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The Canyon

> By TOM RUSSOM

It is well believed by farmers and stockmen that the country needs rain at this time. Perhaps the need could be just the top part of the ground.

Believe it or not, we are just finishing up building a mile of fence. All the holes were hand dug and the moisture was all the way, which we thought was very good for underground season.

It was first thought it was warm weather that the wheat needed. but it is now thought it could be a top coat of moisture of say one inch of rain.

What about these high cattle prices? Some people are saying they are high enough, and perhaps have reached the peak. However, that's yet to be seen. We have been told recently that all of the cheap land has been sold, and people who want to invest money are feeding cattle to see what happens, and some people are finding that it is doing very well in return.

We do know one thing, when people have a good job, they can and will eat beef, and it seems that a lot of them are eating a lot of beef.

Well, well, some preachers preach what we should do or what we should use (example, smoking) and do you know that handing out cigars to the men. The occasion was the birth of a baby girl. I got a bang out of him handing me a cigar. Anyway, the Rev. and Mrs. David Hutchins are really proud of that fine baby, and we as their people are real proud for them. We will have one new member for Pio- Upon a Playground," "Of Poems neer Church.

Mrs. A. R. Toombs of Merkel, and a longtime resident of the Canyon, spent the weekend with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seymore. We are always glad to have the pioneers come to the community.

The Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Phillips of Big Spring just last week wanted to get out and get away from home for a little while. They thought of visiting some friends in the Canyon and then return to their home. They stopped over in Trent to visit with Rev. and Mrs. Sharp, pastor of the Trent Methodist Church. Mrs. Phillips and Rev. Sharp are cousins. The Phillips came on to the Canyon to make a few calls here.

Mrs. Dewell McLean reports that their son, Hollis, is still improving after his surgery some few months ago.

A letter came to use this week from the Fayne Perrys of Aspermont. We learned that Fayne was able to be up and riding around some

We had a real fine letter from an Abilene attorney, Bryan Bradbury, telling us that he "was about to get straightened out after a flare up some three months ago." Our advice to you Bryan, is to slow down and live.

Sgt. Butman Now At Perrin AFB

SHERMAN. Tex. - Technical Sergeant Bill S. Butman, son of Ben S. Butman of 702 Vine St., Abilene, has arrived for duty at Perrin AFB, Tex.

Sgt. Butman, a jet aircraft maintenance technician, is assigned to a unit of the Aerospace Defense Command. He previously served at Phan Rang AB, Viet-

The sergeant, a graduate of Trent High School, is married to the former Mary E. Douglas, daughter of Ernest Douglas of 903 Brickhaven Circle, Merkel,



UIL CONTESTANTS — Practicing for the University Interscholastic League contest in Spelling and Plain writing are MHS students, from left, Carol Yates, Ann Walker and Paul Thames. Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Walker, and Paul, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thames, were 1968 District UIL winners. Carol, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Yates, Tye, is this year's alternate. The UIL Meet will be held in Anson March 29. (Staff Photo)

DRAMA FESTIVAL BEGINS MARCH 6

last Sunday our preacher was presented by the Merkel High ond voice, and Kay Lynne Con- cock Cleaners, has)announced School-Drama Club on the eve- ley as chorus member.

> All four one - act plays have been chosen and cast set, according to Drama Club reporter, Mike

Plays to be presented are "Once Youth and Spring," "Feathertop," and "Six Who Pass While the Lentils Boil." The last play will be competing with the other 7-AA plays in competition on March 25 in Stamford.

Tryouts were held for the part of Susan in the play "Of Poems, Youth and Spring," and Donna Diltz was chosen to play the part. She will be playing the leading girl part, opposite Wally Knight. Other members of that cast in-

League Assn. Sets Feb. 20 Feeting

Thursday, Feb. 20, a Merkel Little League planning meeting will be held at the Merkel Restaurant at 7:30 p.m., according to League president, Don King.

"All parents of prospective Little Leaguers and all persons interested in promoting Little League in the Merkel area are urged to attend this meeting," said King. Officers for the league season will be elected at the meeting.

high school auditorium, sponsored by "The Pretenders." 4-H Tasting Tea

The public is invited to attend

the Festival of Drama at the

Is This Sunday The Merkel 4 - H Club Food Tasting Tea will be held this Sunday from 2:30 until 4:30 p.m. and the public is invited to at-

tend, said Mrs. Jack Boone, adult The club's Tasting Tea is held each year just prior to the County Food Show, which will be held Feb. 22 at the Westgate

Shopping Center at 10 a.m. Members participating the Tasting Tea and Food Show are Jackie Harris, Pam Mashburn, Donna White, Audy Byrd, Kathy Hendricks, Christy Boone, Zana Mansield, Tonja McAninch, Patricia Boyd, Marsha Clyburn and Jerrie Stephan .

Also Annetta Stephan, Gayla Tolliver, Vickie Reddin, Patricia Munson, Mary Beth Boyd, Jody Roddy, Cindy Byrd and Becky

Junior leaders are Mary Jo Reddin, Gail Boone, Kathy Mansfield, Suzie Wilson and Dianne White.



PLANNING TASTING TEA — Merkel 4-Hers met this week to plan Sunday's Tasting Tea. Pictured here are, from left, Zana Mansfield, Audy Byrd, Annetta Stephan, Jody Roddy, Mary Reddin, Patricia Munson, Debra White, Vicky Reddin and Kathy Holloway. (Photo by Connie Harris)

Adcock Cleaners **Sets Open House**

The Festival of Drama to be clude Terry Wozencraft as sec- Waymon Adcock, owner of Ad-Saturday, Feb. 15 as their Open House date for area people to see the business expansion and remodeling completed.

> Located at 924 North 2nd in Merkel, the cleaning plant has enlarged to include a 40 by 60 ft. building adjoining the present establishment

"We will be open all day Saturday," said Adcock, "and we extend an invitation for everyone to come by, visit, enjoy refreshments, and sign up for prizes to be given away."

Adcock began managing the Cleaners in 1939 when the business was located in the Laney Building on Edwards Street. In 1940 the business was moved to its present location.

The Merkel School Committee

met this past Thursday and

heard chairman Joe Lassiter

bring members up to date on pro-

gress made toward opposition of

the Governor's Committee on Pub-

"My recent trip to Austin was

very productive in that I was

able to meet and talk briely with

some of the people concerned with

the school report," said Lassiter.

"And we were urged to continue

writing letters to people on the

Lassiter also announced that a

"shortened for of the public

school bill and names of the edu-

cation committee have been com-

piled and ready for the public to

"This information may be pick-

ed up at Cyrus Pee Insurance

Agency or the Merkel Mail of-

fice," said Lassiter. "It is most

important that we be informed

of this report, and the Bill Analy-

Members of the Education Com-

mittee are A. M. Aikin Jr., chair-

man; Oscar H. Mauzy, vice chair-

man, and Jim Bates, Joe J. Ber-

neal. Criss Cole. Wayne Connal-

ly. Ralph Hall, Jack Hightower

Also Don Kennard, David Rat-

lif, A. R. Schwartz, W. E. Snel-

son, Charles Wilson and J. P.

these senators is Texas State Sen-

and Barbara Jordan.

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education committee."

Annual C-C Banquet Scheduled March 18 Merkel Chamber of Commerce

directors met Tuesday and wrapped up plans for the Chamber's Annual Banquet, to be held March 18 at the Merkel School Cafeteria. Time is 7:30 p.m.

Judge Raleigh Brown, 42nd District Judge, will be guest speaker for the occasion and Dr. Don W. Warren will be Master of Ceremonies. This year's banquet will again be highlighted by the announcement of the Oustanding Citizen and Oustanding Farmer. (A ballot is included in this edition for those wishing to suggest a person to be honored as the Outstanding Citizen or the Outstanding Farmer or Rancher. Persons wishing to use the ballot appearing in the Merkel Mail may bring or mail their choice to the Merkel Chember of Commerce office. If mailing, the address is P. O. Box 188, and if bringing it to the C-C office, the address is 114 Edwards Street. Only one ballot per person will be accepted. You may vote for an outstanding farmer or rancher, and an outstanding citi-

After the election of new directors, the incoming president will be announced prior to the banquet, said Bill Button, 1968 C - C

Directors to be nominated for the vote of the C - C membership include: E. A. Conley, Bobby Du-Bose, Mack Fisher, Johnny Hammond, Royce Hardy, Vernon Mansfield, Kent Satterwhite, and Norman Winter. Ballots went into the mail today for members to choose three of the directors nom-

"We urge all C-C members to vote on three directors and return cards as soon as possible,"

Members handling the banquet plans include Herman Carson, ticket sales: Glenn Reed, entertainment, Horace Hargrove, equip-

ate, Capitol Station, Austin, Tex-

Lassiter reminded people to

"refer to Senate Bill No. 2 in all

letters to Senators and Education

"If you know any of the mem-

bers of the Education Committee,

it would be to our advantage for

you to write them and state your

Members of the Merkel School

Committee include Lassiter, chair-

man; Horace Boney, vice chair-

man; Glenn Reed, secretary;

Booth Warren, treasurer, and Mrs.

Dave Brumbeau, publicity. Gene

Stewart and the Rev. Kenneth

Jones are members at large.

opposition," said Lassiter.

Committee members.

as, 78701.

hostesses, Mr. and Mrs. Earl handle decorations. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Max Murrell and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smth.

Tickets to the banquet will be

For OUTSTANDING CITIZEN and FARMER or RANCHER

(Write your choice for one each of the following)

Outstanding Citizen

Outstanding Farmer

or Rancher

(Mail ballot to the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, P. O. Box 188, or bring to 114 Edwards Street. Deadline for ballot is March 17)

TWO FILE FOR APRIL

cancies.

Election set for April 1 at the a January Town Hall Meeting to City Hall office, two have filed for the city vacancies.

Horace Hargrove, city councilman, has filed for the vacancy of mayor, and councilman Derrell Farmer has filed for re-election. Councilmen whose terms expire this year are Bill Button and

Johnny Cox is not filing for re - election as mayor, and in an interview with Button Wednesday morning, he said that he "did not plan to file for re - election

Hargroves filing for mayor will create a vacancy on the council to be filled at this election.

on the council.

Deadline for filing is 5 p.m.,

Feb. 28. Mrs. Pat Cypert has been appointed election judge.

Election will be held at the City Hall and polls will be open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

A committee was appointed at

contact Merkel citizens for the

purpose of filing for the city va-

The committee included Way-

mon Adcock, chairman, and Ray

Wilson, Booth Warren, Gene Ste-

Adcock said Wednesday, "We

have contacted a large number

of people, and we believe our ef-

wart and Mack Seymore.

forts are paying off."

ROBERT HIGGINS JR. . . . research engineer

School Board Sets SENATE BILL NO. 2 **April 5 Election**

The Merkel School Board met Monday, Feb. 3 and set Saturday, April 5 as election date for the two board vacancies.

Fisher, said that deadline for filing will be March 5, and persons are to file at the High School of-

Board members whose terms expire are Joe McDuff and Orval Ely, and it was learned Wednesday morning that "both had filed for re - election.

Election will be held at the school gymnasium and polls will be open from 8 a.m. unti 5 p.m. Absentee voting will be from March 17 through April 1 at the City Hall with tax assessor - collector, Clyde Bartlett, said Fisher.

FLYING QUEENS TOP RANGE-ANNS, 65-42

Merkel Gymnasium was "iam packed" Monday evening and the scene was the basketball bout between Wayland's Flying Queens and Ranger Junior College Range

The hour and half performance gave basketball fans something to talk about - top action, and "no standing room only" gym.

Of the crowd, one person was Word. The mailing address of overheard saying, "It'll be many a moon before the Merkel Gym

Another, "Don't know where we could put another person if he happened to come in."

Of the game, the Flying Queens ended the evening's action with a score of 62 and Range Anns 45.

And Trent fans were given a special treat when they saw firsthand their own Diana Lewis and Barbara McAninch perform. Miss Lewis was high point girl.

Higgins Receives Masters Degree

Robert B. Higgins Jr., son of School superintendent, Mack Mr. and Mrs. Robert Higgins Sr., of Merkel, obtained a masters of science in Environmental Health Engineeering from the University of Texas in January of this year.

A 1962 graduate of Merkel High School, Higgins attended McMurry College for two years, and graduated from UT in June, 1967 with a bachelor of science degree in Civil Engineering.

While at UT Higgins was a member of Chi Epsilon, honorary fraternity for Civil Engineers, and Tau Beta Pi, honorary fraternity for men from all branches of en-

Higgins now lives in Overland Park, Kan., a suburb of Kansas City with this wife and son, Kerry Shea. Mrs. Higgins is the former Linda Toliver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Toliver of Merkel.

He is presently employed with Smith and Loveless, a division of Union Tank Car. He is employed as Senior Research Engineer. and is supervisor of all engineering work in the development and testing of new products and processes designed for the transportation and treatment of sewage. Smith and Loveless is the world's largest manufacturers of factorybuilt pump stations and treatment plants, said Higgins.

Mrs. J. W. Thomas

A birthday dinner, honoring Mrs. J. W. Thomas, was hosted Sunday, Feb. 9, by her granddaughter, Mrs. Margaret Anderson.

Mrs. Thomas, 89 years of age Sunday, received guests at Mrs. Anderson's home.

were Messrs. and Mmes. Frank Thomas, Fort Worth, and John D. Stout, Leroy Thomas, Kathy and Birthday Honoree Ricky, Raymond Thomas, Billy West, Johnny Thomas and Tammy, Bernice Shugart and Lester Shugart, all of Merkel.

Also Mrs. Lilly Lyone, Aledo, Mrs. Leona Payne and William and Mrs. Zetta Harris, all of Arlington; and Mrs. Sylvia Thomas, Miss Cheryl Herring, Tommy Anderson, Buddy Hunter and Mrs. Relatives attending the dinner Minnie Hunter, all of Merkel.

"DON'T TELL ME I'M GOING TO DIE!"

Many times when people are told that cigarettes are dangerous and causes many deaths from Lung Cancer, heart disease, Emphysema and Bronchitis, they become very angry. They often say in so many words, "Don't tell me I'm going to die!" or "Don't tell me how to live."

The same is very often true with attitudes of people concerning their SOUL. They say, "Don't tell me I am dying spiritually." or "Don't tell me I'm in danger of being condemned by God." And they often say, "Who are you to tell ME?"

YOU CAN BREAK THE THERMOMETER IN THE SUMMER HEAT, BUT IT WON'T CHANGE THE TEMPERATURE! You can reject, try to change, or ignore the Word of God, but it remains the same TRUTH, and is UNCHANGEABLE! . . . "And it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." Hebrews 9:27.

"DON'T TELL ME HOW TO LIVE!" . . . "OK, I WON'T ... I'LL LET JESUS CHRIST"

... "Marvel not at this; for the hour is coming. in which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." John 5:28, 29. The key to what is "good" is in Matthew 7:21, 22, 23, as well as other scriptures.

BILLY PATTON, Minister

CHURCH OF CHRIST

"COME VISIT WITH US"

BADGER

By WALLY KNIGHT

The Badger boys and girls basketball teams won their last home game against Stamord last Friday night. The boys game was filmed. The teams will play three more out of town games before the season ends.

A very large crowd attended the Wayland - Ranger game Monday night in the Merkel gymnasium. There was standing room only and a lot of people stood. It was an interesting game any-

The Teen Center was open Saturday night. There was good attendance and everyone had a good time, but everyone missed a number of freshmen girls and boys that played basketball at Albany Saturday night. The new turntable that the teen council bought has arrived and should be in operation for the next center opening.

The Stage Band travels to Brownwood Friday to attend the Brownwood Stage Band Festival. This is a trip that stage band members look forward to each wear. Members have to sacrifice a whole day of school in order to make the trip but despite this fact everyone usually recovers from the shock.

The First Baptist Church is holding their annual Sweetheart Banquet at the church this Saturday night. Lots of teenagers plan to attend.

"Your Honor," said the distraught woman, pointing to her husband, "He won't, give me enough money to feed and clothe our four children.

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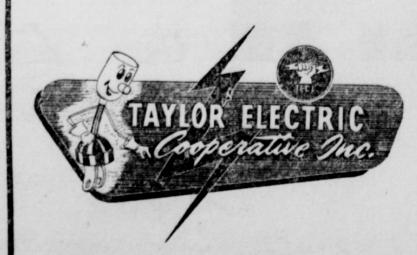
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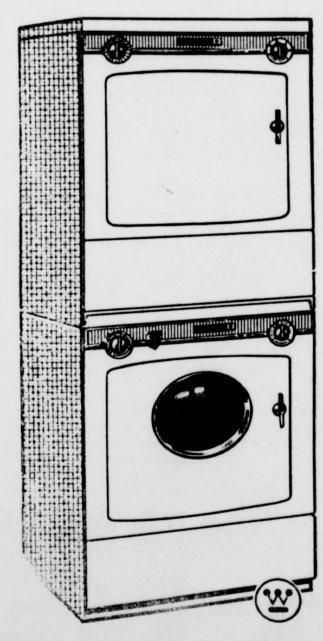
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RECORD AUTOGRAPHS — Tony Douglas, well - known Country - Western star was in Merkel at KWFA recently autographing records for the Teen-Set. Pictured here is Kathy Mansfield receiving one of Douglas' records. (Photo by Mrs. John Curtis)

Blooming Tree Hearlds Spring?

Ever see a peach tree in full bloom in early February? Well, there's one on the Carl Edwards place in Trent.

Mrs. Edwards called in Wednesday morning wondering if a peach tree in full bloom in February was "unusual." Having never seen a peach tree in bloom this close "to Christmas" this reporter thinks so.

"The tree began budding out last week during the warm days," said Mrs. Edwards. "and the warm days this week have really brought out the blooms." Could be, we agreed, that it

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Creamed Peas and Onions 3 tablespoons margarine

2 tablespoons corn starch Dash sugar

34 teaspoon salt

2 cups milk

2 (10-ounce) packages frozen peas, cooked and drained 1 (1-pound) can white

onions drained

1 tablespoon chorped
pimento, optional

Melt margarine in saucepan. Mix in corn starch, sugar, salt and pepper. Remove from heat, Gradually add milk, mixing until smooth. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens, comes to boil and boils 1 minute. Stir in peas, o boil and pimento. Heat and serve Maker 6 to 8

DID YOU KNOW... WAS THE LINCOLN PENNY THAT APPEARED IN 1909, ON THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREAT EMANCIPATOR'S BIRTH. ON TH 50TH ANNIVERSARY, THE IMPRESSION OF THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL WAS ADDED TO THE REVERSE, GIVING OUR "COPPER" THE DESIGN ONE OF THE TITLES OF JUNO, THE ROMAN GODDESS, WAS JUNO MONETA, JUNO TH WARNER". ROMAN COINS WERE PRODUCED BECAME THE ANCIENT CITY'S MINT. AND THAT'S WHERE WE GOT OUR WORDS "MINT" AND "MONEY" - FROM A ROMAN GODDESS! Publick Notice ENCOURAGED BY THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES TO HELP RUIN THE VALUE OF THE PAPER MONEY ISSUED BY THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS. PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENTS TOLD

BANK NOTES by Malcolm

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Teenage is an age of discoveries, but, unhappily, it can also be the age when you discover your beautiful baby face is suddenly pimple spotted.

Girls, you're not alone! It's the lucky girl-or boy-whose skin stays smooth during the teens. Why? As you mature, your oil glands work overtime, clogging pores and harboring bacteria, which may multiply and flare into pimples.

Then, too, a teenage diet is often too high in sugar and fat. Tension and insufficient sleep may also aggravate this condition.

How can you look pretty

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while caring for and helping to heal your complexion? The makers of Cover Girl, who for years have been helping girls achieve beautiful, clear complexions have developed 'Plus 3', an exciting new acne medicine that not only works to clear up acne pimples, but looks pretty, too, because it comes in three foundation shades, to blend in naturally with either fair, medium or brunette complexions. A smooth healer-and-concealer in a tube, 'Plus 3', with its spescientific formula, smooths on evenly to cover up acne pimples, while helping to promote a clearer skin and even to help prevent new infection. It can be worn alone or under makeup, because it doesn't cake or dry up. And it smells you can actual.



Cover Girl introduces 'Plus 3', the first acne medicine in three cosmetic shades.

'Plus 3' should, of course, supplement a common sense health and beauty regimen: Keep your face scrupulously clean. Eat a balanced diet, avoiding sweets and greasy foods. Get eight hours sleep every night and exercise outdoors daily. Above all-try to avoid tension-and don't worry about your face.' Care for it!

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Remember February 18th Dollar Day at Mellinger's, and Is the Final Clearance Sale on All Fall and Staple Merchandise.

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

I think:

WOULD MAKE A GOOD Merkel official.

Signature



Elects Officers

officers were elected.

At a recent meeting of the Fortnightly Study Club the following

Mrs. Newton Daniel, president; Mrs. Mack Davis, vice president;

Mrs. Eddie Glynn Sandusky, re-

cording secretary, and Mrs. Bryan Dunagin, corresponding secre-

Also Mrs. L. A. Dudley, treas-

The nominating committee in-

cluded Mrs. Mack Fisher, chair-

man, and Miss Christine Collins

Officers or the 1960-70 year

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Merkel Grad At **Paducah School**

Nowlan Denzel (Corky) Ccx, son of Mr. and Mrs. Denzel Cox of Merkel began work at Paducah High School this semester as track coach.

Besides athletics, Mr. Cox is a math instructor and is Junior class sponsor.

Basketball, which he played in high school and as a student at Cisco Junior College, is Corky's first love. He has coached at both Peacock and Aspermont high schools, and last spring completed four years as head basketball coach and assistant track coach at Lockett which brought him district girls championship three Page Five Thursday, Feb. 13, 1969 Thursday, Feb. 13, 1969

A graduate of Merkel High School, Cox has his bachelor of science degree from McMurry College. He is married to the former Lila Bonner of Sweetwater. They have three children: Deral, 10, a fifth grader; David,

8, a second grader; and Dana, 4. Mrs. Cox is a teacher in the Paducah Elementary School.

Weekend visitors in the Glenn Robertson home were Mrs. Willie Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. Vic Hicks, Doug, Wayne and Rodney of Hamby; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Collum and Tera, Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Litton, Billy and Bubba of



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MH Valedictorian On Dean's List

Miss Elizabeth Ragan, daughof Mr. and Mrs. Seth Ragan of Culbertson, Neb., is one of 52 students at York College, York, Neb., to make the Dean's List. Miss Ragan was Merkel High School's valedictorian of the 1967

required to have a minimum of Miss Ragan carried 12 hours and attained a grade average of

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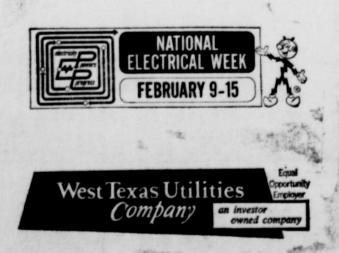
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The Rev. James Williams, pastor of Stith Baptist Church, conducted services at the Starr Nursing Home in Merkel Sunday after-

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry were and Mrs. Weaver Foresyth and Mrs. Martha Parker, all of Abilene; and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones of Merkel. Mr. and Mrs. Perry visited Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Perry at Tye Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayman Hicks visited Mr. and Mrs. Babe Tarpley Friday night. Babe Tarpley. Joe and Garth Gregory visited Sunday in Big Spring with Mr. and Mrs. Troy Gregory.

Mr. and Mrs. Truett Jones, Gatesville, spent the weekend with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones. The Rev. James Williams was a supper guest in the Jones home Sunday

Mrs. Ab Evans had surgery Thursday in West Texas Medical

Mrs. Paul Bradley during last week were Mr. and Mrs. Buford Walch and children, Mrs. A. M. Evans and Mrs. Thelma Dedmon, all of Abilene, and Mrs. Alanzo Peterson, Mrs. Lola Sael and Don, all of Merkel.

The Rev. James Williams had dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs.

Rodney Mashburn, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shaw and Mrs. Ruby Shaw in Merkel Tuesday night.

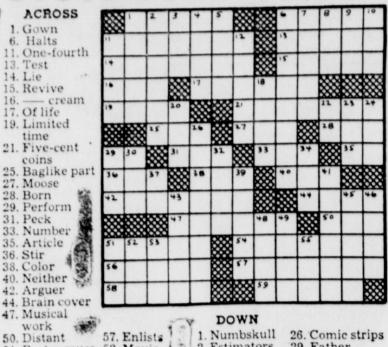
Mrs. Curtis Clyburn and Mary

ere in Fort Worth Sunday, Feb. visiting the Elwood Cox famiy. Mr. Cox, a former resident of



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Crossword Puzzle



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5. Combining form: bristle 37. Prefix: . Afflicted Wheel rut . Petroleum 10. Crafty
11. Leave
12. French
river

43. Moving
45. Train tracks
46. Curves
48. Flavor 9. Buddy: river 18. Slope 20. Crazy 22. Printers' measure 23. Meadow 24. Japanese

Toward 39. Hang in 41. Disturb

measure 51. English 52. Rodent 53. Sweetsop 55. Electrified

29. Father

30. Poem

32. Existed

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School Counselor Attends Meeting

B. A. Hays, counselor for Merkel Public Schools, attended the Cisco Junior College Administrator - Counselor Conference on the CJC campus Tuesday, Feb. 11. A similar conference is to be held on March 11.

Administrators, including school

superintendents, high school principals, and county superintendents, and high school counselors from a 150 - mile radius of Cisco attended the all - day affair.

Purpose of the conference was to better acquaint school officials with the facilities, offerings and opportunities at CJC for their prospective high school graduates.

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1-Moline One-Way - 8 Disc

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2-2 Bale Cotton Trailers 1-No. 200 Tool Bar, and Planters, 4 Row

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4-4 Door Hog Feeders

1-2 Door Hog Feeder

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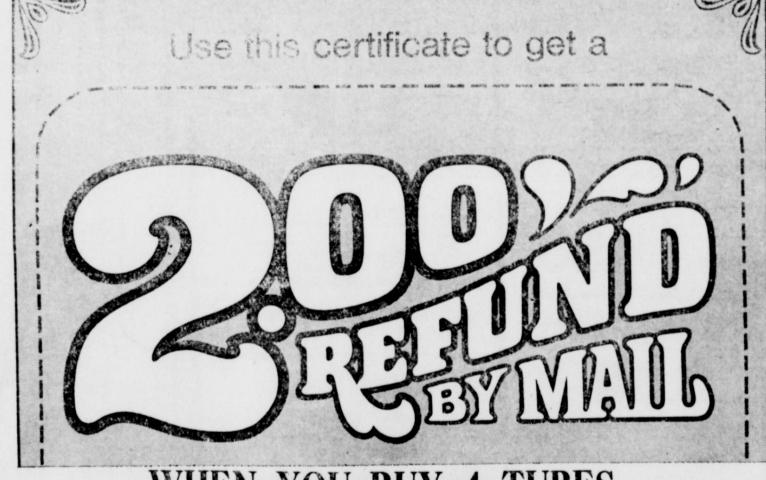
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Garden Club Meet Elects Officers

The Merkel Garden Club met Thursday, Feb. 6 in the home of Mrs. Johnny Cox, with Mrs. W. L. Brown as co-hostess.

Club theme was "Plant the Seed of Love for Bonsai." Mrs. Mack Fisher spoke on planting tree seed for potted plants, and timely tips from Lone Star Gardener was given by Mrs. Mary

During the business meeting officers for the 1969-70 year were elected. They are Mrs. Raymond Ferguson, president; Mrs. Charlie Sherrill, first vice president; Mrs. Oda Clark, second vice president; Mrs. Earl Hughes, third vice president, and Mrs. W. L. Brown, fourth vice president.

Also, Mrs. J. D. McConnell, recording secretary; Mrs. W. T. Sad-

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ler, corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. H. McElmurray, treasurer; Mrs. S. D. Gamble, parliamentarian, and Miss Christine Collins, club reporter.

Members attending the Thursday meeting were Miss Collins, and Mmes. McElmurray, Gamble, Sherrell, Click, Clark, O. R. Dye and Fisher.

Also Mmes. W. L. Brown, Herbert Patterson, Jarrett Williams, Ferguson, Cox and Osward Everett.

Rod Robertson Gets DMS Badge

Rodney W. Robertson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Robertson of Merkel, was one of five senior ROTC students at Hardin - Simmons University to receive the Distinguished Military badge on Tuesday, Feb. 11.

Col. Johnny M. Rice, professor of Military Science, pinned the DMS badges on the five students during the regular Corps drill.

Robertson is a 1965 graduate of Merkel High School.

Abilene Reader "Explores" Art

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Mrs. L. G. Bryant Jr., of Abilene, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Brown of Merkel is reviewing the book, "Exploring Art," for Merkel readers. The book is in the Merkel Library.)

EXPLORING ART by Kainz & Riley, Harcourt & Brace, 260 pp.

This book, which was designed to be used as a text for high school students, is a clear, comprehensive introduction to the world of art. It does, indeed, explore all the different realms of art with sections on painting, costumes, interiors, advertising, sculpture, etc. The very basic presentation of the material is easy to follow and can lead you to a much fuller appreciation of art and its uses in our everyday lives.

The book is greatly enhanced by a liberal use of illustrations — many in full color — which are of interest in themselves and serve to effectively point up ideas in the text. They range from examples of prehistoric art to the design of a modern tractor, with the work of many well - known artist and painters included.

- MRS. L. G. BRYANT JR

Dividend Declared

Directors of Lone Star Gas Compari meeting in Dallas today, Feb. 6, declared a quarterly dividend of 28c per share of common stock, payable March 10, 1969, to shareholders of record Feb. 21, 1969.

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