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Up Canvon By TOM

RUSSOM

We thought we were in for a little rain over the weekend, but the cold front blew out, and no rain, just cold weather in our area.

The winter weeds and rye are doing their best to grow, and it is thought that if some snow or rain should come, there could be some early grazing for livestock.

Ray Wilson, owner of the Wilson Food Store in Merkel, and his son Don, who own a little ranch place in the Canyon, asked me if a rain should come cay or once. Alright, Ray, if one should come at midnight I will give you a ring.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seymore and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mac Seymore and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. A. R. Toombs were weekend visitors in the Loyd Knipes ed to Mike were Coin Collect- Methodist Church. home in Snyder recently. Mrs. Knipe is the former Becky Seymore. Mr. and Mrs. Seymore also reported that their son, Phil, who has been in the service for quite some time, will be coming home soon

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney had two of their sons home over the weekend.

Soil and Water conservation work in our area has slowed down some due to the cost and also being too dry. With some good rains the work would start again.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Butma Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russom were in San Angelo a few days ago. They sold a Coke County rancher and sheep buyer some 350 head of lambs, and delivered the lambs to San Angelo. F. E. Modgling bought the lambs. Modgling has bought lambs in the area for many years.

We were told that there were 2500 lambs butchered per day at the new packing plant and that all the meat is being shipped north. They said that "very little of the lamb is eaten here." Some 35,000 head of lambs were on feed in San Angelo.

We regret so very much to hear that our friend Mr. C. R. Clack of Merkel had a severe stroke a few days ago and we want to say that we hope his recovery won't be too far away and that he will soon be home.

Another "hello" goes to Emitt Ayers, and we are so glad he is home from the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewel McLean spent the weekend visiting their dauhgter in law, Mrs. Hollis Mc-Lean and children in Big Spring. They reported a fine visit and they "saw rain." Their son, Hollis, is in the service and is over-

FEBRUARY 28 VOTING AT MERKEL HIGH SCHOOL; POLLS OPEN 7 A

Merkel area voters will go to the polls February 28 to vote for or against building a new courthouse, a new coliseum and whether to put into effect a new road and bridge tax law.

Voting will be at the Merkel High School. County Judge Roy Skaggs named Norman Winter election judge with Lynn Knight

The election is the result of of One Hundred named by Judge Skaggs to study the needs of Taylor County and to recommend to the commissioners court steps to be taken.

The Taylor County study awakened efforts in Abilene and a Cit-

stigated a move that will bring Abilene must be residents and recommendation of a Committee voters in Abilene to vote not only on the Taylor County projects but also on projects for Abilene.

> It is necessary to have taxable property rendered on the tax rolls of the county to vote in Merkel's election in which only counw residents living in this voting

property owners of that city). City bonds total \$8,635,000.

Taylor County residents will vote on two obligation bond issues and the transfer of road and bridge

On one ballot will be the Counto to transfer the 15c road and bridge

ty Courthouse - \$3,000,00 and tax from the general tax fund is the Taylor County Coliseum and Livestock Expansion program -

On another ballot will be the road and bridge tax transfer issue. The transfer issue will not be a vote to increase taxes, but

to a special road and bridge tax "ind. If kept in the general fund, a portion goes to the state. If transferred to the special tax fund, this tax money will remain in Taylor County.

County bond issues total \$4,750,-

To Visit Schools

Texas Annual Public School

Week, which is scheduled for the

week of March 6 - 10, will be ob-

served by the Merkel Public

Schools "one week earier," ac-

cording to superintendent Mack

Due to the fact that the after-

noons of Thursday and Friday,

March 2 and 3 were scheduled

in advance for parent - visita-

tion days," said Fisher, "our ob-

servance of Texas Public Schools

Week will be observed at that

The administration, teachers,

and students are "extended spe-

cial invitations to the parents to

visit any time during March 2

and 3 in the afternoons for a con-

ference, and anytime during the

chance for you to see your child

in the daily process of learning."

said Fisher. "If you want to

know about modern math, then

visit your child during the math

period. Interested in what he

reads? Then go during English

"This is a live, on the spot

week for a visit.

time.

SCOUT TROOP NO. 18 HAS POTLUCK SUPPER

day, Feb. 20, with parents as

Special feature of the supper was the presentation of awards

Receiving awards were Ray of Dr. and Mrs. Don Warren, all is eligible."

Rank and Mike four Merit Badges. First Methodist Church. The four merit badges present-

A "Potluck Supper" was held ing, Citizenship in the Communiby Merkel Scout Troop 18 Mon- ty, Motor Boating, and Aviation. Members also made plans to attend Summer Camp at Camp

Tonkawa, July 2-8.

"We are always interested in getting boys to join our Scout Troop," said Scoutmaster Glenn Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. John- Reed. "And any boy who is just ny Young, and Mike Warren, son now turning eleven years of age

The troop meets every Monday Ray received the Tenderfoot at 7 p.m. at Fellowship Hall of

The troop is sponsored by First

Annual Spring Conferences Scheduled For March 2-3 **Parents Invited**



FOOD SHOW WINNERS — Gail Boone, left, was first place winner with her hot rolls entered in the County Wide Food Show held Saturday, Feb. 18 at the Westgate Shopping Center in Abilene, and Patricia McDuff is a blue ribbon winner as "top scorer in the Milk Group, Gail is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boone and Patricia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe McDuff, all of Merkel. (Staff Photo)

FORMER MERKELITE WINS AUTOMOBILE

Guyn M. Pannell, manager of the Abilene Branch Office of Republic here, Pannell remembered his National Life Insurance Company "favorite elementary grade teaof Dallas, and a former Merkel chers, and had a word of appreresident, has won a 1967 automo- ciation for superintendent, Mack bile in the Company's nationally Fisher," who helped him so much recognized sales incentive pro- in getting all his school informagram, according to Clarence Skel- tion so that he could continue his ton, executive vice president of higher learning." Production Divisions.

Pannell won the car as a result of his outstanding personal production and managerial ability displayed during 1966.

Pannell, a native of Merkel, is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pannell. He described his homeplace as "halfway between Merkel and Noodle."



GUYN M. PANNELL . . . outstanding ability

Joining RNL in 1947, Pannell

was appointed manager of the Abilene Branch Office in 1954. Since then he has ben not only a tremendous inspiration to the representatives of his branch office, but also "a consistent leader in production and in qualifying for many company sponsored production clubs including Leaders Club, Presidents Club, a previous "Start Your Engines" winner as well as a member of the Texas Leader's Round Table, National Quality award and Million Dollar Club for several years."

He has completed many insurance courses sponsored by the Home Office as well as LUTC parts I and II, and completed the school of life insurance agency management in 1964 at Corpus

A dinner was held at the Downtowner Inn in Abilene Feb. 16 honoring Pannell as well as other representatives.

Seniors Sponsor Car Wash Feb. 25

The Merkel High School seniors are sponsoring a car wash Saturday, Feb. 25, at DuBose Texaco Station.

The car wash will begin at 8 a.m. and continue until 6 p.m.,

During the business meeting,

led by president Larry White,

Mrs. John Boyd, Leon Walker

FOOD SHOW and Mary Jo Reddin, first with Banana Bread.

Tanya McAninch and Jenny

Fincher won 2nd places in the

Meat Group with their Chili macs.

Jerry Stephan's salad plate

of deviled eggs won first place in

the Fruit and Vegetable Group,

and Mary Beth Boyd, 2nd with a

Dayna McAninch won a first

place with her dish of Chicken

Felrazzini; Kathryn Criswell, first

with Southern Fried Chicken; Su-

sie Wilson, first with a Chinese

dish of Chop Suey, and Christi

Lucas, first with her Italian dish

of Lazana. All entered in the sen-

Patricia McDuff won a kitchen

utensil for having the "best all

around entry in the Dairy Group"

and Gail Boone won a food chop-

per for having the best all around

entry in the Bread Group. Gail

will represent Taylor County at

the District Food Show to be held

in San Angelo in the near future.

members with the food entries

were Mmes. Jack Boone, Seth

Ragan, Donald Douglas, Truman

Holloway, Joe McDuff, G. R.

Peachey, David Gamble, Maurice

Johnson, Charles Reddin, and

Members of the Merkel 4 - H

Club express appreciation to the

adult leaders for their time and

efforts in helping to make the

Food Show a success. They cer-

tainly did much in helping us

"To Make the Best Better."

Miss Mary Johnson.

Adult leaders assisting the 4 - H

ior division.

4 - H Girls from all around Dairy Group winners were Pa-Taylor County displayed their fatricia McDuff, first with Macavorite foods and also an attracroni and Cheese dish and Annette tive setting at the County Wide Stephan, 2nd with strawberry Food Show held in the Westgate Shopping Center in Abilene Saturday, Feb. 18.

By ROBERT BOYD

Members who had completed foods subject matter were eligible to participate in the show. Top junior and senior winners will compete in the District Foods Show in San Angelo.

Foods were divided into four groups: Meat, Bread, Dairy and Fruity and vegetables. Mrs. Guy McCarty, food show chairman, presented each overall winner with a kitchen utensil.

Local junior winners were Lee Ann Holloway, 1st place with her hot rolls; Karlan Gamble, 2nd, with Cranberry Banana Bread; Beth Peachey, 2nd, with Chocolate Chip Cookies; Gail Boone, and charge will be \$1.50 per car. first place, with Homemade Rolls,

WINNER NAMED Meet Feb. 25

Spring quarterly meeting of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association will be in Ozona Saturday, Feb. 25.

minimum wage bill predatory will include discussion of: the minimum wage bill predatory animal problems and the proposed water legislation, uses of fresh water. Other association business and new legislative problems will

Pontiac's newest automobile,

Nolan Palmer, owner, invites Merkel area people to "drop by will leave the schools at 12:30 and see the latest in sports car taking the children to their home.

or reading period. The choice is One-Day TSGRA yours. Join the responsible perents of Texas and find out for yourself just what goes on in the class room and what these new

teaching methods are all about." Fisher pointed out that a parent - teacher conference "can be most helpful in three ways - for the student, parent and the teach-Topics for the one day meeting

be on the slate.

New "Firebird"

"The Firebird" is now on display at Palmer Motor Company in

izes that you as a parent or parents are interested enough in him and his progress to take time out to sit down and discuss his work with his teachers; the teacher feels that he or she has an interested parent working with her, and you the parent, can leave a conference feeling that you know a little more about your child's activities at school and can

'The student, your child, real-

School lunch will be served at the usual time and school buses Conferences will begin at 1 p.m.

be an integral part of his daily

school life."

DRIVER TRAINING COURSE SCHEDULED

"A Driver Improvement Course is being planned for February 28, March 8, 15 and 22, according to Mrs. Kate Casseaux of Abilene, chairman of the Taylor County Committee on Aging.

The driver's course will be conducted at the Taylor Electric Cooperative Auditorium on the above dates and will be held from 2 until 4:30 p.m.

"This course is being co-sponsored by the Taylor County Committee on Aging" and the Abilene Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons," said

Mrs. Causseaux. Leon McAden, is Merkel's committee member.

National Safety Council and the Texas Department of Public Safety. It will be taught by F. Rhoads, sergeant, Safety Education Service of Midland and Dan Uowlin, patrolman, Safety Education Service, Abilene.

"The course is designed for the more mature driver, but is open to the public," said Mrs. Causseaux, "and any interested person is urged to attend."

There will be no charge or registration fee and "no test at the end of the course."

The Driver's Improvement Course was taught last all in Abilene and Tuscola with an enrollment of 200.

MERKEL C-C OFFICE HAS NEW LOCATION

Max Murrell, Merkel Chamber of Commerce president, announced this week that the new location for the Chamber office will be at 114 Edwards, and that Johnny Cox will be the chamber sec-

"This is being done so that persons wishing to do business with the chamber of commerce may do so anytime between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and also on Saturday morning," said Murrell.

Cox said that as secretary of the chamber, "I plan to get some work started through the chamber that we have been unable to do because of the short hours. A very intense program of chamber of commerce work will be instigated as soon as possible. Plans for the chamber of com-

scheduled for Friday, March 17, will be handled at the new location. State Representative Grant Jones, will be the guest speaker for the occasion. Lon McDonald, will be master of ceremonies and Herman Carson is chairman of the ticket sales.

merce banquet, which has been

Birthday Supper Friday, Feb. 24

A George Washington Birthday Supper will be held Friday, Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, according to Dan Butler, secretary of Merkel Lodge No.

Masons and their families are asked to bring a "covered cish

PRESENTS PROGRAM The Merkel Elementary Band, under the direction of Glenn Reed, presented classical and popular

ELEMENTARY BAND

Elections will be in April. music to members attending the Parent - Teachers' Association meeting Thursday, Feb. 16. The Band also presented a program of selections they plan to use in the Cisco Band Day to be held in

percentage present.

and Mrs. Clyde Bunch were appointed to serve on the nominating committee for new officers.

White announced that there would be no meeting in March, and urged "all parents to visit their schools and teachers during Parent - Teacher Conference Week, March 2 and 3."

The Parent Participation Trophy was awarded to Mrs. Paul Orsborn's room for the highest

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The Cave Man May Have Started It!

History fails to record the name of the first person who discovered that certain herbs and vegetables produce a laxative effect, but it may well have been a cave man, or even Adam and Eve, for laxatives have been used by mankind for

many thousands of years.
One of the oldest and finest vegetable laxatives is senna a drug which is made from the dried leaves of the senna plant which grows in India and elsewhere. In the early days of the British Navy it was customary on long voyages for the sailors to be given a weekly infusion of senna along with their cus-tomary tot of rum. The infusion of senna was dark black in color; it was a

he sailors called this potion a It was just as natural for The Chattanooga Medicine Company (now the Chattem that original area but exte to call its first product, back several foreign countries in 1879. Black-Draught, for it Moreover, it has been devel Chattanooga firm was to mar- nior citizens prefer ket the laxative was the or Granulated Black-Drau Southern Appalachian Re- to tailor the desage to the tion, an area rich in British exact needs; mom and radition, so it was logical to like the easy-to-take tal



& Chemical Company) sively in all 50 states and was a laxative based on sen- oped into a family of laxa-na. The area in which the tives for young and old. Sename the product after a medicinal treatment with a broad British background.

Today, of course, Black-Draught that this is one medicine that is going to taste good.

be developed lie in West Texas,

including Fort Phantom Hill, Fort

In other House action, approval

was given to an increase in pen-

teachers, a bill relating to the

probate of self - approved wills,

and the creation of the Dallas-

Fort Worth Regional Airport Au-

The mailman is working over-

time in Austin delivering letters

from opponents to the "LBJ"

ently stated his opposition to both

measures, reports that his mail

is about 100 to 1 against both liq-

uor and gambling. Actually, there

has not been a bill introduced in

the House of Representatives to

legalize liquor by the drink and

a rumor is becoming widespread

that there may not be one intro-

Indian campsites

FRANK CALHOUN

HISTORICAL SITES

the House of Representatives of the 60th Legislature passed six Griffin, Camp Cooper and various bills and numerous resolution. Of particular interest to West Texans was HB 58 by Rep. Gene Hendryx of Alpine which was approved 148 to 0. Rep. Frank Calhoun Taylor, Jones and Haskell counties) was a strong supporter of the bill which will give the Parks and Wildlife Department authority to develop historical sites, forts and missions in Texas. Restoration and preservation of these sites will not only preserve some of our historical heritage but will ("liquor by the jigger") and parialso promote our growing tour- mutual wagering proposals. Rep. ist industry. Most of the sites to Frank Calhoun, who has consist-

April 8-9 Date For-Piano Contest

A state piano contest, sponsored by the Texas Girls' Choir, will be held April 8th and 9th at duced. Apparently, the opponents Town Hall Seminary South Shop- are reaching the right people. ing Center in Fort Worth.

The contest is open to girls age eight through fourteen gifted in playing the piano according to Mrs. Shirley Carter, executive director. "Acceptable repertoire will be original piano music literature, not arrangements."

For additional information concerning the contest write to the Texas Girls' Choir Piano Contest, 3341 Edith Lane, Fort Worth

"READING MORE"

reading, according to Miss Thelma Andrews, head librarian of residents are in Abilene to trade, the bookmobile serving Taylor County from the Abilene Public Library. This was an increase of 41 per cent over a busy December, when 426 books were loaned. Adult readers increased 49 percent during this period in number of books loaned. Christmas over, winter days, more reading time," Mrs. Andrews said.

The unseasonably balmy weather in January, no coubt, stimulated thoughts of spring, for gardening. Agriculture and flower arranging were popular topics.

Recent additions to the bookmobile collection include Mark G. Knight's "Abstract and Not-So-Abstract Flower Arrangements," and Dorothea Thompson's "Creative Decorations With Dried Flowers." Both are filled with home decorating ideas, and step - bystep instructions for the beginner or expert. Other books available from the bookmobile are "The Home Book of Flower Arrangements," by Estelle G. Easterby; "Flower Arranging for Fun," by Hazel Dunlop, and "The Art of Flower and Foliage Arrangement," by Anna Rutt.

New books in history, religion, philosophy, world affairs, as well as fiction, mysteries and westerns, are appearing on the shelves almost every call. Titles readers wish not found on the bookmobile may be requested from the Abilene Public Library to be deliversion payments to retired school ed on the next bookmobile visit.

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said Miss Andrews. When Merkel Abilene Public Library. "Merkel they are invited to include a visit citizens borrowed 604 books from to the Abilene Public Library, where they may use their bookmobile card to check out books from a collection of 80,000 volumes on a wide range of subjects from horses to Vietnam.

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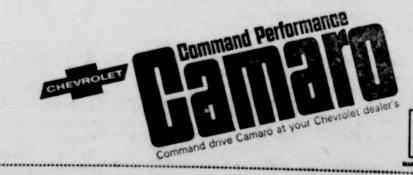
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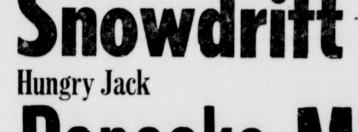


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> Holt, Ruth, Nancy, Mike and Bill

Gleaners' Class **Entertains**

The Gleaners' Sunday School Class met in the home of Mrs. A. H. McElmurray Wednesday, Feb. 15 for their regular class meeting. Co - hostesses were Mrs. F. Y. Gaither and Mrs. Herbert Pat-

A devotional on love was given by Mrs. Ray Baccus and Mrs. Johnny Cox lead the prayer.

Class president, Mrs. Minnie Howard, presided at the business meeting.

Refreshments were served to Mmes. M. L. Douglas, E. P. Farmer, John Shannon, Dee Moore, W. W. Toombs, Lottie Everett, Ruth Anderson, Newton Daniel, and Leon Toombs.

Also Mmes. O. R. Douglas, H. N. Odum, Cox, Baccus, Sallie Moore, Mary Grimes, W. S. J. Brown and Beulah Stamford.

Also Mmes. Mary Click Howard, McElmurray, Gaither, Patterson, O. E. Harwell and Miss Mabel McRee.



THANK YOU KISS — Pert Angelia Reddick of Dallas gives 1967 Texas Easter Seal Appeal Chairman Stanley Marcus a thank you kiss on behalf of the 16,031 crippled children and adults who received help in 1966 from Easter Seals. Marcus is heading the 1967 Easter Seal Appeal to extend Easter Seal services to even more disabled Texans this year.

Dallas All-Star Rodeo April 8-15

Big - time professional rodeo will return to Dallas April 8 through 15 when more than 300 big - hatted contestants arrive for the Dallas All - Star Rodeo.

The exciting two - hour actionpacked rodeo promises entertainment for every member of the family, says rodeo director Ray W. Wilson. Leading specialty entertainment acts will be featured.

Top cowboys from all over the United States and Canada will be competing for \$14,000 in prize money during the eight performances in the Livestock Coliseum at State Fair Park. Girl barrel racers will be competing for prize money of \$1,000.

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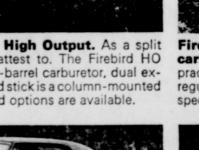


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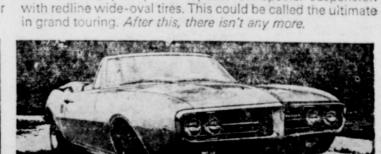
Now you can choose from five new Firebirds with the same Firebird 400. Coiled under those dual scoops is a 400 cubic advanced Pontiac styling, but with five entirely different driving personalities. And they all come with supple expanded vinyl interiors, wood grain styled dash, exclusive space-saver collapsible spare, bucket seats and wide-oval tires.



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Holler - William **Vows Exchanged**

Miss Linda Jean Holler and William Patrick Williams exchanged wedding vows Friday, Feb. 3 in the home of the bride's parents.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Holler, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Williams, all of Merkel.

The Rev. William Tanner, pastor of the First Baptist Church,

A graduate of Merkel High School, the bride attended Draughon's Business College in Abilene. She is employed at Sweetwater Manufacturing Company.

Williams is a 1960 graduate of Merkel High School and is empleged at Higginbotham - Bartlett Co. in Merkel.

The couple are living at 705 Oak

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BADGER TALES

By DEBI CORDER



This week has certainly been a fun - filled one. Six weeks tests are always fun to take - just two more six weeks to go before

A meeting of the Future Home makers of America was held last

Thursday in the auditorium. Brownyn Gamble was awarded the Betty Crocker award. Mr. Haves, the counselor at MHS, presented the program. He gave the girls some very good reasons why they should finish high school, and if possible go on to college. He told them about the many cifferent professions and for all to "look carefully into each field before making a decision."

Last Tuesday the student body assembled in the auditorium for presentation of football jackets and also for trophies to the outstanding athletes of MHS. Most of the boys gaves their old jackets to their girl friends and kept their new ones for themselves.

Next week classes will be "closed" to students Thursday and Friday afternoons and "open" to their parents. The second Parent-Teacher Conference of the year

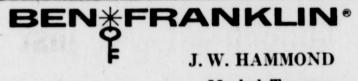
In approximately three weeks the band will journey to Lamesa to bring home some more first

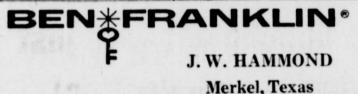
Last week Mary Johnson had a 'blue' Monday, in the true sense of the word, after bouncing down the stairs. She practically broke her little finger and has seemed to have lost her memory.

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Minimum Wage Law To Be **Discussed**

The effect of the minimum wage law on cattlemen will be in the spotlight at a conference on the Agricultural Minimum Wage in Houston March 13.

The Conference is scheduled at 4 p.m. and will be conducted by the Texas and Southwestern Catt.e Raisers Association's Agricultural Employers Committee, according to Don C. King, TSGRA secretary - general manager.

King said representatives of the U. S. Department of Labor will be present to answer questions "Fair Standards Act as Amended in 1966."

TC Farm Bureau **Board Meets**

Taylor County Farm Bureau Directors held their regular board meeting Monday night, Feb. 20. at the Farm Bureau office in Abilene, with Sam Beam presid-

Fifteen directors were present. Also, Ed Cumby, area fieldman for Texas Farm Bureau, B. J. Gist, state representative, and Millard Shivers, Dallas, representing Blue Cross, and Vearl Smith ser-

Shivers discussed the insurance coverage that Farm Bureau members have available to them, and also discussed Medicare coverages

Items of business concerned a membership drive to be couducted the second week in March: a report given by Bureau member, Billy Vinson, concerning his trip to Austin to visit with the Legislature and discuss the agricultural situation in Texas.

Also discussed at the meeting was the possibility of Farm Burreau members visiting the Legislature now in session and touring the capitol.

"Members will be notified if this materializes," said Vinson.

Cotton Yields To Be Discussed

EL PASO (Special) - The results of a study to determine where cotton yields are being lost will be among topics discussed by Western growers during the first session of the 1967 Western Cotton Production Conference here. March 7-8. To oe held at the Rodeway Ina, the meeting is ariented to the specific needs of the Western producer.

William S. Jackson of the Agricultural Extension Service, Las Cruces, N.M., will report to growers on increasing yields, describing the criteria producers should use in adjusting their production program to correct weaknesse



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LEGAL NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TAYLOR NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain ORDER OF SALE issued out of the Honorable 42nd Court of TAYLOR County of the 5th day of January 1967 by issuing of said Judgment RED NINETEEN and 50-100 (\$319.50) Dollars and costs of suit, cause in said Court, No. 30-090-A and styled the City of Merkel vs. EARL STEVENS, et al. placed in my hands for service, I. GEORGE MAXWELL as Sheriff of Taylor Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

T. WINTER TRACT:

(2), Block "A," Thornton Subcivision of Blocks No. 13 and 25, College Addition to the City of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, East 68.6' of said West one-half of Lot No. Two (2), save and except the following described portion which was conveyed as R.O.W. Two (2), Block "A," Thornton

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to the State of Texas for Inter- and levied upon as the property state 20, and, BEGINNING at a of Earl W. Stevens, Roy Stevens, point South 13' and West 100' of Bill Stevens, Mrs. Ralph Sabin, the NW corner of said Lot No. & unknown heirs of W. T. Winters and that on the first Tuesday in March 1967, the same being the 7th day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said ORDER OF SALE, I will sell said above - described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, ed unserved. to the highest bidder, as the prop-Sabin, and the unknown heirs of

No. Two (2), to the point of be-

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive, weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.

Witness my hand this 10th day of Feb. 1967.

Sheriff Taylor County, Texas By Leon Sledge, Deputy.

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas -GREETING:

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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: C. R. Northcutt, Defend-

MANDED to appear before the Honorable Court of Domsetic Relations of Taylor County at the Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 20th day of March A.D. 1967, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 28th day of November A. D. 1966, in this cause, numbered 3007 on the docket of said court and styled Jackie Northcutt, Plaintiff, vs. C. R. Northcutt, De-

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to - wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on December 24, 1963 and became permanently separated on May 3, 1964. 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 return-

erty of said Earl W. Stevens, Roy shall promptly serve the same ac-Stevens, Bill Stevens, Mrs. Ralph cording to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law di-

> Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 7th day of February A.D. 1967.

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

Jackpot Roping Set for Feb. 26

A Jackpot Roping will be held Sunday, Feb. 26 beginning at 1 p.m., according to Mack Baggett.

The Roping will be held at Old Abilene Town, located on Interstate 20 East, and will feature open Jackpot Tie Down, Break Away Roping, Ribbon Roping and Amateur Junior Roping ,tie down).

be open to "any boy or girl 19 years of age or younger.' 'There will be \$6.00 Jackpots,

The Amateur Jr. Roping will

following the show, if time permits," said Baggett.

Admission is fifty cents, with children free.

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TABLE SETTING"

More Beautiful Table" was the preted by the arranger. Trent Garden Club program topic at their Monday, Feb. 20 meeting, in the home of Mrs. Geta William-

more gracious living and the setting of the dining table to get the family together.'

Assisting Mrs. Beasley with the program was Mrs. Mary Click, who spoke on "Horticulture Step-Mrs. Erma Black, club presi- table. dent, presented an article on "A Time to Remember - I caught a Falling Star, Did You?"

Visual Education in the actual setting of six tables by club mem- guests were present.

Table themes and also participants were Thanksgiving, by Mrs. Ronnie Freeman; Easter, Mrs. Mrs. Odell Freeman: Glorious Program leader, Mrs. Leslev 4th, Mrs. Erma Black; June Beasley, spoke to the group on Bride, Mrs. Weldon Beasley; Haprit New Year, Mrs. W. L. Brown, and Birthday Table, Mrs. Othell O'Kelley

The Birthday Table was decorated with a George Washington theme with a cake and punch beping Stone" on how to grow bulbs. ing served members from this

Assisting at the serving table were Cathy and Lee Ann William-

Twenty members and fourteen

GREEN OATS GROWN

An article appearing in the Jan. Kenedy, Texas, concerns two former Merkelites. They are Mr. and Mrs. Buster Molder. They lived The officer executing this writ in Merkel for several years before moving to Littlefield and from Littlefield to their B Bar N Ranch near Choate, Texas. Mrs. Moulder is "better known" in Merkel as Norma Patton, and is a sister to Woodrow Patton of Merkel.

> The article concerns the Moulders ranch operations and mainly their fresh green oats that are grown "the year around on their ranch."

"Every day a thousand pounds 12 edition of the Kenedy Times, of oats are pulled from the unit, run through a chopper and augered out into the cattle feeder where the cattle eagerly eat oats, roots and paper.'

> The Moulders' Hydroponic unit has ben in operation since Sept. 1966, and they "have been experimenting with different varieties of oats for the best results."

At the present time they are feeding 52 head of cattle, but their operation can handle 100

Norma, in her spare time, operates a beauty shop in her home and plays the piano on Sunday at the Choate Baptist Church.

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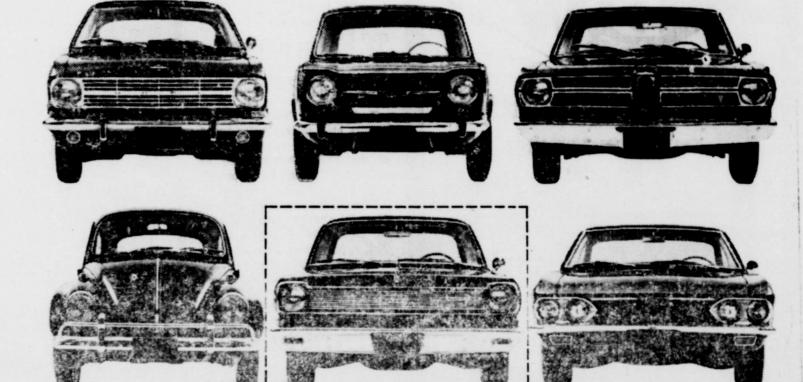
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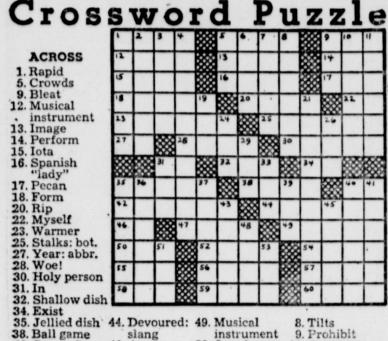
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Phillip Edward Newman, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-MANDED to appear before the 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 20th day of March A.D. 1967, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 2nd day of February A.D. 1967, in this cause, numbered 30,797-A on the docket

of said court and styled In Re: Michael Dean Newman, Plaintiff, vs. Phillip Edward Newman, De-

A brief statement of the nature You are hereby commanded to of this suit is as follows, to-wit: a matter which concerns Michael week for four consecutive weeks, Dean Newman as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served

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-

Issued and given under my hand Honorable 42nd District Court of and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 3rd day of February A.D. 1967.

> Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas By Irene Crawford, Deputy.

The Selective Service Bill was signed September 16, 1940.

CEMETERY FUND

The following made recent donations to the Merkel Cemetery memory of Ross Ferrier Sr. fund:

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Cypert in memory of Lee Cox

Pee Brothers in memory of Lee

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent in memory of R. T. Smith memory of E. L. McLeod. Mr. and Mrs. Derk Holsteyn in memory of Mrs. Clyde Newton

memory of E. L. McLeod. Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown in memory of Lee Cox

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W. C. Burlson Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry in memory of R. T. Smith memory of Mrs. Etta Patterson Pauline Johnson H. F. Jeffrey

NOODLE NEWS By MRS. CLAYTON DILLARD

Mrs. Leslie Cox spent last week

in Dallas with her son, Jimmy Cox and family. Mrs. Jimmy Cox has been in the hospital in

A bridal shower was given at Monday, but no rain so far. the Noodle Home Economics Center for Miss Barbara Herron ited Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley Saturday afternoon.

Lawrence Johnson had surgery at Hendricks Hospital Monday. Johnson is the Jack Benningfield's with Mr. and Mrs. Abb Evans

The Noodle Community extends sympathy to the Wesley Rister the hosiptal in Big Spring Monfamily. Wesley's mother, Mrs. day morning. He will be hospital-Nora Rister, passed away at the ized several weeks. Stamford Inn Rest Home.

A wedding shower was given son and Melissa Ann and Mrs. at the Noodle Baptist Church Mamie Hardin of Midland visited Monday for Mr. and Mrs. Doug- Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald las Griffith. Mrs. Griffith is the former Connie Ann Goble of Cross Plains.

Bennie Anderson is home from having a cheep - up in Hendrick Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Gilbert and noon. children of Lubbock spent the weekend with Mrs. Gilbert's par- the Stith Baptist Church Sunday ents, Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Herron. morning were Myrna Liles, Jim

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Smith of Wax and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Abilene gave a dinner, honoring Stephenson and Melisa. Atwell Henderson on his birthday Sunday. Attending he occa- having a new room added to their sion were Tommy Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Eoff and Ina of Mr. and Mrs. John Browning Hamlin, Agness Cross of Hous- are having some work done inside ton, Miss Kay Adkins and Vickie their home. Clark of McMurry College, and Mrs. Mary Joe Clark and Dewey Hutchison of Odessa.



Mrs. Hicks' **Mother Dies** In Lubbock Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson in

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Cypert

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Cypert

Mr. and Mrs. Rev Wilson in

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson in

Mrs. Dee Grimes in memory of

Mrs. T. G. Bragg in memory of

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Teaff in

We have a cold cloudy day this

Myrna Liles and Jim Wax vis-

Mrs. A. M. Evans and Mrs.

Thelma Dedmon spent Suncay

A. J. Johnson had surgery in

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Stephen-

and George over the weekend.

They also visited Mr. and Mrs.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hale and

Mike of Midland visited Mr. and

Mrs. Fritz Hale Saturday after-

Visitors attending services at

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry are

Mr. and Mrs. James Strong

and Melinda of Odessa visited

Mrs. J. E. Swindell and the Rev.

and Mrs. Jesse Swindell and Mac-

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Brown-

ing and children of Tuscola spent

Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John

Mrs. Curtis Clyburn visited Mrs.

W. M. Barker at Anson General

and Nancy

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home

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News

By MRS.

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in memory of R. T. Smith

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Apen

G. W. Teaff

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Narney A. Barrett

Mrs. J. R. Stratton, mother of Mrs. Ben Robert Hicks of Merkel, died Monday, Feb. 13, in Lubbock. Funeral services were held at the Sanders Memorial 16. Chapel with burial in the Memorial Park Cemetery.

Officiating were the Rev. J. T. Bolding, assistant pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, and the Rev. B. H. Kendricks Jr., pastor of the First Baptist Church at Idalou

Survivors are four daughters, Mrs. Hubert Knight, Amarillo, Mrs. Ronald Corn, Roswell, N.M., Mrs. James Roush, Idalou, and Mrs. Hicks; nine grandchildren; and 14 great - grandchildren. Grandsons were pallbearers.

Enlists In U.S. Marine Corps

Lewis Dale Farmer, son of Mrs. Fay Farmer and the late Lewis Farmer, has enlisted in the United States Marine Corps for a four year period.

A senior in Merkel High School, Farmer will leave for San Diego, Calif., upon graduation in May.

ROSES DISCUSSED AT CLUB MEETING

species of roses have been dein her talk on roses to the Mer- new one." kel Garden Club Thursday, Feb.

The meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Charlie Sherrill with Mrs. John Shannon as co-

In discussing "Fashions in Ros-

Texas Ranks 39 In Pupil Cost

AUSTIN (Special to The Merkel Mail) - Texas' expenditure for each of its elementary and high school pupils is more than 50 per cent less than New York state's and 27 per cent less than

A nationwide survey released by Texas State Teachers Association here in Texas disclosed that New York is investing \$912 per pupil annually compared to Texas' \$449. California is spending \$613 annually.

The national average is \$564. The findings place Texas in 39th rank among the 50 states in per

"Over fifty thousand different es," Mrs. McElmurray said that "we up date - our home with new veloped," This statement was appliances and furniture, why not made by Mrs. A. H. McElmurray up - date our rose gardens with

Other members participating in the program were Mrs. Eunice Massey who spoke about the versatile miniature rose; Mrs. Lucy Ford the new Blaze Climbing rose: Mrs. Shannon, the rose as a focal point, and Mrs. Mary Click who discussed the amaryllis culture, and displayed two potted specimens at different stages of growth.

Members present were Mmes. Jarrett Williams, Dee Grimes, Edith Leach, H. N. Odum, Herbert Patterson, G. R. Peachey, G. D. McConnell, Ora Griggs, W. S. J. Brown and Clyde Bartlett. Also Mmes. W. L. Brown, R. M. Ferguson, Johnny Cox, W. T. Sadler, O. R. Dye, Ford, McElmurray, Massey, Click, and Miss Christine Collins and the host-



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