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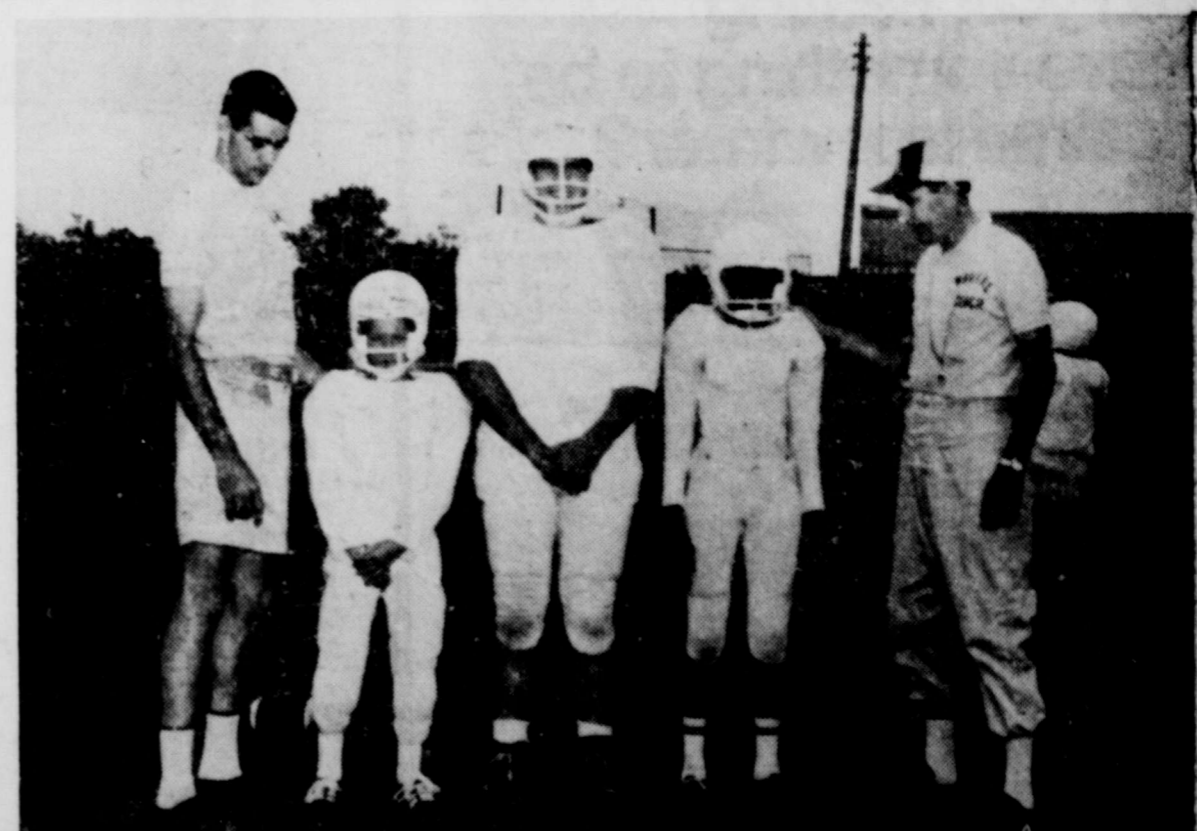
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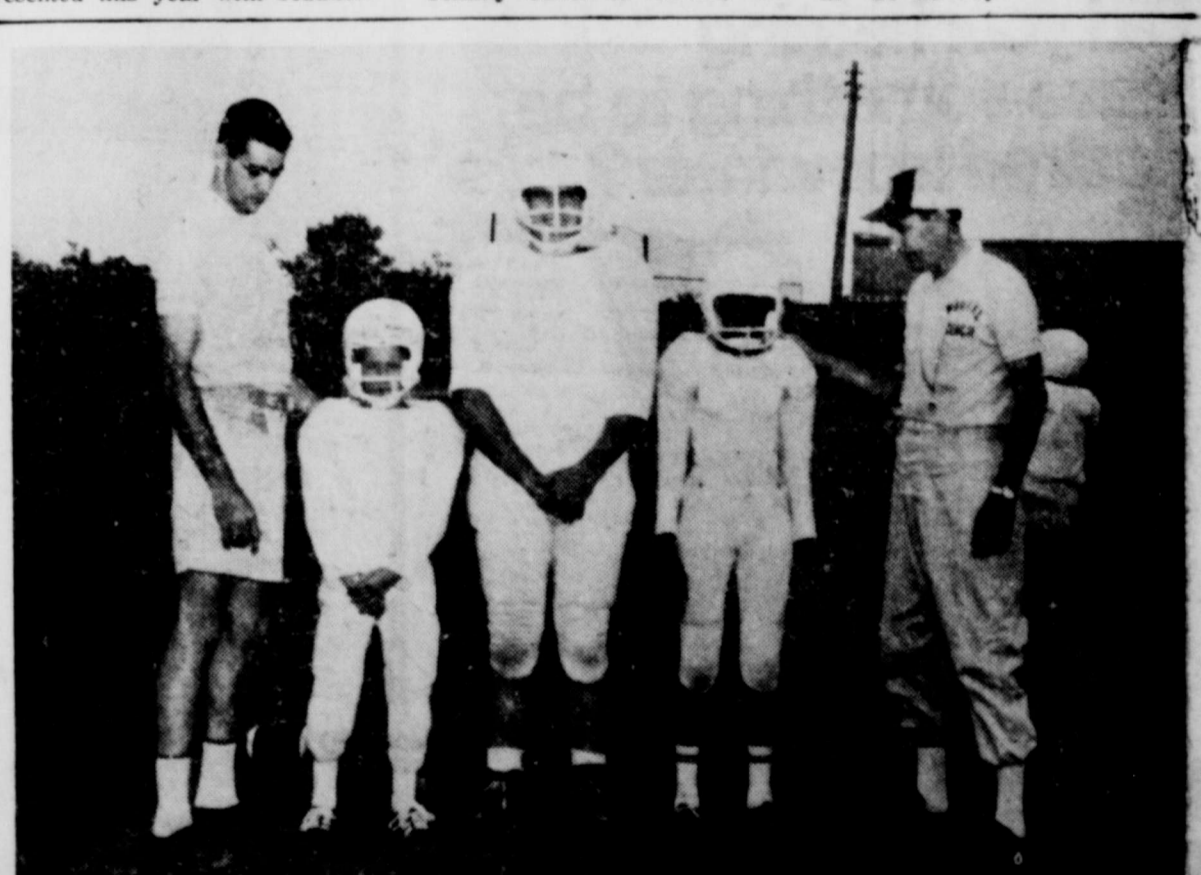
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INCOMING PRESIDENT — Mrs. Ronnie Toombs, past president of the Taylor County Young Homemakers, presents a rose to incoming president, Mrs. Dickie Dannheim at the recent Young Homemakers' Tea. New and prospective members were special guests at the tea. (Photo by Connie Harris)

Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



The crops in Stith Community are good; some of the farmers are spraying their feed.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs attended the funeral of Arthur



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Rhodes at the Nolan Baptist Church Monday afternoon, Aug. 26.

Recent visitors in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Swindell were a cousin of Mrs. Swindell's, Eletha Fuller, a Missionary from Nigeria and Mrs. Van Booser of Abilene. J. E. Swindell Jr. of Athens was a visitor in his brother's home and also he visited his mother, Mrs. J. E. Swindell.

Mrs. Ina Kelso was very ill a few days last week in the Anson General Hospital. She has returned to the Anson Care Home and is feeling much better. Visiting Mrs. Kelso while she was in the hospital were her children, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kelso of Arkansas and Mr. and Mrs. Audrian Berry of Littlefield. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jones also visited Mrs. Kelso.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sims of Thalia visited his sister, Mrs. E. L. Berry at the Anson Care Home last week. Mrs. Bud Lilly, daughter of Mrs. Berry, went after her and returned her to the Anson Care Home.

Robert Wayne Berry and his children visited over the Labor Day weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley. Mrs. Jennie Berry returned home to San Antonio with her family, after spending a week with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Stephenson and Melissa of Midland, spent the weekend with Mrs. Stephenson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald and George. Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Babe Tarpley and family over the weekend were Mrs. Gaston Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Gregory of Big Spring, Kid Jones, Ft. Hood, Mr. and Mrs. Garth Gregory, Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gregory and children, Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Way-

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Mrs. Stella Tarpley is staying with her daughter and family since she came from the Anson General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barker and Mr. and Mrs. Mason Barker visited their sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn and children Tuesday.

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CLASSIFIED ADS GET RESULTS

THE FIZZLE FAMILY



BADGER TRACKS

By WALLY KNIGHT

The 1968 - 69 school year opened officially at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27 for students attending Merkel High School. Approximately 244 students are enrolled in high school this year. Students registered for classes Monday afternoon in the High School Auditorium and the senior class received their senior rings after registration. Two new courses are offered this year. One is Physical Science, which is offered to the freshman class, and the other is drama.

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FOR SALE — Slide trombone, good condition. Call 928-5538. 27 2/2c

Up The Canyon

Continued from Page One

man Jr.
A week ago we were saying school days were here again. Now we are saying college days are here again.

Louis Cook, rancher just top of the divide, reports a 2,000 bale hay crop, all cut and hauled without any rain on it. Which is real good.

We want to send our hello to Mr. and Mrs. John Hampton of Port Arthur, longtime readers of the Merkel Mail.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ray received word here this week that their daughter, Mrs. Billy Rillee of Novice, had given birth to an eight pound baby boy. Mother and baby are both doing well. The mother is the former Karen Ray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ray of the Butman Community.



SP. 4 GLENDA BERRY
... due promotion

Sp. 4 Glenda Berry At Fort Bragg

Sp. 4 Glenda Berry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Jones, No. Third at Taylor, Merkel, is now stationed at Ft. Bragg, N.C. She attended Merkel Public Schools and received her General Education diploma in Dallas. Her basic training was done at Ft. McClellan, Alabama.

A member of the Women's Army Corps, Miss Berry is a clerk typist and will be up for promotion to Spec. 5 this month. She will be home on leave in November, according to her parents.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Oliver of Page, Ariz., visited recently in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Owens and children visited James Shaw and family in Fort Worth and also visited Six Flags.

The Texas Department of Public Safety is offering immediate career employment to qualified young men. Contact your nearest DPS office or patrolman for more information.

CLASSIFIEDS GET RESULTS

Area Residents Invited to H-SU Artist Series

ABILENE — Merkel area residents, including school age youngsters are invited to attend Hardin - Simmons University's 1968 - 69 Artists Series which will feature six crowd-pleasing performances. The programs will range from the beautiful Mary Costa, who has scored triumphs at the Metropolitan and San Francisco Operas to the talented Clebanoff Strings and Orchestra.

Here is the schedule: Oct. 15, Mary Costa; Dec. 9, The Little Angels; Feb. 13, Roger Williams; March 14, Clebanoff Strings; April 11, Houston Symphony; May 6, Glen Yarbrough.

"I think we will have a most exciting and entertaining series," said Dr. Bill Beazley, Artist Series coordinator.

Tickets for the H - SU Artist Series may be obtained by writing Dr. W. O. Beazley's office, Hardin - Simmons University, Abilene, Texas 79601, or a Brown's Downtown, N. 4th and Walnut, Abilene.

Are you man enough to be a patrolman? Contact your nearest Department of Public Safety or office TODAY for an application.



MRS. BILLY ELVIN CLARK
... formerly Glenna Jane Riggan

RIGGAN-CLARK WED AT PIONEER CHURCH

Glenna Jane Riggan and Billy Elvin Clark were married Saturday, Aug. 31 at Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Riggan are parents of the bride. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Clark of Oklahoma City, Okla.

Elder Marvin C. Cartwright officiated. Pianist was Dana Thompson and soloist was Sharon Hutchins.

Mr. Riggan presented his daughter in marriage. Patricia Ann Riggan, sister of the bride, was maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were Nancy Prewitt of Bovina and Janice Jones of Garland. Sherry Swinney was flower girl and Danny Riggan was ring bearer.

Jimmy Riggan was best man. Groomsmen were Tim Riggan and Bobby J. Clark of Oklahoma City. Ushers were Eldon Payne of Trent, Jim Cannady, Eddie Mit-

chell, both of Dallas, and Gaylon Brovok.

The bride wore an A-line peau de soie gown with organza lace overlay. The empire gown had long sleeves and train. She carried feathered carnations and stephanotis on a Bible. An organza lace headdress held her veil.

Bridal attendants wore rose pink crepe gowns with matching bow and headdresses. They carried mums.

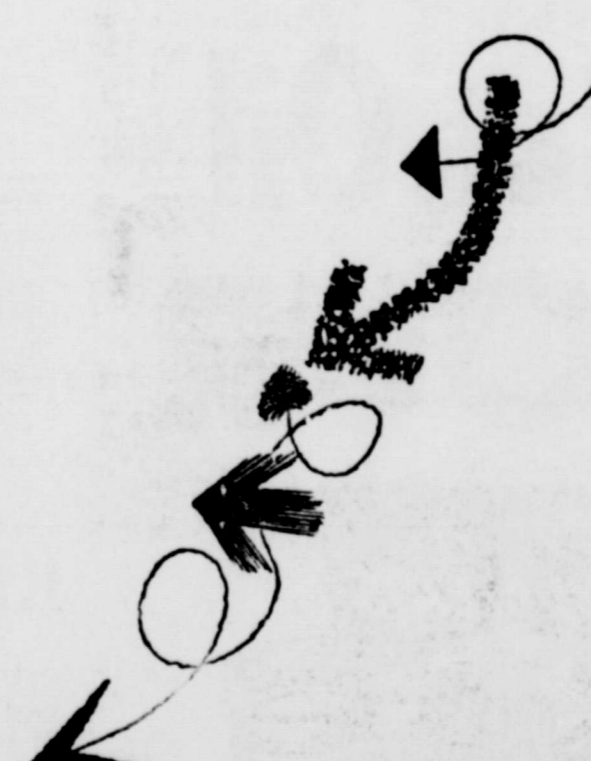
A graduate of Trent High School, the bride attended McMurry College.

The bridegroom was graduated from Lawton, Okla. High School and attended Cameron College and Brigham Young University. He works at Bankers Investment Co. in Odessa.

The couple will live at 1510 W. 15th St., Odessa.

Rehearsal dinner was hosted by Mrs. Jimmy Riggan at the Riggan home.

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MRS. MICHAEL LEE HESTER
... formerly Youlinda Marie Carey

CAREY-HESTER VOWS ARE EXCHANGED

Wedding vows for Youlinda Marie Carey and Michael Lee Hester were read Saturday, Aug. 31 at First Methodist Church.

The Rev. Newton S. Daniel officiated. Organist was Mrs. J. H. Clark Jr. and soloist was Gloria Moore.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Frances Carey. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hester.

The bride was presented in marriage by her grandfather, O. E. Harwell.

She wore an empire peau de soie gown with chantilly lace bodice and scalloped neckline.

Her peau de soie and lace train was chapel length.

A lace bow held her veil. She carried an orchid with carnations.

Her attendants were Sue Holway, maid of honor, Judy Hester, sister of the bridegroom, and Debra Turner of San Antonio.

Attendants wore yellow lace-trimmed A-line gowns with scalloped necklines and bell sleeves. Yellow bows held their veils. They carried long stemmed yellow carnations.

George McDonald was best man. Mike Walla and the bride's brother, Wayne Carey, were groomsmen.

Ushers and candlelighters were Lynden Griffin and D. A. Bishop. Both are graduates of Merkel High School and are juniors at the University of Texas at Arlington. The bride attended McMurry College.

The bridegroom is employed at Bell Helicopter Co., at Hurst.

The couple will live at 411 Yates, Apt. 1, Arlington, after a trip to San Antonio.

Rehearsal dinner was hosted by the bridegroom's parents in the Gold Room of the Merkel Restaurant.

Attends Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox of Merkel were in Amarillo this past weekend attending the reunion of the descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Fox.

Relatives and friends attended from Amarillo, Fort Worth, Lubbock, Brownwood, Merkel, Sumner, N.M., and Denver, Colo.

Approximately seventy attended the weekend reunion.

Merkel Resident Is Missionary

MERKEL, Tex. (BP) — A resident of Merkel is among the 33 Southern Baptist US-2 missionary appointees for 1968.

Larry Clinton Howard is among the seven Texans who were appointed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta, Ga. An honor graduate of Texas Technological College in Lubbock, Howard will serve Evansville College in Indiana under the Department of Special Mission Ministries.

A 1964 graduate of Merkel High School and son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Howard, Larry completed orientation in August at Ridgecrest, N.C., and Glorietta, N.M. He left Saturday, Aug. 31, for Indiana.

Appointees will be filling pulpits, initiating contact in resort areas, practicing medicine in the San Blas islands and tackling language barriers in the inner cities of such metropolises as New York and Chicago.

Upon completion of their assignments, the US-2ers receive severance pay of \$50 per month of service (or \$75 for married couples) and a 25 per cent bonus if they continue their education. They live expense-free on the field.

These young missionaries are appointed annually for a two-year term of service.



LARRY HOWARD
... to Indiana

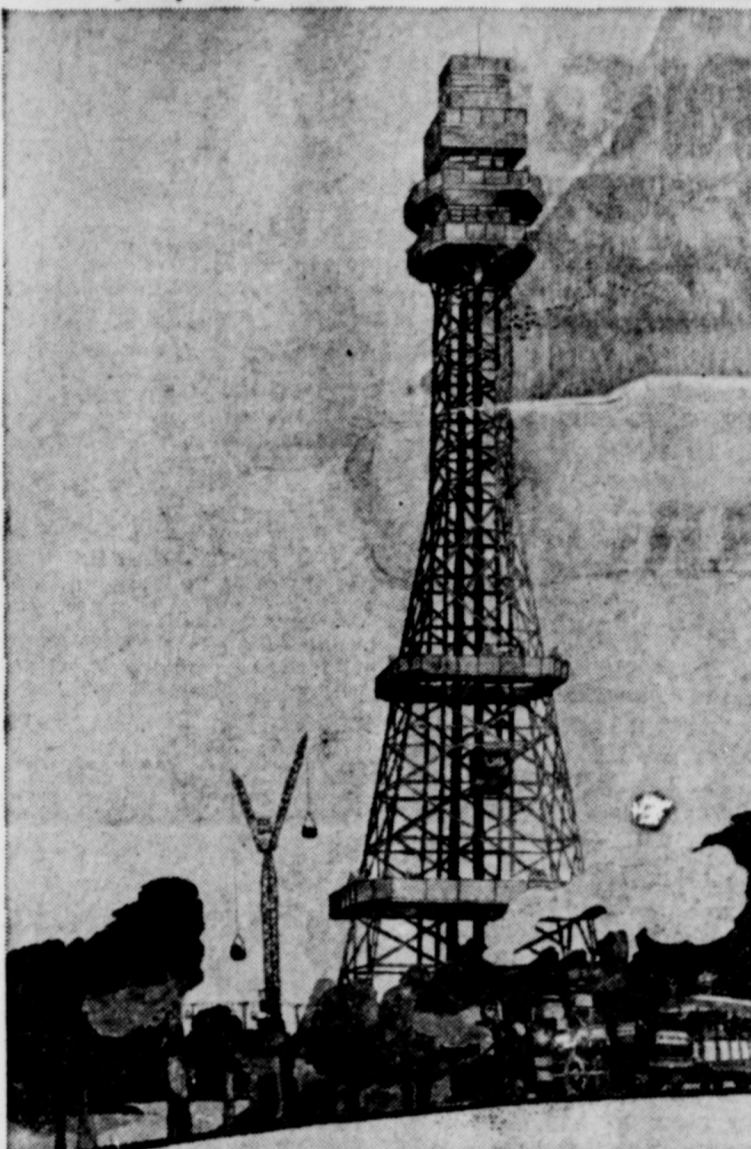
New Counselors

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leo Harris were this week appointed counselors for the young people's department of the First Methodist Church, according to church pastor, the Rev. Newton Daniel.

"Mr. and Mrs. Harris are well known to Merkel and to Merkel young people," said the Rev. Daniel. "With the help and guidance of the Harris, several activities are in the planning stage."

Harris is city water superintendent and Mrs. Harris is assistant editor at the Merkel Mail.

SIX FLAGS TO BEGIN FALL SCHEDULE NEW \$20,000,000 CALIFORNIA PARK DUE



The world's largest land-based oil derrick, which will be Six Flags Over Texas' newest attraction, is seen in this artist's rendering. Construction is already under way on this 300-foot "rig," which will be the tallest single structure at the popular 140-acre, \$18,000,000 theme entertainment center located in Arlington, midway between Dallas and Fort Worth.

Arlington, Texas: Six Flags Over Texas will begin its Fall operating schedule on September 7 and will operate on Saturdays and Sundays only until the 1968 season ends on December 1. Operating hours will be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The popular historical-theme entertainment center, located midway between Dallas and Fort Worth, has set Monday, September 2, as the final day of the Summer season, during which Six Flags has been open seven days a week.

Angus G. Wynne, Jr., President of Great Southwest Corporation which owns and operates the Six Flags Over Texas and Six Flags Over Georgia (Atlanta) entertainment centers, announced last week that the company will build a new 147-acre, \$20,000,000 theme entertainment center in the Oakland/San Francisco Bay Area on the West Coast. The new park, tentatively named Six Flags Over California, is located east of Oakland in the city of Pleasanton.

The California Park is scheduled to open in the Spring of 1971.

Construction of new attractions at Six Flags Over Texas for the 1969 season is already under way with the building of the world's largest land-based oil derrick. This 300-foot oil rig will tower 300 feet in the air and will be supported by 800,000 pounds of steel. Costing in excess of half a million dollars, the oil derrick is located on a new 1.5-acre site near the Boomtown area of the Park. Giant elevators will take visitors to the two top observation platforms at the 267- and 255-foot levels.

The Oil Derrick will become the most prominent single structure at Six Flags, looming far above the 190-foot Sky Hook and 55-foot Astrolift rides.



... portrait by John R. Reddin
MRS. JOHN SCOTT SARRELS
... the former Gloria Jane Hull

GLORIA JANE HULL, JOHN SARRELS WED

Gloria Jane Hull and John Scott Sarrels were married Saturday, Aug. 31 at Elmwood Baptist Church in Abilene.

The Rev. R. V. Sarrels of Fort Worth, grandfather of the bridegroom, officiated. Organist was Larry Riey.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hull, 925 Green St., Abilene, are the bride's parents, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sarrels of San Antonio are the parents of the bridegroom.

Presented in marriage by her father, the bride wore a crepe gown trimmed with jeweled braid and a floor length veil. She carried carnations.

Maid of honor was Coletta Merle Hull, sister of the bridegroom. AR Hull, sister of the bride and bridesmaid was Mrs. Jerry Don Reynolds of Fort Worth, sister of the bride.

They wore orange dresses and white rose headdresses. They carried long stemmed carnations.

Lennins Polnac was best man. Groomsman was Harley Webb. Ushers were Pete Chauvet of Dyess Air Force Base and Clinton Trigg.

The bride was graduated from Merkel High School and employed with U.S. Time Corp. The bridegroom was graduated from Abilene High School and attended McMurry College. He is employed with Sears, Roebuck and Co., in San Antonio.

The couple will live at 210 W. Ridgewood, San Antonio.



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**WRITER SAYS "WE
NEED LEADERSHIP"**

Dear Editor: This letter is being written by one of the millions of American citizens who has never written a letter to the editor or any elect-

ed official before, written by one who pays his taxes, and does his duty by voting every election day.

One who sits back in the shad-

ows of a great nation like America and helps form the very backbone of this great nation.

One who works for a salary, and has his pocketbook hit the hardest with every tax increase (both local and national); but pays his taxes and goes on raising his family and being proud of being an American.

Yes, Mr. Editor, there are millions of us and it's time we were heard from for a change. This country is not sick — it just needs leadership. This country is still the greatest place on earth to live. What we seem to have forgotten is that to be a free America we must pay for that freedom every day of our lives. Our freedom is priceless and we pay for it.

We as Americans need to stop for a second and realize what we have, as compared to the rest of the world. Sure, we have riot and bloodshed, and a rap on the head may stop the rioting but will not cure the cause. We need leaders to lead this country, whether they be Democrat or Republican makes no difference just as long as this nation is for all Americans.

Where are our real leaders? We need men to put America back on the right path, prayer back where it belongs, someone who loves the old America and would be proud to stand up and defend her. When these men come along we will elect them and pray that they have a little common horse sense and realize that America was founded for



MISS TRE — Barbie McMillan was judged winner of the Miss Texas Rural Electrification contest during the 1968 Texas Electric Cooperative Inc. 28th annual meeting in Dallas. Miss McMillan represented Wharton County Electric Cooperative in the state-wide contest. The new Miss T.R.E. will represent rural electrification in Texas and compete for the national Miss Rural Electrification title in Atlantic City in March.

**Merkelites' Kin
Is Principal
At Liberty Hill**

Cadmus Brown, a native of Sylvester and son in law of the Irl Walkers of Merkel, is the new principal and football coach for Liberty Hill High School.

Brown, who replaces C. C. Larison Jr., who resigned, has been a science teacher and girls' coach in the Liberty Hill system for seven years. He holds BS and M.Ed degree from Sam Houston State College, Huntsville.

He and Mrs. Brown, the former Irlene Walker of Merkel,

have four children, Cadmus Irl, a student in Tarleton State College; Sybil Anne, an employee of the Department of Public Safety, Austin; and Tommy and Marla, students in high school. Mrs. Brown is high school English teacher in Liberty Hill.

Mrs. Brown is high school English teacher in Liberty Hill. Marla, age 15, and a sophomore has been elected a cheerleader for the Liberty Hill High School Panthers for the second consecutive year. She will have good reason to cheer the Panthers this year since her brother, Tommy, a senior, will be quarterbacking for the team which is coached by their father.

**CLASSIFIEDS ARE
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NEW ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Riley of Novice are the parents of a baby boy, Billy Ray, born Sept. 2 at 10:29 a.m. Weight was eight pounds.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ray of Merkel and paternal grandparents are M. and Ms. Lynn Riley of Coleman.

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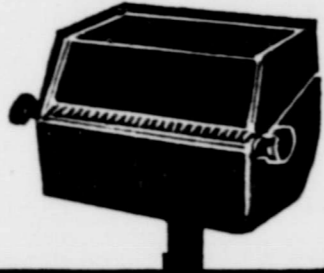
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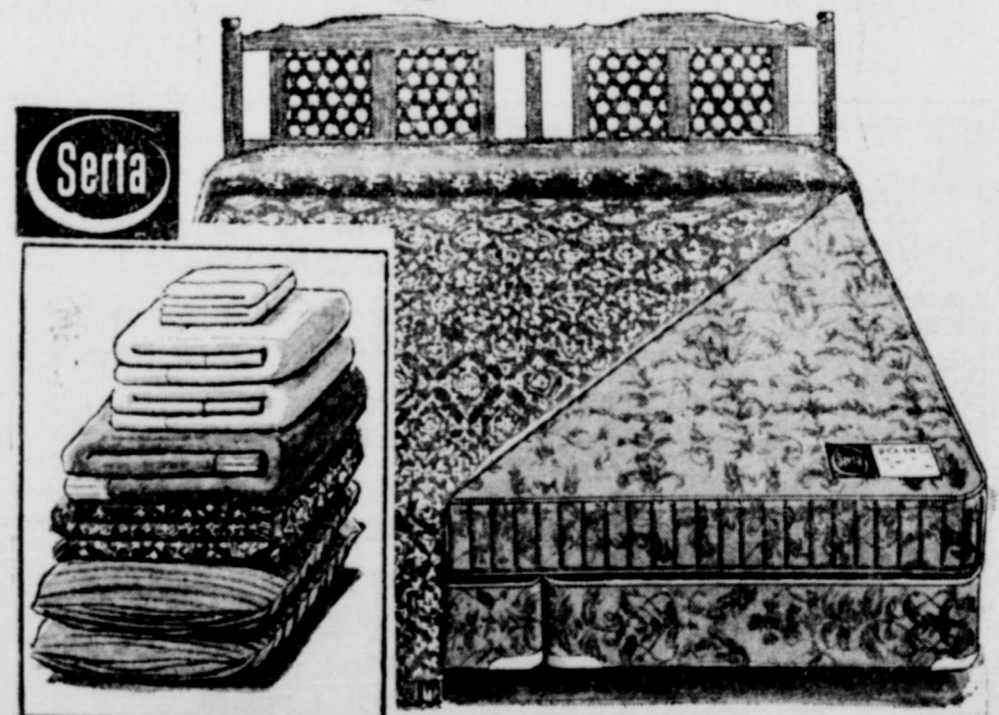
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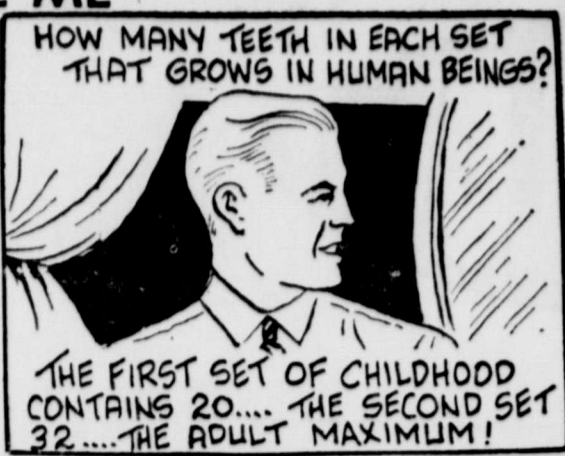
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- Sept. 13 - Clyde at Clyde
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Conference games are:

- Oct. 4 - Hamlin at Hamlin
- Oct. 12 - Haskell at Merkel (Homecoming)

- Oct. 18 - Stamford at Merkel
 - Oct. 25 - Winters at Winters
 - Nov. 1 - Ballinger at Merkel
 - Nov. 8 - Coleman at Coleman
 - Nov. 15 - Anson at Merkel
- The B-Team schedule includes:

- Sept. 19 - Hamlin at Hamlin, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 26 - Clyde at Merkel, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 3 - Central Catholic at Merkel, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 10 - Wylie at Merkel, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 17 - Central Catholic at Abilene, 4 p.m.
- Oct. 24 - Hamlin at Merkel, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 31 - Haskell at Merkel, 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 7 - Albany at Merkel, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 14 - Anson at Anson, 7 p.m.

Sept. 26 - Clyde at Merkel
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Oct. 31 - Anson at Merkel

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Variations: Use chocolate or butterscotch instant pudding and amount of milk indicated on package. Or swirl all the whipped cream through the pudding.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Richard Bruce Marshall, 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 7th day of October A.D. 1968, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 12th day of July A.D. 1967, in this cause, numbered 3467 on the docket of said court and styled La Rie Ann Marshall, Plaintiff, vs. Richard Bruce Marshall, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on July 18, 1963, and lived together as husband and wife until on or about September 1965. De-

pendant notwithstanding his marriage vows, commenced a course of harsh, cruel and tyrannical conduct toward this plaintiff. One child born Ricky Dale Marshall, a boy. Plaintiff have custody of child, 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 21st day of August A.D. 1968.

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