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Up The Canyon

By TOM RUSSOM

My oh my, isn't this sunshine fine. I would think the livestock would be enjoying it better than anything.

We had some cows calving during the ice storm and never lost a baby calf. Now the babies are all thaved out and when we are feeding their mothers the calves put on a show running and jumping.

There's no farming going on in our area and perhaps it will be some time before there is, due to the ground being so wet.

Mrs. Sam Butman was called to the bedside of a sick brother last week. Johnnie Latimer is her brother and has been ill a long time. If anyone has had any bigger loss than Mrs. Butman, I don't know who it is. She lost her father and mother some two years ago, and then her husband, Sam Butman Jr., then recently two more brothers, Clyde Latimer and Oddie Latimer. So we all want to express our sympathy to her and all of the folks.

Louis Butman, who was in the hospital for a few days, is back home and doing fairly well.

A number from the Canyon attended the funeral in Merkel Saturday of Mrs. Marvin Frazier. Mrs. Frazier was the former Valarie Turner. She was raised in the Canyon and went to school here. When she married, she moved away. She was a sister of Mrs. Wade H. Ensminger and Mrs. Elmer Patterson.

Last Saturday, a cousin of the Butman boys and girls dropped by for a short visit with the Butmans. It was Herbert Sargent, a son, Jim, and a son in law, Ralph. They were en route from the state of Maine to Las Vegas, Nev., to a convention of highway builders. They were traveling by plane, landed at Abilene Municipal Airport, rented a car and drove to Mrs. Lottie Everett's home in Merkel, arriving at 8:00 p.m. There was a dinner served them at the ranch home of Mr. and

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REHABILITATION CENTER GIFTS ARE "FROM THE HEART"

District Judge Raleigh Brown, board president for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, said Wednesday morning, "It is very gratifying that the people of the Big Country have responded to the needs of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center."

"The board of directors of the

Rehabilitation Center truly hope that we can continue to keep all facilities open," said Brown, "and it would appear that the people of the area, by their expression of confidence, this will be done."

In the Wednesday edition of the Abilene Reporter - News contributions totaled \$107,941.

In a recent report in the Abilene Reporter - News, Brown said that "these gifts can only be described as 'from the heart.'"

Shelly Smith, director of the WTRC, said "We at the Center are overwhelmed with the confidence of the people in the Big Country. Although our work continues each day, we have a wonderful feeling about all the gifts that are coming in from everywhere. People come from all over Texas for treatments and donations are also coming from all over."

Many from the Merkel area have mailed in contributions to the Center or to the Abilene Reporter - News. Contributions coming in this week via Merkel businesses include:

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones	\$ 5.00
J. E. McDuff	10.00
Betty Jane Tittle	10.00
Merkel Duplicate Bridge	50.00
Victory Baptist Church	41.00
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hicks	25.00
Dorcas Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. Buchanan	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. Leon Scott	25.00
Charlie and Alma Massey	10.00
Merkel Downtown Bible Class	50.00
In memory of Mrs. Rex Redcell: Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson, Janit Deen, Ethel Mitchell	14.00
Roy Baccus	10.00
Taylor County Young Homemakers	5.00
TOTAL	\$295.00
Previous Contribution	\$150.00
	\$445.00

Hospital Board To Meet With Bond Officials

Members of the Merkel Hospital have scheduled meetings with representatives of the First Southwest Company concerning the proposed Hospital for Merkel.

The meetings will entail the possibility of selling bonds under the present market conditions with its high interest rates, and representatives acting in an advisory capacity, according to board member Mrs. John Hardesty.

Mrs. Hardesty said that "further information will be given to the public as soon as reports are completed."

Merkel Masons To Be Honored

The Eastern Star ladies are honoring Masons of the Merkel Masonic Lodge Saturday, Jan. 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wally Noah, at 301 Oak Street.

Mrs. Rosa Lee Denman, Worthy Matron, said that a covered dish supper would be served.

Grant Approved

Rep. Omar Burleson announced Tuesday to the Merkel Mail that an allocation of \$279,145 for application to underprivileged children in Taylor County has been approved by the U.S. Office of Education.

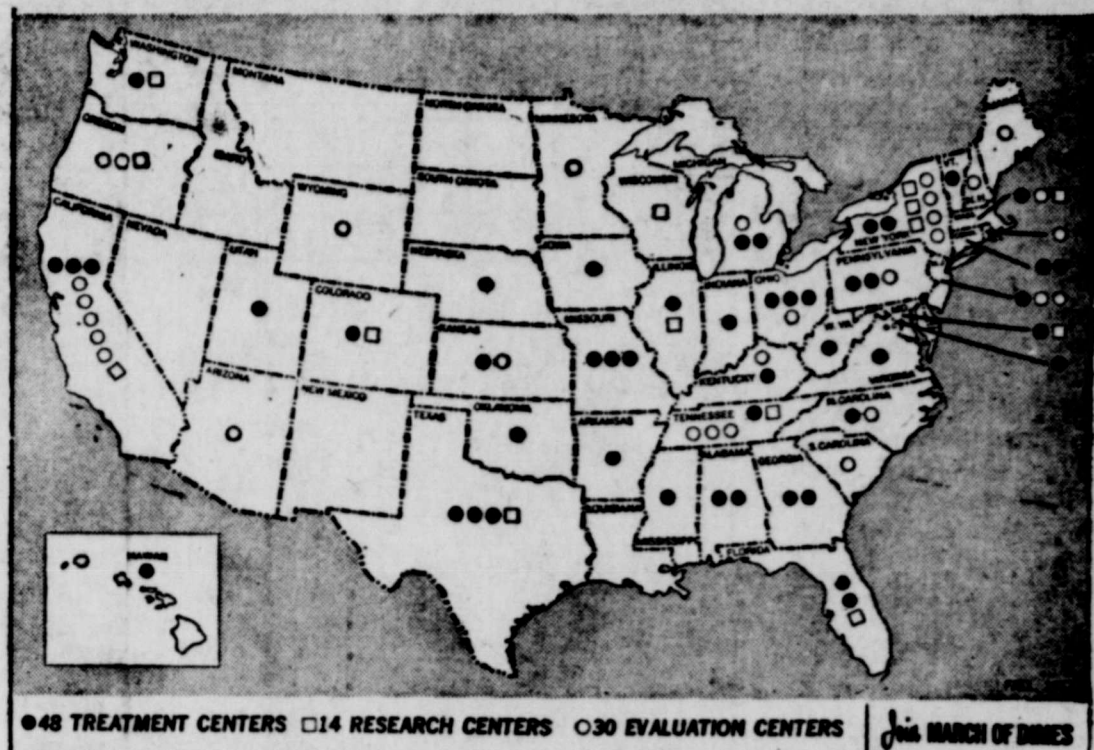
Taylor County funds are to cover 1,728 children from ages 5 to 17.

Presbyterians Set Worship Hour

The Rev. James Sinclair, pastor of the Grace Presbyterian Church, announced this week that Sunday worship hour for the church will begin at 8:30 a.m.

"Sunday School will begin following church, or 9:30 a.m.," said the Rev. Sinclair.

Merkel Mothers Will March Tuesday Evening, Jan. 23



NEARLY 100 MARCH OF DIMES CENTERS — Stepping up its attack against birth defects, the March of Dimes finances new treatment and research centers across the nation. A year ago these numbered 77. Today the total nears 100, but MOD leaders say contributions still are required to meet the need for centers in other parts of the country.

LIVESTOCK SHOW LISTED 120 ENTRIES; WINNERS ARE NAMED

Lee Ann Holloway, fifteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Holloway, showed the grand champion steer at the Merkel Livestock Show held Saturday, Jan. 13 at the vocational agriculture barn.

Grand champion barrow was show by Johnny Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Gray, and Katie Neill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Neill, was awarded the showmanship trophy.

The showmanship trophy, presented to Katie by Norman Winter, manager of Taylor Electric Cooperative, is an award given each year by TEC to a participant on his ability to show his animal and his cooperation with the judges and show officials.

Showmanship trophies presented by Taylor Electric Cooperative the past three years have gone to Rusty Holloway, 1967; Betsy Johnson, 1966, and Myrtle Davis, 1965.

Jake Joyce of Winters, judged the approximately 120 entries in the show. Winners and classes were:

Swine

Duroc Gilt — 1-5 Joe Dudley. Hamp and other gilts — 1. Mike Steck. 2. Andy Stephan. 3. Johnny Gray. 4. Randy Bond. 5. Chuck Fikes.

Barrows, light weight — 1. Joe Dudley. 2. Dale Shields. 3. Johnny Gray. 4. Johnny Gray. 5. Joe Dudley.

Barrows heavy weight — 1-2. Johnny Gray. 3. Larry Byrd. 4. John Read. 5. David Higgins.

Grand champion barrow—Johnny Gray. Reserve champion—Joe Dudley.

Lambs

Finewool — 1. Betsy Johnson. 2. Katie Neill. 3. Betsy Johnson. 4. Suzie Riney. 5. Betsy Johnson.

Cross Breed — 1 & 2 — Robert Clemmer. 3. Mark Clemmer. 4. Robert Clemmer. 5. Pam Sandusky. Hamp and Dorset — 1-2. Katie Neill. 3. Cindy McDonald. 4. Katie Neill. 5. Mark Dudley.

Southdown — 1-2 Katie Neill. 3-4. Beverly Gilmore. 5. Mark Dudley.

Steers

Lightweight — 1 & 2. Terry

Wade. 3. Rusty Holloway. 4. Lee Ann Holloway. 5. Wayne Holloway.

Heavyweight — 1 & 2 Lee Ann Holloway. 2. Rusty Holloway. 3. Randy Bond. 4 & 5. Terry Wade.

Grand champion steer — Lee Ann Holloway. Reserve champion, Terry Wade.

Contributors toward the Merkel Livestock Show include:

Onis Graham, Home State Bank, Carriker Grocery, Armstrong Garage and Brenam Skelly Service Station.

Also Truck - O Tell Skelly Station, Betty's Cafe, Walter Riney Gulf Station, Freeman's Cafe and DuBose Shamrock Station.

Also Carl Edward's Grocery, Starr Hardware, Trent Community Club, International Tractor Co. of Abilene and Coleman Production Credit Co.

Also Boney Insurance Agency, Palmer Motor Company, Hardy Grocery, Quanna Dudley and Dr.

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Volunteers Asked To Meet at School

The Merkel March of Dimes Drive will be completed Tuesday, Jan. 23 as Mothers March to collect the dimes and dollars that will be used for patient care and scientific research.

Mrs. Larry Walker, Mothers March chairman, said that several had volunteered for the drive Tuesday evening, "but more are needed."

Women willing to enlist in Merkel's March of Dimes fight against birth defects were asked today to step forward.

"We need volunteers in Merkel to call on their neighbors during Mother's March Tuesday evening," Mrs. White said.

"We feel strongly that no woman's time could be invested in a worthy cause," she added. "Even as little as one hour can be immeasurably useful during the March of Dimes 30th Anniversary drive."

"The National Foundation — March of Dimes has been fighting crippling diseases for 30 years. It has conquered polio and looks forward to an even greater victory over birth defects," Mrs. White declared.

"Every year birth defects claim the lives of 18,000 children before they reach their first birthday. Three out of five children with birth defects who survive their second birthday require specialized medical, educational or custodial care."

For these the March of Dimes supports coordinated treatment through its nationwide network of nearly 100 Birth Defects Research and Treatment Centers.

"It also provides public education programs about birth defects and seeks to focus increasing public attention on the need for adequate prenatal care for expectant mothers. In this field the voluntary health organization hopes to make a telling mark."

"To attain these goals we need volunteer mothers, and we need people with open hearts to receive them when they call Tuesday evening."

Assisting Mrs. White in the Tuesday evening March will be Leon Walker, principal of the Merkel Elementary School.

Volunteers are asked to meet at the Merkel Elementary School Library, where workers' packets will be handed out.

Mrs. White said that she and Mr. Walker will be at the school as early as 4:30 p.m., and any worker who would like to begin early could meet there at that time.

Bryan Bradbury To Speak Tonight

Bryan Bradbury, an Abilene attorney, will be principal speaker at the Merkel Parent Teacher Association, Thursday evening, Jan. 18, according to program chairman, Mrs. J. Lynn Knight.

Mr. Bradbury will speak to the association on his tour of Russia, emphasizing the educational aspects of that country.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m., and will be held in the high school auditorium.

PTA president, Vincent Barnett, urged all parents to attend this meeting and to "bring a guest."

"We extend an invitation to people in the Merkel area to attend this meeting," he said, "for we know that you will enjoy hearing Mr. Bradbury."

F&M NATIONAL BANK RE-ELECTS OFFICERS

All of the directors of Farmers and Merchants National Bank, Merkel, were re-elected at a meeting of the bank's shareholders in annual meeting at the bank Tuesday evening, Jan. 16. Following the meeting of stockholders the directors re-elected all of the officers of the bank.

Re-elected directors are H. C. West, W. S. J. Brown, Dr. W. T. Sadler, M.D., Dr. Donald W. Warren, M.D., and Booth Warren.

Officers re-elected are Booth Warren, president and chairman of the board; Mary Collins, active vice president; Donald W. Warren, M.D., senior vice president, inactive; H. C. West, vice president, inactive; W. S. J. Brown, vice president, inactive; Geo. T. Moore, cashier; Mildred Hamm, assistant cashier; and Betty Jane Tittle, assistant cashier.

Third Friday Night Singing

Community Singing president, John Crane, announced that Third Friday Night Singing will be held Friday, Jan. 19 at the Victory Baptist Church at 307 El Paso.

Mr. Crane invited all who "love good music, either to participate or listen, to come out Friday at 6:30 p.m."



AT MERKEL SHOW — Betsy Johnson, a member of the Merkel 4-H Club, was exhibitor of the grand champion fine-wool lamb at the Merkel Livestock Show Saturday. Betsy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Johnson.



GRAND CHAMPION BARROW — Johnny Gray, 11, had the grand champion barrow at the Merkel Show Saturday. Johnny is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Gray and is a member of the Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club. (Staff Photos)

PUGGY



by Horace Elmo

and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 2nd day of January A.D. 1968.

(Seal)
Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk,
42nd District Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
44 4tc

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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 published in Taylor County, Tex-

as, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

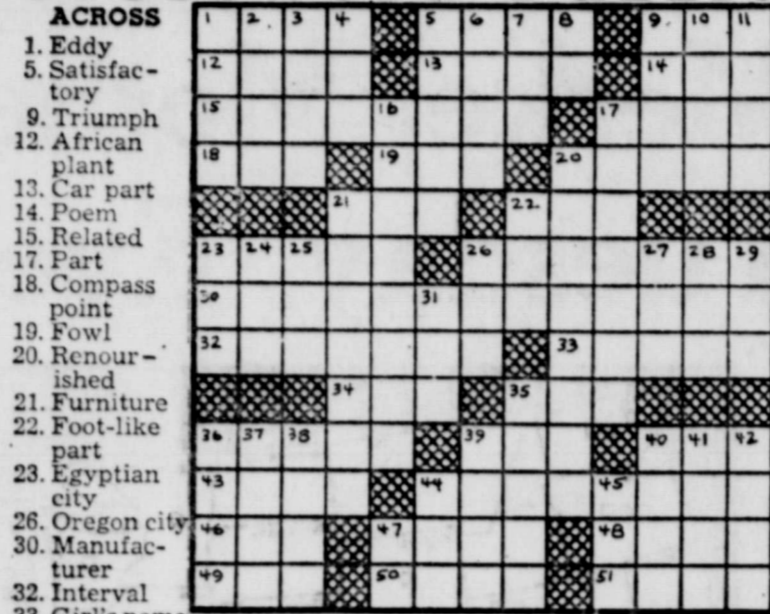
TO: Vernon Earl Thomas, Defendant, Greetings:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Court of Domestic Relations of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty - two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 12th day of February A.D. 1968, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 7th day of December A.D. 1967, in this cause, numbered 3369 on the docket of said court and styled Betty Darlene Thomas Plaintiff, vs. Vernon Earl Thomas Defendant.

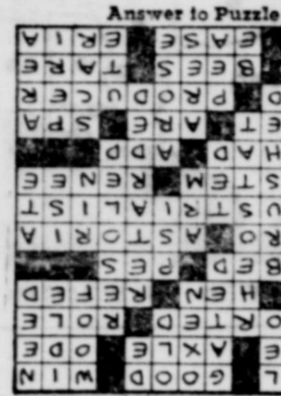
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married April 1, 1965 and became separated June 1, 1966. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment as is

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 - Poem
 - Related
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 - Compass point
 - Fowl
 - Renourished
 - Furniture
 - Foot-like part
 - Egyptian city
 - Oregon city
 - Manufacturer
 - Interval
 - Girl's name
 - Owned
 - Append
 - Mark
 - Be
 - Resort
 - Employed
 - Exhibitor
 - Sift
 - Insects
 - Vetch
 - Gloomy
 - Facilitate
 - Silkworm
 - Encountered
 - Greek letter
 - Title: Span.
 - Cuckoo
 - Asian mountain
 - Limb
 - Tin Tin
 - Suffix
 - Consumed
 - Spread grass
 - Ascended
 - Mongrels
 - On water
 - Grass
 - Greek god
 - Isolated rock
 - Elf
 - Region
 - Vegetable
 - Indian
 - Exist
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- Values
 - Shrubs
 - Cord
 - the lion
 - Confined to school
 - Cattle
 - Aged
 - Prefix: away
 - Texture
 - Useless
 - Require
 - Resistor
 - Repaired shoes again
 - Impeded



more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 29th day of December A.D. 1967.

(Seal)
Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk,
Domestic Relations Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
44 4tc

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TO: Edwin E. Williams d-b-a Williams Texaco, Defendant, Greeting:

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

to collect notes totalling \$1,300.00, interest thereon, attorneys fees and costs of suit as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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- Miscellaneous -

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MASONIC MEETING
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OUR HEARTFELT THANKS to all who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the beautiful service, floral offerings, food and other kindnesses, we are deeply grateful. The J. R. Redding Family

CLASSIFIEDS GET RESULTS

Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



We have been having sunshine for the last few days and it is a help to the grain. Just a few more days and the cotton will be out. John Dewey Reddin died at his home Wednesday at 12:10 after a long illness. He was a longtime resident of Stith. His funeral was held at the Starbuck Funeral Chapel in Merkel Friday. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery. J. C. Allen died in Lake Charles, La., Monday. His funeral was held in Merkel Thursday. Burial was also in Rose Hill Cemetery. He was a former resident of Merkel and was an uncle of Orval Ely, Waymon Hicks and a cousin of Mrs. Curtis Clyburn, all of Stith. Mike and Debbie Fikes were honored with a joint birthday party at their home Tuesday, by their mother, Mrs. Charles Fikes. J. R. Mashburn of Carlsbad, N.M., visited over the weekend in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn and Rodney. Visitors Sunday were Mrs. John Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shaw, Hawley; and Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Hardin and James, Lawn. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Womack, Anson, and Mrs. Charles Scott, Abilene, visited Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. John Browning were supper guests Saturday in the home of their son and family. Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning, Tuscola. They all attended a musical at the Tuscola Community Center.

AGA Plans Area Meeting Jan. 22

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LIVESTOCK

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Don Warren. Also Kenneth Purser, Winter Butane, Bill's Flower Shop, Wilson Food Store and J. L. Fisher Gas.

Also Merkel Auto Supply, Max Murrell Chevrolet, Taylor Telephone, Johnson 6th Street Grocery and Barnett Barber Shop.

Also Starbuck Company, Crawford's, Carzon Grocery, Bullock Hardware and Hicks Auto Supply.

Also Merkel Telephone Company, Wilson Jeweler, Mellinger's, Ben Franklin and West Texas Utilities.

Also Farmers and Merchants National Bank, Conley Barber Shop, West Company, Merkel Drug Company and Power Feed Mill.

Also Pavmaster, Wilbur Thomas Shell Station, Irvin Davis, O. F. Fox and Joe Holloway.

Also Acock Cleaners, Mack's Cleaners, Stacy Bird, Jarrett Pincley and Mansfield Feed Store.

Also Merkel Premier Station, Clyde Wurst, Joe Nalley, Joe Higgins and Laverne Moore.

Also Merkel Restaurant, Goodwin Grain Company, Farm and Ranch Supply, Luskey's Western Store and Lon McDonald Oak Street Gulf.

Also Tom Ruzom, Leroy Riney, W. W. Toombs, Joe Cypert, and Johnny Cox.

Also Wilmer Criswell, Farmers Coop Gin of Merkel, H. W. Lemens, Botane, Merkel Locker Plant and Melone Implement Company.

Also Higginbotham Bartlett Lumber Co., William R. Cypert Tax Service, Irvin Thompson Butane, Albert Maberry and Mark Williamson.

Also John Hamner, Weldon Beasley, Merkel Mail, Merkel Chamber of Commerce and Dr. W. T. Sadler.

Also Dudley and Son, Lem and Alice Dudley, Ed Sandusky, Frazier & Stewart Ford Company, and Abilene Auction.

Also Ranchers and Farmers Livestock Commission, L. J. Gray, T. L. Holloway, Braggs Dry Goods W. B. Toombs and Jim Polk.

CEMETERY FUND

The following made recent donations to the Merkel Cemetery Fund:

Pet Touchstone in memory of Opal Beech
Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox in memory of Opal Beech
Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler in memory of Opal Beech
Mrs. W. E. Byrum
Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Thompson in memory of Opal Beech
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson in memory of Rosa Beaird
Mrs. R. S. Scott
Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Dye in memory of Opal Beech
Mr. and Mrs. Weldon McAninch in memory of Annie Vaughn
Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Mitchell in memory of Mrs. D. H. Vaughn
Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Pee in memory of Mrs. "Doc" Vaughn
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pee in memory of Mrs. Vaughn
Luna Johnston in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. White
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hicks in memory of Mrs. D. A. Compton
Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler in memory of Mrs. Doc Vaughn
Mrs. Annie L. Ferrier
Mrs. Dennis Favis
Mrs. T. K. Marshall
Mrs. Ina Hunter in memory of Mrs. D. H. Vaughn
Men's S. S. Class of Tye Methodist Church in memory of M. H. Ely
Dr. and Mrs. Jarrett Williams
Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler in memory of Odie Griffin
Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler in memory of Vera Compton
Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Crutsinger in memory of "Butch"
George T. Groene
Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Simpson in memory of D. H. Vaughn
A. F. Criswell
Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Mansfield in memory of Odie Griffin
Mr. and Mrs. Horace Boney in memory of Odie Griffin
Mr. and Mrs. Benny Melton in memory of Odie Griffin
Mrs. John R. West in memory of Mrs. D. A. Compton and Mrs. Earl Beech

The Merkel Mail in memory of L. F. Bookman
Mrs. Robert R. Buford
Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Jones
Mrs. Effie Rider
Mrs. Yeah A. Hand
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Butman in memory of Harold Cox
Mrs. M. G. Bryan
Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler in memory of Harold Cox and J. D. Reddin.

MHS CHEERLEADERS HONOR BADGER TEAM

In speaking to the Badger Football team, cheerleaders and guests, David McWilliams, head coach at Abilene High School, described a football player as a "winner, happy and successful."

"A football player is doing something on his own, and he's happy about his accomplishments," said McWilliams. "He abides by rules, set up by his team, school and society, and whenever he gets downed, he picks himself up. With this kind of play, the football player will continue to get up in his everyday living, for he will always be striving for goals."

Held at the Sands Restaurant, and hosted by the Merkel High School Cheerleaders, guests entered the banquet room to a decor

of "Moonlight and Roses." Besides football team and their dates, coaches, other guests included band members, and faculty and board members.

Vocal entertainment was presented by Martha Ferguson and Richard Petree, students at McMurry College.

Head cheerleader, Kathy Whisenhunt, welcomed guests and Ronnie McKeever was master of ceremonies.

PAMPERED PETS

Pet food companies report a trend toward "humanization" and convenience in their food products.

Compere HD Club Hast First Meet

The Compere Home Demonstration Club met Jan. 11 in the home of Mrs. Don Adair for the first meeting of the New Year.

New officers are Mrs. Don Adair, president; Mrs. Buddy Williams, vice president, and Mrs. Dwain Johnson, secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. Adair presided at the business meeting and roll call was answered with "What I Can Do To Improve My Club." Minutes were read and approved, year books were filled in, and the club prayer was repeated in unison.

Refreshments were served to Mmes. Ab Hunter, Dwain Johnson, Clyde Chancey, Buddy Williams, Adair and to five children.

Quarterly Report of Taylor County Treasurer

On January 8, 1968 The Commissioners Court met in regular session compared and examined the report of Mrs. Bob Hale, County Treasurer, for the quarter ending December 31, 1967, and found to be correct, and the amount received and paid out to be correct since the preceding report.

FUNDS	Balance Last Q'tr.	Received This Q'tr.	Paid Out This Q'tr.	Balance This Q'tr.
Jury Fund	\$ 31,578.06	\$ 231.69	\$ 7,740.97	\$ 24,068.78
Precinct No. 1	37,511.41	768.37	12,800.87	25,478.91
Precinct No. 2	69,703.07	11,726.82	24,913.38	56,516.51
Precinct No. 3	54,870.58	794.56	13,260.88	42,404.26
Precinct No. 4	38,895.39	801.19	13,900.87	25,795.71
General Fund	101,255.20	164,100.79	173,848.49	91,507.50
Fifth Class Pauper Fund	7,314.83	32,003.00	31,318.39	7,996.44
Rd. Dist. No. 1 S. F. 1947	230.00	—	—	230.00
Rd. Dist. No. 1 B. F. 1953	24,576.40	—	—	24,576.40
Rd. Dist. No. 1 S. F. 1953	17,239.19	766.04	1,568.75	16,436.48
Officers Salary Fund	15,720.10	130,892.08	114,970.52	31,641.66
Lateral Road Fund	49,971.60	860.44	11,970.63	38,861.41
Road & Bridge R.O.W. Fund	39,015.97	315.17	—	39,331.14
Permanent School Fund	1,694.77	233.92	214.50	1,714.19
Payroll Account	1,050.00	157,648.17	157,648.17	1,050.00
Permanent Improvement S.F. 54	11,791.24	336.39	4,234.35	7,893.28
Law Library Fund	686.66	1,438.50	1,578.58	546.58
Permanent Improvement Fund	282.69	1.34	—	284.03
Expenditure Fund	—	23,797.47	23,797.47	—
Rd. Dist. No. 1 B. F. 1955	686.40	—	—	686.40
Rd. Dist. No. 1 S. F. 1955	20,844.76	685.42	753.00	20,777.18
F.I.C.A. Tax Fund	17,815.61	13,291.55	13,112.54	17,994.62
Ref'd Bond S. F. 1957	2,991.92	272.17	—	3,264.09
Special R & B Fund	1,286.00	—	—	1,286.00
J. P. Prec. 1 Place 2	10,004.87	33.97	—	10,038.84
Coliseum B. F. Ser. 1967	1,712,479.57	14,007.81	18,312.47	1,708,174.91
Coliseum S. F. Ser. 1967	8,143.50	1,071.60	—	9,215.10
C. H. & Jail B. F. Ser. '67	2,989,479.95	23,535.55	361,247.26	2,651,768.24
C. H. & Jail S. F. Ser. '67	13,960.30	1,850.57	—	15,810.87
	\$5,281,280.04	\$581,461.58	\$987,192.09	\$4,875,549.53

BANK BALANCES

Abilene Nat'l. Bank	\$ 290,000.00—Total Deposits	\$4,875,549.53
First Nat'l. Bank	1,797,702.38—Total Time Deposits	4,380,789.45
Citizens Nat'l. Bank	1,753,374.68	
First State, Abilene	862,568.10—Total Checking A-C	\$ 494,760.08
First State, Tuscola	171,904.37	
	\$4,875,549.53	

Securities Owned By Taylor County—Owned by Perm. School Fund

Jury Fund Gov. Bonds	\$10,000.00—Everman Ind. School Bds.	8,000.00
Rd. Dist. No. 1 Skg. Fd. 47-53	13,492.38—Gov. Bonds	\$ 3,000.00
Rd. Dist. No. 1 Skg. Fd. S. 47-53	—San Saba Road Bonds	1,000.00
Buffalo Gap S. Bonds	3,200.00—Buffalo Gap School Bond	4,700.00
	—Federal Land Bonds	1,636.30
	\$26,492.38	\$18,336.30

Securities Owned By Refunding Bond Sinking Fund Series 1957.

Taylor County Permanent Imp. Bonds Series 1954	\$5,000.00
	\$5,000.00

TAYLOR COUNTY BOND INDEBTEDNESS

Issues	Original Issues	Bonds Redeemed	Bonds Outstanding
Bond Series 1953	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 125,000.00
Bond Series 1954	850,000.00	488,000.00	362,000.00
Bond Series 1955	350,000.00	290,000.00	60,000.00
Ref'd Bonds — Series 1957	397,000.00	358,000.00	39,000.00
Coliseum Bonds S. 1967	1,750,000.00	—	1,750,000.00
Courthouse & Jail B. F. 1967	3,000,000.00	—	3,000,000.00
	\$4,697,000.00	\$ 361,000.00	\$5,336,000.00

The Requirements of Art. No. 401 P.C. have been compiled with, and a tabular statement has been filed as required.

GROVER NELSON
Commissioner Precinct No. 1

JOE CYPERT
Commissioner Precinct No. 2

FLOYD TATE
Commissioner Precinct No. 3

J. T. McMILLON
Commissioner Precinct No. 4

ROY SKAGGS
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MRS. CHESTER HUTCHESON
County Clerk, Taylor County

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BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Jan. 18-20 — Jim Ned Tournament
c-Jan. 22 — Baird boys A & B, girls A here at 6:00 p.m.
c-Jan. 29 — Jim Ned boys A & B, girls A here at 6:00 p.m.
c-Feb. 5 — Wylie boys A & B, girls A here at 6:00 p.m.
c-Feb. 12 — Baird boys A & B, girls A here at 6:00 p.m.
c-Conference game.

W-2 Reminder To Employers

DALLAS — Employers are reminded that the Form W-2, showing income and social security tax information for 1967, must be furnished all employees on or before Wednesday, January 31, 1968, according to Ellis Campbell Jr., District Director of Internal Revenue for Northern Texas.

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FORT WORTH RODEO TO STAR REX ALLEN

Western entertainer Rex Allen will be the guest star of the 1968 Fort Worth Stock Show Rodeo, January 26 through February 4. With an extensive background in Western movies, television, recording and countless stage and arena performances Rex Allen has earned his title of "Mister Cowboy". Appearing with Allen at Fort Worth will be the "Men of the West", an outstanding group of Western musicians. Other attractions of the '68 Fort Worth Rodeo include "Big Loop" Roping, Championship trick and fancy riding, former "Miss Texas" Linda Loftis, and a most unusual dressage exhibition. Tickets for the Fort Worth Rodeo are available by mail from the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, P. O. Box 150, Fort Worth, Texas 76101.

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Do you know the seven warning signals of cancer?

1. Unusual bleeding or discharge.
2. A lump or thickening in the breast or elsewhere.
3. A sore that does not heal.
4. Change in bowel or bladder habits.
5. Hoarseness or cough.
6. Indigestion or difficulty in swallowing.
7. Change in a wart or mole.

Just in case you don't: 1. Unusual bleeding or discharge. 2. A lump or thickening in the breast or elsewhere. 3. A sore that does not heal. 4. Change in bowel or bladder habits. 5. Hoarseness or cough. 6. Indigestion or difficulty in swallowing. 7. Change in a wart or mole. If a signal lasts longer than two weeks see your doctor.

Guard those you love.
Give to the American Cancer Society

Bridal Tea Honors Mrs. Dave Claborn

Mrs. Onis Graham of Trent was hostess Saturday for a bridal tea, honoring Mrs. David Claborn, formerly Sara Beth Barksdale.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barksdale of Garland, and Claborn, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Claborn of Trent, were married Thanksgiving Day.

The couple live in Dallas, where Mrs. Claborn is a stewardess with American Airlines, and the bridegroom, a 1963 graduate of North Texas University, is production manager for Collins Radio in Richardson.

Hostesses for the tea were Meses. John Crow, Frank Upp, Sid Ross, Don Larry Ridgeway, and Ronny English, all of Abilene. Also Meses. Don Gardner, Sweetwater; Art Trepainer, Dallas; Gerald Judd, Lubbock, and D. H. Jones, George Byron and Orvil Robinson, Trent.

Out of town guests included the bride's sister in law, Mrs. Tommy Barksdale, and her mother, Mrs. Barksdale, both of Dallas. The bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Claborn, was also a guest at the tea.

Talent Show

A Talent Show, sponsored by the Trent High School Band, will be presented Saturday, Jan. 20 at Trent High School, and will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Betty Hamner said that entries will be accepted until Jan. 19. "There is no entry fee," she said, "and prizes will be given for the best performances."

Persons interested in entering the show may contact either Mrs. Betty Hamner or Mrs. Letty Hamner.

Admission to the Talent Show will be fifty cents for adults and twenty-five cents for children, 12 years of age or under. Preschoolers will be admitted free.



MYRTIE DAVIS
... in judging competition

Merkel HS Grad On Judging Team

Myrtle Davis, a freshman student at Tarleton State College in Stephenville, and a 1967 graduate of Merkel High School was one of five chosen out of thirty for the Livestock Judging team, according to the college's agriculture instructor, Stanley Westbrook.

Competing for the team with a group of thirty participants, Myrtle was the "only girl in the team." She was coached by Westbrook.

Myrtle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Davis, was active in Livestock shows while a student at Merkel High School.

She was a member of the Merkel High School Band, an officer in the Future Homemakers of America, a member of the National Honor Society, and her sophomore year, was PFA Sweetheart, and her senior year was band favorite.

Mrs. Davis said that Myrtle's first competition will be at the Fort Worth Livestock Show Feb. 3.

At Tarleton, she is an English major and speech minor.

Sweetwater Man Back On Job

George W. Leonard, prominent attorney in Sweetwater, and son in law of L. H. McAden of Merkel, who was injured in a golf cart and automobile accident in August of last year, went back to work Monday, Jan. 15.

Leonard is connected with the law firm of Mays, Leonard, Moore and Dixon.

Aboard Destroyer

USS HENDERSON — Quartermaster Third Class James O. Crawford, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Onis Crawford of 1413 Stewart, Merkel, participated in "Bead Stringer" as a crewmember aboard the destroyer USS Henderson.

"Bead Stringer," a U.S. First Fleet training exercise, was held off the coast of Southern California and lasted from Jan. 4 through the 13th. It was planned to prepare the 23 ships and nine air units that participated, for conditions prevailing in Southeast Asia.

The exercise included advanced training in surface warfare tactics, anti-submarine, air and PT boat warfare operations, and shore bombardment.

Gets Assignment

PLEIKU, Vietnam—Army Chief Warrant Officer Billy G. Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. John O. Young Sr., 1301 S. Third St., Merkel, was assigned as an Army aviator in the 119th Assault Helicopter Company near Pleiku, Vietnam, Dec. 13.

His wife, Mary Lee, lives at 516 S. W. Fourth Ave., Mineral Wells.

Up The Canyon

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Mrs. Louis Butman. After the meal was over, a fine visit was held around the large fireplace in the Butman home. Those present for the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Ford Butman, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russom and Mrs. Lottie Everett.

The Butmans were told by their cousin, Ralph Sargent, that their father's old home, where the late Sam Butman was born and raised until he came to Merkel, is still there in Searsport, Maine, and still in excellent shape.

The Butmans were extended an invitation Sunday morning at 10 a.m. for a plane ride from the airport up to their places in the canyon. Those who were in the flying party were Mr. and Mrs. Ford Butman, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Butman, Mrs. A. D. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russom, and son Don, an Air Force student from the San Angelo Air Base, and Mrs. Lottie Everett. I would say the flying was wonderful, flying some 4,500 feet at 200 miles per hour, gives you a little different feeling.

If I ever show by banker my ranch, I want him to see it from the air. It is more beautiful.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Crawford of Rankin, Tex., attended Mrs. Otis Moore's funeral at Nolan this week. Had a short visit with them, and they remarked how they enjoyed getting the Merkel Mail, enjoyed news about the Canyon.

Remember the Third Friday Night Singing will be this Friday at the Victory Baptist Church. Everyone is invited to attend.

Happiness Theme For Club Meeting

"Happiness Is Sharing" was the theme for the Trent Community Garden Club meeting Monday, January 15, at the school cafeteria. Mrs. Mary Click spoke on "Transplanting and Growing of Kalanchoe." The subject, "Discriminations in Containers and Accessories," was presented by Mrs. Odell Freeman.

Mrs. Rachel Butler, Mrs. Othell Barnhill and Mrs. Odell Freeman exhibited flower arrangements depicting "For Amber Waves of Grain."

Members present were Meses. Othell Barnhill, Carl Edwards, W. L. Brown, Weldon Beasley and Lottie Everett.

Also Meses. Mary Click, Fred Hamilton, Foy Steadman, Ocell Freeman, Leslie Beasley, Rachel Butler and Geta Williamson.

Hostesses were Mrs. Lottie Everett and Mrs. Odell Freeman.

Mrs. W. L. Brown is club president and Mrs. Weldon Beasley is program chairman.

Peace Corps Test

Merkel area residents interested in putting their skills to use in developing nations around the world are invited to take the Peace Corps Placement Test at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20 at Room 2201, New Post Office building in Abilene.

The Peace Corps uses the Placement Test to determine how an applicant can best be utilized overseas. The test measures general aptitude and the ability to learn a language, not education or achievement. The test requires no preparation and is non-competitive; an applicant can neither pass nor fail.

Persons interested in serving with the Peace Corps must fill out an Application, if they have not already done so, and present it to the tester before the test. Application forms are available from post offices or from the Peace Corps in Washington, D.C., 20525.



STATE RUNNER-UP IN COUNTY YHT PUBLICITY — Taylor County Chapter (Area IV), Young Homemakers of Texas, has been named second place winner in the state Young Homemaker publicity contest among local chapters. The announcement was made Friday during the annual awards luncheon of the state YHT convention held in Austin. Mrs. Gayle Baker, Taylor County chapter member, accepted the silver tray award from Mrs. Wanda Cleveland, left, state YHT vice president from Tuscola. (Photo Courtesy YHT)

VOTER REGISTRATION INCREASE EXPECTED

Texas voters are again warned that they must apply for a voter registration certificate by the end of this month if they want to participate in this year's elections.

Application forms may be picked up at the City Hall or the Chamber of Commerce office in Merkel, or may be made by personal appearance at the county tax assessor-collector's office at the Courthouse in Abilene.

Texas Secretary of State John L. Hill, who is sponsoring a statewide voter registration drive, has predicted that this year's registrations will show a very substantial increase over former years. The previous high was in 1964, that last presidential election year, when a total of 2,984,766 registrants were reported by county tax assessor-collectors under the poll tax system then in force.

The total registration in 1966 was slightly under 2,970,000, including registrations under the poll tax system and free registrations during a supplement registration period in March 1966 after a federal court decision invalidated poll tax payments as a condition for voting.

Hill attributes the expected increase in registrations to several factors. In addition to population growth, he has pointed out that this is the first presidential election year under the new system of free registration, and registrations for a presidential election year normally exceed those for any other year in each four-year period. This is also the first year in which all voters will be required to register. Another important factor, Hill said, is that this registration period marks a high in

the activities of groups conducting registration drives.

Voters who have not already applied for registration are urged to do so immediately.

Seymore Attends Training School

Connie Mack Seymore, agent for Farmers Union Insurances at Merkel, recently returned from Denver, Colo., where he attended a 3-day Advanced Training School sponsored by the company for their leading agent.

Seymore was one of the 91 agents in a 16 state area who qualified for this special training in the field of life insurance and in property and casualty insurance procedures.

Seymore has represented Farmers Union Insurances for the past year and resides with his family at 1311 South 3rd in Merkel.

Homemakers Hear Report

Taylor County Young Homemakers met Monday, at the Taylor Electric Cooperative building for their regular monthly meeting.

Guest speaker was Mrs. Mattie Faye Dixon of Tuscola, who presented a demonstration on liquid embroidery (tube painting on cloth materials).

During the business meeting, Mrs. Hugh Baker gave a report on the State Convention, held in Austin, Jan. 12-13. Attending the convention besides Mrs. Baker were Mr. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Cutler, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blankenship. The theme was Building Family Unity, and approximately 450 were in attendance.

The Taylor County Club also voted to make a contribution to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Attending were Meses. Ronnie Toombs, Dick Danneheim, Billy Lucas, Billy Dalton, Joe Gregory, Billy Bob Toombs and Baker.

ALL TYPES OF INSURANCE BONEY INS. AGENCY Phone 8-5151

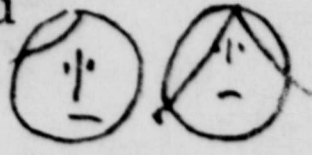
JANUARY CLEARANCE PRICES CONTINUED

Boots - Boots Cowboy - Wellington Roughout - Safety Men's \$12.99 up Boys \$5.99 up	LADIES' Shoes Latest Styles New Colors Values to \$6.99 \$3.99
Men's Suits Finest Fabrics Latest Styles Sizes 36 to 46 \$38.88 up	LADIES' Dresses New Styles and Colors Priced Low FOR QUICK SALE
WHITE DRESS Shirts Values to \$4.99 \$2.99	LADIES' NYLON Hose 2 pairs \$1.00
MEN'S BANLON Socks Regular \$1.00 2 pairs \$1.50	LADIES' NYLON Slips \$2.99
MEN'S Shoes \$7.99	CANNON BATH Towels 2 for \$1.39

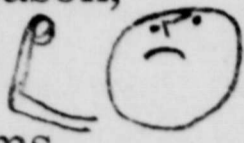
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The day the mouse roared.

You're in school for 12 years. But most of you will never make a team. Why?



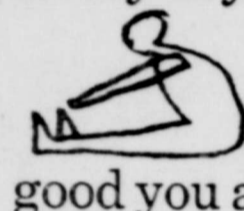
Because you're too light. Because you're a girl. Because you work after school and can't practice. Whatever the reason, it's a fact: the same kids make all the teams.



Today you can stand up and do something about it. There's a new kind of team at school. The President's All America Team.

And everybody has the same chance to make it. Don't let the name scare you into thinking it's difficult. It's easy if you're in shape. Impossible if you're not.

Every boy and girl 10 to 17 can try out. This is a test of all-around ability (not how good you are in one sport).



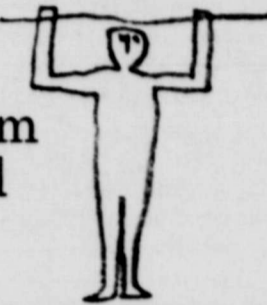
It's a test of strength, speed and endurance.

You have to run, jump, sit-up, pull-up and throw a softball.



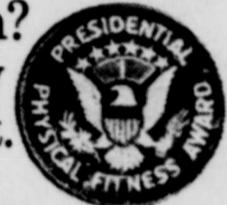
Big guys have no advantage over little guys. Boys have no advantage over girls.

This is the youngest, smallest, lightest, newest, strongest team in America.



Last year, 50,000 kids made the team and won an award and a badge from the President.

Can you make the President's All America Team? You'll never know unless you try out. So do it.



And don't worry about your size, sex or shape. After all, David beat Goliath.

Delilah took away Samson's strength. And you can be the mouse that roared.



Services Held For Mrs. Frazier

Funeral services for Mrs. Marvin Frazier, 58, were held Saturday, Jan. 13 in the Merkel Methodist Church, with the Rev. Newton Daniel, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born June 22, 1909 in Merkel, she married Marvin Frazier in 1925 in Merkel. The couple moved to El Paso in 1930 and to Pecos in 1952.

Survivors are her husband; two sons, Deverel of Midland, Clifford of Pecos; one brother, Virgil Turner of Abilene; five sisters, Mrs. E. J. Patterson, Mrs. Wade Ensminger, Mrs. Rex Martin, all of Merkel, Mrs. John Frazier of Coyanosa, Tex., Mrs. Howard Masserang, Eagle Pass; her mother, Mrs. Elwood Turner, Abilene; and six grandchildren.

Pallebearers were Roy Evans, David Frazier, Billy Frazier, Elby Frazier, E. J. Patterson Jr., J. L. Cook; honorary pallbearers were nephews.

JOHN D. REDDIN DIES AT AGE 64

John Dewey Reddin, 64, died Wednesday morning, January 10 at his residence at Rt. 3, Merkel, after being in poor health for several years.

Funeral services were held Friday in Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. H. S. Earp, Assembly of God minister from Abilene and the Rev. James Williams, Baptist Minister from Stith, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Reddin, a longtime resident of Jones and Taylor Counties, was born Nov. 26, 1903, at Anson. He moved to the Stith Community with his parents in 1918. He married Ruby Burns May 24, 1922, at Stith. He was a stock farmer and had lived in this area since 1918.

Survivors include his wife; one son, John Rudolph Reddin of Abilene; two brothers, Howard of Abilene and Douglas of Merkel;

two sisters, Mrs. Robert Jones and Mrs. O. A. Winters, both of Abilene; two grandsons, John David and Ronald Lynn Reddin. Pallbearers were Stanley Berge, Jim McCartney, Don Winters, Charles Reddin, Paul Burns Jr., Gilbert Burns, Max Winters and Eugene Whitmire.

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Mrs. Boyd Hosts Study Club Meet

The January 9, 1968 meeting of the Merkel Fortnightly Study Club was at the Merkel Restaurant, with Mrs. John Boyd hostess.

Mrs. Ben R. Hicks gave the program, "Happiness at Home." Club members, in a "Show and Tell" time, showed articles they had made.

Those attending were Mrs. Ben R. Hicks, Comer Haynes, Bryan Dunagin, Rev. Wilson, Don Dudley, Andy Shouse, Dave Brumbeau, John Boyd and Miss Christine Collins.

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Mrs. Mary Earl Dies at Age 85

lenc; a brother, W. J. Parsons of Abilene; several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Mary Earl, 85, died in Starr Nursing Home Friday, following a long illness.

Funeral services were held Saturday in Elliott's Chapel of Memories with the Rev. Don Greenway, pastor of Northside Baptist Church, officiating, assisted by the Rev. J. A. McDaniel, associate pastor. Burial was in Buffalo Gap Cemetery, with nephews as pallbearers.

Born Sept. 3, 1882, in Bandera County, she moved to Buffalo Gap in 1906. In 1918 she came to Abilene and lived there until moving to the Merkel Nursing Home in Sept. 1967.

Her husband, Charlie H. Earl, died Sept. 27, 1941.

She was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Martha Bell Phillip and Mrs. Sara McKinzie, both of Abilene.

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Although the population has reached the 200 million mark, the sales volume of fluid whole milk, butter and cream decreases in 1967. Milk is packed with nutrition and necessary for all, children, adults and the aged.

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LONG BEFORE THE COMING OF THE WHITE MAN, INDIANS TRAPPED THE SILVER SARDINE IN PRIMITIVE NETS.

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A CAN OF SARDINES WITH A COUPLE OF HOLES IN IT TO ALLOW THE OIL TO ESCAPE IS AN EXCELLENT FISH LURE.

VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE TRULY AMERICAN SARDINES ARE CAUGHT AND CANNED IN MAINE. THE SMALL FLAT CANS OF FISH ARE POPULAR WITH OLD AND YOUNG ALIKE. THEY ARE DELICIOUS, NUTRITIOUS, AND NATIVE TO OUR SHORES.

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HOW MANY STOMACHS DOES A REINDEER HAVE?

A REINDEER HAS 6 STOMACHS!

HOW LARGE DO SOME OYSTERS GROW?

THE OYSTERS OF PORT LINCOLN, AUSTRALIA, MEASURE MORE THAN A FULL FOOT ACROSS! S.F. ELMO

REPORT OF CONDITION OF
"HOME STATE BANK"

OF TRENT, TEXAS,

at the close of business Dec. 30, 1967, a state banking institution organized and operating under the banking laws of this State and a member of the Federal Reserve System. Published in accordance with a call made by the State Banking Authorities and by the Federal Reserve Bank of this District.

ASSETS

1. Cash, balances with other banks, and cash items in process of collection	\$186,228.44
2. United States Government obligations	175,000.00
5. Other securities (including \$3,000.00 corporate stocks)	3,000.00
7. Other loans and discounts	361,172.15
8. Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises	5,300.50
11. Other assets	4,412.15
12. TOTAL ASSETS	\$735,112.74

LIABILITIES

13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$665,209.10
15. Deposits of United States Government	933.59
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	35,075.05
20. TOTAL DEPOSITS (item 13 to 19)	\$669,918.34
(a) Total demand deposits	600,918.34
24. Other liabilities (including \$ mortgages and other liens on bank premises and other real estate)	2,500.00
25. TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$663,418.34

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

26. (c) Common stock — total par value	\$ 25,000.00
No. shares authorized 250 — No. shares outstanding 250	
27. Surplus	75,000.00
28. Undivided profits	31,694.40
30. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$131,694.40
31. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$735,112.74

MEMORANDA

1. Average of total deposits for the 15 calendar days ending with call date \$609,516.16
2. Average of total loans for the 15 calendar days ending with call date 355,330.05

I, J. G. Wilks, President, of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this report of condition is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. G. WILKS

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DIRECTORS

State of Texas County of Taylor ss:
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of January, 1968.
BETTY HAMNER
Notary Public

Services Held
For Mrs. Reddell

Funeral services for Mrs. Rex Reddell, 76, and mother of Mrs. Carroll Benson of Merkel, were held Friday in the First Baptist Church of Tuscola. She died Thursday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Benson.

Officiating were Orval Filbeck, Church of Christ minister from Abilene, and the Rev. H. B. Terry, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church of Abilene. Burial was in Elmwood Memorial Park, under direction of Fry Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 25, 1888 in Lebanon, Tenn., she moved to South Taylor County with her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Baird, Taylor County pioneers in 1897. She married Rex Reddell on March 2, 1913 at Tuscola, and for a while they lived in Anson.

Survivors include her husband; one daughter, Mrs. Benson; one son, A. R. of San Marcos; six sisters, Mrs. Mattie Taylor and Mrs. Roy Polson, both of Bakersfield, Calif.; Mrs. J. L. Clayton of Electra, Mrs. Leta Weiss of Palestine, Tex., Mrs. J. F. Dug-

Former Merkel
Resident Dies

Funeral services for W. W. Haynes, 71, brother of Comer Haynes of Merkel, were held Wednesday at the First Baptist Church in Abilene, with Dr. James Flammie, pastor, assisted by Dr. Elwin Skiles, former pastor and resident of Hardin - Simmons University, and the Rev. Gary Penne, associate pastor, officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park in Abilene.

Born Oct. 14, 1896, near Anson, he moved to Merkel with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. William Dawson Haynes in 1917.

He was connected with the Ford Agency in Merkel from 1923 until 1939 when he purchased an interest in the Abilene Ford firm. He was with the Abilene firm 14 years, selling in 1953.

Mr. Haynes served for 20 years on Hendrick Memorial Hospital board of directors, and was board chairman in 1964.

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

ger of Pasaçena, Tex., and Mrs. grandchildren and two great-
H. W. Patterson of Odessa; five granddaughters.

March of Dimes Boy Meets Stars

Four-year-old Timmy Faas, Whittier, Calif., 1968 March of Dimes Boy, enlists the aid of movie and television stars in the fight against birth defects. Timmy, born with an open spine which paralyzes his legs, passed the word to Dan Blocker (right), better known as "Hoss" on "Bonanza"; actresses Jane Wyatt and Gigi Perreau (below), both leaders in the Mothers' March of Dimes; Chief White Cloud (below, left); Raymond Burr (bottom, center), who has switched from his familiar TV role as Perry Mason to "Ironside;" and shakes hands with the real, live Mickey Mouse at Disneyland. Timmy symbolizes the more than 250,000 children born in the United States each year with birth defects.



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: Charles Royce Franks, Sr. Defendant; Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene,

Texas, 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 23th day of February A.D. 1968, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 10th day of January A.D. 1968, in this cause, numbered 3847 on the docket of said court and styled In Re: Jackson Vincent Grace and Hazel Maxine

Grace, Plaintiff.
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: In re: Accrion as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.
If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.
The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law,

and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.
Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 10th day of January A.D. 1968.
(Seal)
Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk,
Domestic Relations Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.



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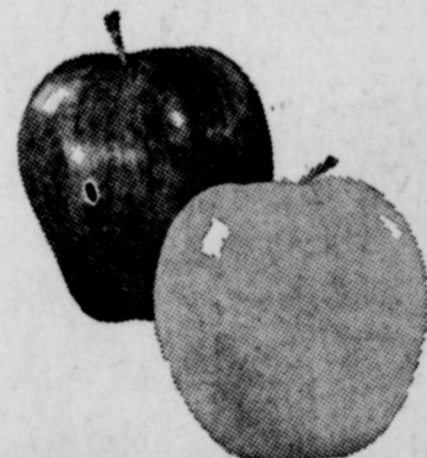
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