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Up The Canyon

By TOM
RUSSOM

February, shortest month of the year, is coming rapidly to a close. It was a very mild winter month in our area, with practically no snow and very little ice, giving livestock a break. However, livestock is showing they have been through some winter weather. Some stockmen say they have fed an awful lot of feed; others say they haven't fed so much.

To start with, both the farmers and ranchers had a lot of feed stored up for winter, and it will be pretty well used up by spring.

Well, as you well know, a large area got some good rain last week, and by the way, just think how it was timed. Right here in the month of spring, and you can almost see wheat and oats growing. Some few farmers are planning to sow oats when the land dries off. Last year, farmers had good luck with oats and baled up a lot of them for winter hay. A wonderful feed it makes.

The Canyon has recently received up to two inches of rain, and the ground is in excellent shape for plowing. It sounds like there will be a large acreage of milo planted this year, from the voices of farmers, which might be real good.

Well, just one week ago last Sunday Pioneer Church members took a program to the Starr Nursing Home. A fine mother and a good friend to many of us sat in the services and she sang along with the rest of us and two nights later, she passed from this life. Many of us had known her. She seemed to know all of us up to the last, as from time to time we would take a program. Many times I have shaken her hand and experiences like that is when you are drawn closer to what love really is. She will always be remembered in our area. Aunt Sally Campbell, our friend.

To tell you some more in the service that afternoon were Mrs. Hays and Mrs. Dishman, Mrs. Petty, Mrs. Lou Petty and Jack Huffman.

By the way, Jack Huffman used to haul my wheat for me. That was when I worked and drove my own combine. Old Jack would come out and put in the day hauling. He was a big stout man then.

Well, what about these two wedding anniversaries in Merkel this

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FOR MARCH 18

C-C TICKET SALES BEGIN THIS WEEK

Herman Carson, ticket sales chairman for Merkel Chamber of Commerce's Annual Banquet, was busy this week handing out tickets to chamber members to sell for the March 18 banquet.

And Johnny Cox, manager of the Merkel Chamber, is urging all area people "whether they are C-C members or not," to send in their choices of the Outstanding Citizen and Outstanding Farmer or Rancher.

"Some people have said they thought that only chamber members were qualified to vote," said

Cox. "This is not true; all people in the Merkel area, who are interested in seeing that citizens who give unselfishly of their time, are honored on this occasion."

(A form for selection of Outstanding Citizen and Farmer or Rancher will be found on page six.)

"Both the man and wife in a family may vote," added Cox.

Last year's recipient of the Outstanding Citizen was Booth Warren, president of Farmers and Merchants National Bank, and Outstanding Farmer honored was Joe McDuff.

Persons wishing to purchase tickets to the Chamber of Commerce Banquet may get them at Boney Insurance Agency, Carson's Super Market, Farmers and Merchants National Bank, Wilson's Food Store, Merkel Drug and The Merkel Mail, said Carson.

Raleigh Brown, judge of the 42nd District Court, will be guest speaker for the banquet. Dr. Don Warren will be master of ceremonies and Glen Reed, band director for Merkel Schools, will chair the entertainment.

Bill Button, president of the Merkel Chamber this week urged area people "to begin making plans now to attend the banquet."

"Attending the March 18 C-C Banquet is perhaps one more way of showing our interest in our town, and in its progress — as a town, community and schools," said Button.

CITY ELECTION Filing Deadline Is February 28

Deadline for filing for the three city offices is 5 p.m. this Friday, reminded city secretary, Mrs. Flossie McKeever.

Vacancies to be filled at the April 5 election are for two councilmen and mayor.

As of Wednesday noon, four had filed for the vacancies. They are Benny Melton, Vernon Wade, Derrell Farmer, incumbent, and Horace Hargrove for Mayor.

TC Farmers Union To Meet Tuesday

Taylor County Farmers Union members will have their regular meeting Tuesday, March 4 at the Taylor Electric Cooperative building.

Time will be 7 p.m. and "all members are urged to attend," said Pete Morgan, president.

F. A. Lawler, an outstanding farmer in the Anson area, will be guest speaker. Lawler will report on a Farmers Union Seminar held in Austin last week, where members were briefed on the Governor's Committee Report on Education.

Also on the agenda will be final plans for the upcoming membership drive, said Morgan.

NOTICE

Water service on the north side of the town will be cut off Sunday, March 2 from 7 until 9:30 a.m.

Persons living on the north side of Merkel are asked to remember the cutoff time.

Parent-Teacher Conference Scheduled For March 13-14



THE BIG LEAP — Coach Wendell Robinson's Tumbling Class at Merkel High School can do "most anything," when it comes to gymnastics. Making the big leap here is Steve Doan, and building the pyramid are, first row, from left, John Dixon, Mike Holmes and Kenny Jernigan; on top are Jerry Holmes, left, and Jerry Williams. Twenty-six boys are enrolled in the class and assisting Robinson are Bill Tate, Ronnie Aldridge and Gerald Williams. (Staff Photo)

PUBLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK COMING UP

This year, Texas Public Schools Week has been designated as March 3rd through 7th, and marks the 115th birthday of Texas Education on a full public level.

Parent-Teacher Conferences for the Merkel Public Schools have been set for March 13 and 14, whereby a time is set aside for parents and teachers to meet together "to discuss their children's progress in school."

"Even though March 13 and 14 are designated conference and visiting times for the Merkel Public Schools, we are always glad for parents to visit during Public Schools Week and at any other time," said Mack Fisher, Superintendent.

"Parents, relatives and friends of students are urged to visit public schools in their communities during the month of March," added Fisher. "It's a

chance to see many of the newest teaching innovations in operation, as well as a chance to show in person, an appreciation of the Texas Public Schools System."

"Your visit to the Merkel Primary and Elementary Schools is a pleasant and self-rewarding responsibility," said Principal, Leon Walker. "Make it a point to 'go back to school' during our conference time. You'll be glad you did."

Classes will be dismissed at noon Thursday and Friday, March 13-14, and parent-teacher conferences will begin at 1 p.m. each day.

Busses will leave the schools at 12:30 after regular lunch hours.

"The school administrators and teachers are eager to reveal new

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LEAGUE PRESIDENT SETS MEETING DATE

Don King, president of the Merkel Little League Association, is "concerned about the small number of parents who turned out for last Thursday's organizational meeting."

"The parents of Little Leaguers combined with their youngsters, league officials, umpires, coaches, auxiliary members and countless volunteers, including sponsors, represent an imposing cross section of the Merkel area," said King. "Little League organizations are going on right now all over the nation, and as parents and adults here in Merkel, if we plan and want to have a season, we must show our interest by attending the organizational meeting."

"Plans are now underway to enlarge and level the tee boxes, and mark the fairways with distance markers," said Winter. Sanding and smoothing the greens and revamping some of the existing holes, are also included in the plans.

Plans for golf course improvements are to be completed for a spring and summer of fine golf play, added Winter.

that they must shoulder responsibility and take initiative to make the local program successful," said King. "Little League is not a club in which membership implies baby-sitting benefits and entertainment privileges."

King pointed out that "practically speaking, Little League is an adult, volunteer work project constructed, supervised and assisted by parents who desire to make its benefits extended to their children."

King emphasized the fact that each parent should join in the total effort.

"There is a place and a job to do for all," said King. "The burden of operating the league should not fall on a few. The parent who shirks this responsibility cannot, in turn, expect others to assume the burden. The meeting on March 7 will be as active as the parents and others interested adults make it."

Election of officers for the new season will be held at the March 7 meeting.

"Parents should accept the fact

MERKEL COUNTRY CLUB SETS ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Merkel Country Club Golf Association has announced June 6, 7 and 8 as dates for the Annual Golf Tournament, according to Norman Winter, chairman of publicity.

The Annual Tournament will be held at the Merkel Country Club, and Carroll Benson was named as the overall tournament director. His assistants will be Beauford Allen, Bill Tate, Lloyd Robertson and Betty Jane Tittle.

Serving on the welcoming committee are Sylvan Mellinger, Dan Allen and Wren Durham.

Other committees are Tee Boxes, Horace Childrens, chairman; Ronnie Aldridge, Cracker Bartlett, Dean Smith and Scotty Higgins; Greens, Truett Thompson,

chairman; Herbert Patterson, Alonzo McElmurray, Danny Doan, Rex Beck and Junior Clark.

Also equipment: Robert Higgins, chairman; Lloyd Robertson, Bob Hook, Buddy Derrington and Wayne Jackson; Marking, D. C. Hendricks, chairman; Joe Alves, Ted Smith and Chester Carpenter; Watering, Roscoe Shields, chairman; Hollis Mitchell, Luke Reeger, S. C. Dixon, and Dan Allen.

Also Club House: Faye Robertson, chairman; Helen Benson, Mildred Reeger, Jo Ann Smith, Adelle Jones, Jo Ann Lassister, Mabel Higgins, Rodney Robertson and Danny Doan; Purchasing, Mack Seymore, chairman, Robert Higgins and Howard Carson.

Assisting Winter with publicity and advertising will be Dave Brumbeau.

Members of the board of directors are Howard Carson, president; Thompson, vice president; Seymore, secretary; Shields and Robert Higgins.

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PERSONALITY DRESSES — Something new has been added to Taylor Electric Cooperative's front office — a dress for "every occasion" to add even more color to the decor. Friday's dresses of green are modeled by Mmes. Leon Walker, left, and J. C. Carson, Joe Higgins and Loyd



Gilmore. In center picture, Mmes. Helen Mayfield, left, and Kenneth Purser, Ruby Dick and Lloyd Robertson are modeling Thursday's gold dresses. And in picture at right, Wednesday's dresses of blue are shown by Mmes. Adele Jones, left, and Weldon McAninch and Erma Black.



Not pictured is Mrs. Delores Tolen. The more attractive assembly of TEC will be wearing kelly green dresses on Monday and Tuesday's attire will be coral. So, if you have a "favorite" color, pick your day to visit TEC. (Staff Photos)



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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: Chester O. Rowell, 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 24th day of March A.D. 1969, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 3rd day of January A.D. 1969, in this cause, numbered 4501 on the docket of said court and styled Derlie Jean Rowell, Plaintiff, vs. Chester O. Rowell, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were legally married Nov. 15, 1960 and became permanently separated July 4, 1963. Plaintiff sues for divorce, 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 7th day of February A.D. 1969.

Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk,
Domestic Relations Court,
Taylor County, Texas
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
51 4tc

Mrs. Campbell Dies at Age 88

Funeral services for Mrs. Sallie E. Campbell, 88, were held Saturday, Feb. 22 at the Starbuck Funeral Chapel, with the Rev. James Sinclair, pastor of the Grace Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

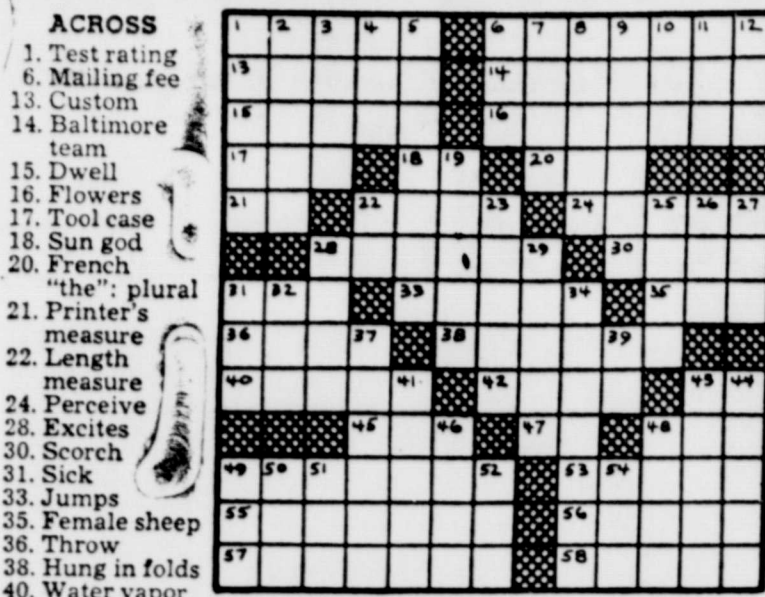
Mrs. Campbell, a longtime resident of the Blair community, died Thursday in the Starr Nursing Home where she had lived for the past 2½ years.

She was born in Hunt County, Tenn., July 7, 1880, and moved to Blair in 1895. She married W. A. Campbell in 1914. Mr. Campbell died in 1950.

Survivors include a son, Billy J. Campbell and several nieces and nephews.

Palbearers were Wallace Doan, Buddy Derrington, Arthur Addison, Robert Campbell, Donnie Melton and C. J. Melton Jr.

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1. Test rating
6. Mailing fee
13. Custom
14. Baltimore team
15. Dwell
16. Flowers
17. Tool case
18. Sun god
20. French "the"; plural
21. Printer's measure
22. Length measure
24. Perceive
28. Excites
30. Scorch
31. Sick
33. Jumps
35. Female sheep
36. Throw
38. Hung in folds
40. Water vapor
42. Male title: plural
43. In
45. Grate
47. Sodium: chem.

DOWN
1. Vibrate
2. Hut
3. Death notice
4. Clear
5. Everlasting
6. Explosive sound
7. Spoken
8. Trigonometric functions
9. Throws
10. — Baba
11. Command to a horse
12. English letter
19. Performed
22. Ilinium: chem.
23. Listens

ACROSS
48. French friend
49. One released on honor
53. Become liable
55. Come in again

DOWN
25. Require
26. Cutting tool
27. Before
28. Otherwise
29. Iberia
31. Possessive pronoun
32. Destiny
34. Wrenches
37. Malay dress
39. Plural suffix
41. Many: combining form
43. Entertain
44. Weary
46. Was
48. Land measure
49. For
50. Gas: combining form
51. Portuguese coin
52. Bitter vetch
54. Negative

"Human Rights" WSCS Program

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Merkel United Methodist Church met in regular session in Fellowship Hall, Tuesday.

Mrs. Denzil Cox presided at the business meeting in the absence of president, Mrs. Ray Wilson. Mrs. T. K. Anderson presented a program on International Human Rights of the Year 1968.

Mrs. N. S. Daniel asked the opening prayer and Mrs. John Shannon, the closing prayer. Ten members were present.

Merkel Visitors

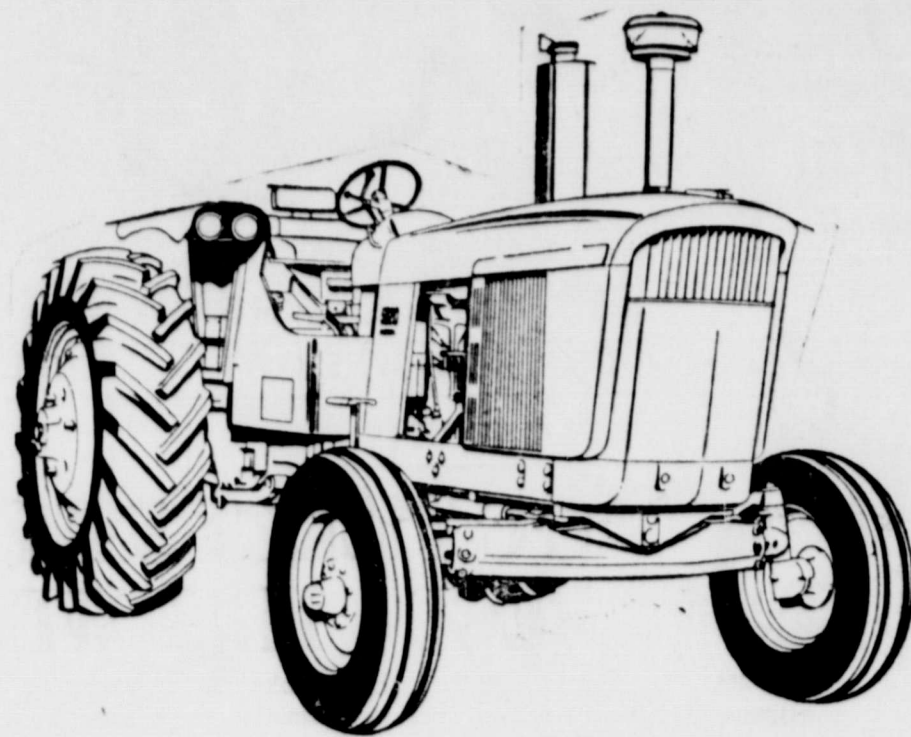
Mrs. Russell Snow of Port Lauderdale, Fla., is presently visit-

ing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McElmurray, and other relatives.

Also visiting the McElmurrays

this last week was Mrs. Jeff Anderson of Munday.

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MULBERRY CANYON 4-HERS ARE FIRST

Sixty-two entries were submitted by 4-H Club members in the Foods Show, held this past Saturday in the Westgate Shopping Center at Abilene.

Judy Brnovak of Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club was the senior division winner and Gail Boone of the Merkel Club was alternate. Junior division winner was Teresa Clemmer also of the Mulberry Canyon Club. Cindy Beasley of Trent 4-H Club was first alternate and Jerris Stephan, Merkel 4-H Club, second alternate.

Miss Brnovak's winning entry was Regency Ragout Casserole, and Miss Clemmer's was Cherry O'Tea Ring.

Mrs. Betty Foster, Taylor County Home Demonstration agent, and Anna Betard, assistant HD agent, supervised the show at the center.

Judges were Mrs. Kathryn Cawley, Lone Star Gas Home Economist; Mrs. Kay Shaver, extension office secretary; Miss Linda Caton, West Texas Util-

ity Home Economist, and Mrs. Earlene Horton, former WTU Home Economist.

Record book judges were Mrs. Charles Smith and Mrs. George Grantham, both Home Demonstration Club members.

Area 4-Hers entering foods in the Saturday Show were Jackie Harris, Audy Byrl, Cathy Holloway, Annetta Stephan, Cindy Byrd, Marsha Clyburn, Patricia Boyd and Christy Boone, all of Merkel.

Also Pam Mashburn, Mary Jo Reddin, Vickie Reddin, Polly Young, Jedy Reddy, Kathy Mansfield, Suzie Wilson and Zana Mansfield, all of Merkel.

Trent entries included Beely Freeman, Robie Freeman, and Brenda Griffith.

Mulberry Canyon entries were Beverly Gilmore and Rocky Bryan.

Winners in the County Food Show will go to San Angelo to compete in the District Food Show April 26.

Auction Saturday At Tye Center

The Tye United Methodist Church will hold an Auction at the Tye Community Center Saturday, March 1, according to church pastor, the Rev. Charles Williams.

A Sandwich Supper begins at 6 p.m., with auction to follow.

Items to be auctioned include handmade quilts, crafts, homemade cakes and pies, candlesticks, embroidery, knitting and many other items.

Don Dudley of Merkel will be auctioneer.

Merkel area people are invited to attend both the supper and the auction," said the Rev. Williams.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Lucy Ford has returned from Almagordo, N. M., after having spent five weeks with her daughter and family, the R. T. Blairs. She returned by Odessa and visited her brother, Mr. Jim Bridges and niece, Mrs. Sally Holt.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EDITOR'S NOTE — Letters to the editor do not necessarily express the view of the editor nor of this paper. But The Merkel Mail will continue to run letters to the editor as long as same are not liable, in good taste, and they must be signed.

Dear Editor:
This letter is to the citizenry of Merkel, Texas.

After having served as your night policeman for one week, I have accepted a job in another city.

During the short time I was in your employ, I learned to know and very much appreciate the work of your Chief of Police, Mike Briley, was doing.

In my estimation, Chief Briley

is a most dedicated person — to his work and to the citizens of Merkel. He takes his job as policeman most seriously and truly I believe you have one of the finest in the area.

Of course, we all know that a law enforcement officer is only as strong as the citizens with whom he works.

May I urge each of you to support your police department.

Sincerely,
RALPH WHITTENBERG

MEDICARE PATIENTS REMINDED HOSPITAL DEDUCTIBLE NOW \$44

Increased hospital costs of over 13 per cent have resulted in a 10 per cent increase in Medicare costs to elderly patients, beginning Jan. 1, 1969. This comes as a reminder from R. R. Tuley Jr., district manager of the Abilene social security office.

care inpatient hospital daily cost rose, nationally, from about \$38 in 1966 to about \$43 in 1967 and continued upward in 1968. Keeping pace with these rising costs required that the deductible be increased from \$40 to \$44 in each benefit period.

"The patient's share of the cost from the 61st day to the 90th day rises from \$10 to \$11. If he has to draw on his "lifetime reserves" from the 91st day to the 150th day in one benefit period, his share during that time has gone up from \$20 to \$22. Insured care in a skilled nursing home now costs the patient \$5.50 per day after the first 20 days, instead of \$5."

These increases were effective on or after Jan. 1, 1969, Tuley emphasized. A person who entered a hospital or skilled nursing home before January 1 pays the old rate throughout his stay even if it extended into 1969.

"If you have any questions about this or any other social security matter, inquire at your social security office at Room 2321 Federal Building, Abilene. Telephone number for the Abilene office is 677-5262," Tuley said.

Tuley said, "The average Medi-

CEMETERY FUND

Recent donations to the Merkel Cemetery Fund were made by the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Will Butman in memory of Andy Shouse.

W. M. Frazier in memory of Valerie Fay Frazier

Mrs. Ollie Skidmore

Mrs. John Mansfield in memory of R. D. Hunter

Lillian Dennis in memory of George T. Moore, Willard Pogue and Elma McFarland

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J. B. Castles

Mr. and Mrs. Etsel W. Hunter in memory of Cecil Rutherford Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bartlett in memory of George Peachey

Mrs. Frank Hamm, Mildred and Bill in memory of Michael Peachey

Nell Hughes Miller and P. W. Miller in memory of Andy Shouse Mr. and Mrs. Horace Boney in memory of Mrs. A. L. Farmer Mr. and Mrs. Benny Melton in memory of Mrs. L. A. Farmer

FHA Style Show Is Friday A.M.

Merkel Key Chapter of Future Homemakers of America will meet this Friday at 11:15 a.m. at the High School Auditorium for a business meeting, to be followed with the presentation of a Style Show.

The FHA Style Show, sponsored by Crawford's and Bragg's of Merkel and Lady Elegant of Abilene, will feature new spring fashions. Models will be FHA officers, with Mignon Crawford and Ghrona Tarpley as commentators.

The public is invited.

CONFERENCE

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teaching techniques and to answer any questions about our Public Schools which you may have," said Fisher.

The Texas Public Schools Week movement was started and has been sponsored by the Masonic Lodges of Texas, in the interest of continuing public educational opportunities.

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Parents Receive "Good" Report

Condition of Lance Corporal Robert H. (Frosty) Winter, injured Feb. 18 in Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam, is excellent, according to his father, Norman Winter.

In a telegram received Wednesday, Feb. 19, Mr. Winter was notified that Corporal Winter "sustained fragmentation wounds to the back, hips, legs, left arm and to the face from a hostile explosive device, while on patrol."

And in a message this past Saturday Winter was advised that Frosty's condition was excellent, and would be "returned to duty in approximately one week."

Mr. and Mrs. Winter received a personal letter from Frosty Sunday telling them "not to worry and that I am doing fine."

Corporal Winter is presently receiving treatment at the Station Hospital in Da Nang.

The same day Mr. and Mrs. Winter received the news of Frosty's injuries, they were notified of his promotion to Lance Corporal. His promotion having been made Feb. 11, he was man's squad leader with fifteen men in his squad.

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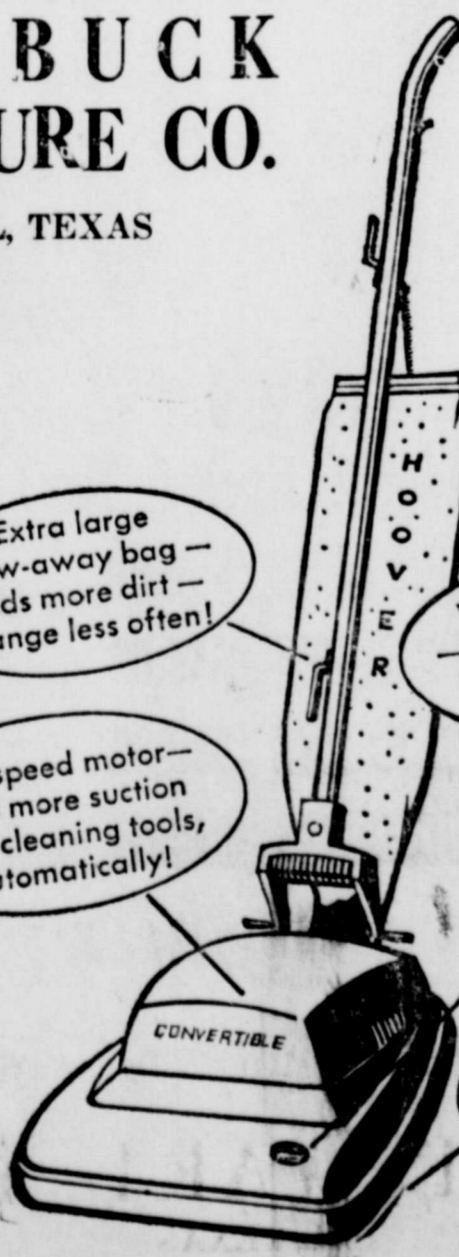
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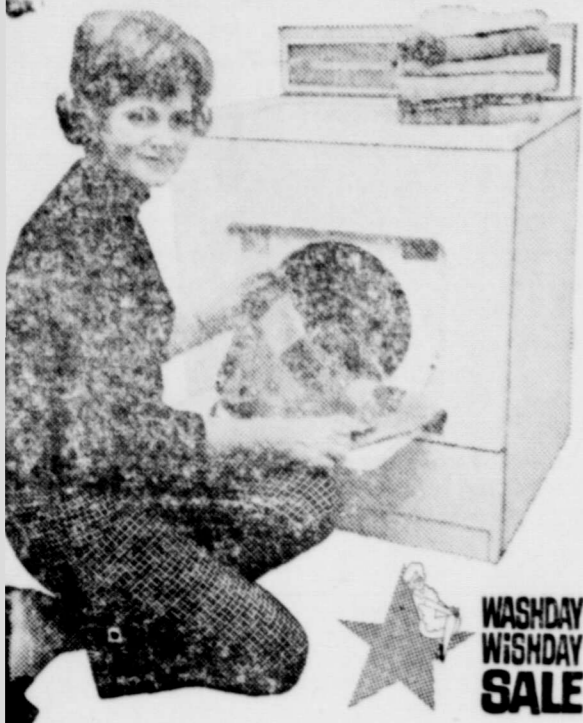
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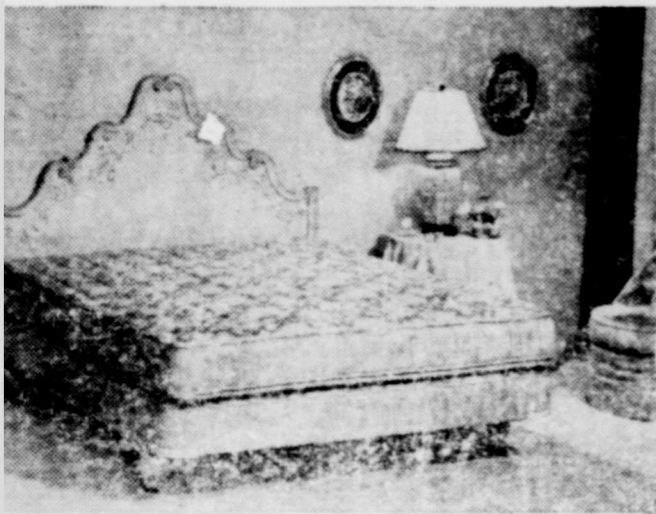
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Stith
News

By MRS.
FRITZ HALE



Mrs. Curtis Clyburn and Mrs.
Wade Shaw attended the Home
Demonstration Club Council meet-
ing in Anson Wednesday.

Mary Joe and Vickie Redding
and Marsha Clyburn attended the
4-H Food Show in Abilene Satur-
day.

Several from Stith attended the
funeral services of George Mi-
chael Peachey in the Merkel
First Baptist Church Friday.
George Michael was a cousin of
Mrs. Charles Fikes of Stith.

Mr. and Mrs. Abb Evans vis-
ited Sunday with her parents.
Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Schwartz,
in Abilene.

Mrs. Fletcher Jones is slowly
improving, after having surgery
in Hendrick Memorial Hospital
Wednesday. Her room number is
505A.

Martha Perry of Dallas spent
the weekend with her parents,
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry. Mr.
and Mrs. W. O. Perry of Tye,
were dinner guests Sunday in
their son's home. The Rev. James
Williams was also a supper guest
in the Perry home.

Kathy Newton and five more
girls for the Beacon Heights Bap-
tist Church in Lubbock attended
the Y.W.A. House party at Har-
din - Simmons University last
weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hale, Shir-
ley and Mike of Lubbock, visited
Mr. Hale's parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Fritz Hale Sunday.

Frostie Winter, grandson of Mr.
and Mrs. M. E. West was wound-
ed in Vietnam Tuesday of last
week and is in the U.S. General
Hospital in Da Nang. Mr. and
Mrs. Norman Winter of Merkel,
Frostie's parents, received a let-

ter from their son Sunday. He
told them not to worry, that he
was going to be all right.

Mr. and Mrs. Alanzo Peterson
of Merkel visited Mr. and Mrs.
Paul Bradley Sunday.

One of Stith's Community's old
landmarks burned Sunday at 4
a.m. It was the old Jack Cannon
home. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bond
were living in the house and es-
caped through a bedroom win-
dow. The house and all its con-
tents were a total loss.

It was the former home of Mr.
and Mrs. Sam Mashburn for over
40 years. Mrs. Mashburn, the
former Vergie Cannon, passed
away in November of 1962 and
at her death her part of the prop-
erty went to the Mashburn daugh-
ter, Mrs. Murry Toombs of Lub-
bock. Mr. Mashburn continued
living in the home until a year
ago, and he moved to Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon McAninch
bought Mrs. Toombs' part of the
property. Mrs. McAninch is the
former Margaret Cannon. The

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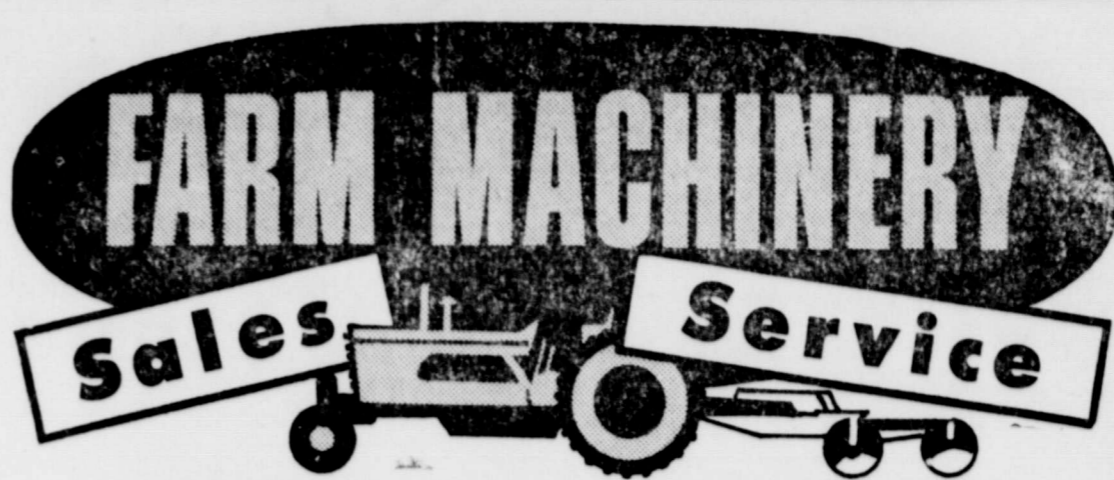
McAninch's sold the property re-
cently to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis
Johnson of Anson. Mr. Johnson,
tax collector of Jones County, and
now the owner, and his parents,
the late Mr. and Mrs. Clarence
Johnson, lived on the place when
he was a little boy.

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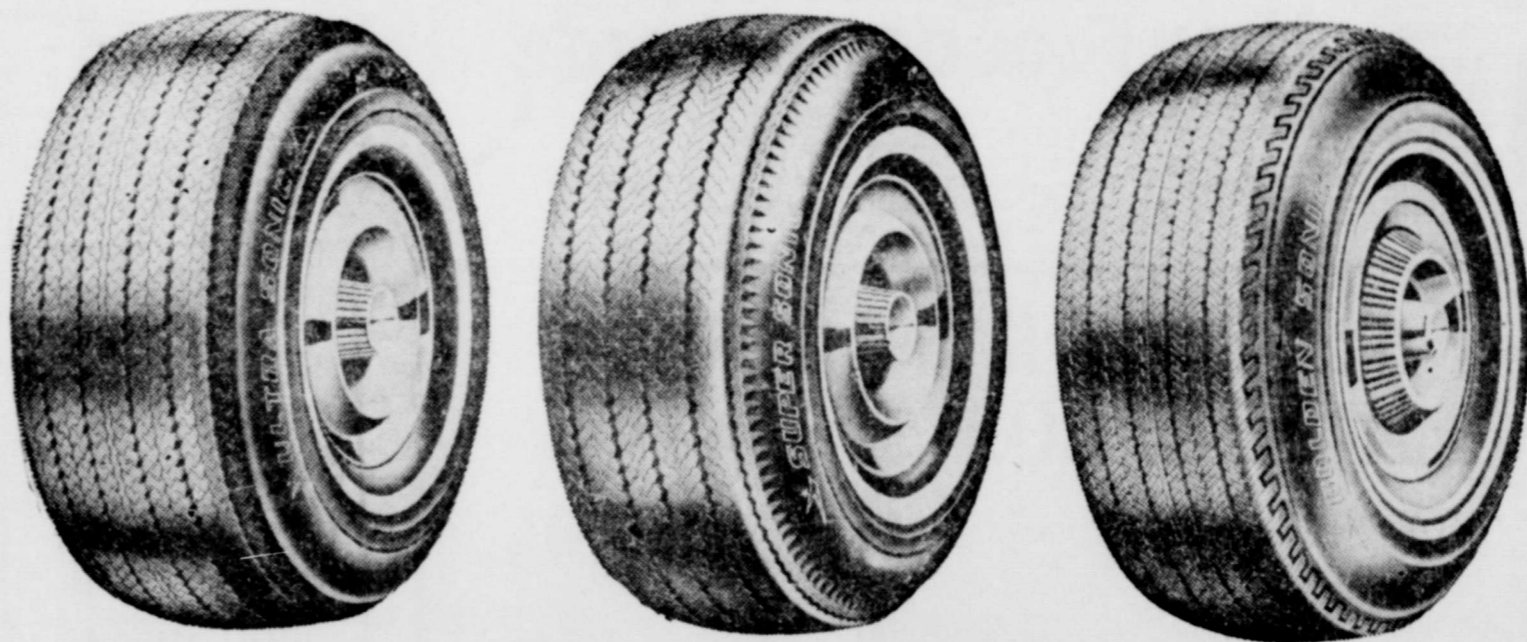
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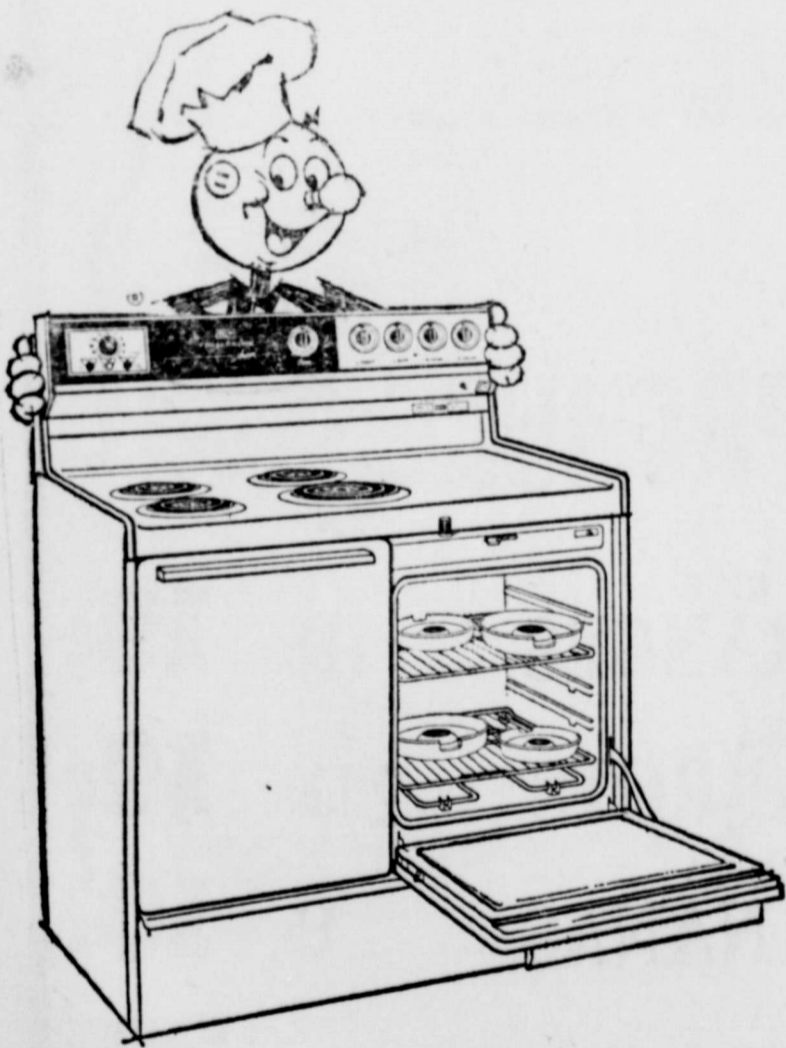
Do you expect . . . TO UPHOLD GOD'S WORD as the supreme authority in all matters of religion and morals? II Tim. 3:16, 17. Your ETERNAL LIFE depends upon it. Jesus said, "You shall know the TRUTH and the TRUTH shall make you free." John 8:31, 32. No "watered down" version of God's truth is TRUTH . . . You can't "Act like" or "Play like" religion and expect it to be the TRUTH or to save your soul.

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After Jesus had taught the plain truth many of His disciples "went back, and walked no more with Him. (John 6:66) Then He ask his disciples "Will you also go away?" (6:67) CAN YOU TAKE THE TRUTH??? CAN YOU ANSWER AS DID PETER . . . "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life."

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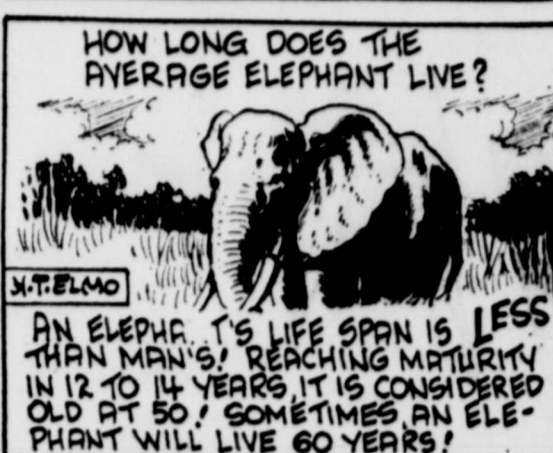
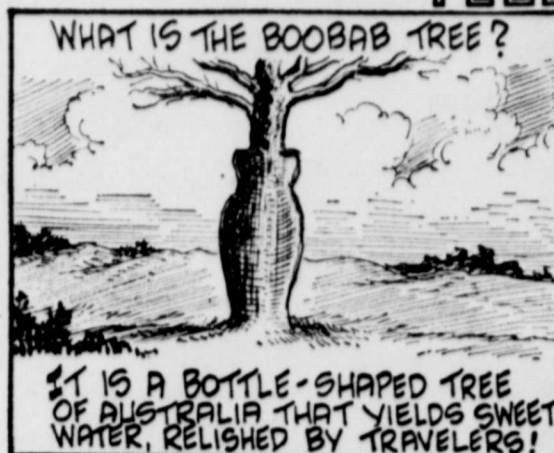
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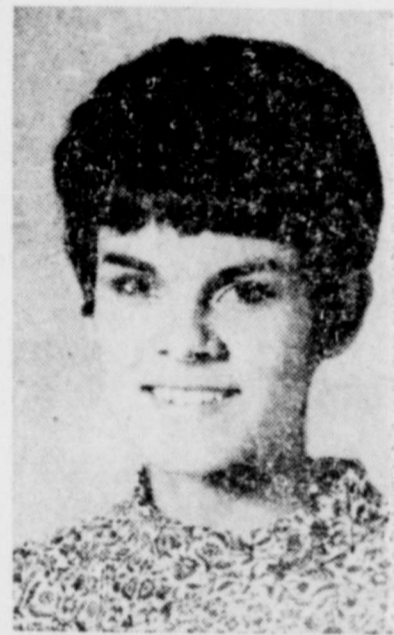
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Wedding Plans

BLACK-CARTER

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Black announce the engagement of their daughter, Debra Elaine, to Mr. Charles Michael Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carter of Abilene.



DEBRA ELAINE BLACK
... planning June wedding

The bride-elect is a senior at Merkel High School.

Carter is an Abilene High School graduate, attends McMurry College and is employed with Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.

Wedding vows will be exchanged at the First Baptist Church in Merkel on June 7.

READER SUGGESTS GROWING CACTI

(Editor's Note: Reviewing a book from the Merkel Library this week is Mrs. John Oliver, whose hobby is growing Cacti. Merkelites who have visited Mrs. Oliver's Cactus Garden, know that a great amount of time, thought and reading, has gone into the making)

Browsing through the "Flowering of Cacti," a book by H. Rose, which you can find in the Merkel Library, lists some kinds of cacti which would make "conventional plants," and are easily grown.

The most popular is the Chamaecereus Silvestrii (the common name is peanut or cat tail cactus). It is quite a unique plant and is easily grown. The flowers are large and scarlet color.

The Rhipsalis makes a nice plant or hanging baskets. There are several species of these plants.

The Parodias are interesting plants. The flowers are blood red and are as large as the globe shaped plant.

The Stapelias (star fish cactus) are strange plants. The plant itself is very decorative; flowers are large, some as large as dinner plates.

Hoya Vine or Wax plant or parlor plant, is an excellent plant for decoration. It has large wax leaves and the flowers are pink in color and look to be made of porcelain.

The Echinopsis or the Easter Lilly Cactus has large lily-like flowers. These plants bloom at night.

The above are only a few of the many kinds of cactus that can be used as pot plants. When spring

arrives the plants can be moved outside.

—By MRS. JOHN OLIVER

NEW ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Fisher of Winnie, Tex., are the parents of a 7 pound, 8 ounce boy, born Feb. 5.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Fisher of Ringwood, Okla. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Fisher of Merkel.

The baby boy, named Johnny Ray, is the first grandchild and first great-grandchild of the Fishers.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Ray of Fort Worth are the parents of a baby girl, born Feb. 21. Named Patricia Ann, the baby weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces at birth. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray of Mulberry Canyon and Mr. and Mrs. George Kitchen of Breckenridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Doan of

1404 South 11th, Merkel, announce the birth of a baby boy, Feb. 18. The baby, named Ricky Jack, weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Buster Thompson, and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Doan, all of Merkel.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wade Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan, and Lester Shugart, all of Merkel.

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