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**TO REPRESENT MERKEL** — These two pretty young ladies will be on hand Saturday, Feb. 4 at the Fort Worth Stock Show, riding in the Grand Entry, and representing Merkel in show activities. Terri Wozencraft, left, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wozencraft will represent the Merkel Riding Club, and Karlen Gamble, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Gamble will represent the Merkel Chamber of Commerce. Approximately fifty Merkelites will be on hand for the weekend activities. (Staff Photo)

## F&M NATIONAL BANK NAMES CASHIER

Booth Warren, president of Farmers and Merchants National Bank, announced this week that Miss Betty Jane Tittle was named cashier, filling the vacancy of George T. Moore, who died Nov. 8, 1968. Miss Tittle was named cashier at the organizational meeting of the Board of Directors, following the Annual Shareholders' Meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 21, 1969.

Daughter of Mrs. C. R. Tittle and the late C. R. Tittle, a pioneer family of this area, Miss Tittle was employed at Farmers and Merchants National Bank as bookkeeper Oct. 1, 1947, later promoted to teller, and named assistant cashier Jan. 8, 1957.

She is a graduate of Trent High School and attended McMurry College.

Betty Jane's hobbies include golfing and fishing. She is a member of the Merkel United Meth-



**BETTY JANE TITTLE**  
... F&M cashier

odist Church, where she is a member of the church choir. She is also chairman of the church's finance committee.

### NAME A CANDIDATE

People for Good Government are eager to get suggestions from everybody for the names of those who would make a good mayor or City Councilman. If you know of anyone living within the city limits of Merkel who is a property owner, you think has good qualifications who will be able to serve — please send this form to:

People for Good Government  
c-o Waymon Adcock, chairman  
924 No. 2nd  
Merkel, Texas, 79536

I think:

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.....  
WOULD MAKE A GOOD Merkel official.

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Signature

## TOWN HALL COMMITTEE NAMED

Thirty-five business and civic leaders in Merkel met at the Merkel Restaurant last Friday to discuss the upcoming April election of city officials.

Vacancies to be filled at the April election are a mayor and two councilmen.

In a news release to The Merkel Mail last week, Mayor Johnny Cox said that he did not plan to file for re-election. Cox said that his health and the fact that it was time for someone else to take over the job of mayor, were the main factors for his decision.

Chairman of the Friday meeting was Herman Carson. He said that "We must have people running for these positions who are interested in carrying on the business of the City of Merkel."

"It is very important to have men who are business minded," said Carson, "and this meeting is very important in that this may be one way of securing men who qualify."

A motion was made to form a committee to contact Merkel citizens to file for the three vacancies. Business men and civic leaders present nominated a committee for this purpose. They are Waymon Adcock, chairman, and Gene Stewart, Ray Wilson, Booth Warren and Mack Seymore. Several names were suggested to the committee at the meeting.

Carson concluded the meeting

by bringing members up to date on the progress of the Merkel Hospital, Recreational Facilities, and reminded people to become more informed concerning the Governor's Committee Report on Texas Schools.

Adcock asked that "anyone knowing of a person living in

Merkel, a property owner and tax-payer, who would be a good candidate for any of the three vacancies" to notify him or any of the committee members.

A nomination form below is for the convenience of persons wishing to suggest a name for the city offices.

### TAYLOR ELECTRIC

## ORATORICAL FETE DEADLINE IS NEAR

Boys and girls between the ages of 16 and 18 and live in the nine county area served by Taylor Electric Cooperative, are reminded that the deadline is near for entering the oratorical contest to select a boy and girl for an expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. on the Youth Tour in June. Entrants may choose one of two suggested topics for discussion.

1. "A youth looks at his or her community."
2. "My future in rural Texas."

Information and entry forms are available at high school offices in the area or from Taylor Electric Cooperative, Box 250, Merkel, Texas, said Norman Winter, TEC manager.

Entries should be in by February 1st and the contest will be held in the cooperative office in Merkel on February 17th.

Anyone in the age group may enter and as many as desire can enter from each school, said Winter.

The tour will leave Texas on June 6th and return on June 17.

Last year's winners were Murray Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Edwards, Clyde, and Pam Evans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Evans, Abilene.

Mike Dudley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Dudley and Mary Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Johnson, all of Merkel, were the 1967 oratorical contest winners.

## C-C Directors Meet; Plan Annual Banquet

Election of three new directors and plans for the annual Merkel Chamber of Commerce banquet were given form by C-C directors Tuesday.

Directors and members at the Tuesday meeting included:

Herman Carson, Johnny Cox, Bill Button, Dave Gamble, Ben Hicks, Johnny Hammond, Meyer Mellinger, Ted Smith and Ray Wilson.

Directors whose terms expire this year include Lon McDonald, Bill Button and Horace Boney. Boney was filling the unexpired term of Lawton Finch, who left Merkel.

Those who will be nominated for the vote of the C-C membership included:

E. A. Conley, Bobby DuBose, Max Fisher, Royce Hardy, Johnny Hammond, Vernon Mansfield, Kent Satterwhite and Norman Winter.

Tentative date for the banquet was set for March 18.

This year's banquet will again be highlighted by the announcement of the Outstanding Citizen and Outstanding Farmer.

Booth Warren was named Outstanding Citizen for 1968 and Joe McDuff was named Outstanding Farmer last year.

Chamber President Bill Button

said the members of the Garden Club will be asked to oversee decorations.

Herman Carson will be in charge of ticket sales.

Dave Brumbeau will be chairman of the speaker committee.

Glen Reed will be asked to oversee entertainment, said Button.

Dr. Don Warren was named as master of ceremonies.

Chamber Manager Johnny Cox was asked to see about dates for use of the High School Cafeteria and President Button will handle food arrangements.

Tickets for the banquet will be \$2.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONTINUES STUDY

Joe Lassiter was elected chairman of the steering committee of the Taylor County Rural, Independent, and Common School Districts Thursday, Jan. 23 at a meeting held in Rule.

Gordon Asbury of Wylie was named vice chairman and Mrs. Jack Chapman of Hamby was elected secretary-treasurer.

Representatives attending the Rule meeting from Merkel were Joe McDuff, Roscoe Shields, Mack Fisher and Leon Walker. Representing other small school districts were Mr. and Mrs. Don Weaver, Butterfield school; M. K. Manly, Bob O'Donald and Derrell Dean, Hamby; and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Vinson of the Taylor County Farm Bureau. Mr. Vinson is president of the county organization.

Approximately 250 people met to discuss the recent report of the Governor's Committee on Public Schools.

Lassiter said purpose of the newly formed steering committee is "to coordinate the energies and efforts of other school districts committees in surrounding counties in the study of the Governor's Committee report."

Representatives from Jones, Haskell, Stonewall and Knox also attended the meeting.



**JOE LASSITER**  
... to head committee

A panel discussion conducted by school superintendents outlined the Governor's Committee report. People attending the meeting were given the names and addresses of Texas legislators and were urged to write them and express their views on the school report. They were also asked to get in touch with absentee landowners and explain tax changes recommended in the report.



**MERKEL HIGH SCHOOL'S BASKETBALL TEAMS** — With a season record of 20-5, coach Ronny Aldridge's boys will be vying for district championships this Friday with Coleman, here. Players are, from left, Tommy Anderson, Mike McLean, Bill Whisenhunt, Paul Thames,

Allen Arnwine, Larry Teaff, Terry Wade, Johnny Thompson, Terry Derrington, and Bob Tate. Merkel's A-team, (girls) coached by Bill Tate have a season record of 16-4, and are in second place in district 7-AA. They are, first row, from left, Ann Walker, Terry Doan, Glenna Doan, Mary Lee Noster, Suzie Wilson and top row,



from left, Barbara Higgins, Debi Black, Beth Peachey, Melba Selmore, Debby Martin, Valorie Buntin and Pat Bunch. Tri-Captains for the girls' team are Debi Black, Marylee Noster, and Terry Doan. Boys' captains are Johnny Thompson and Bob Tate. (Photos by Jim Baber)



**THE FIZZLE FAMILY**



By H. T. Elmo



**THE MERKEL MAIL, MERKEL, TEXAS**  
Page Two Thursday, Jan. 30, 1969

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**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, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**  
**THE STATE OF TEXAS**  
TO: Sara Luna, 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 March A.D. 1969, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court,

on the 7th day of January A.D. 1969, in this cause, numbered 4513 on the docket of said court and styled In Re: Ricardo Luna, Plaintiff.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: in regard to adoption 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 18th day of January A.D. 1969.

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

**Crossword Puzzle**

**ACROSS**

- Made use of
- Simians
- Cradle
- Vend
- Employ
- Sun
- Leg joint
- Beverage
- Sheltered side
- Six: Roman
- Legging
- Hang back
- Boring tool
- Level
- Give new weapons
- Cast metal
- Hire
- Scarf
- Obtained
- Strainer
- Aluminum: chem.
- Tissue: anat.
- Definite article
- Incline
- Moon goddess
- Conger
- Russian king
- Refuses
- Sailor's call
- Washington city
- White fur
- Female
- Nearly
- Theater box
- Pull down
- Engrossed
- Unique person: slang

**DOWN**

- Adjacent
- Flower holder
- On an ocean
- Exists
- Fleur-de—
- Involve
- Allotted
- Question
- Sty
- Moving platform
- Skill
- Woody plants
- Boat race
- Give up
- Posture
- Air ducts
- Canvas shelter
- Foot part
- Otherwise
- Indo-Chinese people
- Essay
- Wing
- That thing

**Answer to Puzzle**

**High Yielding Grass Approved For Certification By SSPB**

A new high yielding grass variety has been approved for certification by the State Seed and Plant Board and released for public use, Mickey Black of the local Soil Conservation Service reported this week.

Called Selection 75 Kleingrass, it is a palatable, drought resistant tame pasture grass which is being released for certified seed production, Black said. SCS and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station joined in the release after both agencies cooperated in making evaluation plantings across the state.

Black said the newly certified grass is one of the most promising ones developed in Texas in recent years. He pointed out, however, that it will never replace top grasses already in use — it just gives livestockmen another good grass to choose from when planting improved pastures.

Selections of Kleingrass were introduced in 1951 and from a 15- to 18-inch rainfall belt in South Africa for planting at the SCS nursery in San Antonio. After extensive evaluation at the James E. "Bud" Smith Plant Materials Center at Knox City and in soil and water conservation districts across the state, Selection 75 was picked as the one strain best adapted to Texas conditions.

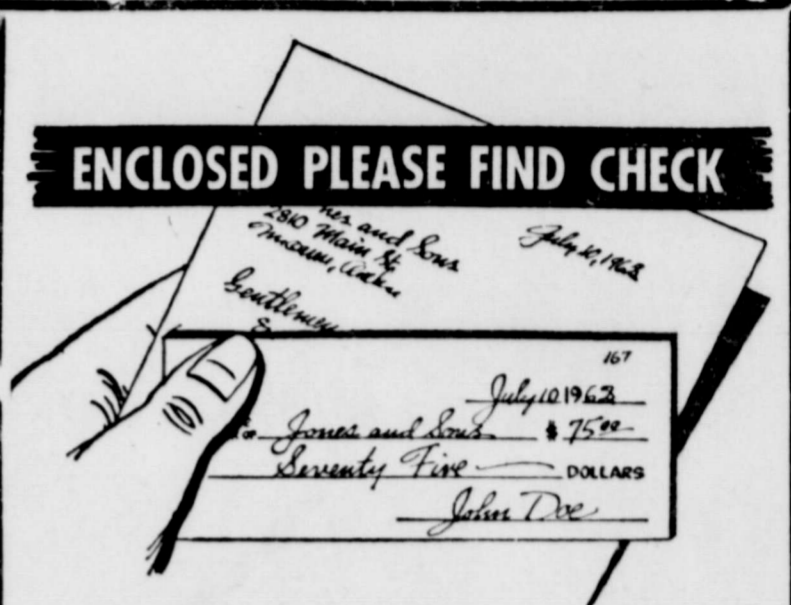
The grass is adapted to a wide range of soils, but on dryland it does best on sandy loam to clay. Kleingrass 75 recovers quickly from droughts after a rain. Established plants are hardy almost anywhere in the state, although first-year plants have winter-killed in the Panhandle. Second-year plants have withstood a hard freeze — 18 degrees below zero — at Taboka. The plants green-up early in the spring and stay green late in the fall.

Joe Antilley of Elmdale, a member of the State Soil and Water Conservation Board, planted a 10 acre block to Kleingrass 75 this past spring and reports grazing to be excellent for livestock.

Black said. For row plantings about one pound is used.



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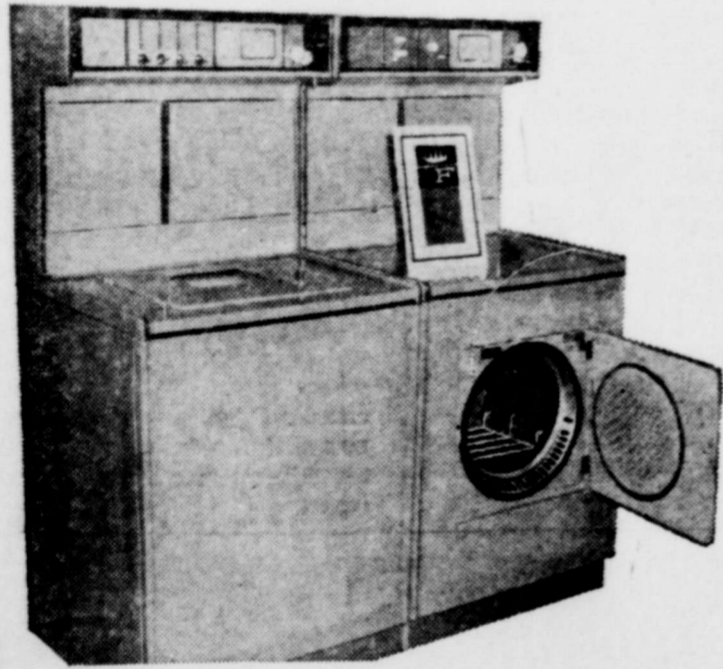
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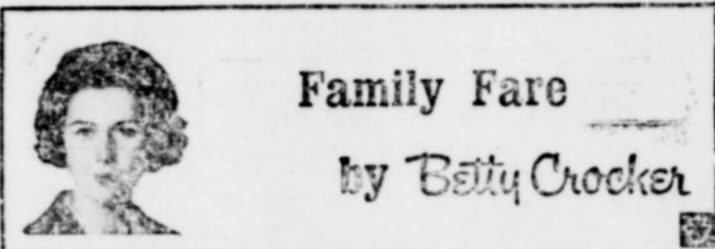
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**Family Fare**

by Betty Crocker

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**DINNER FOR FIVE**

- Ham Loaf
- Peas and Carrots
- Tossed Green Salad
- Sunshine Dessert

**HAM LOAF**

- 3/4 pound ground cooked ham
- 1/4 pound ground lean pork
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 cup dry bread crumbs
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper

Heat oven to 350°. Mix all ingredients thoroughly. Press mixture into ungreased loaf pan, 9 x 5 x 3 inches. Bake uncovered 50 to 60 minutes. 5 servings.

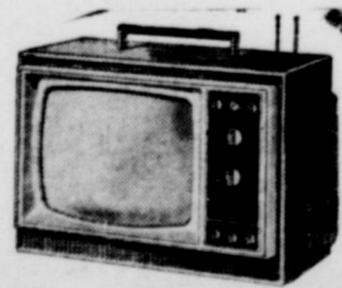
**Easy Horseradish Sauce:** In chilled bowl, beat 1/2 cup chilled whipping cream. Fold in 3 tablespoons well-drained horseradish and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Makes 1 cup.

**SUNSHINE DESSERT**

- 1 can (13 1/2 ounces) pineapple tidbits
- 1 can (11 ounces) mandarin orange segments
- 1 can (6 ounces) frozen orange juice concentrate
- 1 cup water
- 1/2 cup cornstarch
- 2 cups New Bisquick
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 3/4 cup milk

In large saucepan, combine fruit (with syrup) and orange juice. Blend water and cornstarch; stir into fruit mixture. Cook, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens and boils. Boil and stir 1 minute. Mix New Bisquick, cinnamon and milk with fork. Drop dough by 10 to 12 spoonfuls onto boiling fruit. Cook uncovered over low heat 10 minutes; cover and cook 10 minutes longer. 5 or 6 servings.

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## County-Wide Club Meet Is Feb. 6

A county wide meeting on "Parliamentary Procedure" will be held on Thursday, Feb. 6 at the Anson Lions' Club Hall, according to Mary Y. Newberry, Jones County Home Demonstration Agent.

The meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. for a covered dish luncheon and the program will be presented at 1 p.m. by the Anson FFA boys.

All Home Demonstration Club women and any one else interested in the program are invited to attend the covered dish luncheon and program, said Mrs. Newberry.



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## REPRESENTATIVE SEES WEEK OF ACTION

By FRANK W. CALHOUN  
After a slow start, the regular session of the 61st Legislature is finally on the move, with some old familiar faces becoming adjusted to new unfamiliar jobs we should see some action this week.

When Governor Preston Smith spoke to a joint session of the Legislature last week he challenged us to "Get the show on the road." And, he laid out a program that could cause it to be a long road.

Some of the surprises Smith promised emerged as recommendations to reduce the voting age to not lower than 18, resubmission of a Constitutional Amendment to raise the ceiling on state public welfare contributions, devise a "work-release" program for selected prison inmates, and consideration of a fair minimum wage for Texas workers. The Governor also strongly urged economy and made it clear

that he would be favorable to only such spending as absolutely necessary.

Of particular interest to the Big Country is Governor Smith's favorable attitude toward the Texas Water Plan. He is very concerned about the very real probability of a water shortage in Texas by the year 2000. To avoid this situation, we must begin now to implement the plan. Adequate provisions are set out in the Texas Water Plan for making both municipal and irrigation water available to the Big Country to insure continued growth and progress.

It is urgent that the Legislature take the first step by proposing a Constitutional Amendment providing a plan for financing the state's share of the cost in the Texas Water System. I strongly support the efforts to implement this plan.

## Annual Reports Due By Social Security Payees Before April 15

Social security beneficiaries under age 72 who have continued to work while receiving monthly checks must report their earnings if they made over \$1600 during 1968.

R. R. Tuley Jr., manager of the Abilene social security office, reminded recipients that this annual report is required of wives, widows, student and child beneficiaries as well as workers age 62 to 72. The report must be filed with social security no later than April 15, 1969.

Beneficiaries who gave social security an estimate of earnings exceeding \$1600 for the year will be mailed a report form to complete and return. These forms will be received in late January or early February.

Persons who estimated earnings of less than \$1600 but made more than they expected must ask their local social security office for a report form, Tuley said.

Beneficiaries needing more information about making their annual reports should write or visit the Abilene social security office at Room 2321, Federal Bldg., or call 677-5262 in Abilene.

## TAX MAN SAM SEZ:

If you are in business for yourself, or you are fortunate enough to earn sufficient income so as to require an estimated income tax return each year, you will be getting an additional tax form package from Internal Revenue within the next few days.

The Internal Revenue Service Centers have gone through all the taxpayers accounts on the computer tape and are sending out a set of controlled vouchers to all the individual income taxpayers who must file an estimate. You will use these numbered vouchers to file your estimate and make your quarterly payments.

In the past, you waited for your bill from Internal Revenue and sometimes the taxpayer and the computer crossed in the mail or just plain got crossed - anyway the good tax folks hope that this will help you send your estimated tax payments through on time without any mix-ups.

## MHS Drama Club To Present Plays

Merkel High School's "Pretenders" are getting involved right about now.

And "The Pretenders" is the school's Drama Club. The presentations will be called the Festival of Drama.

With four one-act plays to be presented to the public March 6, it will be the club's first money making project of the year. The club was organized shortly after school began in September of this school year.

Even though members are busy with play practice, they are currently beginning another project.

That is the establishment of a wardrobe and prop department. And Mike Dudley, club reporter, said, "Anyone having clothes fashioned in the old styles and would consider loaning or giving them to the Drama Club may contact Mrs. Dudley at 928-5813 or 928-5642."

"A Duncan - Phyfe coach and any kind of 18th Century furniture is also needed, by the prop department," added Mike.

Tryouts for the part of Susan in the play "Of Poems, Youth and Spring," will be held Monday, Feb. 3, according to Mrs. Dudley. Any girl who wishes to try out for this part should contact the sponsor this week.

Club officers are Wal: Knight, president; Gaylon Doan, vice president; Debi Black, secretary-treasurer, and Mike Dudley, reporter.

## DRINKING ALCOHOL - WHY WILL A PERSON DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES???

Is alcohol a food? "A food is any substance, solid, semisolid, or liquid, consumed to nourish and sustain the body in its growth and health maintenance without deleterious effect on any part or function of the body. Alcohol is NOT classified as a food in medical dictionaries, mainly because the body immediately tries to get rid of it, plus the harmful effects upon the brain, liver, and nervous system.

Is alcohol a stimulant? It is now classified as a central nervous system depressant, NOT a stimulant! Does it make a person warmer, stronger, or braver? NO! It just makes you THINK that due to its effect upon the brain and nervous system. Does it make you drive better? It is estimated that 35% to 65% of fatal traffic accidents involve drinking drivers. Only one beer or cocktail is needed to hinder your driving reaction. Your chances of having an accident are 3 to 10 times greater with one or more beers or cocktails.

Does alcohol give a person a better appetite? NO! It causes an unbalanced acid flow in the stomach plus irritation of the stomach.

Is alcohol a medicine? "Alcohol taken internally WILL NOT cure anything. Be it resolved, that the American Medical Assn. opposes the use of alcohol as a beverage; and . . . that the use of alcohol as a therapeutic agent should be discouraged." (The Journal American Medical Assn.) . . . The above is from Texas Alcohol Narcotics Education Inc.

Facts are stubborn things when properly determined and utilized, but it is a human characteristic to reject facts as applying to one self but accept them as applying to another.

## WHY DOES A PERSON REALLY DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES???

1. Ease a hurting conscience, trying to live with yourself due to guilt of sin? . . . God sent Christ to take away guilt and sin. Read Isaiah 53; Matthew 11:28.
2. To conform to social pressure? . . . Read Matthew 7:13, 14
3. I like it. Is it worth drinking poison to your body because you like it? . . . Read 1 Cor. 3:17.

" . . . For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" . . . Matt. 16:26.

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**Q. The new framed mirrors are so groovy, but I can't afford to buy one. Is there any way I can make an inexpensive frame for my mirror?**

**A. Sure** — it's really simple to design and make your own framed mirror, whether you want a feminine Edwardian frame or a psychedelic op triangle. Get a piece of corrugated cardboard large enough to cover the mirror. Cut the pattern out of the center, making sure that the cutout is at least one inch in from the edges of the mirror. Trim the outside edge of the cardboard, leaving a "frame" no less than two inches wide. Now choose an appealing pattern of Marvalon adhesive covering and smooth it on the cardboard frame, shaping it around the edges.

**Q. One of the mothers I baby sit for always leaves a sink full of dirty dishes — even tells me to mop the floor. Since there are four active children I have enough to do just "sitting". Do I have the right to say no to the kitchen chores?**

**A. Yes, you do.** But it's best to settle the chore question before you accept an assignment.

The mother should tell you what chores she expects you to do aside from caring for the children, and she should offer extra payment. If you don't mind — and many girls don't mind — fine. But if it interferes with supervising the children, parents will appreciate your being frank about it.

**Q. My friends and I are planning a party for the children's ward of our hospital. We're having problems making things colorful and gay because we have to stay away from the usual wall decorations. Any ideas?**

**A. One easy way to add color** is to pass out cookies or candy wrapped in brightly colored Kleenex dinner napkins. The Persian blue, avocado green, and deep gold colors will brighten the hospital ward and the strong paper napkins will hold almost anything you put in them. Tie the napkins with a brightly colored ribbon and you have a cheery little package. Dress colorfully for the party and perhaps pin paper maché flowers to your dresses.

## Wedding Plans

### RUTLEDGE-BEASLEY

The engagement of Linda Carolyn Rutledge and Larry Scott Beasley has been announced by the mother of the bride-elect, Mrs. D. T. Rutledge of Merkel. Miss Rutledge is the daughter of the late D. T. Rutledge.

Beasley is the son of Mrs. Lee Beasley, 3301 S. 6th, and Scott Beasley, 2817 Hickory, Abilene.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Merkel High School, attended Cisco Junior College and is employed at Thornton's Department Store.

An Abilene High School graduate, the prospective bridegroom attended Hardin - Simmons University and is employed with Carpenter Truck Repair, Inc.

The wedding has been set for February 15, at the Merkel Church of Christ.

### Stith's Chili Supper Friday

The Stith Community Center will have a Chili and Pie Supper and Game Night this Friday at the Center.

Mrs. Charles Fikes, Center officer, said that proceeds from the activities would be used for expenses incurred during the year. Time will be 7 p.m.

## CHURCH DEDICATION SET FOR FEBRUARY 2

Sunday, Feb. 2 will be a memorable day in the life of the Catholic community of Merkel.

On that day, Bishop Tschonee of San Angelo will dedicate the new church of Our Mother of Mercy. The ceremony will be at 3 p.m.

The old building, a frame structure of wood which had endured for just over forty years, is being replaced by a beautiful modern edifice, having a brick-faced exterior, and an impressive interior, designed to meet the requirements of the new liturgy.

### Reader Answers Name Inquiry

An answer to Miss Ann Tipton's letter of inquiry concerning the naming of Merkel, appearing in last week's edition of the Merkel Mail, came this week from Arnes Rister of Abilene.

Miss Tipton of Hot Springs, Arkansas, wrote the Merkel Mail asking about the origin of the name Merkel for the city — and asked readers to supply her with any information they might have.

Miss Rister, in her reply, said in part:

"One of my earliest recollections (about 1907-1908) was a conversation about how Merkel got its name. According to that conversation, Merkel was named by a trainman (a brakeman I believe) on the T&P Railroad. When he learned that the little town had not been named, he asked to name the town... named the town after his daughter whose given name was 'Merkel'."

"...later on some youngsters... with different 'Old Times' of that time, it was agreed that a T&P trainman named the town after his daughter, 'Merkel'."

Mrs. Rister said that she too would appreciate readers sharing information concerning the naming of Merkel. Her address is 1142 No. 21st, Abilene, Texas 79601.

### Medicine Topic For Stith Club

Mrs. Vernon Hudson spoke on "The Family Medicine Chest" to members and guests of the Stith Home Demonstration Club meeting Wednesday, Jan. 22.

Held in the Stith Community Center, Mrs. Curtis Clyburn asked the opening prayer, Mrs. Craig Jones gave the devotional and Mrs. Roy Mashburn led the group in recreation.

Roll Call was answered with "What's New in Medicine."

Ten members and one visitor, Mrs. Brenda Harden of Lawn, were present.

### Goodman HD Club

The Goodman Home Demonstration Club met Jan. 24 in the home of Mrs. Ola Payne with seven members and one new member present.

Club president, Mrs. Frank Carter, presided at the business meeting.

Mrs. Elbert Foster was elected secretary.

Roll Call was answered with "What's New in Medicine."

The program topic, "The Family Medicine Chest," was discussed by all members attending.

## Vote Registration Deadline Friday

Midnight Friday, Jan. 31, is the deadline for persons to make application for voter registration certificates, said Burl King, Taylor County Tax Assessor - Collector.

And Merkel residents planning to vote for three city officials in the April city election, will have to have their certificates to vote.

Total registration as of Wednesday morning was 26,001, approximately 1,000 shy of the 1967 record of 27,000 registrants.

### Attends Market

Mr. and Mrs. Onis Crawford were in Dallas this past weekend attending summer market.

Of the upcoming summer styles in ladies and teens' dresses, Crawford said they "were just as short and very colorful."



## Teentime Partytime by Betty Crocker

When the teenagers are coming, think big. Plot your party refreshments, then double up on quantity. And to please their bottomless appetites, how about a batch of Fun Doughnuts? Or a double batch maybe? With an array of do-it-yourself frostings and toppings, which is what makes Fun Doughnuts fun. The teens frost them themselves while sipping Mulled Apricot Nectar. Real groovy, Mom. The doughnuts you can make ahead, you know. Then cool and freeze in plastic bags. On party day, thaw in freezer wrap. Or if you're in a hurry, remove from wrapper and thaw in 325° oven about 15 minutes. Now let's run through the recipes.

### FUN DOUGHNUTS

- 2 cups New Bisquick
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

### Fun Frills (right)

Heat salad oil (3 to 4 inches) in heavy saucepan or deep fat fryer to 375°. Mix all ingredients except Fun Frills until smooth. Gently smooth dough into a ball on lightly floured cloth-covered board; knead 10 times. Roll 1/4 inch thick. Cut with floured doughnut cutter. Drop rings, 3 or 4 at a time, into hot oil. Fry about 1/2 minute on each side or until golden brown. Lift from oil with fork; drain on paper towels. Makes about 1 dozen.

**Fun Frills:** Set out several kinds of Betty Crocker Ready-to-Spread Frostings and bowls of chopped peanuts, flaked coconut, chocolate shot and colored sugar. Guests frost and decorate doughnuts as they eat them.

### MULLED APRICOT NECTAR

- 1 can (8 ounces) apricot nectar
- 1/2 lemon, thinly sliced
- 2 cinnamon sticks
- 15 whole cloves
- 8 whole allspice

In large saucepan, combine all ingredients; heat to boiling, stirring occasionally. Simmer 5 minutes; remove from heat. Cover and allow to stand 30 minutes. Strain; serve hot. Makes twelve 1/2-cup servings. For munching, serve hot popcorn.

## Reid Takes Over Farm Bureau Post

WACO — Bill R. Reid, Dawson County farmer, has been nominated by county Farm Bureau presidents in Dist. 6 to fill a vacancy for the Texas Farm Bureau board of directors created by the resignation of C. H. DeVaney of Coahoma. Reid has served as Dawson County Farm Bureau president since 1967.

DeVaney, former president of the Texas Farm Bureau (1962-67) and member of the AFB board for 24 years, has joined the staff of the American Farm Bureau Federation in Washington, D. C. as assistant legislative director.

## Teen Center's Newest Project

Members of the Teen Center are currently selling tickets for a heart-shaped cake to be given away Saturday, Feb. 1, according to Mignon Crawford, chairman of the cake project.

Proceeds from the ticket sales will go toward purchasing a record player turntable and to help remodel the Teen Center building.

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<p>Anacin Tablets 200s REG. \$2.49 <b>1.69</b></p>	<p>Pepto Bismol REG. 98¢ <b>61¢</b></p>

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**Stith News**  
By MRS. FRITZ HALE



We are having nice weather for this time of the year; fine for farm activities.

There will be a Chili and Pie Supper and Game Night at the Stith Community Center Friday night, Jan. 31. Everyone is invited to attend.

Visitors in the Paul Bradley home during last week were Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Johnson, Anson; Mr. and Mrs. Buford Walsh and children, Abilene; and Fletcher Jones, Curtis Clyburn, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald, Mrs. Ray Perry and Mrs. Fritz Jones.

Mrs. J. D. Bradley of Merkel, celebrated her birthday Friday. She had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley.

Mrs. Henry Holt honored her husband with a birthday dinner Saturday. Attending were their two daughters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Benny Hobbs and

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Buntin. Also attending was Mrs. John Hobbs.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Babe Tarpley during last week were Mrs. Stella Tarpley and Mrs. Ed Keiso, Abilene; Mrs. Wanda Maxwell and two daughters of Anson, Kid Jones of Ft. Hood visited in the Tarpley home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Chancy and Sandra of Richardson, visited Saturday with Mrs. John Hobbs and the Benny Helbs family.

Randy Dunagan of Texas Tech spent several days during mid-term holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dunagan.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Cox are in the hospital. They have the flu. Their daughter, Lana Cox, of Lubbock spent the weekend with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shaw and Mrs. John Shaw visited Mrs. Roxie Meeks and Barbara in Abilene Sunday.

Curtis Clyburn visited in Abilene Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kuch, Mr. and Mrs. Mason Barker of Hodges visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyburn Thursday.

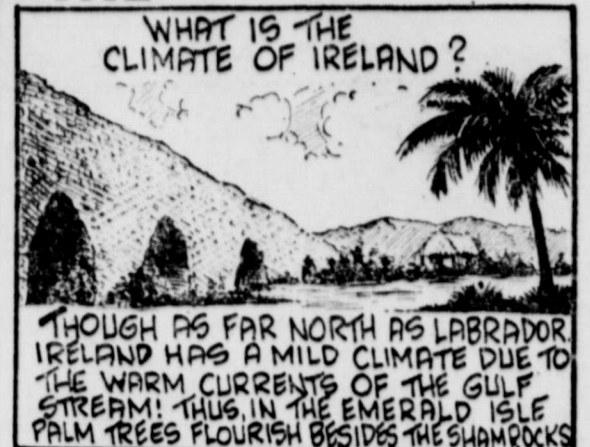
Mrs. Brenda Hardin, James and Veronica of Lawn, spent Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn.

Joe Reeves of Whiteright attended services at the Stith Baptist Church Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley and Mr. and Mrs. John Browning attended a singing at Sweetwater Sunday.

Cleo Liles, son in law of Mr. and Mrs. John Browning is improving after having pneumonia and the flu.

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**Quarterly Report of Taylor County Treasurer**

On January 21, 1969, The Commissioners Court met in regular session, compared and examined the report of Mrs. Bob Haile, County Treasurer, for the quarter ending on December 31, 1968, and found it to be correct and the amounts received and paid out to be correct since the preceding report.

FUNDS	Balance Last Q'tr.	Received This Q'tr.	Paid Out This Q'tr.	Balance This Q'tr.
Jury Fund	\$ 39,614.71	\$ 10,103.16	\$ 8,043.15	\$ 41,674.72
Precinct 1	44,061.21	36,471.15	22,331.84	58,200.52
Precinct 2	75,123.67	31,091.98	20,202.53	86,013.12
Precinct 3	58,766.17	23,837.74	35,316.09	47,287.82
Precinct 4	60,131.31	31,200.77	31,828.70	59,503.38
General Fund	135,147.27	428,657.15	209,620.05	354,184.37
Pauper Fund	7,605.88	40,063.25	39,553.41	8,115.72
Rd. Dist. 1 Ser. 1947	230.00	.00	.00	230.00
Rd. Dist. 1 Bd. S-1953	24,576.40	.00	.00	24,576.40
Rd. Skg. Series 1953	29,451.62	15,260.87	1,192.25	43,520.24
Officers Salary	30,866.72	142,286.10	127,172.14	45,980.68
Lateral Road	50,377.93	125.00	31,783.19	18,719.74
Rd. & Bridge R.O.W.	26,407.95	270.83	3,595.23	23,083.55
Perm. School	1,694.77	57.50	57.50	1,694.77
Payroll Account	1,050.00	179,683.25	179,683.25	1,050.00
Perm. Improvement Sinking Ser. 1954	13,704.48	36,251.65	3,751.95	46,204.18
Library	840.24	2,375.70	1,833.01	1,382.93
Perm. Improvement	309.99	68,523.01	.00	68,833.00
Rent Fund	6,503.55	.00	1.70	6,501.85
Rd. Dist. 1 Bond Ser-55	686.40	.00	.00	686.40
Rd. Dist. 1 Sinking Series 1955	10,342.71	14,657.51	375.59	24,624.72
F.I.C.A. Tax	24,162.18	21,981.26	28,083.72	18,059.72
Ref'd Bond Sinking Series 1957	132.23	276.32	.00	408.55
Spec. Rd. & Bridge	1,286.00	.00	.00	1,286.00
J. P. Precinct No. 1, Place No. 2	10,664.64	60.35	.00	10,724.99
Coliseum Bond Series 1967	1,523,238.38	8,601.78	406,847.58	1,124,992.58
Coliseum Sinking Series 1967	2,279.96	49,586.29	35.78	51,830.47
Courthouse & Jail Bond Series 1967	2,602,765.22	.00	.00	2,602,765.22
Courthouse & Jail Sinking Ser-1967	3,086.08	58,967.12	.00	62,053.20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,785,107.67</b>	<b>\$1,200,389.74</b>	<b>\$1,151,309.57</b>	<b>\$4,834,187.84</b>

**BANK BALANCES**

Abilene National	\$ 268,956.91—Total Deposits	\$4,834,187.84
First National	2,038,998.33—Total Time Deposits	4,034,060.00
Citizens National	1,519,124.93	
First State, Abilene	806,340.03—Total Checking	800,127.84
First State, in Tuscola	200,767.64	

**Securities Owned By Taylor County—Owned by Perm. School Fund**

Jury Fund Gov. Bonds	\$10,000.00—Buffalo Gap School Bond	4,700.00
Rd. Dist. No. 1 Skg. Fd. S. 47-53	—Everman Ind. School Bds.	8,000.00
Buffalo Gap S. Bonds	—Government Bonds	3,000.00
	—San Saba Road Bonds	1,000.00
	—Federal Land Bonds	1,636.30
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,336.30</b>

**TAYLOR COUNTY BOND INDEBTEDNESS**

Issues	Original Issues	Bonds Redeemed	Bonds Outstanding
Bond Series 1953	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 255,000.00	\$ 95,000.00
Bond Series 1954	850,000.00	536,000.00	314,000.00
Bond Series 1955	350,000.00	320,000.00	30,000.00
Ref'd Bonds — Series 1957	397,000.00	397,000.00	.00
Coliseum Bonds S. 1967	1,750,000.00	.00	1,750,000.00
Courthouse & Jail B. F. 1967	3,000,000.00	.00	2,990,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,497,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,508,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,179,000.00</b>

The Requirements of Art. No. 401 P.C. have been complied with, and a tabular statement has been filed as required.

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(Seal) Commissioners Court, Taylor County, Texas



## RED CROSS WARNS ON LETHAL FALLS

Falls, which may provoke mirth in slapstick comedy, are in reality the second greatest cause of accidental deaths, the American Red Cross said today in its annual caution to Americans to avoid this painful and often lethal type of accident in the "slippery season."

Falls as a cause of fatal accidents are surpassed only by motor vehicle accidents, according to James Pogue, chairman of local Red Cross First Aid.

In 1967, some 19,000 persons died as a result of falls — 11,709 of these accidents occurred in the home, Mr. Pogue said. Elderly persons and small children were especially susceptible — 11,400 of the victims were over 75; nearly 500 were under four.

"In case where falls are not fatal, they can break bones, cause skull fractures and serious concussions, and often leave the victim permanently disabled," Mr. Pogue warned.

For cut of doors, Pogue urged people to "use extra care and adjust walking speed when ice is on walks and streets."

When using a leaning ladder, Pogue suggested placing it at a safe angle, and when alighting from a vehicle, wait until it stops before getting off.

Inside the house, the first aid chairman suggested several precautionary methods. They are:

Keep floors clear of spilled liquids or foods.

Fasten down loose objects, such as throw rugs that can slip underfoot.

Repair or replace floor covering that causes uneven walking surfaces.

Keep floors and stairs clear of objects such as toys, tools, pencils, mops and brooms.

Older persons should avoid sudden head movements that result in a loss of equilibrium, especially when they are standing.

## Great Old "New World" Soups



Some of the greatest soups were invented in the "New World" — in the kitchens of the early settlers and the hardy pioneers. A few of the earliest recipes came from the Indians, who stewed together native game, herbs, vegetables, and berries in delicious, meal-sized soups. Some developed from the ingenuity of the early Americans and the bounty of the land they lived in.

Today, these great "New World" soups can be made in a quick, modern, easy way. The secret is convenient condensed soup, so delicious as it comes, and such a handy base for your own new soups.

### FRONTIER BEAN POT SOUP

- 2 slices bacon
- 3/4 cup chopped onion
- 3/4 cup chopped celery
- 1 can (10 1/2 ounces) condensed tomato soup
- 1 can (11 1/2 ounces) condensed bean with bacon soup
- 2 soup cans water
- Dash pepper

Cook bacon in saucepan until crisp; drain and crumble. Cook onion and celery in drippings until tender. Stir in soups, water and pepper. Heat; stir now and then. Garnish with crumbled bacon. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

### LOUISIANA OYSTER STEW

- 2 tablespoons diced raw red pepper or pimiento
- 2 tablespoons chopped onion
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1 can (10 1/2 ounces) condensed oyster stew
- 1 soup can milk
- Parmesan cheese

Cook red pepper and onion in butter until tender. Stir in soup and milk. Heat; stir often. Do not boil. Garnish with grated cheese. Makes 2 to 3 servings.

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## BADGER TRACKS

By WALLY KNIGHT

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The Merkel Badger varsity football players received their letter jackets Tuesday. Because of a new U. I. L. ruling, effective this year, high school football players will be able to receive only one athletic award from the school for the four year high school period. The jackets the players receive however are of a better quality and are more expensive than those they have been getting.

Tryouts for the Drama Club production, Of Poems, Youth, and Spring, will be held Monday. Any girl who wishes to try out for the part of Susan in the play may contact Mrs. Pat Dudley before Friday.

The Teen Center was open Saturday night. A large crowd attended and participated in the activities. The center will not be open this Saturday night.

There will be a basketball game

## Services Held For R. D. Hunter

Funeral services for R. D. Hunter, 48, of Merkel, were held Tuesday, Jan. 28 in the Starbuck Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Hunter died Sunday in an Abilene nursing home after a long illness.

Born March 3, 1920, in Mulberry Canyon, he attended school in Merkel and had lived in Merkel until moving to the nursing home. He had been an invalid for over 20 years.

Survivors include his mother.

Mrs. Roy D. Hunter of Merkel; two daughters, Mrs. Lawrence Wheeler and Mrs. Clyde Davis, both of Abilene; five grandchildren.

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