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Up The Canyon

By TOM
RUSSOM

Well, it is clear and windy here in the Canyon this morning and Spring is slowly coming in. People are getting their water pumps tuned up to water their yards and gardens.

All of the farmers and stockmen are in one accord in their thinking that our area needs a good rain. The few light snows we had in the winter just didn't send us much moisture, and now is when the wheat and oats need rain.

Some of the stockmen are "fudging" and leaving their cattle and sheep on the grain fields a few days longer. Most time March 1 is when they take the stock off and shut the gates to make a grain crop.

Some time back, I made a statement in my column that I thought the livestock prices would continue to stay high, and I guessed it right. I based my thinking on the grounds that there was so much for the stock to eat, and everyone had a good supply of feed and hay on hand and now we see there will be a large amount of good feed left to be carried over, provided rain comes this spring.

Leroy Riney, stockman in the canyon, told us this week he had a large amount of good bundle feed he never would open up, this winter and would be carried over to next year if rains came this spring. And it will be boys like that who will be looking for replacement cattle early to put on pastures.

Well, I would just like to tell you a little about the Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club meeting on Monday night of this week. The boys and girls gave the demonstrations that they will be giving at the county meet later this year. They were real good, and such fine training. We are certainly very strong backers of 4-H. We enjoy the boys and girls and it is good to watch them go into their work with such fine interest. Katie Neill is president of the club and Myrtle Davis is secretary-treasurer.

Occasionally, I think about discontinuing my column and then some remark is overheard or something happens that makes me "stop and think." Recently I met a fine boy who said, "Hello Tom." I stopped to see just who he was and asked him where he knew me and he quickly replied "Why, I see your picture in the paper every week." And on another occasion, recently, my wife and I met a man, and after introducing myself, he replied "Oh yes, Mr. Russom, you are the one who writes 'Down the Canyon, aren't you?'"

As long as experiences like that comes it would be hard for me to find a place to quit writing for our paper.

Well, the snake hunters are coming in to try to catch the snakes. Just last week 14 large rattlers were caught or killed on our ranch. Some of the rattlers — the large ones — were caught alive and taken to Crosbyton and will be shown there early in April at the Boy Scout Roundup. The snakes were gassed and caught at their winter dens, which are under huge cliffs of rock in the hills. Donald Rusom led the party in the snake raid.

We regret very much to hear of the illness of a very good friend of ours, Tom Seymore of Merkel. Tom has just gotten out of the hospital in Abilene, and back at his home. We hope he will soon be up and around again. Tom

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MERKEL C-C TOLD

USE IMAGINATION IN CITY PLANNING

The people of Merkel should "think, sell and promote" Merkel, Abilene insurance executive R. L. McMillon told a large audience at the Merkel Chamber of Commerce banquet Thursday night, March 10.

McMillon said that four vital ingredients — faith, confidence, hope and direction — would stimulate the growth of Merkel and its area. McMillon commended the Merkel Chamber of Commerce in that the membership is

composed of individuals who work together toward the four ingredients. He suggested that "committees consist of people whose imaginations can come up with ideas which might be used in city development."

A. C. Tinch Jr., Lubbock insurance man served as master of ceremonies. He introduced Max Murrell, Merkel automobile dealer, who was recently re-elected president.

In reviewing the year's activities, Murrell discussed the summer recreation program, trade development program, homecoming activities, and a campaign to obtain a hospital in the Merkel area. Murrell also discussed the recently formed Industrial Committee whose function is to obtain industrial plants in Merkel.

Chamber of Commerce officers besides Murrell are Bill Button, vice president and Johnny Cox, secretary.

Retiring officers are Frank Breaux, Dr. D. W. Warren and Chester Collinsworth. Directors include Robert Malone, John Hardesty, Howard Carson, Murrell, Cox, W. R. Cypert, Lon McDonald, Button and L. E. Finch. Entertainment for the banquet was furnished by the Merkel High School Stage band and a musical quartet from Hardin-Simmons University.

18th District P-TA Meets Mar. 21-22

The 11th annual spring conference of the 18th District Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers will be held March 21-22 in the Church of Christ at Rotan.

Pre-conference board meeting will be at 4 p.m. March 21 with Mrs. M. F. Garland, 18th District president, presiding. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. on March 22.

The conference theme is "Increasing Educational Opportunities," with Mrs. L. L. Ledger state president, as principal speaker.

The afternoon session will be three workshops, "Learning for Earning, Accepting Responsibilities, and Administration, Teachers and P-TA."

Cookbook Recipe Deadline April 1

Deadline for recipes for the Jaycee Wives' Cookbook is April 1. Mrs. Cory Lash, Jaycee Wives president, is asking that those who send in recipes "to include name so that both recipe and name will be printed in the cookbook."

Mrs. Jo Alves, Jaycee Wives secretary, said that many recipes had been sent in, but "many more were needed before sending to the publishing company."

Recipes should be mailed to Mrs. Cory Lash, 804 Brickhaven Dr., Merkel.



PAID ON MOWER — Betty Jane Tittle, left, accepts a check from Mary Collins, secretary-treasurer of Merkel Bridge Club, to be applied on the tractor-mower on display in the Farmers and Merchants National Bank lobby. The mower has been purchased by the Merkel Cemetery Association. (Staff Photo)

\$96.50 Balance On Power Mower

As of press time, Wednesday, the balance left on the mower-tractor purchased by the Cemetery Association, was only \$96.50. "The total purchase price was \$488.00," said Booth Warren, Cemetery Assn. committee member. A total of \$391.50 in contributions have been applied on the mower.

Warren explained that the Association is "contemplating building a concrete block 8 ft. by 10 ft. building to house the mower at a cost of approximately \$295.00." Any contributions in excess of the \$488.00 contributed on the mower will be applied to the expense of this building, said Warren.

Merkel Schools To Host Interscholastic League Meet



TWO FIRSTS — Drum major Tim Beasley, left, and band captain Hayden Griffin proudly display the two first place trophies the Merkel High School Band won recently at the Lamesa Band Festival. The first places were won in Most Outstanding Concert Band and Most Outstanding Sight Reading Band in "Class A." (Staff Photo)

OPTIMIST TO HOST MARCH 18 LUNCHEON

The Merkel Optimist Club will host the Lions Club in a noon luncheon Friday, March 18 at the Asteroid Restaurant.

Optimist president Truman Belcher said highlights of the meeting would be the presenting of certificates to local winners of the Optimist "Young Texan" of the Month" nominees.

Congressman Omar Burleson will be presenting the certificates to John Hardesty, Ricky McElmurray, Hayden Griffin and Jerry Shafer.

Hardesty, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hardesty of Merkel, was nominated "Young Texan" for the month of October, 1965. He is presently a freshman at the University of Texas.

Ricky McElmurray, a student at A&M University, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clovis McElmurray of Trent. McElmurray was the nominee for the month of October, 1965.

Hayden Griffin, a senior at Merkel High School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Odis Griffin of Merkel. Griffin is the January nominee for "Young Texan."

Jerry Shafer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Shafer of Trent, and is a senior at Trent High School. He is the March nominee.

A special invitation has been given to the Merkel City Council members and other dignitaries of the Merkel area to attend the

Merkel Schools To Receive Flag

Merkel school students will attend an assembly Friday, March 18 at 10:30 a.m. in the school auditorium at which time Congressman Omar Burleson will present a flag to the school.

Optimist Club president, Truman Belcher, said the flag to be presented is one that has "flown over the capital in Washington."

EIGHT SCHOOLS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENT

The Merkel Public Schools will host the Texas Interscholastic League, District 6-A in the Literary Contests Saturday, March 26.

Schools participating in the contests other than Merkel are Coahoma, Roscoe, Roby, Rotan, Aspermont, Wylie and Jim Ned.

Leon Walker, principal of Merkel's Elementary School, is director of the District 6-A Literary Meet. Walker announced that a directors, coaches and contestants meet will be held in the Merkel School Auditorium at 8:30 a.m. and the contest will begin at 9 a.m.

There will be two divisions. "The high school division will be held in the high school building," said Walker. "with the elementary contests being held in the Elementary Building."

High school events include typing, shorthand, extemporaneous speech, persuasive speaking, debate, prose reading, poetry interpretation, spelling and plain writing, ready writing, number sense, slide rule and science. Judges for the speaking events will be from Hardin-Simmons University, Walker said.

Events for the Elementary contests are spelling and plain writing, ready writing, boys declamation, girls declamation, num-

ber sense, picture memory and story telling.

The school accumulating the most points in the contest "will be declared the winner of the meet."

Winning contestants in the High School division will go to the Regional Meet, to be held in Lubbock in April.

Truett Black, principal of the JimNed Elementary School will assist in the Elementary contest and Edwin Read, principal of Merkel High School, will be the statistician for the high school division.

Medicare Blanks Now Available At Post Office

Postmaster Wrenn Durham, announced today that application blanks for supplemental Medicare benefits are available at the windows of the Merkel Post Office.

The application blanks are being made available at the Social Security Administration seeks to contact 3.1 million senior citizens before a March 31 deadline imposed by the Medicare law.

President Johnson has proclaimed March as "National Medicare Enrollment Month." He urges all federal agencies and all citizens to cooperate in enrolling senior citizens in the program.

A copy of the application blank is displayed on the lobby bulletin board of the Merkel Post Office.

Senior citizens who reached 65 before 1966 face a two year delay if they do not sign up by March 31. The application forms are pre-addressed to the Social Security Administration in Baltimore, Maryland.

Merkel Jaycees Set Bingo Night

The winner of the Jaycee clock-radio was L.E. Blanks of Abilene. Mayor Johnny Cox drew the winning ticket Tuesday, March 15, with Jaycee members Larry Smith and Joe Alves standing by to deliver the prize.

The Jaycees have set Saturday March 26 as Bingo Night, to be held at the Community Center. Bingo begins at 7 p.m. Publicity chairman, Cory Lash says that "everyone is invited to the Bingo."

Proceeds from these Jaycee activities will be used toward building a park and playground in Merkel.

Refreshments for Bingo Night will be made available by the Jaycee Wives organization.

Post Office Dept. To Increase Fees

Fees for registered, insured, certified and C.O.D. mail and for money orders will be raised effective March 26, 1966.

The smallest fee for Registered Mail will be 75c. for insured mail 20c. for C.O.D. mail 60c. The fee for Certified Mail will be 30c. and the smallest fee for a Money Order will be 25c. For other fees see your local post office.

'Brushstompers' Invited to Ride In Abilene Parade

Brushstompers' president, Edwin Read, is asking that all members who plan to ride in the parade in Abilene Saturday, March 19 to "be in Abilene at 4th and Oak Streets by 10:30 a.m."

The parade is part of Abilene's 65th Celebration activities, and the Merkel Riding Club, as well as other riding clubs in the area, have been invited to participate.

"Twenty-nine members participated in the San Angelo parade last Saturday," said Read. After the parade the Brushstompers were invited to a barbecue held in San Angelo.

Members are reminded by Read that there "will be riding activities at the Arena this Staturday evening, March 19."



CONG. OMAR BURLESON
... to present awards

luncheon. Parents of the honorees will also attend the luncheon.

Also attending the luncheon will be Ellison Edwards, zone chairman for the "Young Texan" program, and Tom Stanford, Breckenridge, lieutenant governor of the Optimist Club.

RED CROSS COUNTY WIDE DRIVE BEGUN

Taylor County's chapter of the American Red Cross began their annual fund campaign Monday, March 7, announced J. G. Wilks of Trent, chairman of the drive. Abilene and Merkel, which have their own United Fund campaign, are excluded from the county-wide drive.

Wilks said this year's county goal will be \$1,248.

Area volunteer workers are Mrs. Mark Williamson, Mrs. Othell O'Kelly, and Wilks of Trent; and Mrs. Wilmer Criswell, outside city limits of Merkel.

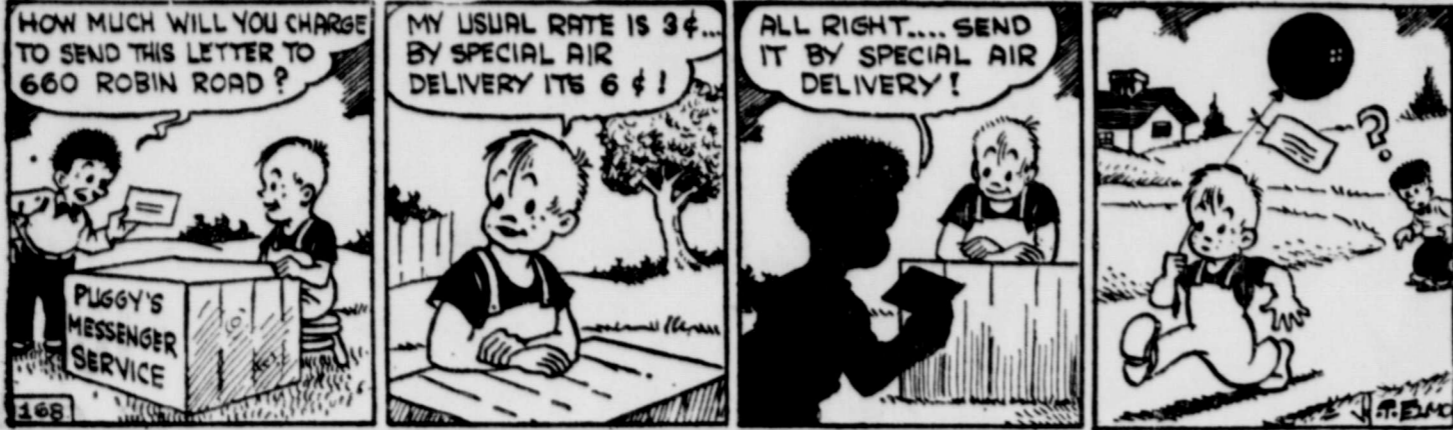
The Red Cross is supported by voluntary contributions and represents the American people in their efforts to prevent and ease human suffering by providing a variety of community and mili-

tary welfare services across the nation and at key points around the world.

The theme for the 1966 "You Can Help, Too — Join UP — Join In." conveys briefly the two ways the American people can help their neighbors and their friends around the world, said Wilks.

Every community is served by a Red Cross chapter staffed and operated by local people, most of whom are volunteers," said Wilks. "These volunteers help their communities all year 'round by providing training in first aid, swimming and home nursing and by serving in hospitals and clinics or in cooperation with other agencies."

PUGGY



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Religious Review

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- SUNDAY**
Sunday School 10:00
Worship Service 8:30
- FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**
Newton Daniel, pastor
- SUNDAY**
Sunday School 9:45
Worship Service 10:55
Youth Meeting 6:00
Evening Worship 7:00
- WEDNESDAY**
Choir Practice 8:00
- CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**
5th and Runnels
John W. Emery, pastor
- SUNDAY MORNING**
Sunday School 10:00
Worship Service 11:00
- SUNDAY EVENING**
Training Union 6:45
Worship Service 7:30
- WEDNESDAY**
Evening Service 7:30
- ASSEMBLY OF GOD**
John Curtis, pastor
- SUNDAY**
Sunday School 9:45
Preaching 11:00
Evening Preaching 7:00
- WEDNESDAY**
Mid-Week Evangelistic Service 7:30
Mid-Week Service 7:30 p.m.
Choir Practice 8:30 p.m.
- CHURCH OF CHRIST**
Dwight Holland, pastor
- SUNDAY**
Bible School 9:45
Morning Worship 10:55
Evening Classes 6:00
Evening Worship 6:45
- WEDNESDAY**
Bible Classes 8:00
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**
Bill Tanner, pastor
- SUNDAY**
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Radio Broadcast 10:15 a.m.
Worship Service 10:50 a.m.
Radio Broadcast 11:00 a.m.

ARLEDGE ANNOUNCES HIS CANDIDACY FOR RE-ELECTION

State Representative Roy Arledge, successful West Texas businessman and veteran civic worker, has announced his candidacy for re-election in District 62F which is composed of Haskell, Jones and Taylor counties.

"I am offering my services based on my record and experience," Arledge said. "While in the Legislature, I have worked for and supported legislation to improve higher education and the public schools, for water development and water pollution control, for increased tourism and other legislation to improve the economic development of West Texas and Texas. I will continue to work with our state government leaders to improve Texas as a place to live, work and play."



ROY ARLEDGE seeks re-election

During the past session of the Legislature, Arledge proposed changing legislative rules concerning the operation of conference committees. He objected strongly to bills being changed completely in conference committee after all members of the House or Senate approved a measure. Many times, he said, the substance of a bill was changed in committee and House members were not even advised of the changes.

"If I am re-elected, I intend to introduce and work for passage of legislation which will prohibit the conference committee writing into a bill any proposals not included in either the House or Senate bills, and will also require that members of the two Houses of the Legislature be kept fully informed of any changes made in conference committee."

"This," Arledge continued, "will allow us to serve our constituents better and result in the Legislature more nearly reflecting the views of the people."

During the 59th Legislature, Arledge served as chairman of the Interstate Cooperation Committee. He also served on the important State Affairs, Oil and Gas and Mining, Livestock and Stock Raising, and Motor Traffic Committees. Between sessions of the Legislature, he serves on an Interim Study Committee studying the operation of livestock auctions.

Arledge has a simple rule to guide him in the Legislature: "I try to be the kind of representative I would like to have representing me if I weren't down there. I try to vote according to what I think is in the best interest of the people."

Arledge grew up on a ranch in Nolan County and attended Hardin-Simmons University for 1 1/2 years before going into business on his own. He was in the ice man-

ufacturing business and began many innovations in the industry. He has been in the ranching and registered Hereford business and has done much to promote the use of airplanes in agriculture.

Arledge served a total of six years on the Stamford City Council where he was helpful in building Lake Stamford. He has been awarded the Boy Scout Silver Beaver Award which few men have received in the history of the Chisholm Trail Council. He has held many local and state civic organization offices.

Presently, Arledge owns some lots in Abilene and is building several homes in the Radford Hills Addition. His vast experience and civic activities in West Texas are a valuable source of knowledge which helps him in his legislative duties.

Roy and his wife, the former Lois Lee of Haskell County, live in Stamford where he attends the First Baptist Church. They have two sons, Jack of Port Arthur, and Jimmie of Dallas.

NOODLE NEWS

By SIMMONS CALLAWAY

It looks like spring is "right around the corner" — the apricot trees are in full bloom and the peach trees are in bud and ready to bloom.

Mr. and Mrs. Renal Vancil from Dallas, visited recently with Mr. Vancil's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Vancil.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Ueckert and children from Monahans spent the weekend with Mrs. Ueckert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. McCain. Mr. and Mrs. Troy Sloan were in Kermit Saturday and Sunday

information available at all VA offices and at the admission offices in most approved schools. Veterans will have ample time to select courses and make application without losing either class time or payments from VA, Coker said.

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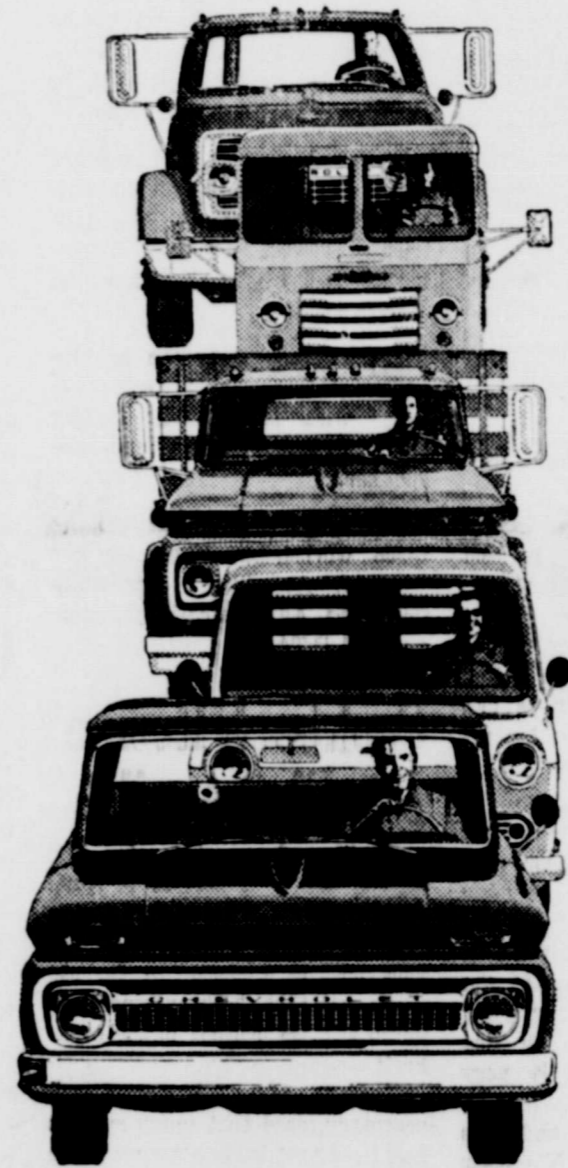
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Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Seem
- Alter
- Silk fabric
- Set down to preserve
- One
- Human beings
- Dine
- Ego
- Thing; law
- Upper space
- Some
- Association; prefix
- Drink
- Because
- Dark gray
- Ceases
- Aquatic mammals
- Like sun rays
- Go back over
- Touchy
- Musical note
- Give
- Weapons
- Street; abbr.
- Female deer
- Continent
- Fell in white flakes
- Rocks
- Music drama
- Military assistants
- Hill
- Dined
- Age
- Rested
- Make lace
- Wily
- Married by a burn
- Before
- Men
- Clothes; slang
- Ivylake plant
- Unshut
- Fence opening
- Not slack
- Expect
- Makes do
- Bovine
- For
- State; abbr.
- Oyer

DOWN

- Distant
- Glass square
- Math symbol
- Tree
- Toward
- sheltered side
- Leases
- Ivylake plant
- Listen
- Deed
- Negative
- Smile
- Opposite
- current
- Hurry
- Concealed
- Aids

Answer to Puzzle

SEEM, ALTER, SILK, SET, ONE, HUMAN, DINE, EGO, THING, UPPER, SOME, ASSOCIATION, DRINK, BECAUSE, DARK, CEASES, AQUATIC, LIKE, GO, TOUCHY, MUSICAL, GIVE, WEAPONS, STREET, FEMALE, CONTINENT, FELL, ROCKS, MUSIC, MILITARY, HILL, DINED, AGE, RESTED, MAKE, WILY, MARRIED, BEFORE, MEN, CLOTHES, IVYLAKE, UNSHUT, FENCE, NOT, EXPECT, MAKES, BOVINE, FOR, STATE, OYER.



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Jerry Shafer, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Shafer of Trent, has been nominated "Young Texan of the Month" by the Merkel Optimist Club for the month of March.

A senior at Trent High School, Shafer is president of his class and also a member of the annual staff.

His 4-H Club activities have included being runner-up to Outstanding Citizen in State in 1965-66, placing fifth in state in Livestock Team, and member of the State Dairy Judging Team in 1963. This membership entitled Jerry to an expense paid trip to Waterloo, Iowa, to the National Judging Contest in '63.

Outstanding in FFA activities, Shafer is president of Area IV association and president of Abilene District of the FFA.

In 1965 Shafer received a free trip to Kansas City, Mo., as the Santa Fe winner in FFA activities, and received the "Lone Star Farmer" citation in 1965.

Other 1965 awards were the Southwestern Cattle Raisers Award and the Taylor County Gold Star Winner award. Jerry, who plans to enter A&M University this fall, attended the

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LITTLE BADGER TRACKS

By RANDY DOAN

The Junior Conference Boys and Girls Volleyball Tournament will be played in the high school starting at 5 p.m. The public is invited.

The Fifth Southern School Assembly program will be given on Friday, March 18, beginning at 2:15 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. The program will be given by Mr. A. M. Ginn on the subject of Rewards of Travel. Mr. Ginn has traveled all over the world and has collected many interesting things from each country. I'm sure it will be an interesting afternoon for everyone attending.

I will remind you that the Fire Prevention Poster Contest is now open to all people in the Merkel

Public Schools. Posters must be original and on any phase of fire prevention. The contest will close on March 31 and I do hope everyone will enter.

N. B. Head, 58, Dies, Rites Held

Funeral services for N. B. Head, brother of M. T. Head of Merkel, were held Tuesday, March 14 in the Patterson Chapel of Memories in Sweetwater. Burial was in the Trent Garden of Memories Cemetery.

Mr. Head, 58, died Monday in Simmons Memorial Hospital in Sweetwater after a brief illness.

Survivors are his wife; four sons; three daughters; two brothers; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The 10-mile elevated expressway from Tokyo's airport to the city cost \$100 per inch to build.



JERRY SHAFER
... "Young Texan" nominee

"Career Day" activities at A&M Friday, March 11.

Compere HD Club Makes Gifts

"Cheese Dishes" was the program presented to the Compere Home Demonstration Club March 16, by members Mrs. Eulan Hatfield and Mrs. Clyde Chance.

Mrs. Ab Hunter Jr., hosted the meeting with each member bringing a cheese dish for the luncheon.

Members made gifts to take to the Anson Care Home for an Easter party. Date for the party will be announced at a later meeting.

Attending the meeting were Mrs. Hatfield, J. E. Touchstone, Don Adair, Dwain Johnson, Chan- cey, Hunter and four children.

'Pals' Revealed At Class Social

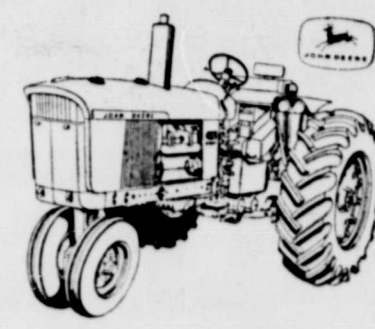
Mrs. O. C. Griggs entertained the TEL Class of the First Baptist Church Tuesday, March 8, with Mrs. E. W. King and Mrs. Homer Finch co-hostesses.

Mrs. Billie Hartley gave the devotional. "Pals" were revealed with gifts.

Attending the social were Mrs. E. R. Foster, E. R. Clack, Eunice Masey, H. C. Hendrix, Opal Josey, Lucy Ford, Ira Moore, Clay Satterwhite, S. C. Keith, H. B. Robertson, Della Brown.

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THE PARTING WAS PAINFUL

HEREFORD STEERS SOLD MARCH 1

Did you ever get attached to an animal that you raised from its very beginning — a pup, cat, rabbit, squirrel or even a baby calf. Such was the case with Mrs. Lottie Butman Everett when she parted recently with her two three and one-half year old steers. "Actually I cried when they took them away," said Mrs. Ev-

rett. The two steers, named "Tom" and "Ted" were sold at weighing out at 930 pounds each. "Tom" and "Ted's" mother was a two year old and they were her firstborn, and there "just was not enough milk for one baby, much less two," said Mrs. Everett.

Mrs. Everett gave each one a bottle of supplement food twice a day, until they were "past a year old." "And they even looked forward to that bottle when they were big boys," she said.

When asked how she decided on the names "Tom and Ted," Mrs. Everett said she attended a jam-boree in Nashville, Tenn., where two Austrian boys were on the program and their names were Tom and Ted.

Mrs. Everett, whose ranch headquarters is in Mulberry Canyon, "along the south range of mountains," says she will miss her twins, but is sure that she can keep busy with club activities and other demands on the ranch. She is a charter member of the Merkel Blue Bonnet Home Demonstration Club.

Busy Bees Work On Sewing Project

The "Busy Bees" met Monday, March 14 in the high school home economics room to continue their sewing projects.

Refreshments were served to members Jan Beasley, Sandy Hogan, Cle Juan Douglas, Tonja McAninch, Mary Jo Reddin and Mary Beth Boyd. Stephanie Walker was hostess.

Leaders present were Mrs. June Hogan and Mrs. Dolly Reddin. The club has scheduled March 21 for their next meeting in the home economics room at the high school.

CHURCH NEWS

SPRING REVIVALS

"Five Days for God," will be the theme for the First Methodist Church's spring revival. The Rev. and Mrs. Hugh Daniel of Idaho will conduct the revival, which will be March 27 through 31.

April 17-24 is the date for the First Baptist Church's revival. Dr. Ronald Prince will be the evangelist and Ken Mayhall will direct the music.

The Rev. W. D. (Bill) Tanner, pastor of Merkel's First Baptist Church, will be conducting a re-

vival at Ralls March 27 through April 3.

First Methodist Church in Sweetwater will host the annual meeting of the Northwest Texas Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, March 19-20. The theme for this year's program will be "I Survey the Wondrous Cross." Principal speakers for the conference will be Dr. Alice W. Wonders, professor of Religion at Texas Wesleyan College, Fort Worth, and Mrs. Burleigh Law, former missionary to the Congo.

Wedding Plans

CRABTREE-WHITE

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Humphreys, Abilene, are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Hazel Marie, to Ralph Michael White of Trent.

The bride-elect is a junior at Abilene Christian College.

White, son of Mrs. A. V. Boyd, Trent, is employed with an Abilene credit firm.

The couple will be married April 7 in the College Church of Christ Chapel in Abilene.



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MEMBERSHIP AWARD — Carl Giles, left, Merkel Jaycee president, accepts the increased membership award from Area 2 Director and Abilene Jaycee, Keith Shelton. The plaque is a semi-annual award given on the basis of the highest percentage of membership increase within an organization. (Photo Courtesy of Merkel Jaycees)

TRENT VOLUNTEERS BEGIN CAMPAIGN

The annual Easter Seal Campaign began March 14 in Trent with the house-to-house drive scheduled on Thursday and Friday, March 24, 25.

Volunteer workers from the area met recently at West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene to make plans for the campaign, which provides a portion of the operating funds for the Center.

"West Texas Rehabilitation Center, one of the most respected Centers of its type in the nation, has been associated with the Easter Seal Campaign since the Center was organized," said Mrs. Othell O'Kelly, Trent publicity chairman.

The drive this year is being conducted with a motto of "Stop to Think," urging people of the area to think of the many ways in which their contributions can help the handicapped through treatment, research and education.

At the planning session, Homer Scott, longtime treasurer of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center and chairman of the Easter Seal campaign stressed the importance of the work being done through the Easter Seal program both locally and on a national scale.

He pointed out that the campaign funds are divided between local agencies working with the handicapped and the national program of research and education.

Attending the annual Easter

Seal Workshop Luncheon from Trent were Mrs. Othell O'Kelly, Mrs. Fred Kolpin, Mrs. John Hamner.

Other volunteer workers in the Trent area are Mrs. Onis Graham, Mrs. Mark Williamson and Mrs. Dow Williamson.

Mrs. J. W. Suter Dies at 83

Mrs. J. W. Suter, 83, died Tuesday, March 8 at the Starr Nursing Home following a short illness.

Services for Mrs. Suter, a resident of Merkel for nine years, were held at Hendrix, Okla., with the Rev. John Emory, pastor of Merkel's Calvary Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Kemp Cemetery, Kemp, Okla.

Born Nora Lindsey, Dec. 18, 1882, in Wooster, Ark., she was married Oct. 24, 1900, in Conway, Ark.

Survivors are two sons, John L. of Big Spring and Eugene F. of Dublin, Calif.; five daughters, Mrs. Charlie Massey and Mrs. H. L. Thaxton, both of Merkel, Mrs. Helen Ribb of Austin, and Mrs. W. W. Barnett and Mrs. R. O. Ward, both of Albuquerque, N.M.; one brother, John D. Lindsey of Mansfield; 17 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.



FIRST HAND INFORMATION — Bill Snowden, left, chief physical therapist at the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, and Mike Putman point out some of the work being done at the Center to Mrs. John Hamner, Mrs. Othell O'Kelly, and Mrs. Fred Kolpin. The group took a tour through the center in preparation for the Easter Seal Drive, which began in Trent March 14.

KEEPING TAB ON MERKELITES AND AREA RESIDENTS

By JACKIE DOAN

There's been a lot of people in the F & M Bank looking over the tractor mower that has been purchased, but no one as interested probably as Todd Gregory, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dell Gregory. Todd really gave the mower a "going over," Monday morning. Sitting atop the seat, Todd was shifting gears, making "motor noises" and really taking off. A passerby asked him if he liked it, and Todd quickly answered, "I sure do, and I'm gonna drive it to the Ponderosa."

Visitors in Mrs. W. M. Elliott's home Friday, was her daughter, Mrs. Lois Dunn of Hobbs, N.M., Accompanying Mrs. Dunn were her daughter, Mrs. Margorie Sage and granddaughter, Kim Shelton. Also visiting Sunday with Mrs. Elliott were Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Shelton of Seminole. All are former Merkelites.

Mrs. Ralph Miller, Mrs. Joe E. Lassiter and Mrs. Torlif Hanson, underwent surgery at Hendrick Hospital last week. Norman Winter is also hospitalized at Hendrick.

Kathy Mansfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Mansfield, Linda Hardy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hardy, were dismissed from Hendrick last week.

Mrs. P. A. Diltz is in St. Ann Hospital at this time. Tom Sey-

more was dismissed Saturday from St. Ann.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Toombs are in Scott and White, Temple. Mrs. Toombs underwent surgery Thursday morning, March 10, and is said to be recovering nicely.

Mrs. Jack South returned recently from a trip to South Texas. Billie visited some of her old school friends in Kenedy, and also visited in Pharr, McAllen and Edinburg. Billie and Jack went on a shopping and sight-seeing tour into Reynosa, Mexico while there.

The Nolan Palmers are grandparents of a baby girl named Melanie. Melanie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Leveridge, Midland, arrived Sunday morning, March 13.

UP THE CANYON

(Continued from Page One) was so fine to come to see me when I was in the hospital, and we do remember those things.

Had a good visit with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roberts of Guion Tuesday afternoon. The Roberts were at the Sadler Clinic for a check-up and had time to visit there with several friends. Mr. Roberts was former president of the board of directors of the Taylor Electric Cooperative.

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ELDON MAHON ISSUES STATEMENT IN RACE

Eldon Mahon, Abilene attorney and businessman, has issued the following statement concerning his candidacy for the office of U. S. Congressman from the 17th District:

"I feel that there is a definite need for a change in our district's representation in Washington. If I didn't feel this way — and if I had not found a substantial amount of agreement among voters with whom I've talked — I wouldn't be making the race.

"My reasons for feeling that we need a change are based on my belief that our district has not always been represented in the past with the kind of initiative and enthusiasm I think is required to get the results our district needs and deserves.

"Since announcing my candidacy originally, I have personally visited all twenty-four counties of the new 17th district and have been extremely gratified by the widespread support and encouragement I've encountered. There appear to be many who feel as I do that it is time for a change.

"If elected, I will start working immediately upon my arrival in Washington to be assigned to those committees which deal with the problems directly affecting our new district, and in this way endeavor to get something concrete accomplished for it.

"The scene of action is now in the national Congress. We of the new 17th district must make our voice heard in Washington, stronger than it has been in the past. We need a representative who is truly concerned with the new 17th district's needs, one who will listen closely to all the people, then champion their interests in



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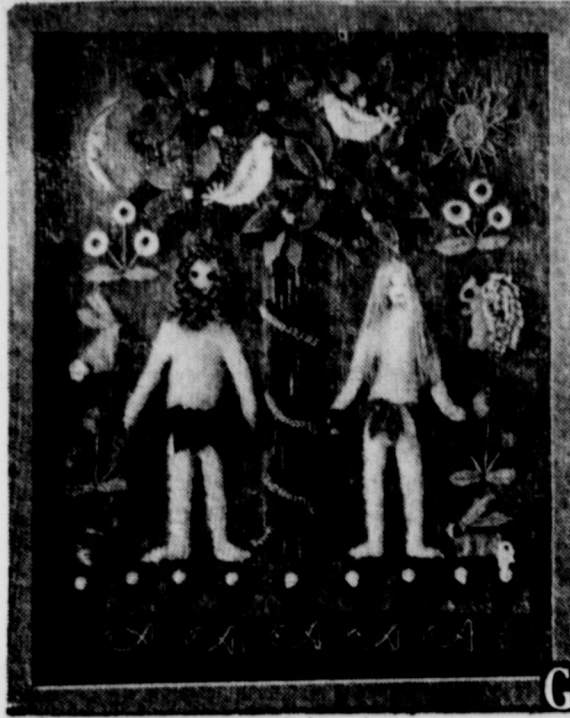
an aggressive, effective manner. If elected, I intend to be that kind of Congressman.

"Although I have been a Democrat all my life, I will not be a 'rubber-stamp' Congressman for the Administration's programs. Nor on the other hand, will I be a rubber-stamp opponent of measures that mean real progress... saying 'no' automatically each time a worthwhile new proposal comes up.

"I believe that too much control of our government's affairs has passed out of the hands of Congress, and into the hands of the regulatory and administrative agencies. This authority, which has been lost by default, must be re-claimed by the Congress. The trend of surrendering authority to agencies and commissions — who are supposed to administer the laws instead of make them — should be halted. I think it is time that Congress recognized this usurpation of its power and authority for what it is: government by bureaucracy. When Congress loses its authority, then the people lose theirs, for Congress is the voice of the people.

"One of my most important objectives is to get something done about our district's water situation. There is no greater problem facing the new 17th district than the need for adequate water, now and in the future. I will work for and support any feasible legislation that promises to create greater water resources for our area. Such legislation is a must, because we don't have enough water as it is, and to neglect it further would be to compound a tragedy. The problem is of such

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magnitude that it is going to require great study, imaginations and vision to solve it. I, for one, am ready to begin.

"Farming is another area in which something must be done that would be of direct benefit to our district. I believe that the present Omnibus Farm Bill places too much authority in the hands of the Agricultural Department and its Secretary. A glaring example of this is the arbitrary policy ruling by the Department which changes skip-row planting in such a way that it works a great hardship on most of our district's farmers. If elected to Congress, I will start working at once to get skip-row planting rules amended so that our farmers can again engage in the kind of farming that is most productive and profitable for them.

"The oil and gas industry is, of course, vital to all of us in the district and — as a Congressman — I would support legislation aimed toward putting it in a healthier condition. Oil and gas is a prime business — an indispensable business — and contributes heavily to the welfare of the district. I am in full accord with the 27 1/2 per cent oil depletion allowance, and would resist any measure that would seek to change it.

"As to my position on government spending, I might point out that I have always been opposed to excessive federal spending, and see no excuse whatever for the kind of waste in government that we have tolerated in the past. There is no justification for deficit spending and it is now that we should be paying the national debt, rather than creating more of it. After all, if we

don't pay off our debt during good times, when do we pay it?"

"Regarding Viet Nam, I will always support an unyielding stand against communism, and I feel that there is no other tenable position for us to take in Asia than that which the President has taken. We simply cannot afford to be soft toward an ideology that has set out to destroy our own way of life. At times, of course, I believe we should keep the doors open for possible negotiations that would bring about a peaceful solution to open conflicts such as we have in Viet Nam. Our goal there is to stop aggression on the part of the communists toward a peaceful people who have every right to seek their own destiny."

Mahon is on the board of trustees of McMurry College, is active in the Chamber of Commerce, the Lions Club and many other civic organizations, and is an overseas veteran of World War II.

Mahon is running for the congressional seat now held by Rep. Omar Burleson of Anson. He is a native of Lorraine, Texas, son of a pioneer West Texas family, and a graduate of McMurry College and the University of Texas. A former District Judge and District Attorney, Mahon is a partner in the Abilene law firm of Mahon, Pope and Glendon, and is a partner and general manager of radio station KVMC in Colorado City, in addition to maintaining farming interests in Mitchell County, Texas. His wife is a registered nurse, a graduate of Hendrick Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Abilene, where they own their own home.

Stith HD Club Hears Program On 'Nutrition'

Mrs. Vada Hudson hosted the Stith Home Demonstration Club meeting in her home Wednesday March 9.

Roll call was answered with "A country I would like to visit." 4-H Club members, Debbie Bowen, Sandy Hogan, Leslie Reddin and Andy Stephen presented a demonstration on "Nutrition" and "Top Soil."

The club's program, "Cheese Dishes," was presented by Mrs. Hudson.

Refreshments were served to nine members and six visitors. The March 23 meeting will be

held in the home of Mrs. Louise Hudson, Merkel.

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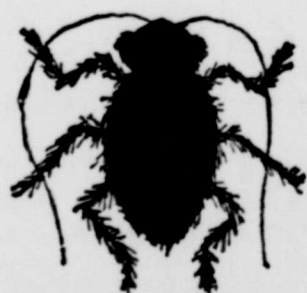
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You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.
CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: The heirs of W. T. Winter, Defendant, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 4th day of April A.D. 1966, to Plaintiff's Petition



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- Do not eat or serve foods which smell or look abnormal, and remember that they may poison household and farm animals.
- Be sure all poisons are clearly marked. This can be done by sealing with adhesive tape or using a marker.
- Use cleaning fluids with adequate ventilation, and avoid breathing vapors.
- Protect you skin and eyes when using insect poison, weed killers, solvents, and cleaning agents. Be sure to wash thoroughly after use.
- Do not allow food or food utensils to become contaminated when using insect sprays, aerosol mists, rat poisons, weed killers, or cleaning agents.
- Do not take or give medicine in the dark.
- When measuring drugs, give it your full attention.
- Give infants and young children drugs only as directed by your physician.
- Before measuring liquid medicines, always shake the bottle thoroughly.
- Safeguard tablets which are candied, flavored, or colored, since children eat them like candy.
- Do not take medicine from an unlabeled bottle — transparent tape over the label will protect it.
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filed in said court, on the 14th day of February A.D. 1966, in this cause, numbered 20,090-A on the docket of said court and styled City of Merkel, Plaintiff, vs. Earl Stevens, Bill Stevens, Mrs. Ralph Stevens Sabin and the heirs of W. T. Winter, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: for delinquent taxes on the following property:

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

BEING a tract of land out of the West one-half (W-1/2) of Lot No. 2, Block A, Thornton Subdivision of Blocks 13 and 25, College Addition to the City of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas and being the South 87' and the East 68.6' of said W-1/2 of Lot No. 2, save and except the following described portion which was conveyed as R.O.W. to the State of Texas for Interstate Highway 20 and beginning at a point South 13' and West 100' of the NW corner of said Lot No. 2, Block A, Thornton Subdivision; THENCE South 80 deg. 38' East 54.54' to a point for corner; THENCE South 72 deg. 36.5' West 3.8' to a point, and continuing in a Southwesterly direction which is South 84 deg. 12' West 53' to a point for corner; THENCE North 9 deg. 22' East 15.58' to the place of beginning, 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 15th day of February A.D. 1966.

(Seal)
Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk,
42nd District Court
Troyler County, Texas.
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
52 4tc

SIX FLAGS TO OPEN 1966 SEASON ON APRIL 15

Six Flags Over Texas, the 115-acre theme amusement park located in Arlington, Texas, midway between Dallas and Fort Worth, will open its 1966 season on Friday, April 15 at 2 p.m.

The announcement came from Angus G. Wynne, Jr., president of Great Southwest Corporation, owner/operators of Six Flags, which will be celebrating its fifth anniversary this year.

During the spring season (April 15-May 27), the park will be in operation on Friday afternoons and all day Saturday and Sunday, beginning May 28 and extending throughout the summer months until September 5 (Labor Day). Six Flags will be open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Following September 5 until closing day, November 27, the park will be in operation on Saturdays and Sundays only.

Six Flags, which was built at a cost of \$10,000,000, has attracted over 6.6 million visitors from all over the United States since opening in 1961. This figure includes the record 1,713,000 visitors last year.

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Stith News

By MRS.

FRITZ HALE



The W.M.U. of the Stith Baptist Church met with the Hodges Baptist Church women Thursday, March 12, for an all-day program on Home Missions.

A luncheon was served at the church. Mrs. Fletcher Jones, Mrs. Paul Bradley, and Mrs. Ira Stanley attended from the Stith Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning visited Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Butler in Anson Tuesday.

Mrs. Benny Hobbs visited Mrs. Orval Ely Saturday.

Mrs. Grady Bond, step-mother of Mrs. Orval Ely, had surgery Tuesday in an Eastland hospital. She is seriously ill. Mr. and Mrs. Ely spent the weekend in Eastland with the family.

Randon Nealor and Becky Ely grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Ely of Tye.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Davis and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Benthall attended services at the Stith Baptist Church Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale visited Sunday at Trent with their aunt, Mrs. Zalloh Bright, who is very ill. The Hales also visited Mrs. Pick Payne, formerly of Stith.

Mrs. Thelma Dedmon, Abilene, visited her mother, Mrs. A. M.

Evans Sunday.

Mrs. Nura McDonald is visiting in Taft with Mr. and Mrs. Royce McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Noel McDonald.

Mrs. Blondy Hanson had surgery in Hendrick Memorial Hospital Friday. Mrs. J. E. Swindell and Mrs. Jesse Swindell visited Mrs. Hanson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Vantresse, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Vantresse and children, Waxachachie, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vantresse. Mr. and Mrs. Clint Satterwhite and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Vantresse of Abilene were also visitors Sunday.

Mrs. Hugh Taylor, Compere, Mrs. John Shaw and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shaw were supper guests Friday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn and Rodney.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Filks and children moved recently into their new brick home. The Filks were honored with a house warming Saturday night.

TAX MAN SAM SEZ:

April 15 is the deadline for filing your federal income tax return — but why wait until then? Internal Revenue suggests that you can do a better job by preparing and filing your return now. Get your facts and figures and get to work.

Any tax policy that discourages reforestation and good forest management in East Texas, is not in the best public interest, according to the Texas Forestry Association.



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PATIO 6 BIG
BEEF TACOS pkg. 39¢
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POTATOES box 59¢
BIG SHOT CHOCOLATE
SYRUP Big Bomb Can 49¢
WELCH 20 OZ.
GRAPE JELLY jar 35¢
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WAFERS 11-oz. 33¢
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TOMATO 2 for 19¢
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HUNT'S 300
FRUIT C. T. 2 for 39¢
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BORDEN'S
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FLOUR Gladiola 10-lb. bag 93¢
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TIDE Reg. Size (2 Limit) box 25¢



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STEAK Choice Beef Round lb. 89¢
OYSTERS FRESH CAN 89¢
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