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Up The Canyon

By TOM
RUSSOM

Well, when winter time got here it brought a snow, the first of the year. The snow was very light, but the moisture will be a big help to the wheat and oats, which was needing moisture badly.

Stockmen are beginning to feed their livestock now. Before the storm came in there had not been any feeding to speak of. What livestock we have seen is in excellent shape for winter and that is the report we get from places throughout a large area of Texas.

Cattle are at an all time high and the sheep market has hit the moon.

About two months ago I was at the San Angelo sheep market and I heard a rancher say he "would bet a ranch the lamb market would hit 30c per pound before it was over" and we got a report this last week some lambs sold for 27c per pound. So, only 3c more to go "to hit the 30c." I recall way back in the "good old days" I sold 500 lambs for 10 cents per pound. I just don't like to think about the "good old days" when lambs were 10c per pound and big patches in the seat of the britches or pants. I prefer letting Uncle Sam help me run by business.

Well, we were out at Colorado City at the Hereford sale last week and saw quite a number of former Merkel boys. They always are asking about everyone in and around Merkel. To start with I saw and had a good visit with Roy Harrall, who lived for a number of years north of Merkel. Roy always comes up to the sale to see if anyone is there from Merkel. I also visited with Dub Harkrider, a brother of Mrs. Roy Largent, and also Sie Hamm, who has been in the drug business there for 26 years. Also Roy Henderson, who was with Roy Largent for 17 years. I enjoyed visiting with everyone of them. In the 17 years I have attended their sale this was the best one. The bulls averaged \$425 per head and the cattle was the best quality ever.

Mrs. E. C. Ray has just returned home after a few days' visit with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Steele of Corpus Christi. She reported a very fine visit.

It looked to me that the Merkel Livestock Show was just about the best yet. Such wonderful weather too. I would just like to speak for the area on reports that I heard about the Merkel business firms contributing so much for the stock show — it was all good. Perhaps we could not think of everyone to say thank you to, but I know Lon, Dave, Chester, Irvin and all the

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Huxford Services Held Dec. 16

Services for Charles Willie Huxford, father of Mrs. Hazel Pack, were held Monday, Dec. 16 at the Floresville Cemetery, Floresville, Tex.

Mr. Huxford was born in Erath County in 1888. A retired peanut buyer, he had been in ill health for a long time.

He is survived by his wife; four daughters, Mrs. Gladys McDougle of Odessa, Mrs. Pack, Merkel, Mrs. Lena Fay Parr, De Leon, and Mrs. Ernestine Phelps of Bridgeport; 18 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Mammie Hook of Olney, and Mrs. Laura Hook of Stephenville; one brother, Henry of Fort Worth.

AREA IV RECEIVES PUBLICITY AWARD

Area IV Young Homemakers took competition honors at the State Convention of Young Homemakers of Texas in Austin Jan. 13-15.

Taking the publicity award in second place was the Taylor County Chapter, while the Stephenville Chapter received an honorable mention for outstanding work in the area of publicity.

Mrs. Wanda Cleveland, Abilene, also of the Taylor County Chapter was installed as a state officer in ceremonies Saturday morning.

A highlight of the convention was the announcement of a new scholarship for Future Homemakers. The Ann Lane Homemaker scholarship will be offered by the rural electric systems of Texas in honor of Mrs. Ann Lane, a pioneer in the Young Homemaker

of Texas and outstanding civic leader from Gustine in Comanche County.

The announcement came during an awards luncheon which featured Governor John Connally as guest speaker. Connally spoke to the joint meeting of Young Homemakers and Young Farmers of Texas.

The \$150 scholarship will be awarded to a young woman planning to major in home economics in college as preparation for home and family living, rather than seeking a professional career in the field.

Award winners in the statewide competition were announced. The Clarendon Young Homemakers were named Outstanding Chapter followed by the Willsboro in second place. The publicity awards to individual chapters went to Hale Center, first place, with Fredericksburg coming in second. On a county chapter level, publicity awards went to Parker County in first place and Taylor County in second place.

Services Held For H. H. Toombs

Funeral services for Hurlay H. Toombs, 84, were held Sunday, Jan. 16, at the Merkel Church of Christ, with Dr. E. R. Harper, of the Highland Church of Christ, Abilene, officiating, assisted by Dr. Don H. Morris, president of Abilene Christian College.

Mr. Toombs died Friday at Hendrick Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Born Dec. 28, 1881, in Tennessee he moved to Dallas County as a child. He came to Taylor County in 1888, moving to Abilene in 1945 in Merkel.

He married Dovie Perry in 1902. She died in 1918. He married Nannie Cochran Perry in 1945. She died in 1954.

He was a member of Merkel Church of Christ and the Woodmen of the World.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. D. M. Pogue of Snyder, and Mrs. Pauline Epps, Abilene; one son, Cullen H. of Snyder; five brothers, John, Joe B., Abilene, W. W. and Leon M. of Merkel; five sisters, Mrs. Sally Angus, Mrs. Jewel Haskins, Mrs. I. N. Anderson, Abilene, and Mrs. Myrtle Boden and Mrs. Eron Walton, Merkel; six grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the home of Mrs. Myrtle Boden, 1441 N. 1st St., Abilene, Texas.

Merkel High Grad Elected Sentinel At A&M College

Bob Benson was recently elected Sentinel of the Texas A&M University Collegiate Chapter of the Future Farmers of America.

Benson, a junior agricultural education major at A&M is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Benson of Merkel.

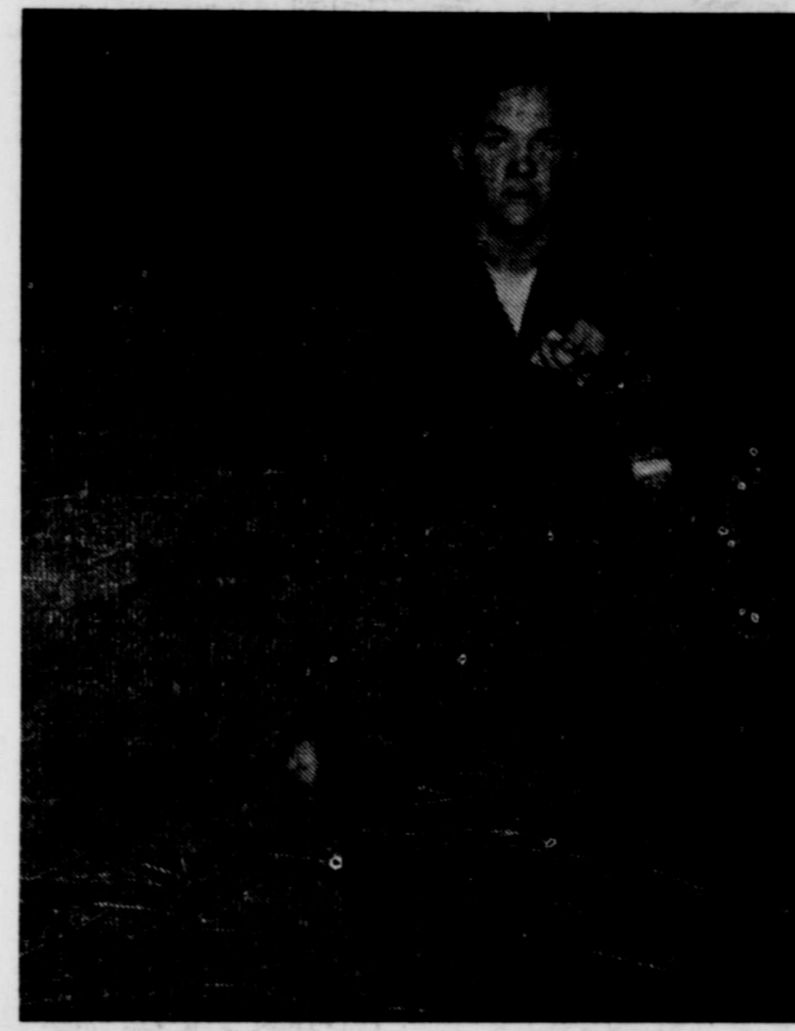
Benson's term will continue for the spring semester which will be highlighted by the Student-Prof Banquet in May.

A member of the Collegiate FFA since his enrollment, Benson has also been active in other campus activities. He is a member of the famed Corps of Cadets, where he holds the position of Staff Sergeant in Company C-1.

He is also an active member of the Saddle and Sirolo Club and is a staff writer for the "Texas A&M Agriculturist," a magazine for the College of Agriculture.

The Collegiate FFA Chapter, with a membership of 125, is responsible for Area III leadership and judging contests, state judging contests, and also officiates at the Houston Fat Stock Show.

Merkel Stock Show Draws Record Number of Entries



GRAND CHAMPION — Joe Dudley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Quannah Dudley displays his "first place winner" at the Merkel Stock Show Saturday, Jan. 15. (Staff Photo)

\$500 IN PRIZES FOR CONTESTANTS

Even though the weather was a little on the "nippy" side, Chester Collinsworth, Merkel's vocational agriculture teacher, says that the "stock show was the biggest we've ever had. It just about doubled the size of any other show so far."

The number of entries was the "highest so far, with \$500 going as prize money to the contestants."

A total of 34 swine, 60 lambs, and 13 calves were exhibited in preparation for the livestock show to be held in Abilene Saturday, Jan. 22. "Actually, said Collinsworth, "the exhibitors will be taking their stock into Abilene Friday to be ready for the show Saturday." The District Show follows Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 24 and 25.

In the swine division, Joe Dudley, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Quannah Dudley, showed the grand champion, and John Read, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Read, had the reserve. Divided into two classes, Dudley took first place and Read second and third in the heavyweights, while Read took first and second in the lightweight class, and Johnny Thompson showed the third place winner.

In the lamb division Myrtle Davis showed the first place winner in cross breeds, Mary Johnson was second and Betsy Johnson, third. Cindy McDonald exhibited the best Hampshire - Dorset (classed together), Katie Neill was second, and Myrtle Davis, third.

Winner of the Finewool Rambouillet was Myrtle Davis, with Mary Johnson second, and Betsy Johnson, third. Southdown winners were Katie Neill, first and third, and Cindy Whisenant, second. There was no grand and reserve champion named.

Melvin Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Parker, took first place in the heavyweight class of the grand champion steer. Second place went to Rusty Holloway, and Bill Holloway won third with his Hereford.

Sue Holloway was first place winner in the lightweight steer (an Angus).

Betsy Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Johnson, was presented the showmanship award, donated by the Taylor Electric Cooperative. The award was presented by Horace Hargrove, representing the Electric Cooperative. All entries received cash contributions.

by Merkel merchants and citizens. Bronwyn Gamble, Merkel FFA sweetheart, presented ribbons to the winners.

Dr. Edwin DuBose, assistant professor of animal science at Abilene Christian College judged the show.

Benny Melton, secretary of the show, divided the prize money among the contestants.

Collinsworth was superintendent of the show.

Merkel Jaycees Hosted Monthly Visitation Meet

Monday, Jan. 17, the Merkel Jaycees were hosts for six other Jaycee organizations for the monthly region 2-D visitation. The visitation was held in the main dining room of the Merkel Restaurant. Dinner was served prior to the meeting and entertainment was provided by Almer Barnes and the "Simplicities" of Merkel. Each club presented information concerning their past project accomplishments and future club endeavors.

Attending this visitation were both the Region Director, Keith Skelton, who spoke on Jaycee activities, and the state Vice President, Tom Lampton of Monahans, who spoke on the Jaycee goals and standards.

Special praise was made by the state vice president to the work that the Jaycees have been doing in Merkel.

Winners Named At Noodle FFA Livestock Show

The Showmanship trophy was presented to John Nichols at the Jan. 15 Noodle Livestock Show. Division winners are as follows:

POULTRY — David Rister, grand champion; Dennis Deen, reserve champion.

RABBIT — Dale Deen, grand champion; Martha Cochran, reserve champion.

SWINE — John Nichols, grand champion; Dennis Deen, reserve champion.

CATTLE — Debbie Clift, grand champion; Barry Oliver, reserve champion.

HORSE — Stacy Stanley, grand champion; Harold Clift, reserve champion.

The Noodle FFA Show was judged by Milburn Wink, vocational agricultural teacher at Hamlin High School.

J. R. Isenhower With SC Service

James Royce Isenhower of the Soil Conservation Service has been transferred to Abilene from Paducah.

Isenhower has been working as a Range Conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service since he graduated from Abilene Christian College in May, 1964. He first worked in Mineral Wells for six months before transferring to Paducah in December, 1964.

BURLESON SAYS:

CONGRESS MAY BE A LONG SESSION

(Special to The Merkel Mail)
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WASHINGTON, D.C. — This first issue of the 1966 Newsletter comes immediately after the opening of the Congress and in what is predicted to be a hard winter.

What had been billed to be a relatively short session of the Congress faded with the President's State of the Union Message. Last fall the hope was expressed that all of its work should be completed by the end of June. The Viet Nam war notwithstanding,

which it seems should have the highest priority, legislation recommended by the President will likely take months if all of it is acted upon.

While the President has laid out a blueprint to keep Congress busy, its members and committees will add a number of proposals and will find time to debate policies related to them all.

Aside from party considerations the guess is that the center of controversy will develop around the liberal contention that we must have butter whether we have guns or not, and the conservative view that the financing of a war comes first, even if it means postponing or reducing some of the "goodies" in the Great Society.

Not the least, but in fact what should be the greatest concern of all, except in military considerations, is how to pay the bills, keep our country solvent, and prevent ruinous inflation.

'CHAPARRALS' AIM: TO PROMOTE SAFETY

There are quite a number of definitions for the word "Chapparal" but a group of young men in the Merkel area have quite a different definition to the word. They have chosen the name "Chapparal" for their new car club and its meaning will be understood as "To promote safety and greater understanding of cars."

Attest to this fact will be the group of young people found on "off hours," and on Saturday at their location on North First and Kent streets, right up the alley.

"I've already learned a lot I didn't know about cars," says D. A. Bishop, secretary - treasurer of the organization. "And because of this I find that I am a better driver when I get out on the road.

Somehow the driver of the 'other car' is given more consideration."

"When we're all here working on our car or someone else's, we know we're not about to be getting into trouble," affirms the club president, Frank Richardson. "This way we can share a lot of things we've learned about cars."

Other officers of the Chaparrals are Mike Arnold, vice president; Dub Leach and Arthur Bagby, Sergeants at Arms.

Adult sponsors are Charles (Peck) Eager and Albert Chaney.

The new club meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. and young people as well as adults are invited to attend their meetings.



YOU BET — WE'LL GET IT TO RUN! — The Chaparrals agree that it "looks hopeless from here," but they're mighty sure the car they are looking over will be put back in tip top shape. Chaparral members are, from left, Jerry Ross, Tommy Womack, Frank Richardson, Hayden Griffin, Mike Arnold, Gaston Thomas and D. A. Boshop. (Staff Photo)



SCHOOL NEWS

AN EDITORIAL

By JA NELL LASSITER

Merkel Elementary School

Proper behavior on the school bus is something we need to think about more than we do.

When we get on the bus we usually try to see how loudly we can sing or how loudly we can talk. We show little consideration for the bus driver and the other people around us.

We should be especially quiet for the bus driver, because any distraction might cause him to have to look back at us and have a wreck.

Another thing we should remember not to do is to throw papers on the bus. Others will have to clean up the bus, so we can save them the job by trying to keep the bus clean.

I think if we can all remember

the things just mentioned, we can have a much safer and more pleasant trip. — Ja Nell Lassiter.

LITTLE BADGER TRACKS

By RANDY DOAN

There will be a P-TA meeting Jan. 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.

The second district basketball game of the season will be played with Baird Jan. 24 with the game being played here.

Well, neither rain, nor snow, nor the heat of day can stop the Jr. Badgerettes and Jr. Badgers. The 7th grade boys went all out to win over the Wylie boys by a score of 21 to 15. Mike McLean was high pointer with 10 points. Helping Mike were Allan Arnwine, Tommy Anderson, Jammie Holland and Randy Smith.

The 8th grade boys came away with their first win in district play by beating the Wylie boys in a score of 23 to 26. Every time our boys play it turns out to be an exciting game. The score was 23 to 24 in the last 7 seconds of the game. One of the Wylie boys had two free shots and he made them both. Then the Merkel boys had the ball out of bounds. They threw it in and one of the Wylie boys tied the ball, Jackie Whisenhunt was jumping for the Merkel boys. As soon as both boys jumped for the ball the buzzer rang. Tim Tanner and Jackie Whisenhunt were high pointers, followed by Terry Derrington and Terry Wade. The Merkel boys are going to go all out to win the game with Baird.

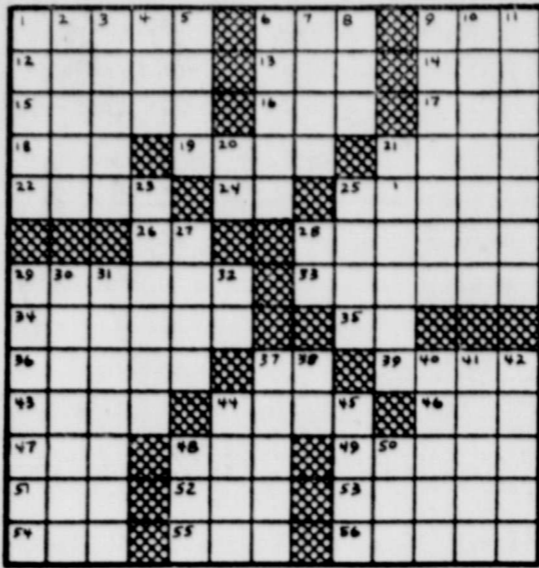
Monday night at Wylie our girls beat the Wylie girls, 29 to 26. Melba Seymore was the high pointer with 23 points. Ja Nell Lassiter followed with 14 and Terry Doan with 2. Our guards did a good job and helped keep the score down.

During the first quarter we got a long lead, then during the second quarter Wylie nearly caught up with us, and after that it was pretty close. Everyone was really proud of our girls.

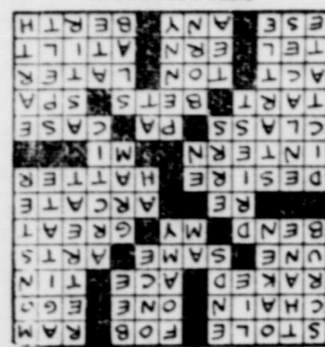
Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Robbed
6. Watch chain
9. Male sheep
12. Linked rope
13. Single
14. Inner self
15. Used a garden tool
16. Top card
17. Metal
18. French "one"
19. Not different
21. Branch of learning
22. Stoop
24. Pronoun
25. Enormous
26. In the case of
28. Bow-shaped
29. Crave
32. Headgear maker
34. Resident doctor
35. Musical note
36. Social rank
37. Dad



Answer to Puzzle



39. Outer covering
43. Sour
44. Wagers
46. Mineral spring
47. Perform
49. Weight unit
49. Tardier
51. — Aviv
52. Sea eagle
53. Inclined
54. Compass point
55. Some
56. Sailor's bunk
11. Abnormal animal
20. Be
21. North Pole
23. Most arid
25. Metric unit
27. Is mistaken
28. Exclamation
29. Give orders
30. Intertwines
31. Shock suddenly
32. Printer's measure
37. Coin
38. Near
40. In motion
41. Signified
42. Planet
44. Brought into existence
45. Slice
48. Beverage
50. Dined

DOWN

1. Rub hard
2. Scottish chief
3. The old — bucket
4. Falsehood
5. Stops
6. Frothy
7. Formerly
8. Insect
9. Withdraw
10. Stir up

BADGER TALES

Last Friday, Jan. 14, our school had a "Most Friendly Girl and Boy" contest, along with a "Most Popular Boy and Girl." These contests were for our Annual. Sandy Tate was elected Most Popular Girl and Ray Woodard was elected Most Popular Boy. (Good match, wouldn't you say?).

Most Friendly Girl was Sheila Holland and Most Friendly Boy was Hayden Griffin.

We should all welcome the newcomer we have in our midst — Joyce Button moved to Merkel about two weeks ago and seems to have attracted many friends already. We should all become acquainted with her and try to make her feel welcome. Recently, someone overheard a certain junior remark — "I wish someone would have given her to me for a Christmas present." And I'm sure like the rest of us, Joyce considers that a compliment!

Last Monday the monotony was suddenly broken when it finally started snowing. The teachers could not figure out why the students in their classes were not paying any attention to the lesson. It was just that the snow had started falling, and everyone got to thinking of how much fun they were going to have throwing snowballs. And they did too, — there were a lot of cold hands and wet collars Monday afternoon.

There was a big panic last Friday when it was announced that only students with receipts for annuals would get to vote for the Annual King and Queen. No one was supposed to know who it is until the Annuals come out, although there have been "rumors."

Vickie Doan played "hooky"



By DEBBIE CORDER

last Monday with what is commonly known as the "after mid-term tests sickness."

This is for teachers only: Unreasonable home work is not the answer to our problems because it merely makes the student rebel and take a nonchalant attitude toward passing. Let's try a new approach.

KEEPING TAB ON MERKELITES AND AREA RESIDENTS

By JACKIE DOAN

Speaking of dogs — someone DID mention them didn't they? If you're in need of one, I think I can locate one for you! She's of the "you name it — she's got it" variety; you have your choice of color: brown, black, white; a few die-hard fleas and last but not least, she's guaranteed yard-broken. Tried putting her outside while at work for "you know who," but a certain way she blends in with the house and shrubs — no such luck. Heaven forbid we leave her outside — "Mother, she would freeze to death!" All you have to do to get her is to convince the rest of my family that she isn't the Cutest, smartest, best dog you ever saw! I love dogs and all that, but for goodness sake — polka dot

carpet? (Okay, John, I'm off the fence!)

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swann spent the holidays in Rockford, Ill. with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dalziel, Danny and Larry.

Clarence Newton and Mrs. Ford Smith Sr. are in Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene.

Junior Clark was hospitalized at Hendrick this past week, but is home now — seems he had a long bout with the hiccups! Junior reports they seem to be getting better.

Dale Litton of Nacogdoches visited in Merkel over the week end.

Terry Ross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ross, has completed basic training at Lackland AFB, San Antonio and is now stationed at March AFB, California.

Mr. R. L. Griffin dropped by The Mail and reported a fine week end in San Angelo, visiting relatives and friends and attending a Singing Convention. He visited his cousin, Mrs. Bill Pumpfrey.

There is to be a Pancake Supper at the Methodist Church in a week or two, Jan. 23 to be exact, so get your appetites ready.

Overheard recently, a man had just subscribed to his hometown weekly newspaper: "I know what everyone is doing — just want to see if they've gotten caught."

Boys' 4-H Club Elects Officers

The Noodle Boys 4-H Club met Jan. 11 with Eddy Hewnie, president, opening the meeting.

Officers elected besides Haynie, were Randy Mankin, vice president, and council delegate; Andy Walker, secretary, and Eddy Spurgin, reporter. Mrs. Macky Spurgin, adult 4-H leader, presented a program on individual projects and how to keep records.

Tax Man Sam Sez

A lot of folks make New Years Resolutions. Taxpayers usually make April 15 resolutions — file early next year.

If you made a resolution to file early last year, there is no better time than right now to get started. Early filing helps you to avoid mistakes and gives you time to double check your figures.

Merkel 4-H Club Given Recognition

"Wanted Today — Long Range Thinkers," was the theme of Mary Johnson's talk to the Merkel 4-H Club which met Jan. 6 in the Taylor Electric Cooperative building.

President Kathryn Criswell, called the meeting to order with Galen Boone leading the American Pledge, and Tonja McAninch leading the 4-H Motto, Pledge and Prayer.

Mrs. Vincent Barnett, adult leader, recognized members and their accomplishments for the year 1965.

Club members participating in demonstrations were Jan Beasley, who displayed her table setting and her chocolate chip cookies which won second at the recent Foods Show, and Mary Reddin with her demonstration on "Four Keys to Pesticide Safety."

Also Patricia McDuff and Gail Boone gave their demonstration on "The Talking Mailbox."

Recreation was led by Karlan Gamble.

Refreshments were served to twenty-eight members.



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Merkel Area to Be A Part of Fort Worth Stock Show

The Merkel area 4-H Clubs will be well represented at the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show which opens Jan. 28.

4-H Club members have entered steers and heifers, lambs and barrows.

Exhibiting steers and the number entered are Sue Holloway, Countywide Club, two; Myrtle Davis, Mulberry Canyon, one steer and two heifers; Rusty Holloway Countywide, two.

Lamb exhibitors and the number are Teresa and Mark Clemmer, one each, and Robert Clemmer, two; Mark Dudley, two; and Mike Dudley, two, all of Mulberry Canyon.

Barrow exhibitor will be Johnny Gray, Merkel, three.

Other area exhibitors will be John Reed, Merkel FFA, with one lamb and two barrows, and Katie Neill, Merkel FFA, 1 lamb, and Joe Dudley, 1 pig in the Jr. Swine show.

W. R. Watts, Fort Worth Stock Show president and manager, expects the final list of 1966 live-stock entries to top the 1965 record of over 11,000.



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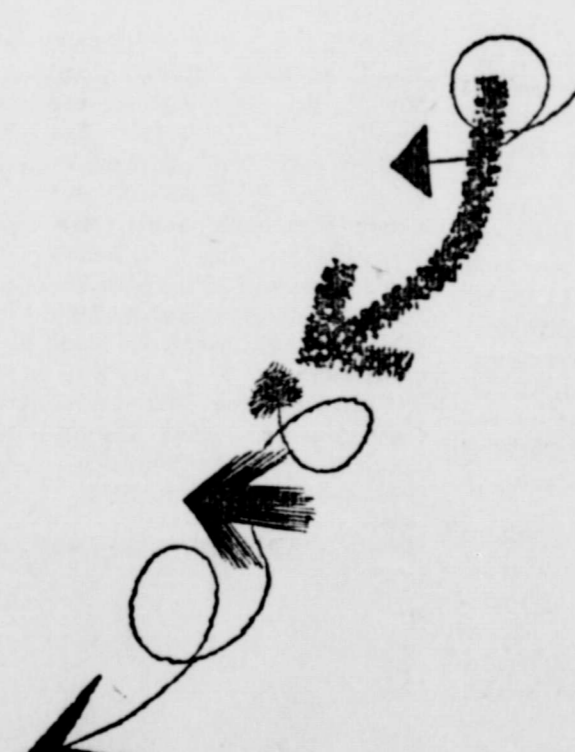
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FARM TOMES

(Special to The Merkel Mail)
Fluctuations in rainfall are responsible for much of the variation in crop and forage yields in West Texas. "Rainfall is one of the most important sources of risk associated with the operation of a farm or ranch," says Bob Price of the Local Soil Conservation Service office, assisting the Middle Clear Fork Soil and Water Conservation District. "It is important that farmers and ranchers study rainfall conditions and learn to manage for them."

Several important steps can be taken by farmers and ranchers to help meet weather risks. The first should be to learn more facts about climate, particularly rainfall conditions, in the immediate vicinity. By studying the occurrence and range of past rainfall variations, we should be able to predict better the probability of future droughts and their severity, as well as the possibility of good years. A better understanding of these constantly changing weather conditions should help in making adjustments in the farm or ranch operation.

Motorists Urged To Get Inspection Sticker Early

(Special to The Merkel Mail)
1966 Texas Vehicle Inspection Stickers may be obtained at any Official Vehicle Inspection Station. Garages that are public Inspection Stations may be identified by a sign being displayed on the outside of the garage. This sign is twenty-four by twenty-four inches in size, is tan in color and has an outline of the State of Texas in blue on it. Across the sign, written in red are the words, "Official Vehicle Inspection Station."

Vehicles requiring an inspection sticker, must obtain the 1966 sticker by April 15. Patrolman M. Kipp with the Department of Public Safety urges each vehicle operator or owner to have vehicles inspected early in order to avoid the April 15 deadline rush.

DON W. WARREN, M.D.
Announces the Opening
Of His Office
at
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Compre HD Club Meets, Elects New President

The Compre Home Demonstration Club met Thursday, Jan. 13 for their first meeting of the year in the home of Mrs. Clyde Chaney.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Don Adair, club vice president. Mrs. Dwain Johnson was elected president at the meeting. Roll call was answered with "A goal I would like for our club to reach."

Refreshments were served to Mrs. Adair, Johnson, Chaney, Ab Hunter, J. E. Touchstone, Grady Bishop and David Chaney. The Jan. 27 meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Eulan Hatfield with the program on "Gift Making."

TEL CLASS Meets With Mrs. Brown

Mrs. Della Brown entertained the TEL Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church in her home Tuesday, Jan. 11, with Mrs. Dent Gibson as co-hostess. Mrs. Jim Kuykendall gave the meditation on "Faith of the Early Christian Women."

Members and guests present were Mrs. Ira Moore, E. R. Clack, Josey, Claude Warren, Sam Swann, Jim Kuykendall, John Mansfield, S. C. Keith, Lucy Ford, Lake Renfro, E. R. Foster, Eunice Massey, Horace Miles and Mrs. Martin.

BARGAINS - BARGAINS - At Army Salvage Store, next to Johnson's Ninth St. Grocery. Coveralls, \$2.50; Coats, \$5.00; tool boxes - Check our prices on every item. Across from hospital. 45 tfc

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NOODLE NEWS

By SIMMONS CALLAWAY

Winter is here! But we are enjoying the snow and the grain needs moisture. The cotton must all be gathered, the gin has been idle for several days. Mr. and Mrs. Dock Callaway spent Monday night of last week at Hawley with the Edd Womack family, then on Wednesday Mrs. Garvis Tarpley and Collye and Mrs. Norman Clement all of Snyder visited the Callaways. Bennie Anderson is to have surgery at Scott and White Hospital in Temple Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dillard went down for the surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Byrd spent last Friday and Saturday nights with Mr. Byrd's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Boneaux. Mrs. Besie Rogers is back with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ike Vancil, after being with a daughter out at Albuquerque, N.M. for some time. Dock Calaway killed a big opossum on his back porch Sunday night. Mmmm, couldn't we have knawed his bones, baked with sweet potatoes, like our mothers used to fix 'em.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell visited a daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Jones at Hodges Sunday.

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FOR RENT - Unfurnished apartment. 2 bedroom, bath. 306 Locust. Phone 8-5713. Ray Wilson. 33 tfc

FOR RENT - 6 room and bath house. Just outside City Limits. Byron Curb. Phone 928-5238.
FOR RENT - Furnished two bedroom garage apartment - Merkel Swimming Pool. Call after 5:00 p.m. 928-5676. 41 tfc

FOR RENT - House at 606 Yucca. Write Mrs. R. N. Moore, 3612 Travis, Ft. Worth, Texas, 76110. 44 tfc
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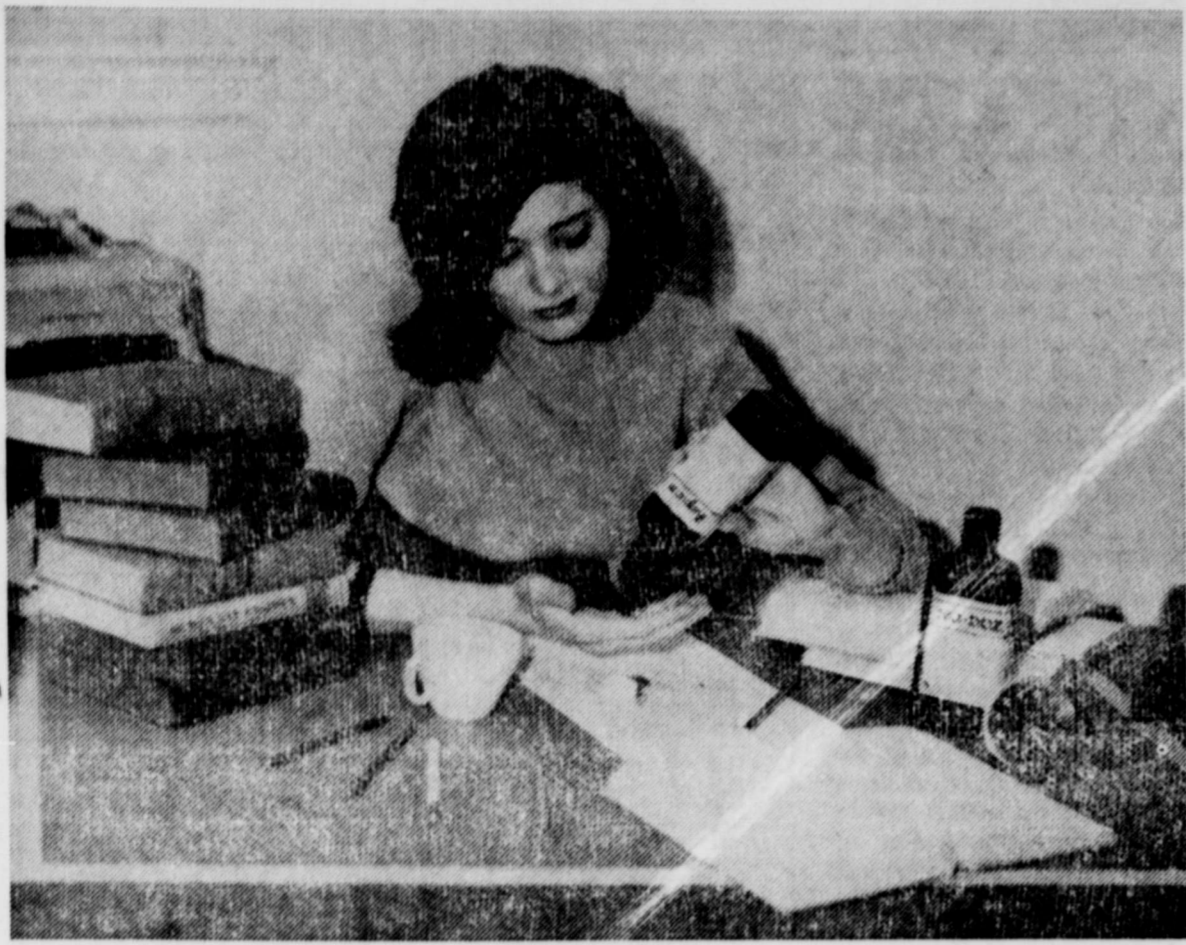
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EXAM TIME AT TECH — Final examinations for the fall semester are underway at Texas Tech for a record of 16,305 students. The exams, the final summing up for a busy first term, conclude next Friday (Jan. 21). Here, pretty Elizabeth McAninch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cal McAninch of Rt. 2, Trent, reflects the students' plight as she bones for finals. Elizabeth, a sophomore major in English and drama, really isn't as bad off as she would have the photographer believe. She is a recipient of a Texas Tech Dad's Association Scholarship, and already has made the Dean's List during her previous year at Tech. (Tech Photo)

BOOKS

Sixty more books and Merkel citizens would have read 5,000 books from the Bookmobile in 1965, according to statistics compiled at the Abilene Public Library. They did read 1.93 books per capita, as compared with 2.6 books read by the people of Abilene from the Central Library, Pickard Branch and the Bookmobile. May and June were the bus-

iest months, when 606 books were checked from the Bookmobile in May and 484 in June. An average of 411 books were used monthly. Even with the Thanksgiving and Christmas season, readers were busy using 1,059 books during the last quarter of 1965.

Who read what? During October, November and December adults read more than children

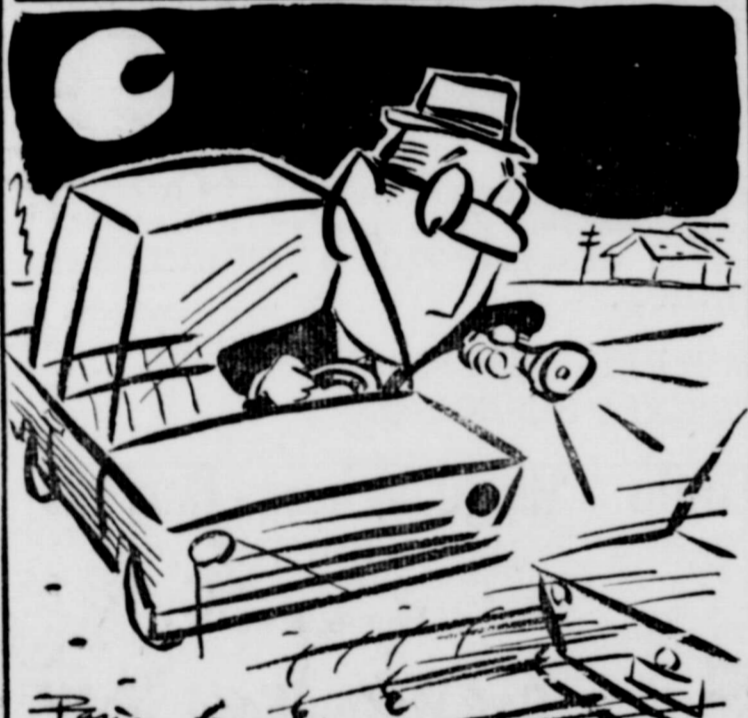
— 644 books, while children read 215. Although historical and popular novels were good fare, flower arrangement and gardening were popular subjects. Some found challenging books on religion and philosophy; still others were particularly interested in the arts, especially painting and drawing. Children read more fiction than non-fiction by a slight margin. Very young readers, sports and mystery readers contributed to this statistic. School children implemented their school library resources with books from the Bookmobile.

The Bookmobile makes two calls a month and is parked in front of Higginbotham - Bartlett Company, 1042 North Second Street, from 1:00 until 4:00 o'clock. The next Bookmobile visit will be made Jan. 22. "Those who have borrowers cards may use them at the Abilene Public Library when in the city," said Miss Thelma Andrews, Abilene Public Library head librarian.

Books borrowed from the Central Library in Abilene may be returned to the Bookmobile or at the central circulation desk or drive-in return at the back of the building at any time.

Mrs. Sherry McCaleb, librarian, invites bookmobile patrons who wish books not available on the bookmobile to request her to provide them from the Central Library on the next call or by mail.

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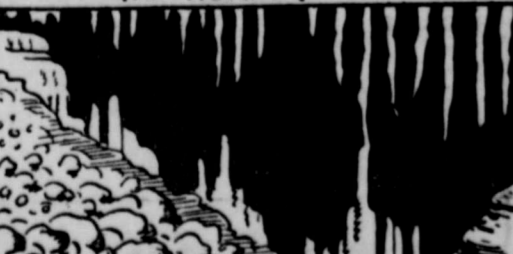
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WHAT CAUSES A KERNEL OF POP CORN TO "POP"?



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Stith HD Club Elects Officers

Mrs. Vernon Hudson was named president of the Stith Home Demonstration Club at their Wednesday, Jan. 12 meeting.

Other officers elected were Mrs. Charles Reddin, vice president and Miss Louise Hudson, secretary - treasurer.

Hostess, Mrs. Ted Hudson, brought the devotion with Mrs. Lorece Ely leading group singing. Wanda Clyburn was presented the hostess gift and also a welcome to the club.

Mrs. Paul Bradley will host the Wednesday, Jan. 19 meeting at 2 p.m., with the program "What's News in Fashion," given by Mrs. Dollye Reddin.



SOOOO DELICIOUS — Agree 4-H Adult Leaders Mrs. Jack Boone, (left) and Mary Johnson, Junior Leader. 4-H Club members in foreground at right are Gail Boone, Debbie Bowen, Carolyn Gilbert, (Asst. Home Demonstration Agent), Cle Juan Douglas, and extreme right, Jeanie Fisher. (Staff Photo Courtesy Taylor Electric Cooperative)

Garden Club In McAden Home

The home of Mrs. L. H. McAden was the scene of Thursday's meeting of the Merkel Garden Club. Miss Christine Collins brought a report on progress being made on contracting for 100 more feet of Cemetery fence, naming recent contributors and the names of those being memorialized with these gifts.

"Texas" greeting cards and 1966 Garden Calendar books were dis-

tributed to those who had previously ordered.

Beginning a comprehensive study of Geraniums, Mrs. Earl Hughes discussed the Garden plan with Geraniums, and Mrs. Mary Click displayed those in hanging baskets. Methods of preserving and rooting were told by all. Miss Collins talked on miniature

Glands, and Mrs. S. D. Gamble on attractive and Useful Herb Garden.

On Jan. 20, members will meet at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Miss Christine Collins to go together to the home of the late Mrs. Amy Sears to continue the study of Geraniums, and the visit the Studio of Mary Eula Sears.

Those present were Meses, Raymond Ferguson, Earl Hughes, A. H. McElmurray, Johnny Cox, H. N. Odum, Lucy Ford, John Shannon, S. D. Gamble, Jarrett Williams, Herbert Patterson, Mary Click, Joe Hartley, Charlie Sherrill, Buck Leach, Dale Litton, W. L. Brown, McAden and Miss Christine Collins.

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this week

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: Cruz Villareal, Defendant.
Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Court of Domestic Relations of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer on or before the 28th day of February A.D. 1966 at 11:00 A.M., to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 6th day of January A.D. 1966, in this cause, numbered 2351 on the docket of said court.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: An adoption proceeding in which you have an interest. At that time, you will have the opportunity to

appear in person or by attorney, or both and make such contest as you may determine 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 10th day of January A.D. 1966.

(Seal)
Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk,
Domestic Court
Taylor County, Texas.
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
45 4tc

LEGAL NOTICE

SCHOOL BUSES FOR SALE

The Merkel School Board is receiving sealed bids in the office of the local school superintendent for 5 school buses listed as follows:

- GMC, 1953 Model, fair body, some parts missing
- 1 1954 Chevrolet, fair body, but some parts missing
- 2 1955 Fords, one fair shape
- 1 1957 Ford, fair shape

All bids must be received on or before February 7, 1966, 7:30 p.m. Bids may be for one or more buses. The board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. 44 4tc

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION

In compliance with Article 1302-2.02 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, notice of intention to become incorporated without a change of name is given by Nick Crain Discount Pharmacy, Inc., 542 Butternut Street, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. 46 4tc

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: ERWIN SPICER and his unknown heirs, if he be deceased; PATSY RUTH SHOEMAKE and her unknown heirs, if she be deceased; JAMES L. CLAY and his unknown heirs, if he be deceased; EUNICE MURRAY and her unknown heirs, if she be deceased; DORA HARRELL and her unknown heirs, if she be deceased; and EDITH TATOMER, and her unknown heirs, if she be deceased, the Defendants in the hereinafter entitled and numbered cause, GREETING.

You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10 o'clock a.m., on the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being Monday, the 21st day of February, 1966, at or before 10 o'clock a.m., before the Honorable District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse in Abilene, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed on the 3rd day of January, 1966. The file number of said suit being No. 30,018-A. The names of the parties in said suit are: Fletcher A. Grant, Plaintiff; and the above named parties as Defendants.

The nature of Plaintiff's suit and claim being substantially as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff claims title and right to possession to the hereinafter described land and says that Defendants are claiming title in and to such land and are interfering with the Plaintiff's right of possession to such land, whereby Plaintiff brings this suit in trespass to try title under Article 7364, V.A.C.S. of the State of Texas, to determine title and right of possession in the following described lot situated in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, to-wit: Being Lot No. 10, Block 18, in Scott Highway Place, according to map of said Scott Highway Place of record at page 278 of Volume 1, of the Plat records of Taylor County, Texas; said Scott Highway Place being a Subdivision of Lots 4 and 5, Block 17, and all of Block 18, of the Harris Addition to the City of Abilene, Texas.

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GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL of the District Court of Taylor County, Texas, on this 3rd day of January, 1966.

(Seal)
R. H. ROSS
Clerk of the District Court of Taylor County, Texas
By Irene Crawford, Deputy
44 4tc

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: FRED EDWARD HUFFMAN, Defendant, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Court of Domestic Relations 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 28th day

of February A.D. 1966, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 7th day of December A.D. 1965, in this cause, numbered 2300 on the docket of said court and styled Jo Ann Huffman, Plaintiff, vs. Fred Edward Huffman, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about October 31, 1963, and separated on or about March 1, 1964; Plaintiff sues on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment; Plaintiff and Defendant accumulated no community property 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 13th day of January A.D. 1966.

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

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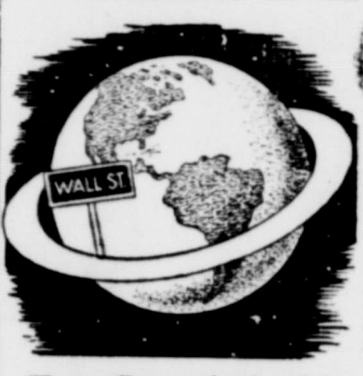
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The Longest Street in the World

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This accumulation of wealth and broad financial experience today serves an investor population of well over 20 million, up from only 6.4 million in the early 1950's. People now turn to the financial page as readily as they turn to the theatre and sports sections.



Riding the crest of this "explosive" interest in the stock market is the mutual fund industry. Of today's 20 million shareholders, one out of six, or 3.5 million, own shares in mutual funds—shares worth about \$34 billion.

Mutual funds have proven themselves to be the natural vehicle for people wanting to invest in the stock market, but who do not have the time, or sufficient knowledge, to go it alone in the market. Basically, mutual funds are a simple convenient way for individuals, regardless of economic status, to pool their money and become partners in American business and industry.

They offer professional investment management and the sound principle of diversification, which tend to reduce risk. One fund share represents a proportionate interest in the securities of as many as a hundred or more companies. The sound concept of the mutual fund has attracted shareholders living in every one of the 50 states, and is being practiced in such far-off places as Liechtenstein, Thailand, and Australia.

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**LETTERS
TO THE EDITOR**

Dear Sir:

I would like to say I heartily agree with Mrs. Arnold about the dog situation. I suggest that the people who do not like Merkel the way it is should move to another town they do like.

A few years ago a rabid skunk attacked our two year old granddaughter in the carport of her home, here in the city limits of Merkel. The family's German Shepherd dog fought the skunk off and the little girl was not badly injured due to the dog's protection. I often wonder how many people would have fought off a

rabid skunk even to save a little girl's life. The dog did.

A small town like Merkel is not equipped to handle a dog situation and I certainly do not want any of the taxes I pay going to killing our dogs. Next thing, they will be wanting to raise the taxes.

Sincerely,
Mrs. F. T. Bartlett

(Editor's Note: — The story concerning the rabid skunk attacking the little girl was run in the April 4, 1959 edition of The Merkel Mail)

Dear Sir:

The Merkel FFA members wish to thank the contributors and all who helped to make the Merkel Stock Show such a big success. Also our thanks to the Merkel Mail for the fine publicity given us.

Sincerely,
Steve Buntin, President
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ASSETS

1. Cash, balances with other banks, and cash items in process of collection	\$321,977.35
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	175,000.00
5. Other securities (including \$3,000 corporate stocks)	3,000.00
7. Other loans and discounts	256,077.14
8. Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises	2,605.00
11. Other assets	137.76
12. TOTAL ASSETS	\$758,797.25

LIABILITIES

13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$582,423.22
15. Deposits of United States Government	364.19
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	46,380.40
20. TOTAL DEPOSITS (items 13 to 19)	\$629,167.81
(a) Total demand deposits	\$629,167.81
24. Other liabilities (including \$ mortgage and other liens on bank premises and other real estate)	2,500.00
25. TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$631,667.81

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

26. (c) Common stock par value	\$ 25,000.00
No. shares authorized 250, No. shares outstanding 250	
27. Surplus	\$ 75,000.00
28. Undivided profits	27,129.44
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$127,129.44
31. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$758,797.25

MEMORANDA

- Average of total deposits for the 15 calendar days ending with call date \$582,466.65
 - Average of total loans for the 15 calendar days ending with call date 256,741.05
- I, J. G. Wilks, President, of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this report of condition is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. G. WILKS

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.

DIRECTORS
DON G. WILKS
DOW WILLIAMSON
H. H. McLEOD

(Seal)

State of Texas, County of Taylor ss:
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of Jan., 1966.
BETTY FREEMAN
Notary Public

**Teens Heard Vice President
At 4-H Congress in Chicago**

Nine Texas teen-age "stars" shone at the recent National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago that was addressed by Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey. They served as delegates and received trips to the exciting five-day meeting for their outstanding work in 4-H.

They are Bill Wiese, 16, of Petersburg; Mary Sprawls, 17, of Dallas; Luana Spurgin, 18, of McKinney; Michael Murphy, 18, of Elgin; Chuck Cowan, 17, of Longview; Joe Bill Mettauer, 17, of Chireno; Larry Gibson, 18, of Dublin; Dolores McCarroll, 18, of Graham; and Barbara Haggard, 19, of Denton.

The 4-H'ers attended the International Live Stock Exposition that was held in Chicago the same time as congress and went sightseeing, with a stop at the famed Museum of Science and Industry.

Along with other members of the Texas delegation, they attended a special 4-H "pop" concert presented by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. They were also guests at a friendship dancing party in the Aragon Ballroom.

The Texans had the opportunity to meet other young people from the 50 states and Puerto Rico while in Chicago.

Wiese, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wiese, as the state 4-H swine award winner was the guest in Chicago of the Moorman Mfg. Co. He has had three district reserve grand champion gilts and is a junior leader.

Miss Sprawls, state home improvement award winner, was the guest of The S&H Foundation, Inc. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sprawls, both 4-H leaders, she refinished furniture and helped paint her home.

Miss Spurgin, the daughter of



Wiese Miss Spurgin Miss Sprawls Miss Shoemaker

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Spurgin, won the state food preservation award and was the guest of the Kerr Glass Manufacturing Corporation. She cans green peas, peas, pumpkins, apricots, jellies, preserves, tomatoes, pears and beet pickles.

The other congress delegates received educational awards from the Santa Fe Railway System for their all-around achievement. Murphy also received a \$500 Santa Fe scholarship, which he plans to use in his veterinary medicine studies at Texas A & M University.

Murphy and a teammate this year placed first in the state with their soil, water and range conservation demonstration. Murphy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Barton, are both 4-H leaders.

Cowan has won district awards in forestry judging and demonstrations and is Gregg County 4-H Council chairman. His father, Clovis Cowan, is a 4-H leader.

Mettauer, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Brown Mettauer, was the 1964 state boy winner in the achievement program. This year he and a teammate placed first in the state with their poultry demonstration. Mettauer has been elected 1966 State 4-H Council chairman.

Gibson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gibson, placed third in the state 4-H public speaking contest. As a dairy

dependency and indemnity compensation also received these questionnaires as their payments are also regulated by the amount of their income.

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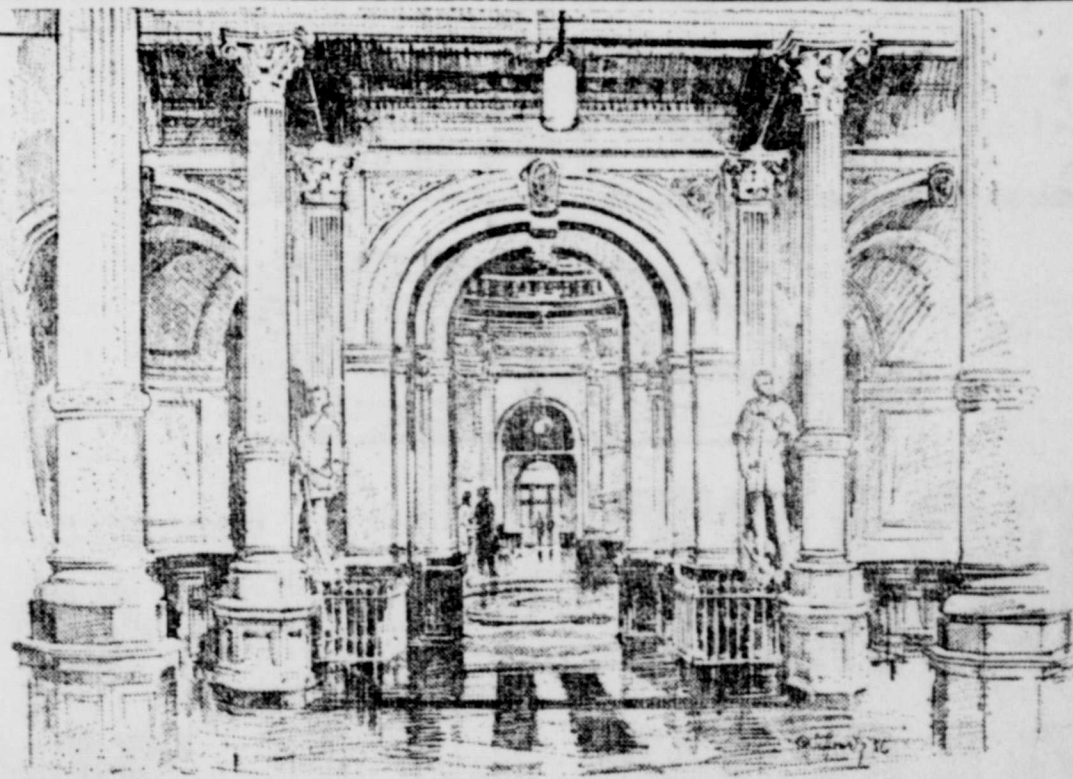
The newly organized Merkel Explorer Post 18 will begin selling tickets Wednesday, Jan. 18 to cover expenses of their post.

An electric oven broiler, donated by West Texas Utilities, is now on display in the Utility window, and will be given away Feb. 12.

The Explorer Post 18, sponsored by the Merkel Optimist Club, invites boys between the ages of 14 and 18 to visit their meeting, which is held Thursday, 7 p.m. in the basement of the Presbyterian Church.

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