, Asst. Leader; Ann Melton, Treasurer; Diana Bien, Reporter; Debbie Glasscock, Troop Treasurer.

The Ramblers officers include Christi Brady, Patrol Leader; Sherry Laurance, Asst. Leader; Cindy Doan, Treasurer.

We had a visitor, Dorothea Pannell.

Debbie Glasscock brought refreshments of cookies.

We are fixing to start working on the cooking badge. The other girls in the troop who have already finished the work on their cook badge, will start working on My Troop Badge, learning the foundation of Scouting.

Farmers Union President Says Government Unfair

A farm organization leader has charged that the Nixon Administration is unfairly imposing major budget cuts on the least inflationary segment of the economy. Texas Farmers Union President Jay Naman of Waco has appealed to President Nixon to rescind budget cutting decisions relating to farm program payments, the Rural Environmental Assistance Program, emergency disaster loans, and interest rates on rural electrification.

The farm organization leader said, "Although agriculture is obviously the least inflationary segment of the economy, it is apparent that the President has decreed that agriculture and rural people must bear the major share of budget reductions. In so doing, the President has undermined programs that are essential for environmental preservation, necessary to keep farm families on the farm, and vital to low-cost rural electrification," Naman said.

"In three weeks, President Nixon has eliminated 1.3 billion dollars in farm program benefits, canceled popular and time-proven, cost-sharing programs to conserve soil and water resources, removed the opportunity of farmers suffering weather disasters to make a comeback, and more than doubled the interest rate on the rural electric cooperatives," Naman said.

Naman said that the constitutional separation of power be-

tween the branches of government is at stake. He pointed out that Congress provided farm programs and the others because these programs are in the public interest and the President signed the legislation. "When a president wipes out 30 years of beneficial farm programs and programs to benefit the rural areas with a sweep of the pen, there is a strong question of whether or not the Executive Branch has usurped the constitutional powers of the legislative branch. It is time for Congress to question the President's arbitrary actions, and exercise the responsibilities that are accorded Congress by the Constitution," Naman said.

The farm organization leader stated that several Farmers Union sponsored "Fly-Ins" to Washington in January and February have been planned to take hundreds of farmers from across the nation to the Capital to discuss the problems of agriculture and the rural area with member of Congress, and to urge the support of Congress for the preservation of all federal programs needed to protect the family farm system of agriculture.

Payments by an employer to a disabled former employee after Dec. 1972 will not be taxable nor creditable for social security purposes for years after the year in which disability began if no work is performed.

Call No. 484

Charter No. 7481

National Banking Region No. 11

REPORT OF CONDITION, CONSOLIDATING

DOMESTIC SUBSIDIARIES, OF THE

Farmers & Merchants National Bank

OF MERKEL, TEXAS

IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON DEC. 31, 1972 PUBLISHED IN RESPONSE TO CALL MADE BY COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY, UNDER TITLE 12, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 161.

ASSETS

Cash and due from banks (including \$none unposted debits)	\$1,437,038.94
U.S. Treasury securities	1,590,930.00
Obligations of other U.S. Government agencies and corporations	\$ 205,204.88
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	1,211,591.62
Other securities (including \$9,000.00 corporate stock)	9,000.00
Loans	1,486,037.88
Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises	60,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$5,999,802.42

LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$3,975,922.34
Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	1,024,227.39
Deposits of United States Government	\$ 28,597.12
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	240,409.48
Certified and officers' checks, etc.	24,863.28
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$5,294,019.61
(a) Total demand deposits	4,269,792.22
(b) Total time and savings deposits	1,024,227.39
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$5,294,019.61

RESERVES ON LOANS AND SECURITIES

Other reserves on loans	\$ 100,000.00
Reserves on securities	100,000.00
TOTAL RESERVES ON LOANS AND SECURITIES	\$ 200,000.00

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Equity capital-total	\$ 505,782.81
Common Stock-total par value	150,000.00
No. shares authorized 3,000 No. shares outstanding 3,000	
Surplus	150,000.00
Undivided profits	205,782.81
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$ 505,782.81

TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES, AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$5,999,802.42
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MEMORANDA

Average of total deposits for the 15 calendar days ending with call date	\$5,189,922.35
Average of total loans for the 15 calendar days ending with call date	1,444,659.56
Interest collected not earned on installment loans included in total capital accounts	11,287.50

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

BETTY JANE TITTLE

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

DONALD W. WARREN, M.D.
W. T. SADLER, M.D.
W. S. J. BROWN
DIRECTORS

Leamon Prospect For Graduation

Stanley Leamon, a 1968 graduate of Merkel High School is a candidate for graduation from McMurry College at mid-term.

Stanley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Leamon of Merkel and is married to the former Deborah James of Merkel. They have a son, Sean Roy.

While at McMurry, Stanley was a member of Ko Sari Social Club. He will receive a bachelor of science degree with a major in physical education and minor in English.

Stanley is currently working on a special education certificate at Hardin - Simmons University.

He is presently employed at the Abilene State School in the physical education department.

Badger B Hosts Tournament Here

The Merkel Booster Club's 5th Annual Basketball Tournament will get underway Thursday, Jan. 11, at 2:30 when Merkel "B" girls meet Roscoe girls. Other teams entered are Jim Nod, Asperment, Merkel J.V.s and Clyde. Championship games will be played Saturday at 7:00 p.m. for the girls and 8:15 p.m. set for the boys game.

Trophies will be furnished by DuBose Texaco and Butane Service, Starbuck's, Hick's Auto Supply, Merkel Drug, Caroid's Super Market and the Asteroid Restaurant.

Admission is 25c for students and 50c for adults.

Table Tactics

What with the fast action of NFL games, those frenzied football fans at your house need something to chew on, to relieve the tension. It's good strategy to put some sweets on the table, at chair side, such as

TACKLER TEASERS

- 1/4 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 3/4 cup milk
- 1 tsp. lemon juice
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 tsp. soda
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. allspice
- 1/4 tsp. cloves
- 1/4 tsp. nutmeg
- 1 large ripe Chiquita banana, minced
- 1 cup Wheaties cereal, crushed

Heat oven to 375°. Cream butter and sugar; beat in egg. Gradually add milk and lemon juice to creamed mixture. Blend in flour, soda, salt and spices. Fold in banana and cereal. Drop dough by teaspoonfuls 3 inches apart onto greased baking sheet. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until light brown. Immediately remove from baking sheet. Cool. 2 dozen.

Citizens Two Way Radio . . .

Adds To Enjoyment Of Outdoors

As millions of American families prepare to take to the outdoors this spring and summer, one piece of equipment is becoming more and more common — citizens two-way radio.

In some cases this is in the form of a portable for use in the field, but more often it is a unit installed in a vehicle to communicate from a camper, station wagon, boat or even an airplane. Because of the relative low cost and easy operation of this type of radio, it is ideal for emergency communications as well as an aid to the enjoyment of the outdoors. Presently 1.5 million motorists, nearly one out of sixty, are already equipped with this inexpensive, easy-to-use two-way radio.

A recent development has aided the whole process. This is the designation of citizens radio Channel 9 as an official motorists assistance and emergency channel by the Federal Communications Commission. In addition to reporting accidents, disasters and other emergencies, motorists can call for road service, traffic information and travel directions to reach a destination.

The chances are excellent, almost anywhere in the country, that your message will be received by one of the tens of thousands of both volunteer and official assistance stations that are listening to the emergency channel 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to handle just such situations as yours. The monitor in turn telephones the nearest appropriate authority and in a matter of minutes, help is on the way.

One nationwide organization, REACT, has approximately 40,000 trained volunteers. Many independent citizens radio clubs perform similar services. Growing numbers of police departments, fire departments and civil defense organizations are cooperating. All together, the Electronic Industries Association estimates that nearly 3 million citizens radios al-

Miss Mayer, Mr. Crawford Wedding Held Dec. 27th

The sanctuary of First United Methodist Church of Kermit, was the setting for the Dec. 27th wedding of Miss Judith Lee Mayer and Robert Morris Crawford of Merkel. The Rev. Kenneth Ford of Fort Stockton, formerly of Kermit, read the double ring ceremony at 4 p.m.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Mayer of Kermit and Mr. and Mrs. Onis Crawford of Merkel.

The altar decorations included two spiral candelabra entwined with greenery, swags of evergreen with white satin bows, and at each side a large pedestal holding dark red mums and white pompons with bridal wreath.

Mrs. Richard Horner played traditional wedding music and accompanied Miss Karen Stockton as she sang "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life," and "The Lord's Prayer."

Presented in marriage by her father, the bride wore a floor-length gown of ivory silk linen crash, designed with victorian

lines, matching lace edged the floor-length ivory veil.

The bridal bouquet was of American Beauty and pink Sweetheart roses. Miss Joyce Donaldson of Valley Mills was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Montie Land of Breckenridge and Miss Nancy Roberts of Austin. Miss Linda Greenlee presided over the registry.

Bridal attendants wore cranberry velvet with lines similar to the bridal gown. They carried Cranberry Muffs adorned with pompon mums and each wore a single strand of pearls, a gift of the bride.

Ronnie McKeever of San Angelo was best man. Jim Crawford, brother of the groom and Montie Land were groomsmen. Ushers were Gene and Jodie Geistweid, Dwight Leifeste of Mason and Dick Kennedy of College Station.

Parents of the bride were hosts for the reception in Fellowship Hall of the Church. The table was covered with a cloth of white satin with matching scalloped overlay.

The bridal bouquet formed the centerpiece, flanked by a three-pronged candelabra. The three-tiered wedding cake was topped with white satin bells. A crystal punch server trimmed in silver was used.

Assisting with the reception were Mrs. Jerry Sims, Miss Greenlee and Mrs. Dick Kennedy. For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Mayer wore a tri-colored shirt waist dress of lavender crepe. The groom's mother chose a tailored two-piece gold and purple double knit suit.

The bride wore a cranberry wool suit with pink blouse on their wedding trip to Ruidoso, N. M.

Mrs. Crawford is a 1968 graduate of Kermit High School and received her degree from Tarleton State in 1972. She was a member of DST Club and is employed in Rockdale, with Mehaffey's Clothing Store.

The couple will be home in Rockdale after Jan. 1st at 300 Childress, Apt. No. 3.

Parents of the bridegroom were hosts for the rehearsal dinner Tuesday night, assisted by Mrs. Jim Crawford of Midland. Thirty guests were served.

Miss Roberts and Mrs. Sims hosted a bridesmaids breakfast Wednesday morning.

Out of town guests attended from Mason, Breckenridge, Valley Mills, Fort Stockton, Midland, Abilene, San Angelo and Merkel.



Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE

The weather is the big item this week. The farmers and ranchers are having trouble getting feed to their cattle due to the icy roads.

It has been estimated there are approximately 500 bales of cotton still in the fields.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kelso of Bentonville, Ark., spent several days recently with their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Kelso.

Miss Stephenson of Midland spent the holidays with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald. Mrs. McDonald took her home and spent several days with her daughter and family, the Doug Stephensons.

Mildred and Lonnie Harris of Dallas visited Mr. and Mrs. John Browning recently.

David Clyburn and Hugh Taylor went rattlesnake hunting Sunday and they got 25 rattlesnakes out of one hole in the Comperre Community.

David, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn, is one of the leading hunters in the community.



ready are in use in homes, boats, on the farm and in vehicles — not only to help out in emergencies but for personal communication by the average citizen.

Citizens radios are as easy to use as a telephone — flip the selector knob to the desired channel, and push a button on the microphone to talk. Release the button to listen. No tests or special technical knowledge are required, but you do need an FCC license, obtainable on request. The fee is \$20 for five years. The requirements for ownership are very simple. Citizens radios can be purchased at many department stores, electronic distributors and radio shops.

In addition to the emergency frequency, 22 additional channels are available for personal or business communications. For considerably less than \$150, a radio may be purchased on which you can communicate on all 23 channels.

The Citizens Radio Section of the Electronic Industries Association has an informative pamphlet available that answers many questions about personal citizens two-way radio. It may be obtained by writing to E. J. A. Service Dept., 21 E. Hubbard St., 7th floor, Chicago, Ill. 60611.

Womble Accepts Houston Job

William T. (Tom) Womble, attorney at law, graduate of Morse High School, Morse, Texas, Hardin - Simmons University and Texas Tech Law School, has accepted an offer to practice law with the law firm of Baker and Betts of Houston. This firm is one of the largest law firms in the world with approximately 150 lawyers.

It is internationally known with offices in Mexico City, Mexico, and Paris, France. Tom's work will be in the Trial Department where he will have his own trial docket, set his own calendar, schedule his investigations, etc.

Tom's wife, Mary Jane, daughter of the Buster Hortons of Merkel, and their daughter, Jennifer Leigh, will join Tom in Houston at the end of this school semester, Jan. 19.

Mary Jane is a math teacher in the South Beaumont Independent School District.

The Wombles have purchased a home in Houston in the Spring Branch area.

Abilene Livestock Show and Rodeo Starts January 18

The Abilene Livestock Show, an annual event held at the West Texas Fairgrounds will also be the scene of the Abilene Junior Rodeo to be held in the Taylor County Coliseum.

While both events are separate groups, they are each working closely to make the Livestock Show and Rodeo a big success. The Abilene Livestock Show Association, a division of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the Livestock Show and the Abilene Junior Rodeo Club is sponsoring the Rodeo.

The Rodeo is being produced by Bob Estes of Baird and will feature for the first time at any Junior Rodeo in Texas a saddle bronc riding contest. Over 500 contestants are expected to take part in the Rodeo.

The Rodeo will be held January 18, 19, and 20 at 8 p.m. and on Sunday afternoon January 21st.

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: Roland Edward Harrison, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 29 day of Jan. A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court

on the 24 day of Oct. A.D. 1972, in this cause numbered 7580 on the docket of said court and styled In Re: Linda Janet Harrison and Jeffrey Edward Harrison.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Adoption 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 13 day of Dec. A.D. 1972.

(Seal)
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD
Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas
By Marie Gill, Deputy.

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tition filed in said court, on the 7 day of Nov. A.D. 1972, in this cause, numbered 7621 on the docket of said court and styled In Re: Roxan Etoile Beebe.

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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 21 day of Dec. A.D. 1972.

(Seal)
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD
Clerk Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas
By Marie Gill, Deputy.

45 4c

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF HEARING TO APPROPRIATE STATE WATER OF THE STATE OF TEXAS No. 3090

Notice is given that BILL SEN-TER

c-o James Weeks
Attorney at Law
P. O. Box 1834
Abilene, Texas 79604

applicant, seeks a permit from the Texas Water Rights Commission to impound 66 acre-feet of water in an existing off-channel reservoir by direct diversion from Elm Creek, tributary of Clear Fork of Brazos River, tributary Brazos River, Brazos River Basin, for non-consumptive recreational purposes in the J. C. Donley Survey, Abstract No. 466, within the city limits of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

The NE Corner of the reservoir is 5 69 degrees 10 minutes E, 1190 feet from the NW corner of the

J. C. Donley Survey Abstract No. 466.

Diversion will be from a point on the right or east bank of Elm Creek S 27 degrees 45 minutes E, 965 feet from the NW corner of the aforesaid survey, by means of a portable pump at a maximum rate of 300 gpm (0.67 cfs).

Application No. 3090 was accepted for filing by the Texas Water Rights Commission on December 18, 1972, and a hearing thereon will be held by the Commission in the Sam Houston State Office Building at Austin, Texas, on January 31, 1973, at 10:00 a.m. Those opposing the granting of said application should file written protests with the Commission and the applicant at least five days prior to hearing date, giving their reasons therefor and such other information as is required by Commission Rule 305.2.

(Seal)
O. F. Dent, Chairman
TEXAS WATER RIGHTS COMMISSION

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BY DOLLY REED WAGEMAN, Director, The Carnation Fashion Office

Q: How can I match my bank account to my Christmas list?
A: Easy. And it's twice as much fun too, when you make your presents. Is there a favorite family saying? Cross-stitch it on a piece of unbleached muslin, decorate with embroidered illustrations—and there's an authentic space-saver to be treasured for generations. How long since you've held a paintbrush? Go to an art supply store and get a small box of water colors. Make a pencil sketch of the recipient's pet and paint away. Do keep the painting small. A miniature is always charming no matter how primitive. To look finished both samplers and paintings should be framed. A warning: pick the frame first, not last, or your inexpensive gift can get costly. Framers usually have small or odd-size frames for 50c or \$1.00. To your husband or beau why not give the present of a beautiful and svelte new YOU? Promise to take off those extra pounds you've gradually been accumulating and put the promise in writing. Before the holidays, begin to create your slenderest self. Substitute a Mini-Meal of Slender diet food from Carnation for breakfast and/or lunch, depending on how much you want to lose. One packet of Slender mixed with 6 oz. nonfat milk gives you 164 calories plus protein, vitamins and minerals. Count your blessings and your calories this non-commercial Christmas.



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A peptic ulcer starts with a small break in the mucous lining protecting the stomach and intestinal walls. Once an ulcer appears, it is irritated by the gastric juices involved in digestion. Studies by Smith Kline & French Laboratories show that ulcer pain can be relieved by controlling the acid content in the gastric juices. In clinical testing, 'Duon', a non-prescription anti-acid, kept the acidity level in the desirable range for an average of 67 minutes.

POLICE BUSINESS IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS
Merkel Police Department

Refreshing Italian Salad



Nothing is more inviting than a fresh, crisp green salad during the warm spring and summer months. Vegetables are in abundance during this time of the year and relatively inexpensive. Salads are full of nutritious vitamins necessary to good health.

Here's a simple yet different salad for you to try. Serve it tonight followed by a cold cut platter.

Bel Air Italian Salad

- 1 head iceberg lettuce
- 1/2 fennel root
- 1/2 green pepper
- 2 large tomatoes, sliced
- 8 tablespoons salad oil
- 2 tablespoons wine vinegar
- 1 garlic clove, crushed
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon pepper
- Salt to taste
- 1 cup Bel Air Italian Cheese Crotons
- 1/2 cup radishes, sliced

Sprinkle lemon pepper in bowl. Crush garlic in lemon pepper; add oil and mix well. Let stand at room temperature for 2 or 3 hours. Wash lettuce, tear into bite-size pieces and drain on paper towel. Chill. Just before serving, shred fennel and green pepper coarsely; add to lettuce along with tomatoes and radishes. Strain oil over salad; toss lightly. Sprinkle with vinegar and crotons and toss again. Sprinkle with lemon pepper and salt. Serves 6.

GET THE LEAD OUT

BUILD A BETTER ENVIRONMENT

WITH THE THREAT OF A WHIP HANGING OVER THEIR HEADS, THE EGYPTIAN SLAVES COMPLETED THE BACK-BREAKING JOB OF CONSTRUCTING PYRAMIDS ON TIME. THE WHIP WAS ALL THE INCENTIVE THEY NEEDED.

FOR MODERN CONSTRUCTION CREWS INCENTIVES INCLUDE BETTER WORKING CONDITIONS, LABOR-SAVING EQUIPMENT AND FRINGE BENEFITS.

THE TOUGH JOB OF POLLUTION CONTROL HAS THE SHINING INCENTIVE OF ALL-CLEANER AIR. AMERICAN OIL COMPANY IS BRINGING EVERYONE TO "GET THE LEAD OUT" AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT POLLUTION.

Consumer Scene

Food Freezer Can Save Time And Money

Increasingly, American homemakers have been turning to the food freezer as a means of combating steadily rising food costs.

When used to advantage, the food freezer can become a homemaker's most valued appliance, enabling her to prepare a kaleidoscope of enjoyable meals while saving both time and money. And the advantages of plenty of freezer space aren't limited strictly to the large family — working wives particularly need to save time in the kitchen to manage their dual role as homemaker and wage-earner.

Owning a food freezer is like having a "supermarket" in your home, points out General Electric's Consumers Institute. It avoids the need for frequent and often last-minute trips to the grocery — particularly advantageous in bad weather — and also enables you to be ready for friends that drop in unexpectedly as well as to prepare foods in advance for special occasions.

Here are a bevy of tips to help you get the most out of your food freezer:

- ✓ Buy on a planned basis, not by impulse. Items you don't really need can be expensive.
- ✓ Take advantage of market specials, when prices are lower, but beware of bargains that don't fit your plan or your family's appetite.
- ✓ Buy meats in quantity to obtain better quality at lower cost.
- ✓ Stock up on fresh fruits and vegetables at the peak of the season when prices are lowest — freezing preserves the flavor, texture and appearance and is simpler and faster than canning.
- ✓ Freeze meal leftovers and serve them later as "planned overs" — or make your own "TV dinners."
- ✓ Package foods in meal sizes so that you only have to thaw the required amount.
- ✓ Buy day-old bakery goods — a short stay in the freezer makes them taste oven fresh. Toast made from frozen bread is particularly delicious.
- ✓ Keep your freezer as nearly full as possible — a half-empty freezer becomes a luxury to own and costs more to operate.
- ✓ Be a double batcher — bake and cook in advance and freeze half for another meal.
- ✓ Don't waste space regularly storing bulky, low cost items such as ice cubes — although a freezer is particularly handy for building up an ice cube supply for a party.
- ✓ The staff of the Consumers Institute, which is responsible for both General Electric and Hotpoint major appliances, points out that where you locate your freezer can make a difference in how well it operates and how much it costs to run.
- ✓ Ideally, it should be located in a cool, dry, well ventilated area out of direct sunlight — never in a room that is especially hot in summer or heavily heated in winter. Too hot a location can add up to 15% in operating costs.
- ✓ Ideas for using a food freezer are nearly limitless, and some time spent reading the use and care manual provided by the manufacturer can help you maximize the time and money savings available from owning your own "personal supermarket."

GET THE LEAD OUT

TAKE THE OFFENSIVE

THE THREAT OF ATTACK SPURRED THE ANCIENT CHINESE TO BUILD AN ARCHITECTURAL WONDER! THE GREAT WALL WORKERS LABORED DAY AND NIGHT TO SECURE THEIR FRONTIERS AGAINST INVADING HORDES.

IN MEDIEVAL TIMES, NOBLES BUILT TURPETED FORTRESSES TO KEEP ENEMIES AWAY. THESE NOBLEMEN FOUGHT BESIDE THEIR SOLDIERS, SHOOTING FLAMING ARROWS AT WOULD-BE CONQUERORS.

TODAY IT TAKES MORE THAN THICK WALLS TO KEEP US SAFE FROM ONE FORMIDABLE ENEMY: POLLUTION. AMERICAN OIL CO. URGES EVERYONE TO "GET THE LEAD OUT" SO WE CAN CONQUER AIR POLLUTION BEFORE IT DESTROYS OUR ENVIRONMENT.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Harbor
5. Piece of news
9. Tree
12. Declare
13. You: archaic
14. Number
15. Desert beast
17. Give weapons
18. Greek letter
19. Component
21. Foundation
23. Medicine amount
24. Damp
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26. Awakens
28. Deface
29. Enthusiast
30. Dress
31. Marsh
32. Whale
33. Finish
34. Church seat
35. Carried
36. Suffix: past tense
45. Field
47. Ethical
48. Building wing
49. Formerly
51. Russian river
52. Cereal
53. Cry
54. Whirlpool
11. Thought out
16. Fewer
20. Neon: chem.
22. In
24. Shake
25. Drowsier
27. Gently
28. Out grass
29. Chained
31. Wager
32. Comfort
34. Cushion
35. School period
37. Musical note
38. Italian river
40. Omit: print.
41. Spice
42. Ground
43. Mill
44. Compass point
50. Prefix: on

Answer to Puzzle

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DOWN

1. Step
2. Egg-shaped
3. Cured
4. Trembling
5. That thing
6. Which
7. Ever: part
8. Part of lamb
9. Enemies
10. Familiar

Doctor in the Kitchen
by Laurence M. Hursh, M.D.
Consultant, National Dairy Council

NUTRITION — RANDOM THOUGHTS

Lighter thoughts attract me these days — as fall slips away, with winter to come. And not all of nutrition demands heavy discussion anyway. So, here are four briefer ideas, rather than having this column deal entirely with one subject.

My first "lighter thought" may be stimulated by the beautiful colors nature offers this time of year. Has it occurred to you that color coordination, or color considerations, can be involved in choosing foods wisely?

Color In Planning Meals

Some nutritionists suggest color as an approach to planning meals of adequate nutrition. The idea is to combine the reds of meats, the whites of milk and cream, or the golds of cheese with the greens and yellows of vegetables and the whites and browns of cereals and bread.

Proper selection of foods from the four food groups should help you satisfy your daily nutrient needs and at the same time provide the color and variety so important to appetizing meals.

What if you don't like three meals a day?

This is a hassle in many families. There certainly need be no set rule in your family, provided the mechanics of varying the number of meals can be worked out. What I mean is, one member may prefer to eat 5 or 6 smaller meals and nutritionists would say "okay." Probably the worst pattern for one to adopt is no breakfast, little lunch and then a big dinner. That should be discouraged because the body needs its nutrients all the time, not just in big deliveries made once a day. Some families eliminate monotony by varying the size of meals — such as a heavier weekend lunch, then a light dinner or supper.

The other thoughts I have today concern the ladies in particular. The first is, surveys indicate that women are less likely than men to get the nutrients they need.

Figure-Conscious?

Mothers, for example, may be figure-conscious and eating too little or preoccupied with feeding their families to the exclusion of eating proper meals themselves. For their own sakes, and as an example for their children, mothers should eat adequate, sensible meals.

Finally — did you know your hair can be noticeably affected by your nutrition? Human hair can change in color and texture in protein-calorie malnutrition. This has been found in countries where starvation and famine are common. Brittleness and sparseness, loss of color and of natural curl have been evident and frequent enough to be used in diagnosing protein deficiency.



JACK H. CHANCEY
... game warden

Jack H. Chancey Gets Assignment

Jack Hamilton Chancey, 26, of Merkel, has been commissioned a game warden by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and assigned to Newton County. He will be headquartered in Newton and should be at his new duty station by Jan. 10.

Chancey is a graduate of Texas A&M University.

He is married to the former Miss Dessie Foreman of Victoria and they have one child, Michelle Renee, 2 months.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Chancey of 408 Cherry St. Chancey graduated from Merkel High School in 1964.

NOTICE

If your club or organization is having a meeting, we would like to know about it.

Call or write in the time, place and when before noon Tuesday.

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- painted your house
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- been shot at
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Noodle-Horn Yearbook Favorites Announced

Favorites for the 1973 Mustang, the Noodle - Horn School yearbook were announced recently.

High school favorites selected by the student body were Dick Griffith, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Griffith; Joyce Hogan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hogan; Patty Toney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Toney; Mike Sloan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sloan.

The high school faculty selected Joyce Hogan and Ernest Tate, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tate,

as "Most Likely to Succeed."

Grade School favorites were: 1st grade — Wendy Hunter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hunter, and Billy McKeegan, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. McKeegan.

2nd grade — Tony Clawson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Clawson, and LeAnn Loveland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loveland.

3rd grade — Chris Rodriguez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Rodriguez and Rusty Toney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Toney.

4th grade — Randy Flores, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Flores and Veonna Dodds, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Winifred Dodds.

5th grade — David Flores, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Flores and Sharla Turner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Turner.

6th grade — Eldon Israel, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Israel and Mary Flores, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rufino Flores.

7th grade — Wayne Hudson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dub Hudson and Leta Dodds, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Winifred Dodds.

8th grade — Melissa Nichols, daughter of Mrs. Maxine Nichols and Tommy Sloan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sloan.

School superintendent is Mr. Winifred Dodds.

Yearbook sponsor is Mrs. Charles Loveland.

Levis and Lace Dance Friday

The Levis and Lace Square Dance Club will have a dance Friday night in the Lions Club building located at South 1st St. just off Oak St.

The dance will begin at 8 p.m. with Slim Ivey of Haskell calling.

All members are urged to attend. The public is also invited to attend.

Brownie News

By LOYCE BAKER

The second year Brownie Troop 103 met last Tuesday, Jan. 2, for their weekly meeting. Members practiced first aid by fixing bandages and splints on each other.

They also discussed parts they would have in a play to be given later in the year.

Kristi Alves served refreshments to the following members: Denden Patton, Stacy Seymore, Oleta Walters, Nancy Click, Judy Glasscock, Loyce Baker, Debbie Williams, Robert Duran and Maria Moreno.

And What About Jet-lag?

Everyone travels these days. We're constantly off to more exotic corners of the world, and soon maybe the moon. One of the frequent problems is getting your body to adjust to abrupt time changes, and the various types of food we all insist on trying. Well, how would you feel if your stomach ignored your feelings and let you suffer while it continued shoveling in more tacos, moussaka, roast suckling pig, hot tamales . . . The solution: Chooz, a gentle effective chewing gum antacid that acts quickly and keeps you on the move. And the moral: Be fair to your stomach and it will be fair to you. Z

How-To's of Hearty Breakfasts

"Sorry, Mom, I don't have time to eat breakfast." Sound familiar? One way to coax the kids to have a hearty breakfast is by forming the family habit of eating together each morning. Another good trick is to make every breakfast an event, by serving a "Sunday special" every day of the week — easier than it sounds with ready-to-serve foods. A combination of Wheaties breakfast cereal and Chiquita bananas is simple to put together, yet it has a special flavor. Then, mention that these are NFL Training Table Foods for football heroes, and watch the kids' breakfast appetites increase.

Deadline Jan. 31 For Wage Reports

Farmers and crew leaders who hire farm workers have until January 31 to send 1972 wage reports and social security contributions to the Internal Revenue Service, according to R. R. Tuley Jr., social security district manager in Abilene.

"A farm worker is covered by social security if an employer paid him \$150 or more in cash wages for farm work in 1972 — or if the employee did farm work for the employer on 20 or more days during the year for cash wages figured on a time basis rather than a piece rate basis," Tuley said.

Annual wage reports for farm employees are submitted by their employers on a form available at Internal Revenue Service offices. The form is mailed to farmers and crew leaders who have IRS Employer identification numbers, according to Tuley. Others should request the tax forms from the office of Internal Revenue Service, U.S. P. O. Bldg., Abilene, Tex., 79601.

4-H's Create Own Space in Home Environment Program



4-H'ers in the 4-H home environment program create comfortable and pleasing living spaces. These 4-H'ers built a bookshelf and a mobile to improve the total environment of their rumpus room.

SPECIAL - What's in a name? Plenty, think leaders working with 4-H members in the area of home furnishings, equipment and housing.

The 4-H home improvement program has been renamed 4-H home environment in 1972. Sponsored by The S&H Foundation, Inc., new dimensions and activities have been added through the efforts of personnel of the Cooperative Extension Service and National 4-H Service Committee.

The contemporary 4-H home environment program provides numerous opportunities for creative expression. 4-H'ers in the program are encouraged to plan their home surroundings much as they would the total

environment — for beauty, comfort, health, safety and adequate space. Using the principles of basic design — form, scale, patterns and texture, color and light — the 178,000 young people in the 4-H home environment program create living spaces that are functional, comfortable and aesthetically pleasing.

Boys Can Take Part, Too

The revised program is also designed to get boys interested and involved in improving their homes. 4-H'ers from low income, minority and migrant families are also encouraged to participate and help create pleasing home environments. Besides the satisfaction at helping to make one's home a

more enjoyable and pleasing place to live, 4-H'ers in the home environment program can gain recognition in other ways.

The S&H Foundation, Inc. provides incentive and other recognition awards for county, state and national winners in the program.

Medals of honor are awarded county winners, while one winner in each state receives an expense-paid trip to the National 4-H Congress in Chicago, Nov. 26-30. At the 4-H event, six national winners receive \$700 scholarships provided by The S&H Foundation, Inc.

For more information about the 4-H home environment program, contact the county extension office.

ROUND-UP

By KAYE LANHAM

J. B. GRIFFIN of Rt. 1, Merkel loaded a load of hay in the back of his camper at his hay barn and carried it three miles to another farm to feed his cattle. When he got there, one bale he had broken into had a rat's nest in it, along with a rattlesnake, which fell out onto the ground. The snake was numb from the cold and couldn't move. Griffin took it to the pickup and beat his head off. Guess the snake was trying to find him some warmer quarters, just like a lot of people are having to do recently in the area.

MR. AND MRS. D. J. ANDERSON of Comanche visited Saturday evening in the home of the Marshall Owens of Merkel. Mr. Anderson and Marshall are cousins and have never met. It was a pleasant surprise for all.

THE BUSTER HORTONS had several holiday visitors in their home recently. Major and Mrs. William R. (Bill) Horton and their

grandchildren, Ray and Lana Kay, flew in on Dec. 22, from Edwards Air Force Base in California. Bill has been stationed there since his return from Vietnam last March. Bill is an Army Test pilot and spends a great deal of time in the eastern part of the U.S. engaged in this part of his work. Bill and family returned to California on Jan. 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Horton and daughter, Aaron of Ft. Stockton, were also at home with the Hortons during the holidays. Jim is employed by Dresser Oil Company of Midland. Sherry has just finished degree requirements for a BS in Art Education from Hardin - Simmons University.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Womble (Mary Jane) and daughter, Jennifer Leigh, spent several days visiting with her parents and her brothers.

This was the first time in three years that the Buster Hortons have had all of their children and grandchildren home at the same time.

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by Laurence M. Hursh, M.D.
Consultant, National Dairy Council

HUNGER AND APPETITE

Hunger and appetite are not the same thing, scientists tell us. Hunger is when you have been deprived of food — and it is not a pleasant sensation. Appetite, on the other hand, is largely a pleasant sensation. Hunger, scientists say, is an "unlearned response." Appetite, the desire to eat, is largely a learned response.

Hunger has a basis in one's physical condition. Research studies have related hunger to the level of sugar in the blood. There is also a gland in the brain, that, according to one theory, regulates food intake. A fall in the level of blood sugar stimulates the feeding center of the hypothalamus and hunger pangs begin. On the other hand, a rise in the blood sugar level stimulates the satiety center of the hypothalamus and a feeling of satiety results.

More information is needed before the food-intake regulating mechanism is fully understood.

The Desire To Eat

Desire to eat, it is believed, stems from both hunger and appetite but appetite can function long after hunger is satisfied. Overeating can stem from an appetite that is uncontrolled.

It is not thought that human appetite is guided by instinct. Nor is appetite an indication of the kinds of nutrients people need. At one time we believed infants might be able to select from an "array of foods" those which they needed to make a good diet. This is now discounted. Once children have tasted various foods they develop their likes and dislikes on factors that

are not related to nutrient needs.

An article a few years ago in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition discussed a practice known as "earth eating" — found among preschool children and poorly fed pregnant women in lower socio-economic groups in the United States and in developing nations. Eating earth is part of a practice known generally as "pica" — the eating of certain foods such as corn starch or non-food items such as clay and plaster.

Cultural Influences

It has been suggested that this unusual craving is due to nutrient lacks in diet. However, cultural influences must be at work because when sufferers were given vitamin and mineral supplements they still practiced pica. Emotional needs, it is felt, may be the cause.

I have discussed all this because I feel there is a relationship with the United States problem of overweight. People accustomed to poor eating habits continue to cling to those habits even though they are not good for them.

There undoubtedly are both physical and cultural bases for problems such as overweight in our country. As medical and nutrition science progress we will find the answers. Meantime, if you are overweight, we may not be able to make it easier for you, but you can help yourself by starting your exercise with pushing yourself away from the table — before you are satisfied, not after.

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Old Indian Village Is Unearthed In Hueco Tanks State Park by State

EL PASO — Texas' westernmost state park has been the scene of recent archeological work by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Workers under the guidance of George Kegley, Parks and Wildlife Department staff archeologist, have uncovered the site of an ancient "pit house" village in Hueco Tanks State Park.

The village dates back to between 1200 and 1400 A.D. and was inhabited by a pueblo group of Indians.

The Indians of Hueco Tanks dug the foundations of their houses 18 to 20 inches into the soil and covered the pit bottom and probably the sides with adobe. The roof was also apparently constructed with adobe.

Kegley and his crew of workers uncovered three pit houses.

"With the exception of slight rises in the ground," said Kegley, "we had no indication that the buried house sites existed. We were very lucky, we dug

three holes and found the remains of three houses," he said.

Kegley said that his crew dug until they found a wall and then followed the wall to its source.

It took about two weeks to completely excavate each house site. The fragile abode was surprisingly damp underground and the last of it was tediously excavated with small trowels.

Excavation was made more difficult by the fact that the West Texas area had 19 inches of rain since August, three times the normal yearly amount.

In addition to the houses, Kegley found three pre-historic burials, refuse heaps and numerous potsherds and projectile points.

One of the burial sites was in the interior of a house, a common practice in this area in pre-historic times.

Why the houses were abandoned is a mystery to the archeologists. There is no sign of catastrophe. The Indians simply left.

From what can be pieced together of their life style, they must have been sedentary gardeners who raised crops. Water must have played a large part in the Indians' decision to locate near the Hueco Tanks. The area draws its name from the "huecos" or depressions in the stone which traps rainwater even today.

Some change must have occurred in this life style just before the coming of the Spanish. Explorers in the 1500s reported that Indians in the Hueco Tanks area were semi-nomadic and had evidently abandoned their sedentary living some time before.

"There is evidence," said Kegley, "that many may have lived at Hueco Tanks as early as 10,000 years ago."

Such speculation is based on finds of Folsom points, beautifully worked projectile points associated with early big-game hunters.

Excavation was also done on the remains of a Butterfield Overland Stage waystation that is within the park.

The station was active in 1858 and 1859.

Investigations of the stage site have raised some questions as to it really being part of the Butterfield system. Kegley visited other stops along the line and found them to differ from the remains of the Hueco Tanks station.

Parks and Wildlife Department personnel were greatly assisted by the El Paso Centennial Museum and amateur archeologists from the El Paso Archeological Society.

Mrs. John Morgan Services Held

Mrs. Eva Morgan of Dallas died Tuesday, Dec. 26 in C. C. Young Medical Center, where she had been a patient since last June.

Funeral services were held at Marris - Munday - Juill Funeral Chapel. Burial was in Restland Memorial Cemetery.

Born Eva Loucile Cavert Dec. 14, 1894 in Merkel, she was married to John T. Morgan Nov. 14, 1917.

Survivors include two nieces, Mrs. Anna Lou Ferguson of Merkel and Mrs. Mary Jo Knox of Richardson; and one nephew, John C. Calvert of Jonesboro.

Merkel Woman's Brother Dies

Luther Herman Hampton, 88, of 2818 S. 10th, a retired peanut factory worker, died Friday at his home after suffering an apparent heart attack. Funeral was held Tuesday at Elliott's Chapel of Memories in Abilene.

The Rev. W. L. Little, pastor of the First Church of Nazarene, officiated with burial following in Elmwood Memorial Park.

Mr. Hampton was born Dec. 13, 1884 in Coryell County, Tex. He married Bertha Williams Feb. 12, 1906 in Tom Green County. They moved to Abilene from Eula Community in 1939. His wife died in 1957.

Survivors are three sons, Elmer of De Leon, Lindel and John of Abilene; two daughters, Mrs. G. H. McMinn of Abilene and Mrs. Pete Underwood of Lake Leon, Texas; three sisters, Mrs. Erma Patterson of Merkel, Mrs. Macie Mayhall, Abilene, and Mrs. Gertha Mayhall of Oklahoma.

Fog Can Be Dangerous

AUSTIN — Fog may creep in on little cat's feet, and when it dies, some boat owners may find they have a tiger by the tail. This is because they don't have a compass.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials say a compass given to your favorite boat owner for Christmas may be the most significant gift of the whole year. It can save his day, and maybe even his life.

The thing about fog, say officials, is that every direction looks the same. Many times it is impossible to tell even where the water ends and fog begins. Navigating in fog without a compass is nearly impossible, so instead of finding safe harbor the boat owner is just as likely to find himself crossing the Gulf of Mexico when the fog lifts.

Group Permits Available

AUSTIN — A \$12 group entrance permit to state parks will be available to nonprofit youth organizations Jan. 1.

In previous action, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission approved such permits to make the state parks more available to youth organizations such as the Boy Scouts.

Such organizations must be composed of individuals 17 years of age and under and have state or national affiliation or sponsorship by a government, civic or community organization.

The \$12 permit will authorize entry to members of groups under adult supervision into any state park where entrance fees are determined on a per vehicle basis.

Permit forms may be obtained at all state parks and at Parks and Wildlife Department offices in the John H. Reagan Building, Austin 78701.

World on Wheels

by Parnelli Jones

Q. My problem is an engine that just doesn't know when to quit. I switch off the ignition, but the engine keeps bucking and coughing. Any solutions for my automatic?

A. For those people with an automatic transmission, "after-run" can sometimes be cured by having the transmission selector in the drive position when shutting off the ignition. Also, by just making sure the idle speed is set according to factory specifications is another way of avoiding after-run.

Q. I'm a house painter and plan to use my car to haul a small trailer containing my materials and tools. Is there a special brake fluid I should use?

A. Castrol GT (LMA) brake fluid is specially recommended for cars or station wagons used for towing trailers, boats, snowmobiles, etc. to guard against high brake temperatures. Here's what I mean. A brake creates a frictional resistance on the wheel, causing it to stop. Friction causes heat. If the boiling point of the fluid is not sufficiently high, the fluid would boil in the brake or master cylinders, causing vapor lock.

Rainbow Trout Scheduled For Release in Brazos River

AUSTIN — Rainbow trout are scheduled for stocking in the Brazos River below Possum Kingdom Reservoir.

The Parks and Wildlife Department will release approximately 4,000 eight- to 10-inch trout Jan. 17 in the river 25 miles west of Mineral Wells.

Water quality studies on the Brazos River indicate that the cold water flowing from the depths of Possum Kingdom Reservoir will be suitable trout habitat for the first four miles below the dam.

The fishery will be maintained by yearly stocking of catchable-size trout since the department does not expect the trout to reproduce.

Trout are provided by the National Fish Hatchery systems. A similar put-and-take fishery

in the Guadalupe River below Canyon Dam has been a success.

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- *Jan. 12 (Fri.) — Baird, there, A and B boys, A girls
- *Jan. 16 (Tues) — Aspermont, there, A and B boys, A girls.
- *Jan. 19 (Fri.) — Wylie, here, A and B boys, A girls
- *Jan. 23 (Tues.) — Rotan, there, A and B boys, A girls.
- Jan. 25, 27 (T, S.) — Aspermont B Team Tournament, B boys, B girls.
- *Jan. 26 (Fri.) — Albany, there, A and B boys, A girls
- *Jan. 30 (Tues.) — Roscoe, here, A and B boys, A girls.
- *Feb. 2 (Fri.) — Jim Ned, there, A and B boys, A girls.
- *Feb. 6 (Tues.) — Baird, here, A and B boys
- *Conference Games.

Vet Questions And Answers

Q — I am to be discharged from the service soon, and am interested in applying for a GI home loan. Where do I obtain the necessary information and forms, and how can I prepare for it now?

A — Upon separation you will receive your DD Form 214. Send a copy of this separation form with a letter stating your intention to buy a house to the nearest VA office. You will receive a certificate of eligibility or a VA insured loan. The lending institution which finances your home will require a copy of the certificate.

Q — I received a General Discharge from the Army. Am I entitled to any GI Bill benefits?

A — Generally, this type of discharge entitles you to the same benefits as an Honorable Discharge entitles you to the same benefits as an Honorable Discharge. Apply at your nearest VA Regional Office.

Q — A veteran's widow receiving pension died on June 15 and had in her possession a VA check for the month of May. Is this check payable to anyone?

A — The check must be returned to the disbursing office which issued it. It may then be paid, upon submission of a claim to the nearest VA office, to any children entitled to VA death benefits, or, if no eligible children, then to the person or persons who bore the expense of the last illness or burial.

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Evening Service 7:00

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WEDNESDAY
Mid-Week Service .. 7:30 p.m.

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Russell McAnally, pastor

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Youth Meeting 6:00
Evening Worship 7:00
WEDNESDAY
Prayer Group 7:30

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
5th and Runnels
P. T. Stewart, pastor

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Worship Service 11:00
SUNDAY EVENING
Training Union 6:30
Worship Service 7:00
WEDNESDAY
Evening Service 7:30

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Billy Patton, pastor

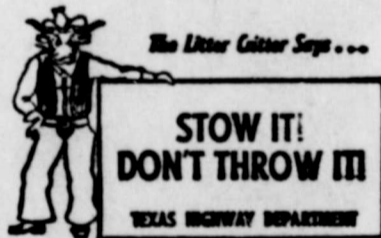
SUNDAY
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Morning Worship 10:30
Evening Worship 6:00
Bible Classes 7:30

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SUNDAY
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Morning Worship 11:00

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Kenneth Jones, pastor

SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Radio Broadcast .. 10:15 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Radio Broadcast 11:00 a.m.
Youth Choir 5:00 p.m.
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Evening Worship ... 7:00 p.m.
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Edgar Curtis Threadgill, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 29th day of January A.D. 1972, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 31st day of October A.D. 1972, in this cause, numbered 7597 on the docket of said court and styled Joe Ann Threadgill, Plaintiff, vs. Edgar Curtis Thread-

gill, Jr., Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: parties were married July 18, 1953 and separated and ceased to live together on April 25, 1972. Two children born of this marriage, Michael Curtis Threadgill, 18 years of age and Nicki Jo Threadgill, age 16 years. Petitioner prays that all property owned by parties be divided in an equitable manner 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 14th day of December A.D. 1972. (Seal)

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas By Rilla Mahoney, Deputy.

Baptist Conference Slated For Monday, January 29

"THE CHURCH ALIVE" is the theme of the Evangelism Conference sponsored by the Southern Baptist Churches of the Baptist Double Mountain Area. The conference will be held in the First Baptist Church in Haskell, Monday, January 29, 1973. Speakers for the conference will include Rev. Bob Harrington,

"Chaplain of Bourbon Street" in New Orleans, Louisiana; Dr. Gordon Clinard, Professor of Bible at Hardin-Simmons University; Rev. R. B. Hall, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Anson; Rev. W. L. Trice, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Lueders; Rev. Roger Butler, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Knox City. The choir will be under direction of Mike Manley, Minister of Music, First Baptist Church, Stamford and the choir will be composed of singers from all area churches.

There is to be two sessions of the conference with the afternoon session beginning at 2:00 p.m. and the night session at 7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal will be held at 6:15 p.m. for all those interested in singing at the evening session.

Ladies Auxiliary Has Jan. Meeting

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Merkel Volunteer Fire Dept., held its monthly meeting Jan. 4th at the Fire Station. Minutes of the Dec. 7 meeting and the Christmas Party was given. Treasurer's report was given and brought to date.

Discussion was introduced to select a name for the auxiliary. The name of Merkel Sparks was suggested and will be voted on at the next meeting.

New officers will be elected at the Feb. 1st meeting. All members are urged to attend. Any wife of a fireman or retired fireman is eligible to be in the auxiliary. Members present were Mmes. Walter Harris, Roy Schultz, David Seymore, Robert Harris and Jerry Horton.

TCY Homemakers Met January 11

The Taylor County Young Homemakers will meet Thursday, Jan. 11, at 7:30 in the Home Economics Department at the high school.

This month's program will be "Blenders." Their care and use will be discussed.

The hostesses will be Mmes. Wayne Deen, Glen Bicknel, and Jim Atkinson.

You and your pet

By TED KAVANAUGH, DIRECTOR, ALPO PET NEWS BUREAU



What To Do About Obedience Training

Dog obedience training is a valuable experience both you and your dog can achieve and enjoy together. As the owner, you will derive great pride and pleasure from your well-mannered pet. And the exercise of training is good for you.

The five basic training commands a dog should know are "Heel!" "Sit!" "Stay!" "Come!" and "Down!" Necessary training aids are a training collar, leash and "treats" as rewards for good work. My personal choice of treats is Liv-a-Snaps; they contain real liver and no sugar.

Along with these aids, love and patience are just as necessary. Don't lose your temper or use hard handling in training. Professional trainers achieve results with firm but gentle reprimands and copious praise.

What Age to Start Training? Generally, I have found that dogs younger than 8 or 9 months are really not ready yet for obedience training. As a rule, their attention span and retention faculty are not sufficiently developed before then. Some obedience schools specify one year as the minimum age to start.

However, I have taken larger breeds on special occasions as young as 6 months. And at the upper age scale, healthy dogs up to middle age and sometimes beyond are trainable.

This space isn't sufficient for outlining details of an obedience training program. But for the do-it-yourself type owners, there are books galore, ranging from paperbacks to handsomely illustrated

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Others may prefer the fun, the comradeship of other owners and guidance of professional trainers at a licensed obedience club or school in your area.

A typical class may consist of weekly sessions of 1½ hours duration over a ten-week period, plus home practice. Usually, your family is welcome to watch your class in action. And there is a graduation event and then, for some who wish, going on in the club's formal Obedience Trials.

Either way, and whether your dog is a purebred or a mixed breed, training will make him the well-mannered companion you want him to be; obedient at home, in downtown traffic, among other dogs, and at friend's homes.

And for physical fitness, remember regular checkups with his veterinarian.

Farm Bureau Leaders Say Cost-Share Cut-Off Wrong

WACO (Spl.) — Texas Farm Bureau President J. T. (Red) Woodson said today that the federal cost-sharing program for most soil and water conservation practices should be continued.

Commenting on the Administration's cut-off of funds for the Rural Environmental Assistance (REAP) and Water Bank programs, and disaster loans to farmers, the state farm leader said that agriculture should not be expected to bear an unequal portion of federal spending cuts.

Under the REAP program, annual payments have been offered land owners covering part of the cost of installing approved conservation and pollution control practices.

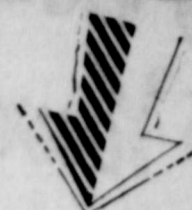
"This program, which is cost-sharing and not an income supplement, benefits all people," Woodson said. "It is an investment in the future of this country and not a subsidy solely for the benefit of land owners." "The soil and water conservation practices not only contribute to pollution control, but also help provide Americans with a bountiful food supply at reasonable prices." Woodson said farmers and ranchers do support measures to

reduce inflationary pressures because they are hurt more than most groups by higher production costs since they cannot pass along cost increases. If the Administration is determined to cut federal spending, it should be across the board in all departments of government, the state farm leader said.



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Who, then, opened the tomb and took away the body of Christ? The same history which tells us of Jesus' life, death and burial also tells us that "an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled away the stone" (Matt. 28:2). By what stretch of logic can we accept the New Testament documentation of the historical Jesus and of his life, deeds, teachings, death, burial, and that his tomb was opened and empty on the third day and then reject the same historical record which says that an angel rolled away the stone? Is that not a bit inconsistent?

Why was the stone rolled away? The tomb was already empty. It was rolled away to allow human eyes to see that the body WAS gone. A little spiritual arithmetic begins to add up to look as if Jesus were raised from the dead. If not, what is a reasonable alternative? That is, on the basis of the facts as we have them?

To raise the question whether Jesus actually died is both shallow and premature for that still does not begin to explain how he got out of the tomb. But SUPPOSE that SOMEHOW he got out of the tomb, and somehow got past the guards, how, then could such an emaciated quivering body which had been beaten, bruised, torn in crucifixion and pierced by Roman spear, inspired in fearful disciples a glorious vision of victory over death for evermore that they were themselves willing to die for? In point of fact, he would, if ONLY human, be in urgent need of their help, not they of his.

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 DEL MONTE 46 OZ PINEAPPLE GRAPEFRUIT DRINK Can 29¢
 DEL MONTE CATSUP 20 oz. jar 3 for 1.00
 DEL MONTE 303 SPINACH 5 for 1.00
 KOUNTY KIST 12 OZ. W.K. CORN 6 for 1.00
 MILE HIGH 303 Green BEANS 6 for 1.00
 MILE HIGH 303 CUT Green PEAS 6 for 1.00
 LIBBYS 46 OZ. Tomato JUICE 3 for 1.00
 KRAFTS MILD AMERICAN Spaghetti Dinner Pkg. 19¢

KARO WHITE SYRUP 16 OZ. 2 for 69¢

CHARMIN NAPKINS 60 COUNT PKG. 10¢

COOKING OIL CRISCO 48 OZ. JUG. 93¢

CHICKEN OF SEA TUNA (1 Limit) FLAT CAN. 39¢

FLOUR Gladiola (1 Limit) 5 Lb. Bag 49¢

Shortening Swift (1 Limit) 3 Lb. Can 53¢

CHILI Armour's (2 Limit) Plain 19 Oz. Can 59¢

BISCUITS Pillsbury (6 Limit) 3 for 23¢

I.G. DAIRY FRESH HOMO 2 MILK Gal. Jug 95¢

KRAFTS 1/2 Moon - Pound CHEESE 93¢

CASSEROLE Pinto BEANS 2 LB. BAG. 23¢

KRAFTS SINGLE SLICED CHEESE 6 OZ. PKG. 39¢

KRAFT CORN OIL OLEO 4 STICK POUND. 49¢

FOREMOST SO-LO OR REGULAR COTTAGE CHEESE 12 OZ. PKG. 39¢

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ARMOURS ALL MEAT BOLOGNA lb. 63¢

CHUCK ROAST LEAN-TENDER Pound 85¢

DISINFECTANT SPRAY LYSOL 14 Oz. Can 1.19
 LIQUID DOVE Gt. Bottle 49¢

CLEANSER COMET REG. 2 for 35¢

KING BOLD Box 1.09

WASHINGTON DELICIOUS APPLES RED LB. 25¢



STEAK Choice Beef SIRLOIN Lb. \$1.19
 BACON Armour Star Pound 89¢
 FRANKS Armour Star 12 Oz. Pkg. 63¢

OXYDOL Giant Size 63¢
 JUST 23¢ WITH YOUR 40¢ COUPON

CALIFORNIA 70 CT AVOCADOS 2 for 39¢
 TEXAS ORANGES 5 Lb. Bag 43¢
 FRESH CARROTS Cello 2 for 29¢
 DOLE BANANAS Lb. 10¢
 RUSSET SPUDS 10 Lb. Bag 63¢

OYSTERS Fresh Frozen 12 Oz. Can \$1.15
 GOOCH B.R. SMOKIES SAUSAGE pkg. 69¢
 FRESH PORK LIVER lb. 49¢

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