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Up The Canyon

By TOM
RUSSOM

Well, I was intending to write a note to the editor this week, but I just decided to be as even-tempered as I can, because when you go to writing notes to the editor, you might let your temper get to working a little high.

Just a few days ago I read a note to the editor in another paper. And the writer said "let us just stop this back-biting and get down to clean business and vote for Nixon." and that just like to have made me mad. I thought that was just too selfish a way to get at it, anyway. I'm being quiet for a while.

Back to the weather here in the Canyon. My, oh my, it surely is dry here. There is a lot of native grass in the pastures, but we need rain so much.

My sister from Dallas and her family visited relatives in Merkel and here in the Canyon. They said they had received a lot of rain in and around Dallas and Fort Worth area, recently. They were surprised to know it was so dry here.

Nearly all of the calves and lambs in our area have been shipped to market. The lamb market opened in San Angelo early and high and remained high all summer and fall. That was very unusual for it to do so. The mother sheep market has been high and is still that way, making it almost impossible to get in to the sheep market. The same could be said about the replacement of cattle. Some stockmen are saying it might be a good time to set on the sideline and wait awhile. That could be wrong, too.

The cotton farmers are really harvesting their cotton in our area perhaps half of the cotton has been harvested.

Some few farmers have dry sown some wheat and oats in our area. So, it looks like we are ready for a good rain. It was reported thunder was heard up the Canyon late Sunday morning, however, I didn't hear it.

Well, we have been invited to the Cattle Round Up at the Bob Rankin Ranch next Sunday and we accepted the invitation to attend and to take part. The Rankin Ranch is one of the larger ranches in the southern part of Taylor County. There will be some 350 big steers rounded up and loaded on trucks to be shipped to the feed yard at Plainview. We are seding three horses and three men to take part in the Round Up. Bob Rankin is a church man and due to being unable to get his trucks on Saturday, had to take them on Sunday.

J. L. and Louis Cook will also take part in the Round Up. And my wife has been invited to help prepare the dinner at the noon hour.

We regret to hear that Doyal Barnes has recently undergone surgery Doyal and family are Canyon residents. They own a very beautiful little farm home on the north side of the Canyon. We hope you, Doyal, will be up and around soon.

This is Monday night and I am writing this, and my wife ask me "if it was raining." And right now I'm going to see if it is.

Booster Club

Booster members will hold their regular meeting this Monday evening and will begin at 7 o'clock instead of 7:30, according to president, Dan Allen.

"The change in time is in order for Booster fans to see the Dallas Cowboys and Green Bay Packers play," said Allen.

All members are urged to attend this Monday evening meeting.



FIRST LETTER TO SANTA — Is accepted this week by Wrenn Durham, Merkel postmaster, and the optimistic young lady is Dana Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. D. (Corky) Cox. Little Miss Dana has a good idea in "wanting to get ahead of all the Santa Letters," just like grown-ups are beginning to do their Christmas shopping early. (Staff Photo by Connie Harris)

P.O. 'SANTA CLAUS SPECIAL' BEGINS

Tons of St. Nick's gifts will be going to members of the Armed Forces in Vietnam by special ship this year, thanks to a joint Pentagon - Post Office venture.

A fast U.S. cargo ship will be designated the "1968 Santa Claus Special," sailing from Oakland, Calif., next month with Christmas parcels.

Noodle Carnival Is This Friday

The Noodle Patron Club is sponsoring a Halloween Carnival Friday, Oct. 25 at the Noodle School.

Food booths will be open at 6 p.m. and the coronation of King and Queen at 7 p.m.

Class booths will be open at 7:30.

Everyone is invited to come to the Carnival.

To meet the sailing deadline and assure pre-holiday delivery of the gifts sent with surface postage, items should be mailed during the October 14 - November 9 period. They should be marked "Santa Claus Special" just below the stamps.

The "Santa Claus Special" will sail during the latter half of November and stop at Da Nang, Qui Nhon, Cam Rahn Bay and Saigon, Vietnam. It takes approximately three weeks for a fast ship to cross the ocean.

All gifts should be packed in strong containers with adequate cushioning and correctly addressed, including APO and FPO numbers.

There are several options available for mailing to the military which can save money. Post Offices across the nation have free pamphlets which outline the mailing programs for servicemen and women overseas.

Trent Homecoming Is Saturday, Oct. 26

A day packed full of activities for "Homecoming Exes" is on the agenda for Trent's 1968 Homecoming Saturday, Oct. 26.

A breakfast at 7:30 at the school cafeteria will "officially" kick off this year's activities, to be followed with a coffee at 9 a.m., according to Sherman Driggers Jr., president of the Trent Ex - Students' Association.

"Exes will begin registering at the 7:30 a.m. breakfast," said Driggers, "and registration will

continue through out the morning."

The business meeting and program is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m., said Driggers. Guest speaker for this program is a former superintendent of the Trent Schools, T. B. Friend, now of Brownwood.

Candidates for homecoming queen to be voted on during the day are Mrs. Ora Smith Beasley, class of 1920; Mrs. Helen Hogue Duncan, class of 1930; Mrs. Wan-

PRELIMINARIES

THURSDAY

Freshman Football
Junior High Football

FRIDAY

Community Fund Kickoff
Breakfast
Pep Rally at Gym
Football Game at Winters
Noodle Carnival

SATURDAY

Trent Homecoming
Trent Football Game
Stith Carnival
Library Open at 10 a.m.
Teen Center Open
Merkel Garden Club Annual
Flower Show

SUNDAY

Church Services
Merkel Garden Club Annual
Flower Show

MONDAY

Booster Meeting at 7 p.m.
Community Fund Drive

TUESDAY

Community Fund Drive
Junior High Football

WEDNESDAY

Optimist Noon Lunch
Library Open at 2 p.m.
Community Fund Drive

Community Fund Sets Goal of \$6,000

A goal of \$6,000 was set by the Merkel Community Fund directors Monday morning for the 1968 Drive.

W. J. Roddy, a 1968 Drive chairman, and directors met with representatives of various agencies to be included in this year's drive. Meeting with directors and chairmen was Bill Button, president of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce and member of advisory board for the '68 Community Fund Drive.

Attending the meeting from Abilene were Frank Sheffield, representing the American Cancer Society and Ira Allen and J. E. Cogburn, the March of Dimes. Cogburn is the 1968 Taylor County March of Dimes chairman.

Representing the Merkel Youth Activity Program were Ann Walker, Pat Bunch, Bob Hammond and Mike Dudley. The Youth Activity Program is included in this year's drive.

Heart Fund was represented by Mrs. Hugh Baker of Merkel.

Names of workers turned in by directors includes members of the Young Homemakers, Optimist Club, Lions Club, Fortnightly Study Club, Beta Sigma Phi, Merkel Garden Club, and Youth Activity Program.

"With workers like these we are bound to have a successful drive," said Roddy. "The interest is good, workers are ready, and with the worthwhile organizations being included this year in the Community Fund Drive, we are bound to go over the top."

Ira Allen, in speaking of the Mothers' March of Dimes in Merkel, said, "The Mothers' March has always been good here, and we count a lot on this drive. Merkel people have always been responsive to our drive and by the same token many area people have been helped through our organization."

The two representatives asked

for a total of \$600.00 from the Community Fund Drive.

At 7 a.m. Friday morning, Oct. 25, workers will meet at the Asteroid Restaurant for a kickoff breakfast, with Sam Hill, a United Fund worker from Abilene, giving the "kickoff" speech.

"We would like to get this Drive completed in a very short time," said Roddy. "However, with the higher goal set this year, and with the Drive wrapping up 14 Drives all in one, it is likely to take a little longer."

First to be contacted will be merchants in the downtown area,

and a "Evening March" will conclude the drive. Material from the American Cancer Society, the March of Dimes and Heart Fund will be distributed during the evening door to door march, said Roddy.

Agencies to be included in this year's drive are American Cancer Society, March of Dimes, Youth Activity Program, Heart Fund, Red Cross, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, USO, Library, West Texas Rehabilitation Center, Goodfellows, Abilene Boys Ranch, Unallocated, and Summer Recreation Program.

AT WINTERS

MHS BADGERS FACE BLIZZARDS FRIDAY

By CONNIE HARRIS

"Come see a Badger eat an icicle," said Dan Allen at Monday night's Booster Club meeting. "We want Merkel to blow into Winters like the hot south winds from the equator," he said. "The Badgers are not the only CHAMPIONSHIP CALIBER football team to have suffered a loss this past weekend, seeing as how the Baltimore Colts, Green Bay Packers, Los Angeles Rams and the ASPERMOON HORNETS also suffered a defeat. We still have a lot to be proud of in the coaches and boys."

All fans are urged to be at the pep rally Friday at 3:00 p.m. and meet at the football field at 5:00 p.m. to escort the boys out of town.

Boosters of the week are Billy D. Doan and Roy Mashburn. Two boosters are honored each week.

The Badgers have something to be proud of, the team effort and determination. The Bulldogs had a new team for defense, as well as offensive in last Friday's game. The Badgers play with what they have and that's a lot. The pigskin switched hands 13 times the first half.

The Badgers held the Bulldogs to only 2 first downs the first half before Gary Grissom found a hole and ran for the touchdown. Rene Alvarez kicked the extra point to put the Bulldogs on the scoreboard with 1 minute left. When you get a Badger mad you had better get out of his way and leave a lot of room for him. The Badgers came back

the second half exhausted but still not ready to give up. They made two first downs before the Bulldogs got wise and caught the Badgers. Raul Vasquez charged over the goal line twice in the third quarter with the attempt for the extra point failing.

Bob Crockett found an opening in the line as he raced down the field for another TD for the Bulldogs. Rene Alvarez kicked the extra point to boost the Bulldogs ton a 26 - 1 lead over the Badgers.

The Badgers were not ready to give up as they pushed their way down field easing closer to the goal line. The Badgers were on the 1 yard line and nothing could stop them now. Johnny Thompson, who had been injured slightly in the previous play, ran over for the 6 points. Gaylon Doan added the extra point to put the Badgers on the scoreboard.

The Bulldogs were trying to rack up more points as the clock ran out and the Badgers falling to the Bulldogs.

Buster Tarpley recovered Stamford's 3 fumbles while Merkel lost only 1.

The Badgers will be out for the next four games with Winters, Ballinger, Coleman and Anson.

MERKEL	STAMFORD
10 First Downs	13
132 Rushing Yards	309
7 Passing Yards	92
1 of 5 Passes Completed	4 of 6
0 Passes Intercepted	1
4 for 32.5 Punts, Average 0 for 0	1 for 15 Penalties, Yards 3 for 25
1 Fumbles Lost	3

Reserve Seat Tickets on Sale

Reserve seat and student tickets for the football game with Winters this Friday will be on sale at the Merkel High School office "now until 3:30 p.m. Friday," said superintendent Mack Fisher.

Persons wanting to buy their tickets in advance may do so between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.



HOMECOMING HONOREES — Miss Nora Foster, second from left, was crowned Coming Home Queen by last year's queen, Mrs. Wilmer Criswell, left. Katherine Patterson, third from left, was crowned High School Homecoming Queen, and far right, Isadore Mellinger was recognized as Mr. X for 1968 by Homer Laney, 1967 Mr. X. (Photo by Connie Harris)

Merkel Garden Club ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26—3-6 P.M.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27—2-5 P.M.

In Lobby of the
FARMERS AND MERCHANTS
NATIONAL BANK

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED

da Kegans Duncan, class of 1940; Mrs. Tilda Steen Ridgeway, class of 1950, and Mrs. Barbara Hodo Maberry, class of 1960.

A lunch for "homecomers" will be served from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., said Driggers.

The Homecoming parade will begin at 2 p.m. and a supper is scheduled at the school cafeteria to begin at 5 p.m.

Fans will see the Trent Gorillas and the Loraine Bulldogs clash at the Gorilla Stadium with game time to begin at 7:30 p.m.

Halftime ceremonies will include the crowning of ex-homecoming queen, football Sweetheart, band sweetheart and football hero. Working with Driggers on this year's plans are Weldon Beasley, vice president; and Mrs. Spud McLeod, secretary treasurer.

Committee chairmen are Mmes. J. M. Heatley, entertainment; Weldon Steen, parade activities; Yates and Sipes, invitations, and Elton Hicks, publicity.

"All Exes in the Merkel and Trent area are urged to attend all of the Saturday activities," said Driggers.

PUGGY



THE MERKEL MAIL, MERKEL, TEXAS
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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: Gary W. Norwood, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable County Court at Law of Taylor County at the Court-house 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 4th day of November A.D. 1968, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court,

on the 18th day of September A.D. 1968, in this cause, numbered 6836 on the docket of said court and styled West Texas Utilities Company, Plaintiff, vs. Gary W. Norwood, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Balance unpaid on merchandise bought as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

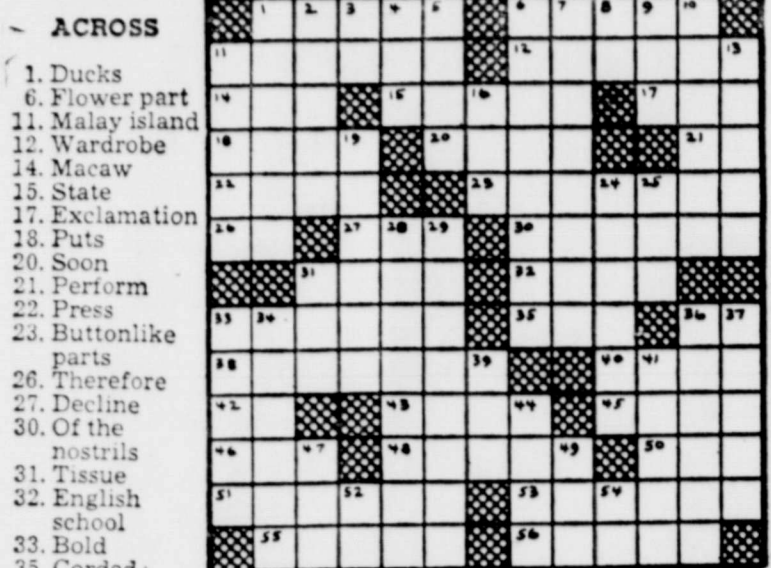
If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

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 16th day of September A.D. 1968.

Attest: Mrs. Chester Hutcheson Clerk, County Court at Law
By Shirley Tension, Deputy.

Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Ducks
 - Flower part
 - Malay island
 - Wardrobe
 - Macaw
 - State
 - Exclamation
 - Paris
 - Soon
 - Perform
 - Press
 - Buttonlike parts
 - Therefore
 - Decline
 - Of the nostrils
 - Tissue
 - English school
 - Bold
 - Corded fabric
 - Because
 - Tales
 - Engrave
 - Above
 - Raised platform
 - Dreadful
 - Siouan Indian
 - Heron
 - Foot digit
 - Scanty
 - Meal
 - Waste matter
 - Edible seeds
 - Pronoun
 - Insect
 - Cold symptom
 - Felt one's way
 - Linden
 - Mixers
 - Wound coverings
 - Label
 - Flower
 - Leased
 - Side to side
 - Shroud
 - Male title
 - Giant
 - Slav
 - Paddle
 - Golf mound
 - Move
 - Father
- DOWN**
- Bullfighter
 - Poetry muse
 - Article
 - Hawaiian wreath
 - Carbonated water
 - Sailing ship
 - Lengthen
 - Italian river
 - Snake
 - Very heavy
 - Foundation

Answer to Puzzle

ACROSS

- DUCKS
- SEAL
- CEYLON
- WARDROBE
- MACAW
- STATE
- EXCLAMATION
- PARIS
- SOON
- PERFORM
- PRESS
- BUTTON
- THEFORE
- DECLINE
- OF THE
- NOSTRILS
- TISSUE
- ENGLISH
- BOLD
- CORDED
- BECAUSE
- TALES
- ENGRAVE
- ABOVE
- RAISED
- DREADFUL
- SIUAN
- HERON
- FOOT
- SCANTY
- MEAL
- WASTE
- EDIBLE
- PRONOUN
- INSECT
- COLD
- FELT
- LINDEN
- MIXERS
- WOUND
- COVERINGS
- LABEL
- FLOWER
- LEASED
- SIDE
- SHROUD
- MALE
- GIANT
- SLAV
- PADDLE
- GOLF
- MOVE
- FATHER

DOWN

- BULLFIGHTER
- POETRY
- ARTICLE
- HAWAIIAN
- CARBONATED
- SAILING
- LENGTHEN
- ITALIAN
- SNAKE
- VERY
- FOUNDATION

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE UNDER EXECUTION AND ORDER OF SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TAYLOR

By virtue of an execution and Order of Sale issued out of the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 18th day of September, 1968, in favor of Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff, and against the said Betty Jean Evans, Individually and as Guardian of the estate of Steven Lynn Evans, Darla Gaye Evans, Jeffery Scott Evans and Melanie Renee Evans, Minors, Defendants, in the case of Federal National Mortgage Association vs. Betty Jean Evans, Individually, et al, No. 31,882-A, in such court, I did on the 8th

day of October, 1968, at 2 o'clock p.m. levy upon the following described tract of land, situated in the County of Taylor, State of Texas, as the property of Betty Jean Evans, Individually, et al, to-wit:

BEING Lot 13, Block 3, Thornton Heights, an Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas; SUBJECT to an undivided 4-320ths non-participating royalty interest conveyed by warranty deed dated October 28, 1949, of record in Volume 527, Page 336, of the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas.

and on the Fifth (5th) day of November, 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 Betty Jean Evans, Individually and as Guardian of the Estate of Steven Lynn Evans, Darla Gaye Evans, Jeffery Scott Evans and Melanie Renee Evans, Minors, in and to said property, as prescribed by law.

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, Texas.

GEORGE MAXWELL
Sheriff of Taylor County,
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By Robert Alexander, Deputy

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TAX MAN SAM SEZ:

For a number of years the withholding tax system has worked well. Wage earners find that it is a lot easier to pay their tax throughout the year than to try to save enough to make a big payment at the end of the year. Changes such as this year's surtax charge perturb many taxpayers when they think of coming down to April 15 and having to pay this additional tax.

While most employers do an excellent job of withholding income and social security taxes for and paying these taxes to Uncle Sam, there is a small group who misunderstand the law. These employers feel that they are not required to withhold on a student working during the summer, or a housewife who will work at Christmas, since the employee will not earn \$600 and will not be required to file an income tax return. IRS points out that this is wrong, since the housewife would ordinarily be liable for tax on community income here in Texas, and that the student might well have income from other sources

that would require him to file and pay taxes — or in either case they could work somewhere else during the year. The good tax folks advise employers to withhold income and employment taxes in all cases not specifically exempt by one of the few exceptions provided in the law.

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A TIME FOR DECISION

A Presidential election, the most important one in our lifetime, is close upon us. With three candidates in the race Texans are confronted with such a variety of appeals that some confusion is not surprising. We see some of our top state political leaders urging support of Hubert Humphrey on the self-serving appeal of party loyalty. We see fine Texans tempted to support George Wallace because they like his outspoken position on certain issues and are thus swayed by an appeal of sheer emotion. With full respect for the right of every Texan to make a personal decision, this message in behalf of Richard Nixon is offered as

...AN APPEAL TO REASON!

HUBERT HUMPHREY WILL NOT
change. He has proved consistently anti-Texas. He is famous for his filibuster against Texas owing its tidelands. He has fought our right-to-work laws and sought to destroy our vital oil depletion allowance. On every issue of world importance his position is contrary to that of most Texans. Humphrey, an ultra-liberal founder of the ADA organization, would gain executive authority for radical minority viewpoints, should he become president. This cannot happen by popular vote. In view of his vicious attacks upon George Wallace, what a ghastly miscarriage of intent it would be if Wallace supporters themselves should throw the election into the House of Representatives where every Wallace vote in Texas would automatically go to Humphrey!

GEORGE WALLACE CANNOT
be denied his impressive showing. A number of fine people heed his third party call. The very least that can be said is that he has dramatized the desires of many people for a change of direction in the affairs of our government. However, the very most his supporters can hope for is to split the popular vote so that all of us would be at the mercy of Washington politicians who would elect our president for us. This is Hubert Humphrey's only hope for election. The more positive way to vote for change is to recognize the many fine merits of Richard Nixon and his program, then vote for Nixon to assure the election of our president by the people instead of by the Congress!

RICHARD NIXON CAN... AND WILL
supply dynamic, experienced leadership for an immediate change of direction—at the top—in all our national affairs at home and around the world. Your concerns are his concerns!

- NIXON ON LAW AND ORDER** is pledged to help improve local police protection, to appoint an Attorney General dedicated to rooting out crime, to restore balance in our courts strengthening peace forces against criminal elements and to cease freeing so many of the guilty on technicalities.
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- NIXON ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT** is pledged to move control of local schools and all other governmental functions which properly belong at the local level closer to the people.
- NIXON ON OTHER PROBLEMS** has solid solutions PLUS solid backing of enough members of Congress to implement those solutions.

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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.

BURR HENDRICKS, W. M. ROY MASHBURN, Sec'y.

GARAGE SALE — At 912 N. 6th Friday afternoon and Saturday. Livingroom suite, winter maternity clothes, other nice clothes, size 8-16, and miscellaneous items. 34 1tc

LOST — or strayed, Oct. 5 from C. M. Brown of Rt. 1, black tom cat with green eyes. Reward for information. Call 928-6387 or 537-3830. 34 2tc

CLEANEST CARPET CLEANER you ever used, so easy, too. Get Blue Lustre. Rent-electric shampooer, Bullock Hardware and Gifts, 928-5310. 34 1tc

WANTED — Will do ironing for \$1.25 per doz. Call Mrs. Henry Mitchell, 362-1667. 34 2tc

NOTICE — Will the person who borrowed my Holiday Flower Arrangement Book please return it. Mrs. Odell Freeman, Trent, Texas. 34 2tc

WANTED — 5 to 10 acres of land to rent or lease for feeder calves and pigs. Phone 928-5571. 33 2tp

LOST — Sow between my home and locker. White, weighs about 250 pounds. If found call 864-4165 or see P. R. Floyd.

SEWING WANTED — Dorothy Perkins. Call at 846-4354. 31 2tp

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OUR HEARTFELT THANKS to all who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the beautiful service, floral offerings, and other kindnesses, we are deeply grateful. The family of C. R. Tittle

CARD OF THANKS
WE WISH TO THANK our many friends for the love and kindness shown me and my family in recent sickness. For special prayers, food, flowers, gifts, cards and visits. May God's richest blessings be with each of you. Mrs. Doug Carrier and family Trent, Texas

CARD OF THANKS
WE ARE SINCERELY GRATEFUL to our friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness during my stay in the hospital. For the cards, visits, flowers and prayers, we thank you so much. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Newton

CARD OF THANKS
OUR HEARTFELT THANKS to all our many friends for your many kindnesses during my stay in the Hospital. Your cards, flowers and prayers and visits while I was in the hospital meant so very much. Thank you every one. Annette and Junior Clark

Seeds and Season Is Show Theme

Merkel Garden Club's Annual Flower Show this Saturday and Sunday has added an extra "show" to their program this year with a "Choice of Seasons."

"The 'Choice of Seasons' displays are for non-members only," said Mrs. Odar Clark, Flower Show chairman. "The designers' choice of materials may be used, but design must include some fresh material and have a card explaining design."

Theme for this year's show is "Seeds and Seasons," and exhibits will be on display to the public on Saturday, from 3-6 p.m. and on Sunday, from 2-5 p.m., said Mrs. Clark.

Entries will be received between the hours of 8 and 10 a.m. Saturday, with judging to begin at 1 p.m.

Arrangements to be presented in the Artistic Division are "Spring and Summer," "Autumn," and "Winter." The Horticulture Division will display arrangements in Chrysanthemums, Rosebuds, Roses, Dahlias, Bulbs, Grasses and Annuals.

Temp for the Educational Exhibit is "The Earth Is Good," and Mrs. Clark extends an invitation to area people to attend the flower show.



THE TORCH THAT SET THE FIRE — MHS Seniors had torches a-plenty at the Homecoming Bon Fire. In foreground is Debbie James, only one of the many seniors with "torches in hand," for the stockpile that went up in a blaze at the first spark. (Photo Courtesy Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc.)

SUMMER JOB EXAMS ARE ANNOUNCED

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Omar Burleson (D-Tex.) said today that the Civil Service Commission is now receiving applications for the 1969 competitive examination for summer employment with the United States Government. The examination leads to eligibility for appointment to most temporary summer jobs at Grade GS 1 through 4, and also Post Office Clerk - Carrier PFS 5.

Those who are interested in the summer jobs covered may apply to take the written test on or before four filing dates — November 6, December 6, 1968 and January 3, January 30, 1969, will be accepted. If you miss the last test, you cannot be considered for jobs filled by this application and for maximum consideration, you should apply early.

The Congressman noted that last year's eligibles, including those who were selected for a summer job, must take this new examination. The examination provides an opportunity to com-

pete on a merit basis for a summer job. It will last 1½ hours and will measure vocabulary, reading comprehension, abstract reasoning, and table and chart interpretation.

Any application forms needed to apply for jobs described in Civil Service Announcement No. 414 may be obtained from high school counseling offices, college placement offices, most post offices, and Civil Service Interagency Boards.

Copies of Announcement No. 414 entitled "Summer Jobs in Federal Agencies," which provides complete information about summer job opportunities in Federal Agencies is currently available on request through Congressman Burleson's Washington office, located in Room 2369 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C., 20515 or at the Congressman's district office, 2101 Federal Building, Abilene, Texas, 79601.

Mrs. James West Dies at Age 70

Funeral services for Mrs. James H. West, 70, were held Wednesday, Oct. 23, in the Grace Presbyterian Church with the Rev. James Sinclair, pastor, and the Rev. Newton Daniel, pastor of the Merkel United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mrs. West, a longtime resident of Merkel and a former teacher in the Merkel Schools, died Monday at St. Ann Hospital in Abilene.

Born Eunice Russell May 28, 1896 in Jones County, she moved to Merkel at an early age. She was married April 6, 1930 in Stamford. Mr. West died in 1947. She was a member of Grace Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Gloria West of Merkel; one brother, J. J. West Jr., of Wichita Falls; one sister, Mrs. Carl Hughes, Merkel; one daughter in law, Mrs. Jerald R. West of Evanston, Ill.; one granddaughter, Leslie of Evanston.

Pallbearers were Horace Bonney, Herman Carson, Waymon Adcock, S. G. Russell, Jimmy Russell and Benny Melton.

Bicknell Reunion

Children of the late W. J. Bicknell met at the Merkel Restaurant for their annual reunion Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 18-19. A candlelight dinner was served to members in the Gold Room.

Ted Bicknell spoke to the group and presented Elna Nicholson, honored member, with a gold pen. Attending were Messrs. and Mrs. Otto Bicknell, Odessa; Ted Bicknell, Kermit; Norman Bicknell, Abilene; Roy Saurgin, Dallas; and Mrs. Zela Herring, Bishop; Elna Nicholson, Lubbock; Modelle Eoff, Merkel.

Wedding Plans

McNARY-McCLINTOCK

Mr. and Mrs. A. McNary of Merkel announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Susan Ellen, to Mr. Rodney L. McClintock of Abilene, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Barney of Euless, Texas.

The wedding is planned for December 7 at the First Presbyterian Church in Big Spring.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Big Spring High School and is attending Hardin - Simmons University. She is employed by the Highway Department in Abilene. At H-SU she is a member of Sigma Alpha Iota, a national honor society.

The bridegroom-elect is a graduate of Cozier Tech in Dallas.

MISS DEB



... answers questions about Junior Miss etiquette, grooming and interests.



Q. I'm constantly leaving the family bathroom a mess with hair rollers, make-up, etc. How can I forget? Dad raises the roof about it every day. I never seem to have time to clean up when I'm through. Any solutions?

A. How about making a place for your things? A cigar or shoe box will do the trick. But don't stop there! Cover the box in Marvalon adhesive covering and you have a cute "catch-all!" Choose a pattern to blend with the decor of your bedroom or bath. Or, you needn't even have your catch-all match any room if a particular pattern — powy, zowy or fragile feminine — happens to strike your fancy. Dad will be pleased at your thoughtfulness, and you'll have a fanciful decorator accessory all your own.

Q. Would you believe I have a problem when it's time to leave a party? I never know what to do or say. My whole "happiness balloon" bursts! What should I do?

A. Take your "happiness balloon" with you when you leave! There's no need for uneasiness or embarrassment. It's polite to

thank your hostess and tell her how much you enjoyed the party. Then leave. Still concerned? Call your hostess the next day to tell her again how grand the party was. This simple etiquette applies to friends' casual parties as well as teachers' teas. Follow it and you'll carry your "happiness balloon" out the door after every party.

Q. I simply can't keep rollers in my hair overnight. I've tried more bobbypins, even thicker brushes — ugh! Nothing but frustration. What's new in feminine "hair hardware"?

A. Try this: Place a piece of Kleenex tissue (the junior size is just about right for most rollers) over the hair before you wind it onto the roller. Fasten the roller with a pin or a pick as usual. The tissue softens the sharpness of the roller — a definite plus for hairdo and beauty sleep!

(Free: "The Miracle of You," a new booklet that tells what it means to be a girl. Recommended for ages 9 to 14. Send your name and address to "Miracle," Education Department, Kimberly-Clark Corp., Neenah, Wis. 54956.)

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Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



Charter Meeting Observed By Methodist WSCS

A Charter Meeting was observed by members of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Merkel United Methodist Church at a luncheon, Tuesday, held in the home of Mrs. T. K. Anderson.

The Society's name was changed to Women's Society of Christian Service with the recent uniting of Methodist Churches. The Word Woman was changed to Women.

Mrs. W. R. Cypert and Mrs. Roy Baccus presented a history of the organization. They related that prior to 1940 the women's organization was called the Women's Missionary Society and with its first beginning was called the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Missionary Society.

Mrs. Jack Hogan concluded the meeting with a solo, "Now Thank We All Our God."

Attending were Mmes. J. Lynn Knight, Johnny Cox, Jarrett Williams, Lottie Everett, Newton Daniel, Baccus, Anderson, J. S. Pinckley and Misses Mabel McRee and Louise Hudson.

Also Mmes. Vernon Hudson, Denzel Cox, Hogan, John Shannon, A. H. McElmurray, Cypert, Roy Wilson and Dave Brumbeau.

Gleaners SS Class Hears Mrs. D. Cox

The Gleaners' Class of the Merkel United Methodist Church met Oct. 16 in the home of Mrs. T. K. Anderson. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Almeda Bullock and Mrs. Dee Grimes.

Conducting the business meeting was Mrs. Minnie Howard, class president. Mrs. Denzel Cox gave the devotional, "The Bible and Beauty," and also opening prayer. Members participated in group singing.

Attending were Mmes. W. S. J. Brown, John Shannon, O. R. Douglas, Edna Brown, Mary Click, E. L. Harwell, Lottie Everett, H. N. Odum, Herbert Patterson and Sally Moore.

Also Dee Moore, M. L. Douglas, A. H. McElmurray, Cox, Roy Baccus, Howard, Ethel Canida, Lee Tipton and Miss Mable McRee.

TCU Dean to Meet With Students

FRONT WORTH — Mrs. Anna B. Wallace, associate dean of admissions at Texas Christian University, will confer with students of Merkel High School at 2 p.m., Oct. 29.

Texas Christian University, has a teaching force of approximately 500, with 60 per cent of full-time faculty members holding earned doctoral degrees conferred by leading universities throughout the world.

With the opening of 1968 fall classes, TCU began its 96th academic year.

Couple Has 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Smith quietly celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary Oct. 16 at their home on 1312 South 2nd. in Merkel.

The Smiths have spent most of their married life in Merkel, having come here Sept. 23, 1921 from Durant, Okla., where Mr. Smith married the former Arva Bowlers Oct. 16, 1918.

Their children are Vita and Linda Smith of Merkel; Ulysses of Fort Phantom; Mrs. C. A. Stokes of Maryland and five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

LIBRARY NOTES

By MRS. RAY WILSON

What are your interests? Have you used the Library lately?

There are books on snakes, birds, rock, and vegetables; books on rockets and atoms (one book is entitled *A Guide to the Moon!*).

Books on gardening, flower arranging, gem cutting, needlework, and *How to Hunt Deer and Other Small Game*.

Come in and browse. You are sure to find something of interest to you.

PUNT, PASS, KICK WINNERS NAMED

Winners in the Punt, Pass and Kick competition held recently for boys ages 8 through 13 were announced this week.

PP&K Competition, sponsored by Frazier - Stewart Ford, Inc. of Merkel, was held at the Bartger Stadium and was assisted by the coaching staff of the Merkel School System.

"We had an exceptionally good turnout," said Gene Stewart, owner of Frazier - Stewart Ford, "and with the averages displayed it looks like there's some mighty good prospects for the coaching staff."

In the 13 age group, Steve Teaff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Teaff of Tye was first place winner with an average of 234.

Dwayne Pack, son of Mrs. Hazel Pack was the winner in the age 12 group with a score of 223. Dwayne is a 6th grader at Merkel Elementary.

With a score of 171, Gaylon Boone was the winner in the age 11 group. Gaylon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boone.

Charles Alan Mashburn son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mashburn was first place winner in the 10 age group. He had a score of 162½.

Rudy Biera, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Biera, was winner in the age 8 group, and David Hendricks, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hendricks, the age 9 group. Rudy had a score of 122 and David a score of 160½.

Stewart expressed appreciation to the coaching staff and to parents who helped with the score in the Punt, Pass and Kick Competition.

CEMETERY FUND

The following made recent donations to the Merkel Cemetery Fund.

Mrs. Dee Grimes in memory of C. R. Tittle
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Mrs. Glenn Rice
Mrs. G. B. Tittle
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Mr. and Mrs. Horace Boney in memory of C. R. Tittle
Mr. and Mrs. Benny Melton in memory of C. R. Tittle
Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown in memory of C. R. Tittle
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stockbridge
Willie Jo Orsborn
Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Spears
Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Stevens
Mr. and Mrs. Don Swafford
Wynona Scroggins
Hazel and Ted Pargament
Minnie Lee Coats in memory of Mrs. Eunice West
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Derrick in memory of Mrs. Eunice West
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Derrick in memory of C. R. Tittle
M. L. Douglas

Study Club Sees American Film

The film, "American Spectacle," was shown to members of the Fortnightly Study Club at their Tuesday afternoon meeting.

Meeting at the Elementary School Library, the business session included a report on the Mesquite District workshop held in Merkel Saturday, Oct. 19.

The program, presented by Mrs. Mack Fisher, consisted of the film showing some of the natural glories of America. Mrs. Oleta Orsborne, a teacher in the Merkel Public Schools, operated the projector.

In the absence of Mrs. John Boyd, hostess, her daughters, Mary Beth and Patricia, served refreshments.

Attending were Mmes. Fisher, Orsborne, Comer Haynes, Ray Wilson, Andy Shouse, Don Dudley, Ben Robert Hicks, Gene Stewart, W. R. Cypert, Johnny Cox, Bryan Dunagin and Eddie Glenn Sandusky, and Patricia and Mary Beth Boyd.

Stith Carnival Is Saturday Night

The Halloween Carnival at the Stith Community Center this Saturday, October 26, will feature games, darts and a cake walk, according to Community Center secretary, Mrs. Charles Reddin.

Also hot dogs, hamburgers, chili, cold drinks, and pie and cake will be served.

Activities are to begin at 6:30 p.m.

"Everyone is invited to come and have a good time with us," said Mrs. Reddin. "This is the only project we have to raise money for the Community Center, which is used for building repairs and expenses such as insurance and electricity."

Members of the Stith Community are reminded to "come and bring a cake for the cake walk."

Prizes, donated by merchants in Merkel, Anson, Tye and Abilene, will be given during the Carnival activities.

Mrs. Reddin expressed appreciation to all merchants who had donated toward the Carnival.

HAMBY NEWS

By MRS. WILLIAMS

Mrs. Dan Snow had surgery Tuesday morning and is resting well at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Baggett of Abilene visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walker Williams Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Hill of Longview visited Mr. Hill's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hill, this past weekend.

Miss Nora Whitaker of Abilene visited her brother and family Mr. and Mrs. Alton Whiteaker Thursday of last week.

Attending the Taylor County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs Thursday were Mmes. J. E. Deatherage, George Grantham, J. M. Foster and C. G. Smith.

Mrs. Mike Preslar visited her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Preslar in Abilene Thursday.

Miss Donna Williams of Abilene visited her grandmother, Mrs. Alice Williams this past weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Denzel McBeath are visiting their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Newman in Irving.

Mrs. Vada Dean of Abilene spent Sunday with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Dean.

Attending the Prison Rodeo in Huntsville Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brady.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lofton have as their guests, Mrs. Ann Eberline of New York City. Miss Eberline is Mrs. Lofton's sister.

Sam and Hugh Kennedy of Abilene visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Foster last Wednesday.

Mrs. Maude McGee of Abilene is spending the week with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Grantham.

The Joe Montgomerys had their son and daughter, Janis and Calvin of Dallas, visiting them this past weekend.

The Baptist Church will have a service Sunday at 2:30 p.m. to ordain Bobby O'Donald and Joe Montgomery as deacons. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Hamby HD Club will meet this Thursday at the club house with Mrs. D. McBeath as hostess. Mrs. C. G. Smith will give the program on "Sound Off About Pecans."

The Methodist Church took up a "love offering" Sunday for Mack Baggett who is in the West Texas Medical Hospital in Abilene. Mack was injured from a fall from a horse recently.

Beta Sigma Phi Sets Game Night

Members of Beta Sigma Phi have completed plans for their Game Night to be held in the dining room of the Asteroid Restaurant, Saturday, Nov. 2, according to president, Mrs. Lary White.

Refreshments will be served.

Chairman of the planning committee is Mrs. Eddie Glenn Sandusky.

TRENT GORILLAS PLAY LORAIN AT HOMECOMING

By CONNIE HARRIS

"Like the big sign in the Trent Gym, '68 Will Be the Year of the Gorillas." When you have a team with determination such as the Gorillas team has you can do big things," said head coach, Charles Russell.

Trent will open its 7-B district Saturday night as they take on the Loraine Bulldogs and the Gorillas will be out for something new and that is to accomplish the 7-B district title which has never been acquired.

Coach Russell said "the passing was excellent in Friday's game with Hermleigh, and we have some outstanding blockers."

The offensive linemen were Owen O'Kelly, Johnny Jones, Steve Reddin and Ted Simpson.

Pat Carriker carried the ball several times to bring the Gorillas closer to the goal line.

Tim Riggan made several outstanding blocks, while Gaylon Brnovak, quarterback, made another showing of himself as he passed and carried the ball during the game.

Hermleigh jumped into an early lead on a five yard run around right end. Ronnie Helm ran over

District 18 PTA Workshop Set

District 18 of Parents and Teachers Association will have a Fall PTA Workshop Oct. 29 in the First Baptist Church at Ira.

District publicity chairman, Mrs. Ed Dessen of Abilene, announced that the session would convene at 9:30 a.m., with lunch being served at the Ira Community Center.

"All PTA members and workers are urged to attend," said Mrs. Dessen. "Five panel discussions are on the agenda for the morning meetings."

Dr. Donald McDonald of Texas Tech faculty will be the main speaker. His topic will be "Understanding Society and Youth of 1968."

Mrs. J. David Proctor of Abilene is district president.

Receives Medal

U.S. AIR FORCE, Thailand — Master Sergeant Norbin W. Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norbin C. Palmer of Rt. 1, Merkel, has received the U.S. Air Force Commendation Medal at Don Muang Royal Thai AFB, Thailand.

Sgt. Palmer was decorated for meritorious service as first sergeant of the 96th Armament and Electronics Maintenance Squadron at Dyess AFB, Tex. He was cited for his outstanding leadership ability in the performance of his duty.

He is now assigned at Don Muang as a courier in a unit of the Headquarters Command in support of the Pacific Air Forces.

The sergeant, a graduate of Merkel High School, served in the Asiatic - Pacific Theater of Operations during World War II.

His wife, Clorene, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Watts of Crane, Tex.

or the 2 extra points.

With their tough defense the Gorillas came back with a pass from Brnovak to end Stan Hicks and ran all the way for Trent's TD. Before Hermleigh knew what was happening, Brnovak passed again to Hicks who ran over for another TD. Pat Carriker ran for both conversions.

Hermleigh became the first team to score twice on Trent this season. Arthur Maberry took a pass from Brnovak and ran for Trent's last score before the half. Tim Riggan carried the pigskin over for the 2 extra points, to make the score 32 - 16 before the half.

Pat Carriker compensated two touchdowns in the final stanza, the first on a 25 - yard gallop around left end, and the second on a two - yard plunge up the middle. Maberry attempted to catch the extra point but fell short.

Quarterback Gaylon Brnovak threw four four touchdowns and a total of 32 points of the Gorillas downed the Hermleigh Cardinals 60 - 16.

This week's game will be at 7:30 at Gorilla Field. A large turnout is expected from both Loraine fans as well as those from Trent and the surrounding area.

The word from Trent this week is "Hoose the Bulldogs!"

VETERANS LAND BOARD SALE

The Veterans Land Board will receive sealed bids at the General Land Office, Austin, Texas, until 11:00 o'clock A.M., November 19, 1968, for the sale of 65 tracts of land. There will be 32 tracts offered to eligible Texas veterans only in Brown, Callahan, Cameron, Clay, Dickens, Gaines, Guadalupe, Hidalgo, Hunt, Jasper, La Salle, Liberty, Milam, Potter, Rains, Randall, Reeves, Yoakum and Zavalla Counties. There will be 33 tracts offered to non-veterans and eligible Texas veterans in Cameron, Dimmit, Hidalgo, Maverick and Newton Counties.

Tracts may be financed through the Veterans Land Board. For information and listing of tracts write to:

JERRY SADLER
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Chairman of the Veterans Land Board
Austin, Texas 78701

AT POST OFFICE

Nelda Durham Retires as Clerk

The following changes have been made in the personnel of the Post Office at Merkel stated Postmaster Wrenn Durham.

Mrs. Nelda Durham has retired on total disability. Mrs. Durham served as a clerk in the Merkel Post Office for almost 20 years before she became disabled due to an accidental fall in her home.

Joe Alves has been changed from a Career Substitute Clerk to a Regular Clerk filling the vacancy created by the retirement of Mrs. Durham.

D. C. Hendricks has been changed from a Substitute Carrier to a Substitute Clerk and Roger Burfiend has been appointed as a Substitute Carrier.

Burfiend has been working as a clerk and also a carrier. He and Hendricks will continue to work in a dual capacity as the needs of the Postal Service require as both clerk and carrier.

Mineral Society To Meet Oct. 27

The Central Texas Gem & Mineral Society will meet in regular session Sunday, October 27th, in the Recreation Center at Rose Park at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. John Chalmers, well-known speaker and Geologist, will present the program. Mr. Chalmers' subject, "Opal — the Rainbow of Hope," will be of interest to all lovers of beautiful gem stones.

A door prize will be awarded and refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting.

Visitors are most cordially invited.

PERSONALS

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Murphy and grandson, M. C. McKee of Merkel Sunday was Claryce Gentry of Anson.

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Att. Gen.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comptroller	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
State Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

TDPS ANNOUNCES JOB OPENINGS

Patrolman Sam Cooley announced today that the Texas Department of Public Safety is making a special effort to obtain qualified young men for the position of Pa-

trolman with the Department.

Patrolman Cooley said, "All men between the ages of 20 and 35 who are of sound physical condition, have at least a high school education or equivalent, have vision of not less than 20-40 and have high moral standards should contact his or any member of the Texas Department of Public Safety immediately."

There are four branches of service for which men are directly recruited — Driver License, License and Weight, Highway Patrol and Motor Vehicle Inspection. Trainees are assigned to the

service for which they are best suited.

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Patrolman Cooley urged interested young men in the Merkel area to get their application today and take the examination before all vacancies are filled.

Martha SS Class Elects Officers

The Martha Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. Joe Hartley Oct. 17 with Mrs. Ernest Teaff leading the opening prayer. Mrs. Ted McAninch gave a devotional on "Take Time to Think."

Class officers elected for the year were Mrs. Ernest Meeks, president; Mrs. George T. Moore, vice president; Mrs. Irl Walker, secretary; treasurer, and Mrs. H. R. McKeever, reporter.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. Walker, McAninch, McKeever, Ted Pargament, Meeks, Bryan Dunagin, Leon Scott, Teaff and hostess, Mrs. Hartley.

BADGER TRACKS

By WALLY KNIGHT

Merkel Badgers lost their second district game here Friday night to Stamford with a score of 26 - 7. The Badgers will travel to Winters this Friday night to play the Winters Blizzards. The Badgers have four more district games to complete this season.

The Merkel High School Drama Club held its first meeting Wednesday, Oct. 16 in the high school auditorium. Forty-four prospective members were present. A short program was held and a committee was selected to write a constitution and select a name for the club. The sponsors of the club are Mrs. Pat Dudley and Mrs. Sue Wiggins.

The Teen Center was open following the game Friday night. A large number of students attended. The Center features music, games and refreshment machines. The sponsors of the Teen Center are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Benny Melton. All students of Merkel High School are invited to the Center.

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Election Ballot Change May Confuse Some Voters

Two factors may cause some balloting confusion in the November 5 general election, election officials in Texas forecast this week.

The two factors are: 1. A new State law has inserted a new top line on the paper ballots so that persons desiring to vote a "straight party ticket" may do so by making one mark. This new line is expected to confuse not only the "straight ticket" voters, but also the "split ticket" voters.

2. "Split ticket" voters are expected to be more numerous than ever before, especially since there is a third party, the American Party, and it has candidates for only President and Vice-President and no other offices.

Voters are cautioned to be certain that their ballots are properly marked so that their intentions will not be subject to interpretation by election officials.

The "scratch" method of voting, which some people prefer, is still permitted. However, voters using this method are cautioned to be certain to mark through all names in all three party columns for which they do not wish to vote.

There are 19 counties in Texas that use voting machines. As in the past, one lever can be pulled to vote a "straight ticket." To vote a "split ticket," individual levers should be pulled for each candidate of the voter's choice. Persons who are uncertain as to how to operate a machine should contact one of the election officials before entering the voting booth.

Voting machines are scheduled to be used in the following counties: Bell, Bexar, Brazoria, Cameron, Dallas, Ector, El Paso, Galveston, Gregg, Harris, Hidalgo, Jefferson, Midland, Nueces, Potter, Randall, Rusk, Smith and Tarrant.



SGT. CLARENCE HARRIS ... to Thailand

Attending School

Sgt. Clarence D. Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Harris of Merkel, recently was home on a 30 day leave and is now stationed at Mac Dill AFB, Fla. Harris will attend a school for forty four days and will then be transferred to the 432nd Combat Support Group, located at Udorn, Thailand. He will be here until his discharge in November of 1969. He will be eligible for staff sergeant in November of this year.

While in Thailand, Sgt. Harris' wife, the former Kay Stallo, and son, Mike, will reside at 409 Manchester in Merkel.

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Broad Scope Of 4-H Projects Keep Youths Busy

Heading the list of the top 10 projects undertaken by the nation's three million 4-H youths are animal science, clothing, foods and plant science. Recent figures released by the Cooperative Extension Service show that youngsters also are very much interested in health and physical fitness.

In addition to animal and plant sciences, the application of scientific principles is a part of nearly all 4-H projects, says the Extension Service.

Recreation, engineering and safety are three more areas in which large numbers of 4-H members excel. Projects involving management and furnishings for the home show high enrollment, as does conservation.

Community service and personal development are a prime concern of today's 4-Hers as well, judging from the more than 300,000 participating.

Most 4-H boys and girls spend their time on more than one project, as the survey shows. Boys may be involved in plant and animal sciences and engineering projects.

A girl may study plant science to make her horticultural project more meaningful. Or food science to get the most from her foods and nutrition projects. Overlapping areas are safety and conservation. Both affect the individual, the home, community and nation.

Specific programs—or projects—carried on under the 10 main categories have definite objectives that help develop skills and stimulate young minds to "clearer thinking," 4-H leaders point out.

For example, a youngster

Top 10 in 4-H	
	ENROLLMENT
ANIMAL SCIENCE	734,000
CLOTHING	685,000
FOODS-NUTRITION	657,000
PLANT SCIENCE	598,000
HEALTH FITNESS	457,000
RECREATION-CRAFTS	426,000
ENGINEERING PROJECTS	363,000
SAFETY	355,000
COMMUNITY SERVICE	350,000
PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT	236,000

Prepared by National 4-H Service Committee

working on an entomology project (science) will gain new knowledge, improve his surroundings, and possibly "turn him on" sufficiently to seek a college degree and ultimately a career.

The 4-H program provides awards based on individual achievement. The awards are given annually by private industry through the National 4-H Service Committee. Among the 1968 donors are: Standard Brands Incorporated; John Deere; Oliver Corporation; Carnation Company; Simplicity Pat-

tern Co. Inc.; Hercules Incorporated; Amchem Products Inc. Also: General Foods Corporation; Eli Lilly and Company; The S&H Foundation, Inc.; Allis-Chalmers; Heisdorf & Nelson Farms, Inc.; General Motors; The Upjohn Company; Humble Oil & Refining Company.

These firms provide funds for trips to the National 4-H Center, scholarships and other recognition awards. They also lend technical assistance in carrying out the various projects in cooperation with the Extension Service in all 50 states.

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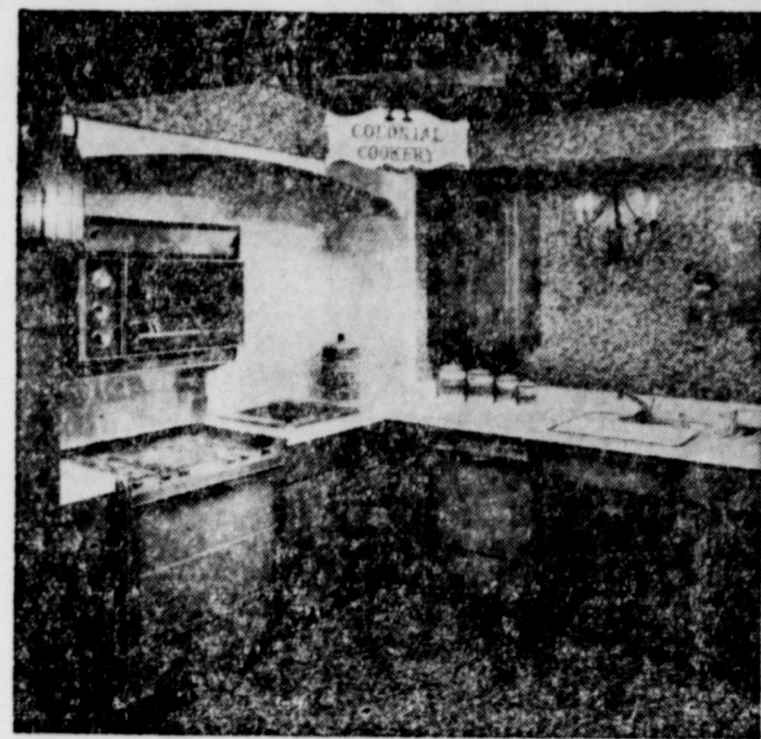
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Sergeant Noblett is a medical records specialist at Carswell AFB. He is assigned to a unit of the Strategic Air Command.

His wife, Rojean, is the daughter of B. L. Perkins of Rt. 1, Merkel.

A 1964 graduate of Monahan High School, Port Arthur, the sergeant attended Abilene Christian College and Texas Christian University.

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