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Up The Canyon

By TOM
RUSSOM

More good rains have fallen over the Canyon, bringing a fine lot of moisture. The last week's rain and the ones this week totaled up to five inches in our area.

Booth Warren has a weather barometer in his office, that he puts a lot of store in. A day or two before last Friday night's rain, Warren told me the rain was coming and he pointed up at his barometer and said, "Look, it is on its way." Boy! it worked that time for Booth, as well as many others.

I had never had much faith in anything like that other than a big dark cloud in the west and a little thunder rolling around. But right now I'm thinking about buying a barometer. One thing I do know, I will pay a little closer attention to Booth's machine. Anyway, we never have too much rain in West Texas. And as up to now, we don't believe there has been any crop damage from the rains. However, we did have a little hail, but not enough to damage.

The West Texas Fair was a big success this year. All the exhibits were better than ever. The fair closed out just before the rains hit.

The farmers don't know enough about the Farm Program at this time to know whether or not it is what they want, or whether it is what they will have to take.

With such fine rains coming, and such fine outlook for a lot of fall and winter grazing, it is the opinion of farmers and stockmen that the cattle runs will ease off some.

Those from Pioneer Church at
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NOTICE

There will be a meeting Monday, Sept. 27 at the Scout Hut for all boys and parents interested in Cub Scouts.

People wishing to donate calves to the Cattlemen's Round-Up, call Sam Swann, 928-5324, and he will arrange to have them picked up.

Duplicate bridge winners for Thursday, Sept. 16 were:

- 1st — Bill Woods and Julia Woods
- 2nd — Sylvan Mellinger and Mary Cleo Sadler
- 3rd — Bob Preston and Mrs. Ken Knex, Abilene
- 4th — Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wellhausen, Abilene.



BEAT THE HEAT — Little Marcalinda Brenem, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Brenem, solved the heat problem this past week, when she donned a straw hat, boots and — almost nothing! But this "cool snap" will probably change her attire. (Staff Photo)

MAYOR APPOINTS NEW CD DIRECTOR

Mayor Johnny Cox has announced the appointment of Merkel Fire Marshal Waymon Adcock as Civil Defense Director.

Adcock succeeds Fred Starbuck, whose appointment was made by Mayor Henry West in 1949.

Special attention was placed on the Merkel Civil Defense program in 1963, when ordinance number 314 was passed in order to "more efficiently operate and obtain from the surplus commodity corporation certain needed equipment now in possession of the City of Merkel." At this time the re-appointment of Starbuck as Civil Defense Director was made by Mayor Earl Hughes.

Adcock, who during his long tenure as Merkel Fire Chief, and Fire Marshal, has worked with Starbuck very closely in the Civil Defense organization.

"He is, we believe," said Mayor Cox, "the best qualified man in Merkel to assume the duties and responsibilities of Merkel's Civil Defense director."

Adcock and his wife live at 1211

Chaplain Israel To Be Speaker

Chaplain Kenneth Israel will be the guest speaker for the Grace Presbyterian Church's eleven o'clock worship hour Sunday, Sept. 21.



WAYMON ADCOCK
... Civil Defense Director

So, 10th. They have three children. Mrs. Gary Gardner, Lubbock; Wayne, stationed with the Navy in the Aleutian Islands, and Gary, a freshman at Cisco Junior College. They are members of the Merkel Church of Christ.

In accepting Starbuck's resignation, Mayor Cox said, "Mr. Starbuck has an enviable record in the organizing and building of the Merkel Civil Defense unit. His work has been unequalled by any town in our area, a task that has required a tremendous amount of time and planning. It is with regret that we accept his resignation."

Tourist Can Benefit Merkel

Inform Tourists About Merkel

Merkel could reap a harvest of dollars from Texas, the mushrooming tourist trade.

That was brought out by George Jordan, manager of the Tourist and Industrial Development of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce at the Merkel Lions Club Ladies' Night.

He said Merkel needed to do three things in order to attract and hold tourists who travel Interstate 20.

First, he recommended a printed brochure. "Be sure that the brochure gets in the hands of tourists before they get to Merkel," Jordan said.

Second, he suggested that Merkel made better use of highway signs. "Be sure," he said, "that these signs are placed in a strategic place, before the tourists get to exits."

Thirdly, he pointed out that the local radio station could be of benefit by telling the travelers about Merkel and its activities.

Jordan was assisted by Walt Warner and Sam Godfrey, assistant executive directors of the Texas Tourist Development Agency.

After an introduction by Max Murrell, Merkel Chamber of Commerce president, Jordan used a quiz to point out that the Texas tourist benefited Texas in four ways.

First, the tourist industry in Texas in 1963 was worth \$530,200,000. "What share of that amount," Jordan asked, "landed in West Texas, in Merkel?"

Second, tourists left \$28,000,000 in tax dollars in Texas in 1963.

Thirdly, the tourist industry created 116,000 jobs in Texas.

Fourth, there is always something of interest in the Merkel area that would interest tourists. In a survey of those present, ten activities were listed which would help hold tourists in Merkel.

These were: Civic Clubs, Ranches, Riding Clubs, Churches, Football games, Scenic points, (such as Mulberry Canyon and Blowout Mountain), Golf Course, New Construction, Motels, and Agriculture.

Jordan concluded his survey by reminding Lions and guests that 1964 would be a year which would put the spotlight in focus on Texas more than ever before — a year when Lions International would have their meeting in Dallas, the Rotarians in Houston and the Olympics in Mexico.



OPEN HOUSE — West Texas Utilities Manager, Earl Hughes, left, receives a cold drink from Tommy McAlister, owner of Merkel Restaurant and Motel, at the restaurant's open house Sunday, Sept. 19. The newly-expanded restaurant and the motel were open for inspection by guests who attended. (Staff Photo)

THE MERKEL BADGERS TRAVEL 'WEST' TO FACE C-CITY WOLVES

The "moment of truth" faces the Merkel Badgers when they go up against Colorado City at Colorado City Friday night at 8 p.m.

Meanwhile, the Badger B team is putting patches on its soft spots for a game with Clyde at Clyde, Saturday morning. The B team needs beefing up at quarterback

— but still plays ball to win. The Colorado City Wolves have not won a game this season.

And they are hungry. The C-City offensive team averages 170 pounds and the defensive is about that.

They've got a bag of tricks that takes a real brain to unravel. But Coach Bob Byerly says the

Merkel boys are going West to "Play Ball" and with the intention of winning.

The Badgers have been steadily improving after fielding a green team this year.

"I hope we've learned enough and improved enough to beat them," said Byerly.

A special plea for hometown support for the Badgers was made at the Merkel Booster Club meeting Monday night.

In the game with C-City, it looks as if a real duel will be shaping up around a Wolf named Dennis Higginbotham. He's a real good boy for the Badgers—to stop. His speciality is running and he likes to go around end.

Lock for a beefed up passing game from the Badgers, who may unroll a surprise for their Double A opponents this week.

The announcement was made at the Booster Club meeting that the Merkel Exes Homecoming had been changed to Nov. 5.

GOLFSTER TIPTON 'PLAYS FOR FUN'

"Never hit a ball in my life, never thought I would," answers C. W. Tipton, concerning his hole in one at the Merkel Country Club golf course.

When asked how long he had been playing golf, Tipton replied, "Just about eighteen months. I started playing around the first of January in '64 just for fun. Still am playing for fun."

Tipton enjoys talking about that "hole in one." "Probably won't ever do it again, but I'm still trying," he said. "We went out there to play, Mary, Maureen and I." Maureen is Mrs. Joe Cypert of Merkel and Mary is Mrs. Travis Owen of Shreveport, La., Tipton's daughters.

"I knew that I had hit that ball on the No. 3 green, but we looked and looked and couldn't find it," said Tipton. "Finally, we'd just about given up ever finding it, when Mary happened to tip across the water and looked in the hole and there was my ball! Sure was a lot of excitement around there then for a while." Making a hole in one is enough for excitement, but the fact that Tipton is 75 and had only been playing golf for such a short

time, raised a lot of commotion around the course.

Tipton, born in Central Texas, came to Merkel in 1905 — "I was raised out there on the Tipton farm, about three miles south of Merkel," said Tipton, "and farming's all I've ever done."

"But I can tell you one thing," Tipton caled back as he left for the greens, "biting that ace sure ruined a good man for work."



PLAYING FOR FUN — Golfster C. W. Tipton proudly displays trophy he won for his "hole in one" at the Merkel Country Club golf course. Tipton, 75, says he had "two surprises — the hole in one, and now this trophy." (Staff Photo)

MERKEL DISCOUNT CENTER

Shoppers love a show. And the "Discount" Houses of the big city put on a good show. Screaming advertisements list a number of attractive prices. And the shoppers stream in.

The argument is that these discount houses buy in such volume that they sell for less and still make an adequate profit.

But this ARTICLE is not entirely valid. An article can only be made at one cost. If the businessman is going to continue to serve his customers he cannot sell his merchandise below cost. He can pick out some items and list them below cost as a lure to customers.

Such merchandising has caught the public's fancy. And the word "DISCOUNT" is magic.

First quality, name brand merchandise cost as much in the "discount houses" at it does in Merkel. Sometimes more.

Members of the Merkel Trade Directory are starting a promotion in your Merkel Mail this week to prove to you that their

prices are competitive on equal merchandise to those you drive miles to get.

These members of the Merkel Trade Directory are branding their ads with the slogan "Merkel Discount Center."

These firms give you your money's worth in price, present you with top service from an ethical dealer you can count on—besides having a program of their own going by which customers can benefit hundreds of dollars. And it is not necessary for you to be present to receive this cash each week.

Check the prices in their advertisements and see for yourself that "Merkel Discount Center" — composed of the merchants of Merkel is as large a discount center as can be found.

And service makes the difference when you deal with a hometown firm.

Football Tickets Available Now

A limited number of reserved tickets to the Merkel - Colorado City football game may be purchased at the high school office, according to Mack Fisher, school superintendent.

"Tickets will be available, as long as they last, until 1 p.m. Friday," said Fisher.

'HAPPINESS' THEME FOR GARDEN CLUB

"Happiness is the Gardener's Prerogative" was the theme for the Merkel Garden Club breakfast held in the Golden Room of the Merkel Restaurant Sept. 18.

Mrs. Erma Black, club member, spoke on "Happiness is Beginning a New Year." She stressed the importance of "members being on the alert for ways of bringing happiness to others."

Mrs. Joe Hartley asked the dedication prayer, followed by the distribution of yearbooks, by Miss

Christine Collins.

Approximately 25 members heard presidential plans discussed by Mrs. Jarrett Williams, and a report from the Lone Star Gardener, given by Mrs. Johnny Cox.

The club welcomed new members, Mrs. E. P. Farmer and Mrs. Ora Griggs.

The next club meeting will be Oct. 7 with a discussion on the process of anticipating permanent flowers.

THE FIZZLE FAMILY



Sidewalk Surfers Can Have Hazards

(Special to The Merkel Mail) Have you driven up a street recently and had something flash past you, speeding downhill? It can give you quite a start to glance back and see a boy or girl on a skateboard.

As one man commented recently, "I feel a little more secure—even as a spectator—if these skateboards came equipped with crash helmets, seatbelts and brakes."

Skateboarding—like many sports and activities—can have its potential hazards. But, observance of safety precautions and rules can go a long way toward the protection of participants.

Here are some pointers you can pass on to any skateboarders—alias sidewalk surfers—you know. And, be sure to remember them if you try skateboarding yourself.

Public streets, of course, should not be used for surfing. A possible exception is where cars and other traffic is blocked off during demonstrations or contests. Driveways that slope towards the street are tempting, but hazardous.

Skateboard use is best confined to designated areas such as playgrounds, non-congested sidewalks where not prohibited, and restricted portions of parking lots and shopping centers.

Beginners are advised—before boarding this steerless, brakeless vehicle—to consider the speed potential and fall possibilities,

and to confine maneuvers to their skill level. Shoes with non-slip soles appear to be some help to the skateboarder, new or experienced.

Whether you are a beginner or oldtimer, let skill and control be your aim, rather than speed. And, let "see" and "be seen" be your watchwords.

When your board is not being used, store it in an out of the way place. Never leave it on the sidewalk, driveway or stairway of your home.

If you, your children or anyone else plans to mount a skateboard, let the decision rest on ability, agility and knowledge of safety rules.

34th Annual Rodeo Set For October

(Special to The Merkel Mail) HUNTSVILLE—For the nearly 13,000 inmates of the Texas Department of Corrections, the annual Texas Prison Rodeo held here in the prison stadium each Sunday in October is more than just a topflight entertainment feature.

Most of the inmates know that rodeo ticket sales mean spiritual, educational, recreational and medical services not allocated by the Texas Legislature.

The 1965 Prison Rodeo series, in addition to highlighting the best inmate talent in rodeo contests and entertainment, will also feature the nation's foremost television and recording stars.

Reserved seat tickets are now available and may be obtained by writing Prison Rodeo Office, Huntsville, Texas, 77340. Tickets are priced at \$2.40, \$3.75, \$4.40 and \$4.95. Ticket orders must include either check or money order.

The 34th Annual Texas Prison Rodeo begins at 2 p.m. and lasts two hours.

CLASSIFIED ADS GET RESULTS

NOODLE NEWS

By SIMMONS CALLAWAY

Everyone is so happy about the good rains we've been having. Although it came too late for the cotton, it will help the late feed. Farmers will be sowing wheat and oats soon.

Noodle has ginned four or five bales of cotton.

Mr. and Mrs. Carol Best and boys spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Best's mother, Mrs. Jewell Denny at Sidney.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Vancil from Dallas spent the weekend with Mr. Vancil's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Vancil.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bails and boys of Abilene visited Sunday with Mrs. Bails' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Sloan.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Earl Smith and boys, Odessa, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell, Noodle, and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Smith of Hodges.

Mrs. Leta Barbee was a supper guest at Mr. and Mrs. Dock Callaways, Thursday. Mrs. Barbee is Mr. Callaway's sister.

Officers Present Program for FFA

The Merkel Key Chapter of Future Homemakers held their first meeting on Sept. 11, in the high school auditorium.

Officers and committees presented the program, which was a skit illustrating their duties.

The Key Chapter officers are Suzanne Howard, president; Linda Luke, vice president; Youlinda Carey, secretary; Myrtle Davis, treasurer, and Diane Knight, reporter.

Nancy Evans and Vickie Dean are song leaders, with Sherry Martin and Mary Elaine Joiner, pianists.

The Historian committee consists of Mary Johnson, chairman, Sue Holloway, Kathy Whisenant and Diane Knight.

Beckie White is parliamentarian, and co-chairmen are Frances Doan and Debi Corder.

Merkel Graduate Plays Football

Larry Hargrove of Merkel is a 250 pound tackle for the Cisco Junior College Wranglers football squad which galloped to a 54 to 8 win in its first game of the season Sept. 11, against Ranger Junior College.

Hargrove, an 18 year old freshman, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hargrove, 712 Locust. He is a 1965 graduate of Merkel High School.

The Wranglers are scheduled to play their next game at home Sept. 25 against Henderson County Junior College of Athens.

Officers Elected For Noodle FFA

In a recent meeting of the Noodle Chapter of FFA, the elections of officers were held. The 1965-66 slate of officers are Jimmy Hunter, president; Barry Oliver, vice president; Steve Carter, secretary; Jerry Deen, treasurer; Bud Carter, sentinel; Ronnie Hendon, reporter, and Ernest Tate, advisor.

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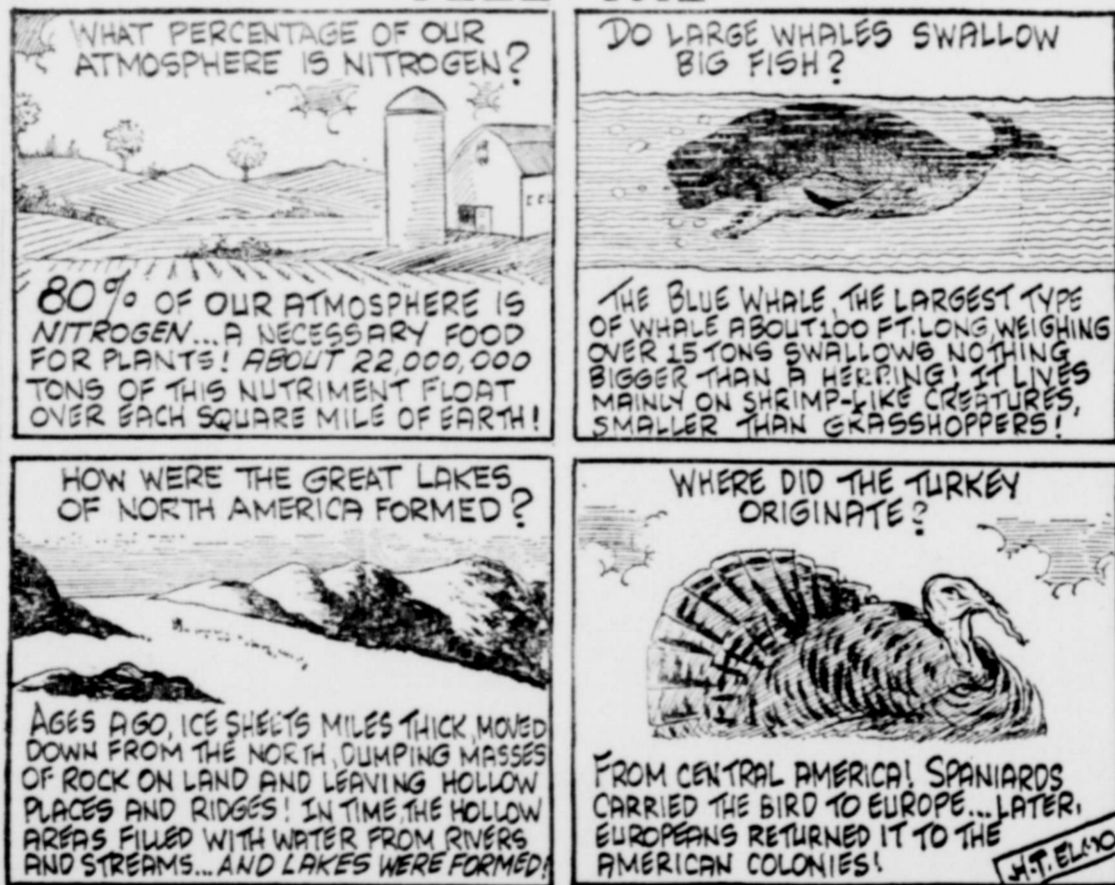
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- 64 PONTIAC Star Chief, 4 door. Radio & heater, automatic, power, factory air, 6-way electric seat, tinted glass, etc. Gold with all vinyl interior \$2595
- 64 CHEVROLET Biscane, 2 door. Radio & heater, tinted glass, whitewall tires, 17,000 miles. Nice \$1695
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Merkel, Texas
Phone 8-5565

MASONIC MEETING

Stated Meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710 on 2nd Saturday and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Members urged to attend.
D. C. HENDRICKS, W. M.
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FOR RENT — 2 furnished apartments. Call Mrs. H. R. McKeever at 8-5611, after 6:00 at 8-5577. 29 2tc

FOR RENT—Unfurnished 6 room house, bath, storm cellar. \$30.00 per month. FM 1085 South of Railroad. Call 862-9382, Trent, Texas. 29 tfc

FOR RENT — Cafe on No. 1st Street. Reasonable rent. Contact Mrs. J. C. Walton at 311 Oak. Phone 928-5212. 29 2tc

FOR RENT — Office space at 1024 No. 1st. Modern, clean, reasonable rent. Contact Mrs. J. C. Walton, 311 Oak. Phone 928-5212. 29 2tc

FOR RENT — 2 bedroom furnished house. Plumbed for washer, garage. 209 El Paso. Phone 8-5777. 29 2tp

FOR RENT — Fine one-bed furnished apartments. 301 Oak. Phone 8-5358. 29 2tp

FOR RENT — 3 bedroom house, 1111 S. 10th. Contact Harry Barnett at 8-5302, Merkel, or Forrest Barnett, Abilene, OR 4-2022. 25 tfc

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GARAGE SALE — Friday and Saturday. Mrs. B. M. Ueckert, first house north of overpass on FM Road 126. Television, Sweeper, clothes, and furniture. Phone 8-5765. 29 1tp

JUNK SALE — Our junk could be a collector's item. 812 Walnut. East of county barn. Sale will last until all sold. Bring your lawn mowers, small electric appliances to be fixed. 29 1tp

FOR SALE — 4 disc MM breaking plow, Ford tandem 20 disc, 7 ft. Shredder service, 3 pt. hitch, skip row International cultivator. Call Carl Jackson, 836-6187, Rt. 1, Merkel. 29 1tc

RUMMAGE SALE — 909 Ash. Friday and Saturday. Clothing, lamps, heater, and misc. items. 29 1tc

FOR SALE — 9 ft. Graham Hamley Plow. See Hollis McCoy. 29 2tp

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my thanks for all who have visited me, for the food that you have brought, and for the beautiful flowers that spoke their message of love and encouragement.
Mrs. O. N. Buford

LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS. To Carroll R. Crayton, Jr., his unknown heirs, legal representatives, and all persons claiming any title or interest in land under deed or deeds heretofore given to said persons as grantees, and to all unknown owners of the hereinafter described property, Defendants in the hereinafter styled and numbered cause:

You are hereby notified that on the 9th day of November, 1965, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. and at Court House, in Abilene, County of Taylor, the undersigned special Commissioners appointed by the Judge of the County Court of said County to assess the damages occasioned by the condemnation of the following described property, to wit: An easement in, over and upon three (3) acres of land on the Northeastly side of Lot No. 5, J. R. Crayton subdivision of the North 1/2 of Wm. S. Henry Survey No. 461, save and except the West 85 acres thereof, and 9.32 acres, more or less, as described in deed dated June 10, 1916, executed by John R. Crayton, et ux, in favor of W. T. Talley recorded in Vol. 80, page 580, Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, being 80 acres, more or less, said tract of land also described in an oil and gas lease recorded in Vol. 386, page 611, Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, to which reference is here made for all purposes, Carroll R. Crayton, Jr., address unknown, being the last owner known to the petitioner, for the purpose of constructing a food-water retaining structure, the emergency spillway of which will be constructed upon the above described 3 acres of land referred to as "Site No. 9," Valley Creek Water Control District's program of work, all of which more fully appears in petitioner's original petition in Cause No. Styled, Valley Creek Water Control District (Petitioner) Vs. Carroll R. Crayton, Jr., et al, Taylor County, Texas (Defendants) filed on July 8th, 1965, in the County Court of Taylor, County, Texas, to which reference is here made having heretofore duly selected such time and place for hearing as required by law, will proceed to hear said parties and to act thereon in the manner directed by law.

Witness our hands, this the 21st day of September, 1965.
C. J. CORNETT
M. M. THOMASON
J. C. CHRISTIAN
Special Commissioners.
If this citation is not served within 90 days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.



... portrait by Eddie Little Studio
MRS. FREDRICK GEORGE KOLPIN
... formerly Alice Carolyn Graham

GRAHAM-KOLPIN WEDDING VOWS READ

Alice Carolyn Graham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Onis W. Graham, became the bride Saturday evening, Sept. 18, of Lt. Fredrick George Kolpin of Aurelia, Iowa.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Kolpin of Aurelia.
Jack McKinney, minister of Missions Hillcrest Church of Christ and a teacher at Abilene Christian College, read vows in Trent Church of Christ.

Music was by Don Wilks, soloist, and a choral group from Abilene Christian College.
Matron of honor was Mrs. William T. Caffey of Orange, aunt of the bride. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Franklin H. Upp of San Angelo and Mrs. Robert N. Burk of Albuquerque, N.M.

Best man was Larry D. Kolpin, brother of the bridegroom. Ushers were Urban Bright and John Harrison of San Antonio, and Randy Nichols of Austin. Groomsmen were Jack Clark of Aurelia and Urban Bright.
Candlelighters were Deborah Caffey of Orange and Joe Dickson of Abilene.

Escorted by her father, the bride wore a princess style gown of satin with V-neckline, full skirt and chapel train. A crown held a butterfly veil of illusion. Gardenias were carried on a Bible.

Attendants wore beige linen princess-style dresses and carried orange glameillas.
Reception was at the home of the bride's parents.

The bride is a graduate of Trent High School, attended Lubbock Christian College where she was the first homecoming queen. She received a BA degree in speech therapy from Texas Technological College. She was a member of Sigma Alpha Eta and Sok and Buskin.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Iowa State University, with a BBA degree in labor and management. His fraternity is Phi Kappa Sigma. He is stationed with the Air Force at Seward Air Force Base, Tenn.

After a wedding trip to Iowa,

the couple will live in Nashville, Tenn.

KEEPING TAB ON MERKELITES AND AREA RESIDENTS

By JACKIE DOAN

Sure appreciate a nice response to this column! It is a big help when you let us know what is going on, so keep up the good work!

Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker have returned home after visiting their son, Jimmy Walker and family in Stillwater, Okla. They also visited Rev. Hardin and family of Fredrick, Okla., Rev. Hardin was former pastor of the First Baptist Church here.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas, Rt. 2, Merkel, have just returned from a two weeks visit to Mississippi. Most of their time was spent in Batesville, visiting their daughter and son in law, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Clarkson. They enjoyed some good fishing while there.

Just found out that Mrs. M. H. Hensley is in Hendrick Memorial Hospital undergoing surgery. Mrs. Hensley is seventy-eight years "young" and this is her first time to be in the hospital. Mr. R. T. Smith is also in Hendrick following a stroke. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

Jack Chancey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Chancey left recently for A&M. This is his second year there.

Looked like for awhile last week, we were going to be without a publisher — Dave Brumbeau was scheduled to leave for Washington state with the Abilene Military Affairs Committee for a several days inspection tour, but with transportation problems, the tour was postponed.

Mrs. Clarence Melton had her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hall, of Riverside, Calif., visiting in her home this past week. They were enroute to Florida for a vacation. They also had their son, Clarence J. Melton of Eufaula, Okla. as a visitor. He was enroute to Long Beach, Calif. to visit their daughter and sister, Mrs. Bud (Jackie) Page. The Melton's granddaughter, Sammy Davidson and great-grandson, Sam Jr., and Mike Land of Hawley also visited this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hughes, Mrs. Val Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Sinsinger, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lewis and Mrs. Floy Hicks were among a large number of people giving special congratulations at the Merkel Restaurant opening.

Just received word that we have some more Merkel High grad's who are attending Cisco Junior College this year. They are Larry Hargrove, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hargrove, Douglas Griffith, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Griffith, and Alan Doan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan.

Val Patterson just returned from a jet trip to California. On her way, she stopped for a visit with her daughter and son in law, Mr. and Mrs. Hinch Kemp, in Hobbs, N. M. In California, she visited her brother, C. A. Harris, in Bakerfield, a sister, Mrs. Herman Bloemsmma, in Long Beach, and other relatives and friends. She reported having a very nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Corder had as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Winter and son, Karl, of Arlington, this past weekend.
Franklin Myrick was in to tell

us about the P-TA meeting Thursday night. He said he and Georgia would be moving to Abilene Friday. He will be route supervisor for Mrs. Baird's. We wish them the best of luck.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark Sr. had several of their children visiting with them Sunday. They were Mr. and Mrs. Mel Jones, Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Clark and children, Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark Jr. and children, Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. McDuff and Patricia, Merkel.

The Rev. John Emery, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, will leave Sunday, Sept. 26, for Kansas City, Mo., where he will attend the National Missions Conference of the Baptist Bible Fellowship. Rev. Emery will return the first of October.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Oliver and daughters, Marilyn and Sherilyn of Midland and Buck Nelson of San Angelo, were week end guests in the John Oliver home.

Congratulations to Mr. C. W. Tipton on winning a golf trophy! He has won the admiration of the other golfers for his spunk and willingness to play. We need to see more "youngsters" on the golf course.

Mr. and Mrs. James Shaw and children of Burnet were guests in the Roscoe Owens home this past week end.

Johnny Adcock informed us that their son is in the Seabees, as of April 18. He is stationed on Adak Island in the Aleutian Islands and is classified as construction electrician 3rd class.

The Doans made their first try at bowling the other night. We drove over to Abilene with the Dan Allens (who have a little more experience at the game). With a couple more linament treatments, we should be good as new! Don't look for us any time soon on Championship Bowling!

First P-TA Meet Tonight at 7:30

The Merkel Parents - Teachers Association will have their first meeting Thursday, Sept. 23. The meeting will be held at the high school auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

President Franklin Myrick said there would be several items of business on the agenda, which will include "reports on the seventh and eighth grade concession stands."

Time will also be given for the election of a president," said Myrick, who is resigning because of his transfer to Abilene.

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The Taylor County Farm Bureau is proud to announce that Joel Crain is a new service agent with the Farm Bureau. He will be working in the Merkel, Trent and Tye area. This was announced by Vearl Smith, agency manager for Taylor County Farm Bureau. Joel graduated from Trent High School in 1958 and attended San Angelo and McMurtry Colleges. Since that time he has been employed with Taylor Electric Co-operative in Merkel.



JOEL CRAIN
... Farm Bureau Service Agent

Joel has completed a technical training course in life insurance at the Texas Farm Bureau home office in Waco. He will train in the field for the next several weeks and then he will return to another school in October for advanced technical training. He will be qualified to help an individual or family work out plans of protection and retirement income through Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Co. He will also be qualified to

write fire, automobile and other general lines of insurance for Farm Bureau members.

He and his wife, Hilda, will continue to live in Merkel. They have two children, a son Kel, and a daughter Janay.

Joel's parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Crain, Rt. 2, Trent.

UP THE CANYON

(Continued from Page One)
tending a church meeting and dinner at McMurtry College Monday night were the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Butman and Mr. and Mrs. Mack Seymore. All reported a good meeting.

Mrs. Will Butman received word here this week that her son-in-law, Homer Newby of Clinton, Tex., has graduated from the School of Morticians, and is now a licensed undertaker. Used to be, when Homer was in the barber business in Merkel, when he would finish cutting a customer's hair he would pat them on the back and say, "Thank you, come back." Now I don't know what Homer will be saying to them.

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Managers Named For Restaurant

The new manager for Merkel's Asteroid Restaurant was announced this week by Lawton Finch, owner - operator of the Asteroid Motel.

They are Mr. and Mrs. Harley Cunniff, present time operators of Ira's Cafe in Merkel.

In making the announcement, Finch said that only the restaurant would be leased. He plans to continue operation of the motel.

"We're getting ready to start construction on the rest of our building project," said Finch. "We plan some supporting shops for the motel; however, it will be approximately ninety days before actual construction begins."

The Cunniffs plan very few changes at first at the Asteroid Restaurant. "We do plan to have a twenty - four hour service in

the near future," said Cunniff. Mr. and Mrs. Cunniff, veteran restaurant operators, plan to close Ira's Cafe this weekend. "In fact," said Mrs. Cunniff, "Saturday will be our last day. And we want to thank our many friends and patrons whom we have served at Ira's."

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Taylor County 4-H Council Reveals Future Activities

Business and future activities filled the agenda for the recent meeting of the Taylor County 4-H Council, which was held in the Commissioners' Court Room in Abilene.

Plans were made for National 4-H Club Week, beginning Sept. 25 and lasting through Oct. 2.

Committees were appointed for program arrangement for the annual 4-H Awards Banquet, which will be held Oct. 4.

Announcement was made that the District 4-H Council, consisting of delegates from twenty-two counties will meet in Abilene Oct. 9.

Officers elected for the County Council were Finley Barnett, chairman; Janet Landers, Elmdale, co-chairman; Mary Johnson, Mulberry Canyon, secretary; and Kay Griffith, Elmdale, treasurer.

Finley Barnett and Janet Landers were appointed to serve as county delegates to the District Council.



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REV. JACK BRIDGES
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CALVARY BAPTIST SETS CONFERENCE

The Rev. Jack Bridges, former pastor of Freeway Baptist Church of Houston, will be the main speaker for Calvary Baptist Church's first annual Mission Conference which will be held Oct. 20-24. Rev. Bridges will speak Saturday, Oct. 23 and for both Sunday services, Oct. 24.

The Mission Conference will feature the theme, "Why Should Anyone Hear the Gospel Twice, Until all Have Heard It Once."

Other speakers for the Conference will be the Rev. John Bird, veteran missionary to Mexico, now working with the Spanish speaking people of Corpus Christi, and the Rev. Konnerup, veteran missionary to Ethiopia, now home on furlough.

The Rev. Bob Hughes, home on furlough from the Philippine Is-

lands, will also be a guest speaker for the conference.

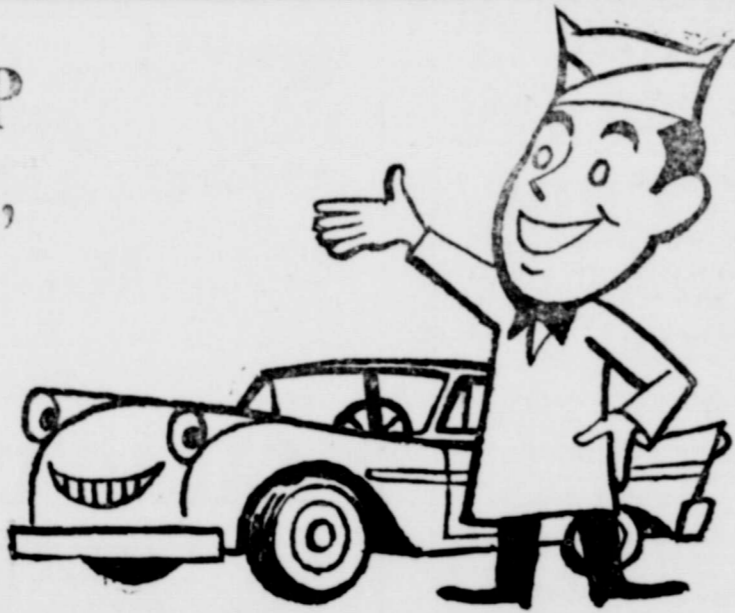
Other speakers will be newly appointed missionaries to such fields of service as Ethiopia, Brazil and Mexico.

"Since its beginning in 1932," said pastor John Emery, "Calvary Baptist Church, then known as North Side Missionary Baptist, and later Fundamental Baptist, has been a missionary Baptist church."

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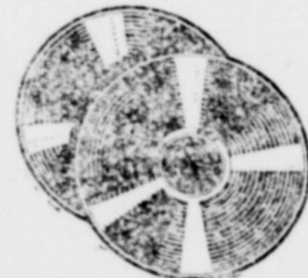
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