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Up The Canyon

By TOM RUSSOM

EDITOR'S NOTE: Last week we began a story on the once thriving town of Nubia, and found that we had so many contributors of news that we were forced to carry the story of Nubia over to this week. We will begin with our data on the gin at Nubia.

In the summer of 1900, Mr. G. H. Johnson and Mr. Alec Harris built a larger gin at Nubia. Mr. Harris went to Dallas and made arrangements for the machinery from the Mungler Gin Co. Mr. H. L. Hunt also had interest in the gin. It was a four stand gin. There was a large cotton crop that year and many nights it was necessary to operate until midnight.

Mr. Ben Richey was the ginmer. On Oct. 19, 1900, about dark Mr. G. H. Johnson took Mr. Richey's place at the stands. One of the stands kept catching cotton and choking up, so he made a wire hook to use in an effort to keep the cotton clear. He caught the fingers of his right hand and the stand pulled him in. The fireman, Mr. Bob Ensminger, cut off the machine and went to see what was wrong. A farmer was the first to reach Mr. Johnson and pulled him out. He was severely cut across the chest and right arm, and a middle finger was missing.

This happened about 2 a.m. He was taken to Mr. Elic Harris' house where he lay for several days. Dr. J. W. Martin of Nubia and Dr. Warnick of Merkel were the physicians, but much credit for his recovery was given Mrs. J. W. Watkins who called to visit him. She noticed the blood stained bed and clothing, and returned to her home where she got some quilts which she cut up and used in cleaning up the bed and patient.

After this accident, Mr. Johnson sold his interest in the gin to Harris and Hunt, and a section of land to J. L. Casey for \$1.00 bonus per acre.

In 1914 the gin was sold to Mr. Sam Butman Sr. and was moved to the Butman Community.

Mr. J. V. West moved to Nubia with his family in 1900. He opened a general mercantile store on the East side of the street next to the gin. He had as his clerks in the store a son, Charley West (longtime barber in Merkel), and a son in law, Frank Tipton. Mrs. J. H. Clark, the former Anna May West, is a daughter.

Mr. Dan Boyd bought the J.
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Merkel C-C Meet Slated Today

Max Murrell, president of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, has scheduled Thursday, May 26, for the regular monthly meeting of all Chamber members.

"The meeting will begin promptly at 2 p.m.," said Murrell, "and all members are urged to be present as we have some important items to discuss."

Barbershops To Be Closed Monday

Vincent Barnett, owner of the Barnett Barber Shop, said that "all barbershops in Merkel will be closed Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day."

Self-Discipline Stressed at Commencement

Dr. Gordon Bennett told the senior graduating class of Merkel High School Tuesday night that there were three steps essential in any successful life. The first, he said, is a fundamental faith. "A fundamental faith is basic to all that we do." The second dream some dreams. "Only in the dreaming of dreams is there an opportunity to achieve something."

Dr. Bennett's third suggested step was self discipline. "It is amazing what can be done by an

individual who is willing to practice self discipline. The art of self discipline must be applied to our lives if we are going to be successful in the things we do."

Bennett, president of McMurry College, in speaking to a capacity crowd, told the graduating class that "they were living in an age of change, an age of influence, yet a world of opportunity."

"You will be called upon to make many decisions," he said, "and if you possess the three essential steps I have set before

you — faith, dreams, self discipline — your life will be fuller and you will in turn be able to give of yourselves to great causes."

In presenting the Salutatory Address, Youlinda Carey expressed appreciation to parents, teachers and the community for their guidance, influence and assistance in helping them "get where we are tonight."

"Merkel High School has been a second home to us," said Hayden Griffin in his Valedictory Ad-

dress. "As we look forward to the future, we wonder what is awaiting us, but we are young Americans, ready and willing to do what we can."

Two songs, "Moments to Remember" and "Now is the Hour" were sung by the senior class. The invocation was by the Rev. James Williams, pastor of the Fifth Missionary Baptist Church. Dwight Holland, minister of the Merkel Church of Christ, gave the benediction.

Prior to presentation of diplo-

mas by Superintendent Mack Fisher, honor awards were given students by high school principal, Edwin Read. Recipients of awards were D. A. Bishop, Gloria Moore, Wanda Daily, Mike Walla, Mary Elaine Joiner, Minyon Beard and Linda Rutledge.

Also Suzanne Howard, Sharon Dudley, Sue Holloway, Jean Read, Dorothy Torrence, Jacque White, Linda Windham, and Sherry Martin.

Also Wayne Thompson, Shelia Holland, Mike Hester, Linda Luke and the salutatorian and valedic-

torian, Youlinda Carey and Hayden Griffin.

Following the presentation of honor awards, Read recognized the top students in the junior, sophomore and freshman classes. They were Elizabeth Ragan, junior, with an average of 95.88; Robert Wilson, sophomore, an average of 93.40, and Kathryn Paterson, freshman, whose average was 93.60.

A reception honoring the graduating seniors was held in the school cafeteria and hosted by the junior class.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The sale of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is authorized by an act of Congress, and endorsed by the President; and

WHEREAS: The major portion of funds so raised will be used in the local community, the remainder being utilized to help to maintain the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Home for Veterans' orphans and widows at Eaton Rapids, Michigan, and to insure the continued highly efficient functioning of this fine organization's national rehabilitation and welfare service; and

WHEREAS: Bringing aid to those who have suffered from war that this nation might live is a most fitting tribute to those who died for us; now, therefore,

I, Johnny Cox, Mayor of the City of Merkel, do hereby authorize and recognize this noble cause as one most worthy of the support of all our citizens and 28th as BUDDY POPPY DAY in do here and now proclaim May this city, and I call upon all to wear a Buddy Poppy as evidence of our gratitude to the men of this nation who helped America when her need was greatest.

Done at the City Hall of Merkel this 20th day of May, A.D. 1966.

Signed:
CHARLES EAGER
Mayor Pro Tem
City Clerk

Attest: Flossie McKeever,
The Poppies will be sold by the Merkel Girl Scouts under the direction of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

VFW Post 2012 Invites Gold Star Parents

Taylor County Gold Star Parents are invited to be special guests at the Memorial Service Sunday, May 29, sponsored by the Clayton M. Leach Post 2012 (Abilene Post), Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Eldon Mahon will be special speaker for the Memorial Day Services to begin at 5 p.m. and held on the west side of the Taylor County Courthouse in Abilene. "A special section will be reserved for all Gold Star parents," said Mrs. Bill Cole, publicity director for the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 2012.

Study Club Meets Installs Officers

Installation of officers highlighted the Fortnightly Study Club's final meeting, held Tuesday, May 17, in the home of Mrs. Ben Robert Hicks.

Retiring president, Mrs. J. Lynn Knight, installed the 1966-67 officers. They are Mrs. Comer Haynes, president, Mrs. Dave Brumbeau, vice president, Mrs. David Gamble, recording secretary, Mrs. W. R. Cypert, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Don Dudley, treasurer.



A HAPPY "LINEUP" — These young people are looking forward to a "fun filled" summer as they pre-register for the Summer Recreation Program, to begin June 7. Registering with program director, Bill Tate, are, from left, Steve Perry, Kay Crenshaw, Dee Warren, Don Clyburn, Dana McAninch, Ray Young, Karlen Gamble and Cindy Wade. (Staff Photo)

DANIELS' DAY PROCLAIMED BY METHODIST CHURCH

Members of the First Methodist Church of Merkel celebrated "Daniels' Day," Sunday, May 22 in honor of their pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Newton Daniel.

Tributes to the Daniels were given by church members, Mrs. J. Lynn Knight, Max Murrell and S. C. Dixon.

"The crux of the Daniels' leadership was given at Conference last year," said Mrs. Knight, "when Rev. Daniel said, 'I want to serve the people of Merkel. They certainly have done just that.'"

In her tribute to the Daniels, Mrs. Williams described them as "kindhearted, and God-loving people. We know they have our interest at heart."

Awards Given At BSP Meeting

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in their regular meeting at the Taylor Electric Cooperative building for the appointment of committee chairmen.

Chairmen appointed were Mmes. Lonelle Teaff, program; Marie White, membership; Mamie Steek, social and publicity; Louise DuBose, ways and means; Mary Hargrove, service; Janelle Farmer, telephone, and Ruth Tipton, historian.

Awards presented at the meeting went to Mrs. Joville Brady for the "Girl of the Year," and Louise DuBose, "Best Program of the Year."

President, Mrs. Jocille Brady, presented Mrs. Anita Allen, outgoing president with a gift. Mrs. Almada Bullock, club sponsor, was also presented a gift.

EIGHTH GRADE PROGRAM

LIVE USEFUL LIVES STUDENTS TOLD

"Experience and self-discipline will help us in leading happy and useful lives," were the words spoken by Carolyn Gilmer to the eighth graders participating in the Merkel Eighth Grade Graduation Exercises Monday evening, May 23. "Education is an essential doorway to the future — it will help us to know more about people of the entire world and it will help us in our attitude toward our work, ourselves and others."

The songs "Sing Unto the Lord," "All Hail Immanuel," "Faith in the Future," "Invitation to the Bells," and "Moments to Remember," were sung by the class.

Steve Doan, member of the eighth grade graduating class presented the school gift, an overhead projector, to Elementary Principal, Leon Walker.

In presenting the honor awards, Mack Fisher, superintendent of Merkel Public Schools, encouraged the class "to get the very best education possible, to take advantage of opportunities and to learn to make wise decisions. You have already started your future course, follow it diligently."

Students who received awards or recognitions and rooms represented were:

Mr. Charles Warford's Room—Randy Doan was highest ranking boy with an average of 94.88; Donna Diltz, highest ranking girl with 93.03 point average, and Terry Sue Doan was recognized as the student who had made the greatest improvement.

Mrs. Norman Winter's room — Pat Moore was high point girl with 96.33 average; Don Warren, high point boy with an average of 93.07. Cindy Wylie was recognized as

making the greatest improvement.

Mrs. S. C. Dixon's room — Scotty Higgins was highest point boy with 95.00; Lynn Hunter, high point girl with 93.66, and Mike Holmes, was recognized for student making the greatest improvement.

Named for their outstanding performance in "Scholarship, leadership, attitude and followship," were Terry Derrington and Dayna McAninch.

"This evening is only a small era in your span of life," said principal Walker, in presenting the diplomas to the eighty students. "In your education you have only scratched the surface. You are shaping the tools with which you can learn sharpen the tools and keep them at work. Do not stop now, complete your course."

The invocation was asked by eighth grade student Tommy Carson and Mrs. Norman Winter was pianist for the exercises.

Post Office Will Observe May 30 Memorial Day

Monday, May 30, 1966, shall be observed as a national legal holiday at all postal installations, stated Postmaster Wrenn Durham.

No window service will be provided.

There will be no deliveries by city or rural carriers, and these employees will not be scheduled for duty to case mail.

Normal holiday lock box service will be maintained.

Special delivery service will be provided.

SERVICES HELD FOR MR. CARSON

Final tributes were paid E. O. (Kit) Carson, a longtime Merkel merchant, Friday, May 20 at the First Methodist Church, with the Rev. Newton Daniel, pastor, the Rev. Bill Tanner, First Baptist Church pastor, and the Rev. Dallas Dennison, Sweetwater Methodist pastor, officiating.

Mr. Carson, 81, died Wednesday, May 18 at the Starr Nursing Home after an illness of several years.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery with Starbuck Funeral Home in charge.

Mr. Carson was born Jan. 5, 1885 in Whitesboro and moved to Midland with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John N. Carson, in 1907, where they were in the general mercantile business. They moved to Shafter Lake in 1908 and to Eunice, N.M. in 1909 where they homesteaded.

E. O. Carson married Sallie Jarrell Feb. 14, 1914 in Whitesboro and they returned to Eunice

where they continued to make their home until 1924.

Mr. and Mrs. Carson moved to Merkel in 1924 where he was in the grocery business until his retirement in 1965. They celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1964.

He was a member of the Merkel Methodist Church, where he had served for many years as a member of the official board, a member of the Masonic Lodge here, and a Lion for many years.

Masonic graveside rites were performed by Merkel AF&M. Honorary pallbearers were members of his Sunday School class.

Surviving are his wife, four sons, Louis of Seattle, Wash., Howard, Herman and J.C. all of Merkel; a brother, Pearl of Midland; two sisters, Mrs. Orien Gladwyn and Mrs. Cecil Heatley, both of San Antonio; and 13 grandchildren.

A daughter, Catherine, and a son Dave, are deceased.



I'M ALMOST THROUGH—Says Patsy as she puts the "finishing touches" to the picture she's drawing of her dad, Bill Button, and plans to enter in the Crawford's "Draw a Picture of Your Dad," contest. "Artists' " pictures will be on display, along with Patsy's, in Crawford's window. (Staff Photo)

PUGGY



Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Underground railroad
- Wander
- Satisfy
- Venerator
- Bread ingredient
- Trenches
- Pert girl
- Color
- Tree
- Fix again
- Aural organ
- Mother
- Average
- Accomplish
- Those in power
- Doctor; slang
- Margin
- Academic title
- Find the place
- Possesses
- Hebrew tribe
- Woman's hat
- Easily remembered
- Gaze
- Automobile
- Thou
- Island; poet
- Hasten
- Not fat
- Nuisance
- Poem
- Goes astray
- Bitter vetch
- Indian tent
- Danger
- Among
- Sound
- Unhappy
- Entrance
- Italian city
- Places of instruction
- Network
- End passage; music
- Cattleman
- Loud noise
- Ranch animals
- Metal clasp
- Fail to keep
- Reverberate
- Indian tribe
- Listen
- Desires
- Help

DOWN

- Enemy agent
- Rubber tree
- Sandy seashore
- Lave
- In motion
- You
- Sun god
- Allow to enter
- Satellite
- Device for stopping
- Permit
- Network
- Sage; music
- Loud noise
- Ranch animals
- Metal clasp
- Fail to keep
- Reverberate
- Indian tribe
- Listen
- Desires
- Help

Answers to Puzzle

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ALL-AROUND COWGIRL — Cindy Whisenhunt displays a bit of her action that gave her All Around Cowgirl title (8-12 age group) at the recent Sweetwater Livestock and Fair Association's Junior Rodeo. (Photo Courtesy Rodeo Photos)

lations 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 13th day of June A.D. 1966, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 6th day of December A. D. 1965, in this cause, numbered 2299 on the docket of said court and styled Jimmie E. Smith, vs. Sheila Smith, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on January 1, 1965 and became permanently separated on or about September 15, 1965.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment 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 give under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 29th day of April A.D. 1966.

(Seal)

Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk,
Domestic Court, Taylor County, Texas.
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
10 4tc



CHARLES E. TUCKEY
... plans to attend NTSU

Cisco Junior College Grad

Charles E. Tuckey, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Tuckey of Merkel, graduated from Cisco Junior College in Commencement Ceremonies held Friday, May 20.

Tuckey, who is a graduate of Merkel High School, plans to enroll in North Texas State University in September 1966.

Milton R. Hail Honored at Party

April 30 marked the end of an era for a longtime Merkel resident. Mr. Milton R. Hail retired from Civil Service at Dyess Air Force Base where he had been employed since 1955.

Honoring Mr. Hail were a large group of friends at Base Supply where he worked. They presented him with gifts and helped him enjoy a large cake, with the inscription, "Don't Let the Old Rockin' Chair Get You."

A biographical sketch of Mr. Hail was read by Lt. Richard Reeder and congratulatory speeches were made by Maj. O. F. Stumbaugh, Base Supply Officer; Joel R. Henry, Warehouse Officer; M. Sgt. Claude Johnson, Warehouse NCOIC, John Gorczyński, Management and Procedures Officer and co-worker, Mr. Claud Warren.

No Governor's portrait is hung in the Texas Capitol until after the end of his administration.

Nellie Bly was the pen name of Elizabeth Seaman.

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Stith News
By MRS. FRITZ HALE

The farmers of our community are laying the "hurry up and wait" game. First, they were afraid it would rain before they could get their land in shape to plant; now, they're afraid it won't.

The Fritz Hales are in Midland and Odessa, enjoying a two-week vacation with their children. We wish them a safe return.

Two young men from our community are to be congratulated this week. They are George McDonald and Allen Higgins, graduates of Merkel High School. Several attended the Baccalaureate Services Sunday night, and also the graduating exercises both Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fikes hosted a party in their home Saturday evening for some of the eighth grade students. Their son, Chuck, was among the more than eighty graduates Monday night. Others include Wayne Holloway, Randon Ely, and Terry Wade. We are justly proud of our boys!

Mrs. Orval Ely and Becky attended the graduation exercises of a niece, Martha Lou Cochran, at Noodle on Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kelso had their granddaughters for a visit this weekend. They also visited in Anson on Sunday.

The Penny Hobbs' family had company over the weekend, also. Ronald Hobbs was a guest of the Curtis Clyburn family on a fishing outing this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Ely helped host an Open House Sunday in the new home of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Ely of Tye.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn and children visited the Orval Elys Saturday night. Other visitors were Mrs. W. T. Ledbetter, Mrs. Fred Shotwell and Patty, Mrs. Norman Slean, Mrs. Ollie Fikes, Mrs. M. H. Ely and Mrs. Floyd Buchanan of Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Box and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Gosset of Hamby, visited Fred Shotwells Sunday.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. Ted Hudson. She has been in the Anson Hospital

Washington was the only President ever to receive the entire electoral vote, (1789).

Mrs. Fred Shotwell and Patty visited in Tuscola Saturday with Mrs. Shotwell's mother, Mrs. W. P. Powers.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Perry were the Rev. and Mrs. James Williams of the Stith Baptist Church. Afternoon guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. F. Jones.

While it was still a territory, women in Wyoming were given the right to vote.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
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WTU NOTEBOOK—PATTERNS FOR PROGRESS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

... its benefit to you

Economic development means developing all of the basic economic resources of a community or area to their fullest potentials, creating new wealth in the area and attracting wealth from outside the area. It CAUSES a higher standard of living for all of the people, making the community a better place to live, work and play. It PROVIDES improved community facilities, increases job opportunities, especially for the young people, and attracts new people to the town.

FIVE BASIC SOURCES FOR ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT

- INDUSTRY**—creates new jobs, utilizing and increasing the labor force's value to the community plus helping to share the tax burden for improved community facilities.
- TOURISM**—adds wealth to the community that was created outside of the area, and makes a favorable impression on tourists as a good place to live. Tourists' dollars circulate many times within a community.
- AGRICULTURE**—improvement of product yields and quality of products produced, plus further processing of the products can add greatly to the economy of an area.
- NATURAL RESOURCES**—developed in an area change and increase the wealth as well as providing job opportunities. Depletion of the natural resources can cause adverse effects on the economy.
- GOVERNMENT**—local, state and federal institutions and agencies keep tax money in the area and in some cases, bring in additional wealth from the outside.

An object of a sound economic development program is to balance the economy of a community or area from all five sources. ATTENTION and EFFORT should be given to the ones which present the best possible chances for economic development and improvement. Attracting new industries, or the expansion of existing industries, usually provide an excellent opportunity for economic development.

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Prepared by Area Development Department, West Texas Utilities.

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NOODLE NEWS

By SIMMONS CALLAWAY

Dawson McCain is now home from a stay in the Hamlin Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hamilton and children, Dallas, spent Mother's Day with Mrs. Hamilton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wheeler. Also visiting the Wheelers were their other daughters, Sara from Crane and Mrs. Garvis Tarpley, Marsha and Collye from Snyder.

RIDING CLUB NEWS



Forty-five riders participated in the Merkel Brushstoppers' Riding events Saturday evening at the Riding Arena. Events included Barrels, Flag Races, Pole Bending and Ribbon Roping.

Winners for each event are listed first, second and third places.

Barrels 9 and under - Galen Boone and Johnny Gray.

10 through 12 - David Bowen, Gail Boone and Pam Sandusky.

13 through 15 - Terri Wozencraft, Kathryn Criswell and Dayna McAninch.

16 through 19 - Pat Bigbee, Jean Read and John Read.

Open - Jarrett Pinckley, Della Henslee and Ted McAninch.

Flag Race - 9 and under - Johnny Gray.

10 through 12 - Karlan Gamble, Gail Boone and David Bowen.

13 through 15 - Terri Wozencraft, Kathryn Criswell and Robert Boyd.

16 through 19 - Pat Bigbee, John Read and Randy Bond.

Open - Walter Henslee, Jarrett Pinckley and Ted McAninch.

Pole bending 9 and under - Galen Boone.

10 through 12 - Karlan Gamble, Gail Boone and Pam Sandusky.

13 through 15 - Terri Wozencraft, Kathryn Criswell and Dayna McAninch.

16 through 19 - Shirley Sandusky, Randy Bond and Pat Bigbee.

Open - Walter Henslee, Jarrett

Pinckley and Alvin Wozencraft. Ribbon Roping - Freddie Toombs, Al Mayberry and Walter Henslee.

The Brushstoppers' Jack Pot Roping and Barrel Racing contest, held Sunday, May 22, kept one first place and one third place in their hometown, with Barbara Whisenhunt winning first in barrels and Karlen Gamble third.

Top winner was Tommy Wilson of Abilene, winning first in second-go-round in Jack Pot Roping and third in the first go round.

Mrs. Jack Boone, publicity chairman for the club, reminded members "there will be another Jack Pot Roping and Barrel Race Monday, May 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the Arena."

Winners Named In Farm Bureau Speaking Contest

"My responsibility as an American Citizen" was the keynote topic for Farm Bureau young people's speaking contest, held in Abilene Monday, May 23. Winners in the contest will speak at the Citizenship Seminar at Baylor University, Waco, in August of this year.

Contestants were Bonnie Blessing, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Blessing, Hawley; Sarah Helton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar J. Helton, Abilene; Kay Griffith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Griffith, Abilene; Betty Landers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Landers, Tuscola; Bill Thornton, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Thornton, Tuscola; Darrell Cross, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Cross, Tuscola, and Brenda Brookreson daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Jordan of Wylie.

Winners in the event were Kay Griffith, Darrell Cross, and Ronnie Blessing with Betty Landers first alternate and Sarah Helton second.

Judges were Charles Dunn of Hardin - Simmons University and Shaffan Ross of Abilene Christian College.

The Young Peoples' Committee consists of Mrs. Artie Norman and Mrs. Margaret Atkin, both of Tuscola, and Mrs. Andrea Smith of Hamby.

MERKEL 4-H CLUB PRESENTS REVUE

Merkel 4-H Club's local Dress Revue and Achievement Tea was held at the Merkel School Cafeteria Thursday, May 19.

Members who had completed their sewing projects, participated in the Dress Revue.

Models and projects presented were Cle Juan Douglas, a multi-colored shift of sail cloth Stephanie Walker, sunny orange shift; Tonja McAninch, blue sail cloth shift; Mary Beth Boyd, orchid gingham shift, and Mary Jo Reddin, white and orchid print overblouse with dark orchid A-line skirt of sports cloth.

Also Sandy Hogan, gray cotton dotted Swiss; Patricia McDuff, pique print over-blouse and yellow duck A-line skirt; Gail Boone, cotton polka dotted gathered skirt with black blouse; Dayna McAninch, powder blue A-line skirt with blue striped overblouse; Kathryn Criswell, apricot suit with straight skirt and over-

blouse with scooped neckline, and Christie Lucas, a light blue denim A-line skirt, with Scotch plaid overblouse.

Vickie Robertson and Karlen Gamble played background music during the style show and Mary Johnson was narrator.

Members attending the refreshment table were Karlen Gamble, Suzie Wilson, Vickie Robertson and Gail Black.

Merkelite's Kin Dies May 8

Funeral services for Edward C. Reightard, nephew of Miss Sally Orr, Merkel, were held in San Antonio Tuesday, May 10.

Survivors are his wife and one son, Edward Jr., Mrs. Reightard is the former Madeline Adkisson of Merkel.



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Wedding Plans

DUNAGIN-BRADLEY

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Dunagin are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Bryan Elizabeth, to William Sherman Bradley of Dallas. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bradley, also of Merkel.

Wedding vows will be said August 6 in the home of the bride's parents.

Miss Dunagin is a graduate of Merkel High School. She holds the Bachelor of Science degree from Hardin - Simmons University. She is presently employed by the Colorado Independent School District of Colorado City, Texas. In the coming year she will be employed by the Richardson Independent School District of Richardson, Texas.

Mr. Bradley is also a graduate of Merkel High School. He holds the Bachelor of Arts degree from McMurry College and the Bachelor of Arts degree from Hardin - Simmons University. He is employed in the Production Research Division of Sun Oil Company in Dallas, Texas.

RAY-RILEY

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ray, Rt. 2, Merkel, announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen Ann, to Mr. Billy Martin Riley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Riley, Coleman.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Merkel High School and is attending McMurry College.

Riley is a graduate of Coleman High School and Texas A&M University. He is vocational agriculture teacher at Novice and Mozelle schools.

The couple will be married July 1.

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Merkelites' Kin Receives Honor

Gerlyn Bess McDonald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald McDonald, of Odessa, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Church of Merkel, will be one of two students of the Senior Class of Odessa High School to deliver the Commencement Address Friday, May 27, when 570 graduating seniors will receive diplomas.

She was selected to this honor by the faculty of Odessa High School.

Miss McDonald will enter Texas Christian University at Fort Worth this fall.

She is also the great-granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. U. Boone of Merkel.

Baby Girl Born To Bobbie Hardys

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Hardy of Abilene Wednesday, May 11.

The parents have named her Susan Evelyn. Born at Hendrick Hospital, she "tipped the scales at 8 pounds, eleven ounces."

Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hardy and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney, all of Merkel. The Bobbie Hardys have another son, Bill, seventeen months of age.

Channel 12 (KPAR) viewers will see the "Circular Triangle" with Lilli Palmer on the 10:15 p.m. Million Dollar Movie Friday, June 3.

HONOR AWARDS PRESENTED TO NHS STUDENTS

Edwin Wornack, former superintendent of the Noodle School, was guest speaker for the school Commencement Exercises held Thursday, May 19. Wornack is now

a teacher in the Hawley Public Schools.

Steve Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tip Carter, was valedictorian, and Jimmy Hunter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ab Hunter Jr., salutatorian.

UP THE CANYON

(Continued from Page One)

V. West store and residence. The store burned in 1907 and the Boyd family moved away.

Mrs. John S. Blair, mother of Kyle Grover, Fannie, Dewey and Dixie, was a useful member of the town. She provided meals and lodging for passers by. She boarded school teachers, cooked for gin hands, including Roy Cox, Philip Diltz and Earl Diltz, and also drummers who came to serve the stores.

On election day she provided meals for the election crew. It was recalled on one election day she took a strip of fresh killed pork bacon and baked it for the election crew, it was real tasty.

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The U.S. Mail was brought to the Post Office by a Star Route which ran from Merkel to Dora. Mr. Dock Grounds was the carrier. He drove two horses to a buggy. Mr. J. T. (Daddy) Walker was post master at Nubia. He lived in the house which is now occupied by the Harry Rineys, and the Post Office was adjacent to the dwelling.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: To be continued next week.

Couple to Observe 25th Anniversary

The children of the Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Healer of Sweetwater will host a reception and open house Sunday, May 29, in observance of their parents' Twenty-Fifth Wedding Anniversary.

Guests are invited to call from 2 to 5 p.m. at the couple's home at 709 Pease St., Sweetwater.

The Rev. and Mrs. Healer were married June 1, 1941 in the New Live Oak Baptist Church of Merkel, formerly located in the But-

man Community. Rev. Healer is a former pastor of the New Live Oak Baptist Church.

Mrs. Healer, the former Mary Louise Cook, is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Artist Cook of Merkel. Mrs. Healer was born in Merkel and has lived in and around Merkel and Sweetwater all of her life.

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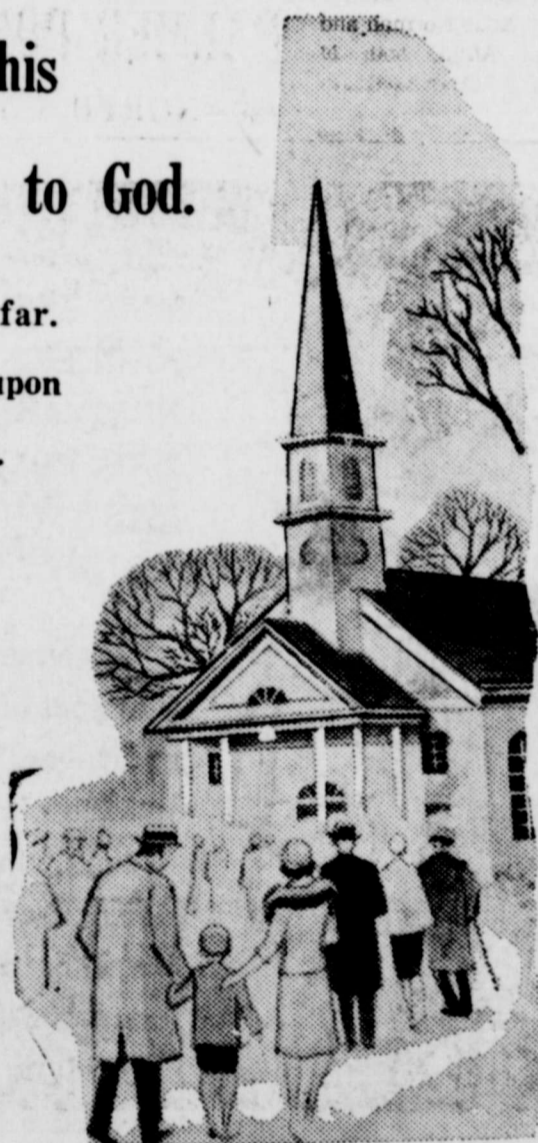
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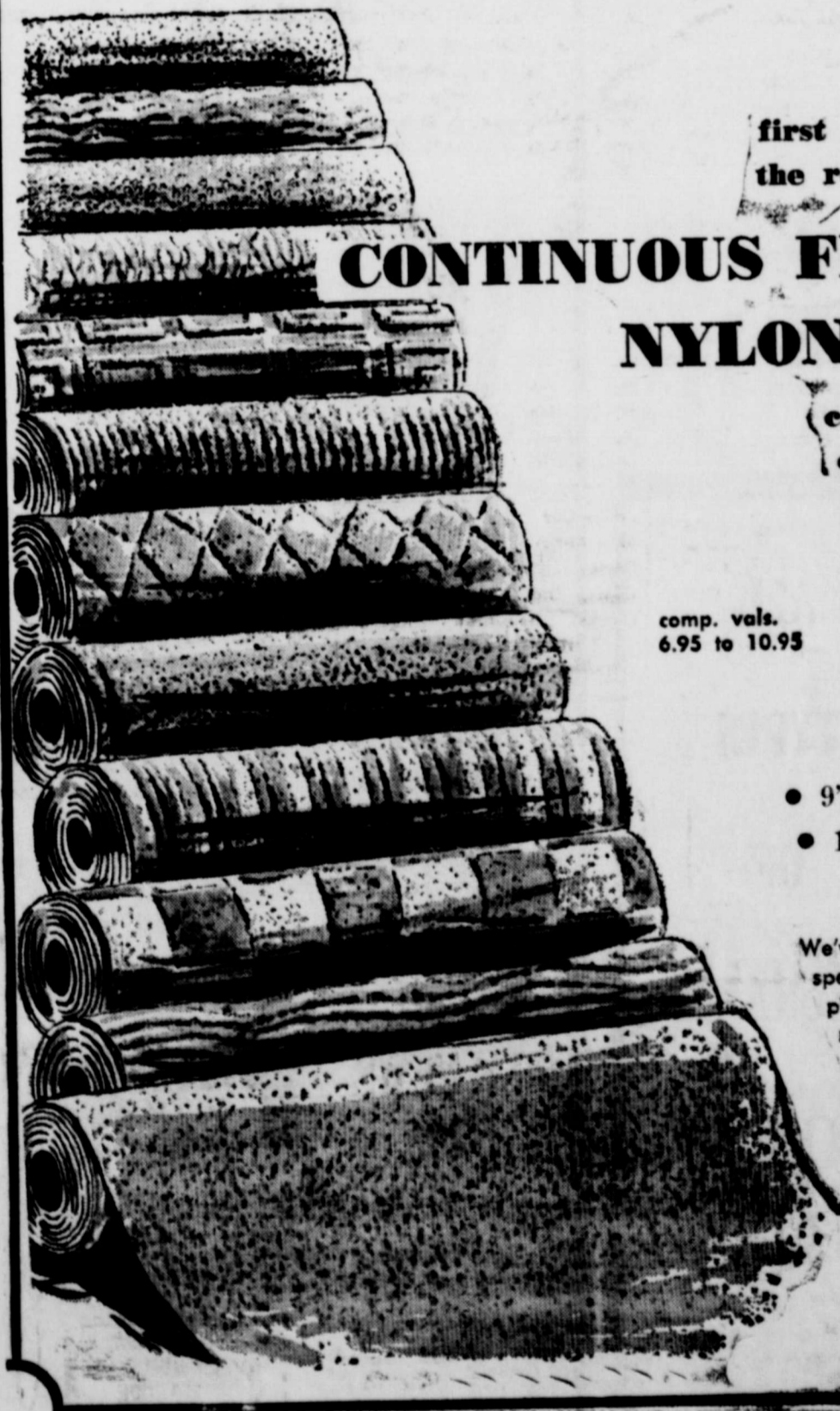
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ler, who also directed the recreational games. The club voted to send a variety package to the patients in the State Hospital for a "good will" on May 27. A demonstration on "Cleaning Carpets and Upholstery" was given by Mrs. Frank Carter. Refreshments were served to twelve members and two visitors, Mrs. W. M. Cooper and Mrs. H. T. Ogletree. Mrs. Vivian Winter was co-hostess.

MD Meets "Little Girl Blue"



Dr. Willis J. Potts, who performed the first successful "blue baby" operation in 1946 on Diane Schnell of Woodbury, N.Y., presents her with a specially autographed copy of his new child care book entitled "Your Wonderful Baby". A breakthrough in this usually fatal affliction came twenty years ago when Dr. Potts performed the operation on Diane, a 21-month-old mortally sick "blue baby". The history-making surgery thus permitted more blood to flow from Diane's heart to her lungs. The lives of thousands of blue babies have since been saved through the use of this surgical technique. "When the child was brought to me she was blue-as-grape-juice and would have died in a few weeks", the surgeon recalled. The operation was completed and Diane was taken to her parents. They stared at their daughter in disbelief and cried, "Look, she's pink". Diane is now a bright, active college sophomore. Drawing from his 50-year career in pediatrics, Dr. Willis J. Potts, a native of Sheboygan, Wis., and former Surgeon-in-Chief of Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago, has dedicated his child care book "Your Wonderful Baby", just published by Rand McNally, to the most important job parents will ever have—keeping their youngsters well and happy. Written in a relaxed, easily understandable style, the book covers the entire spectrum of children's diseases, emergencies and accidents. In a reassuring manner, Dr. Potts guides parents in methods of home treatment, and helps them to decide when to call a doctor.

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Mrs. Hill, the former Edna Webster, received the B.S. degree from McMurry. At McMurry Mrs. Hill has been active in Kappa Delta Pi, Alpha Chi, and has been on the Dean's List for her academic excellence. She is an elementary education major.

McAninch, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis McAninch, is a chemistry major and a math minor. He received the B.A. degree. He is a 1962 graduate of Merkel High School.

The honorable Ben Barnes, Speaker of the Texas House, delivered commencement address and received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

Along with Mr. Barnes, the Rev. Donald Davidson, Executive Director of King's Manor, received an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree, and the Rev. Cyril Stone, Executive Director of Landsum Homes, Inc., was the recipient of an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.



MRS. EDNA E. HILL
... education major



TOMMY McANINCH
... chemistry major

Merkel Students Receive Degrees At ACC Exercises

ABILENE (Sp.) — Three Merkel students, Delmer Irvin Davis, Linda Gail Perkins and Donald Wayne Williams, received the Bachelor's degree at Abilene Christian College Commencement exercises May 23 at the ACC stadium.

Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Davis, Rt. 2, received the Bachelor of Science degree in animal husbandry.

Miss Perkins, who received the Bachelor of Science in Education degree, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Perkins, Rt. 1.

Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett G. Williams, 551 Thornton, received the Bachelor of Arts degree in English.

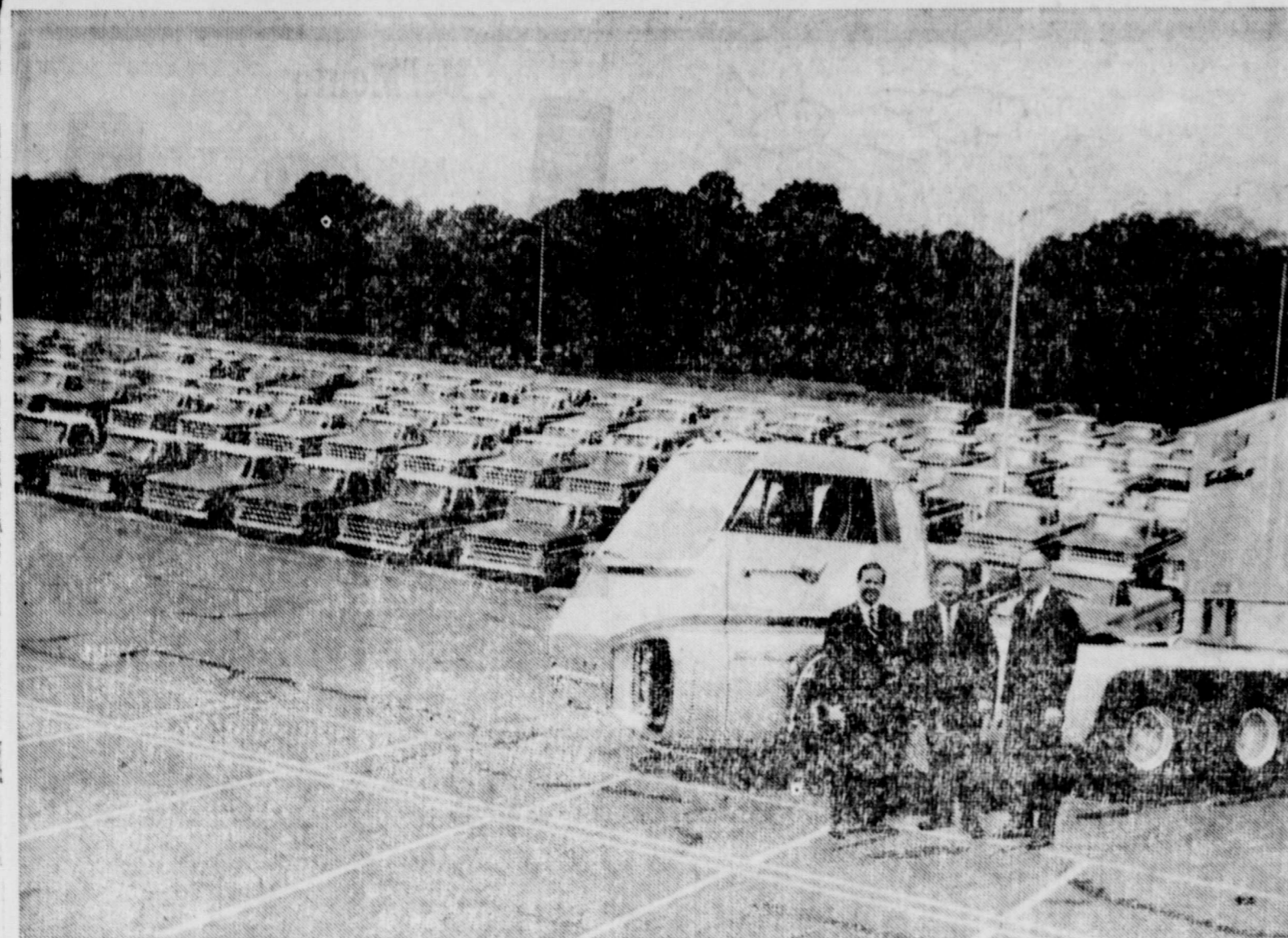
Pvt. Phillip Doan Completes Course

FORD ORD, Calif. (AHTNC) — Army Pvt. Phillip L. Doan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel C. Doan, 406 Manchester St., Merkel, completed a radio course at Fort Ord May 20.

Doan received instruction in basic radio and electrical theory and was taught the international Morse Code.

He entered the Army in December, 1955 and received basic training at Fort Polk, La.

The 19 year old soldier attended Merkel High School.



TURBO TITAN III — Air Conditioned Pickup Driveway — Max Murrell of Max Murrell Chevrolet, has returned from Arlington where he had previewed Chevrolet's "Truck of Tomorrow," the Turbo Titan III, powered by a gas turbine engine. This unit is the result of 15 years of

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NO TIME FOR PHOTO — Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hughes readily agree that the spring rains gave them plenty to do in their yard. Shown here they are weeding the rock garden, and then on to the flower beds. (Staff Photo)

Warren, third vice president. Also Ouis Crawford, secretary-treasurer (re-elected); Earl Hughes, lion tamer and Frank Breaux, tail twister.

Directors elected were Dr. Don Warren, W. D. Gamble, H. O. Boney and Johnny Cox.

Installation of officers will be conducted at Ladies Night, Tuesday, July 5.

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 some are not libelous, in good taste, and they must be signed.

Editor Merkel Mail
Merkel, Texas 79536
Dear Editor:

We truly appreciate your cooperation during our recent income tax filing period.

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Sincerely yours,
ELLIS CAMPBELL JR.
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Nevada means snow covered.

JUNE BRIDES SHOULD HAVE NEW NAME SHOWN ON SS CARDS

With the month of June approaching — the most popular month for brides — R. R. Tuley Jr., district manager of social security in Abilene, has an announcement for all the June brides to be in his district.

"If you have a social security account number card, be sure to notify your social security office when you change your name. A new card will be issued showing your new name with the same account number, and the social security records will be changed to show your new name.

"There are some 150 million individual accounts in the social security records. Your earnings record is kept according to your name and your social security number, and we want to make sure you get credit for your work," Tuley said.

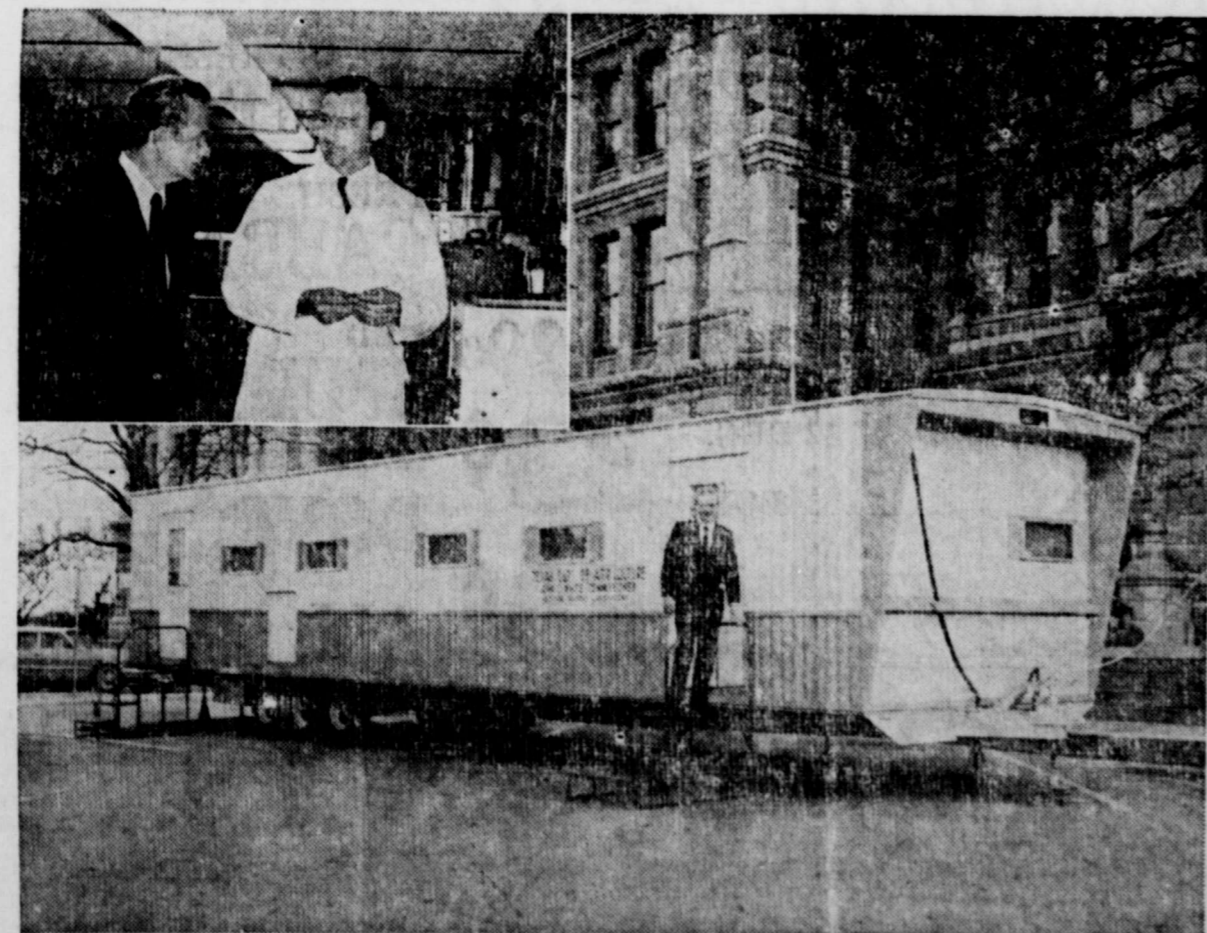
The people in his office, located at room 2321 Federal Building, will be glad to help you change the name on your social security

card or to get a duplicate card if yours is lost. He further stated that application blanks may be obtained from all post offices.

Merkel Lions Club Elects Officers

At a recent meeting of the Merkel Lions' Club, officers were elected for the 1966-67 club year.

Officers elected were Horace Hargrove, president; Edwin Read, first vice president; Ben R. Hicks, second vice president, and Booth



TRAVELING LAB ASSURES TEXAS FOOD SAFETY — This mobile laboratory, built and operated by the Texas Department of Agriculture, will follow seasonal crops through the state, testing food and water supplies for harmful residues of chemicals which might be dangerous to health. INSET: Agriculture Commissioner John C. White and Department Chemist Douglas Jones, inside the 46 x 10-foot lab, inspect equipment. The ultra-modern laboratory puts Texas in front ranks of on-the-spot testing work for the protection of human and animal life.

Taylor County Ranks 70th In Oil Production

Special to The Merkel Mail
As Texas celebrates its 100th anniversary as an oil producing state, Taylor County shares in the development that made the Lone Star State the No. 1 energy source for a booming American civilization.

In 1896 Lyne T. Barret—a man most history books forget—drilled the first Texas oil well near Nacogdoches at a depth of 106 feet. In the one hundred years that followed, the search for oil and gas spread to every county in Texas, and today Taylor County is one of the 219 which produce oil or gas.

The latest U.S. Bureau of Mines (1964) show Taylor County produced more than 5 million barrels of crude oil valued at \$14.7 million and 43 billion cubic feet of natural gas worth about \$538,000. The 1965 output would be approximately the same, preliminary estimates indicate.

Taylor County ranks 70th among the Texas counties producing oil and gas.

Mrs. W. H. Orr and her sister, Mrs. J. E. Kelly of Monahans, recently visited Mrs. Orr's sister in law, Miss Sally Orr of Merkel.

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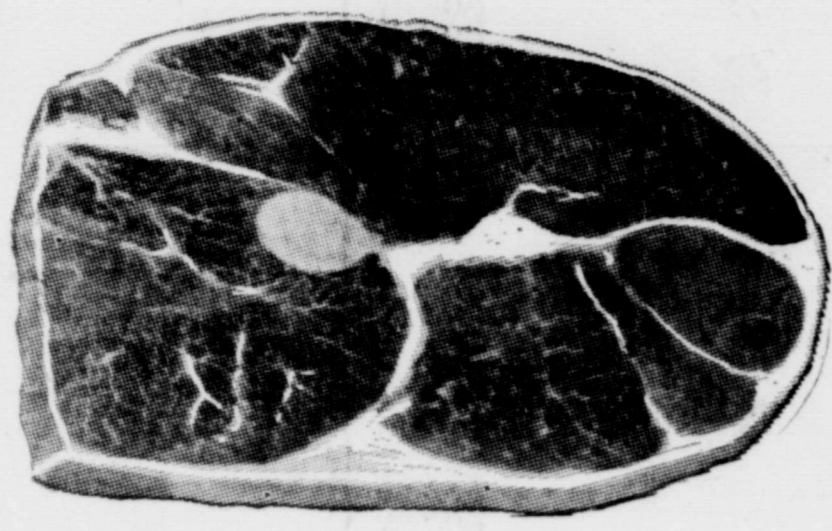
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SWIFT
PREM (2 Limit) 12 OZ. CAN **39¢**

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CRANAPPLE 32-OZ. JAR **39¢**
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