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Livestock Show, Awards Banquet This Saturday

SHOW TO BE HELD AT VO-AG BARN

This Saturday, Jan. 14, at 1:30 p.m. Merkel's Annual Livestock Show will begin, with T. C. Blankenship, vo-ag teacher at Hamlin, conducting the judging.

A total of 20 steers, 35 swine and 35 limbs have been entered, according to Chester Collinsworth, Merkel's vo-ag teacher.



Up
The
Canyon
By TOM
RUSSOM

The news of the Canyon this week, perhaps, would still be the weather, and it is still dry and cold. The dry cold has been in favor of the protection of the livestock. 15 or 20 degrees would be had if the weather were wet, and so far this winter weather hasn't hurt the stock at all. However, stockmen are watching their feed supply to make it go as far as it will.

Cattle prices are still high and could get higher.

Ray Orsborn who has quite a few cattle and a big feed supply, is building a large shed and feed troughs under it, getting ready to winter his cattle. Due to no wheat grazing over the country, most stockmen are making places like that or feed regularly in order to get the stock through until grass time.

The Seymore boys are building a feed lot to feed a string of steers. They reported it would take a lot of feed for the cattle.

This winter is wintering a string of good quality heifer calves at his place.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewell McLean recently visited their daughter-in-law and children, Mrs. Hollis McLean. Hollis is in the Air Force and is overseas.

Mrs. Seymore said their son, Phill, writes real often, and is making the best of it in the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Garner, former residents of the Canyon, stopped in Merkel to visit Howard's mother about a week ago. They own an irrigated farm at Farwell, Tex., on the Plains. They also own a winter house at the Falcon Lake in South Texas, and were enroute to their winter home and just had about time to arrive there when that 4 inches of snow fell there, so they found it colder there than back home on the Plains.

CULTURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY SLATED

Mrs. Comer Haynes, president of the Fortnightly Study Club, has been designated as the local coordinator for a cultural resources inventory to be taken in Merkel as a part of an official statewide survey now being conducted by the Texas Fine Arts Commission, according to Mrs. Lynn J. Williams, president of the Mesquite District of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs.

John Ben Shepperd of Odessa, chairman of the newly created Fine Arts Commission, said, "We are indeed grateful to Mrs. Haynes for undertaking the completion of our survey in Merkel. This is a unique project in Texas; nothing of its kind has ever been attempted in the State of Texas before."

The purpose of the survey, Shep-

perd explained, is to determine both the quantity and quality of cultural activity both by organizations and individuals now going on in the towns and communities in our state. "We plan not only to catalogue the various organizations activities in the fine arts field in Texas, but to identify individual artists, authors and craftsmen, and the location and identification of local public and private works of art and collections," Shepperd said.

When tabulated, the results of the statewide survey will be used by the commission to develop an over-all plan to utilize the cultural resources of the State to meet the needs of the greatest number of persons possible.

Collinsworth said that the steer show will feature Herefords and Angus, with steers being divided into heavyweights and lightweights. "A grand champion and a reserve champion will be selected."

The swine will also be divided into heavyweights and lightweights with a champion of each class being selected instead of a grand and reserve champion.

A boy or girl winning the showmanship award will be presented a trophy by the Taylor Electric Cooperative. The TEC presents the award to the contestant on his or her ability to "show his animal and his cooperation with the judge and show officials."

Members of the Merkel FFA Chapter will assist Collinsworth with the livestock show.

Joyce Button, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Button, and the FFA Chapter Sweetheart, will present ribbons to the winners.

"The show is still open for entries," said Collinsworth, "and any boy or girl attending the Merkel School is invited to exhibit in the Show."

As of press time the list of contributors to the Merkel Stock Show has not been completed. A complete list of contributors will be printed in next week's Merkel Mail.

Tickets for the Fort Worth Stock Show are now on sale at the Merkel Drug, at \$3.00 each, according to Mrs. Alvin Wozencraft.

Mrs. Wozencraft said that fifty tickets are now on sale and would be until Jan. 28. No tickets will be sold after February.

NEW CONCEPTS GIVEN TEXAS EDUCATORS

Mack and Mrs. Fisher, attended the Advisory Conference held this past week.

Glenn Ivy, director of the Governor's Committee on Public School Education, outlined how it "making a pervasive study of every facet of public school education" to come up with a long-range plan that will let Texas assume a position of leadership throughout the nation.

Dr. J. W. Edgar, Texas Commissioner of Education, told some 1,500 school administrators that the State Board of Education at its Saturday, Jan. 7, meetings in Austin will consider a plan to establish 20 education service centers in regions across the State.

"The adoption of a study design was another important feature of the Committee's first year of work," Mr. Ivy said. "The design divides the study into five major projects."

Mr. Ivy said these projects are aimed at (1) identifying the principal long-term goals of public education (2) evaluating the programs of education by which these goals may be realized (3) analyzing the provisions for staffing the public school systems (4) evaluating the existing programs for financing public education and (5) analyzing the structure for organization and administration of public school education.



BOB COOKE HONORED — Joe Antilley, right, chairman of the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District is shown here presenting Bob Cooke, retiring farm editor of the Reporter-News, at a recent conservation dinner, held at the Dixie Pig Restaurant, honoring Cooke. An

Appreciation Dinner will also be held Monday, Jan. 23 at the Starlite Restaurant in Abilene to honor Cooke for his service in the field of agriculture. (Photo Courtesy of Abilene Reporter-News)

Herman Aiken WTU Serviceman

Herman Aiken, formerly of Cross Plains, and a newcomer to Merkel, has been employed by the West Texas Utilities Co.

Aiken, who was shop foreman with Bishop Chevrolet Co. in Cross Plains, has taken on the duties as service man with WTU.

He and his wife and two daughters, Teresa Cherie, 8, and Tina Rene, 2, reside at 502 Manchester.

They are members of the Baptist Church.

BOB COOKE BANQUET SET MONDAY, JAN. 23

Several from the Merkel area are planning to attend the Appreciation Dinner to be held Monday, Jan. 23 at the Starlite Restaurant in Abilene honoring Bob Cooke, who just last week retired as farm editor of the Reporter-News, after having served in this capacity since 1952.

The group sponsoring the banquet, known as "The Friends of Bob Cooke Committee," are B. J. Gist, Hamby farmer and State Farm Bureau director; Roy Manahan, Taylor County rancher; Sam Bean, farmer and county Farm Bureau director; H. C. Stanley, Taylor County agent, Bob Medford, president of the West Texas Fair Assn.; Bill Haynes, operator of Abilene Auction, and Benton Watson, Farm Bureau staff member.

Watson explained that "the dinner is for no other purpose than to honor Bob Cooke, who has con-

NOTICE

Mrs. Flossie McKeever, Merkel City Secretary, announced this week that "state and county taxes may be paid at the Merkel City Hall building Friday, Jan. 13. Office hours will be 8 a.m. until 12 noon, and 1 p.m. until 5 p.m."

STUDY CLUB HEARS "TEXAS MISSIONS"

An "Introduction to Religion" carried out the Fortnightly Study Club's Texas Pilgrimage theme at the Jan. 10 meeting in the home of Mrs. Comer Haynes.

A discussion of Mission Conception was given by Mrs. Andy Shouse. Members answered roll call by reading various items concerned with the establishment of the missions in Texas.

Missino San Jose was discussed by Mrs. Mack Davis. She showed a picture of the location of missions in San Antonio and told in-

tributed unselfishly to the agricultural industry throughout the area."

Tickets for the dinner are being distributed in the West Central Texas counties through vocational agricultural teachers and county agents. They may also be obtained in Abilene at the Chamber of Commerce, the Farm Bureau office, County Agent's office, Abilene Auction, Farmer's and Ranchers' Auction, ASCS office, SCS office, and from Bill Scott, VA teacher at Abilene High School.

Cotton Meeting In Dallas Jan. 10

DALLAS (Sp.) — An estimated 1,200 cotton producers and representatives from allied industries will gather here this week for the 1967 Beltwide Cotton Production - Mechanization Conference and related meetings.

Experts from across the Belt will present latest information on research developments and techniques in producing one of the nation's major agricultural crops.

Technical sessions will begin January 10, with the general conference opening Jan. 12. All meetings will be held in the Statler-Hilton Hotel.

Merkel Boys Win Tournament

Tuesday night saw Merkel beat Roscoe's basketball team, 59-49. High for Merkel were the trio of Walker, Davis and Tate, the first two with 15 each and Tate with 14. Merkel also won the girls game, 47-19.

In the Trent Basketball Tournament, held last week, Merkel beat Noodle Thursday, and Robert Lee Friday with a 52-51 win.

In the Saturday night game with Eula, Merkel won the Trent Tournament championship with a 61-55 score. Richard Walker led the winners with 16 points in this game with Eula.

NOTICE

Greely Aston, Veterans Service Officer, will be at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank Friday, Jan. 13, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

MAILERS URGED TO USE ZIP CODE

Use of ZIP Code will make it easier to mail packages after Jan. 15. Postmaster Wrenn Durham of Merkel said today.

New rates and a new system for identifying parcel post zones will go into effect on that day as provided in legislation signed into law by President Johnson on Sept. 30, 1966, the postmaster pointed out.

The rate increase will average about 10 cents a parcel, postmaster Durham said.

Use of the ZIP Code in the recipient's address will enable the sender of a mail clerk to quickly determine the proper zone, and thus the rate, for the package. The zones will be based on the distance a parcel travels between the 532 sectional centers in the country, Durham said.

By consulting a simple chart, which is available at all post offices, the zone can be readily identified because the first three numbers on the ZIP Code repre-

Banquet Tickets Now on Sale

Ted Smith, president of the Merkel Booster Club announced today that "tickets for the Football Awards Banquet are on sale at several locations." Tickets may be purchased at Conley's Barber Shop, Vernon Mansfield Feed Store, Barnett Barber Shop, and also from Howad Carson at Carson's Super Market, Jimmy Leveridge at Taylor Electric Cooperative, and Smith or George T. Moore at Farmers and Merchants National Bank. Tickets are being sold at \$1.50 each.

The banquet will be held at the Merkel School Cafeteria this Saturday, Jan. 14, and is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.

Taking top honors at the banquet will be the Merkel Badger football team, with Coach Bob Byerly introducing each player.

Larry Mildren of Abilene will be guest speaker for the occasion.

Others who will appear on the program will be Vernon Mansfield who will present a history of the Booster Club; Coach Bill Tate, who will introduce the speaker; the Rev. Newton Daniel, the invocation, and the Rev. Bill Tanner, the benediction.

MERKEL PAGEANT

By MAIL STAFF

Something new has been added to the north wall of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, and it has already caused a great amount of discussion.

It's a 4 by 8 ft. painting and horses are everywhere! Based on Charles Russell's "Wild Horse Hunters," the painting is a gift of S. P. Stevens, a former Merkelite and now a resident of San Antonio.

As one observer of the painting remarked, "He (Stevens) always had a knack for drawing. Why I remember when he was just a kid he could take a pencil and sketch off 'most anything he wanted to."

Stevens, son of Mrs. C. P. Stevens of Merkel, has many hobbies.

Recently the Mail ran an article on his gun collection. The story, taken in part from an issue of the San Antonio Express News, told of an old Kentucky rifle somebody

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Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Simmer
5. Large bundle
9. That girl
12. Not wild
13. Gem
14. Petroleum
15. Anticipated
17. Ice vehicle
18. Cavity
19. Exclamation
20. Took to court
22. Swiss song
25. First grade
28. Exclamation
30. Scarcer
32. Strung ball
33. Existed
35. Musical note
36. Suffix: plural
38. Clear away
39. Admire
41. Powdery
44. Belongs to me
45. Thin mud
47. Watches secretly

DOWN

1. Pace
2. Passenger
3. Vacant
4. Little
5. Annoyed
6. Mimic
7. Youths
8. — Paso
9. Military man
10. Hasten
11. Old age: archaic
17. Tree
17. Slav
21. Not down
23. Either
24. French "the"
26. Cripple
27. Whirlpool
28. Birds
29. Greet
31. Answers
34. Frying pan
37. Sharp pain
40. Send forth
42. Ourselves
43. You: archaic
46. English letter
48. Step
50. Appeal
53. Ova
54. Loaned
55. Edge
56. Exist
58. Insect
61. All of us

Answer to Puzzle

49. Wilted
51. Over
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55. Hesitate

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Speedy Suppers

by Betty Crocker

You're a working wife — you're doing your bit for the PTA — or it's downtown shopping day. Rush, rush, rush. Now you need supper on the table in a hurry. Okay, try these for speed. Autumn-style corn waffles turned into a main dish with creamed chicken. Done in a flash! OR, chili converted to a casserole by adding corn and cheese. More fall flavors, and double quick! To complete either supper dish, easy individual pineapple salads. For dessert? Cookies and ice cream — or maybe you picked up something at the bakery. Good thinking, you're an organizer. And that's the secret when you're pinched for time. Now, all set? Let's run through the recipes.

CREAMED CHICKEN WITH CORN WAFFLES

- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 1/4 cup Bisquick
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon celery salt
- 1/4 teaspoon onion salt
- 2 cups milk
- 2 cups cubed cooked chicken meat
- 1 can (4 ounces) sliced mushrooms, drained
- 2 tablespoons chopped pimiento

Melt butter over low heat in heavy saucepan. Blend in Bisquick and seasonings. Cook over low heat until mixture is bubbly. Remove from heat. Stir in milk. Heat to boiling, stirring constantly. Boil 1 minute. Stir in chicken, mushrooms and pimiento. Serve over Corn Waffles: Beat 2 cups Bisquick, 1 1/2 cups milk, 1 egg and 2 tablespoons melted shortening with rotary beater. Stir in 1 cup well-drained whole kernel corn. Bake, 4 to 6 servings.

CHILI-CORN CASSEROLE

- 1 can (15 1/2 ounces) chili without beans
- 3 tablespoons finely chopped onion
- 1 can (12 ounces) corn with sweet pepper, drained
- 1/2 cup shredded Swiss or Cheddar cheese

Heat oven to 350°. Pour chili into 8- or 9-inch baking dish. Top with onion and corn; sprinkle with cheese. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until bubbly. 4 to 6 servings.

Easy Pineapple Salad: Drain 1 can (8 1/2 ounces) sliced pineapple (4 slices), reserving syrup. Blend 1 package (3 ounces) cream cheese with 1 tablespoon pineapple syrup. Spread pineapple slices with cheese mixture. Place on lettuce. File green grapes in center of each slice. Makes 4 salads. (See, nothing to it! It's all in knowing the right recipes.)

DISABILITY PAY REQUIREMENT EASED BY '65 AMENDMENT

Disabled persons should take note that social security disability benefits are no longer limited to those with a "permanent" disability. R. R. Tuley Jr., social security district manager in Abilene, said today. A worker may now be eligible for benefits if he has a disability which has lasted or is expected to last at least 12

months, and prevents him from working.

Although the disability provisions of the social security law were changed in July 1965, Tuley said, his office has seen evidence that some disabled workers have been passing up benefits because they did not hear of the 1965

changes.

Social Security payments for a disabled worker range from \$44.00 to \$139.90 a month, depending on the worker's average earnings under social security. Benefits may also be paid to certain of his dependents, Tuley said.

He urged disabled workers to inquire about their eligibility for these benefits at the Abilene social security office located at room 2321 Federal Building or meet a representative of that office when he is in your communi-

ty. A schedule of visits is posted in all postoffices.

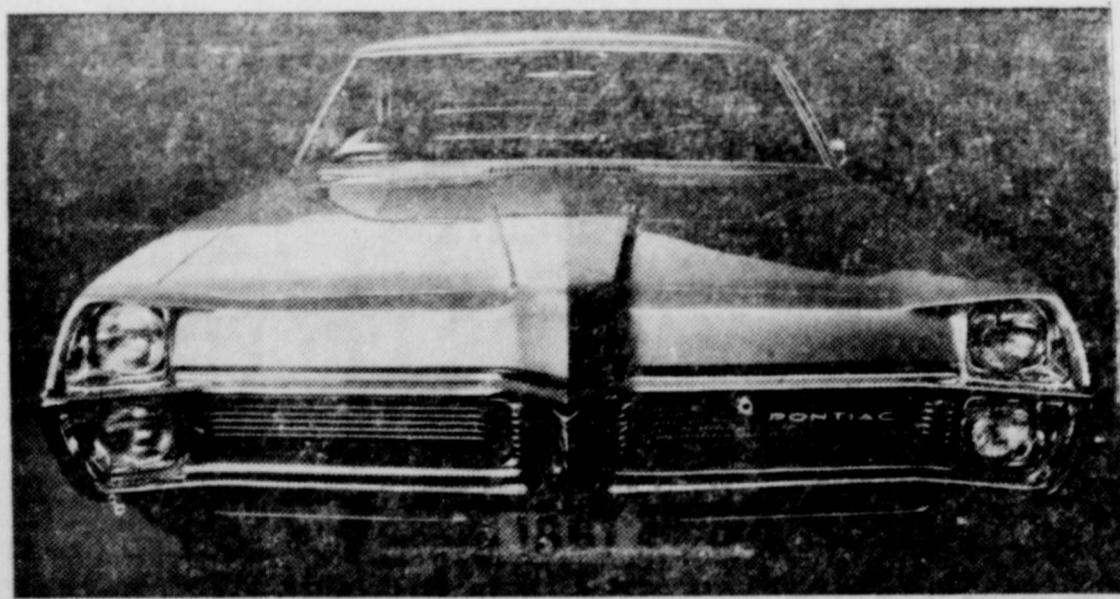
Merkel Graduate In Honor Society

ABILENE (Sp.) — Mary Dunagin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dunagin, Route one, has been listed among the 37 initiates of Kappa Delta Pi at Abilene Christian College.

Kappa Delta Pi is a national honor society in education. The purpose of the organization of the club is to encourage high professional, intellectual, and personal standards and to recognize outstanding contributions to education.

The requirements for membership are: junior or senior standing, a minimum of 6 semester hours in education, recommendation by the head of the department and the dean of students and a B average.

A 1964 graduate of Merkel High School, Miss Dunagin is a junior elementary education major.



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MERKEL SCHOOL STUDENTS SHOW SCORES ABOVE NATIONAL PAR

Members of the seventh grade in Merkel Elementary School and freshmen in Merkel High School this week received copies of the scores they made on tests taken in October, according to elementary principal, Leon Walker.

Given annually as a part of the Texas State Education Agency's Minimum Testing Program, the California Achievement Batteries were administered to both seventh grades of the Elementary building along with the California Test of Mental Maturity. High School freshmen took only the achievement battery.

"The California tests are used extensively throughout the country because of their up to date program in material and also because they offer a sequential program from grade to grade in measurement, evaluation and diagnosis in achievement," said Walker.

National norms are used "to compare the local students with the performance of all other simi-

lar children tested." Walker pointed out "this year's scores show the Merkel seventh graders achieving 10 per centage points above the national average."

In the reading vocabulary test, 14 students in the seventh grade ranked within the top 10 per cent; nine in reading comprehension; seven in arithmetic reasoning; eight in arithmetic fundamentals; twenty in mechanics of English, and fourteen in spelling.

On the California Achievement Tests, seven freshmen ranked within the top 10 per cent in read-

ing vocabulary; eleven in reading comprehension; five in arithmetic reasoning; and arithmetic fundamentals; seven in mechanics of English, and seventeen in spelling.

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

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CARD OF THANKS
Just a line of thanks to our many friends, to Dr. Martin and nurses in Hendrick Hospital of Abilene and to Dr. Warren and his staff. Thanks to all who sent flowers. And all the deeds of kindness by our neighbors are deeply appreciated.
The Lee Cox Family

Religious Review

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Floyd G. Kinsler, pastor
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

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

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.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
5th and Rummels
David Hahn, pastor
SUNDAY MORNING
Sunday School 10:00
Worship Service 11:00
SUNDAY EVENING
Training Union 5:30
Worship Service 6:30
WEDNESDAY
Evening Service 7:30

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.
Youth Choir 5:00 p.m.
Training Union 5:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

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gave him when he was quite young.

"And," says his mother, "that was how he got started collecting guns. He was always interested in the history of our country, and the more colorful it was, the better he liked it."

Stevens, who attended the Merkel Schools, operates "Stevens Advertising," which makes outdoor signs, with operations in Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana.

So - next time you're in town, stop by the bank and take a good look at the painting. It surely does something for that north wall!

And while you're there - turn and look over on the south wall at the portrait of J. T. Warren, a gift to Booth Warren from Stevens in 1957.

Remember the article that ran in the Mail some two editions back? The one about a Kermit Neal in Little Rock, Ark., trying to find his relatives who once lived in Merkel a long time ago? He found them, and not very far away, either.

Hardly had the Mail been out when a call came through from Mrs. H. N. Allred saying, "I'm the person Kermit is trying to find."

This started a chain of telephone calls and letter writing that attempted to cover a lot of time and territory, and promises of more letters and a visit from the Neals this summer.

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Scores that the Merkel Elementary School seventh grade students and the high school freshmen made on the California Achievement Tests are remarkable. Just think about taking a test that will be compared with students all over the United States and achieving 10 percentage points above the national average. Congratulations students and teachers!

Russell Children Hold 'Reunion'

On January 1, five children of the late Mr. and Mrs. Selma Russell met at the Merkel Restaurant for dinner.

Guest of honor was Mrs. Char-

ley Russell, known to her friends as Aunt Leta.

Families present were Ralph Russell and family, Bosier City, La.; Selma Lee and family, Abilene; Jimmy, S. G. and Pug and family, and Jenny Russell, and Billy Lucas' families, all of Merkel.

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BADGER TALES

By DEBI CORDER



By DEBI CORDER

If someone were to ask me what happened the week before last I would be tempted to say

Cooking Class Holds Meetings

The preparing of corn, fruit cocktail and oatmeal squares were the cooking projects for the December meetings of the Junior Homemakers' Cooking Class. The meetings were called to order by Mary Beth Boyd, with roll call by Cle Juan Douglas. Members present at the December meetings were Connie Reagan, Mary Jo Redding, Mary Beth Boyd and Cle Juan Douglas. Adult leaders are Mrs. Selth Reagan and Mrs. Donald Douglas.

six weeks tests. But that is all wrong, because here they are again, not to mention the midterm tests that came along with them. Tests (which seem like a dirty word) always "sneak up" on us. Just as we are beginning to settle down into routine, they are here again. Not only do tests land on us every six weeks, but all of our notebooks, themes, essays, book reports, and all "back work" is due. So, if anyone asks you if Merkel High Students have much to do, you can say yes, this week at least.

Annuals are being put together (slowly but surely) by our annual staff, and anyone who has snapshots to contribute is urged to get them in and soon. If you have an old baby picture of yourself, that might be fun for everyone to try to figure out who you are.

The A Team boys came out on top in the tournament held last week at Trent. The tournament consisted of Trent, Eula and Merkel. You girls better get on the ball.

Kathy Mansfield is a rat fink!

CLASSIFIED ADS GET RESULTS

NOODLE NEWS

By MRS. CLAYTON DILLARD

Visiting the A. B. Parhams Monday night were Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Driver and baby of Hamlin. Mr. Driver is the Parham's nephew.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Montgomery, Tony, Paula, and Carrie Lee of Sweetwater, were supper guests of Mrs. Montgomery's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Riley Sprayberry Sunday evening.

We regret the loss of a barn and also feed in the John Carr fire Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bails and son of San Antonio, spent the weekend with Mrs. Bails parents, and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Sloan and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sloan and family.

Tommy and Atwell Henderson spent Sunday and had dinner with their sister and family. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Eoff of Hamlin.

Saturday night visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Irven were her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Moore and Marvin of Alvin.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dillard spent the seasons' holidays in St. Louis, Mo., with their son and family, Dr. and Mrs. Burl Dillard, David and Nancy. We really had a "White Christmas."

The Noodle Community made a good cotton crop. The Noodle Gin has ginned about 2,800 bales. Now we need a good rain to get the farmers going again.

FARMERS GIVEN TAX FILING DATA

DALLAS — Farmers who earned at least two-thirds of their 1966 gross income from farming should file their declaration of estimated Federal income tax for 1966 on or before Monday, Jan. 16, 1967. Form 1040ES should be used for this purpose.

However, Ellis Campbell Jr., District Director of Internal Revenue in northern Texas, said that farmers need not file an estimate if they file their 1966 Federal income tax return, Form 1040, and pay in full any tax due by Feb. 15, 1967.



BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

HIGH SCHOOL

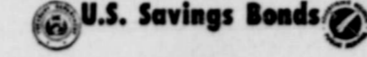
The following are district games for both A boys and girls, at 7:00
Jan. 15 — Aspermont, there
Jan. 17 — Rotan, here
Jan. 20 — Jim Ned, there
Jan. 24 — Wylie, here
Jan. 27 — Roscoe, here
Jan. 31 — Aspermont, here
Feb. 3 — Rotan, there
Feb. 7 — Jim Ned, here
Feb. 10 — Wylie, there

ELEMENTARY

Jan. 16 — Merkel at Wylie, boys A and B and girls A
Jan. 23 — Merkel at Baird, boys A and B and girls A
Jan. 26-28 — Jim Ned Tournament, boys and girls A
Jan. 30 — Merkel at Jim Ned, boys A and B and girls A

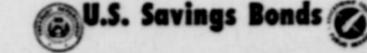


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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Rolan Hubbard Riggs, De-
fendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-
MANDED to appear before the
Honorable Domestic Relations
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 6
day of February A.D. 1967, to
Plaintiff's Petition filed in said
court, on the 18 day of May A.D.
1966, in this cause, numbered
2603 on the docket of said court
and styled Alice Patton Riggs,
Plaintiff, vs. Rolan Hubbard Riggs,
Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature
of this suit is as follows, to-wit:
Plaintiff and Defendant were mar-
ried on May 18, 1956 and lived to-
gether until May 13, 1966. Plain-
tiff sues for divorce on grounds
of cruel treatment. Plaintiff asks
for custody of the five minor chil-
dren, and for an equitable divi-
sion of the community property,
as is more fully shown by Plain-

tiff'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 return-
ed 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 di-
rects.

Issued and given under my hand
and the seal of said court at Abi-
lene, Texas, this the 21 day of
December A.D. 1966.
(Seal)

Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk,
Domestic Relations Court
Taylor County, Texas,
By Marie Gill, Deputy.

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Stith
News

By MRS.
FRITZ HALE

We have been having real cold
nights and nice afternoons. We
had the worst dust storm Friday



FESTUS AT FT. WORTH RODEO

Ken Curtis, better known to the thousands of "Gunsmoke" television fans as Festus Hogen, will be the guest star of the 1967 Fort Worth Stock Show Rodeo, January 27 through February 5. Before becoming a continuing character on "Gunsmoke", in 1963, Curtis had wide experience in several show business fields. He has sung with several groups including the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra and the Sons of the Pioneers. Curtis has appeared in a number of feature films, including "The Alamo", "The Searchers", "How The West Was Won", "The Quiet Man", and "Cheyenne Autumn". Curtis starred in the syndicated TV series "Ripcord". He created the role of "Festus" during a one time guest appearance on "Gunsmoke" in 1962. Performing with Festus at the Fort Worth Rodeo will be the Frontiersmen and Joanie, an outstanding Country and Western music group. Tickets for the 1967 Rodeo are available from the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, P. O. Box 150, Fort Worth, Texas 76101.

we have had in a long time. A
good rain would sure help.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Mundy of
San Antonio brought Mrs. Mun-
dy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wal-
ter Vantresse home Saturday. Mr.
and Mrs. Vantresse spent two
months in San Antonio. Mr. Van-
tresse spent several weeks in a
hospital there. He is doing much
better. Mr. and Mrs. Mundy spent
Saturday night with the Vantresse.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones
had New Year's dinner with Mr.
and Mrs. Les Allen of Rising
Star. Mr. and Mrs. Jones spent
Sunday night with her sister and
husband, Mr. and Mrs. C. L.
Howard of De Leon.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Daunagin,
Mary and Randy visited during
Christmas weekend with Mrs. Mar-
garet Jackson and Mr. and Mrs.
Billy Jackson in Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvel Burke of
Abilene, Mrs. Young Walker of
Pleasant Grove visited Mr. and
Mrs. Fritz Hale Wednesday.

Mrs. James Williams attended
the funeral of her nephew, Ray
Meeks in Kermit Thursday. Mr.
Meeks was killed instantly in a
car wreck Tuesday. His wife
died Friday from injuries received
in the wreck.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald
spent New Year's weekend in
Midland with their daughter and
family, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Ste-
phenson and Melissa.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holt at-
tended the funeral of her brother,
Bruce Aven at Ringlin, Okla.,
Monday, Jan. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Babe Tarpley,
Ghrona and Buster were dinner
guests New Year's day in the
home of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Tar-
pley. The Babe Tarpley family
visited with Mr. and Mrs. Gaston

Gregory and Mr. and Mrs. Troy
Gregory Sunday afternoon in Big
Spring.

Visitors in the home of Mr.
and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn and chil-
dren during the Christmas holi-
days were Mr. and Mrs. Truett
Thompson and family of Merkel,
and Mr. and Mrs. Omer Bishop
and family of Odessa. The Clyburn
family visited Mrs. Ella Clyburn
in Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Ma-
son Barker of Hawley.

Mrs. Thelma Dedmon and Mrs.
A. N. Evans visited Mr. and Mrs.
Abb Evans and Nancy Sunday.

Visitors attending the Hope
Church of Christ Sunday were
Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Mundy.
F. J. McDonald, Mrs. Nora Mc-
Donald and Paul Bradley visited
the last of the week in Taft with
Mr. and Mrs. Noel McDonald and
Mr. and Mrs. Royce McDonald.
Mrs. Paul Bradley visited in San
Antonio with Mr. and Mrs. Robert
Wayne Berry and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn
spent New Year's day in Lamesa
with Mrs. Clyburn's brother and
family, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd
Thompson and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Benny Hobbs and
children and Ms. John Hobbs
were dinner guests Sunday in the
home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry
Holt.

In high altitudes the Llama is
used as a beast of burden.

Former Merkelite Notes Birthday

Mrs. John W. (Dora) Hill cele-
brated her 95th birthday Tuesday,
Jan. 10 at the home of her daugh-
ter, Menvil, at Pleasant Hill, Cal-
ifornia.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill were residents
of Merkel in the early 1900s, but
moved to the Golan Community in
Jones County where they lived for
several years. Mr. Hill died in
1919.

Her son, Rollie, reports that
Mrs. Hill's eyesight has failed to
the extent that she "cannot read

or write, but her mind is very
active and she likes to keep up
with the news."

She is the aunt of Darwin, Orvel
and A. J. Hill of the Golan com-
munity.

John Arbuthnot, a Scotsman,
was the creator of the character
known as John Bull.

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GROWING-UP COMFORT

How times have changed in electric heating—it's growing up! By the time this lad is 15 years old, according to Edison Electric Institute, there will be 19 million electrically heated homes in America. Just as the electric refrigerator replaced the icebox, electric heating is replacing tired, outmoded fuel systems. Electric heat is even from floor to ceiling. It is constant. And, it is safe—a clean break with the past.

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Attends Funeral

Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker of Merkel attended the funeral of Mrs. Walker's uncle, Bonnie Davis at Rosebud, Saturday, Jan. 7.

Mr. Davis, a recent visitor in Merkel, died Jan. 5 and funeral services were held Jan. 7.

On Oct. 3, 1941, Hitler announced that Russia was defeated, never to rise again.

TELL ME

DOES THE NEEDLE OF THE COMPASS POINT TO THE NORTH POLE?

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WHY WERE OWLS DEPICTED ON COINS, DURING ANCIENT TIMES?

AS A HINT, SUGGESTING WISDOM IN SPENDING THEM!

DO ANY TREES GROW COMPLETELY UNDERGROUND?

YES! THE MYSTERY TREE OF PATAGONIA... GROWS ENTIRELY UNDERGROUND!

CREATIVITY TOPIC FOR GARDEN CLUB

Appointment calendars and "Texas Scenic" (informal notes) were distributed to members of the Merkel Garden Club at the Thursday, Jan. 5 meeting.

Meeting in the home of club member, Mrs. Earl Hughes, a program on abstract arrangements was presented by Mrs. W. L. Brown.

Mrs. Brown pointed out that "creativity is work, because it takes thinking and imagination to

get out of the rut of our old way of doing things." To stress the creativity angle, Mrs. Brown presented three arrangements — an abstract, a musical cliff and a miniature trumpet and record sprayed gold.

Members present were Mmes. C. L. Sherill, R. M. Ferguson, Mary Click, John Shannon, A. H. McMurray, Mary Gimes, Brown Hughes and Jarrett Williams.

Also Mmes. Johnny Cox, S. D. Gamble, Ora Griggs, Herbert Patterson, Edith Leach, Joe Hartley, Reidenbach, and Miss Christine Collins.

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CALL NO. 460

Reserve District No. 11

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE Farmers & Merchants National Bank OF MERKEL,

IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON DEC. 31st, 1966 PUBLISHED IN RESPONSE TO CALL MADE BY COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY, UNDER SECTION 5211, U.S. REVISED STATUTES.

ASSETS	
1. Cash, balances with other banks, and cash items in process of collection	\$1,029,083.44
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	1,067,651.83
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	826,478.48
4. Loans and discounts	1,193,281.26
5. Fixed assets (Banking House \$50,000.00; Furr. & Fixtures \$10,000.00)	60,000.00
6. Other assets Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	9,000.00
13. TOTAL ASSETS	\$4,205,495.01

LIABILITIES	
14. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$3,580,202.77
15. Deposits of United States Government	25,697.10
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	166,562.16
17. Certified and officers' checks, etc.	7,748.53
21. TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$3,780,210.56
(a) Total demand deposits	\$3,780,210.56
27. TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$3,780,210.56

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
28. (c) Common stock — total par value \$50.00 No. shares authorized 5,000	\$ 150,000.00
29. Surplus	150,000.00
30. Undivided profits	125,294.45
32. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$ 425,294.45
33. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$4,205,495.01

MEMORANDA

34. Average of total deposits for the 15 calendar days ending with call date \$3,808,495.00

35. Average of total loans for the 15 calendar days ending with call date 1,248,186.00

I, Geo. T. Moore, Cashier, of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this report is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEO. T. MOORE

We, the undersigned directors attest the correctness of this report of condition and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief is true and correct.

BOOTH WARREN
W. T. SADLER, M.D.
W. S. J. BROWN
DIRECTORS

Merkel 4-H Club Hears Orsborn

The Merkel 4-H Club met Thursday, Jan. 5 for their regular monthly American Pledge and Lottie Redding lead the 4-H Meeting, this meeting, Connie Ragan lead Pledge and Connie.

Larry Orsborn, former assistant County Agent, spoke to the group about the showing and grooming of Livestock. He was also presented a gift of appreciation from the club by Gale Boone.

The business meeting concerned the discussion of demonstrations, public speaking and the appointing of a money raising committee.

Serving on the money raising committee will be Liz Ragan, Larry Ragan, Christie Lucas, Mary Johnson, Kathryn Criswell, Dayna McAninch and Maxine Johnson.

RECENT VISITORS

Guests in the John Oliver home Monday, Jan. 9, were Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Bryan and Mrs. John D. Oliver, all of Midland, and Mrs. Patrick Wallas of Las Vegas, Nev.

Only one state, Washington, has been named for a U.S. President.

Patagonia is at the southern end of South America.

FORT WORTH BODEO
JAN. 27 THRU FEB. 5

IN PERSON FESTUS
STAR OF TV'S TOP GUNSMOKE WITH THE FRONTIERSMEN

TOP COWBOYS COMPETE FOR \$ BIG MONEY \$

HOOFBEAT HARMONY DRESSAGE EXHIBITION

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71st LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION

Marvelous Mincemeat by Betty Crocker

Of course, use mincemeat for pies. That's traditional. But branch out. Put mincemeat into puddings and cakes and coffee cake, too. Use it for sauces and toppings. To personalize prepared mincemeat, add a little grated orange peel or the juice, or a freshly chopped apple. And try it sometime served hot over ice cream. For another mincemeat marvel, fold this fruity mincemeat into whipped cream and spoon over warm gingerbread. (½ cup mincemeat and ½ cup sifted confectioners' sugar to 1 cup whipped cream.) And for the holiday cookie platter, here are two quick cookie recipes . . . combining the talents of mincemeat and Bisquick.

MINCEMEAT COOKIES	BANBURY COOKIE BARS
1½ cups mincemeat	2½ cups Bisquick
¾ cup undiluted evaporated milk	1 cup sugar
2 cups Bisquick	1 egg
1 cup brown sugar (packed)	3 tablespoons butter
½ teaspoon salt	¼ cup milk
	1½ cups mincemeat

Heat oven to 400°. Place mincemeat and milk in saucepan and slowly heat to simmering, stirring frequently. Continue cooking slowly about 10 minutes or until mixture is thickened. Immediately stir in remaining ingredients. Dough should be soft. Drop dough by teaspoonfuls about 2 inches apart on greased baking sheet. Bake about 10 minutes. Makes about 3½ dozen cookies.

To pretty up the cookie plate, lace paper doilies are festive. Sprigs of holly, too . . . or a fat candle in the center. For a solid gold setting, spray-paint a tray.

Heat oven to 375°. Grease oblong pan, 13x9x2 inches. Mix thoroughly all ingredients except mincemeat. Pat half of mixture into prepared pan to within ½ inch of edge. Spread with mincemeat. Pat other half of mixture on waxed paper to same size. Place on mincemeat; remove waxed paper. Bake 30 minutes. While warm, cut into bars. Makes 4 dozen bars . . . Very nice served with eggnog ice cream. Also, cinnamon coffee: ¼ teaspoon cinnamon added to 8-cup pot before perking. And that's what I call making merry with mincemeat!

First Baptist Begins Study

The First Baptist Church of Merkel has begun a series of "Studies in Amos," and are being conducted every Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m., according to the church

pastor, the Rev. Bill Tanner.

"This Bible Study will be the Training Union Program," said Rev. Tanner. "Intermediates will study Exploring the New Testament, and the Junior, This is My Bible."

Rev. Tanner extends an invitation to anyone interested in these studies to attend.

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Spurrlows Spell Out Safety Rules



The three primary rules of safe driving are charmingly acted out by three members of The Spurrlows (top to bottom) Carol Nettinga, Josie Weaver and Sandy Wahl. The full troupe, a traveling thirty-two piece orchestra and glee club is currently touring high schools across the nation for the third consecutive year as part of Chrysler Corporation's Driver Education Program. The tour's sole purpose is to encourage safety awareness and responsible driving attitudes among teenagers. The Spurrlows' musical safety revue, "Music For Modern Americans," will have been presented to upwards of two million students in over 1500 high schools by the end of the 1966-67 school year. Research has shown that by using music to communicate the Driver Education message, The Spurrlows' production has been effective in stimulating a 40% greater awareness of safe driving habits among teenagers.

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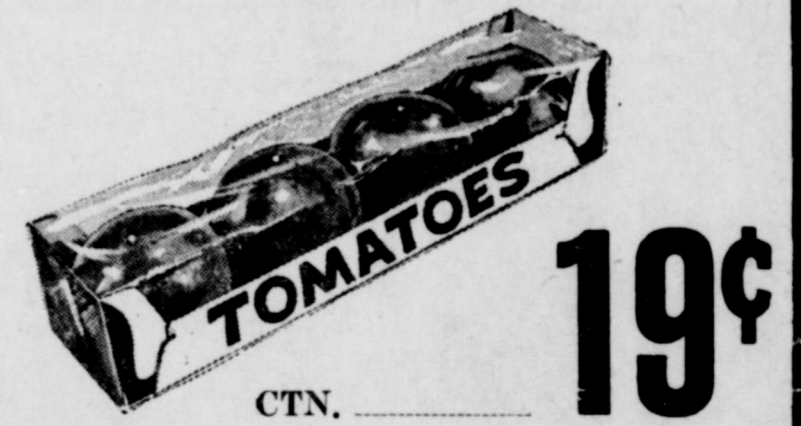
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