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Up The Canyon

By TOM
RUSSOM

As of Tuesday evening, March 5, the Canyon is seeing another rain coming down slow and easy. As to whether or not we need it — perhaps not. Some of the farmers are beginning to "frown" a little bit about the excessive amount of moisture. They need and want to get into the fields.

This week we were told that an outstanding farmer or rancher will be honored at the Merkel Chamber of Commerce Banquet, to be held in Merkel at the school cafeteria Friday, March 22.

This is a mighty fine gesture on the part of Merkel Chamber of Commerce and there will be a clipping in the Merkel Mail this week for people to write in a name of the farmer or rancher whom they think would like to be honored. I do hope people will read the story, fill out the clipping and send it in, for there are certainly a lot of outstanding farmers and ranchers in the Merkel area who have contributed a great deal to the area progress.

People in the Canyon extend their sympathy to the families of both Luther Land and Mrs. Hobb Robertson, who passed away this week. Both are well known in the Mulberry Canyon area and will be missed by many.

LONGTIME MERKEL CONSTABLE DIES

J. Luther Land, 70, longtime Merkel resident and constable, died Saturday in the Veterans Hospital in Big Spring after a lengthy illness.

Funeral services for Mr. Land were held Monday in the First Baptist Church in Merkel with



J. LUTHER LAND
... services held Wednesday

1968 HEART DRIVE TOTALS \$352.19

A total of \$352.91 was collected by volunteer workers during last Thursday's door to door Heart Drive, according to Mrs. Hugh Baker, co-chairman of the drive.

Mrs. Ronnie Toombs, president of the Taylor County Young Home Makers, was co-chairman with Mrs. Baker. The Heart Drive was headed by members of the Young Homemakers.

Both Mrs. Toombs and Mrs. Baker expressed appreciation to workers who made the door to

PTA to Sponsor Bake Sale Sat.

The Merkel Parent Teachers Association will have a Bake Sale this Saturday.

Sales will be held at Carson Super Market and Wilson Food Store, and will begin at 9 a.m., according to Mrs. J. Lynn Knight, PTA vice president.

Proceeds from the Bake Sale will be used toward completing payment on the water well project.

Recent donors to the project include Frazier - Stewart Ford Inc., S. C. Dixon, Wilson Food Store, Mrs. Ray Wilson and the Rev. David Hahn.

Incumbents File

All three incumbents have filed as candidates for re-election to the Merkel City Council.

They are Clyde Wurst, Horace Hargrove and Bob DuBose.

The three positions will be filled in the Tuesday, April 2 city election.

door drive last Thursday. "We thank the members of the Future Homemakers class at Merkel High School, Young Home-maker members and other volunteer workers for the time they gave in making this drive a success," said Mrs. Toombs.

FHA members assisting in the drive were Donna Dickerson, Becky Bolding, Judy Hester, Vickie Robertson, Pam Sandusky, Betsy Johnson, Anette Campbell and Elaine Brady.

Besides members of the FHA class other volunteers were Mmes. Dean Smith, Johnny Young, Lee Tucker, Jack Boone, Larry White, Lawrence Hewitt, Jerry Russell, Max Murrell and Mrs. J. H. Clark Jr.

Young Homemakers members assisting in the drive were Mmes. Joe Gregory, Dink Whisenhunt, Charles Jacobs, Gary Douglass, Billy Bob Toombs, Billy Patton, Dickie Danneheim, Billy Lucas and Tommy Cutler.

Antilley Named For State Post

The Middle Clear Fork Conservation District's has named Joe Antilley an Elmdale rancher, as candidate for a post on the State Soil Conservation Board, according to H. H. (Squid) McLeod of Trent, and vice chairman of the district board of directors.

The nomination of Antilley was made Monday, March 4 at the regular monthly meeting of the board of directors.

The five man board is made up of one member from each SCS zone in the state.

Antilley, a SWCD supervisor for five years, is a native of the Elmdale Community and a graduate of Abilene High School. He has been instrumental in revising the district program and plan, helping to instigate the annual Congressman's Tour, and the conservation education program He is chairman of the Taylor County Program Building Committee; served as president of the West Texas Fair Association, 1967-68, general livestock superintendent 1963-64 and is chairman of the Taylor County Animal Health Committee.



JOE ANTILLEY
... SSC candidate

the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor, and the Rev. Newton Daniel, pastor of First Methodist Church in Merkel officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 19, 1898, in Tennessee, he came to the Merkel area as an infant. He was a veteran of World War I and married Lulu Jane Higgins March 23, 1923 in Merkel.

Mr. Land had been the constable in Merkel the past 20 years. Survivors include his wife; one son, J. L. Jr., of Merkel; one daughter, Mrs. C. W. Rous of San Jose, Calif.; two brothers, Walter and Louis, both of Tennessee; two sisters, Mrs. Nellie Small and Mrs. Lula Miller, both of Tennessee; seven grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Ray Wilson, Joe Higgins, Clyde Bartlett, Bill Brown, L. L. Knight and Joe Cypert.

Honorary pallbearers were all local law enforcement officers.

MERKEL'S TRACK MEET STARTS AT 1 P.M. THIS SATURDAY

Merkel's Invitational Track Meet will begin this Saturday, March 9 at 1 p.m. with a coaches meeting, according to Merkel High School track coach Ronnie Toombs. Finals in pole vault, broad jump and discus will begin at 1:30.

Schedule for preliminaries will be 1:30 p.m. — 440 yard relay, best six to finals; 1:45 — 120 yard high hurdles, best six to finals; 2:05 — 100 yard dash, best seven to finals; 2:25 — 440 yard dash, best seven to finals; 2:45 — 330 yard intermediate hurdles, best six to finals, and 3:05 — 220 yard dash, best seven to finals.

"There will be no preliminaries in the 880 yard run, 1 mile and the 1 mile relay," said Toombs.

Finals will begin at 5 p.m. with the high jump and shot put, and to be followed at 6 p.m. — varsity 440 yard relay; 6:05 — freshman 440 yard relay; 6:10 — 880 yard run; 6:20 — 120 yard high hurdles; 6:25 100 yard dash; 6:30 — 440 yard dash; 6:40 — 330 yard intermediate hurdles; 6:45 — 220 yard dash; 6:50 — 1 mile run, and 7 p.m. — freshman mile relay and varsity mile relay.

Teams entered in the Invitation Track Meet besides Merkel are Roscoe, Wylie, Woodson, Rotan,

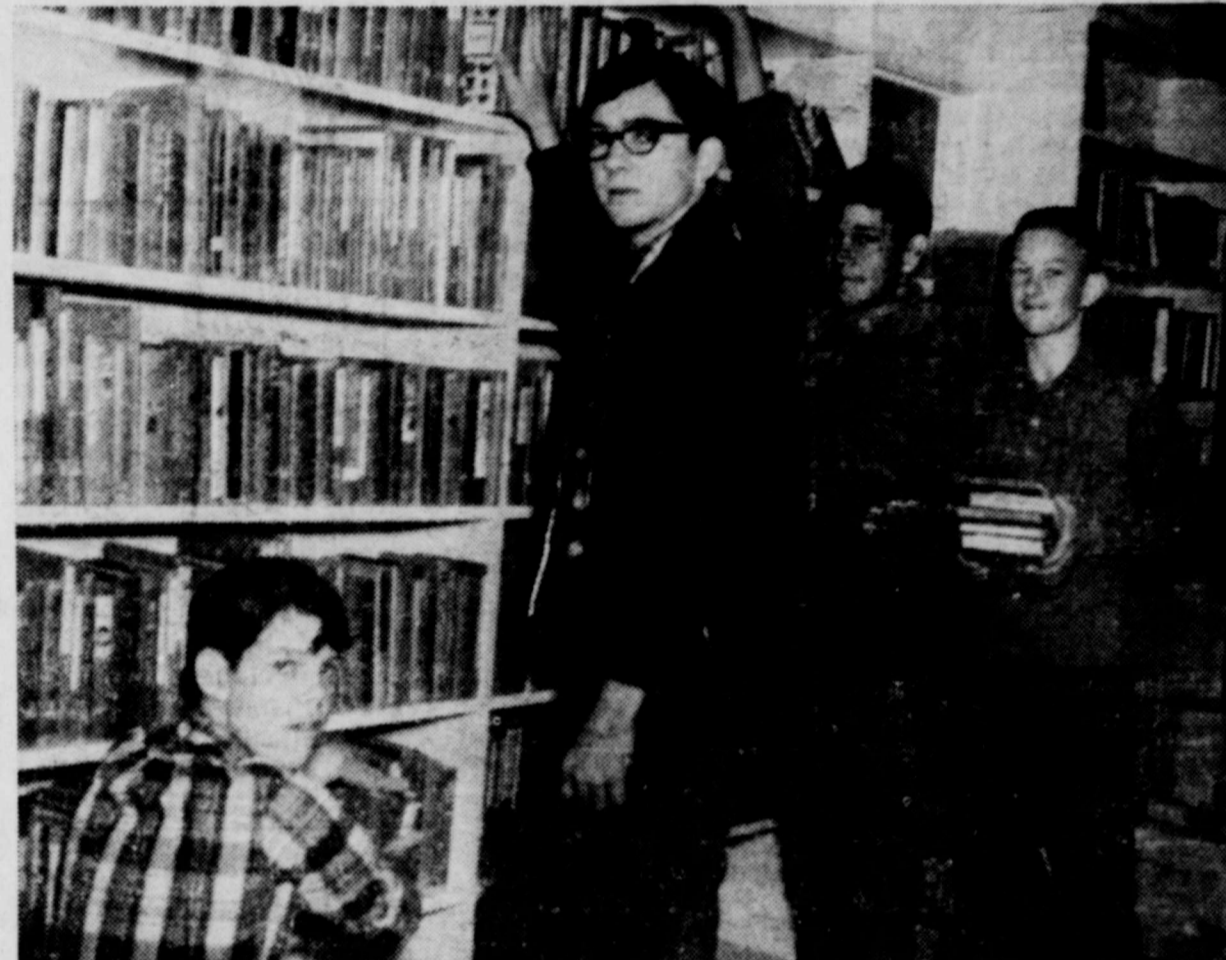
Loraine, Jim Ned, Bronte, Central Catholic, Hawley, Blackwell, Trent, Sterling City.

Coach Toombs said that as of the present time he had approximately fourteen volunteers to help with the meet, but needed that many more.

Persons who will be available Saturday to help with the meet are asked to contact Toombs.

Meet records held by Merkel and Trent students are Robert Shouse, discus, 145' 10", Merkel, 1965; Elton Payne, 330 yard low hurdles, 43.2, Trent, 1967, and Felix Castillo one mile run, 4:43.5, Merkel, 1967.

Merkel City Council Meets; Discuss Traffic Problems



BOOKS ARE GOING UP — In the shelves, that is. When the "car load" of books from Abilene Public Library arrived Saturday morning, on hand to assist in placing them in shelves were, from left, Larry Hewitt, president Elementary Student Council, and Mike Allen, Reuben Dela Cruz, and Billy Diltz. (Staff Photo)

OUTSTANDING CITIZEN, FARMER TO BE RECOGNIZED AT BANQUET

Something new has been added to the program of the upcoming Merkel Chamber of Commerce banquet.

To be held Friday, March 22,

Merkel Students To Get Holiday

Merkel Public School students will enjoy a holiday this Friday, while administrators and teachers attend District VII of the Texas State Teachers Association being held in Sweetwater.

Over 2,000 teachers from the 23 counties in the district are expected to attend the morning session and participate in the sectional meetings following luncheons in school cafeterias and in public and private dining halls.

According to Mrs. Hazel Nunn, district president and a Sweetwater classroom teacher, the theme for the convention is "Be Concerned With Their Education."

Dr. Dale Baughman, Hoosier schoolmaster, lecturer, and author from Terre Haute, Ind., will be the keynote speaker at the morning session. He is professor of Education and Psychology and editor and author of two books and 50 articles published in 15 different educational journals.

Following the luncheons, chairmen of sectional meetings have planned programs to meet the concerns of 28 groups, said Mrs. Nunn.

at the school cafeteria, members and guests will honor an outstanding citizen and also an outstanding farmer or rancher in the area, according to CC president, Herman Carson. Said Carson "Much has been done by citizens and by farmers or ranchers in our area to advance the betterment of Merkel, and we want to recognize them."

The outstanding citizen, and farmer or rancher to be honored at the Annual Banquet will be chosen by the people of Merkel and also by farmers and ranchers in the area, said Carson.

The ballot in The Merkel Mail may be used by persons who wish to cast their vote for the Outstanding Citizen and Farmer or Rancher. Others may desire to send their vote by letter to the Chamber of Commerce office or to The Merkel Mail. Ballots are to be brought or mailed to The Merkel Chamber of Commerce office.

Deadline for casting votes is Wednesday, March 20.

Dr. Guy Newman, president of Howard - Payne College, will be banquet speaker.

Dr. Newman, a native Texan, is in his 13th year as president of Howard Payne College. He came to Brownwood and to Howard Payne College in 1955 from Baylor University, where he had served as vice president for three years.

Active in civic affairs, Dr. New-

To Apprehend All Law Violators

"Drastic action" to regulate Merkel traffic has been taken by the Merkel City Council Monday night, according to a report made by Mayor Johnny Cox.

Horace Hargrove, commissioner in charge of the traffic division said:

"I am sure that we are going to make some folks mad at us, but I had rather have them mad as to have a dead or maimed for life child."

Cox said the council has instructed Merkel policemen to apprehend and the City Judge to impose a fine for unsafe driving and other law violations.

"This applies to every driver of a car regardless of race, creed, color or social or political standing," said Cox. "It is not the thinking or intention of any Merkel City Official to be dictatorial," he said, "but having the responsibility of maintaining protection, law and order of all our citizens drastic action was taken . . ."

The report stated that Merkel should be exceedingly grateful that more people have not been killed or seriously injured with so many disregarding safety in driving.

The report, signed "Merkel City Officials," continued:

"As much as we regret this action, but for the protection of all of our people the law must be obeyed. The support and cooperation of all citizens is solicited. The remembrance of running down and killing some child because of unsafe driving would be a very haunting memory though life."

Merkel's Chief of Police, D. B. Bowen, said that he had received the instructions from the council and that he "was following orders."

"It is imperative that we begin now to curb violations," said Bowen, "for the welfare of all concerned."

The order goes into effect on March 11.

HAPPY ...
BIRTHDAY
TO
MERKEL MAIL

This Week We Are
79 Years Old

For OUTSTANDING CITIZEN and FARMER OR RANCHER

(Write your choice, one each of the following)

Outstanding Citizen
Outstanding Farmer
or Rancher

(Mail ballot to the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, 112 Edwards Street, Merkel, Texas, 79536) Do not need to sign. Deadline for ballots is March 20.

THE FIZZLE FAMILY



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: George Wilson Scott, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County, 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 1st day of April A.D. 1968, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 16th day of January A.D. 1968, in this cause numbered 3855 on the docket of said court and styled Betty F. Scott, Plaintiff, vs. George Wilson Scott, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature



HEMISFASHIONS — Doris Bowen of HemisFair's advance ticket sales department, models the "op art" uniform to be worn by hostesses at the six-month World's Fair. The three-piece suit includes a helmet hat, shoulder purse, gloves and shoes. The skirt is A-Line with an overblouse and blazer coat.

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 13th day of February A.D. 1968.

(Seal)
Attest: R. H. ROSS, District Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas
By Faye Terry, Deputy.
51 4tc

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the partnership, Patton Equipment Co., 701 Walnut Street, Abilene, Texas, did on the 2nd day of February, 1968, incorporate under the same name, to-wit: Patton Equipment Co.; and since said date, it has at all time been and conducted its business as a corporation.

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A PARTNERSHIP
By: P. H. PATTON, MANAGING PARTNER
PATTON EQUIPMENT CO.,
A CORPORATION
By: P. H. PATTON,
ITS PRESIDENT
51 4tc

of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

On or about the 25th day of May, 1962, Plaintiff and Defendant was duly and legally married and continued to live with each other until on or about the 14th day of August, 1966. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of Cruel Treatment and outrages toward this plaintiff, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

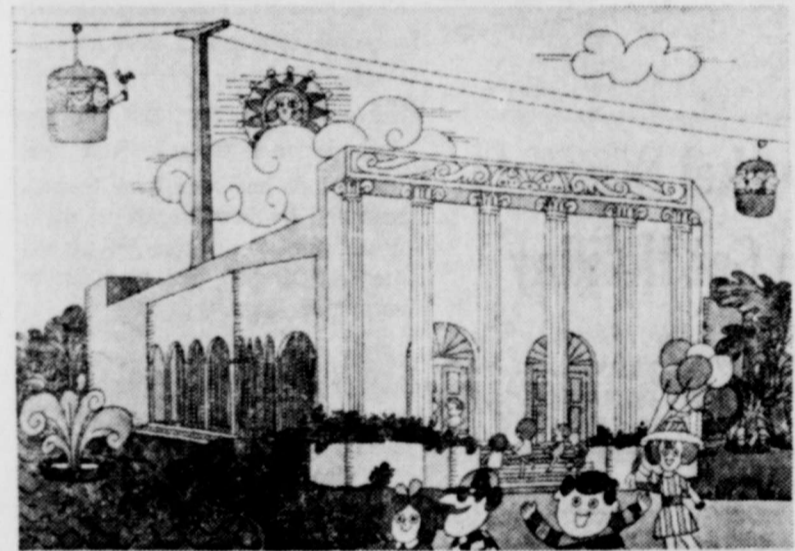
If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ

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**SIX FLAGS OVER TEXAS
SETS APRIL 13 OPENING**



An exciting new addition for 1968 at SIX FLAGS Over Texas is a \$180,000 air conditioned Music Hall seating 1,200 guests. Regularly scheduled shows starting at 8:00 p.m. will be presented throughout the day, beginning April 13 when the giant 140-acre family entertainment center opens for the season.

Arlington, Texas — SIX FLAGS Over Texas, the 140-acre, multi-million-dollar historical-theme park located midway between Dallas and Fort Worth, has set April 13 as its opening date for the 1968 season.

Lavish changes, new attractions and rides, and other projects stemming from a \$2,000,000 expansion program are in store for SIX FLAGS visitors during 1968.

SIX FLAGS will operate in the Spring on Fridays from 5-11 p.m. and on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Starting May 25 and throughout the Summer, SIX FLAGS is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. After September 2, until closing December 1, operations will be on weekends only from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Amphitheatre in the Confederate section, where talented collegians present bright and original musical variety shows, has been torn down to be replaced with a new and beautiful \$200,000 white-columned, enclosed, air-conditioned theatre which will be known as the "Music Hall." Talent scouts from SIX FLAGS are nearly completed with an extensive audition tour covering about 250 colleges in the South, Southeast and Midwest, picking outstanding performers for this year's shows.

The Mexican section of the Park, with its Fiesta Train Ride, has been completely redone to the tune of \$400,000 to make it even more colorful and exciting. Imagine passengers' reactions when the sombrero-topped trains run through an erupting volcano,

just to name one innovation. Sid and Marty Krofft, world-famous puppeteers, will present at SIX FLAGS this year The Krofft Bros. Puppet Circus. The spectacular \$350,000 production, which includes a new 1,200-seat theatre costing \$200,000, will stage shows 10 times each day.

SIX FLAGS, which introduced the first Log Flume ride in the country in 1953, has added another \$350,000 model for 1968 because of its popularity and appeal.

Angus G. Wynne, Jr., creator/developer of SIX FLAGS Over Texas and president of the parent company, Great Southwest Corporation, said, "We are anticipating an even larger attendance in 1968 than last year's record of 2,036,000 visitors. And this year our guests and their families will be able to enjoy and participate in SIX FLAGS' activities in even greater comfort, because we have increased our capacity to handle 29,000 visitors per hour on the rides, attractions, and shows, as compared to 22,000 per hour in 1967."

Tickets are \$4.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12 years of age. As in prior years, the one ticket purchased at the main gate enables visitors to ride all the rides and see all the attractions and shows as often as they wish during the day.

SIX FLAGS, with nearly 11,000,000 visitors since opening in 1961, is the most popular single tourist attraction in the State of Texas, according to the Texas Tourist Development Agency.

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were legally married on August 11, 1966, and became permanently separated on the 18th day of September, 1966. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

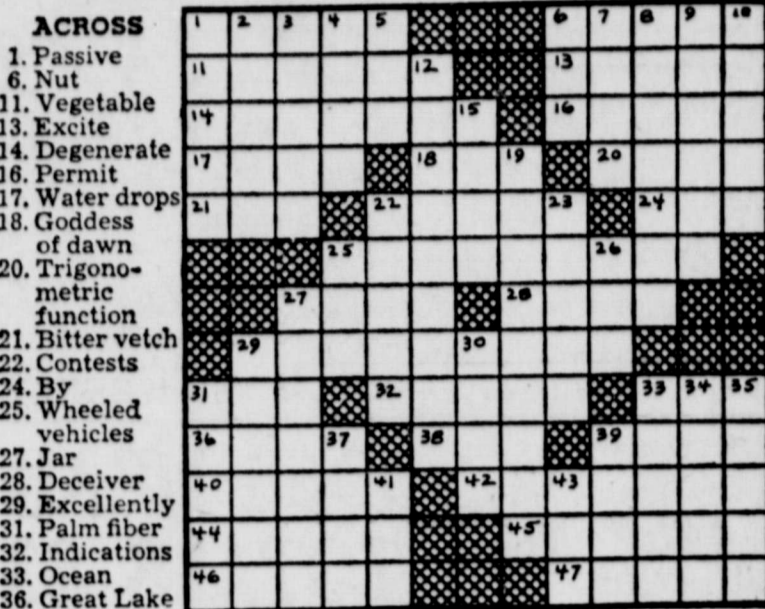
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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 8th day of February A.D. 1968.

(Seal)
Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk, Domestic Relations Court Taylor County, Texas
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
50 4tc

Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Passive
 - Nut
 - Vegetable
 - Excite
 - Degenerate
 - Permit
 - Water drops
 - Goddess of dawn
 - Trigonometric function
 - Bitter vetch
 - Contests
 - By
 - Wheeled vehicles
 - Jar
 - Deceiver
 - Excellent
 - Palm fiber
 - Indications
 - Ocean
 - Great Lake
 - Hint
 - Sleeping places
 - Persian coins
 - Slips away
 - Perceive
 - Salty
 - Chemical compound
 - Fewest
- DOWN**
- Quiet
 - Foundation
 - Ship wind catcher
 - Hat
 - Merry
 - Brave
 - Tooth decay
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 - Concise
 - Reddish brown
 - Paradises
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 - Cotton bundle
 - Indian weight
 - Wolfraimite
- Answer to Puzzle**
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- 1962 CHEVROLET Half Ton Pickup, long wheel base, radio and heater

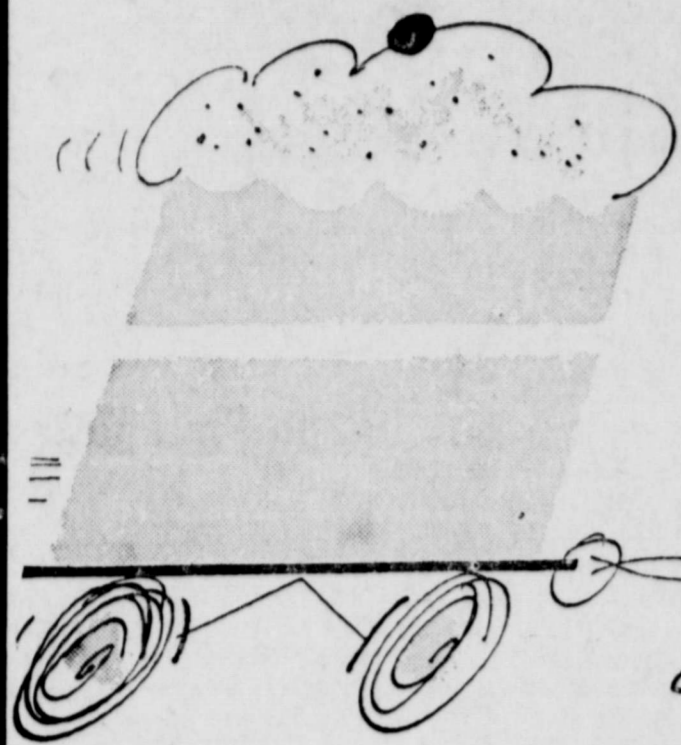
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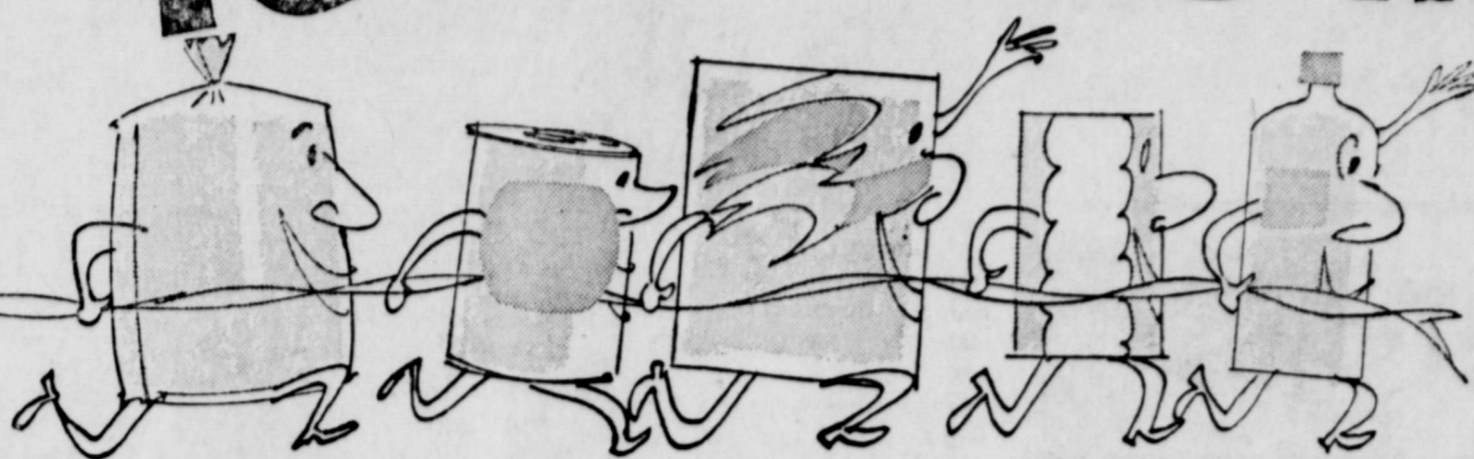
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- Miscellaneous -

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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.

WANT A NEW WELL DRILLED? An old well cleaned and Call Robert Higgins, 9-5898. Also sell and install Meyers Pumps. 51-tfc

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LOST — Bright carpet colors — restore them with Blue Lustre. Rent electric shampooer \$1.00. Bullock Hardware, Phone 8-5310. 1 1tc

FOUND — A pair of prescription glasses, dark frames, were left in post office. Owner may come by Merkel Mail, pay for this ad and claim these glasses. 1 2tc

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FOR RENT — Nice, clean one bedroom apartments. No pets. With or without bills paid. 301 Oak. 928-5358. 50 1tc

FOR RENT — Furnished apartment. Three rooms and bath, 411 Ash Street. Call 928-4728 or 928-5746. Mary Collins. 50 1tc

FOR RENT — Partly furnished three bedroom house, with bill's paid. \$90 month. Call 928-5901. 49 1tc

FOR RENT — Unfurnished 5 room house. Key next door at 602 Yucca. 50 4tp

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CARD OF THANKS

TO THOSE WHO EXPRESSED their sympathy in so many beautiful and practical ways during our recent bereavement, we extend our heartfelt thanks. The Family of Mrs. Dollie Richie

TO THOSE WHO EXPRESSED their sympathy in so many beautiful and practical ways during our recent sorrow, we extend our heartfelt thanks. The Family of J. D. Bradley

Former Merkel Resident Dies

Dollie Marjorie Richie, 87, a resident of Wylie, (near Dallas) and a former resident of Merkel, died at the Wylie Hospital Friday, March 1.

Graveside services were held Sunday at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel with the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating, and under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 25, 1880 in Hunt County, Mrs. Richie came with her parents when a child to Mulberry Canyon area. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. F. Z. Turner. Her husband, Jim Richie, died in 1921.

She was a longtime member of the Baptist Church. Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Vannie Henslee of Abilene and Mrs. Beulah Dye of Rearing Springs, Tex.; seven grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

T. L. Holloway Dies in California

T. L. Holloway, 76, of Antioch, Calif., and formerly of Merkel, died Sunday, March 3 while visiting a daughter in Whittier, Calif. Funeral services were held in Higgins Funeral Home in Antioch.

Born in Franklin, in East Texas, he moved to Merkel with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Holloway. He lived in Abilene in the late 1930s, and in Merkel for several years before moving to California in 1941. He was employed in Civil Service work in California.

Survivors are his wife, Hazel; a son, Talley Jr. of Los Vegas, Nev.; one daughter, Mrs. Glen Farrey of Whittier, four sisters; one brother; two nieces.



NEW BUSINESS IN MERKEL — Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sandusky, who recently opened their feed and seed business on Edwards Street, are serving coffee and donuts all day Saturday, March 9 with the public invited to "come by, see their store and visit." (Staff Photo)

MERKEL PLACES 4TH IN BLIZZARD RELAYS

Wylie's Bulldogs took the Winter Blizzard Relays last Saturday with 87 points. Stamford placed second with 83½ points; Hestell third with 69 points and Merkel 4th with 64 points. Hestell was fifth with 54, and Winters in sixth place with 49½ points.

Johnny Thompson placed 4th in the broad jump with 19' 11¼" and in the high jump, 2nd with 5' 6".

In the 440 Relay Merkel was 4th with a time of 45.9. Corlillo was 2nd in the 880 with 2:05.4. In the 440 yard dash Thompson was 2nd with 53.5; and Robert Wilson, 6th with 55.0.

Merkel took first and second places in the mile run with Joe Dela Cruz first with a time of 4:57, and Kenny Jernigan, 2nd with 4:57.9.

In the Mile Relay Merkel placed third with a time of 3:37.4.

The mile relay team includes Wilson, Tony Castillo, Felix Castillo and Thompson.

Merkel Residents' Sister Dies At 57

Funeral services for Mrs. R. C. Pomroy, 57, of Monahans, and sister of Bruno and Henry Ueckert of Merkel, were held in Monahans Tuesday, March 5. Burial was in Memorial Cemetery at Monahans.

Born Augusta Margretta Ueckert on Aug. 4, 1910, in Waco, she married R. O. Pomroy.

Survivors include her husband; three daughters; one son; five brothers; one sister; five grandchildren.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH TO HOST DISTRICT MEET

The regular monthly Fellowship Meeting of the Central West Texas Baptist Bible Fellowship will be held in Merkel at the Calvary Baptist Church on Tuesday, March 12th, according to David Hahn, Calvary Baptist pastor.

Services will begin at 10:00 a.m. and continue throughout the day with the evening services starting at 7:00 p.m., said Rev. Hahn.

The Rev. Douglas Cannady will be the featured speaker at this evening service. He is pastor of the Baptist Temple in San Angelo, the largest fundamental Baptist church in that city.

These meetings feature "preaching by the leading Fundamental Baptist pastors and missionaries in the Central West Texas area." Also featured during the day will be special musical numbers by vocalists and musicians from the various CWTBBF churches.

The members of Calvary Baptist Church invite all those folks in this area who still enjoy hearing old-fashioned Gospel preaching to attend these services said Hahn.

Rifle Club Meets; Elects Officers

Members of the Rifle Club met Feb. 22 at Taylor Electric Cooperative building for the election of officers with J. D. Sandusky conducting the meeting.

Officers elected are Glenn Brunan, president; Mike Dudley, vice president; Beth Peachey, secretary - treasurer, and William Boyd, reporter.

Approximately thirty members were present.

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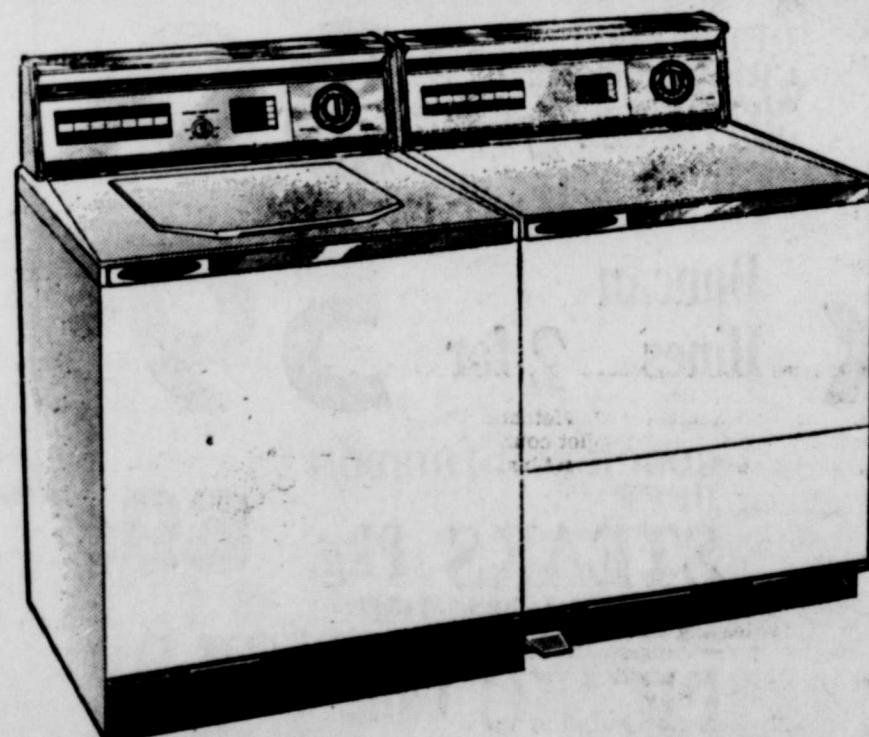
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MRS. J. W. CAREY IS BIRTHDAY HONOREE

Mrs. W. M. (Mary J.) Carey was honored with a birthday dinner Sunday in Fort Worth where she is living with her daughter and son in law Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Walter at 5205 Stacey Avenue. She was 90 years old on Tuesday, March 5. Mrs. Carey is a former longtime resident of the Merkel area.

Other children present for the celebration were Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Carey of Blanket, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carey of Lubbock, Dr. and Mrs. Vernon Lofton, of Caldwell.

Grandchildren present were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hopkins, Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Walter, Fort Worth, and Bryan Walter of the home.

Mrs. Carey has three other children who could not be there. They are Oliver Carey, Lubbock;

Mrs. Rayford Cockrell, Linwood, New Jersey, and Clements Carey of Crane.

Mrs. Carey took her first airplane ride shortly before her 89th birthday and since then has made several trips by jet. Last spring she flew to New Jersey to visit the Cockrells. While there she enjoyed a trip to Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia, Pa., visiting many places of historic interest which she said she never expected to see.



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TEXAS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Robertson Dies at Age 70

Mrs. Hebb Robertson, 70, longtime Merkel resident, died Monday, March 4, in Scott and White Hospital after a short illness.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the First Baptist Church in Merkel, with the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor, officiating. He was assisted by the Rev. Bill Tanner, pastor of the Baptist Church in Stratford. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born Jesse Wilma Garrett, April 24, 1897 in Limestone County, she moved to the Merkel area at an early age. She married Hebb Robertson Aug. 25, 1920 in Merkel.

Mrs. Robertson was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star for nearly 50 years, and a past Matron of Merkel Chapter 212. She was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband; one son, Glenn; one daughter, Mrs. Calvin Stevens of Dallas; three brothers, Barney Garrett and Doyle Garrett, both of Waco, and the Rev. J. Ray Garrett of Washington, D.C.; three sisters, Mrs. Beulah Bullock and Mrs. R. J. Miller, both of Waco, and Mrs. Forest Harper of Odessa; seven grandchildren.

The family requested that any memorial be made in the form of donations to the heart fund.

Mrs. Hightower Dies at Age 85

Mrs. Claude R. Hightower, 85, and mother of Mrs. Chester Collinsworth of Merkel, died Saturday, March 2 in Winters Municipal Hospital, following an illness of a few hours.

Funeral services were held Tuesday in Still Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Fred Otwell, pastor of First Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in the Fairview Cemetery.

Born Betty Lena Brown March 5, 1882, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Brown, she married Claude Hightower Dec. 27, 1899 at Frost. In 1906 the family moved to Rannels County, east of Winters. Mr. Hightower died in 1958 and Mrs. Hightower moved to Winters. She was a member of the First Methodist Church in Winters.

Survivors include three sons, Vernon of San Angelo, and Sloan and Ralph, both of Albuquerque, N.M.; four daughters, Mrs. Collinsworth of Merkel, Mrs. F. C. Rogers of Clint, Mrs. T. B. Poe of Winters and Mrs. John Norton of Fort Collins, Colo.; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.



MRS. GREGORY T. LAURANCE
... formerly Audrey Lea Reagan

AUDREY REAGAN WED IN CHURCH VOWS

Audrey Lea Reagan and Gregory Thomas Laurance were married Saturday, March 2 at the Merkel Church of Christ.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Reagan, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cantrell of Maywood, Ill.

Billy Patton, Church of Christ minister, officiated. Music was by an A Cappella Chorus.

Maid of Honor was Cheryl Crawford, of Abilene. Bridesmaids were Jocita Reagan and Janell Crawford, both of Abilene.

Barbara Cantrell of Maywood, sister of the bridegroom, was flower girl. Cliff Smith was ring bearer.

Robert Crawford of Decatur, Ill., brother of the bridegroom was best man. Groomsman were the bridegroom's father, and the bride's brother, J. T. Reagan of Abilene.

Burl Dean Crawford and Keith Crawford, both of Abilene, light-

ed candles. Danny Wade and Buster Tarpley seated guests.

Presented in marriage by her father the bride wore a gown and chapel train of taffeta with appliques of jeweled lace. A headpiece of roses and sequins held her veil. She carried orchids.

The maid of honor's gown was of gold brocade. Bridesmaid's wore gold and white brocade, bows held their veils. They carried gammadellas.

The bride is a graduate of Merkel High School and attended York Junior College and Hardin College. She was a member of Ju Go Ju Club and A Cappella Choir.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Camp Lejeune High School, Lejeune, N.C.

The couple will live in Chicago, Ill., where the bridegroom will attend DeVry Technological College.

Reception was in the Gold Room of the Merkel Restaurant.

MERKEL PAGEANT BY MAIL STAFF

Much has been said in the past concerning "attracting" tourists to Merkel.

Perhaps Dick West, son of Merkel's Henry West, and feature writer for United Press, with headquarters in Washington, D.C. has the solution. Besides a wife, he has four children, and that would make a sizeable "tourist" to Merkel every summer.

Writes Dick in one of his articles:

"Giving up foreign travel isn't too difficult once you steel yourself... and have self discipline.

"I have been able to forego foreign travel by taking my wife and children on annual vacation pilgrimages to my old home town in Texas.

"There I show them the house where I was born, the places I used to play as a lad, and other interesting and fascinating sights.

"I have been doing this for 18 years, but last summer I got the impression that some of the thrill is gone.

"I got this impression when, as vacation time arrived, my wife and children locked themselves in the basement and refused to emerge.

"What's wrong with spending our vacation in Merkel?" I demanded, banging on the door.

"Well, my wife said, 'it isn't exactly Paris.'

"Of course not," I said, "Paris is in East Texas, Merkel is in West Texas."

"I was thinking of a different Paris," she said.

"I finally started them out and made the trip, but recently I noticed they are already storing up provisions in the basement for next summer's holdout.

"It's obviously going to require a lot of self-discipline on my part to keep them in line."

Suppose we could solve the "tourist" problem by getting a number of Ex - Merkelites in-

terested in Dick's solution?

Smile... you could be on "candid camera."

And that is Mrs. Clyde Bunch's conclusion after a recent experience at a Mission Conference held in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Bunch and sons, Mark and Darel, interested in missions and especially the Navajo Indians attended the conference and as they entered the film room, where several were already in attendance, what to their surprise was a film showing their pictures and their activities while on vacation this past summer in Navajo, N.M.

"Quite a startling surprise to see yourself as 'others see you,'" exclaimed Mrs. Bunch.

The pictures were being shown by the Rev. Bill Miller, missionary to the Navajo Indians.

"Darel and Mark attended the Vacation Bible School while we were on vacation there," said Mrs. Bunch. "The film included pictures of rug weavers, shepherds, witch doctors, and others 'typical of primitive life on the reservation.'"

So it really goes to prove that one's candid picture just might appear on some screen before hundreds of people, agrees Mrs. Bunch.

"No matter where you are, nor what you're doing, smile!" is her conclusion.

NOTICE

Burl King, Taylor County Tax Assessor - Collector, will be in Merkel this Saturday, March 9 and also next Saturday, March 16, to sell car and truck tags. He will hold the license sales in the showroom of Max Murrell Chevrolet Co.

Time will be from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Gary Adcock On Dean's List

Gary Adcock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wynn Adcock, made the dean's list for the fall semester at the Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science, according to a re-

lease this week.

Gary, a 1955 graduate of Merkel High School, will complete his studies in September, 1968. He is presently working at a funeral home in Dallas while attending school.

To make the dean's list at the Institute, a student must have "an above B grade average for the semester."



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Project Transition Aids Returning Veterans

MORE THAN GOLD AT FORT KNOX

FORT KNOX — An oil company joined the army here late last year. Now it is about ready to re-enlist. Humble Oil & Refining Company signed up for an initial 90-day hitch in Project Transition, an effort to provide greater opportunity for men who are nearly ready to return to civilian life.

The project is a blending of industry needs with military concern for the future of the approximately 750,000 soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen who will end their enlistments and be discharged from military service this year. According to the Defense Department, as many as 55 per cent of the 750,000 should receive some type of training or retraining to aid their return to the civilian economy.

To explore methods of providing assistance on such a massive scale, the department began Project Transition at Fort Knox last year, and turned to private industry for cooperation when that seemed the best approach. Humble, largest U.S. oil refiner and marketer, volunteered to conduct the first pilot program by private industry.

Rolling a trailer classroom onto the military reservation, the company set up a dealer training school with the same comprehensive course of instruction that its new dealers and service-station managers receive at 55 similar Humble schools throughout the country.

The oil company's training course and one conducted by the U.S. Post Office Department were the first two programs in Project Transition, which will be operating at dozens of army, navy, marine and air force bases before the year is over.

At Humble's dealer school, seventeen soldiers are spending half of most days, during their last three months in uniform, studying textbooks and listening to lectures on such subjects as merchandising and sales promotion; product quality; engine upkeep and repair; accounting, credit and maintenance of inventories; lubrication methods, and fundamentals of driveway service. Sometimes the soldier-students travel in buses to Humble's training station in near-



In Project Transition trailer classroom...

by Louisville for on-the-job experience. With space in the mobile classroom limited, half of the men go to school in the morning and the rest attend afternoon classes. They spend the rest of each day at their regular military duties.

Nine of the trainees are Vietnam veterans. All seventeen asked to take the pilot course, which covers a period of about three months. Advance army screening indicated their ability to handle the required subjects.

The class members are from eleven states. When they have completed the training, Humble will send letters of introduction for the students to its district marketing managers in the areas where the veterans will live after leaving the army.

A record of the company training the men have received will accompany the letters. Through Project Transition, while they are still in uniform, the trainees will be well on their way toward becoming independent dealers or service-station managers — a field where the demand far exceeds the supply of trained and competent people.

Although the original period for which Humble signed up is nearly over, the company doesn't consider its enlistment ended. Instead, it is making plans to conduct similar dealer training programs at several other military installations.

Humble reports a high degree of enthusiasm and concentration on their studies among members of the pilot class. As for the soldier-students, their comments make it appear that they want to put their new training to use as fast as possible.

Says Arthur Adams, one of the nine Vietnam veterans: "I think I can get ahead faster now when I get out. I'm going back to Chicago and go in business for myself. That's what I've always wanted."

Thomas Wedding, one of the six Kentucky men in the class, is already counting on operating a Humble station of his own.

"I live only a few miles from Fort Knox," he said, "and I want to get right into the business."

He gives credit to Project Transition for making it possible.



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**Stith
News**

By MRS.
FRITZ HALE



Stith Community was made sad when death came to a long time resident of Stith, J. Deward Bradley, Feb. 23. He was a brother of Paul Bradley of Stith. We extend our sympathy to the family.

Visitors in the Paul Bradley home were Mrs. Herbert Row and David, of Bledsoe; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wayne Berry and children of San Antonio; Mrs. Dorothy Nell Bradley, Oceanide, Calif.; Mrs. Buford Welch and children, Mrs. Holt Ford and Mrs. Boyce Banard, all of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning were supper guests Friday in the home of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning of

Tuscola. O. B. Tatum of Starr Nursing Home in Merkel, spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Browning.

E. L. Berry was transferred from Anson General Hospital to Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene last week. He is in intensive care and is not any better at this writing. Mrs. Berry is staying with Mrs. Ruby McCaleb in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Berry of Sweetwater, Mrs. Dollie Elfers and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gates of Clovis, N.M. visited at the hospital with the Berry's during the weekend. Mrs. Elfers, Mr. and Mrs. Gates and son and the Ollie Berrys were also guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vantress.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Stenhenson and Melissa of Midland, spent the weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald and George.

Mrs. Mamie Hardin was a guest in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns. Jim Burns was honored on his 90th birthday March 3 with a surprise dinner given by his children and grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Burns are longtime residents of the Stith Community. Those attending the celebration were Mrs. Mamie Hardin; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Harris and Kathy; Mr. and Mrs. Doug

Stephenson and Melissa, all of Midland; Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald and George of Stith; Mr. and Mrs. T. Burns and Margaret; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Burns and Sammy, of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Baird and children of Odessa. Also Pearl McCartney and Pearl Morris of Tye.

Jesse L. Hudson, 55, of Redmond, a brother of Mrs. O. J. Fikes and Vernon Hudson, died February 22 in Veterans Hospital in Portland, Ore. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Methodist Church in Redmond, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale have moved from the Stith Community to 811 N. 6th in Merkel. Leon Kelso moved into the Hale home at Stith last week.

Visitors in the Hale home during last week were Mrs. Jean Newton, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. James Hale, Shirley and M. Ke. Midland; Mrs. Winnie Hale and Goodwin, Crosbyton; Mrs. Archie Hagan, Spur; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hill, Las Cruces, N.M.; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Miller, Mrs. O. L. Davis, Abilene; John Browning and Leon Kelso of Stith.

Mr. James Williams was on the sick list over the week end. Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale and Charles visited at Hendrick Memorial Hospital Tuesday with her

sister, Mrs. J. F. Goodwin, who is seriously ill.

**LITTLE BADGER
TRACKS**

By MES REPORTERS

The volleyball girls and boys went to Jim Nod where they played two games and lost two games.

The winners of the poster contest, using the slogan, "I'm Bitter About Litter," were Jerrie Stephan, 1st place; Jamie Clerk, 2nd place; and Steve Gentry, 3rd place. They received prizes of \$1.00, 50c and 25c.

School will let classes out on Friday with that three day week end!

Everyone is getting ready for the Interscholastic League competition that will be held here in Merkel in just a few weeks. The participants and their alternates are working harder than ever.

(What well-known eighth grade girls are plotting to make two well-known eighth grade boys sick on competition day so that they can be in Number Sense?)

LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
County of Taylor**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Execution issued out of the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County of the 13th day of Feb. 1968, by virtue of said Execution for the sum of Two Thousand Six Hundred Niney Seven and no/100 (\$2,697.00) Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgement, in favor of Welton Robinson, dba Farm and Ranch Supply in a certain cause in said Court, No. 31-268-A and styled Welton Robinson, dba Farm and Ranch Supply vs. C. W. Roberts, placed in my hands for service, I, George Maxwell, as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 25th day of Feb. 1968, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: 95.76 acres out of the North Part of Lot 3 of the C. G. Jackson Subdivision of the J. W. Stewart Sur-

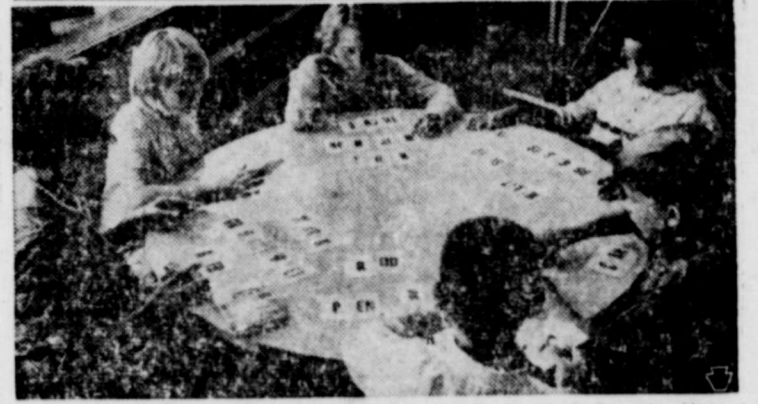
vey 455, Taylor County, Texas above described 95.76 Acre Tract the N. W. Corner; THENCE: East 7.2 Varas along S. B. L. of said 95.76 Acre Tract to the place of beginning and levied upon as the property of C. W. Roberts and that on the first Tuesday in April 1968, the same being the 2nd day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said Execution I will sell said above described Real Estate at public venue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said C. W. Roberts.

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

Witness my hand, this 29th day of Feb. 1968.

GEORGE MAXWELL
Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas
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**Reading Teacher Recommends:
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Student card players are really learning to read, and to spell, with a new phonetic word game. This teaching innovation has worked in grades two through ten!

The student will learn reading, or spelling, or anything else if he is enthusiastic. But Mr. Raymond McInturff, a Reading Teacher in the Chicago suburb of Argo, Illinois, was having trouble a few years ago generating enthusiasm in his remedial reading classes. His solution was a card game he christened ABACA. It worked wonders for Mr. McInturff and, since its publication by Teaching Aids (Indianapolis 46222), the games use is spreading through school systems all over the country.

ABACA is played with a specially printed double deck (108 cards) which features vowels, consonants, combinations, and both vowel blends and consonant blends. The unique design of the game is apparently responsible for the enthusiasm it generates among players of all ages. Its low cost (\$3.50) assures wide use in both schools and homes.

For slow readers, the game is easy enough to stimulate their interest and rewarding enough to hold their attention. Just enough chance is built into the game so that even less adept players will win.

On the other hand, the game is challenging enough to excite good readers and fast learners and hold their attention while they earn extra points by constructing complex words.

The game is actually six games in one and players choose the particular game that fits their fancy and skill level. It provides a complete approach to word recognition, since the student must know and pronounce every word he proposes. He must search his speaking, listening, and reading vocabulary in his attempt to build words from the cards he holds.

Teachers report that one of the very important values of ABACA is that it motivates dictionary usage naturally and automatically.

From two to seven may play, using a single set of cards. Players from age seven to age seventy may participate in the same game, and for this reason, the game is finding its way into many homes. While the whole family enjoys an evening of fun, each member is sharpening his spelling and reading skills.

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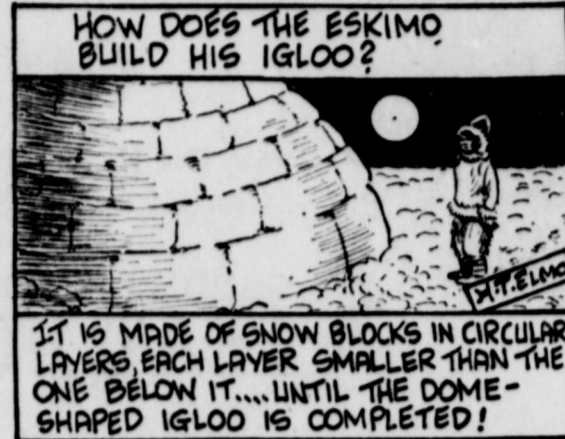
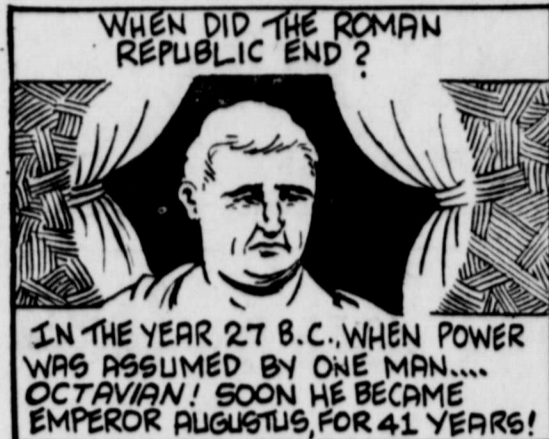
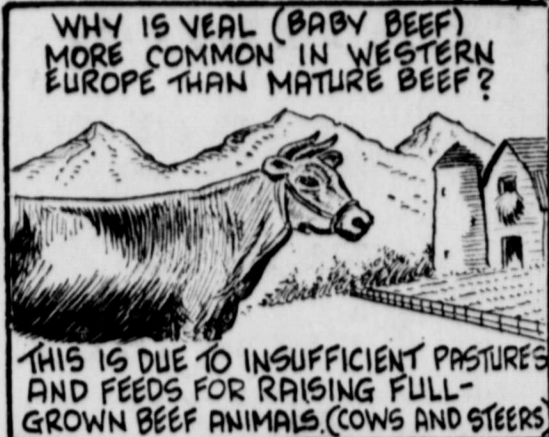
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LEGAL NOTICE

An Auction Sale of the following described goods will be held Saturday, March 23, 1968, at 8:00 A.M. at the J. D. Moore Transfer & Storage Warehouse at 601 South 4th Street in Abilene, Texas.

A quantity of household goods stored by Don Fester, consisting of living room furniture, bedroom furniture, dinette suite, washer, dryer, refrigerator, and 7 cartons.

A quantity of household goods stored by Joe Gilner, consisting of living room furniture, bedroom suites, vacuum cleaner, TV, refrigerator, lawn mower, carton.

A quantity of household goods stored by Mrs. Clyde Hollowell, consisting of vanity, chest, mirror, double bed.

A quantity of household goods stored by Brian McKinzie, consisting of tables, sofa, single beds, rocker, chairs and chest.

A quantity of household stored by Joe P. Brown, consisting of mirror, pole lamp, chairs, 7 cartons, TV sets, card table.

A quantity of household goods stored by Mrs. Lillian Hughes, consisting of 37 cartons, bed, piano & bench.

Dresser, chest, double bed stored by Miss Celine McKenney.

A quantity of household goods stored by George Morris, consisting of 40 cartons, personal items, bedroom furniture, sewing machine, record player, TV, washer, refrigerator, gas range.

A quantity of household goods stored by Judy Rolls, consisting of table, chairs, washer, mower, chest.

A quantity of household goods stored by Neil Jackson, consisting of dresser, chest, bed, refrigerator, table, 4 chairs.

A quantity of household goods stored by Federal Housing Administration consisting of chairs, table, sofa, range, bedroom suites, saddle.

9 cartons stored by Stephen E. Roberts.

Elevator cage, motor, track, motor and switch stored by Stewart Wagstaff.

Bedroom furniture, chairs, piano, heater, sewing machine, washer, refrigerator stored by Mrs. Fannie Alston.

2 barrels stored by C. Harris.

Bedroom furniture, bicycles, tricycles, cooler, stored by J. M. Norman.

A quantity of household goods stored by Carl N. Stimer, consisting of bedroom furniture, lawn furniture, record player, washer.

for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County, Texas.

Witness my hand, this 20th day of Feb. 1968.

GEORGE MAXWELL, Sheriff Taylor County, Texas.

By Leon Sledge, Deputy.

dryer, refrigerator, kitchen furniture, lawn mower, rugs, 7 cartons.

A quantity of household goods stored by Estate of Miss Pluma Hurter, consisting of 46 cartons, sewing machine, stereo, washer, rug, TV and miscellaneous items.

Living room furniture, bedroom suite, refrigerator, stove, T.V. table and chairs, stored by Marvin Kilpatrick.

A quantity of household goods stored by Wesley Martin, consisting of sewing machine, 8 cartons, bedroom furniture, air conditioner, dinette.

A quantity of household goods stored by Bob Beck, consisting of 28 cartons, 2 barrels, refrigerator and miscellaneous items.

Couch, tables, stored by Frances B. Blackmon.

3 cats and shoe rack stored by J. B. McMamara.

Baby bed & mattress, chest, chairs, ice chest and head boards stored by Tom Lawless.

Bedroom furniture, sewing machine, cedar chest stored by Ruby Duncan.

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Thomas Grayum

Employed by SCS

Tom Grayum, of Needville, Texas is now employed by the Soil Conservation Service in Abilene. Hired as a Range Conservationist, Grayum is a recent graduate of Texas A&M University where he received a B.S. degree in Range Science. While at Texas A&M he was active in the Range and Forestry club.

He also attended Wharton County Junior College at Wharton, Texas.

He is married to the former Mabel Oberender of Needville in 1964 and they are now residing at 4016 Redbud Circle, Abilene.

The five-story tophouse to the Tower of the Americas at HemisFair '68 was constructed at ground level and raised to the top of the 22-foot structure after completion of basic construction.

Jim Burns Feted On 90th Birthday

Friends and relatives honored Jim Burns of Stith Sunday, March 3 on his 90th birthday.

Mr. Burns, a retired farmer, was born in Tennessee, and moved to the Stith Community in 1904.

Those attending the party were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Burns and Sammie, Mrs. J. T. Burns and Martha of Abilene; Mrs. Mamie

Hardin, Midland; Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald and George; Mr. and Mrs. Doug Stephenson and Melissa and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Harris and Kathy, all of Midland; Mrs. Pearl McCartney and Mrs. Pearl Morris of Tye; and Mrs. Ruby Reddin and Mrs. Nora McDonald.

Texas, according to the Texas Forestry Association, has been one of the top lumber producing states for the past 80 years, with a production of 970,000,000 board feet in 1967.

What Paul's Epistles Really Mean

There are too many "spectators" and not enough "participants" among Christians today. And part of the reason, says Clarence Jordan, a blunt-speaking, fearless Baptist preacher, is that the Bible's "ideas" have been lost in a maze of irrelevant, meaningless "words."

His answer: a new translation of Paul's letters, in the earthy language of the cotton fields and city streets. Called "The Cotton Patch Version of Paul's Epistles," it brings Christianity's basic ideas back into focus. Theologians may be startled, but the field workers to whom Dr. Jordan preaches can at last understand what Christianity truly "means."

Jesus spoke to people in terms of their immediate problems, their next-door neighbors, their local politicians. But today's Christians, says Dr. Jordan, cannot identify with Jesus and Paul's contemporaries, such as that "certain man who travelled from Jerusalem to Jericho," or the hard-pressed Thessalonians who were persecuted by rulers of an ancient and extinct kingdom.

Hence the Cotton Patch version speaks in modern terms. That "certain man" travels from Savannah to Atlanta. He worries about Washington politicians. And Paul's letters are addressed not to the Corinthians or Ephesians, whoever they may be, but to the Christians of Atlanta and of Birmingham, of whom we have certainly heard. Thus, the Scriptures are taken "out of the classroom and stained-glass sanctuaries" and put "under God's skies where people are toiling and wondering."

Dr. Jordan braved violence and economic reprisals after founding the famed Koinonia Farm in



Clarence Jordan

Americus, Georgia, a pioneering, interracial farming community, and he fervently believes that without new understandings, Christian action is impossible.

In the new translation, one letter from Paul says in part: "Don't get bogged down in the middle-headed spoutings and fancy froth parading under the name of 'higher learning.' Some people have gone for that junk and have really messed up their Christian faith."

"The Cotton Patch Version of Paul's Epistles," just published in hard cover and paperback editions by Association Press, aims to get Christians unlogged and truly involved.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TAYLOR NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

That by virtue of a certain Pluribus Execution issued out of the Honorable 117th District Court of Nueces County, of the 13th day of

Feb. 1968, by virtue of said Execution for the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy & 27/100 (\$1,770.27) Dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment, in favor of Afronia Oil and Gas Company Inc. in a certain cause in said Court, No. 85584-B and styled Afronia Oil and Gas Company Inc. vs. Dr. Holman S. Smith, placed in my hands for service, I George Maxwell as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 20th day of Feb. 1968, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: The interest owned by Dr. Holman S. Smith in that certain oil, gas and mineral lease dated March 19, 1965, by and between Everett Grant and wife, Marie Grant, as Lessors, and C. A. Fischer and J. D. Sandefer, III as Lessees, which lease is recorded in Volume 765 at Page 168 of the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, as such interest existed on the 16th day of Aug. 1966 or at any time thereafter.

This interest covers the Southwest Forty (40) Acres of Lot Sixteen (16) of the J. N. Ferguson Subdivision of the William Bell Survey, No. 425, Taylor County, Texas and levied upon as the property of Dr. Holman S. Smith and that on the first Tuesday in April 1968, the same being the 2nd day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said execution I will sell said above described Real Estate at public venue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Dr. Holman S. Smith.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week

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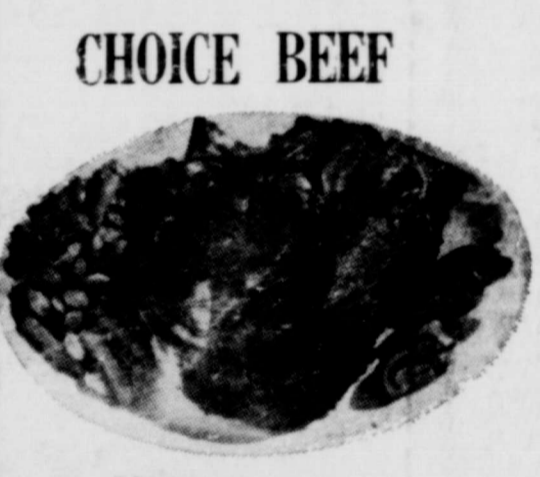
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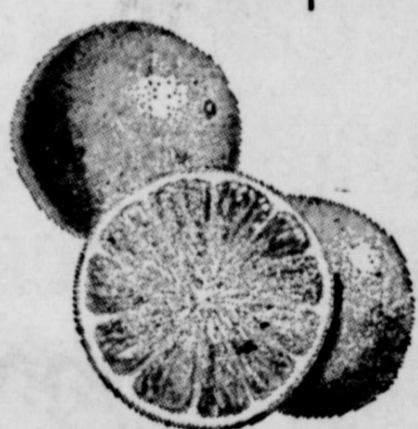
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