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## Up The Canyon

By TOM  
RUSSOM

Well, we heard of the cold weather elsewhere, but here, in the Canyon, we've had our part of the cold weather. About 14 degrees were reported in our area. However, it gets a lot colder than that out on top of the Divide. Irvin Davis, who is foreman at the Edgar Davis Ranch, said it was just awful cold at their ranch.

Irwin received word here this week that his nephew of Big Spring and who works at Midland, was in a bad car wreck near Big Spring, during the snow and ice storm last week.

This spell has been bad on the livestock this time; however, the good will offset the bad, because of the benefit that the moisture will be to the small grain.

Well, with some 950 lambs at the Taylor County Show, it was hard for a 4-H or FFA member to get a place in the show. It was amusing to see Dads and Moms working with the animals in that 14 degree weather the night before the show started. The adults surely know how to shape up the stock.

There is quite a number of livestock going to market at this time from our area and the price is still good on them.

Mrs. E. C. Ray of the Canyon has been on the sick list the last few days.

During the snow storm the stockmen in our area had a difficult time getting feed to their livestock.

Some people say this about the stock show . . . they don't understand why some animals can't place in the community show and then go on to the county show and the perhaps take a first and then can't get back into place in the district show. What about that? It is a big question in many people's minds.

Paul H. Douglas, formerly of Merkel and now of Ruidosa, N.M., has been visiting friends and relatives in the Merkel area this past week — and doing a lot of "handshaking."

## Representative Chosen for Fort Worth Stock Show

The board of directors of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce selected Miss Pat Bigbee to represent Merkel at the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show, to be held Jan. 28 through Feb. 6.

Miss Bigbee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Bigbee, will be given a spotlighted introduction at the rodeo performance, and her participation as well as other delegates, will receive wide publicity, stated officials of the show. Her personal appearance will be set for Feb. 5.

Pat, a junior at Merkel High School, is a twirler in the band, a FFA member, and football sweetheart.

She has been a sponsor to the Texas Cowboy Reunion at Stamford for the past two years.

A member of the Merkel Brushstomppers Club, Pat has placed first in several local events in barrel racing.

She is a member of the Merkel Church of Christ.

Tickets to the stock show may be purchased locally from David Gamble at the Merkel Drug.

## JAYCEES VP LEAVES MERKEL FEBRUARY 1

Bobby Gant, vice president of the Merkel Jaycees will be leaving this area Feb. 1, by order of the U. S. Air Force to take up residence in Little Rock, Ark. At last Monday night's going-away banquet, members of the Jaycees honored Bobby for two years of faithful service to the Jaycee organization.

Bobby Gant, a native of Bowling Green, Ky., has lived in Merkel with his wife Linda and their sons Eddie and Jimmy while stationed at Dyess Air Force Base. Seeking to do his share in the community he would be calling home, Bobby became an active member of the Jaycees. He progressed rapidly from a regular member to director in 1964, and to vice president in 1965. As a Jaycee, he was instrumental in the recruiting of new members, successful in the chairmanship of community projects, and "untiring in giving of his time and effort to improve his community."

In his farewell speech to the members of the Jaycees, Bobby stated his reason for being such a dedicated Jaycee: "Almost everyone in the Merkel Jaycees is either temporarily away from his hometown or has transplanted himself permanently in Merkel from distant states. Not one mem-

ber is a born and raised Merkelite.

"It seems that when a man is away from his hometown, he suddenly realizes how important is the place he calls home," said Gant. "When I settled in Merkel, I had been away from Kentucky for four years. I realized that a town in which a person lives is very important to himself as well as his family and his community. I wanted Merkel to be my home for as long as I lived here, and saw my chance to help it prosper through civic improvement. This is why I joined the Jaycees."

"It is with regret that the City of Merkel and the Jaycees are losing Bobby Gant and his family, but wherever he goes, we can be sure that he will be a leader in his community," said Carl Giles, president of the Jaycees. "I wish Merkel had more men who would become as concerned with improving their city and themselves through the Jaycees as was Bobby Gant," said Giles.

## Taylor County Soil Survey In Process

Soil scientist, C. L. Girdner, and Orville Hay, with the Soil Conservation Service in Abilene, are making a soil survey of Taylor County. They are currently mapping south of Trent, along the Nolan Taylor County line. While mapping, a traverse is made going across streams and drainage patterns, and up and down slopes.

Hay says they record such information as "percentage of slope and depth, texture, structure, permeability, and color of the soil, as well as the type of vegetation growing in the different soils."

"The information recorded," said Hay, "is used to give technical recommendation on different management practices. These management practices help to control overgrazing, erosion and improve the physical condition of the soil."



**BOBBY GANT**  
... honored at Jaycee meeting

# Merkel Mothers Will March Tuesday Evening, Feb. 1



**TIRED SNOWMAN? —** Taking a rest, after a long cold night, is the snowman "built" by Bob Hammond, left, (and lots of help from friends). Enjoying the finished product are Kyle and Leslie Hammond, grandsons of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hammond. (Staff Photo)

## FEBRUARY 1 MARCH ENDS FUND DRIVE

The Merkel March of Dimes drive will be completed Tuesday night, Feb. 1 as Mothers March to collect the dimes and dollars that will be used for patient care and scientific research.

Leon Walker, Merkel Elementary School Principal, is serving as campaign director of the 1966 March of Dimes for the Merkel area. Mr. Walker, who has directed the volunteers here in Merkel during the January campaign announced this week that Mrs. Larry White will be the Mothers' chairman for the Tuesday night drive, assisted by Mrs. David Gamble.

The January campaign will raise funds to support the voluntary health organizations' attack on birth defects through a nationwide scientific research program, a network of 57 March of Dimes treatment centers throughout the country as well as a comprehensive public and professional information program.

Ira Allen, campaign director for Taylor County, stated that "We are fortunate in having a man of Mr. Walker's abilities to direct the efforts against birth defects, which afflict one out of every ten American families."

There are approximately 250,000 children born each year with mental or physical defects. Those defective children cannot be considered isolated individuals. "They are members of a family," said Allen, "and you can know that because of your donations, some child is receiving the medical attention he needs."

Mr. Walker stated that "coin envelopes have already been distributed in the schools at Merkel and other Taylor County towns for the children to aid in this fight against birth defects."

Walker asked that citizens who wish to "contribute to this very worthy cause to have their porch lights turned on, and contributions



**MRS. LARRY WHITE**  
... Mothers March chairman

ready so that volunteer workers may be able to contact as many in the two hour period as possible."

"We hope that every resident in Merkel will be contacted," said Walker, "however, if anyone should be missed, please contact either Mrs. White, Mrs. Gamble or myself, and we will see that your donation is picked up."

"Representatives from the various women's civic organizations will help with the volunteer march," said Mrs. White. "However, if there are others who would like to work in this march we will appreciate all the workers we can get," she said.

Mrs. White explained that volunteer workers would meet in the library at the Merkel Elementary School Building at 5 p.m. Tuesday to "collect necessary packets for the march to begin at 6:30 p.m."

The Merkel Mothers March will be joining the thousands of Marching Mothers all over the nation in the fight against birth defects "which is the nation's second biggest killer."

"Much of the money that has been donated during the January campaign will be used locally in Taylor County to aid those suffering birth defects," said Walker. Grants from the Taylor County Chapter will be used in aiding the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, and also for health scholarships and public education on birth defects.

## 'Gotcha Covered' Begins Feb. 10

February 10, 11 and 12 are the dates for the Junior League of Abilene's musical production, "Gotcha Covered."

The production, directed by Howard Miller of Jerome H. Cargill Productions, N.Y., will be in the Abilene High School auditorium. Curtain time is 8:15 p.m.

The musical production will be the League's fund raising project for the current year. The proceeds from the show will go into the League's Community Trust Fund.

Some of the financial support that the League has sustained in Abilene are Abilene State School, Council on Alcoholism, Geriatrics, Abilene Boys Ranch, Handicapped Children's Theatre, Exceptional Children, the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

## WINNERS NAMED IN COUNTY STOCK SHOW

Cold, snowy weather and icy highways did not keep Merkel area FFA and 4-H entrants from bringing their animals to the Taylor County Agriculture and Livestock Center, in Abilene, Friday, Jan. 21, for the Saturday morning showing in which only boys and girls in Taylor County competed for cash premiums, trophies and ribbons.

Merkel area had its share of veterans of previous county show winners.

Myrtle Davis, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Davis and a member of the Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club, took her first grand championship in county lamb competition on a finewool heavy-weight. Myrtle had won reserve lamb titles in previous shows.

In southdown competition, Katy Neill, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Neill of Merkel, showed one of her Southdowns to the championship.

In the barrow competition, Joe Dudley, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Quannah Dudley of Merkel, took a lightweight Duroc to the overall grand championship in a strong pig show.

Pam McMurray, 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clovis McMurray of Trent, a 4-H member, had the grand champion Poland China.

In poultry competition, Owen O'Kelly of the Trent 4-H Club, had the reserve champion capon.

Bill Holloway, Merkel 4-H Club placed first in the County Steer Show in the third heaviest 25 per cent.

In the Taylor County Lamb Show Robert Clemmer placed first in Intermediate muttons and champion, intermediate mutton; and Katie Neill, Southdown muttons.

In the Barrow Show, John Read placed first in heavyweight Hampshire, and Tom McLeod, Trent 4-H, first in reserve champion other breeds.

Eddie Mitchell, Trent FFA, placed first in broilers in the Taylor County Poultry show.

The Taylor County show was a prelude to the Abilene Stock Show, which got underway Monday, Jan. 24.

## Medicare To Be Discussed Jan. 28

A meeting of special interest to people over 65 and to sons and daughters of parents over 65 is being held Friday, Jan. 28 at the Taylor Electric Cooperative building," said L. H. McAder, Merkel area representative.

Mr. McAder said the talk will be by representative of the Social Security Agency and will concern Medicare and also general provisions of the Social Security.

The meeting is set for 7 until 9 p.m. and people interested in hearing more about this subject is invited to attend.

McAder asked that people who need transportation to this meeting to call him at 928-5948.

## Mrs. McLean Host To Blue Bonnets

The Blue Bonnet Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Dewell McLean for their Jan. 18 meeting.

"Litter" was the program topic for the meeting, presented by Mrs. Allen King.

A film, "Money to Burn," was shown by Tommy Cutler, representative of the Taylor Electric Cooperative.

## Weather Helped Cotton Ginners To 'Catch Up'

(Special to The Merkel Mail)

Snow and light rain gave cotton ginners a chance to clear their gin yards last week. Ginners in Colorado City, Big Spring, Snyder, Rotan and surrounding areas are expecting a moderate rush in harvesting as soon as fields and cotton are dry enough for machine strippers to get started. Several ginners from the area north and south of Abilene reported ginning their last bales of the season.

B. B. Manly, Jr., at the USDA Clasing Office said sample receipts remained high until the last part of the week when most gins caught up. The volume dropped due to the loss of two classes; however, 30,200 samples were processed which moves the season total to 444,410 samples.



**MISS PAT BIGBEE**  
to represent Merkel at Fort Worth Stock Show

**THE FIZZLE FAMILY**

By H. T. Elmo



**TELL ME....**



**Charles Stenholm  
New Executive VP**

(Special to The Merkel Mail)  
Effective immediately Charles W. Stenholm, a native of Stamford, and a graduate of Texas Tech will be the Executive vice President of Rolling Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., and will take the reins of this 21,000 producer member organization.

The new office will be located in the center of the cotton production of the Rolling Plains and the geographic center of this area in the Courthouse at Stamford, P. O. Box 1108.

If there is any way that Charles can be of service, please call Stamford, PR 3-2581. Come by and get acquainted.

**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

**TC Farmers Union  
To Meet Feb. 1**

The regular monthly meeting of the Taylor County Farmers Union will be held Tuesday, Feb. 1, in the Taylor Electric Cooperative building.

The meeting, scheduled at 7 p.m. will feature Kenneth Moss of Paducah, Tex., area fieldman as principal speaker.

President Joe McDuff urges all members to "mark this date on your calendar to be present."  
46 4tc

**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: 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.

**Jan. 31 Deadline  
To Get Poll Tax**

(Special to The Merkel Mail)

Attorney General Waggoner Carr today urged all Texans who will be eligible to vote in this year's elections to obtain their poll tax before the January 31st deadline.

In some counties the number of persons qualifying to vote is below normal. Some attribute this

to the fact that there is some confusion on the part of many Texans as to whether a poll tax must be paid this year because of the recent lawsuit attacking this requirement.

Carr called attention to the fact that the Judges of the Federal District Court hearing the case involving the validity of the Texas poll tax law, have recommended that Texas voters comply with the present law because the lawsuit is not likely to be finally decided before January 31st, which is the deadline for poll tax payment.

**Annual Stockholders' Meeting**

Notice is Hereby Given: That the annual meeting of the stockholders of Farmers and Merchants National Bank, Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said Bank on the 27th day of January, 1966, at 7 p.m., for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Booth Warren, President.

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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.

If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this 3rd day of January, A.D. 1966.

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  
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The poem, "People," by Cadmus Irl Brown of Liberty Hill, Tex., has been published in the national high school anthology of poetry, **YOUNG AMERICA SINGS.**

Cadmus Irl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cadmus Brown of Liberty Hill, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker of Merkel, is a junior honor student, and a three-year letterman in football.

He has won honors in acting in one-act play competition and in 1962 he had an essay published in the national essay anthology **YOUNG AMERICA SPEAKS.**

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## Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club Stars In Foods Show

Three out of a possible four high point winners were from the Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club in the Taylor County 4-H Favorite Food Show, held recently at Showcase Square in Abilene.

Judy Brovak was the over-all winner, scoring more points than the other contestants. She will represent Taylor County at the district show in San Angelo. Her winning recipe was "Macaroni and Cheese." Entered in the milk division of the favorite foods, Judy's dish was also high point winner in her division.

Cindy Whisenhunt, a first-time entry, was high point scorer in the Fruit and Vegetable division with her "Apple - Celery Salad."

Mark Dudley, one of the two male chefs, defeated the girls entering foods in the meat division, to be named high point winner with his favorite food, "Hobo Stew."

Other Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club winners in the Favorite Foods Show were Margo Hunter and Wanda Barnes, first; Cynthia Rhoton, second; Anita Reed and Kathy Griffin, third, all in the Meat Group.

The Fruit and Vegetable entrants were Teresa Clemmer, Michael Ray and Kay Crenshaw, all second place winners.

Becky Bryant and Susie Riney placed second in the Bread-Cereal Group, with Debbie Mashburn winning third.

Pam Mashburn took first place in the Milk Group.

## Mulberry Canyon Club Hears 'Civil Defense' Program

The January meeting of the Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club met Jan. 10 at 7:30 p.m. with Mark Clemmer leading the 4-H prayer and motto.

Club member Becky Bryan led the pledge of allegiance and the inspiration was given by Glenn Bryan.

A program on Civil Defense was presented by Glenn Bryan and adult leader, Mrs. Frank Brnovak.

The program concluded with "favorite foods" being displayed by members who entered foods in the Food Show recently held in Abilene.



MISS ROSEMARY KEEFE . . . plans June wedding

## Tax Man Sam Sez

Internal Revenue will match your 1965 income tax return with your social Security records by the automatic data processing before a refund is made. You must get your name and Social Security number right or there will be a delay in issuing your refund. Get that Social Security card out and make sure that your name and Social Security number will match up when the machine gets "ahold" of it.

## VA Questionnaire Due By Jan. 31

(Special to The Merkel Mail) 41,900 veterans and widows who receive pension from the Veterans Administration, and 900 dependent parents who receive dependency and indemnity compensation, have returned their annual income questionnaires to the VA Regional Office according to Jack Coker, manager.

Mr. Coker stated that 18,495 beneficiaries had not returned their questionnaires and would receive no check after Jan. 31, if the questionnaires were not returned. These people are encouraged to take action to complete and return these questionnaires as rapidly as possible in order to avoid this inconvenience.

The questionnaires are required only in the cases of veterans and widows receiving pension, and parents receiving dependency and indemnity compensation. Questionnaires are not required in the cases of children receiving pension, or veterans or widows receiving payments of compensation. Mr. Coker stated that compensation is paid where disabilities were incurred or aggravated as a result of service, or death resulting from such a disability. Pension is payable because of total disability not necessarily the result of service.

## Services Held For Mrs. Compton

Funeral services for Mrs. Mamie Compton, 84, were held Sunday, Jan. 23 in the Starbuck Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Jesse Swindell, Noodle Baptist pastor, officiating. Ross Merritt, lay man of the Compere Baptist Church, assisted. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Compton, a longtime Jones and Taylor county resident, died Friday, Jan. 21 in the Shady Oaks Nursing Home in Abilene, where she had lived for the past year.

Born Oct. 23, 1881 in Mansfield, Tex., she married T. D. Compton in 1899 in Merkel. They lived in the Blair Community south of Merkel until 1930, when they moved to the Compere community. Mr. Compton died in 1942.

She was a member of the Compere Baptist Church.

Survivors are four sons, J. T. of Blythe, Calif., P. A. of Fritch, R. J. of Merkel and T. D. Jr., of Odessa; one daughter, Mrs. B. R. Turner of Stinnett; one sister, Mrs. C. E. Johnson of Castro Valley, Calif.; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

## Garden Club Members Tour Home in Abilene

Under the general topic "Happiness is Seeking New Views," and also continuing the comprehensive study of Geraniums, the Merkel Garden Club went to Abilene Thursday, and were entertained by Mary Eula Sears, and Mrs. W. H. Eysen in the home of their mother, the late Mrs. Amy Sears.

Miss Sears led the group on a tour of the home, describing the various antiques, and then after tea, to the Green House, where there are 17 varieties of Geraniums, as well as other flowers, and where a gorgeous Bougainvillea was in full bloom stretching to the top and almost the full length of the house.

The group then moved to Miss Sears' Studio where she showed

them dozens of paintings, describing places where most of them were painted -- from Oregon, California, Arizona, Virginia, etc., as well as from our own local areas.

Members enjoying the trip were Meses. Clyde Bartlett, Lucy Ford, Johnnie Cox, Charlie Shellell, Buck Leach, W. T. Sadler, Jarrett Williams, Joe Hartley, Dale Litton, Dee Grimes, Mary Click, Ora Griggs, S. D. Gamble, H. N. Odum, A. H. McElmurray, Miss Christine Collins and one visitor, Mrs. Lottie Everett.

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## KEEPING TAB ON MERKELITES AND AREA RESIDENTS

By JACKIE DOAN

Well, Moms, how did you enjoy the snow? I know the kids did, especially since they got out a day of school. We're going to have to do something about these summer. Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter and snow holidays — they are more than the average mother can bear. How about cutting it down to, say half a day for Christmas? It would be a strain, but surely we could hold up for that length of time! (Just joking, I think)

Mr. and Mrs. Frosty Winter and daughter of Oklahoma State and daughter of Oklahoma State, Norman, Okla., visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Winter, Saturday. Their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Manley Denton and children of Austin are visiting Mildred and Norman this week. Bobby Gant, Merkel Jaycee vice president received words of praise at their Jan. 24 meeting. Bobby, who has done so much for the progress of Jaycee work, will be transferred to Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 1. Good luck to you and your family, Bobby!

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Congratulations to Pat Bigbee on being chosen to represent the Chamber of Commerce at the Fort Worth Stock Show.

Don't forget the Pancake Supper at Fellowship Hall, Methodist Church, Friday night, Jan. 28. — Should be some pretty good eating.

Just heard that Mrs. Lucy Ford fell this past week end. She is at Hendricks Hospital in Abilene.

Not much news of visitors or trips being made — guess the weather has been too bad — so you folks think up something to do next week and give me a call.

Did you happen to hear the man who was raving about his twenty-five years of marriage to the same woman? He really was proud of his longevity and the fact that not once in those twenty-five years had he ever thought of a divorce — "well," he says, "maybe murder."

Viewing the new spring fashions at the Dallas Market this week were Mrs. Dee Grimes and Mrs. Cyrus Pee of Braggs. They both returned talking about the new fashions they had seen.

## Miss McDonald, Doug Stephenson Marriage Told

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald of Stith, announce the marriage of their daughter, Patricia Ann, to Mr. Doug Stephenson of Midland.

The single ring ceremony was performed Dec. 11 by Dr. Charles Egedy in the sanctuary of the Elysian Fields Avenue Baptist Church in New Orleans, La.

The bride's attire was a white mohair suit and her bouquet consisted of a single white orchid.

Attending the couple were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spencer of Midland.

The couple's temporary address is in New Orleans, where the groom is employed as an insurance adjuster.



**FOOD SHOW WINNERS** — Sampling their "wins" in the Favorite Foods held recently in Abilene are, left, Susie Wilson and her "Surprise Cake," a blue ribbon winner, and Sandy Hogan with her Banana Bread that took a first place in her division. (Photo courtesy Taylor Electric Cooperative)

## MEETING TO BE CALLED TO SET NATIONAL CHARITY TOURNAMENT

"I bid four no trump," said North player.

"Pass," said East player.

"Five hearts," said South.

"Pass," said West.

"Just a minute," said South, "did you hear about Mrs. Jones' new car? How do you suppose she can afford it?"

The above could be a typical scene of conversation at some of the bridge clubs and parties, but NOT SO for the Merkel Duplicate Bridge Club.

"When bridge is being played... bridge is played," said club president Norman Winter. "When it's time to discuss 'Mrs. Jones' new car' that time is filled with a discussion by members on the club's many projects and activities."

Organized in 1961, the Merkel Duplicate Bridge Club has continuously held one National Charity Tournament and one Local Charity Tournament each year since 1962. The local charity tournaments are under the direction of Bill Wood.

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## Ft. Worth Stock Show to Feature 'Indoor Rodeo'

FORT WORTH (Sp.) — With an entry list of more than 450 cowboys Fort Worth Stock Show President and Manager, W. R. Watt is predicting a great year for the 1966 edition of the "World's Original Indoor Rodeo," Jan. 28 through Feb. 6.

Heading the list of cowboys competing for the Fort Worth Rodeo purse of more than \$75,000 in prize money and entry fees is Dean Oliver, three time consecutive winner of rodeo's highest award — all-around World's Champion Cowboy. Oliver, from Boise, Idaho has won the top award in 1963, 1964 and 1965.



... bridge club president NORMAN WINTER

twenty tables at each tournament, the money has been given to national and local charities.

"The club must have one National Charity Tournament each year," said director Bill Wood, "and we may have one local tournament a year." Mr. Wood explained that there would be a meeting called in Abilene to set the dates for the national tournament. "Tournament dates are set for each club so that they do not conflict," said Wood, "and Merkel's Duplicate Bridge Club date will be announced in the very near future."

In June, 1964, the Merkel Club held a charity tournament that sent \$250.00 to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene. An organization that reaches out beyond the Merkel area.

The year 1965, saw the Merkel Duplicate Bridge Club members active in many worth while organizations as well as donors of



MISS SHIRLEY SANDUSKY... Brushstompers' Sweetheart

## 'Brushstompers' Pick Sweetheart

Miss Shirley Sandusky has been selected to act as Sweetheart of the Merkel Brushstompers Riding Club for the 1966 season.

Shirley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Justin D. Sandusky, is a junior at Merkel High School. She is a member of the High School Band, a Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club member and has been most active member of the riding club since its beginning in 1961.

Miss Sandusky's first duty as Sweetheart will be her performance with the Brushstompers at the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show Feb. 5.

## Former Merkel Man Dies at 76

Funeral services for Clement P. Hendrix, 76, former Merkel resident were held Tuesday, Jan. 24 at the Buffalo Gap Church of Christ.

Mr. Hendrix, former Buffalo Gap mayor and brother to Mrs. C. E. Westenhover of Merkel, died Saturday at his home in Buffalo Gap after an illness of two years.

He was born May 11, 1889, at Corinth, Ark., and moved to Rule in 1908 and to Merkel in 1910. He married Mary E. Williams Dec. 25, 1915 at Merkel. Mrs. Hendrix died in 1918 and Mr. Hendrix moved to Noodle where he operated a general store and was postmaster for several years.

He married Nora Powers May 11, 1930 in Abilene.

Survivors include the wife; a son, Bennie of Alamosa, Colo.; three grandchildren; two great grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Grett R. Tucker of San Antonio, and Mrs. Westenhover.

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## Travis Starnes, Pastor Of Jesus' Name Church

A new church is in the process of being organized in the Merkel area. It is the Jesus' Name, United Pentacostal Church, with temporary location at 502 Kent St.

Travis Starnes is the pastor of the Jesus' Name Church. Jim Fullam, member, invites "anyone who is interested in meeting with this group to attend services which meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7:30 and also regular services on Sunday morning."

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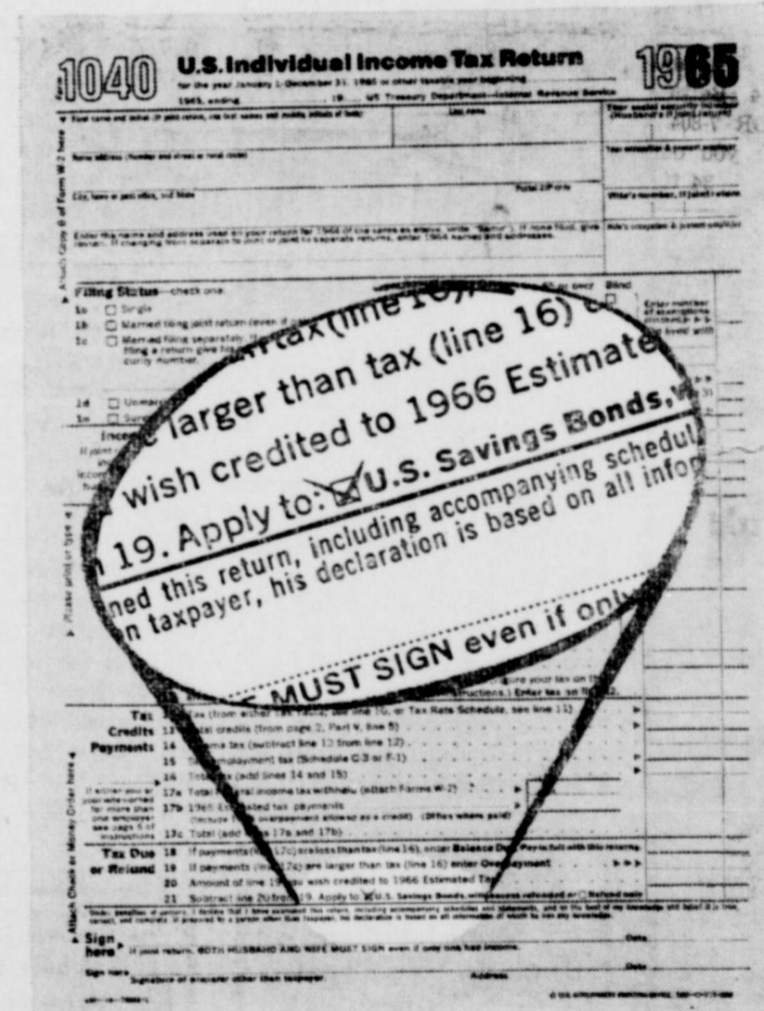
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**ANNUAL STAFF** — Busy days are ahead for the Elementary School Annual Staff as they prepare and edit copy for their forthcoming publication. The staff is under the supervision of Mrs. Mack Fisher, sixth grade teacher. (Photo Courtesy Jim Baber)

## BADGER TALES



By DEBI CORDER

After report cards were issued and everyone had settled back into the usual "rut," we were all very happy when a day of school was called off, because of snow!

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Last weekend was a long one, with a lot of excitement. While Bob and his big brothers were building a huge snowman with two stomachs and long legs, Brenda Morgan and Pam Walla were busy trying to tear one down at the Davis' ranch. (Knowing Brenda and Pam, we understand why they do these strange things). But since the Davis brothers had built it, it was too sturdy for them.

There was also plenty of sledding going on during the weekend. Almer Barnes seemed to be having a good time until the driver of his pickup pulling the old car hood he was riding in, slid off the road into a ditch. They had to get a firetruck to pull them out.

The homemaking girls have certainly had an exciting week — if anybody has. The annual school play just doesn't concern the homemaking girls, but since their department is located upstairs, the study hall and library below are affected too. The girls have been cooking for the children and observing them in their play.

### LITTLE BADGER TRACKS

By RANDY DOAN

Our fourth district game will be played with Jim Ned at Merkel, Jan. 31.

Tuesday, Feb. 1, we will have another assembly with Bob Wood presenting a program on art. Mr. Wood can write the longest and hardest words on the canvas, upside down and backward, while he recites poetry and talks

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to the class. He is an expert at chalk drawing also. The program will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will be in the auditorium, and parents are invited to attend.

There were several students who participated in the Abilene Fat Stock Show this weekend. They were LeeAnn Holloway, Rusty Holloway, Melvin Parker, Teresa Clemmer, Mark Clemmer, Robert Clemmer, Betsy Johnson, Mike Dudley, Mark Dudley, Jeff Whisenhunt, Vickie Robertson, Johnny Gray and Billy Black.

In the girls' basketball game with Baird on Jan. 24, the A team girls defeated the Baird girls, 36-31. Terry Sue Doan was high pointer with 15. She was followed by Melba Seymour with 12 and JaNell Lassier with 9. We only had one girl to foul out. It was a close ballgame, but our girls came out victorious.

It seems that Badgers like Bears for their prey. Monday night, Jan. 24 the seventh grade boys proved this by beating the Baird boys, 22-17. The Baird boys went all out to beat the Jr. Badgers, but it seems the Badgers were ready for them. The high pointer was Allen Arnwine with 11 points, followed by Jamie Holland and Mike McLean with four points each. Keith Reeger made two while Randy Smith made one point. The seventh grade boys haven't lost a district game.

The same night the eighth grade boys had a hard time with the Baird boys. They found themselves behind at the half, by a score of 17 to 9. The boys went back in the second half determined to beat those Baird boys, but guess Baird was too far ahead, for the game finally ended with the score 36 to 22 for Baird. Terry Wade was high pointer with 11, followed by Randy Doan with 4, and Terry Derrington with 3. Jackie Whisenhunt made 3 points and Bill Whisenhunt 1.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### READING CLINIC

Three new teachers have been added to the Merkel school faculty to assist in the Remedial Reading Clinic, which is being introduced into the school system. They are Mrs. Maxine Landers, Mrs. Ouida Reid, and Mr. James Dean. Mrs. Landers and Mrs. Reid will work with the elementary grades, while Mr. Dean will be assisting with the high school clinic.

The Remedial Clinic will be part of the elementary - secondary education act, financed by federal aid.

"We are just now in the planning stages," said elementary principal, Leon Walker, "but we have high hopes for the clinic's success."

### P-TA MEETING

A large crowd of parents and teachers and friends "braved" the cold weather, Thursday, Jan. 20, to attend their regular monthly meeting in the school auditorium.

Mrs. Comer Haynes, program chairman, presented the third grade students in a very gay production of patriotism. Benjamin Franklin and his "witty" sayings, were drawn upon to add to their presentation. Mrs. Haynes was assisted in the program presentation by Mrs. Bryan Dunagin and Mrs. John West.

Principal Leon Walker presented an informative glance at the "new" reading clinic that will be used in the Merkel School System. He encouraged parents to "be concerned with their child's reading," stressing that "the ability to read opens other channels of education."

The next regular P-TA meeting will be Feb. 17.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** — Letters to the editor do not necessarily express the view of the editor nor of this paper. But The Merkel Mail will continue to run letters to the editor as long as same are reliable, in good taste, and they must be signed.

To the Editor,  
Merkel Mail, Merkel, Texas  
Dear Sir:

After many fund raising and community projects are completed, we often forget to thank the people who work so faithfully.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and management of our local radio station, KWFA.

On Sunday morning when our March of Dimes Drive was very slow the local announcers came to our rescue and boosted our drive the entire afternoon. The success of the drive should be contributed to the efforts of these men.

Thanks again to Mr. John Curtis and all of his staff at radio station KWFA.

J. LYNN KNIGHT

Mr. Dave Brumbeau  
Merkel, Mail  
Merkel, Texas  
Dear Mr. Brumbeau:  
The December issue of the "Texas Press Messenger" depicts the growth and strength of Texas'



**STATE CONVENTION RECOGNITION** — Area IV accepts recognition for worthy activities at state convention of Young Homemakers in Austin Jan. 14-15. Mrs. Robert Cleveland, left, of Abilene and member of Taylor County Chapter was named state officer. Mrs. Roger George of Stephenville accepted honorary mention in publicity for her chapter. Taylor County's second place publicity award was accepted by Mrs. Hugh Baker, Merkel. Mrs. Bill Lane, past president of the State association, had a scholarship named for her. The scholarship is being made possible by Texas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. (Photo courtesy Texas Co-op Power)

newspapers and is indicative of the pride and spirit that has made your industry one of which we are proud.

Congratulations to you, your newspaper and your industry for your many accomplishments. The contributions you make to the people of your community, state and nation are most significant and are particularly noted by those of us who have the privilege of serving this state as public officials.

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Sincerely,  
PRESTON SMITH  
Lt. Governor of Texas.

## Merkel Graduate In Panhandle Hall of Fame

Wayne Tipton, Gruver's basketball coach, and a graduate of Merkel High School, has been named Basketball Coach of the Year in the Panhandle Hall of Fame.

A formal ceremony, honoring Tipton, will be held Jan. 30 in

the YMCA building at Amarillo.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Tipton and son in law of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Agers, all of Merkel.

Tipton is the first class A coach to receive the honor of being "Coach of the Year" in the Panhandle Hall of Fame in basketball.

He has taken six teams to regional and has won first, second, and third places in the state tournament.

He and his wife, Tommie, have two sons, Sam, 17, and Gary, 13.

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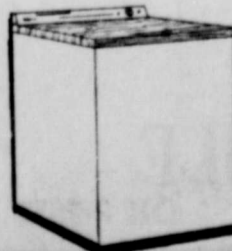
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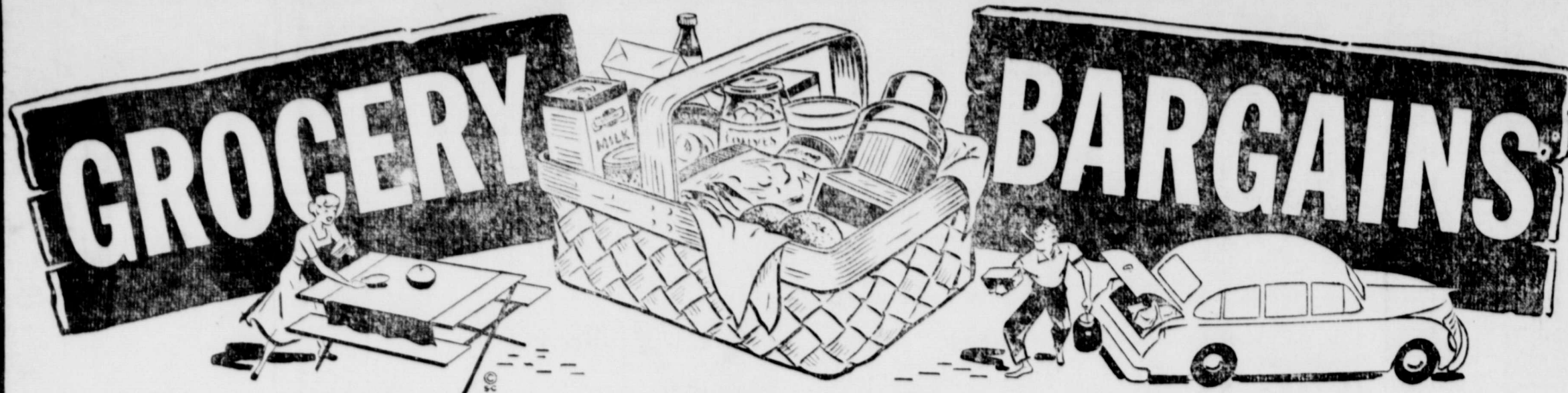
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**CAKE MIX** 2 for **59¢**  
..... 2 for  
DUNCAN HINES  
**PANCAKE MIX**

2 lb. box **29¢**  
**BLANKETS**  
1-2 PRICE  
ON GIFT BOND STAMPS  
OR OTHERWISE

FROZEN FOODS  
MEAD'S **HOT ROLLS** 24 IN PKGS. **23¢**  
BIRDSEYE - 10-OZ. PKG.  
**STRAWBERRYS** pkg. **29¢**  
MORTON'S  
**TV DINNER** ea. **35¢**  
GENESEE VALLEY  
**CUT CORN** 2 for **29¢**

WOLF  
NO. 2 PLAIN..  
**CHILI** EA. **53¢**

BORDEN'S  
**Butter MILK** 1/2 gal. **39¢**  
BORDEN'S  
**High Protein MILK** 1/2 gal. **39¢**  
BORDEN'S PURE  
**ICE CREAM** 1/2 gal. ctn. **59¢**  
LIBBY'S CRUSHED OR SLICED FLAT  
**PINEAPPLE** 2 for **25¢**



**HAM** HORMEL'S Shank End 59¢  
TENDERIZED BUTT END lb. 65¢ Pound  
**BACON** HORMEL RANGE BRAND 2-lb. pkg. **1.49**  
**FRANKS** HORMEL ALL MEAT 12-oz. pkg. **45¢**  
**SHORT RIBS** CHOICE BEEF POUND **29¢**  
**SAUSAGE** HORMEL BROWN 'N SERVE pkg. **49¢**  
**PORK SPARE RIBS** FRESH POUND **39¢**  
**FRYERS** Grade A Pound **29¢**  
**ROAST** CHOICE BEEF ARM - ENGLISH - ARM Pound **67¢**  
**STEAK** Choice Beef CLUB lb. **73¢**

KOUNTY KIST  
**CORN** 12-OZ. CANS 2 **29¢**  
RED DART  
**BEANS** GREEN 303 2 **23¢**  
FOREST PIE  
**PEACHES** GAL. CAN **89¢**  
LIBBY'S BLACKEYE  
**PEAS** 2 303 FOR **29¢**  
**CHFER** GIANT BOX **59¢**  
**HANDY ANDY** GIANT BOT. **49¢**  
**Clorox** 1/2-gal. bot. **29¢**  
**TIDE** king **98¢**  
box

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SUNKIST  
**ORANGES** JUICY Pound **12¢**  
RED DELICIOUS  
**APPLES** doz. **59¢**  
RUBY RED -  
**GRAPEFRUIT** 5-lb. bag **39¢**  
GOLDEN  
BANANAS lb. **10¢**  
EAST TEXAS  
YAMS lb. **9¢**  
RUSSET  
**SPUDS** 10-lb. bag **39¢**

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