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## Up The Canyon

By TOM  
RUSSOM

Monday morning, April 15, 1968. This is a very beautiful day and time for spring planting of crops. The ground is still too wet to get into the field, but some of this good sunshine will fix that real soon.

The hail about a week ago, did not do as much damage as first thought; however, we understand that north of town, the damage was real bad. Vessie Justice, who farms in the Noodle area, said he didn't have any wheat, but the hail got a good crop of weeds for him.

The Easter Sunrise Service on the Allen King Ranch was well attended Sunday morning. The Pageant was good and was put on by the young people of Pioneer Church. Thanks to them and our pastor of Pioneer. We also want to thank Mrs. Allen King for the coffee made the "old fashioned way," and thanks to Booth Warren for the doughnuts. Will Butman said he enjoyed every bit of it.

If anyone doesn't think Booth Warren can get up early on a Sunday morning, they have another think coming. He was up and on the top of the high mountain at 6 a.m. to attend the services.

This is about the kind of report we have on the sick people up the Canyon:

Ford Bunman is doing real well after surgery recently for a heart ailment.

Ms. B. H. Riney is in the Starr Rest Home in Merkel and doing very well.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior King and two little daughters of North Platt, Neb., visited Junior's mother during Easter. Mrs. King had all of her children home for the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Payton Scott of Cisco and their two children were visitors in his parents home. Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Scott, and also visited Mrs. Scott's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bunk Tipton.

Mrs. A. R. Toombs of Merkel attended church at Pioneer Sunday. She spent the weekend in her daughter's home, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seymore.

The Orsborn girls and families were dinner guests in their parents' home, M. and Mrs. Ray Orsborn.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hardy and children of Abilene spent the weekend with Mrs. Hardy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney.

Beverly Butman, who is attending college in California and Steve Butman who is attending college in Sam Houston State both children of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Butman, spent Easter at home.

The Tom Russoms sold 50 head of good quality hereford calves this week.

We want to say "hello" this week to some good friends of ours down at Austin. They are Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Burgess. Mr. Burgess is a former Merkel High School principal.

## Band Concert Is Monday, May 6

The Merkel Schools' Spring Band Concert date is set for Monday, May 6 at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium, according to band director, Glenn Reed.

The concert, a variety program, will be presented by four groups: the Fifth Grade Beginning Band, Junior High Band, High School Band and the Stage Band.

## TAYLOR ELECTRIC MEMBERS ARE WELCOMED TODAY

"In an expression of and speaking for the citizens of Merkel, we extend a most cordial welcome and congratulations to the officers and members of Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc.," said Merkel's Mayor Johnny Cox. "Taylor Electric Cooperative has grown from an idea to a great reality of unlimited services for those who would never know the comfort and convenience they now take for granted had it not been for the REA."

Cox recalls a day in September, 1939 that a small group met at the County Courthouse in Abilene to start a movement of nearly two years of hard, discouraging work that finally "terminated in the completion of that which we are today celebrating."

"It was my honor to serve for a time as the first board chairman and from that time on as the first manager," continued Cox. "In April 1941 I closed the switch that energized over 400 miles of line in six counties."

"In a lonely sheep herder's shack, far up in the mountains was a radio connected and in the batting of an eye after the switch was closed the first words to be heard was 'Time Changes Everything.' Many things have changed in the last 27 years."

"Again, may we say thank you for coming our way and sincerely invite you back again and again."

## FUTURE HOMEMAKERS TO MEET IN AUSTIN

More than 5,000 Future Homemakers, their teachers and guests will attend the annual leadership conference of the Texas Association of FHA Friday and Saturday in Austin.

Accompanying Mary as her guest will be Ann Carson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Carson; Judy Hester, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Hester; and Betsy Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Johnson.

Attending from Merkel will be Mary Johnson, state historian, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Johnson, and Merkel Home Economics teacher, Mrs. Judith Blankenship.

Theme of the meetings will be "FHA — An Image of You."

The association is under the guidance of the homemaking education division of Texas Education Agency. Homemaking teachers serve as chapter advisors.

Featured speaker at the Friday morning session will be Pierce Allman, executive alumni director of Southern Methodist University.

During the second session Friday afternoon 336 state degrees of achievement will be awarded. Closing session Saturday will be a business meeting with committee reports and presentation of 1968-69 officers.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson plan to be in Austin for the Saturday activities.

## Monthly Singing Is This Friday

The regular monthly singing will be held at the Calvary Baptist Church in Merkel at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

"Everyone who enjoys good singing will be welcome and are urged to attend," said president, Connie Mack Saymore.



GETTING ALL SET FOR BASEBALL — Little League, that is. Gloved and ready for practice for that first game May 2, are, from left, Larry Toliver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Toliver, and Alan and Paul Tucker, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Tucker. (Staff Photo)

## Merkel City Officials Declare Crackdown on BB Shooting



TO ENTERTAIN AT TEC MEETING — The Merkel High School Stage Band under the direction of Glenn Reed, will entertain members and guests at the Taylor Electric Co-operative's twenty-seventh annual meeting today. Stage band entertainment will be from 9 until 10 a.m. (Photo Courtesy Jim Baber)

## MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT SET FOR TAYLOR ELECTRIC MEET

Rural residents from portions of nine Big Country counties are gathering in Merkel today for the twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Taylor Electric Cooperative.

Activities will begin at 9 a.m. with registration and musical entertainment.

The Merkel High School Stage Band will play from 9 until 10 a.m. and L. C. Agnew and a Western Band assembled especially for the occasion, will play from 10 until 11 a.m.

The nationally known famous Wills Family from Fort Worth will entertain from 11 until 12 noon, and a group of Argentine youngsters who are capturing the hearts of all who hear them, will entertain from 12:45 until 1:30 p.m., under the stage name of "Los Internacionales."

"The days' program will be interrupted many times for the drawing of nice door prizes," said TEC manager Norman Winter.

A barbecue dinner will be served at noon to an expected 2,250 persons.

The business session, beginning at 1:30 p.m. will hear the annual reports of president O. S. Moore, manager Norman Winter and the 1967 operating report of secretary treasurer Jack Morrow.

Three directors will be elected. Men who have been nominated by the nominating committee are Zone 1, Taylor County, Ray Orsborn and Berneil Teaff; Zone 2, Callahan, Jones, Eastland, Shackelford counties, Tommy Johnson and H. H. Spud; McLeod, and Zone 3, Coke, Fisher, Nolan counties, R. C. (Sonny) Watts and Oma Thomas.

Consumers who attend the annual meeting will receive Capital Credit refund checks totaling \$101,866.40, said Winter.

A television set given by the Westinghouse Corporation and a major appliance of the winner's choice, will be given by Taylor Electric Cooperative.

"Visitors are cordially invited," said Winter, "but prizes will be drawn from the registered membership list only."

A special edition for the TEC meeting is included in this week's Merkel Mail.

At the women's auxiliary meeting, held in the Gold Room of the Merkel Restaurant, Mrs. Perry Thompson of Rotan was elected president, and Mrs. T. V. Early of Snyder, vice president.

Guests to the afternoon Firemen's session were introduced by Leonard Kellar of Snyder and John Grothe, president of the association from Albany, presided at the meeting.

Pledge of allegiance was led by Charlie Bennett of Rotan, and group singing was led by Hartsell Ash of Throckmorton. The invocation was asked by Chaplain John Bollinger, Snyder.

The guest speaker, Donald W. Moore Jr., of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Dallas, was introduced by Sheriff George Maxwell.

Entertainment was provided by group of young singers from Bautista Bethel Mission of Merkel.

The afternoon program was concluded with a memorial service, held in the Merkel High School Auditorium. A barbecue dinner followed, with a dance in the VFW hall concluding the day long activities.

meeting of the Mid - West Texas Firemen and Fire Marshalls Association.

Firemen from 19 West Texas towns met for an all - day session, which included fire prevention speeches, newest methods in fire fighting, and pump race participation.

## Acts of Vandalism Getting Numerous

At a recent meeting of the City Council, officials discussed reports of shooting of BB guns in the city.

"Numerous complaints are being made about people using BB guns to kill birds within the city limits," said Mayor Johnny Cox. "Shooting of BB guns in any incorporated town is a violation of both State and City Laws."

Cox continued: "Most people enjoy the singing of the mockingbird, and since the mockingbird is now the State of Texas official bird, it is a violation to kill one anywhere. People do not want the birds killed, more especially from trees in their yards when they are not at home."

The report by the officials stated that in addition to the killing of the song birds, many windows are broken, especially in vacant houses. "Another heavy loss of money and inconveniences is caused car owners when the windows and windshields are broken in their cars by this type of vandalism. People, both adults and children are often injured in this manner."

The report, signed by Merkel City Officials, continued:

"It is unpleasant and no city official wants to be saying no, no — don't do this or don't do that, but we are charged with the responsibility of maintaining law and order and to use our best efforts in the protection of the property of all our people."

"We solicit the cooperation of all of you in this matter."

"Used car lots in Merkel are having car windows and windshields broken by either BB guns or rocks, said Merkel's police chief, D. B. Bowen. "And following city officials' orders, if anyone is found around these places with a BB gun, he will be apprehended."

Bowen stressed the fact that this type of violation must be curbed immediately.

## Wins 1st Place

Christi Lucas, daughter of Mrs. Newell Lucas, won first place in Public Speaking in the senior division for the county, held in Abilene April 6.

Christi will compete for district in San Angelo Saturday, April 27.

## LIONS HEAR TALK ON SELF-DISCIPLINE

"Great nations are built and sustained by people of great energy and self - discipline," was emphasized many times by Don Lane, Abilene Corporation Court Judge, in speaking to members and guests of the Merkel Lions Club at their Tuesday noon meeting.

"People with energy and self-discipline are the builders of great nations, and I know of no great nation built with switchblades and bicycle chains," continued Lane. "We have noble traditions. We have much to teach the world, but we also have problems today."

Lane emphasized the need for men and women to take a stand on things they believe to be right and for the good of the country, the state, and for the good of Merkel.

Lions Club president Edwin Reed, presided at the business meeting, when officers for 1968-69 were elected. They are the Rev. Newton Daniel, president; Moyer Mellinger, first vice president; Nolan Palmer, second vice president; Onis Crawford, secretary - treasurer; Frank Breaux, tail twister, and H. N. Odum, lion tamer.

Directors elected are Mack Fisher, Horace Hargrove, and Edwin Reed, retiring president, and Johnny Cox.

Members also discussed plans for a Pancake Supper, to be held Tuesday, April 30 at the high school cafeteria. A committee, consisting of Horace Hargrove, Crawford and Horman Carson, were appointed to take care of arrangements.

Tickets for the supper are scheduled to go on sale this week by members of the Lions Club. Price is fifty cents each. Proceeds from the Pancake Supper will be used for Lions Club work with crippled children.



## CEMETERY FUND

The following made recent donations to the Cemetery Fund:  
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Orsborn  
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hays in memory of Mrs. H. B. Robertson  
T.E.L. Clas of the First Baptist Church in memory of Mrs. Wilma Robertson  
E. J. Orsborn  
Mrs. A. R. Toombs  
Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Lyles in memory of Mrs. Wilma Robertson  
Maurine White  
Mrs. Walter Frazier  
Beulah Kirley  
Tom Blair  
Mrs. Andy Barbee  
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Allyn  
Winnie Ann Walton  
Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler in memory of Luther Land  
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent in memory of Mrs. Wilma Robertson  
James F. Cox Estate  
Mrs. T. T. Earthman  
H. F. Jeffrey

Mrs. J. P. Click in memory of Mrs. Hobb Robertson  
Mrs. Jan Walton  
Mrs. B. A. Clark in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Sublett  
Mrs. S. R. Scott  
Mrs. Ruth Smith  
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Irvin

### Beginners Class Has Easter Party

Mrs. Dwayne Watson hosted the Beginners Clas of the Trent Baptist Church with an Easter Party Wednesday, April 10. Children attending were Dorla



### Furniture Topic For Goodman Club

Mrs. Matt Hellums hosted the Goodman Home Demonstration Club meeting Friday, April 12, with Mrs. Vivian Winters leading the opening prayer.

Club president, Mrs. Rachel Butler, presided at the business session.

Roll Call was answered with "My Favorite Piece of Furniture and Why."

A program on antiequing furniture was given.

Mrs. Karl Bonneaux gave a review on the parliamentary alphabet.

Refreshments were served to nine members and three visitors.

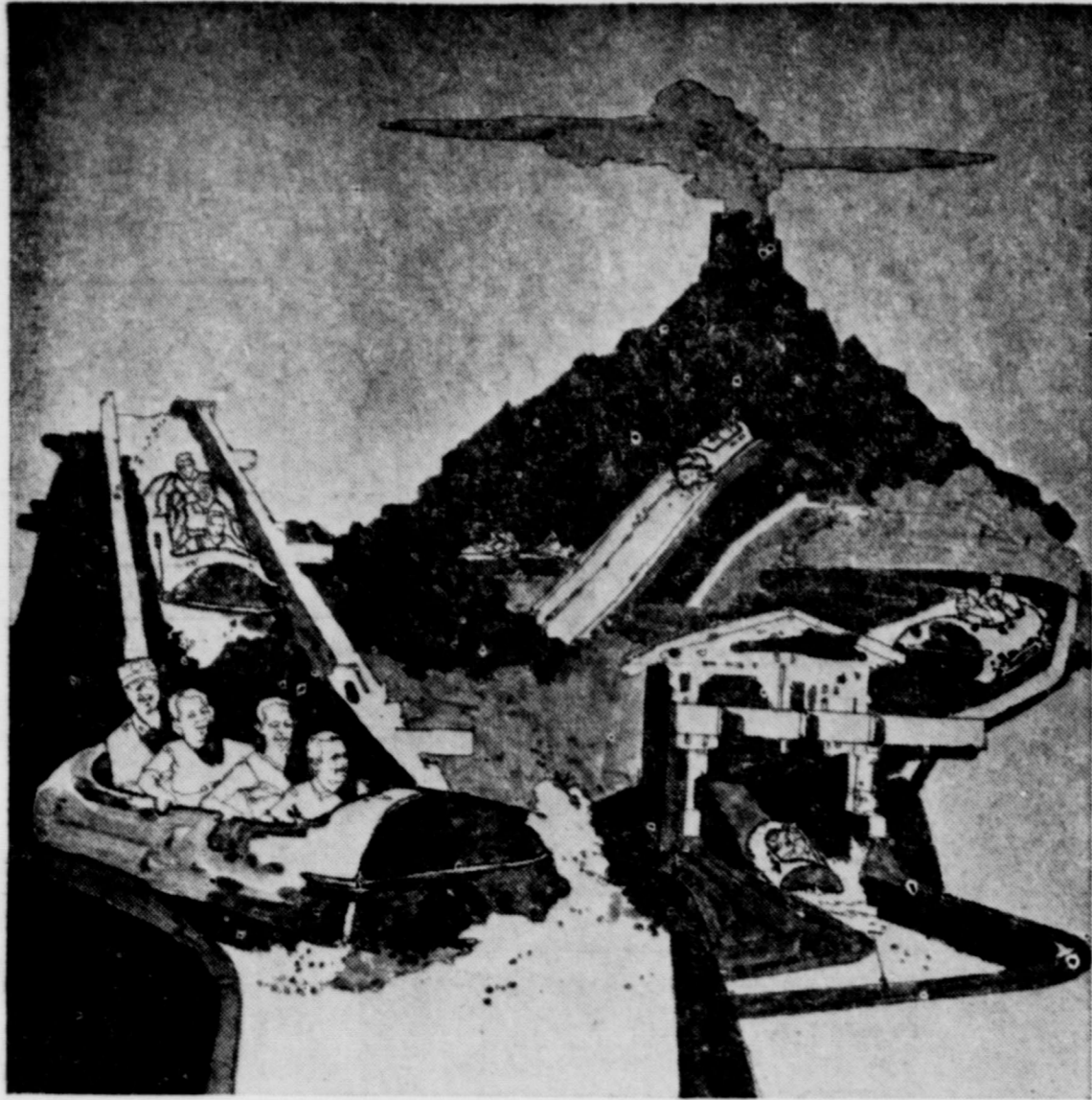
### Hamby HD Club Plans THDA Meet

The Hamby Home Demonstration Club met in the club house Thursday, April 11, with six members attending. Mrs. J. E. Deatherage presided. Roll call was answered with "A Magazine I enjoyed."

Members voted to send two children from the Abilene State School to a camp at Lueders for one week.

Mrs. Deatherage gave tips on clothing and presented a table cloth made to be used for parties held at the club house.

Members made plans to attend the THDA meeting, to be held in Coleman April 25.



Twice the fun and excitement is in store for visitors to SIX FLAGS Over Texas with this year's addition of a second Log Flume ride. Now 50 hollowed-out fiberglass logs will be in operation on the two Flumes, carrying some 3,400 riders per hour on a thrilling journey through "white water" around sharp curves and down steep slopes at speeds of better than 10 feet per second.

### All Signs Lead to Safety



Distaff members of The Spurlows demonstrate their mission of safety, an important part of the "Music for Modern Americans" revue under Chrysler Corporation sponsorship. The musical-safety attraction will have spanned more than 65,000 miles by the end of June, playing to high school students in 36 states and 21 capitals. 2½ million teenagers in over 2,000 high schools have been the recipients of the Spurlows' show during the past three years. According to Ralph Harris, Chrysler's Director of Driver Education Programs, the production (band, glee club, choreography, sketches) has motivated a 40% greater awareness of driver education and highway safety.

### LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF TAYLOR

To those indebted to or holding claims against the Estate of Wilma Robertson, deceased, Number 9144 in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, sitting in Probate, the undersigned having been duly appointed Independent Executor of the Estate of Wilma Robertson, Deceased, late of Taylor County on the 29th day of March, 1968, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement and those having claim against said Estate to present them to him within the time prescribed by law at Route 1, Merkel, Texas. 79536.

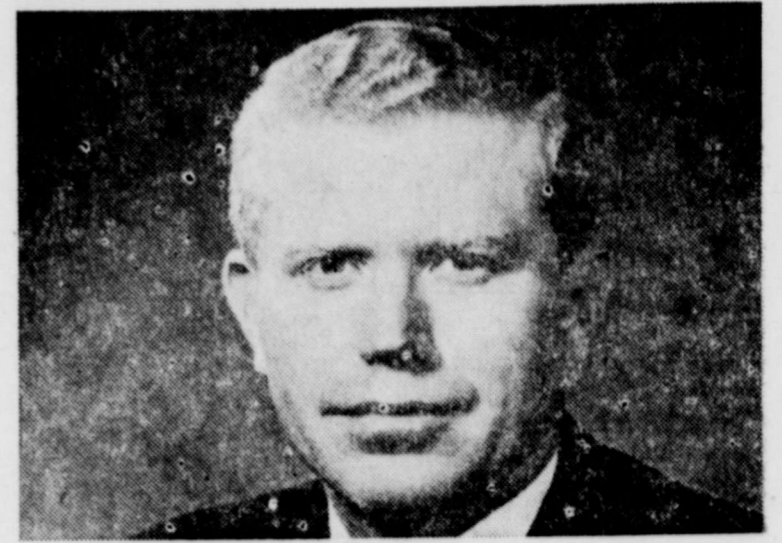
WITNESS MY HAND this 30th day of March, A.D. 1968.

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Robertson, Deceased.

5 4tc

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Ross, Sherry and Kerry Patterson, Bob Driggers, Danny Freeman, Steve Davis, Rebecca Sipes and Danny Riggan.  
The group hunted Easter eggs and had refreshments.



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(Pol. Adv.—Paid for by The Committee To Elect Ben Barnes Lt. Gov., Ralph Wayne, Chrm.)

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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.

BEAUTY CARE — For free facial or information on skin care, call Emma Shugart, 928-5027, or Betty Satterwhite, 928-5665, Mary Kay, 44 4tp

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WANTED — Mechanic. Contact Palmer Motors, 928-5113. 5 2tc

WANTED — Someone to do yard work. Call 928-5092. 6 2tc

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

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FOR SALE — 2 bedroom house, 2 lots, block 8 College Addition, Merkel. Estate of the late W. T. and Dora Howard. Cash of \$2,000 will buy this home. If interested call 928-4878, Mrs. Clarence Horton, or 928-4978, Mrs. Robert Dye. 6 2tp

FOR SALE — CBS TV \$30.00. Big barbecue pit. Round iron picnic table, office couch, used tires and wheels, electric motors and misc. 205 Taylor. Ph. 8-4947. 6 2tp

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FOR SALE — New 13' Fedders Refrigerator. Freezer across top. Still in carton. \$130 cash. was \$179. Call 928-5868 before 10 a.m. or after 7 p.m. 6 2tp

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FOR SALE — Nice three bedroom 2 bath, den, kitchen, living room, utility room, carport, 2 lots. Ronnie Freeman Trent, 862-9883. 5 4tc

FOR SALE — Used refrigerator, freezer across top, good condition. Also used 36" gas range. Also one used utility cabinet. See at 1500 Heath. 7 2tc

FOR SALE — The Merkel School Board is receiving bids for 4 Caloric gas cooking ranges. Bids must be submitted on or before May 6 at the superintendent's office. Board reserves right to accept or reject any or all bids. 7 2tc

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### POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Congress, 17th District:  
OMAR BURLISON  
(Re-Election)  
For 104th District Judge:  
HENRY DOSCHER  
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State Representative, District 62  
GRANT JONES  
County Court At Law  
JUDGE DON LANE  
For District Attorney:  
RICHARD M. PRICE

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TEXAS SECRETARY OF STATE

## DON LANE ISSUES STATEMENT IN RACE

Judge Don Lane, native of Taylor County who has served two years as judge of the Corporation Court in Abilene, announced formally today that he is asking the voters of Taylor County to elect him County Court at Law Judge.

"The Corporation Court of the City of Abilene is the busiest court in Taylor County with more than 20,000 cases filed each year," said Judge Lane. "I have done my utmost to serve as judge with dignity and honor, bringing credit to the judiciary of Taylor County and respect for the court among all parties appearing there — including defendants, witnesses, jurors and attorneys."



Judge Lane said when some of his friends and other attorneys urged him to announce as a candidate for judge of the Taylor County Court at Law that he was in sympathy with their reasoning when they told him they believed the voters of Taylor County should have a choice.

"My opponent in this race was not elected by the voters but was appointed by the county commissioners," Judge Lane pointed out. "I agree that voters should have a choice in an instance like this when they go to vote."

"I believe the law should be firmly and consistently enforced for responsible justice.

Judge Lane believes there is a time for firmness and has never hesitated to impose the maximum punishment in proper cases. "In fact," said Judge Lane, "My philosophy of justice is a positive one in which the court stands FOR many things."

The purpose of the court is to adjudicate disputes which arise in our society and not to raise money for any governing body whether it be the city or the county.

The problems and hardships which court appearances can cause jurors, witnesses and everybody concerned should be understood, Judge Lane understands the burdensome loss in time and money to owners of businesses and employees who are summoned as jurors and has never hesitated in proper circumstances to excuse them at a time when their hardship outweighs the need for their services to the court.

Parents' concern about narcotic traffic should be shared by every court. Judge Lane has made himself available 24 hours a day to work with law enforcement officers for the issuance of

search warrants in order to apprehend those known to be in possession of dangerous narcotic drugs.

All men are entitled to the same treatment in our courts whether they are rich or poor and regardless of their social connections or by whom they might be employed.

Don Lane was born in Taylor County and graduated from Abilene High School. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Denver and his law degree from the University of Texas. He was prosecutor in the Travis County Court at Law at Austin for two years.

Judge Lane's record shows that as an attorney he has prosecuted hundreds of criminal cases including both jury trials and non-jury trials. As a judge he has presided over thousands of non-jury cases and hundreds of jury trials. Judge Lane has acquired a reputation with both prosecutors and defense attorneys as being fair and just, as well as being courageous in his decisions.

Judge Lane has helped and encouraged many young men, who from all indications, were headed for a life of crime. He has assisted them in finding gainful employment or enlisting in a branch of our armed services so they might channel their energies toward becoming productive members of society. He has saved the tax payers untold thousands of dollars.

Judge Lane is active in the Boy Scouting program where he serves as a member of the Executive Board of the Chisholm Trail Council. He is Merit Badge Counselor for the Citizenship in

the Nation and Citizenship in the Community program.

He has many Scout units visit in his court as spectators and always holds critiques for them at the close of their visit so they may better understand the procedures they have seen.

Judge Lane and his wife Mary Lea have two sons. The family lives at 502 Poplar St. in Abilene. They are members of the First Presbyterian Church where the judge serves as a deacon. His wife is chairman of one of the ladies' organizations of the church.

## Noodle HS Girls Are Champions

The Noodle High School girls played and won the Regional 2-B championship at Stephenville, which "earned a berth in the state volleyball tournament" to be held in Austin April 26-27. Noodle defeated Putnam for 3rd district. In the championship game they defeated Lott 12-7 and 15-7.

Girls playing on the NHS team are Martha Cochran, Penny Heron, Marilyn Maxwell, Cynthia Ramos, Elizabeth Serbin, Sylvia Serbin and Karen Sullivan. They are coached by Van Rutherford.

## H-SU Rodeo Will Begin April 25

Hardin - Simmons University's 22nd Intercollegiate Rodeo will be staged Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 25 to 27 at Carl Myers Memorial Arena on North Grape Street in Abilene.

The annual Rodeo parade will be held Thursday, April 24 and will proceed through the downtown streets of Abilene. The parade will feature the H-SU Cowboy band and several riding clubs from the area.

About 125 contestants from approximately ten schools throughout Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma are expected to compete for top honors in the rodeo event.

## Car Wash Planned

Members of the First Methodist Junior High MYF plan a car wash Saturday, April 20, at the DuBose Texaco Service Station, according to church pastor, the Rev. Newton Daniel.

Proceeds from the car wash will be used to "help pay the members' conference pledge to missions."

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### BABE RUTH LEAGUE OFFICERS ELECTED

Officers for the Babe Ruth Baseball League were elected at an organizational meeting held Tuesday evening at the Merkel Restaurant.

They are Lawrence Hewitt, president; June Hogan, vice president; Mrs. Jane Carson, secretary - treasurer, and Dan Allen, player agent.

Also at 1 p.m. Saturday, boys

interested in playing in the League are asked to report to the field to sign up. "Boys who will be 13 years of age before August 1, and whose 16th birthday does not come before Aug. 1, will be qualified to play," said Hewitt.

The Babe Ruth League is made up of players from Trent, Tye, Noodle and the Merkel area and is approximately 60 boys to sign up this year. Games are scheduled to begin May 6, with two games a week, on Monday and Thursday evenings. Starting time will be 6:30 p.m.

### '68 MHS SENIORS ATTEND HEMISFAIR

The Easter holidays this year were "extra special" for the 1968 seniors of Merkel High School.

Debi Corder, a 1968 senior, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Lewis Corder, "hits the high points of their trip to San Antonio and the HemisFair."

"The 1968 Seniors of Merkel High School felt fortunate and privileged for their senior trip.

"It all started in speech class when Stanley Leamon gave a speech 'to persuade.' He persuaded us all that we should go to the HemisFair on our senior trip. Everyone agreed, and a petition was made, signed, and sent to the higher officials at school. Soon money-making projects began.

"Last Thursday morning the seniors left at 4:30 for the World's Fair in San Antonio, and they returned Saturday night with all sorts of good stories to tell everyone.

"With a free hand for activities Thursday until deadline that night, several visited the Alamo, others went to a movie, and others went shopping.

"Friday, we visited the HemisFair until our feet couldn't stand it any longer. Saturday morning, on our way home, we stopped at Brackenridge Park, visited the zoo and the sunken gardens.

"The ride home was a very long one, but the seniors carried many new memories they made in San Antonio.

"Those memories will be cherished forever.

"And a special thank you goes to our sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Woody Wade, Mr. and Mrs. Alf Walla, and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Toombs, and to all of the people of Merkel who in any way made our trip possible," said Debi.

### Post Office Will Start New Hours

Beginning Saturday, April 20, the Post Office service lobby will be opened at 8:30 a.m. and will be closed at 12:00 on Saturdays and at 5:00 p.m. on week days, according to Wrenn Durham, postmaster.

This is to conform with the regulations of the Post Office Department, Postal Manual Section 843.1. All first, second and third class Post Offices will provide 8½ continuous hours of window service during the business portion of the day, except on Saturdays. Beginning Saturday, April 20, the scheduled leaving time of all rural routes at Merkel will be changed from 8:00 a.m. to 8:15 a.m., said Durham.

### Jones Co. Food Show April 20

The Jones County wide 4-H Favorite Food Show will be held on Saturday, April 20th at the Anson Lions Club Hall at 10:00 a.m. according to Jones County Home Demonstration Agent, Mrs. Mary Y. Newberry. Exhibits will be set up at 9:30 a.m. and judged at 10:00 a.m.

Any 4-H Club girl who has done at least six lessons in Unit I, II, III, and IV is eligible to enter the Food Show. Junior and Senior 4-H Club girls may enter foods in the four groups - (1) meat, (2) milk, (3) vegetable - fruit, and (4) bread - cereal. Junior girls include those who were not 14 years old before January 1, 1968 and the Senior group include those 14 - 19 years of age.

The girls will be judged according to the exhibitor's knowledge of Foods and Nutrition, the food exhibited, the exhibit, the recipe, and the day's menu, said Mrs. Newberry.

### LITTLE BADGER TRACKS

By MES REPORTERS

Merkel Elementary School had its annual intramural track and field events Monday and Tuesday, April 8 and 9, and Monday, April 15. The outcome is not yet certain, but everyone had a good time, and some also gained sunburns.

Everyone came back from the Easter holidays eager for the end of school. If all goes well, the eighth grade will graduate May 22.

The bands, under direction of W. G. Reed, will give their concert the first Monday in May. The beginner, junior high, and high school bands will be playing that night. The new twirlers for the 1968 - 69 year will also be announced.

### Merkel Graduate Gets Promotion

In ceremonies recently at Fort Belknap General Hospital, San Francisco, Jack W. McAninch was promoted to the rank of major, Medical Corps, Major McAninch is a third-year resident in Urology at that hospital.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Walden McAninch of Merkel, he is a graduate of Merkel High School, received his bachelor of science degree from Texas Tech at Lubbock, master of science degree from the University of Idaho at Moscow, Idaho, and his doctor of medicine degree from the University of Texas Medical School at Galveston.

He is a member of the Society of Sigma Xi and a candidate of the American College of Surgeons. Major McAninch is married to the former Barbara Schuetz, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. S. S. Schuetz of Sedro - Woolley, Washington.

### 7 Boys Qualify For Regional Meet

Seven Merkel High School boys will try for a place in the state track meet Friday and Saturday in the Regional Meet at Lubbock. The first two places in each event will qualify for the State Track Meet, to be held Friday and Saturday, May 3-4, at the University of Texas in Austin.

Boys to participate in the Regional Meet this week are:

440 Relay - Felix Castillo, Danny Wade, Stanley Leamon and Johnny Thompson. (Best time of 45.3.)

880 Yard Run - Tony Castillo (Best time of 2:04.2).

440 Yard Dash - Johnny Thompson (Best time of 52.3).

1 - Mile Run - Felix Castillo (best time this year of 4:43.0) and Jo Dela Cruz (best time this year of 4:49.0).

1 - Mile Relay - Robert Wilson, Danny Wade, Tony Castillo and Johnny Thompson (best time of 3:32.9).

## PROCLAMATION

"BE ALL YOU CAN BE - READ!" is the theme for the 1968 National Library Week Program, the year - round reading and library development campaign scheduled to hold its eleventh annual observance April 21-27.

The library is one of the foundation stones of human freedom and human dignity. The library offers the place for the opportunity to learn and to know, the opportunity without which the citizens cannot be free. Public, special, school and academic libraries serve as pools of information from which we can draw to grow in knowledge and understanding.

The library stands like an open door to all citizens. The more information the library contains, the wider the door is opened, and the greater opportunity it offers for widened horizons and heightened skills and abilities. The library offers these opportunities to fulfill the potentials that exists in every man, to "Be All You Can Be - Read."

National Library Week highlights the importance of all types of libraries and their services. The development of good reading habits through greater use of libraries is encouraged. Stimulation of better library support and recruitment to the library profession are other aims of this special week.

THEREFORE, I as Governor of Texas, do hereby designate the week of April 21-27, 1968 as LIBRARY WEEK IN TEXAS

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 13th day of Dec., 1967.

JOHN CONNALLY  
Governor of Texas

### TRENT GIRLS FIRST IN TRACK MEET

Trent Girls' Track Team placed first in events held Tuesday at the McMurry Track Field in Abilene, with Merkel placing second.

Placing in first, second and third in each event from Trent and Merkel are:  
Shot Put - Reva Hellums, first, and Diltzie Bland, 3rd, both Trent.  
Long Jump - Ann Riggan, Trent, first, and Mary Lee Noster, Merkel, 3rd.

### Gleaners' Class Has Fellowship

The Gleaners Class of the First Methodist Church met April 10 in Fellowship Hall. Mmes. W. W. Toombs, Dee Moore, O. R. Douglas and Leon Toombs were hostesses.

Mrs. Johnnie Cox presented the devotional, and class president, Mrs. Minnie Howard, presided at the business meeting. Members attending were Mmes. T. K. Anderson, F. Y. Gaither, Edna Brown, Bill Stockbridge, Herbert Patterson, Dee Grimes and Mary Clink.

Also Mmes. Winnie Cyfert, Howard, Harold Odum, O. E. Harwell, A. H. McElmurray, Earl Stanford, Ethel Canida, Cox, Denzil Cox, and John Shannon. Also Mmes. Roy Baccus, Ross Ferrier, M. L. Douglas, Lee Tip-ton and Mis Mabel McRee.

### Trent Tracksters To Go to Regional

The Trent Track Meet Field Events were held at McMurry College track field Thursday, April 11, with Roby taking first place in the running events.

Larry Hellums became eligible for regional meet with 120 yard high hurdle. He won in 330 intermediate hurdle.

Representing Trent in the Regional in the mile relay will be Gaylon Brnovak, Arthur Maberry, Steve Reddin and Hellums. Stan Hicks and Brnovak will also go to regional in pole vaulting. Ted Simpson won first in the discuss throw.

Team totals were Roby 148, Highland 119, Blackwell 63, Trent 79, and McCaulley 56½.

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Stith News  
By MRS. FRITZ HALE



The worst hail storm in many years hit Stith Community Monday night of last week. A lot of the wheat was a total loss and the rest badly damaged. All house tops were damaged and some a total loss also. Window panes were beaten out and all the fruit crops were badly damaged. A 3.6 inch rain followed the hail.

Mrs. Cassie Hawthorn of Lubbock is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Hobbs and the Benny Hobbs family.

Walter Vantress had surgery last week in a hospital in Spring-dell, Ark. He is doing very well. Mr. and Mrs. Doug Stephenson and Melissa of Midland spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald and George. Melissa remained with her grandparents for a week visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns had all of their children home Easter Sunday. They were Henry of Idaho; Sam and J. C. of Abilene; Mrs. Mamie Hardin, Midland; and Mrs. F. J. McDonald of Stith. Other members of the family were F. J. McDonald and George, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Stephenson and Melissa, Mrs. T. Burns and daughter of Abilene, Mrs. J. C. Baird and children of Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. David Glover and baby of San Marcos, and Mrs. Nurr McDonald. Henry Burns returned to his home in Idaho on Monday. Mrs. Hardin remained with her parents for a week visit.

Visitors in the Fritz Hale home during the Easter holidays were Mrs. Jean Newton, Kathy and Roger, Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Malone and Monica of Taylor, and Mr. and Mrs. James Hale and Mike, of Midland.

Johnny Hardesty of Austin and Mary Dunaing visited in the Hale home Saturday night.

Mrs. Curtis Clyburn and Mrs. Charles Reddin helped Mrs. Joe Holloway's first grade class with an Easter egg hunt Tuesday. Mrs. Clyburn also attended the hunt for Mrs. Comer Haynes' class. Visitors in the Clyburn home last week were Mrs. Omer Bishop and children of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hunter and children, and Mrs. Mason Barker of Hodges. Mr. and Mrs. Clyburn attended the volleyball game in Merkel Tuesday afternoon. Don played in the game.

### CLASSIFIEDS GET RESULTS

## NEWS ABOUT AREA SERVICEMEN

### Cpl. Dale Farmer Gets Promotion Completes Course

Lance Corporal Lewis Dale Farmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones of Merkel, recently completed a six months course in secret security work at Pensacola, Fla.

Farmer is presently stationed at Camp LeJeune, N.C., where he will be on active duty in the Atlantic and Caribbean area.

Information to the mail reveals that Dale celebrated his birthday April 10 and wishes his friends to write him. His address is L. Cpl. Farmer L. D. 2353217, 2nd Radio Bn. E. W. Co., 1st Plt. Force Troops, F.M.F. Atlantic Camp LeJeune, North Carolina, 28542.

### At Dyess AFB

ABILENE - Staff Sergeant Manuel S. Gonzales, brother of Mrs. Jennie Perez of Tye, is administered the oath of enlistment at Dyess AFB for another tour of duty in the U.S. Air Force.

Sgt. Gonzales is a radio repairman at Dyess with the Strategic Air Command. He previously served at Laon, France. The sergeant is a graduate of King City, Calif., Union High School, Lt. Col. Arnold Herman, his squadron commander, officiated at the ceremony.

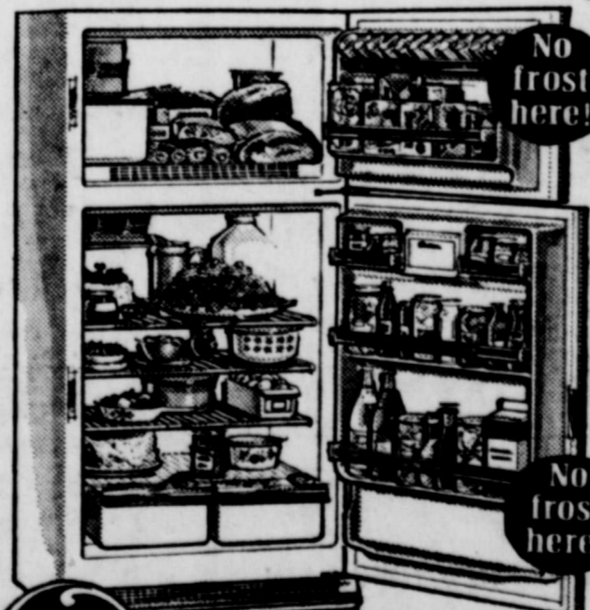
### CLASSIFIEDS GET RESULTS



A new anti-theft system which will permit drivers to lock the steering wheel and gearshift on its 1969 passenger cars was exhibited by General Motors recently at an engineering convention in Detroit. The steering wheel and gearshift locks will be combined with the ignition lock, which will be mounted on the steering column, and all three locks will be operated simultaneously by the ignition key. The system was developed by GM to help thwart an increase in auto thefts, one of the fastest-growing crime categories in the country.

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## WOODROW SIMMONS ISSUES STATEMENT

TO THE CITIZENS OF JONES COUNTY:  
On behalf of my candidacy for the office of Sheriff of Jones County, I would like to make the following statement to the people of this county.

I was reared on Jones County

farms and in the City of Anson. I completed my grand and high school education in the Anson schools. I attended a business college in Dallas, and upon completion of this school returned to Anson and became the distributor for the Mobil Oil Co., working in this capacity in Anson and Hamlin for twenty years. I sold this business in 1960. I also have been a stock farmer for about ten years.

I joined the Anson Police Department in 1961, where I served as a patrolman for four years. Three years ago, I was appointed Police Chief of Jones County and have served in this capacity since that time.

A veteran of the Air Force of World War II, I flew transport planes in the Air Transport Command. Upon discharge from the service, I returned to Anson, to my family and my business.

My family consists of my wife, my mother, Mrs. E. F. Simmons of Anson, one daughter, Judy

Deatherage of Anson, one brother, Thurman Simmons of Anson, and a sister, Mrs. C. R. Foster of Avoca.

I have tried to see and talk with everyone in Jones County during this campaign, and will continue to do so until election day, but for those I may not be able to see, I would like to take this opportunity to tell you of my intentions as to the office I seek.

As your sheriff, I will listen to and counsel with everyone who has business with this office. I will work for fair and impartial law enforcement for everyone. I now have and intend to continue to have good working relations with all of the peace officers and other officials of this county and other counties. I think this is one of the most important phases of law enforcement, as we all must work closely together to do a better job. I intend to keep the patrol cars out over the county as I have found that this prevents many crimes. I have in the past and I plan in the future to attend as many law enforcement training sessions as possible, as our laws are changing almost daily, and one must keep abreast to properly do the job.

I will be very grateful for your support and vote on election day.

WOODROW SIMMONS

Diana, visited Sunday in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Little of Tuscola.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Williams spent Easter Sunday with their son, G. M. Williams of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Presley of Dallas spent the weekend with Mrs. Presley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gist.

Mrs. Alice Williams and several ladies from Abilene attended the Taylor County Singing in Merkel Sunday.

### Miss Hudson Host Te Stith HD Club

The Stith Home Demonstration Club held their regular meeting Wednesday, April 9, with club president, Mrs. Wanda Clyburn, presiding.

Mrs. Mae Jones asked the opening prayer, and Miss Louise Hudson, the devotional.

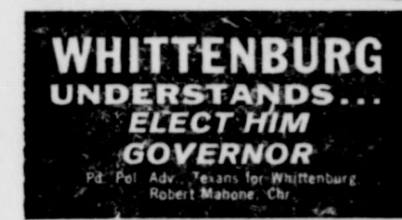
Miss Hudson was hostess for the occasion and Mrs. Daisy Mashburn won the hostess gift.

Mrs. Vada Hudson gave the program on "Antiquing Furniture."

Roll call was answered with "My Favorite Piece of Furniture and Why."

Refreshments were served to eight members.

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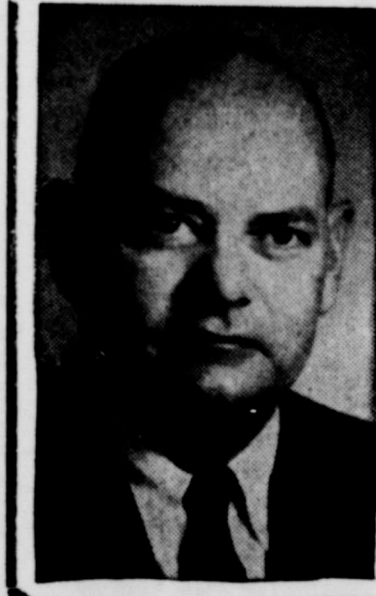


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**HAMBY NEWS**  
By MRS. WILLIAMS  
A gift tea for Mrs. La Wanda Osborn, Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent, was held in the Hamby Club House Friday, April 12. Club members presented Miss Osborn some pottery. Guests attending were Mmes. Ryley Miller, Edgar Holly, Sam Deem, Pev Manahnn, Potosi, Blanch McCarty, of Pleasant Hill, and R. W. Staurd of Wylie.

Also Mmes. Manton Reid, Lawn, and J. E. Deatherage, George Grantham, Walker Williams, Dan Snow, all of Hamby. Mrs. Betty Foster, new county home demonstration agent, also attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Deniz McBeath were in Phoenix, Ariz., and spent the Easter holidays with their son and family, Kenneth McBeath.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Loftin and son went to the HemisFair in San Antonio during the holidays.

Miss Janice Montgomery is home from NTSTC. Denton and is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Montgomery.

Miss Judy Smith is in the hospital and was doing very well at the last report.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Collier and boys are spending the holidays with Mrs. Collier's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Coppedge.

Mrs. B. J. Gist came home Thursday from the hospital. Also home from the hospital is Mrs. Christine Box.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Moore of Hawaii are home visiting friends and relatives. A family reunion was held Easter Sunday at the old home place.

A cemetery working was held Thursday, April 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Payton Whiteaker and daughters, Rhonda and



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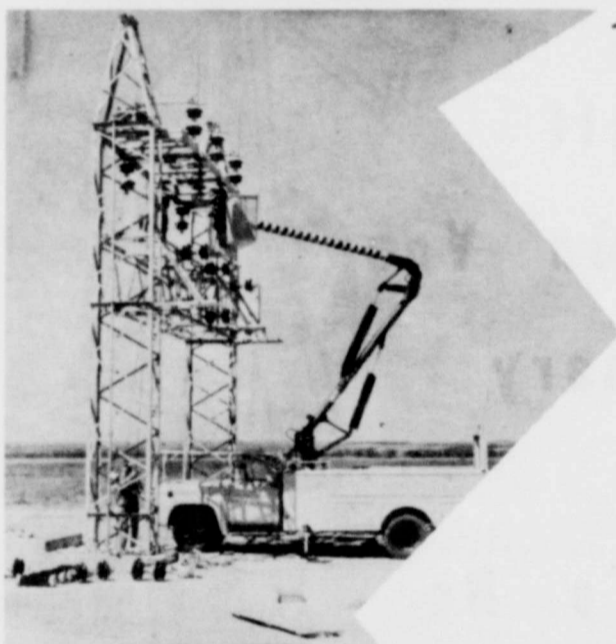




# What Is

## Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc.?

Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., is many things to many people. To the rural member it is a relief from drudgery — the emancipation of the housewife and the worker on the farm. To oil and other rural industry, the TEC is an artery that brings the life blood of power. To the worker, the TEC is an employer. And to the Merchant, the Taylor Electric Coop is a source of strength that keeps the economic pump primed. The TEC is men, women, buildings, power lines, equipment and an economic benefit and neighbor to all.





# History of Taylor Coop in Newspaper's Files

(Editor's Note: The coverage of the First Annual meeting of Taylor Electric Cooperative, was printed in The Merkel Mail, March 14, 1941. The history of the Coop is reflected in these stories from Merkel Mail Files.)

## 27 YEARS AGO

"Five new directors were named and four of the old board retained when the first annual membership meeting of the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s A section was held Monday, March 10 at the Queen Theatre here."

"New directors elected are: Mrs. George Pepper, Bitter Creek, Nolan county; J. J. Anderson, Eskota, Fisher county; Lloyd Bynum, Potosi, Taylor County; J. M. Lister, Nolan, Nolan county and John Ward, Ward Dabney ranch near Maryneal."

"Old directors retained are: Sam Butman, Jr. Mulberry Canyon; Comer Haynes, Merkel; W. C. Church, Stith, Jones county, and H. R. Roberts, Guion, southwest Taylor county." (Editor's note: One of the then board members is still a director for TEC today. He is Comer Haynes.)

"The new board will meet next Monday, March 17, at 1 p.m., to elect officers."

"Some 300 members of Section A were present for the annual meeting, which was opened with a singsong, led by Miss Hattie Tacker, county home demonstration agent."

"Reports of the Cooperative's progress were given by Sam Butman, Jr., president; W. C. Church, secretary-treasurer, and Johnny Cox, superintendent."

"These reports showed 750

members including extra minimum bills, with more than 300 prospects. A special drive is to be made to connect all prospects within the next few months."

## 17 YEARS AGO

"One of the largest crowds ever to assemble in Merkel for a single purpose was that of last Friday. The occasion was the 17th anniversary meeting of the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., held at the high school gymnasium and spilled over into the school yards and streets."

The above comment appeared in the Merkel Mail, March 23, 1951, and concerned the 17th meeting of the Taylor Electric Cooperative.

The report continued:

"They came from six counties serviced by the local REA to hear reports from their officers, to listen to the singing of several quartets, to see the lines of new appliances, and to make visits with old friends and make new ones."

"The elected directors approved a new 'capital credits' system, and put their approval on reports from the secretary, manager, and chairman of the board of directors. Bryan Bradbury, Abilene, the Cooperative's attorney, explained the new 'capitals credit' system to rural electric consumers."

"The '200 Club' quartet from Trent won an amateur singing contest . . . The club — so named because the sum of the women's ages came to 200 years — is composed of Mrs. Garnet Bryan, Mrs. A. C. Terry, Mrs. C. W. Seago, and Mrs. Dow William-

son. Mrs. H. G. Hamrick accompanied the quartet on the piano."

"Riggs Shepperd, manager, reported that the REA had accomplished much during the year. He said that 328 new connections had been made on 156 miles of new line, and that REA crews had re-located another 72 miles of line to make way for farm-to-market roads."

Directors elected for another year were Chairman H. R. Roberts, Guion; O. S. Moore, Nolan; Oma Thomas, Maryneal; Sam Butman Jr., Merkel; Comer Haynes, Merkel; J. J. Anderson, Trent; U. S. Akins, Abilene, and C. F. Hill, Hamby.

## 10 YEARS AGO

Members and guests of Tay-

lor Electric Cooperative braved a cold north wind to attend the annual membership meeting, held in the annex just back of the co-op building, Thursday, April 24, 1958.

In the welcome address, given that day, Isadore Mellinger, Chamber of Commerce president, complimented the co-op on the fine management and efficiency of the board of directors and expressed appreciation on behalf of the citizens of Merkel for the co-op's contribution to Merkel's economy.

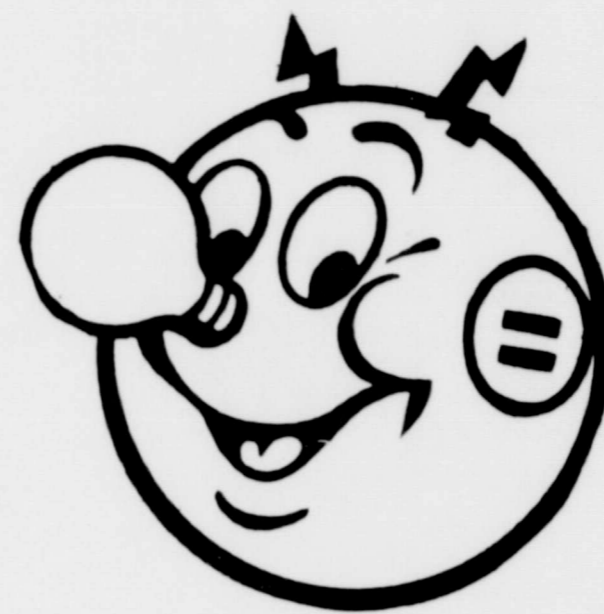
Bryan Bradbury, attorney for Taylor Electric, was master of ceremonies for the meeting . . .

. . . President Henry Roberts pointed out that the net value

of the Taylor Electric Cooperative, including the depreciated value of the system, is \$3,145,905.31.

. . . Sam Butman Jr. expressed his pride in the annual report . . . Lester Dorton, Taylor Electric manager, recognized out of town guests and introduced the new educational committee organized here recently . . . Certificates of merit were presented employes by Dorton for their safety record.

Riggs Shepperd, manager of Medina Electric Co-op, and former manager of Taylor Electric, told members to "sell your story . . . inform the public about the truth of cooperatives . . . and about its program."



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# The Taylor Electric Coop

## Is a Good Neighbor



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The folks at Taylor Electric Cooperative are mighty good neighbors. With the Parent-Teacher Association, the service club, the church or any other organization that's good for the community you'll find folks who belong or are employed by the Coop. And they have their sleeves rolled up and are in there working. At the Chamber of Commerce or other community meetings you'll find chairs, and public address systems furnished by the Taylor Coop — and Coop people there to help with the work. Yes, sir, the folks at the Taylor Electric Coop make mighty Good Neighbors.

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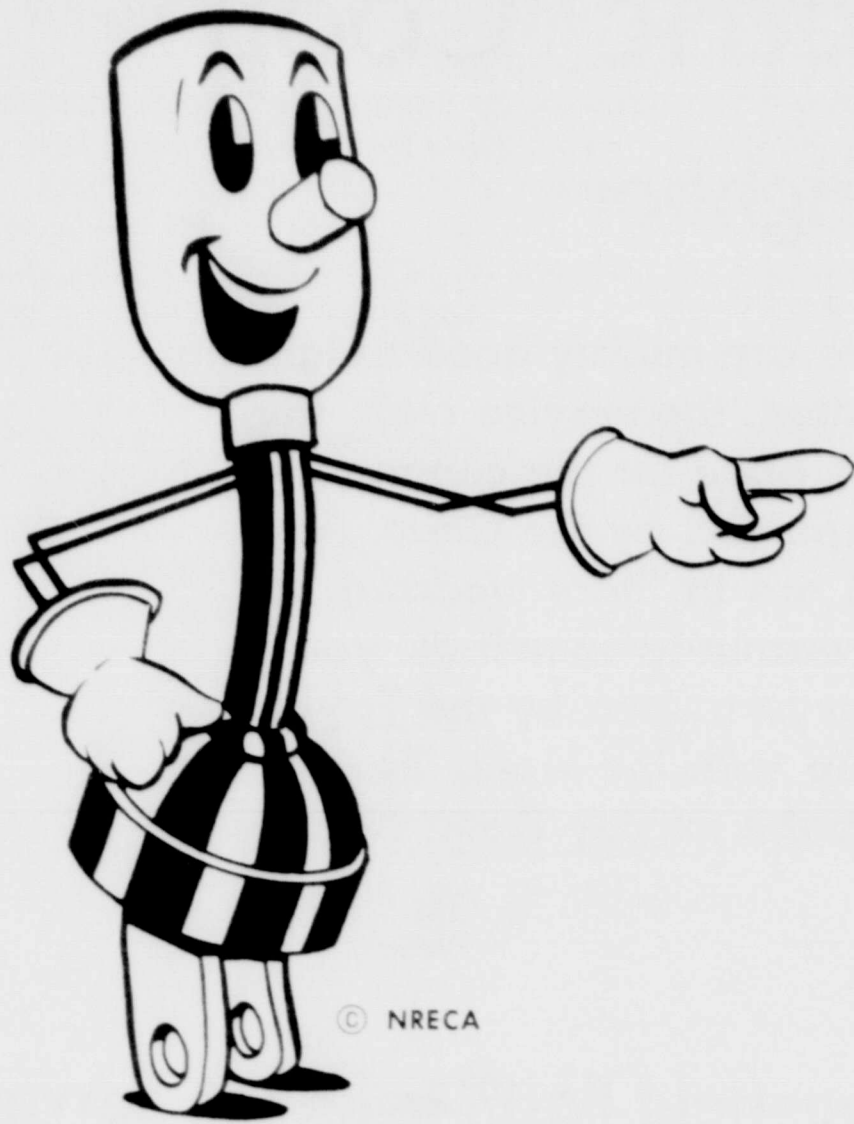
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# The Taylor Electric Coop

## Is a Partner in Business

The Taylor County Electric Cooperative, Inc., is Good for Business. Because of the Taylor Coop, farmers are able to produce more and have more money to spend. This is good for the merchants. Because of the Taylor Electric Coop; there is a Coop payroll and employees have money to spend. This is good for the merchant. Because the Taylor Coop buys supplies in the community, there is more money in circulation. This is good for the merchant. And because merchants have more money, they can pay their employees and buy more merchandise. And this is good for everybody. The Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., is Good for Business. Abilene merchants salute TEC.



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AAA Printing  
832 South Third







**HEADQUARTERS** — This is an aerial view of the General Office Building Shop and grounds of the Taylor Electric Cooperative. The total value of the TEC is \$5,884,718.76.

## Members, Guests *Fact\$ Seeker\$ Impressed* Given Welcome *By Statisc\$ in TEC Survey*

Norman Winter, Taylor Electric Cooperative's manager, welcomes members and guests today to its 27th Annual Members' Meeting.

"We're happy to share with our members the progress and growth that this cooperative has enjoyed in the past 27 years," said Winter. "With continued unity, the future development of the Cooperative is boundless."

Registration, scheduled to begin at 9 a.m., features "an assortment of useful gifts, with the grand prize gift being a choice of any major appliance."

Entertainment, also beginning at 9 a.m., is being furnished by the Merkel High School Stage Band, under the direction of Glenn Reed; the L. C. Agnew Western String Band of Abilene; the Wills Family Singers, Fort Worth, and the "Los Internacionales," Merkel.

A barbecue lunch, will be served at noon, with coffee and cold drinks.

If you are the type who is impressed by statistics that involve dollars, then the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., has some figures that are impressive.

Look at the annual payroll. That figure is \$271,705.76. Is that impressive? Well, look at it this way. Chamber of Commerce executives and those people who study the benefits of industrial basic payrolls say that a dollar from a basic payroll turns over seven times before it enters savings, leaves the community or is otherwise retired. Seven times \$271,705.76 equals \$1,901,940.32. That is just a thin slice from two million dollar economic velocity created by the TEC.

And that's impressive. Besides the annual payroll, there are other interesting figures. For instance the Taylor Electric Coop, Inc., services 3,181 farm and home consumers. That's about as many people as it takes

to make up a town like Stamford or Winters. Add to that the 1,873 commercial consumers and you've got enough electricity to

service a good size town.

That's impressive.

Then take the number of miles of line. The TEC has 2,767.72 miles of line. That's enough to reach from coast to coast.

And that's impressive.

But if you want to be really impressed, look at the number

of kilowatt hours purchased from the Taylor Electric Cooperative in 1967. The KWH were 51,782,340.

Impressed? Well look at it this way. It takes three KWH to milk a cow. And at that rate these KWH would milk 1,438,399 cows for 12 months.

And that is impressive.

**BEST WISHES . . .**

**TAYLOR ELECTRIC  
COOPERATIVE, INC.**

**ON YOUR  
27th Annual**

**MEMBERS MEETING**



**"On The Move With Progress"**

**And We**

**CONGRATULATE**

**Taylor Electric  
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**ON THE**

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**The Old Reliable**

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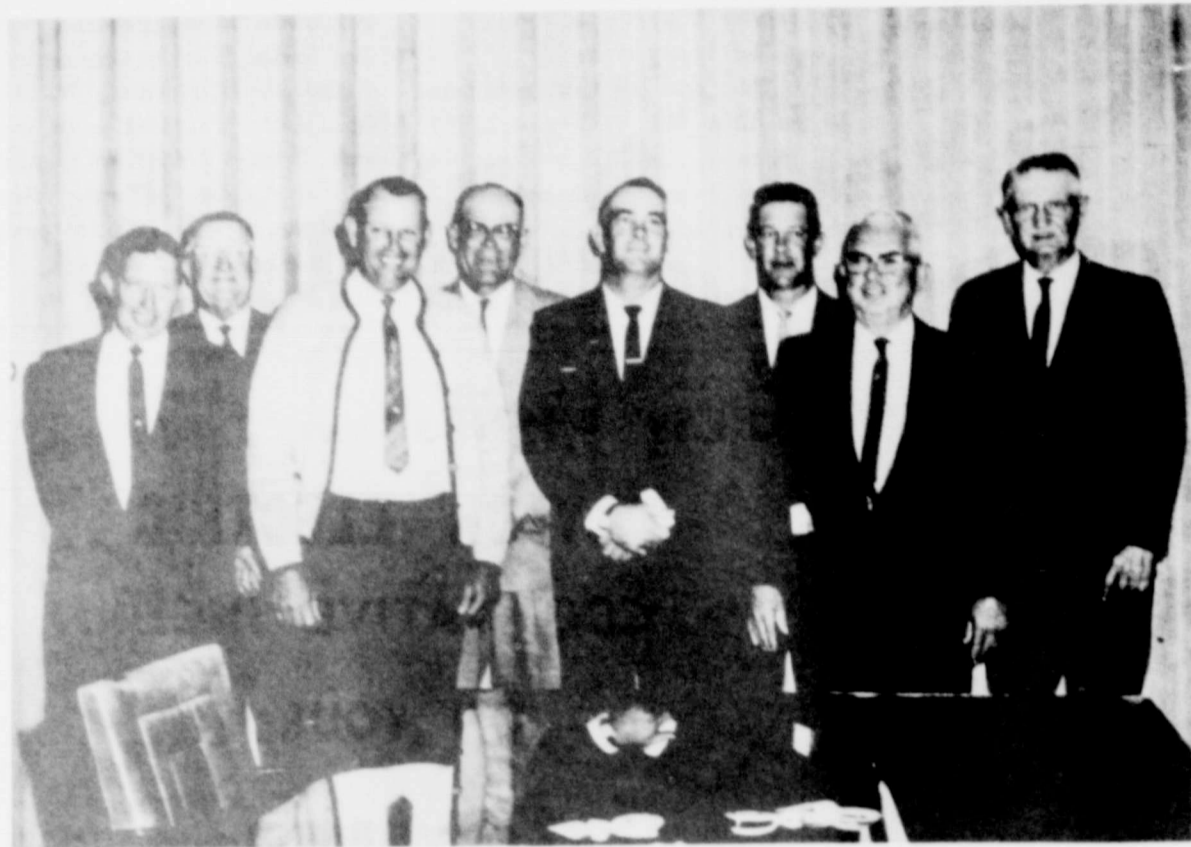
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**THE CHIEF** — Norman Winter is the manager of the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc. He oversees some forty-five employees in the sprawling TEC network.





**PRESENT TEC DIRECTORS** — Directors to preside at the Taylor Electric Cooperative's 27th Annual Members Meeting are, from left, J. Riley Miller, vice chairman; O. S. Moore, chairman; R. C. Watts Jr., Jack Morrow, secretary-treasurer; Ray Orsborn, Clovis McElmurray, Comer Haynes, and Tommy Johnson. Not pictured is Alton Whiteaker of Hamby. (Photo, Courtesy TEC)

## TEC A Meeting Place for Many

Many a building in Merkel "settles" down after closing hours, for "rest" before the next day begins.

But, not so with the Taylor Electric Cooperative building. Teeming with activities during daytime work hours, many times the "door is open" in the evenings.

Attesting to this are the many organizations that hold regular meetings at the Cooperative building.

The one hundred and twenty-five members of Taylor County Farmers Union have always been welcomed to meet at the Cooperative," said president, Pete Morgan. "A meeting place like TEC is a wonderful thing to have, and we are most grateful."

Robert Boyd, president of Merkel's 4-H Club expressed appreciation today to members of TEC for their "always willingness for our members to meet there."

"As well as a meeting place, our friends at TEC are always ready to help us with any problems we might have," said Robert.

"We're so grateful and thankful for the opportunity to meet at Taylor Electric," said Karl Bonneaux, commander of the Merkel-Trent Barracks 2248, World War I Veterans. "It is such a nice meeting place, and we all do enjoy meeting there."

The Ladies Auxiliary of Barracks 2248 also hold their meetings at the Cooperative building.

Two other organizations using

the facilities of the Cooperative are Taylor County Young Homemakers and the Middle Clear Fork Soil and Water Conservation.

And when the occasion demands a larger meeting place, many other organizations turn to the Cooperative.

### Mayor Proclaims Cooperative Day

Ten years ago in April, Mayor Earl Hughes proclaimed Thursday, April 25, 1958 as Taylor Electric Cooperative Appreciation Day" in Merkel.

The Mayor's proclamation said in part that:

"Whereas: We the people of Merkel enjoy the fellowship and association of the people of the Taylor Electric Cooperative. And, because we are interested in doing the utmost to cause the day of their annual meeting to be most pleasurable. And because of the active community building spirit of the entire personnel of the Taylor Electric Cooperative.

"Therefore, I, Earl Hughes, Mayor of the city of Merkel, do hereby proclaim, Thursday, April 25, 1958, as Taylor Electric Cooperative Day, to recognize in every fitting manner our just debt to these fine citizens, and to express appreciation for the great community work they are doing."

## Build Above the Stars . . . To Meet Tomorrow's Hope

"Too low they build, who build beneath the stars." With Edward Young's immortal words imbedded in our minds, let us journey back into time for a moment. The date, January 30, 1941. The place: The Merkel substation east of Merkel. The occasion: The day of the energizing of the lines of the Taylor Electric Cooperative.

### Dreams, Growth Make the Future

"Dreams and growth make the future bright with hope," and "Making life better and stronger for all Americans" are remarks taken from Mike Dudley and Mary Johnson's 1967 Taylor Electric Cooperative's Oratorical Contest speech.

Speaking on the theme "Rural Electric Cooperatives - Helping Texas Grow," both Mike and Mary won an expense paid trip to Washington, D. C. in June of 1967.

Mike, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Dudley, spoke to the group on "Down to Evening: A Day in A Cooperative."

"The Dawn for rural electric cooperatives was in the spring of 1935," said Mike. "Thus the birth of rural electric cooperatives across the nation. . . Morning is youth time with dreams and adventures molding his character. . . Day has reached its evening. . . and the future is bright with hope."

Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Johnson stressed the benefit to the rural home.

"The rural home reaps the greatest benefit from the Electric Giant," said Miss Johnson. "Anything which makes life better for rural Americans makes life better and stronger for America."

A kerosene lamp is buried to symbolize the death of an outmoded age. A switch is pressed and a new era for rural people is begun."

The above are the opening remarks of Murray Edwards's speech given at Taylor Electric Cooperative's annual oratorical contest in February of this year.

Edwards in his speech also said in part:

"Immediately all segments of our economy began to benefit as the purchasing power of the rural electric consumers began to purchase electrical appliances and equipment every year. New jobs and new businesses created thousands of new jobs. Rural Texas emerged into a great era because the people wanted to improve."

"We've come a long way over a road marked with many detours, obstruction, and challenges. The commercial power companies said it couldn't be done. To the men who proved it could be done we owe a great debt of gratitude. These men had a dream over the stars, they had a challenge, and above all they met that challenge, and they never let themselves be lulled to sleep by the ether of self-satisfaction. "Too low they build who build beneath the stars".

"But you and I have a challenge to meet with all our energies an imagination to tell the story that a string of electric coops means more jobs, more business for our merchants, a better informed public, and better schools and churches through an expanded economy. If we do this we will be living up to the heritage of our nation and coop.

" . . . our youth are tomorrow's leaders, and to the management and membership of Taylor Electric Coop both past and present

we thank you for our heritage, for a motivating spirit that planted a seed beneath this West Texas sod. You have cultivated it and watched it grow. May we be prepared to walk in your shadows."

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