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Up
The
Canyon
By TOM
RUSSOM

Well, the Canyon in places received up to an inch of rain last Friday night, after already wet fields. So much of the farmers found time to do a little fishing.

Here's how things are in the Canyon at this time: The fields are just about as wet as you ever saw, the native pastures are as good as you ever saw, the stock tanks are up to the spillways, the wheat is looking better. One farmer told me the other day we are sure to see 40 bushel wheat in the Merkel and surrounding area, if a storm doesn't hit it. I agree with him.

So, with all this in prospect, it would even be hard to rent a farm in the Merkel area for 1969.

I wish T. J. Neill could have seen some of this during his stay in the Canyon. He saw droughts and hail storms and a lot of bad times when he lived here.

Sheep shearing is in full swing in our area. Some of the stockmen report sheep clips are light this spring, due to such hard winter on the animals.

Just a word about the new house of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Moores that is almost to the completion stage. The new home is being built in the same place of the old home, and the old home was where Arthur lived when he was an "ugly little boy" and to think now he will enjoy living in a new home while he is an "ugly old man." That doesn't go for his pretty wife, for she perhaps will still be pretty when she grows old. Anyway, we as close friends will be just as proud as they will be. By the way, Billy Joe White of Merkel is the builder of the new house.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewell McLean visited their children in Anson Sunday after church. They are Mr. and Mrs. Griff Barnett and daughter, Brenda.

Joe Seymore said at church Sunday, "Brother, if it doesn't rain this week there will be a lot less weeds by next Saturday night on my farm." So, I bet Joe is going after them.

Ford and Louis Butman, who recently had surgery, are both on the improving list. Louis was reported to be driving his pickup this week.

FORMER METHODIST PASTOR TO PREACH HERE MAY 19

The Rev. Dr. Elmer D. Landreth, of Englewood, Colorado, retired minister, will be in Merkel for the evening worship service at the First Methodist Church Sunday, May 19, at 7 p.m., according to church pastor, the Rev. Newton Daniel.

Dr. Landreth, who was licensed to preach in the Merkel Church, will also be on hand to autograph copies of his new book, an autobiography of 90,000 words, entitled "The Missing Book."

Since he preached his first sermon at the Methodist Church in Merkel, he "assures friends that much Merkel history appears in his book."

Dr. Landreth was pastor at Trent 1922-23, at the Old Oak

Street Church, Abilene, 1923-28, during which time he completed his college education at McMurry. He was pastor of the St. Paul Methodist Church in Abilene from 1950 until 1955, and was District Superintendent of the Amarillo District twice, in 1945-50 and in 1955-61.

Accompanied by Mrs. Landreth, the couple is attempting to visit each church with which they have been associated.

Their visit will be sponsored by the Northwest Texas Conference Historical Society of the Methodist Church and by the congregation of Merkel's First Methodist Church, said Rev. Daniel.

Rev. Landreth is a brother of Mrs. Roy Bacus, Rt. 3, Merkel.

Commencement Exercises Set for Thursday, May 30

BACCALAUREATE SERVICES MAY 26

Dr. John C. Stevens, assistant president of Abilene Christian College, will deliver Merkel High School's 1968 Commencement address, according to Mack Fisher, school superintendent.

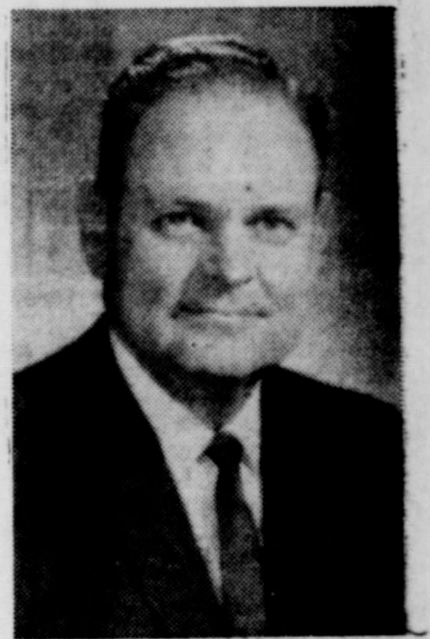
Baccalaureate services will be Sunday, May 26, and the Rev. Newton Daniel, pastor of the First Methodist Church, will be guest speaker.

Dr. Stevens joined the faculty of Abilene Christian College in 1948 as assistant professor of History. He became Dean of Men in 1950, Dean of Students, 1952, and assistant president of the college in 1956. He also serves as director of the American Studies Program for the college. His professional associations include member American Historical Association and Academy of Political Science.

Dr. Stevens is member of the Abilene City Council, and is a past member of the City Charter Commission, chairman of Abilene Boys Ranch, 1956-57, Key City Kiwanis president, 1956, and member of the Abilene Library Board, 1961. He works with many civic groups, including the Abilene Chamber of Commerce and the United Fund.

He holds a BA degree from Abilene Christian College, a MA degree and Ph.D. degree from the University of Arkansas.

Billy Patton, minister of the Merkel Church of Christ, will ask the invocation at the Baccalaureate service, and the Rev. John Curtis, pastor of the Assembly of God Church, the benediction. The Commencement invocation



DR. JOHN C. STEVENS
... commencement speaker

will be asked by the Rev. Newton Daniel, and benediction, Joe McDuff, president of the Merkel School Board.

Robert Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson will deliver the valedictory address, and Mary Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Johnson, the salutator, address. Wilson was named the top senior with a grade point average of 96.60, and Miss Johnson, second with 96.50.

Fisher will present the diplomas to the 47 graduating seniors and Edwin Read, principal of Merkel High School, the awards and scholarships.

Sixty 8th Graders To Graduate

Merkel's Elementary Eighth grade graduation exercises will be held Wednesday, May 29 at 8 p.m.

Principal Leon Sauter said that sixty eighth grade students will be in the graduation exercises.

Honor awards will be presented by Mack Fisher, superintendent of Merkel Public Schools and Walker will present diplomas.

Margo McAllister, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy McAllister, will give the student's address on "Days of Our Youth."

PTA to Install New Officers

The Merkel Parent Teachers Association will meet Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium, for the installation of 1968-69 officers, according to program chairman, Mrs. J. Lynn Knight.

Officers to be installed are Gene Stewart, president; Don Oaks, vice president, and Mrs. Robert Stepan, secretary-treasurer.

Short plays, under the direction of Mrs. Mack Davis, shorthand and typing teacher in the Merkel High School, will be presented.

Bake Sale
Merkel High School Cheerleaders will hold a Bake Sale in Downtown Merkel Saturday, May 11, with proceeds going to help finance attendance to the cheerleaders' school this summer. Head cheerleader, Debi Black, said that a Cheerleaders' Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, May 19 at the school cafeteria.

IN TRENT

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE MAY 12

Baccalaureate services for Trent High School will be held this Sunday, May 12 at the school auditorium, according to superintendent, Ralph Newton.

The Rev. Jim Sellers, pastor of the Trent Baptist Church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon.

MHS Senior Play Is This Friday

"Off the Track," a three act comedy, will be presented by the seniors of Merkel High School, this Friday at the school auditorium. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m.

Matinee performance is scheduled Friday afternoon at 1:30, also in the auditorium.

Charge for the play is fifty cents for adults and twenty-five for children.

Proceeds from the play will be used by the seniors for graduation exercise expenses.

To Receive Degree

Timothy Jake Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Martin, Merkel, is a candidate for a BBA degree in General Business from McMurry College, Abilene.

Commencement ceremonies are scheduled for May 27.

Commencement exercises will be held also at the school auditorium Thursday, May 16, with Bryan Bradbury, an Abilene attorney, as guest speaker.

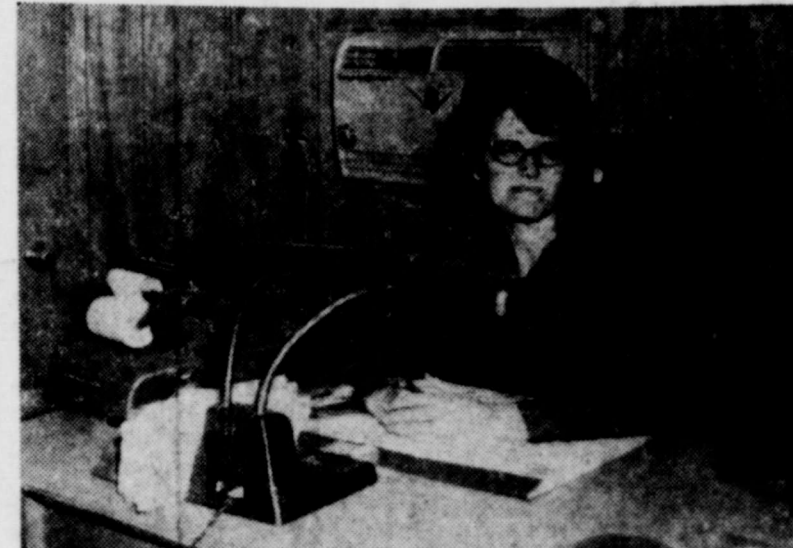
Bradbury, well known to the Merkel and Trent area, is a noted lecturer and has traveled extensively in foreign countries. He recently completed a tour of Russia.

Beckie White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Boyd, is the 1968 valedictorian, and Betty Sharp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Sharp, salutatorian.

The presentation of diplomas will be by Newton, and school principal, Fred Hamilton, will present awards.



BRYAN BRADBURY
... commencement speaker



READY FOR OPEN HOUSE — Mrs. Jean Teaff, business manager at Merkel Elevator, takes a "break" behind her desk in the new office and waiting room, after winding up plans for open house Saturday. Jean and the staff at Merkel Elevator invite area people to come and see the remodeled facilities Saturday, May 11, anytime from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Coffee or cold drinks and cookies will be served all day, plus door prizes. (Staff Photo)

NOODLE FFA AWARDS GIVEN AT BANQUET

Noodle Future Farmers of America Chapter in the annual Father and Son Banquet, held Thursday, May 2, named Keeve Ramsey as star chapter farmer and Robert Serbin star greenhand.

D. Keith Justice, head of agriculture department of Abilene Christian College spoke to the forty members and guests meeting in the Noodle High School Cafeteria. He outlined the purpose of the Future Farmers of America.

A. B. Parham and W. D. Ramsey, Noodle farmers, received the honorary chapter farmers' award.

John Nickols, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Nickols, Rt. 1, Merkel, received the Dekalb agriculture accomplishment award at the banquet.

Other awards were presented to Tommy Best, Robert Serbin, David Rister, Gilbert Vea Cruz, Gary Best, Dennis Deen and Lucio Villarreal, pork production, and Keeve Ramsey, beef produc-

tion, cotton production, and milo production.

Gary Best and Keeve Ramsey received the top awards in metal work, and Robert Serbin and Tommy Best top awards in wood working.

V. A. class officers are Bud Carter, president; John Nickols, vice president; Keeve Ramsey, secretary; Robert Serbin, treasurer; Tommy Best, reporter, Lucio Villarreal, sentinel and Ernest Tate, advisor.

MUSTANGS, EAGLES WIN IN FIRST T-SHIRT GAMSE

Outcome of Merkel's T-Shirt League games, held Saturday, May 4 and Monday, saw the Mustangs lead the Owls in a 14-3 game; Eagles over the Yankees 16-14. (Saturday) and Mon-

day night's game the Owls edged the Eagles, 18-17, and Mustangs over the Yankees 24-4.

Coordinators for the T-Shirters are Lon McDonald and Joe Brazelton.

Sponsors and managers for the League are Mustangs, Wilson Food Store, John Lazona and Jim Hobbs; Eagles, First Baptist Church, Roger Burfield and Joe Alves; Yankees, Merkel Drug Co., Ralph Newton and Roy Kimbrell, and Owls, Merkel Optimist Club, Earnest Hendricks and Billy Patton.

Saturday, May 13 game will schedule the Eagles vs. Yankees and Owls vs. Mustangs. First game starts at 6 p.m., second game, 8 p.m.

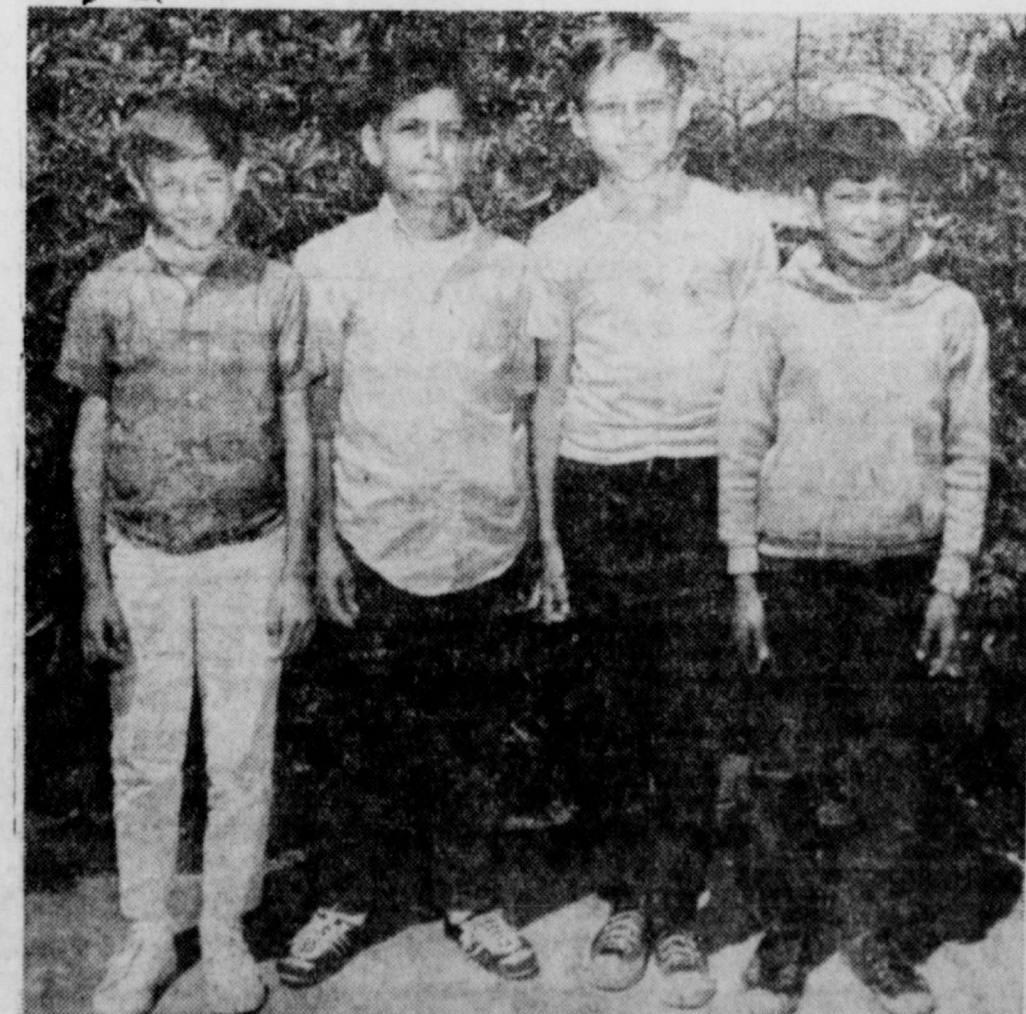
GAME SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MAY 18
Mustangs vs. Yankees
Eagles vs. Owls
MONDAY, MAY 20
Yankees vs. Owls
Mustangs vs. Eagles

SATURDAY, MAY 25
Owls vs. Mustangs
Eagles vs. Yankees
MONDAY, MAY 27
Eagles vs. Owls
Mustangs vs. Yankees

SATURDAY, JUNE 1
Mustangs vs. Eagles
Yankees vs. Owls
MONDAY, JUNE 3
Yankees vs. Eagles
Mustangs vs. Owls

SATURDAY, JUNE 8
Yankees vs. Mustangs
Owls vs. Eagles
MONDAY, JUNE 10
Owls vs. Yankees
Eagles vs. Mustangs



ELEMENTARY RELAY TEAM WINNERS — Mrs. Carrol Benson's fifth grade were first place winners in the recent Intramural Track Events. They are boys relay team, from left, Rudy Castillo, Steve Gentry, Jerry Lee Cox and Harold



Slate; and girls' relay team, from left, Linda Jernigan, Lisa Gregory, Odessa White and Suzie Goodman. Boys team total in the relay events were 100, and girls' 122. (Staff Photos)

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TO: Williford Rhea Knight, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next, after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 3rd day of June A. D. 1968, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court on the 17th day of April A. D. 1968, in this cause numbered 4041 on the docket of said court and styled Lenora Knight, Plaintiff, vs. Williford Rhea Knight, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married September 8, 1960, and became permanently separated on or about February 15, 1968. Plaintiff sues for divorce on ground of harsh and cruel treatment, and for custody of the two minor children as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 17th day of April A. D. 1968.

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

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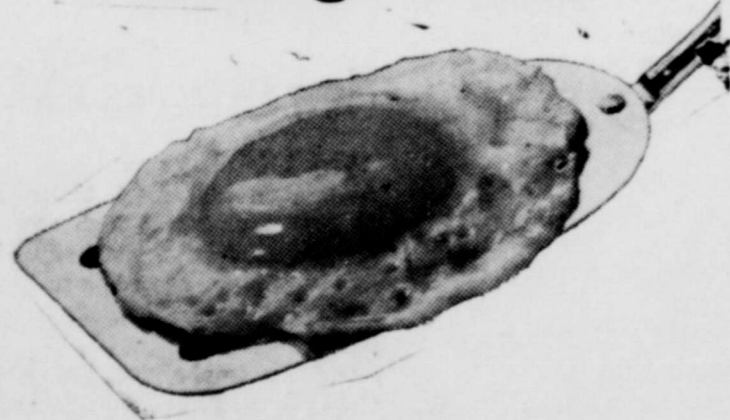
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And in compliance with the law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in The Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.

Being Lot No. One (1), Block "D", Section No. One (1), Holiday Hill Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

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TO: Manuela Guerrero, Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the honorable Court of Domestic Relations of Taylor County at the Courthouse there in Abilene, Texas by filing a written answer at or before 10:00 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 10 day of June, 1968 A.D., to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court on the 22nd day of December, 1967 A.D., in this cause, numbered 3827 on the docket of said Court and styled Alfredo M. Guerrero, Plaintiff vs. Manuela Guerrero, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: The Plaintiff and Defendant were duly married and subsequently became separated and the Plaintiff is suing Defendant for divorce.

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 18 day of March, 1968 A.D.

(Seal)
R. H. ROSS
R. H. Ross, Clerk
Domestic Relations Court,
Taylor County, Texas
By: Marie Gill

and on the Fourth (4th) day of June, 1968, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock A.M. and 4 o'clock P.M. on said day, at the courthouse door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of the said Nancy Stephens, Individually and as Guardian of the Estate of Jimmy Dean Stephens, Willie James Stephens and Jeffrey Wayne Stephens, Minors, in and to said property, as prescribed by law.

Witness my hand, this 24 day of April, 1968.

GEORGE MAXWELL
Sheriff of Taylor County,
Texas
By Leon Sledge

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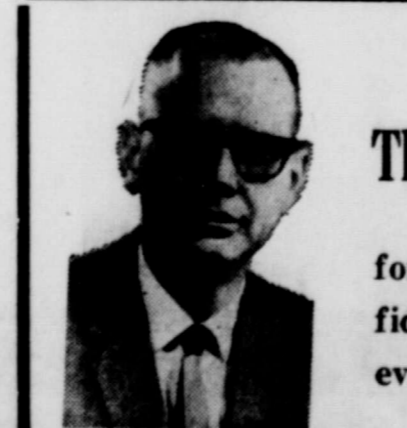
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TO: Wendell Joseph Lewis Delsigne, Defendant, Greeting:

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Adoption 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 23 day of April A.D. 1968.

(Seal)
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Domestic Relations Court
Taylor County, Texas.
By Marie Gill, Deputy.

JOHNNY COX
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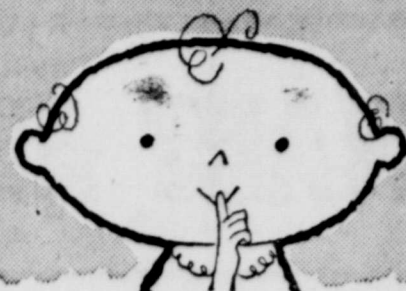
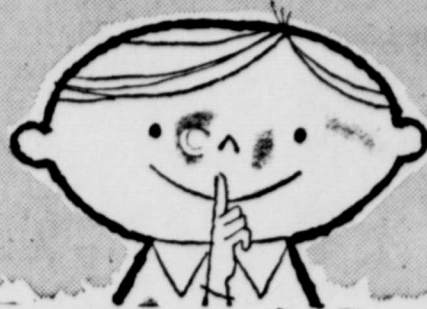
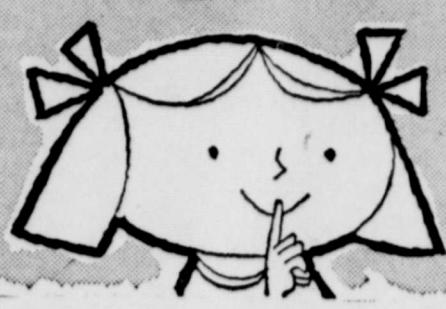
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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 25th day of April A.D. 1968.

(Seal)
Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk,
Domestic Relations Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
9 4tc

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: Glenn Brown, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty - two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 10th day of June A.D. 1968, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 18th day of March A.D. 1968, in this cause, numbered 3983 on the docket of said court and

styled Mauvreen Lavonne Brown, Plaintiff, vs. Glenn Brown, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to - wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about Oct. 31, 1964 and became permanently separated the 1st of August, 1967. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 25th day of April A.D. 1968.

(Seal)
Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk,
Domestic Relations Court
Taylor County, Texas.
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
10 4tc

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TAYLOR

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Alias Execution issued out of the Honorable 105th District Court of Nueces County, of the 8th day of April 1968, by virtue of said Alias Execution for the sum of Four Thousand One Hundred Ten and 84/100 (\$4,116.84) Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgment in favor of Halliburton Company in a certain cause in said Court, No. 95313-D and styled Halliburton Company vs. Dr. Holman S. Smith, placed in my hands for service, I, George Maxwell as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 25th day of April 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 and gas and mineral lease dated March 19, 1965, by and between Everett Grant and wife Marie Grant, as lessors, and C. A. Fisher and J. D. Sandefer, III, as lessees, which lease is recorded in Vol. 765, page 168, of the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, as such interest existed on the 16th day of August, 1966, or at any time thereafter. This inter-

est covers the Southwest 40 acres of Lot 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 June, 1968, the same being the 4th 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 Alias Execution I will sell above described Real Estate at Public vendue, 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 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 April 1968.

GEORGE MAXWELL
Sheriff Taylor County, Texas
By Leon Sledge Deputy. 10 3tc

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Soup and Sandwich Lunch



For a combination of good flavor and nutrition, try one of these Peter Pan Peanut Butter sandwiches with your next cup of hot soup.

PETER PAN LUNCHEON SANDWICHES (Makes 4 open-face sandwiches)

1/2 cup Peter Pan Smooth Peanut Butter	1 can (12 ounces) luncheon meat, cut into 8 slices and panfried
4 slices buttered white bread	4 slices tomato
	4 pimiento-stuffed olives

Spread peanut butter on bread slices; top each with 2 slices luncheon meat, placed side by side and 1 slice tomato. Garnish with olive on pick.

PETER PAN-MUENSTER SANDWICHES (Makes 4)

1/2 to 3/4 cup Peter Pan Smooth Peanut Butter	4 slices Muenster cheese (about 4 ounces)
4 slices white bread	Very thin dill pickle slices
Crisp lettuce leaves	

Spread peanut butter on each bread slice. Assemble sandwiches with lettuce, cheese, and pickle slices. Cover with second slice of bread, if desired.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Robert L. Brown, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County, at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty - two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 17th day of June A.D. 1968, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 25th day of April A.D. 1968, in this cause, numbered 4058 on the docket of said court and styled Virginia Nell Brown, Plaintiff, vs. Robert L. Brown, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to - wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were duly married on the 6th day of September 1959, lived together as husband and wife until on or about the 1st day of May 1965, at which time they became per-

manently separated. As Issue of marriage, three children were born. Plaintiff has the present care, custody and control of each minor child. Defendant herein has been guilty of such excesses, cruel treatment and outrages toward this Plaintiff, so as to render their further living together as husband and wife insupportable, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and

make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 30th day of April A.D. 1968.

(Seal)
Attest: R. H. ROSS, District Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas.
By Faye Terry, Deputy. 10 4tc



Eyes Examined Visual Training
Contact Lenses
DR. ED DRESSEN
OPTOMETRIST
Phone OR 4-6331
504 Cedar St. Abilene, Texas

Thank You
It has been a humbling and very gratifying experience to run for District Judge of the 104th Judicial District. The vote of confidence which you gave me makes me realize how very much a man depends on his friends and neighbors. I am thankful for those who worked so long and hard, sacrificing their time and financial energies in my behalf; and I pledge you my best effort to be a hardworking and effective district judge; one in whom you will be glad you placed your trust.
My opponent, Henry Doscher, and I conducted the campaign as gentlemen and I wish him well in all his future endeavors.
Sincerely,
J. NEIL DANIEL

To Mom with a CAPITAL Love
Give Mom a gift that says "Happy Mother's Day with Love" — and spell it with a capital "L" for LOVELY by choosing one of MERKEL DRUG'S "bound-to please" perfect presents. We've a GREAT array of bright and gay gifts that'll thrill and delight her — all economical priced but RICH in loving thought. Come select yours TODAY!
FRESH and SWEET ATTRACTIVELY GIFT BOXED
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PANGBORN'S from \$2.00 lb.
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Mrs. Smith Hests Hamby HD Club

The Hamby Home Demonstration Club met Friday, April 26 in the Club House with six members and one visitor, Mrs. Dan Snow, present. Mrs. Charles Smith was hostess.

Club president, Mrs. J. E. Deatherage, presided at business meeting, and Mrs. Smith gave the opening exercise. Roll Call was answered with "A Proverb to Live By."

Landscaping tips were given by Mrs. B. J. Gist and clothing tips by Mrs. Charles Smith. A program on "Are You Living in a Haunted House?" was given by Mrs. W. T. Williams and Mrs. Deatherage.

Mother's Day
SUNDAY, MAY 12
TO MOTHER WITH LOVE
If it's fashion she likes — give her a beautifully wrapped gift from BRAGG'S.
"THOUGHTS OF MON"
A pretty dress or suit in lovely white and pastels and Navy, from our new summer fashions. Tapers and Tops, Lingerie, Bags, Gloves, Bras 'n Girdles, Haynes Hose, Vera Scarves, New Decor Pillows, and many more gift items.
Come in and register for the Nelly Don Dress for Mother's Day. Drawing Saturday, May 11.
FOR THE GRADUATE FOR DAD FOR YOURSELF
SAMSONITE LUGGAGE — compact, elegant and efficient, with not a lock in sight. For business men, students, men and women. Colors of deep olive, grey, dove white, willow green, biscayne blue and red.
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Merkel, Texas

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Hurry to your electric appliance dealer or WTU. — Remember, normal 220-volt wiring is free to WTU residential customers when you buy.

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MOTHER'S DAY is SUNDAY

..Monday..Tuesday..
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PRICES GOOD
THURSDAY, FRIDAY
SATURDAY
MAY 9, 10, 11

Sunshine — It's New
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Who says Mother's Day only comes once a year? Not here! We go out of our way EVERY day to welcome mothers with extra BIG FOOD BUYS to make menu planning easier . . . STOREWIDE LOW PRICES to make economy a certainty . . . and extra courteous service for more enjoyable and pleasant shopping. Yes, THIS is what we do best — and we give our BEST all year long to make EVERY day Mother's Day to shop and save — at CARSON'S!

IMPERIAL

SUGAR

5-Lb. Bag **39c**

WITH \$5.00 OR MORE IN TRADE
EXCLUSIVE OF CIGARETTES

BORDEN'S REGULAR

ICE CREAM

1/2 Gal. Ctn. **59c**

TENDER CRUST

ANGEL FOOD BAR

Reg. 49c ONLY **35c**

SOFT OLEO

PARKAY

POUND PKG. **39c**

HORMEL

SPAM

12-OZ. CAN **49c**

HORMEL VIENNA

SAUSAGE

2 4-OZ. CANS **39c**

HORMEL POTTED

MEAT

2 3-OZ. CANS **23c**

HORMEL'S DINTY MOORE

BEEF STEW

24-OZ. CAN **49c**

GRADE A — USDA

FRYERS

Pound **29c**



KOTEX

Reg. Box **45c**

200 COUNT **KLEENEX** Box **19c**

WORTZ — NEW — THIN - TENDER **CRACKERS** Lb. **33c**

ITS NEW **WHISTLE**

PT. BOT. **39c**

SPRAY CLEANER

LIQUID

IVORY

GT. BOT. **49c**

BONUS

Giant

(1 Limit)

Box

59c SPUDS 10-Lb. Bag **59c**

COFFEE

MAXWELL HOUSE (1 Can Limit)
1-Lb. 69c 2-Lb. 1.37
Can Can

3 LB. CAN **1.98**

SALAD BOWL

KRAFT'S QUART JAR

33c

FLOUR

GOLD MEDAL 10-LB. BAG

98c

HOMO 2 MILK

BORDEN'S 1/2 Gal. 2 for

99c

SHORTENING

SWIFT (1 Limit) 3-LB. CAN

39c

Frozen Foods

BIRDSEYE

COOL WHIP Pt. **25c**

PATIO **Mexican DINNER** Ea. **39c**

MORTON'S **TV DINNER** Ea. **39c**

HUNT'S 2 1/2 CAN **PEACHES** 2 for **53c**

HUNT'S 300 **FRUIT Cocktail** 2 for **43c**

HUNT'S 300 **PEARS** 2 for **53c**

HUNT'S 8-AZ. **TOMATO Sauce** 2 for **23c**

HUNT'S 300 **SPINACH** 2 for **29c**

HUNT'S STEWED 300 **TOMATAES** 2 for **45c**

CAMPBELL'S **PORK & BEANS** 2 for **29c**

BETTY CROCKER **CAKE MIX** 2 for **59c**

BORDENS **Whipping CREAM** 1/2 Pt. **29c**

FRESH

CORN

3 EARS FOR **25c**

FRESH **K. Y. BEANS** Lb. **19c**

FRESH **New POTATOES** Lb. **10c**

FRESH **CELERY** Lb. **10c**

FRESH VINE RIPE **TOMATOES** Lb. **29c**

RUSSET **SPUDS** 10-Lb. Bag **59c**

ROAST

CHOICE BEEF CHUCK LB.

49c

BACON

GOOCH BLUE RIBBON POUND

65c

FRANKS

GOOCH BLUE RIBBON ALL MEAT LB.

49c

PICNICS

ARMOUR STAR BONELESS 3-LB. CAN

2.19

ROAST

CHOICE BEEF ARM - ENGLISH LB.

63c

GOOCH BLUE RIBBON ASSORTED **LUNCHEON MEAT** 4 Pkgs. **1.00**

FRESH **GROUND BEEF** 3 Lbs. **1.00**



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FRESH VEGETABLES
FREE DELIVERY MON - WED - FRI
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