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Up The Canyon

By TOM
RUSSOM

Well, well, January this year has already brought more rain, perhaps than in any six months in some of the years gone by. We have called a lot of our rains a "million dollar rain," that has been in the past, but I think this is one that has been "our million dollar one."

You could almost stand out in the rain in your shirt sleeves, just no cold weather at all, no ice, just spring like rain, and so wonderful on the land and pastures.

I think from April 1, 1968, perhaps through the rest of the year, will be fine — early pasture will come, also wheat fields will be wonderful, and a good underground season for some crops.

Mrs. A. D. Scott received word from her mother recently who is at the bedside of her brother, Johnnie Latimer in Arizona (that Johnnie is still in critical condition).

Recently we have been receiving the Ruidoso, N.M., News. I don't know for sure who is sending it, but I am going to say "thank you" to some good friends of ours, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Douglas. We are enjoying reading it. The Douglasses take the Merkel Mail and they say that they always read our news column every week. We are hoping to go up there this summer for a few days' visit.

TEC'S ORATORICAL CONTEST DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 1

B. J. Gist, Farm and Ranch representative of Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., announced that the Electric Coop's "Government in Action" oratorical contest is "open to all high school students, ages 16 through 18 (by Sept. 1, 1968) enrolled in schools in the area serviced by Taylor Electric."

High school included in Taylor Electric's service region include Merkel, Trent, Jim Ned, Noodle, Wylie High, Abilene High, Cooper High, Woodson High, Abilene Christian High Central Catholic High, Roscoe Highland High, Blackwell High, Baird, Eula, Clyde, Hawley, Cross Plains and Nolan.

The two winners of the oratorical contest will win a trip to Washington, D.C., with approximately 100 other Texas teenagers.

Gist said that contestants will be required to present a 5 to 8 minute speech on topics pertaining to the background and purpose of electric co-ops, and must be prepared by the students. He added that "information will be made available by the Cooperative."

Entry applications must be filed with Taylor Electric by Feb. 1.

The contest will be held Feb. 19 at 6 p.m. at the rural electric co-op office in Merkel. One boy and one girl will be selected.

Winning the Washington, D.C., trip in last year's oratorical contest were Mary Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Johnson, and Mike Dudley, son of Mr.

and Mrs. Den Dudley, both of Merkel.

The winners will leave for Washington, D.C. June 6 from Dallas, and return to Dallas June 18.

The trip to Washington, D.C., is arranged and sponsored by Texas Electric Coops, Inc., and will include winners from each Co-op service region in the state, said Gist.

MERKEL PAGEANT

By MAIL STAFF

Merkel . . .
Pageant . . .
Equals people . . .

For people "make up" the interesting stories that eventually wind their way to a newspaper office . . . sometimes.

Recently a couple traveling Interstate 20 happened to see the Merkel exit sign.

Beings as how one half of the couple was a former Merkelite, and as how they had heard of Merkel so many times, and they were right here "upon it," they dropped by the Mail office to try to find out a little more about this town.

They were Mr. and Mrs. Kenawyer, of Thousands Oaks, California.

Mrs. Kenawyer was the former Frances Merkel of Birmingham, Alabama. Her brother, C. H. Merkel lives there.

And in her conversation Mrs. Frances Merkel Kanawyer remarked:

"Now I can say I've been there, and furthermore, it is such a friendly little town."

Recently a letter from Cincinnati, Ohio, addressed to Chamber of Commerce or Town Hall Club, Noodle, Texas, found its way to Merkel's Mayor Johnny Cox's desk.

Mrs. G. Amerson of Cincinnati was doing some inquiring on her own for a lady's grandson who had "driven through a little town called Noodle on his way to San Diego, Calif."

"We were intrigued by the name," wrote Mrs. Amerson. "And I promised this woman that I would write and inquire how it got its name."

It seems that the grandson was coming home for a visit and it would give the 91 year old woman something interesting to tell him.

Mayor Cox in his "spare times," did answer the letter, after having contacted some "old timers" in and around Noodle.

With the help of "old timers" and research, Mayor Cox sent this coverage:

"In the beginning this community was called Cross Roads. Before and fore some years after the turn of the century most small

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City Taxpayers Given Reminder

City taxpayers are reminded this week that "to avoid penalty, 1967 taxes must be paid by Wednesday, Jan. 31."

City taxes may be paid at the City Hall weekdays, Monday through Friday, hours are from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Mrs. Flossie McKeever is city tax collector, and Clyde Bartlett is district collector for the Merkel Independent Schools.

\$470 Contributed In Merkel Mothers March Tuesday

Civic Clubs Assist In Tuesday Drive

A total of \$470.50 was contributed at the Tuesday evening Merkel Mothers' March.

"The spontaneous reception, both from volunteer workers and contributors made this one of the best Mothers' Marches we have had in several years," said Mrs. Marie White, Mother's March chairman.

"Workers turned out in a large number," said Mrs. White, "and for this we are most thankful. It would take a long time to express our appreciation to all who came to the Merkel Elementary library as early as 4:30 p.m. to begin working. So we are expressing our appreciation to each individually and a club group."

Assisting Mrs. White was Leon Walker, principal of the Merkel Elementary School.

Merkel clubs assisting in the door to door drive were the Taylor County Young Homemakers, Beta Sigma Phi, and members of the Merkel High School Homemaking class.

Workers met at the school library, received packets, street assignments, and instructions before leaving for the drive.

"Because of the ready reception of Merkel residents, many workers were able to complete their assignments within an hour," said Mrs. White.

Proceeds from the Tuesday evening's canvass throughout the United States will be used to fight birth defects, and to assist children who "survive their second birthday and require specialized medical, educational or custodial care."

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

Contributions also helps to provide public education programs about birth defects and seeks "to focus increasing public attention on the need for adequate prenatal care for expectant mothers."



HERE'S A GOOD STUDENT — Says Boyd Hayes, left, Taylor County Supervisor, to Merkel High School Principal Edwin Read, as they go over the file of a Merkel High School student, his capabilities and guidance for his future. Hayes' counseling and guidance program includes Trent, Butterfield, Tye and Merkel schools. (Staff Photo)

GUIDANCE PROGRAM IS "CATCHING ON"

The counseling and Guidance departments of Merkel and Trent High Schools keep Boyd Hayes, Taylor County Supervisor, busy, and he likes it.

"In the guidance department students are given help in finding out what they are best equipped to do after completing high school training," said Hayes. "If he is college material, then we help find a college best suited for him. We work for scholarships and loans if the students requests such."

Hayes added that it was reassuring to find that so many students are interested in, and serious about their future.

"And Merkel and Trent schools are fortunate in that they have such a small number of dropouts. That is our business, trying to keep students in school," Hayes said.

In the counseling field, we listen to students' problems," said Hayes. "And one of the problems

quite often is the idea of quitting school and getting a job. Again, that is where we come in by encouraging young people to complete their high school education and go on to college if at all possible.

"It's catching on," Hayes added. "Students are beginning to see the value of completing high school and going on to college if they are college material."

"If a student feels that he would like to get vocational training after completing high school, then we counsel him in that direction. There are several fine vocational schools in Texas."

The Taylor County Supervisors pointed out that "quite often in our testing program we find students with an above average ability and they are not coming up to expectations."

"When this happens, and it does, we spend some time with this student and his parents. And we don't have to beg the parents to come by our office. They're always ready for a conference if it pertains to helping their child."

Hayes' philosophy. "There are no problem children, only children with problems," helps in times of guidance and counseling, with students of all ages.

Long Parking In Alleys Noted

Prolonged parking in alleys in the City of Merkel has been called to the attention of city council members.

Members today reminded motorists "of a city ordinance that prohibits prolonged parking of cars and other vehicles in alleys."

"This makes it almost impossible for trucks with merchandise to get into alleys to unload products," said Mayor Johnny Cox. "Too, this parking could definitely be a hazard if our fire trucks needed to get to alleys."

Council members asked cooperation of motorists in this matter.

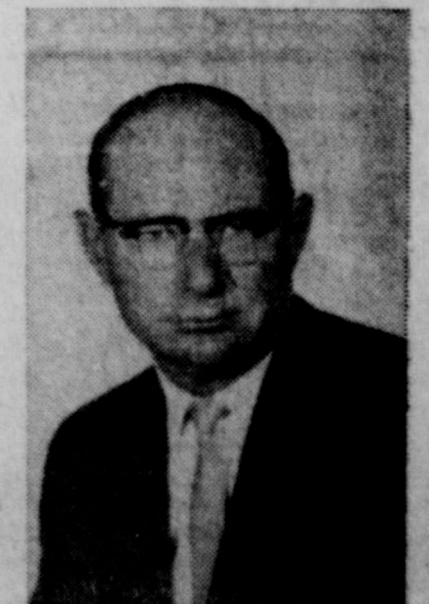
FIRST BAPTIST CALLS REV. KENNETH JONES

The First Baptist Church of Merkel has called the Rev. Kenneth F. Jones as new pastor, according to an announcement made by the pulpit committee chairman Joe E. Lassiter.

Rev. Jones has been serving as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Goldsmith, Texas, for the past seven years. During his history at the Goldsmith Church, 216 new members were added by baptism and 180 by transfer of membership. The church educational facilities were completely renovated and the church parsonage improved and landscaped.

Other pastores Rev. Jones has held include the Baptist churches at Blackwell, Richland and Santo, Texas.

Rev. Jones, a native of Abilene, received his formal training at Hardin-Simmons University and Southwestern Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. He holds the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Divinity degrees. He and his wife, Mary, are parents of three sons: Bill, age 17; Danny, 13; and Tommy, age 8. Mrs. Jones is a



REV. KENNETH F. JONES
... first sermon Sunday

MERKEL RESIDENTS TO ATTEND SHOW

A number of Merkel residents will be on hand this weekend at the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show to see Kathryn Criswell, represent Merkel in the Ranch Girls Invitational Barrel Race.

Kathryn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Criswell, is being sponsored by the Merkel Chamber of Commerce.

As of press time, a quick check of residents who plan to attend the 1968 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett Pinckley, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Whisenant, Mr. and Mrs. Benny Melton, Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Byrd, and Mr. and Mrs. Cris-

(See photo page five of this edition).

well.
A meeting of the Merkel Riding Club, to be held Thursday evening "will probably reveal others who plan to attend."

The "Invitation Only" assures the rodeo audiences that only the best in barrel racing competition will ride the barrels at Fort Worth. The speed and color of barrel racing have made the event a favorite of the Will Rogers Coliseum crowds.

Tickets for the show are now on sale at the Merkel Chamber of Commerce office.

CONTRIBUTIONS STILL COMING IN TO WTRC

The West Texas Rehabilitation Center's "financial crisis" is now in excess of \$153,000 according to the Center's board of directors.

And donations are still coming in.

Contributions made this week to Merkel businessmen, and turned in to the Abilene Reporter-News for tabulation came from the following:

Mr. and Mrs. David Gamble	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. Mack Fisher	15.00
V. P. Byron	10.00
Paul Orsborn	10.00
Methodist Key Sunday School Class	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McElmurray, in memory of	
Earl Stevens	25.00
Optimist Club	41.00
	\$151.00
Previous contributions	445.00
TOTAL	\$606.00

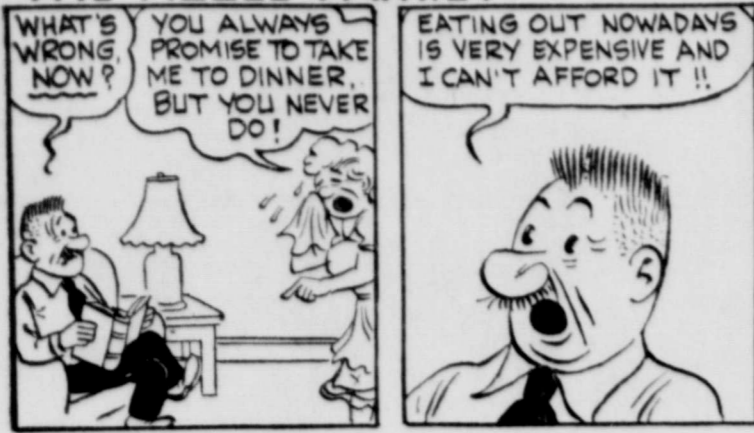
TAPS Carnival Is This Saturday

The TAPS (Teen Age Program) Carnival will be held Saturday, Jan. 27 at the West Texas Fair Grounds in Abilene.

Chairman David Blandford of Abilene, said that the carnival would be held in two exhibition buildings and that clubs would be notified of their booth numbers this week and that booth locations would be given out at 8 a.m. Jan. 27, the date of the carnival.

- VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE JANUARY 31 -

THE FIZZLE FAMILY



- By H. T. Elmo



THE MERKEL MAIL, MERKEL, TEXAS
Page Two Thursday, Jan. 25, 1967

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: 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, 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 27th 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: Jack Vincent Grace and Hazel Maxine Grace, Plaintiff.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: In Re: Adoption 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.
45 4tc

LEGAL NOTICE

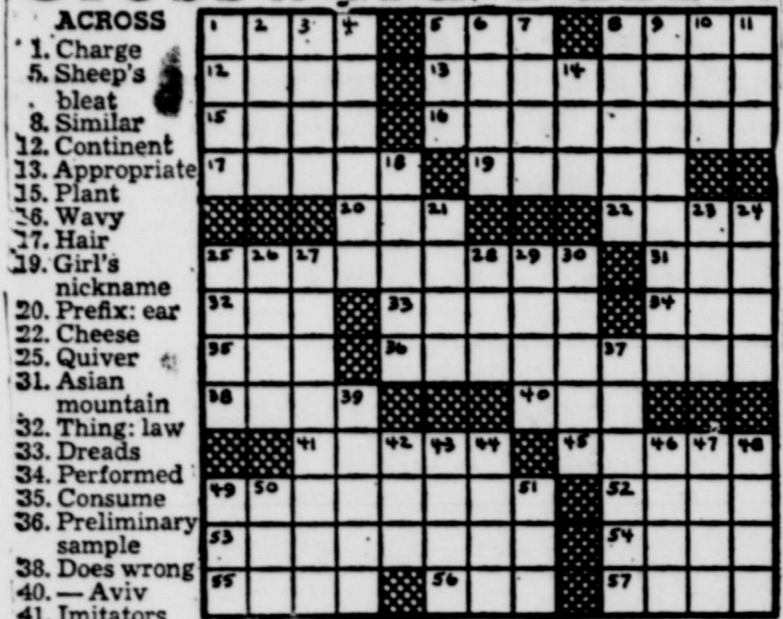
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Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Charge
 - Sheep's bleat
 - Similar
 - Continent
 - Appropriate
 - Plant
 - Wavy
 - Hair
 - Girl's nickname
 - Prefix: ear
 - Cheese
 - Quiver
 - Asian mountain
 - Thing: law
 - Dreads
 - Performed
 - Consume
 - Preliminary sample
 - Does wrong
 - Aviv
 - Imitators
 - Return
 - Rings
 - Italian artist
 - Indebted to
 - Withered
 - Pull
- DOWN**
- Log conveyance
 - Employer
 - Master stream
 - Carriage
 - relief
 - Barren
 - Peter artist
 - Marble
 - Insects
 - Prefix: chem.
 - Boy's nickname
 - Not in
 - Cram
 - Margarine
 - Entrance
 - Formed
 - Woody plant
 - Hindmost
 - Alienate
 - Underground
 - Purchaser allowance
 - Chemical
 - Alarms
 - Stimuli
 - Highest note
 - Make again
 - Seethe
 - Center
 - Employer
 - Tool
 - Advertisements
 - Born
 - Compass point

Answer to Puzzle

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MRS. PATTERSON DIES AT AGE 83

Funeral services for Mrs. Brooks Patterson, 83, were held Wednesday, Jan. 17 in Merkel Methodist Church with the Rev. Newton Daniel, pastor, officiating. Burial was

in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home. Mrs. Patterson, a longtime resident of Merkel, died Tuesday in Starr Nursing Home, following an extended illness.

Born Stella Esther Baker Nov. 23, 1884, in Johnson County, she moved to Jones County with her parents in 1900 and married Brooks Patterson Jan. 12, 1902 in Hodge. She moved to Merkel in 1919 and had lived here since that time. She was a member of the Merkel Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband; one son, Byron of Greenville; one daughter, Mrs. Claude Dye of Greenville; one brother, L. B. Baker of Hamlin; two sisters, Mrs. Jewel McLaughlin of Lubbock and Mrs. Callie Mashburn of Fort Worth; six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Joe Cypert, Hollis McCoy, Howard Carson, Ray Wilson, C. O. Patterson and Lester Patterson.

Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



Our community needs dry weather now. Since Thursday morning we have received over four inches of rain.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Davis of Abilene were supper guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning attended the funeral of the late V. W. Tatum, at the University Baptist Church in Abilene Thursday. Burial was in Elmwood Memorial Park. Mr. Tatum was a brother of Rev. O. B. Tatum of Merkel.

E. L. Berry entered Anson General Hospital Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sims of Thallo were visiting in the Berry home and took Mr. Berry to the hospital. Mrs. Berry spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vantreese.

Mrs. Edith Leach had surgery in Haddock Memorial Hospital Tuesday.

Minister James Fulbright's mother is seriously ill in Haddock Memorial Hospital after having surgery Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Hobbs of Grand Prairie spent Sunday with Mrs. John Hobbs and the Benny Hobbs family.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hale, Shirley and Mike, of Midland, visited Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale and Charles Sunday.

Mrs. Zelah Bright of Trent spent Saturday with her niece, Ethel Cenida.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn and Redney all had the flu last week.

Mrs. Jessie Fillion spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. M. E. West.

The oil business has picked up some in the Stith Community. A well is being drilled on Mrs. Nora McDonald's place.

Rev. V. W. Tatum Dies in Abilene

Services for the Rev. V. W. Tatum, 75, and brother of O. B. Tatum of Merkel, were held Thursday in University Baptist Church in Abilene.

The Rev. John DeFore, pastor, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Marion Kirchner, pastor of Riverside Baptist Church in San Antonio, and the Rev. V. P. Tatum, pastor of Midway Baptist Church in Lamesa.

Rev. Tatum died Tuesday in Hendrick Memorial Hospital.

He was born July 17, 1892 in Waco and moved to Abilene in 1922 to attend Hardin-Simmons University. He married Lucille Pollock in Taylor County in 1923.

Rev. Tatum pastored churches in Snyder, Westbrook, Tye, Weinert, Sagerton, Clyde, Cross Plains and North Park Baptist Church in Abilene.

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Friend or Foe?



How safe is your home? Did you know that everytime you answer the door you jeopardize you and your family's security.

According to the FBI, residence robberies, which account for over 10% of all robbery crimes, were up 10% last year. In that year, there were more than 1,000,000 people assaulted or robbed in their own homes.

To help reduce these alarming statistics, law enforcement officials advise home owners to determine who is at the door before unlatching it by asking the caller a few pointed questions.

As a result, many homeowners are helping safeguard their families by installing home intercom units such as Fanon's Internal Security System, that enables the housewife to answer the door from any room in the house without having to open it.

The moderately priced unit, which is available at electronic dealers and discount outlets, works at the touch of a button and you have two-way communications with the stranger at your door, instantly. You can then ask as many questions as you want to until you are convinced that the stranger is a friendly caller.

The Fanon Internal Security System is easily installed and provides other kinds of protection and convenience. For instance, you can install it in rooms throughout the house for around-the-clock "baby-sitting," "sick room monitoring," calling the children to dinner, and talking with father in his workshop.

Another security feature of this versatile system guards against fires. A special fire/heat detector can be placed in each room to warn when the temperature rises too high or too quickly.

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Merkel, Texas

"If a look at the new Chevy II isn't enough to change your mind about compacts, a ride in one almost surely will."
—Motor Trend, November '67

"A driver's delight"
—Car Life, October '67

"The '68 Chevy II has grown an inch in wheelbase and six inches overall, but it's grown a mile in style, comfort, quality and performance."
—Car and Driver, December '67

"Aha. This might be the sleeper of the year."
—Hot Rod Magazine, October '67

Chevy II Nova Coupe

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Manufacturer's suggested retail price for standard Six Chevy II Nova Coupe shown above includes Federal Excise Tax, suggested dealer delivery and handling charges. Model shown above equipped at additional cost with Custom Exterior \$84.50, White Walls \$31.35, Wheel Covers \$21.10. Transportation charges, accessories, optional equipment, state and local taxes additional.

Car enthusiast magazines keep saying a lot of nice things about the all-new Chevy II Nova. And why not? At last there's an economy car that doesn't look or act like one. Besides being a whole lot sportier, it offers a smoothly balanced Six and a 307-cubic-inch standard V8 that runs beautifully on regular fuel. See for yourself what all the shouting's about. Road test a Nova now.



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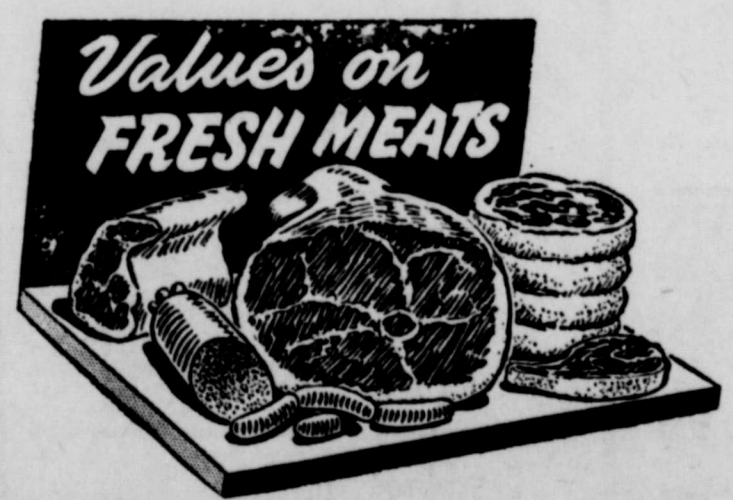
Shortening Swift 3-Lb. Jewel Can **49¢**

Peanut Butter BAMA 18-Oz. Jar **49¢**

PREM Swift's 12-Oz. Can **45¢**

Dog Food Pard 16-Oz. Can 3 for **39¢**

FLOUR Gold 5-Lb. Medal Bag **59¢**



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By the half **2.25**

BACON Hormel Red Label Lb. **49¢**

FRANKS Hormel 1-Lb. Pkg. **49¢**

GRADE "A" FRYERS Lb. **29¢**

WISCONSIN LONGHORN CHEESE Lb. **69¢**

FRESH PORK LIVER Lb. **19¢**

(LIMIT ONE) FOREMOST 1/2 GAL. **BUTTERMILK 39¢**

BIG DIP Foremost Half Gal. **39¢**

JELLO Reg. Size 3 Pkgs. **29¢**

CANDY Chocolate Covered CHERRIES 2 for **79¢**

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303 CAN 2 for **45¢**

DEL MONTE
SPINACH
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F A B
GIANT BOX **59¢**

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PATIO BEEF ENCHILADA DINNER ea. **49¢**



RUSSET SPUDS 10-Lb. Bag **49¢**

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- Miscellaneous -

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1404 Herring Dr.
Merkel, Texas
Phone 9-5568

MASONIC MEETING
Stated Meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710 on 2nd Saturday and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Members urged to attend.

ALLEN MORGAN, W. M. DAN BUTLER, Sec'y.

NEED A NEW WELL DRILL-ED? An old well cleaned out? Call Robert Higgins, 8-5998. Also sell and install Meyers Pumps 51-tfc

BEAUTY CARE — For free facial or information on skin care, call Emma Shugart, 929-5927, or Betty Satterwhite, 929-5965. Mary Kay. 44 4tp

WANTED — Someone to share home with me for small fee. For further information contact Mrs. Winnie Walton, 311 Oak. 44 4tc

TO BE GIVEN AWAY — 6 puppies, 1/2 German Shepherd, 4 boys, 2 girls. Call 8-5164 or see at Bettis Heights. Mrs. Jerry Russell. 46 2tc

WANTED — Need listings of farms and homes. L. H. McAden, Real Estate. 46 1tc

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FOR RENT—Two bedroom house, clean, plumbed for washer. Reasonable rent. North FM Road 125 on school bus route. Mrs. C. K. Russell, 929-5168. 37 1tc

FOR RENT — Clean 3 room and bath house, furnished. Call 8-4861. 46 2tp

FOR RENT — Two bedroom house, tile bath, floor furnace, plumbed for washer, fenced in back yard, car port. Call Fred Starbuck. 47 1tc

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Ice Damaged Tree Needs Attention

Prompt attention and proper treatment of shade trees damaged by recent ice storms will materially aid in preventing permanent disfigurement and possibly the premature death of the tree.

This advice comes from Everett Jarne, Extension landscape horticulturist at Texas A&M University. Live Oak trees were especially hard hit, he said. He suggests a visit to the local county Extension office for a copy of B-977, "Modern Pruning Methods," for detailed information on the needed corrective pruning.

Mid-Term Grad

Mrs. Jane O. Murrell of 1411 Feath is a mid term graduate of McMurry College in Abilene, according to the office of the registrar.

Mrs. Murrell is graduating from the Abilene college with a major in elementary education and a biology minor. While at McMurry she was a member of SEA and Kappa Kelta Pi.

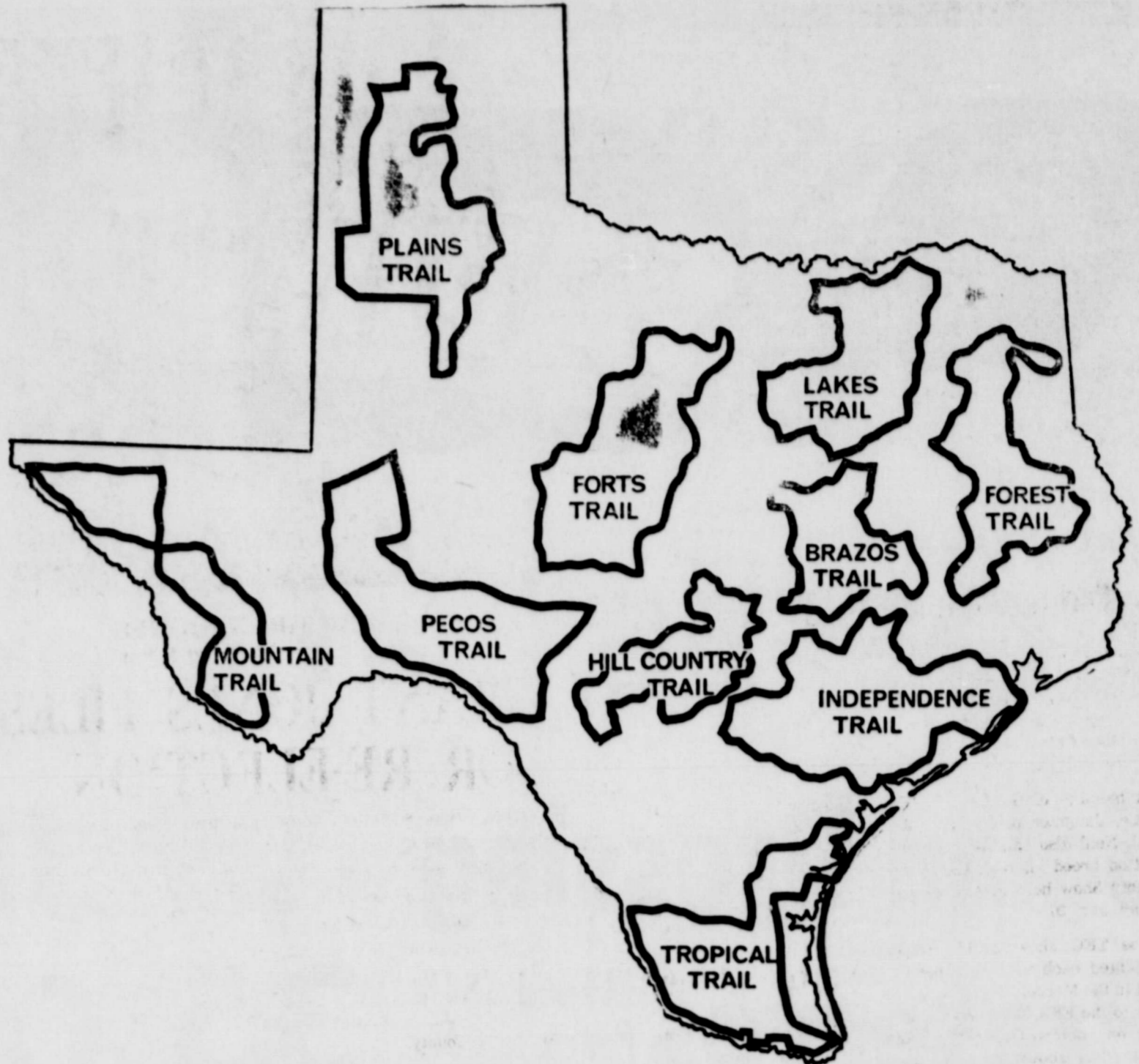
The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Orent of Jacksonville, N.C., Mrs. Murrell is a graduate of the high school in Fayetteville, N.C. Her husband is Maxwell Rogers Murrell, and owner of Max Murrell Chevrolet in Merkel.

Busy Bakers In Picnic Food Study

The Trent 4-H Group "Busy Bakers," met Monday in the home of Mrs. Weldon Bunsley and studied "Exploring Foods the Picnic Way."

Members attending were Cindy Beasley, Jaymie Hamilton and Rebecca Freeman.

Junior leader for the group is Pam McElmurray.



TEXAS TRAVEL TRAILS — The 10 Trails, announced Wednesday, Jan. 17 in Austin by Gov. John Connally at his Conference on Tourist Development, shows location of each on above

map. All trails are complete circuits, and travelers can start at any point along the circuit and come back to that particular point.

Mineral Society To Meet Sunday

The Central Texas Gem & Mineral Society Inc., will hold a regular meeting Sunday, Jan. 28, at 2:00 p.m. in the Recreation Building in Fair Park, S. 7th and Barrow Streets, Abilene.

Lester O. Berg, newly elected president of the club, encourages all members to be in attendance. The program will consist of an old fashioned auction and all proceeds will go to the benefit of the American Federation of Mineral Societies scholarship fund.

'68 Historic

About 7,000,000 motor vehicles will be registered in Texas this year. State Highway Department says that's the largest number in Texas' history.

All license plates have been delivered to county tax assessor-collectors and will be issued during February and March.

Some 4,700,000 tags will go on passenger cars and 1,900,000 on commercial trucks and tractors. Balance is for trailers and motorcycles — where the biggest increase will take place. Motorcycle registrations are expected to be up 16 per cent this year as compared to 2.5 per cent increase in cars and trucks.

TAX MAN SAM SEZ:

Although parents can claim children who are over 19 years of age and who are bona fide students during the year, 3 per cent of the taxpayer assistance calls during the past year in Northern Texas wanted help on this problem.

The answer is simple: Yes, Dad, Congress gave you a double exemption. You can claim your child (provided you furnish principal support) regardless of how much he or she made, and the student must claim themselves on their own return.

CLASSIFIEDS GET RESULTS

BURLESON SPEAKS FOR RE-ELECTION

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Congressman Omar Burleson, who represents the 17th District of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives, has announced for re-election.

He has filed for a place on the Taylor County ballot in the Democratic Primary Election on May 4, 1968.

Burleson was elected to the 80th Congress from the 17th District and has been re-elected to each succeeding Congress.

He is chairman of the Committee on House Administration in the House of Representatives, and ranks second from the Chairman on the Committee on Foreign Affairs.



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Katie Neill
... wins showmanship award

Merkel FFA'er Is Trophy Winner

Katie Neill, a junior student at Merkel High School was Taylor Electric Cooperative's showmanship trophy winner at the Merkel Livestock Show, held at the agriculture building, Jan. 13.

A member of the Merkel FFA, Katie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Neill also had the champion mutton breed lamb at the Taylor County Show held in Abilene Saturday, Jan. 20.

The TEC showmanship trophy, presented each year to a participant in the Merkel Livestock Show, goes to the FFA or 4-H boy or girl who has demonstrated the most outstanding showmanship, sportsmanship and spirit of cooperation during the show.

Book Review For Fortnightly Club

Mrs. Newton Daniel reviewed the book "Everything But Money," to members of the Fortnightly Study Club, meeting in the home of Mrs. Ray Wilson Tuesday, Jan. 22.

The author, Sam Levenson, gives a humorous account of his family's immigrant life in America.

Club president, Mrs. Wilson, presided at the business meeting in which members of the Project and Finance Committee planned a meeting to discuss the club's yearly finance activity and project to be undertaken.

Attending were Meses. Eddie Glenn Sandusky, Mack Davis, Comer Haynes, Mack Fisher, Don Dudley, Wilson, Johnnie Cox, Daniel, H. B. Robertson and Ben R. Hicks.

Also Meses. David Gamble, Byron Dunagin, Dave Brumbeau, J. Lynn Knight, Andy Shouse, S. D. Gamble and Miss Christine Collins.

Holloway Elected To Angus Assn.

T. L. Holloway, Merkel, has been elected to membership in the American Angus Association at St. Joseph, Mo., announces Glen Bratcher, secretary.

There were 407 membership issued to breeders of registered Aberdeen Angus in the United States during the past month.



TO REPRESENT MERKEL — Kathryn Criswell (with Dettie Ann) will represent Merkel at the 1968 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show beginning this weekend in Fort Worth. Kathryn will be riding in the Ranch Girls Invitational Barrel Race. (Photo Courtesy TEC)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS
HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST
ESTATE OF SAM R. LESLIE,
DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original letters of administration upon the estate of Sam R. Leslie, deceased, were issued to me, the undersigned, on the 19th day of January, 1968, in the proceeding indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that I now hold such letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered, in the County below named, are hereby required to present the same to me respectively, at the address below given, before suit upon same are barred by the general statutes of limitation, between such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law. My residence and post office address are Clyde, County of Collbran, State of Texas.

Dated this 19th day of January 1968.
Noma McIntyre, Administratrix
of the Estate of Sam R. Leslie,
deceased, No. 1645, in the
County Court of Taylor County,
Texas. 47 11c



REP. GRANT JONES
... seeks third term

GRANT JONES FILES FOR RE-ELECTION

State Representative Grant Jones announced this week that he has filed with the County Democratic Chairman for Place 1 in the new District 62 composed of Jones and Taylor counties. Jones is serving as State Representative from District 62, which until re-districted was composed solely of Taylor County.

During Jones' two terms as State Representative, he has served on many major committees. Presently, he is Vice Chairman of the Insurance Committee, serves as a member on the powerful State Affairs Committee, the Banks and Banking Committee, Privileges, Suffrage & Elections and Examination of Comptroller's and Treasurer's Accounts Committees. In addition to these regular committees, he is a member of the very important Texas Legislative Council and has been appointed to serve on two Interim Study Committees dealing with administrative procedures and statutory revision.

Jones stated that if elected, he will continue to work for fiscal responsibility in the state programs necessary for Texas to continue to grow economically.

Grant Jones is a partner in Fidelity Insurance Company and has been active in Abilene civic affairs. He graduated from Abilene High School, Southern Methodist University, Wharton School of Finance and Commerce at the University of Pennsylvania and has

a professional designation of Charter Property Casualty Underwriter. He was a troop carrier pilot during World War II, serving in Italy and Brazil.

Jones and his wife, Anne, are members of the St. Paul Methodist Church and reside at 1509 Woodridge. One son, Andy, is a freshman in college and their daughter, Janet, is in junior high school.

Winners Named In Noodle Show

Noodle 1968 Livestock Show's Showmanship Trophy went to John Nichols, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Nichols.

The show, held Friday, Jan. 19, at the Agricultural building at Noodle, named Gary Best, with champion swine entry and Gilbert Vera Cruz showing the reserve champion.

Tommy Clift took the championship award in the poultry show with reserve to Dewey Nichols.

In the Rabbit show, Patti Maxwell exhibited the champion rabbit.

Debi Clift entered the only steer in the show.

Carl McDonald, principal of the Finley schools, was judge for the show.

Marilyn Maxwell, Noodle FHA Sweetheart, presented trophies and ribbons to winners.

J. R. Hiecock was general superintendent.

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communities due to difficulty of traveling, had a post office. Since so many other pieces were called Cross Roads, the name Cross Roads was discarded.

"There is a small creek adjacent to Noodle that bears the same name. If you will look in your dictionary for the word Noodle you will find it listed twice. The meaning in which we are interested says a simpton, also a Noodle - head as a pronoun, by or as a fool. Therefore an empty head or skull.

"This little creek is dry except following a rain, or maybe an occasional low place that would hold water for a short time after a rain. Now going away back of 1900, when ranchers had great cattle drives and having heard of Noodle Creek, rushed their cattle there for water. Finding the creek dry cattle in great numbers died there from thirst. Their carcasses were left and soon the sun and wind bleached the bones and the empty heads or skulls gave the community and possibly the creek the name Noodle.

"Noodle, though now a small community is in the center of a very fertile farming area. They have a good school, cotton gin and a store of general merchandise.

"In the middle and late 1920s a very rich oil field was discovered in the area and the first oil well was called the strike of Noodle Dome or the Noodle Dome oil field.

"Noodle is now connected by a well paved highway with Merkel, eleven miles to the south. Most of these people do their shopping in Merkel even though situated in an adjoining county."

The letter concluded with an invitation to the Cincinnatians to visit Merkel and "allow us to extend our hospitality."

Employers' Tax Returns Deadline

DALLAS — Employers have an important deadline Wednesday, Jan. 31, 1968.

This is the date for reporting and paying withheld income tax and social security taxes for the calendar quarter ended December 31, 1967, according to Ellis Campbell Jr., District Director of Internal Revenue for Northern Texas.

January 31, 1968, is also the due date for reporting and paying Federal Unemployment Tax for 1967. Employers liable for this tax should file Form 940 for 1967.



WE CAN HARDLY WAIT — Agree the "Five Little Homemakers" as they prepare a dish for their first meeting. In back row, Junior Leaders, Betsy Johnson, left and Suzie Wilson, look on as Audrea Byrd, left, Patricia Boyd, Jody Roddy, Jackie Harris and Christi Boone do the cooking. (Photo Courtesy FLH)

COOKING CLASSES BEING ORGANIZED

4-H Cooking Classes in the Merkel area are now organized and "ready for business."

Recently the "Five Little Homemakers" a project of the Merkel 4-H Club, was organized with Suzie Wilson and Betsy Johnson as junior leaders.

Member includes Audrea

Byrd, Patricia Boyd, Jodie Roddy, Jackie Harris and Christi Boone.

Lessons in cooking will be given and the group will "learn by doing."

On January 16 "The Busy Three Cooking Class," met at the home of Mrs. Wilmer Criswell.

Kathryn Criswell and Dayna McAninch are junior leaders for this group.

Officers elected were Mary Beth Boyd, president; Tonja McAninch, secretary, and Debbie Finch, reporter.

Chili - Mac was made at the meeting.

MOD Rodeo Set For February 10

A Rodeo will be held Saturday, Feb. 10 at Old Abilene Town and will begin at 1:30 p.m., according to Fiddle Bull, rodeo chairman.

Proceeds from the rodeo will be used for the 1968 March of Dimes, said Bull.

Classifications and entry donations for the March of Dimes are: Western Pleasure, \$2; Barrel Racing, \$1; Reining, \$1; Pole Bending, \$1; Flag Race, \$1; and Team Peley Race, \$3 per team.

Trophies and ribbons will be awarded to six winners. High point trophy will go to the rider 17 and under and also to the 18 and over.

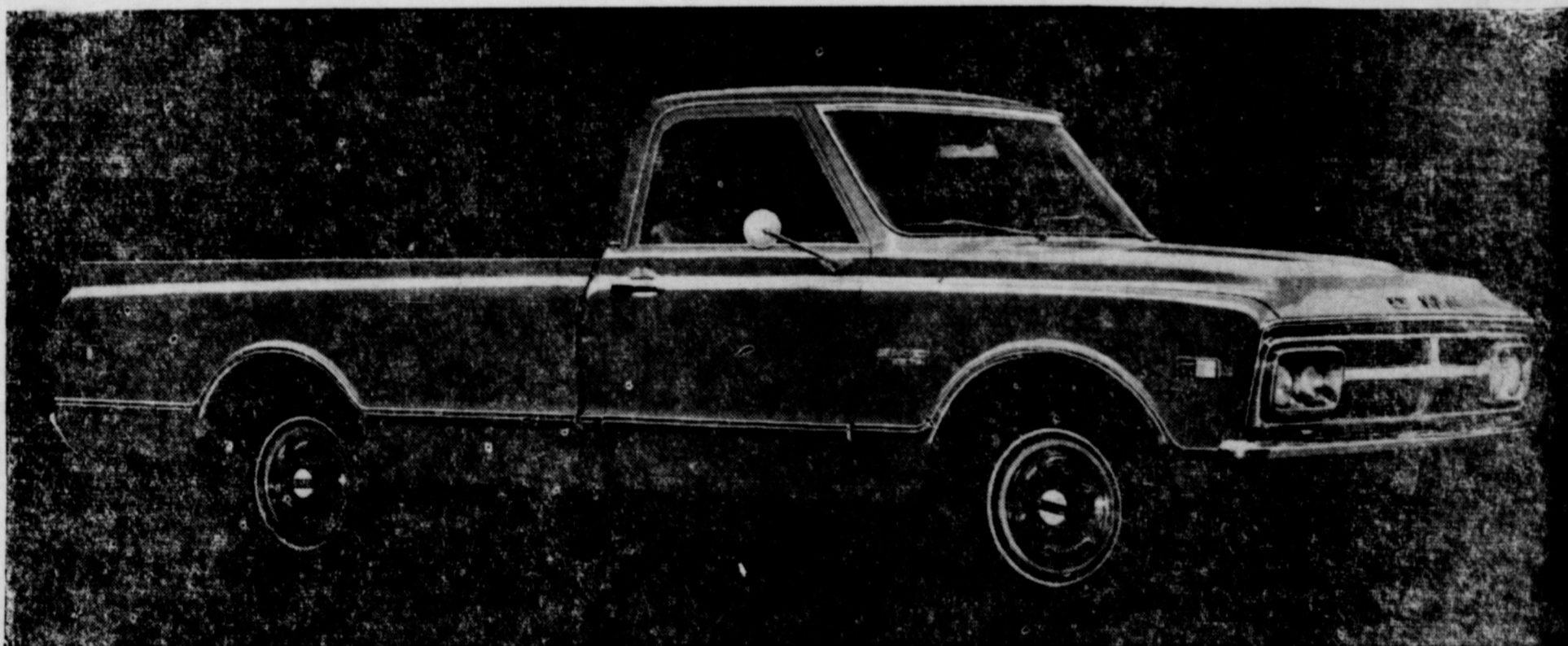
Entries may be made at Luskey's Western Wear in Abilene, or by calling Orchard 3-2278, Abilene. Ken Snodgrass, overall rodeo chairman, said that the public is invited to attend the performances and "no admission will be charged."

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NEWS ABOUT AREA SERVICEMEN

Earns Air Force Recognition

FAIRBANKS, Alaska — Airman First Class Willie R. Hardy Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Royce Hardy Sr. of Merkel, has been recognized for helping his unit earn the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

The airman is an air freight specialist in the 5010th Combat

Support Group at Eielson AFB, Alaska.

The unit was cited for exceptionally meritorious achievement by providing assistance for the people of Fairbanks and the surrounding communities during the severe floods in that area last August.

Airman Hardy, a graduate of Merkel High School, attended Cisco Junior College.

His wife, Frances, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan of 466 Ash, Merkel.

Trent HS Grad Now In Vietnam

WITH U.S. COMBAT AIR FORCE, Vietnam — Technical Sergeant Bill S. Butman, son of Ben S. Butman of 702 Vine, Abilene, is on duty at Phan Rang AF, Vietnam.

Sergeant Butman, an aircraft mechanic is a member of the Pacific Air Forces.

Before his arrival in Vietnam, he was assigned to Stewart AFB, N.Y.

The sergeant is a 1962 graduate of Trent High School.

His wife, Mary, is the daughter of Earnest C. Douglas of 903 Brickhaven Circle, Merkel.

Sgt. Butman's mother, Mrs. Ada M. Cochran, resides in Abilene.

Around the World Flight Participant

COCOA BEACH, Fla. — U.S. Air Force Major Lucius G. Bryant Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lucius G. Bryant Sr., of 115 N. 11th St., Fort Pierce, Fla., has departed Patrick AFB, Fla., on an around the world flight in support of the coming unmanned Apollo 5 space shot.

His wife, Jo, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Brown of Merkel.

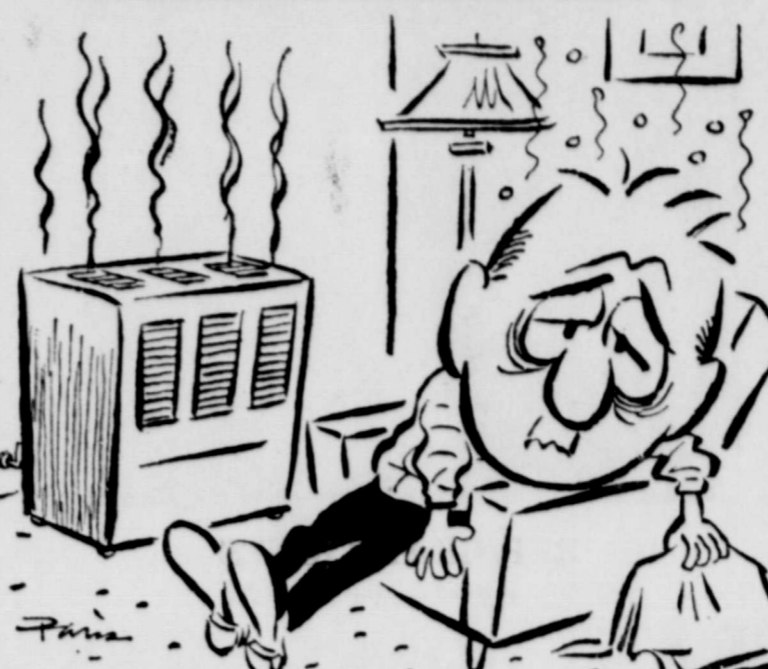
Major Bryant is a pilot with the crew who are flying two specially instrumented C-135 Strato-lifters on a 28,000 mile trip to train and provide vital communications for the Lunar Module test and future flights in the Apollo lunar landing Project.

Their 65 hour global flight includes stops at March AFB, Calif., Hickam AFB, Hawaii, and Townsville, Australia. The crews and their support teams will be on three day standby at Perth, Australia, for briefings prior to the launch of the Saturn boosted moonship and will return to the Air Force Eastern Test Range via Cocos - Keeline Islands in the Indian Ocean and Mauritius Island off the African east coast.

Combat Training

CAMP PENDLETON, Cal. — Machine Private Robert H. Winter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman C. Winter of 1414 Heath St., Merkel, has completed two weeks of training under simulated combat conditions in the fundamentals of day and night patrolling, employment of infantry weapons, survival

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MRS. JOHNNY COX HOSTS GARDEN CLUB

Mrs. Johnny Cox was hostess to members of the Merkel Garden Club meeting Thursday, Jan. 18, for a luncheon.

The program which followed focused on "Pruning and Transplanting." Mrs. Mary Click spoke to the group on "Pruning," Mrs.

Ollie Dye used "Propagation" as her subject, and Mrs. S. D. Gamble spoke on "Transplanting."

Attending were Mmes. W. S. J. Brown, Mary Click, Cox, R. M. Ferguson, Lucy Ford, S. D. Gamble, Dee Grimes, Joe Hartley, Eulice Massey and G. D. McConnell.

Also Mmes. Lottie Everett, A. H. McMurray, G. R. Peachey, Charlie Sherrill, Jarrett Williams, Ollie Dye, Oda Clark and Miss Christine Collins.

The next scheduled meeting for the Garden Club will be Feb. 1 at the home of Mrs. John Shannon, at 4 p.m.

"Fancy Fixers" Elect Officers

The "Fancy Fixers" of the Merkel 4-H Club, met January 19 at the McDuff home, for their first meeting to organize and elect officers. Officers elected were: Patricia McDuff, chairman; Kathryn Criswell, reporter. Hot chocolate was served to Kathryn Criswell, Patricia McDuff, Gail Boone, Lee Ann Holloway, Kathy Mansfield, Dayna McAninch and Mary Jo Reddin.

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BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

c-Jan. 29 — Jim Ned boys A & B, girls A here at 6:00 p.m.
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A LOOK IN TIME

Before you restore that old furniture, look it over. Many old pieces need only to be cleaned.

CLASSIFIED ADS GET RESULTS

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: John F. Bauer, Defendant,
Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 4 day of March A.D. 1968, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 11 day of January A.D. 1968, in this cause, numbered 3850 on the docket of said court and styled Carolyn Fay Bauer, Plaintiff, vs. John F. Bauer, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married May 16, 1965, and separated Sept. 19, 1965. No children were born of this marriage and no property has been accumulated. Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of cruel treatment as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 19 day of January A.D. 1968.

(Seal)
Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk,
Domestic Relations Court
Taylor County, Texas.
My Marie Gil, Deputy.

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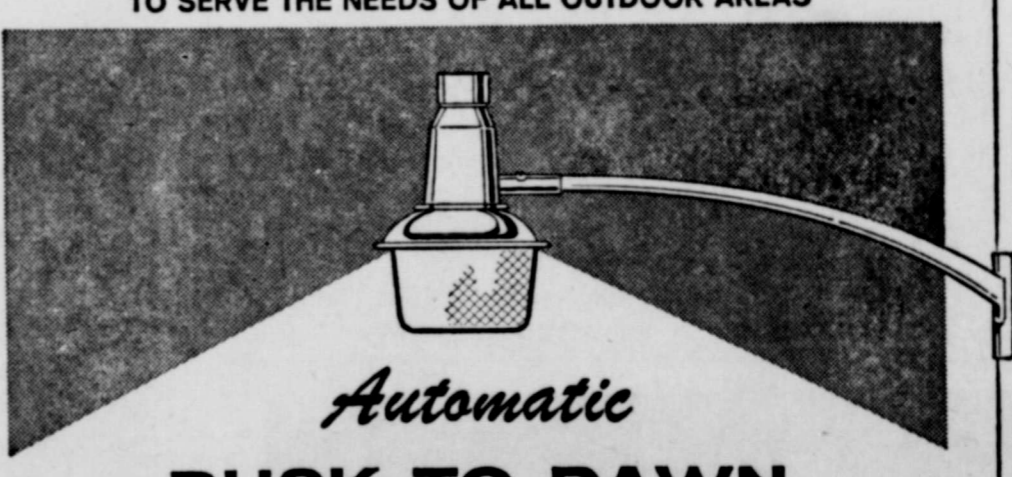
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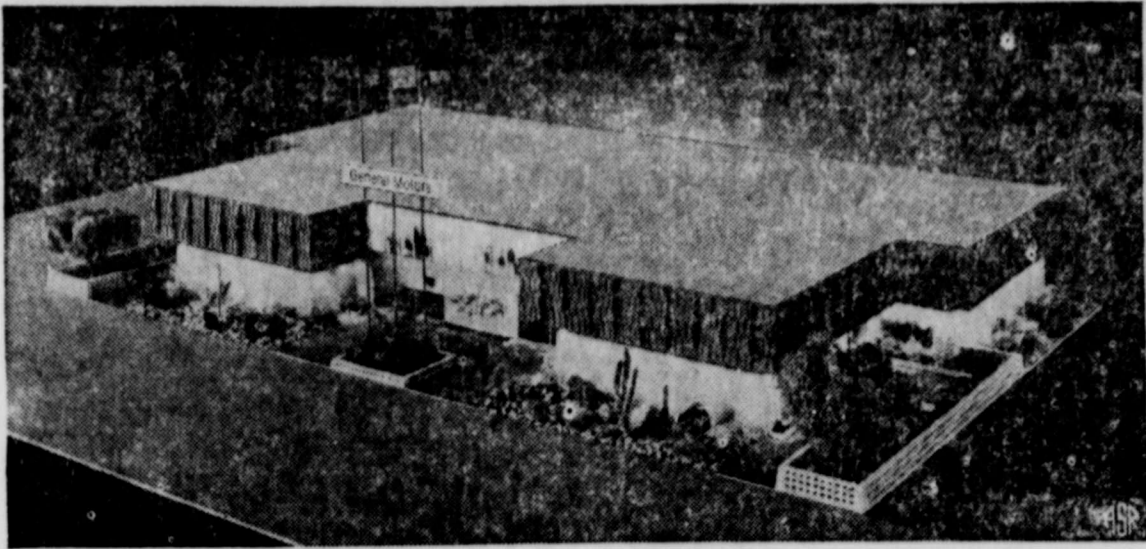
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General Motors unveiled to HemisFair officials a model of the building which will house scientific and educational exhibits, plus latest automotive safety devices, at the San Antonio HemisFair '68. The modern design retains the architectural flavor found in the Southwest. It will be constructed of quartz stucco and plywood with painted battens above the stucco, mounted on steel framework. Tinted glass will frame the entrance and exits and the entire

building will be air conditioned. The grounds surrounding the exhibit building will have three planting areas with architectural block parapet illuminated with ground lighting. At the entrance will fly the American flag, the HemisFair flag and the Texas State flag. The structure will have more than 8,600 square feet of exhibit and office space and is scheduled to be completed prior to the opening of HemisFair on April 6.

THE MERKEL MAIL, MERKEL, TEXAS
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Edwin E. Williams d-b-a Williams Texaco, Defendant,
Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of

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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 10th day of February A.D. 1968, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 6th day of July A.D. 1964, in this cause, numbered 2-122-A on the docket of said court and styled Bank of Commerce, Plaintiff, vs Edwin E. Williams d-b-a Williams Texaco, Defendant.

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.

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 2nd day of January A.D. 1968.
(Seal)

Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk,
42nd District Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
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Services Held For Rivera Infant

Graveside services for Michael Glenn Rivera, 11 month old son of Pez officer 1st Class and Mrs. Narciso Rivera, were held Saturday, Jan. 20 with the Rev. Juan Hovlet of Mother of Mercy First Church officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

The young son died Thursday in a Beeville Hospital after a short illness.

Survivors include the parents; a sister, Dolphina of the home; two brothers, John Jay and Jon Kevin, both of the home; maternal grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Biera of Merkel; paternal grandmother, Mrs. Gregoria Rivera of Merkel.

'In Brief' informs The Busy Woman

A new publication especially designed for the busy woman who has "no time to read" is making its debut on the feminine scene.

"In Brief," an eight-page quarterly digest will capsule significant women's interest articles from major publications.

Published by the Life Cycle Center of Kimberly-Clark Corporation, "In Brief" reports to women about their special concerns — health, emotions, female identity, and their roles as wives and mothers.

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4-H Club Member Studies Milk

Mrs. Tommy McAlister met with her daughter, Margo, Monday, Jan. 22, in their home to explore the milk group. Mrs. McAlister stressed the importance

of milk and milk products.

Margo and her mother performed an experiment with milk. She made a cream pudding and plans for the next meeting were made.

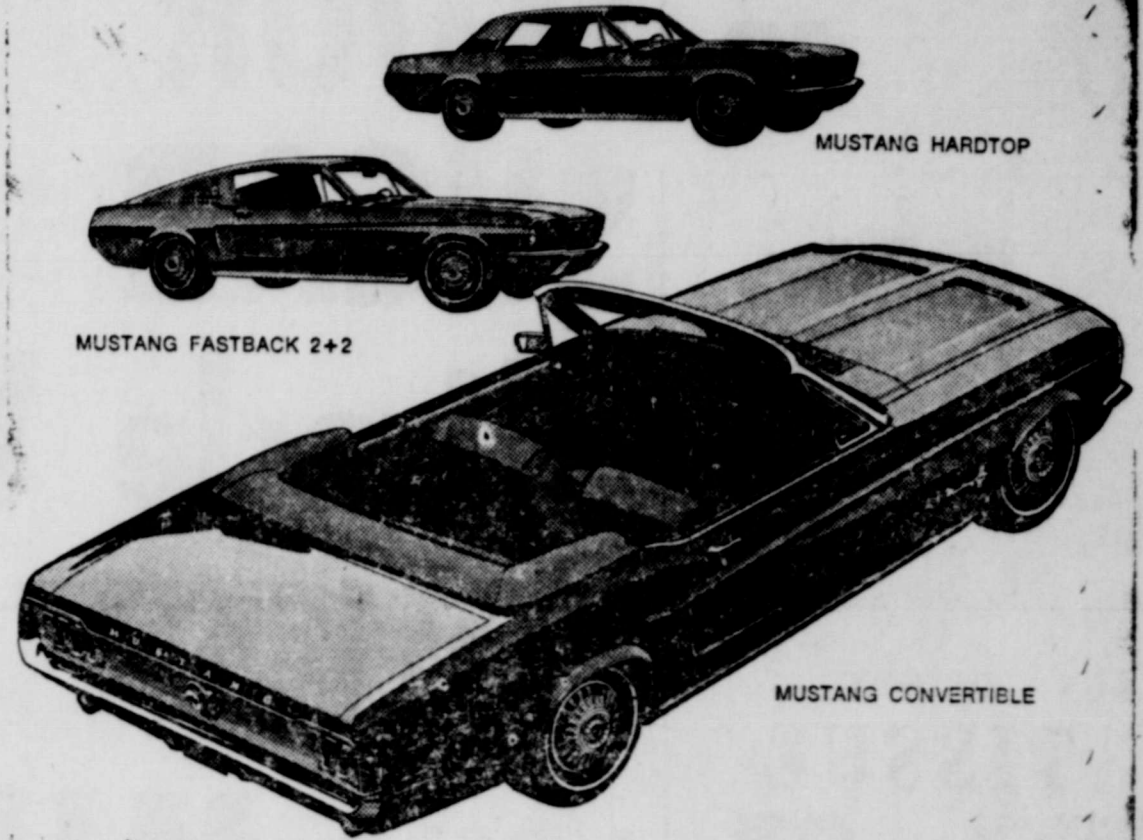
AVOID TROUBLES

Always close zippers before washing garments or sending them to the dry cleaners.

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TELL ME

HOW DID THE CUSTOM OF "TOSSING THE BRIDAL BOUQUET" ORIGINATE?

SINCE EARLIEST TIMES GUESTS RUSHED TO CATCH A BRIDE'S GARTER "FOR LUCK"! LATER, THE CUSTOM OF THROWING STOCKINGS PREVAILED... FINALLY THE BOUQUET WAS SUBSTITUTED.

IS OZONE... A REAL SUBSTANCE... OR IS IT MERELY A TERM FOR INVIGORATING SEA AIR?

IT'S A REAL SUBSTANCE... AN IONIZED FORM OF OXYGEN... WITH PROPERTIES SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT FROM ORDINARY OXYGEN!

WHO WAS THE TOP GLUTTON OF ALL TIME?

EMPEROR MAXIMUS OF ROME! HISTORIANS RECORDED THAT HE STOWED AWAY 50 POUNDS OF MEAT EVERY DAY... FOR YEARS AT A STRETCH!

IS THERE SUCH A THING AS A FLYING FROG?

YES! THEY CAN BE SEEN FLYING ABOUT IN BORNEO JUNGLES!

NOTICE

TO TAXPAYERS

YOUR 1967 TAXES MUST BE PAID BY
JAN. 31, 1968 TO AVOID PENALTY!

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City Tax Collector

CLYDE BARTLETT
Merkel Independent School
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With the changes on '68 gas ranges...mom can enjoy cook-ins as much as the rest of the gang!

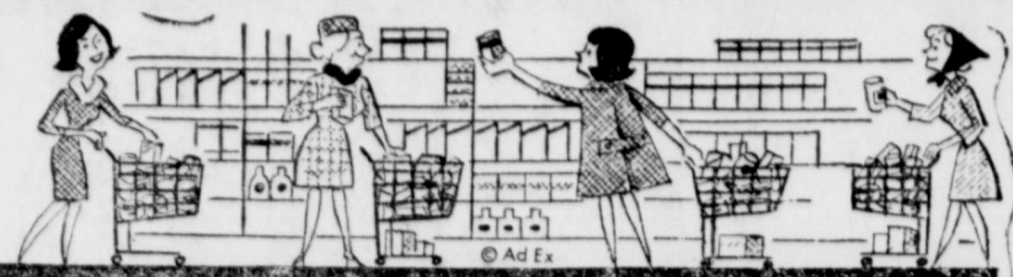
Mom might love the model with space age burners and ovens with solid state ignition. Or one with a handy hideaway shelf to keep all of her favorite seasonings close at hand. Or one with sculptured stainless steel utensil supports that let her slide pots and pans without lifting! She'll love all these gas features, too—cook-and-keep-warm ovens, automatic meat probes, and Burner-With-A-Brain. Go ahead. Get Mom a new '68 gas range. She deserves it!

New Year Gas Range Sale
See the new ranges at your gas appliance dealer or Lone Star Gas!



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Many a Penny



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HONEY GOLD ICE TEA GLASSES
25-OZ. 4 for **49¢**

DOE SKIN FACIAL TISSUE
100 CT. BOX **19¢**

DELSEY TISSUE
PRINTED 2 ROLL PACK **25¢**

CLEANSER COMET GIANT
2 for **39¢**

U.S.D.A. CHOICE **CHUCK ROAST**
EXTRA TASTY EXTRA TENDER EXTRA GOOD CHOICE BEEF POUND **53¢**

BACON DECKERS POUND **59¢**
SAUSAGE DECKERS 2 LB. BAGS **69¢**
ROAST CHOICE BEEF ARM or ENGLISH LB. **69¢**
BOLOGNA HORMEL ALL MEAT 2 LBS. **89¢**
STEAKS GOOCH B. R. 5 IN PKG. LB. **69¢**

GOOCH **BACON** Ends & Pieces 4-Lb. Box **89¢**

CHOICE BEEF FRESH GROUND **BEEF** 3 Lbs. **\$1.00**

PRICES GOOD

GOOD THURSDAY - FRIDAY - SATURDAY
JANUARY 25 - 26 - 27

FLOUR GLADIOLA 10-LB. BAG **98¢**

SUGAR IMPERIAL (1 Limit) 5-LB. BAG **49¢**

Miracle Whip (1 Limit) Qt. **49¢**

FOLGERS COFFEE (1 Can Limit) 2-LB. 1.29 1-LB. CAN **65¢**

HOMO MILK METZGER'S 1/2-GAL. CTN. 2 FOR **99¢**

SCHILLING BLACK PEPPER 4-oz. **39¢**

SUNSHINE COOKIES BUTTER or Chocolate CHIP 2 Boxes **49¢**

HIPPOLITE M.M. CREAM 2 for **39¢**

BUTTERMILK Metzger's 1/2 gal. 2 for **89¢**

ICE CREAM Borden's 1/2-GAL. CTN. **59¢**

DRY MILK Borden's 12-QT. BOX **98¢**

HAWAIIAN Punch Asstd. 46-Oz. 2 for **49¢**

SHORTENING Swift 3-LB. CAN **43¢**

GREEN BEANS Double Luck 2 for **25¢**

RANCH STYLE Beans 24-oz. 2 for **43¢**

SPINACH Libby's 303 Can 2 for **29¢**

BLACK EYE PEAS with snaps 2 for **33¢**

SLOPPY JOE Barbecue Beef Can **53¢**

LIQUID IVORY 49¢ GT.

GIANT (1 Limit) TIDE 59¢ GT. BOT.

Frozen Foods MORTON'S APPLE PIES Each **25¢**

STILWELL 10-OZ. PKG. STRAWBERRIES Each **23¢**

ORANGES EA. **45¢**

FRESH CELO TOMATOES Each **19¢**

CHOICE LEMONS Pound **19¢**

FRESH CRANBERRIES Lb. **29¢**

EAST TEXAS YAMS Pound **9¢**

RUSSET NO. 1 SPUDS 10-Lb. Bag **49¢**

KRAFT STRAWBERRY 18-Oz. glass **39¢**

PRESERVES glass **39¢**

GEBHARDT'S ENCHILADA 300 CAN

2 for **39¢**

AUSTEX CHILI PLAIN

NO. 2 CAN **57¢**

LIBBY'S CATSUP 14-OZ. BOT.

2 for **39¢**

LIPTON'S INSTANT TEA

6-OZ. JAR **99¢**

COFFEE INSTANT FOLGER'S

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