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Up The Canyon

By TOM
RUSSOM

Well, March is gone and here comes the month of April. We had less wind in the month of March in our area, then I can recall in many years gone by. However, April could take the month of March and bring some high winds.

In spite of some cold fronts that have just passed through our areas the livestock has been able to keep down the grazing of the grain.

Some farmers are fencing off parts of their wheat and going to graze it, due to the fact of paying \$3.00 per acre for harvest and the low price of \$1.25 per bushel for wheat. In some cases stockmen have plenty of native pasture for stock and they are going ahead to try to get a crop of wheat. Too, the wheat comes off real early and brings in some early money at the right time.

It is much surprising to know how much the farmers are trying to cut the cost of farming operation, in many ways a lot of it from a labor standpoint. It's needless to say it is almost impossible to get farm and ranch labor at the price we would have to pay.

Our part of the country could wind up like the Eastern part of Texas. I have noticed on my trips back to Wood County that many of the pastures have been seeded to good grasses, and just pa and ma left on the farm with some laying hens and a milk cow and the children up in Dallas with good jobs. When I was a young boy living in that country the land grew lots of cotton and corn — that those were the money crops. The question confronts us, who is going to be left down on the farm?

We received word here this week that Fayne Perry of Aspermont passed away in Houston. Fayne went for a checkup some two weeks ago and was unable to be brought home afterwards. Funeral services were in Aspermont this week. Mrs. Frank Brnovak and Mrs. C. E. Huff, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russom left early Tuesday to be with the family and attend the funeral in Aspermont. The Perrys were very close friends of the Russoms.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seymore and children visited over the weekend with a son and family. Mr. and Mrs. Riley Jack Seymore of Wichita Falls. Joe reported the wheat all way around Seymour and all way on their trips was as fine as he ever saw and lots of cattle on the wheat. He said they were fat and big, and will be more so in thirty days.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewell McLean reports their son, Hollis, is still improving after serious surgery some three months ago.

MERKEL OPTIMISTS HONOR HS STUDENTS

Eleven area young people were honored Tuesday evening at the Optimist Club's annual Youth Appreciation and Oratorical Contest Banquet held at the Merkel Restaurant.

Area honorees represent Merkel, Trent and Noodle High schools and are students who were voted outstanding by their school faculties.

Noodle honorees were Clint Byers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Byers, and Evelyn Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Cook.

Trent students honored were Arthur Maberry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Maberry, Cresta Sipes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yates Sipe, and Danne Kay Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin



SIGNS UT PRE-ENROLLMENT — Stan Hicks, second from right, and Trent's all-star football player, is shown signing the University of Texas' pre-enrollment form in the coaches' lounge on the UT campus. With him during his enrollment session are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Hicks, and at left, UT football recruiter and backfield coach, Emory Ballard. (UT Photo)

TRENT'S ALL-STAR PLAYER IS OFFERED UT SCHOLARSHIP

Stan Hicks, a Trent High School senior and star football player on the Gorilla Team, took "time out" from a busy schedule to travel to Austin and the University of Texas recently to sign a pre-enrollment scholarship and to be "welcomed to UT" by Coach Darrell Royal and backfield coach, Emory Ballard.

After pre-lims, Stan went on a tour of the huge 40-acre campus with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Hicks.

Back on his high school campus, Stan is "busy right now" with tennis tournaments, having won first place in doubles this past Monday in District 9-B UIL matches.

A parttime employe of Cal-Tex Food Yards, Stan still has time for Interscholastic League Activities, one-act plays, science contests and golf. And he names his hobbies as playing the electric guitar, singing and golfing.

A run-down of Hick's athletic activities during his four years include:

Lettered in football, four years, was 1969 All-District, and all

area both offensive and defensive. He was high point scorer in area in 1969.

A four-year letterman in basketball, he made honorable mention in 1968.

Tennis, three years — sophomore year went to regional and finals and junior year, regional and semi-finals.

Stan took 6th place in regional in pole vaulting his junior year.

He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Freeman of Trent and Mrs. Ethel Hicks of Merkel.

City Sales Tax Totals \$4,553

Mrs. Flossie McKeever, Merkel city secretary, reported Saturday that the city received a check for \$4,553.58 for the one percent sales tax revenue during October-December of 1968.

Johnny Cox, Merkel Mayor, said this is the largest return so far from the sales tax, and remarked "perhaps the Christmas buying period accounted for much of the increase."

The spring quarter ending June 30, 1968, brought \$3,123.53, and the summer quarter ending September 30, 1968, brought \$3,672.73. Cox said that it is estimated that Merkel will receive approximately \$14,000.00 in tax money for the 12-month period.

THS Tennis Team Wins First Place

In the District 9-B UIL Spring Meet, held at Rose Park in Abilene Monday, the Trent High School Tennis team placed first. Stan Hicks and Pat Carriker placed first in the doubles and Monty Hearty, junior high, won first in singles. Gaylon Brnovak placed 4th in senior high singles.

This is the third consecutive year that Hicks and Carriker have won first in the District Meet. They will go to Regional in Stephenville April 17-18.

MHS Spanish Club Sets Bake Sale

Merkel High School Spanish Club will have a Bake Sale Saturday, April 5 to begin at 10 a.m.

The Sale will be held in front of the West Texas Utilities building, with a special Easter Cake being offered.

HONOR SOCIETY REQUIRES SCHOLASTICS AND SERVICE

Becoming a National Honor Society member doesn't come easy, as members of Merkel High School National Honor Society can readily agree.

"Occasionally some students are born with the genius mark, but not often," remarks Alan Reed, recent inductee in to the society. "It takes plenty of study and hard work, plus a desire to be of service to your school, and all that means work aplenty."

Rodney Mashburn, 68-69 president of National Honor Society, agrees with the new inductee when work is mentioned.

"There must be a time for study and a time for play, but always a practical viewpoint on time given for each," explains Rodney. "With scholastic ratings and high expectations of graduating students for entering colleges, study is necessary for all whether they are in the Honor Society or not."

To become a member of the NAT the Charter requires that "candidates shall have spent at least one year in Merkel High School and be members of the junior or senior class."

Candidates eligible for election to the National Honor Society shall have "minimum scholastic and department average of 90 per cent."

Along with the 90 per cent average, candidates will "then be considered on their service, their leadership and their character."

Members of the Merkel High School National Honor Society this year are Mashburn, president; Kayne Lynn Conley, vice president; Janis Long secretary, Ann Walker, treasurer; Katherine Patterson, reporter, and Ghronda

283 Voters Turn Out For City Election

With a total of 283 votes cast, Horace Hargrove was elected mayor in Merkel's City Election held Tuesday.

Winning the election for the two councilmen vacancies were incumbent Derrell Farmer and Leon Walker.

In the race for Mayor there were three write-in candidates. They were former chief of police, D. B. Bowen, with write-in vote of 57; Kent Satterwhite, 7; and Genn Teaff with 3.

Councilmen candidates, Farmer was re-elected with 138 votes and Leon Walker received 137.

Other councilman candidates were Benny Melton who ran third in the race with 118 votes; Vernon Wade 56; Royce Hardy 47, and Henry Brady 43.

Of his election for Mayor, Hargrove thanked Merkel citizens "for their vote of confidence, and promised to "do the very best I can for the good of Merkel."

"Of course," said Hargrove, "it takes all the people of Merkel working together all the time to keep our city on the progressive list. I feel sure we will have your help, and I will do the best that I possibly can as your mayor."

Farmer, contacted early Wednesday morning, said he "thanked the people of Merkel for their votes, and he "would continue to serve the city in the best way I know how."

"Thank you, people of Merkel, for your vote of confidence," said councilman elect Walker. "I re-emphasize my remarks made before the election in that I offer

myself only for service to the city and I will do the best that I can for the community."

Hargrove is assistant manager of Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Walker is principal of the Merkel Elementary and Primary Schools and Farmer is Plant Superintendent at Taylor Telephone Cooperative.

At the regular monthly council meeting Monday, April 7, at 7:30 p.m., retiring mayor, Johnny Cox, will administer the Oath of Office to Hargrove. The new Mayor will then in turn install Walker and Farmer as new councilmen.

WOW Drill Team Goes to Dallas

The Woodmen of the World Drill Team, delegates and alternates attended the 34th Biennial WOW Convention in Dallas this past weekend.

Drill team included Mmes. Roy Matthews, Irene Hurd, Edith Perry, Alf Walla, John Oliver, Karl Bonneaux, Charlie Seago and Miss Maurine White. Miss Dorothy Torrence was pianist for the team.

Delegates were Mrs. Seago and Mrs. Walla. Alternates were Mrs. Oliver and Mrs. Bonneaux.

The National WOW Convention will be held in San Francisco, Calif. in July.



RECEIVING PURPLE HEART — Lance Cpl. Robert H. (Frosty) Winter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Winter of Merkel, is shown here receiving best wishes and the Purple Heart from Brig. Gen. Dooley, shortly after he was injured in combat in Vietnam in February. Frosty's promotion to Lance Corporal was made Feb. 1 at which time he was made squad leader with fifteen men in his squadron. (U.S. Marine Photo)

Trent School Board Election Saturday

Trent's School Board Election will be held at the City Hall this Saturday. Polls will open at 7 a.m. and G. L. Quattlebaum will be election judge.

Outgoing board members are M. L. Riggan and J. M. (Monk) Stowe.

Candidates filing for election are incumbent, Stowe, and Billy Wayne Hamner. Mrs. Eldon (Rejean) Hicks and Frank Brnovak.



GLAD TO HAVE YOU — Rodney Mashburn and Kaye Lynn Conley, at right, president and vice president respectively of the Merkel High School National Honor Society welcome new members at a recent meeting. New members are, from left, Alan Reed, Cathy Beaird and Donna Diltz. MHS's National Honor Society now has 20 members, consisting of juniors and seniors. (Staff Photo)

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THE FIZZLE FAMILY



By H.T. Elmo

THE MERKEL MAIL, MERKEL, TEXAS
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LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas —
GREETING:
You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County,

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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Ezelle Matthews, Defendant, Greeting:

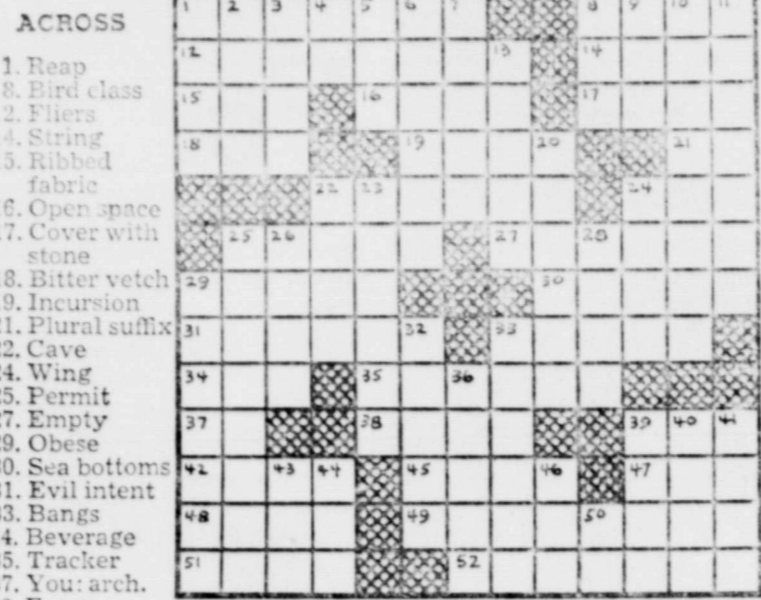
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 21 day of April A. D. 1969, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 24 day of June A.D. 1968, in this cause, numbered 4189 on the docket of said court and styled Juanita Matthews, Plaintiff, vs. Ezelle Matthews, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were

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15. Ribbed fabric
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17. Cover with stone
18. Bitter vetch
19. Incursion
21. Plural suffix
22. Cave
24. Wing
25. Permit
27. Empty
29. Obese
30. Sea bottoms
31. Evil intent
33. Bangs
34. Beverage
35. Tracker
37. You: arch.
38. Every
39. Land
42. Girl's name
45. Paragraph
47. Hair fabric
48. Moroccan coin
49. Next day
51. Gael
52. Recaptured

DOWN
1. Rabbit
2. State
3. Tears
4. States: abbr.
5. Greek letter
6. Grief
7. Handle
8. High peak
9. Through
10. Surrounds
11. Teeters
13. Says: arch.
20. Scribble: slang
22. Adhesive
23. Spin
24. Medicinal shrub
25. Inclined to sports
26. Learning
28. Cordelia's father
29. Remainers
32. Characteristic
33. Plan
36. Player
39. Yelp
40. Wind instrument
41. Wide open
43. Truth: Chin.
44. High pitch: mus.
46. Witty saying
50. Sun god

married Oct. 4, 1940, and became separated May 3, 1968. Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of Mental cruelty. Plaintiff prays that she be awarded custody of the minor child, and for an equitable division of the community property, 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 the 10 day of March A.D. 1969.

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

Anyone who dropped out, or was dropped, from the medical insurance part of Medicare for any reason whatsoever in 1966, 1967 or 1968, can re-enroll in action is taken on or before March 31, 1969.

BADGER TRACKS

By WALLY KNIGHT

The Junior Plays were a big success. Attendance at both performances was good. All three of the plays were funny and the Junior actors did a good job. The old ladies in the last play were played perfectly by six Junior girls. They did a great job, but I wonder if they were really acting?

Work on the Senior three - act play will begin Monday.

School will not be held Thursday or Friday due to the Easter

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TO: James Le Roy Smith, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 104th District 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 28 day of April A.D. 1969, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 30 day of Aug. A.D. 1968, in this cause, numbered 10,810-B on the docket of said court and styled Barbara Smith, Plaintiff, vs. James Le Roy Smith, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about Aug. 22, 1959 and were separated on or about July 27, 1965. Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of harsh and cruel treatment. Plaintiff asks for custody of the minor child and for a reasonable amount of child support, 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.

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rects.
Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 17 day of March A.D. 1969.
(Seal)
Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk, 104th District Court Taylor County, Texas. By Marie Gill, Deputy.

holidays. The seniors will leave on their annual senior trip Wednesday night. The seniors, along with their sponsors, will travel to Galveston and will stay at the Jack Tarr Motel. While on the trip the group also plans to visit the Astrodome and possibly NASA. The group will return Saturday night.

The Teen Center will be happening again this Saturday night. All the beautiful people from Merkel High are invited to attend. Admission is free for only 35 cents, so ya'll come.

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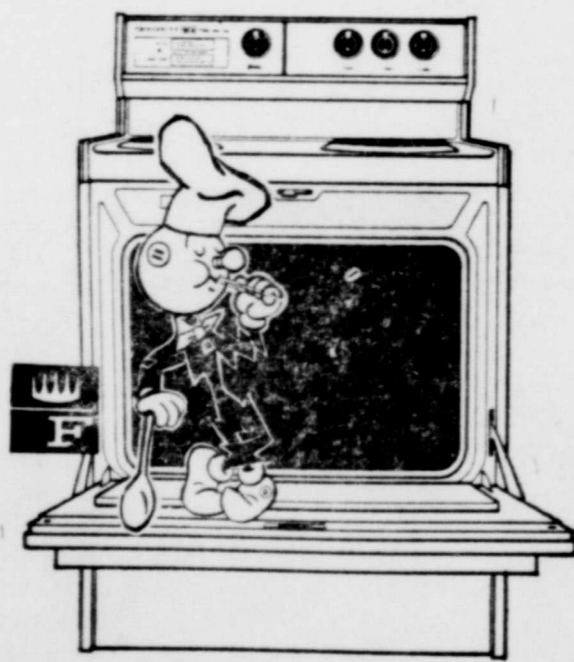
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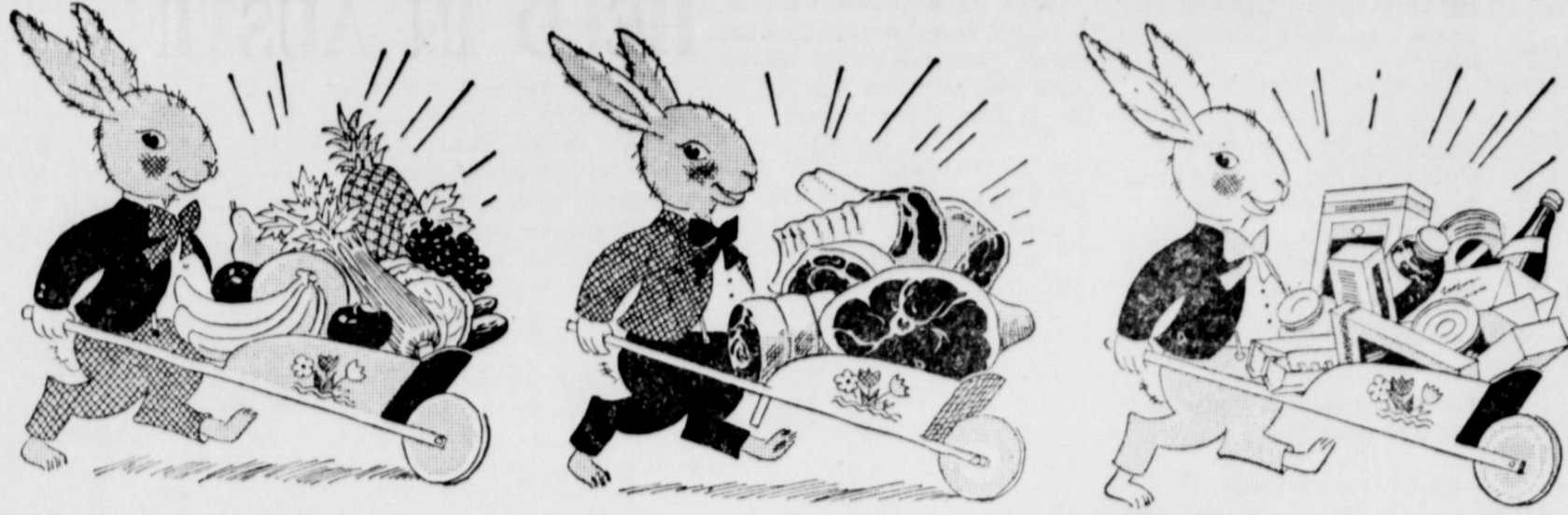
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OPTIMIST CLUB HONORS OUTSTAND STUDENTS

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is to stand," said Mark Dudley, in his opening remarks concerning Law and Order. "Respect for law is taught early in life and the corner stone of our country is law. And now is the moment to re-establish God's law and man's law."

In his emphasis on Law and Order, Glenn Davis reminded Optimist members and guests of the old proverb, "A chain is as strong as it's weakest link."

"So is Democracy as strong as its citizens," he said. "There must be laws to protect us, and we must help all our public officials in helping to maintain law and order."

Respect of fellowman, honesty, and integrity, were strongly emphasized by Jeff Whisenhunt in his speech.

"What is worth doing, is worth doing right," reminded Jeff. "And we must always remember that each of us is responsible for our own actions."

Jeff also reminded his audience that respect for law "must begin at home."

Winning the oratorical contest was Dudley, who will give his speech later for the Optimist Zone meeting.

Judges for the event were Ernest Sublett, and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson, all of Abilene. Sublett is with the Speech Department at McMurry College; Mrs. Johnson speech teacher at Lincoln Junior High, Abilene, and Johnson, an announcer for KWKC Radio in Abilene.

In outlining the outstanding activities of each of the young people honored Mrs. Vincent Barnett said that "all of the young people had earned their title Outstanding because of their service in their school and their community."

In announcing each honoree, Mrs. Barnett noted their accomplishments in their respective communities:

Arthur Maberry, a senior at Trent High School is a Blue T Awardee from 1965 through 1968. He was the Optimist Young Texan of the Month for February, Zone F, and was the Outstanding High School student, 1967-68.

His athletic activities include football, four years; honorable mention all district, 1968; basketball, three years; and track, four years.

Extra curricular activities and awards or honors include Mr. THS 1968-69; class favorite, 1968-69, and class president, four years. He is active member of the United Methodist Church and has past president of MYF.

Cresta Sipe is a junior at Trent High School where she has participated in basketball, track, tennis, band, volleyball during her three years. She was elected football sweetheart her sophomore year, was a drum major in the band and twirler her junior year. She has been an officer in her class the past two years.

This coming year, Cresta has been elected head cheerleader. She is an active member of the First Baptist Church, and in school maintains a grade average of 90.

Danna Kay Thompson, a senior student, has maintained a 95 grade point average in high school. She is the current Miss Trent High School and has been elected most outstanding, most likely to succeed, and class favorite.

She has served as president of the Trent Chapter of Future Homemakers of America for two years.

Four years, Danna Kay has been an outstanding Girl Scout Band member and was elected band sweetheart her sophomore year. She is currently a cheerleader for THS and has been an active participant in University Interscholastic League contests.

Athletics include basketball for four years, being named to the All-District Team her sophomore and junior years and All-Regional this year. She has also played volleyball and run track.

She is a member of the Sylvester Baptist Church and is regular in attendance in Sunday School and Training Union.

Evelyn Cook, a Noodle HS senior, is presently editor of the Mustang, senior class secretary, and was voted class favorite all four years in high school. She was voted best all-around girl and most popular girl in her senior year.

She received the Merkel Optimist Outstanding Student Award in 1966. She is a member of the Noodle Baptist Church and is active in Sunday School and Train-

ing Union. Evelyn plans to enter Hardin - Simmons University this fall.

Clint Byers, also a Noodle HS senior, was voted Mr. MHS, most likely to succeed, and class favorite during his senior year.

In athletics he has lettered in football, basketball and track his junior year. He was football captain and was named basketball manager his senior year.

He was a member of Future Farmers of America his freshman and sophomore year.

Merkel honorees are:

Paul B. Thames, a 15 year old sophomore, is a 1968-69 varsity football and basketball player. He is a member of the annual staff and president of his class.

President of the Youth council in his church he is secretary-treasurer of Fellowship of Christian Athletes huddle group.

Paul's grade average his freshman year was 97.5.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Thames.

Sharon Doan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Doan, is a member of the Badger Band (student leader and on the band council), National Honor Society, Future Homemakers of America, and Drama Club.

She is entered in the Interscholastic League in shorthand.

Gail Gentry, a 16 year old sophomore had a grade average her freshman year of 85. She is a member of the annual staff, librarian for the Merkel High Band and historian of the Future Homemakers of America.

She is a member of the First Baptist Church.

Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gentry.

Donna Diltz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Diltz, is a junior at Merkel High. She is a twirler for the band and is also a member of the band council. She was a class favorite her sophomore year.

Donna is a member of the Drama Club and was selected for the all star cast in the one-act plays. She is also a member of the National Honor Society.

Tommy Derington, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Derington Jr., is a junior at MHS. He had the highest grade point average for the freshman class and also highest average for his sophomore year.

For three years, he has been on the basketball team and on the football team his junior year.

He is a member of the National Honor Society.

Rodney Mashburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn, is vice president of his senior class.

He is president of the National Honor Society and a last year honoree by the Merkel Optimist Club.

Rodney is a four year letterman in football.

Bill Butler, Merkel Optimist president, welcomed members and guests and Max Murrell was Master of Ceremonies.

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DISPOSAL WORKSHOP HELD IN AUSTIN

A Refuse Disposal Workshop, held last week in Austin touched on "Air Control Board Regulations," and "Disposal Methods."

Attending from Merkel were City Councilman Clyde Wurst and Water Superintendent Robert Harris.

Representatives heard talks on "Composting," "Composting," and "The Sanitary Landfill," for Disposal Methods.

"However, the most important part for Merkel citizens is to know that a new method will have to be adopted on or before July 1 of this year," said Harris.

Wurst said that "Merkel would probably adopt the sanitary landfill, which simply means burying the refuse at the dump ground."

Wurst pointed out that "open dumps contribute to water and air pollution."

"Open dumps are also sources of food and harborage for insects, rodents, birds and other wildlife that may act as disease carriers," he said.

"Many immediately picture the

traditional open, frequently burning dumps as a landfill," said Harris. "but this is not true. A true sanitary landfill is not an open dump."

The sanitary landfill is defined by the American Society of Civil Engineers as "A method of disposing of refuse on land without creating nuisances or hazards to public health or safety, by utilizing the principles of engineering to confine the refuse to the smallest practical area, to reduce it to the smallest practical volume, and to cover it with a layer of earth at the conclusion of each day's operation, or at such more frequent intervals as may be necessary."

Steve Matthews, Executive Director, Texas Municipal League, presided at the Austin Workshop.

Council members will hear Wurst and Harris report on the Workshop at the regular council meeting Monday, April 7, and discussion by members is planned concerning refuse disposal for Merkel.

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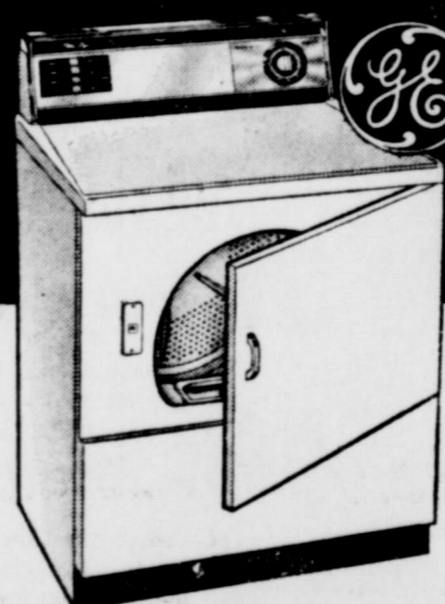


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Mrs. Weston Notes 90th Year

Mrs. H. M. Weston of 1107 No. 4th Street, celebrated her 90th birthday Saturday, March 29, at her home.

Attending the celebration were her six children, Mrs. George Reeves, Comanche; John Weston, Wichita Falls; Buck Weston, Stroud, Okla.; Mrs. Raymond Burdette, Goldthwaite; Mrs. Lynward Harrison, Coahoma, and Joe Weston, Midland.

Mrs. Weston has 16 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren. She has lived in Merkel for 38 years, and lived in the Mulberry Canyon for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Weston were married in the year of 1896 on the W. G. Whorton Ranch, 45 miles west of Kerrville. They lived in Llano County for four years

where Mr. Weston ranched. He died in 1930.

Mrs. Weston, in recalling her earlier years, remembers when she helped her brothers on the ranch. "I rode a horse every day," she said, "and helped my three brothers with the farm work. I remember there were no barb-wire fences — only drift fences."

Mrs. Weston remembers that for main entertainment they rode a buckboard to dances and "danced all night."

She lives by herself and does all her own housework and "still pieces quilts."

In thinking about her 90 years of living she remarks, "I have a lot to be thankful for."

She is a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

AN OPEN LETTER TO MERKELITES

Custom has decreed and time the opportunity for a retiring mayor to give some account of his stewardship, of successes and failures, of frustrated plans and many disappointments.

1. It is with sincere appreciation of and for the cooperation of the various councilmen who have served during the last four years, the city secretary and employees taken as a whole with all our citizens, has made possible any successes.

2. The City Charter has been changed from the Old Township form of government to that of a city which now provides for the authority to annex at any time 10% of the incorporated area without an application from property owners.

3. Our engineer has surveyed and squared up the town, taking in some property that for 60 years received city conveniences without paying any tax.

4. Our City Hall has been remodeled thanks to a rental agreement with the Merkel Independent School District.

5. A new fire station has been built to house all fire equipment in one building. Part of this equipment was formerly stored in the City Hall.

6. The beautiful council table and other office equipment was paid for by selling junk iron, worn-out pumps and motors that had accumulated around the city barn for many years. The council table that cost a nearby city \$1,750.00 only three years before was bought for \$10.00 plus \$50.00 to move it.

7. The water contract with Abilene provided that if and when the State Health required, Merkel was to install an air-gap standpipe and move the large water meter to the pump station some 8,900 feet west. The best estimate of this cost was about \$20,000.00. This plus interest would have run no less than \$30,000.00. However a trade was made in which 6900 feet of 12" pipe was traded to Abilene to make this installation without cost to Merkel. The pipe traded can not be removed until 1985 and then only if a new contract is not made with Abilene.

8. A new fire truck was mandatory to prevent an increase in fire insurance rates. It seems that about all of the cities machinery and equipment wore out completely having to be replaced.

10. Space does not permit further enumeration. Mistakes naturally have been made, some you may deem inexcusable, more service has been in constant demand, without increasing taxes, with increased operating costs, many of the demands could not be met. Merkel, like most all small towns, have found it is a struggle to exist. These are some of our many disappointments. Merkel's tax rate is the same today as it was 40 years ago while operating costs have continued to soar. Be as it may, if the successes have even to a small degree exceeded the mistakes we are indeed grateful.

It is with sincere and humble appreciation for the privilege to serve for four years as your mayor, trying to the best of my ability to make our town the "Best Little Town in Texas" and get it advertised over the state. Serving as vice president of Zone 6 Texas Municipal League, attending annual meetings together with "Letters to the Editor" 27 of Texas' largest newspapers have carried information about Merkel and where it is located.

Surely every one will want to cooperate with the new administration in an effort to make Merkel even better.

Very sincerely,
JOHNNY COX
Retiring Mayor

Local Rodeo Club Plans for Events

The High School Rodeo Club met Monday, March 31 at the John Boyd home where they finalized plans for the upcoming Rodeo to be held here April 18-19. Members present worked on posters to be displayed and mailed entry blanks to rodeo participants.

Members present were Robert Boyd, Suzie Riney, Woozer Boyd, Betsy Johnson, Pam Sandusky and Dayna McAninch.

Events to be included in the Rodeo are barrel racing, tie-down and ribbon roping and bull riding. Activities will be held at the Merkel Riding Arena.

Night performances will begin at 7 p.m., according to reporter, Suzie Riney. Admission charge will be fifty cents for children and \$1.00 for adults.

PMP Club Meets

The Past Matron and Patron Club met at the Masonic Hall March 21 for their regular meeting and election of officers.

Officers elected were Mmes. Wade Ensminger, president; Florence Berry, vice president; H. H. Windham, secretary - treasurer and Ernest Teaf, chaplain. Mrs. Craig Humphreys is outgoing president.

WWI Veterans Set Tuesday Meeting

WWI Veterans will have their regular meeting Tuesday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Taylor Electric Cooperative, according to Karl Bonneaux, commander.

The Ladies Auxiliary will have refreshments for a joint meeting after the business session for both Veterans and Auxiliary.

All veterans and widows of veterans are invited.

Tye Young People To Have Service

Tye Methodist Church young people will have a Sunrise Easter Pageant Sunday, April 6 at 6 a.m.

Plans are to leave church at 5:50 a.m. and the Pageant will be held in the Laney Brothers' pasture.

Persons wishing to attend the Easter Pageant may travel "three miles west to Wells Lane Road, turn north one mile to the iron gate."

Signs will be posted along the route. Everyone is invited to attend.

Services Held For Earl Fester

Earl R. Fester, 81, longtime resident of Jones and Taylor County, died Monday, March 31 in an Abilene hospital after a long illness.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 16, 1881, in Venus, Tex., he married Myrtle Mitchell Dec. 24, 1910, there. The couple moved in 1911 to Jones County, where he farmed until his retirement in 1955. They moved to Merkel the same year.

A member of the First Baptist Church, he was ordained as a deacon in 1921.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Clyde of Nevada; two daughters, Mrs. Paul Orsborn of Merkel, and Mrs. C. L. Thompson of Pratt, Kan.; one brother, Henry Fester of Abilene; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Demonstrations Given 4-H Club

The Merkel 4-H Club met Thursday, March 13 at the Taylor Electric Cooperative building for its regular monthly meeting.

American Pledge was led by Gayla Toliver and the 4-H Club Motto, Pledge and Prayer were led by Anetta Stephan. Kathryn Criswell gave the inspiration.

The program was on demonstrations, with Mary Beth Boyd, Tonia McAninch, Leslie Reddin and Andy Stephan giving demonstrations.

LEUDERS BAPTIST CAMP ANNOUNCES NEW MANAGER

The Rev. Neal Shepherd, who has pastored churches in West Texas for the last ten years, was announced this week as new manager at Leuders Baptist Encampment. He and Mrs. Shepherd will move to the Encampment ground early in April.

For the last two and a half years the Rev. Mr. Shepherd has served as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church at Brownwood. Prior to that he served at Retan's Hillcrest Baptist Church and at West Side in Sweetwater. Before becoming a pastor he was in the construction business.

The Rev. Mr. Shepherd succeeds N. I. (Doc) Williams who resigned as manager after serving 11 years. During his period many improvements were made in encampment facilities, including a three-bedroom camp manager's home, a new chapel auditorium, street pavement, a new water line and natural gas line to the camp grounds.

Also, nine cabins have been remodeled with heat for winter and air-conditioned for summer meetings. Improvements have also been made on the kitchen and dining room.

The total attendance during the past camp seasons was 33,253. There were 3,336 decisions in the services with 797 of these being conversions. The Leuders camp serves people in the Merkel area.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams have moved to their home in Leuders. After a rest, he will enter some other business.



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AT WINTERS Freshman Boys Place In Meet

At the Freshmen Track Meet, held in Winters this past weekend, several MHS boys placed in the activities.

Boys placing were Kerry Thames, 330 yard dash, 6th; Jerry Holmes, 680 yd. run, 5th; Jerry Williams, 1320 yd. run, 5th; Leon Long, 5th, and Monty Title, 120 hurdles, 6th.

Also Thames, high jump, 2nd; and Mike Allen 3rd, and Holmes, pole vault, 3rd.

In the 1320 yd. relay boys placing first were Thames, Holmes, Allen and Larry Hewitt.

District Meet will be at Anson April 12.

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Study Clubbers Hear About Texas

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Misses Lynn Knight, Johnny Cox and Newton Daniel reported

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on the Mesquite District convention held in Sweetwater March 24-25. Mrs. Henry F. Shaper of San Antonio, president of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, was the convention speaker. Mrs. Knight presided in the service in which Mrs. Alma McFarland, now deceased, was honored.

Mrs. David Gaudin presented the "Texas Day" program, by reviewing Texas Legends. Club members participated in exchanging humorous episodes which they in some way had experienced.

"The Odd Couple" Opening at ACT

One of the most hilariously successful stage comedies in Broadway history will be presented by Abilene Community Theater in Abilene April 25 and April 26-27 — the comedy called "The Odd Couple" by Neil Simon, which opened in New York in the spring of 1965 and continued to draw packed houses for over two and a half years.

"The Odd Couple" is the fourth in the six tremendously popular hits by a - row by Neil Simon, who with such preceding entertainment as "Barefoot in the Park," "Come Blow Your Horn" and the musical "Little Me," proved he can set off explosions of laughter with unerring aim. Curtain time is 8 p.m.

Editorial

PUBLIC SCHOOL BILL ACTION UPCOMING

Legislative action can now be expected on proposals that will have tremendous impact on our state's public school system and the young people of Texas for years to come.

The recent and controversial report of the Committee on Public School Education is represented in several bills already introduced in both houses of the Legislature.

Of primary concern is the proposal to force the consolidation of 865 of the state's 1,218 districts, creating 533 districts containing no less than 2,000 students. This would obviously eliminate practically every rural and small community school in the state.

Also of great significance is the proposal to institute a sweeping re - evaluation of all real property in Texas, a program that will, for all practical effect, establish the state board of education as a statewide tax assessor for local school taxes.

That this is aimed directly at the thousands of rural landowners and residents in Texas can hardly be doubted, as the committee's report declares: "The Bartlett study verified the fact that city school districts are being cheated in the distribution of state school aid because county tax rolls favor rural areas."

Certainly it should be recognized that there are schools, supporting only a handful of students, that should consider consolidation with neighboring districts; certainly it should be recognized that tax inequities, favoring some rural districts do exist.

But we submit that arbitrary elimination of our rural schools and the resultant decay of thousands of rural communities, and the many complex problems arising from the establishment of county-wide unit multi - county school districts is not the answer. Voluntary consolidation should be encouraged, but no higher is no guarantee of quality or economy.

We also submit that the tax proposal, that will result in tax bills to our state's rural residents — farmers and ranchers who live on their land and make their living from the land — increasing two, three and four times in size is certainly as inequitable as is now claimed by the committee on behalf of citizens of metropolitan centers. The old saying that two

wrongs don't make a right certainly seems appropriate in this area. It would appear much more logical to seek new ways to improve and upgrade the curricula of these schools and to spend our tax money to help accomplish this goal, to be advanced and improved educational opportunities to the students rather than forcing

President Pleased At Good Turnout

Billy Patton, president of the Merkel Little League Association expressed appreciation this week to all who "turned out Friday evening to work on the ball field."

"We had a good number to come out," said Patton, "and a lot of work got done."

Patton reminded parents of the Registration to be held April 12, try outs April 14, and the Auction April 18.



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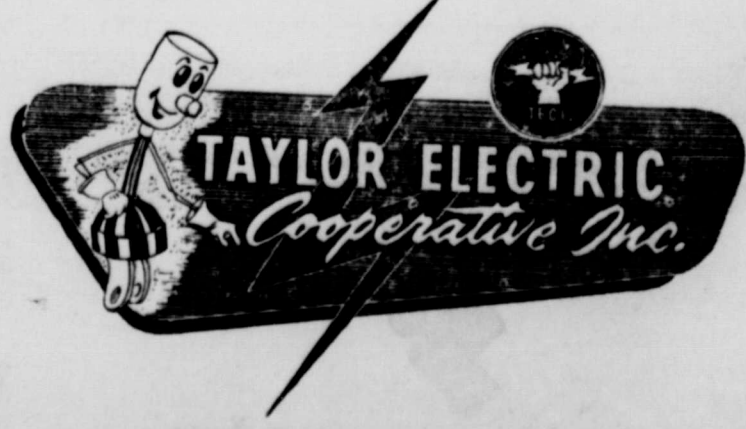


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Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



Approximately 60 attended the Co-op Gin Meeting and Barbecue at the Stith Community Center Thursday. The barbecue dinner and all the trimmings were served by Underwood Catering Service of Abilene. During the business session Floyd Chappel was reelected gin manager. Directors are Babe Tarpley, Orval Ely, Charles Reddin, Tom Hogan and Curtis Clyburn.

Visitors were from the Cotton Promotions Program and the Compress Company of Sweetwater. Other visitors were from Hodges, Merkel, Abilene and Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Aikens

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn and child visited Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Hobbs of Grand Prairie visited Mrs. Elna Hobbs and Mr. and Mrs. Benny Hobbs last week. Mrs. Mat Ely and Mrs. Orval Ely and children visited in the Hobbs' home Monday night. Mrs. Phil Dumas of Trent visited the Hobbs family Thursday and attended the dinner at the Community Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Harrel and Mrs. Mamie Hardin and Melissa Stephenson of Midland spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. P. J. McDonald and Geneva. Melissa remained with her grandparents for a week's visit. Mrs. Hardin is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hancock and family moved Saturday to the Fritz Hale place.

Mrs. James Williams has spent a week in Hendrick Hospital in Abilene. She is much better and expects to be home soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry vis-



HOW HIPPIE CAN YOU GET — And that was pretty well displayed this past Thursday evening, when members of the Merkel High School Junior Class presented three one-act plays. The scene above is from the play, "Beat It Beatnik," and the cast included, from left, Dee Warren, Betty Ascencio and Billy Black. (Staff Photo)

ited Mrs. Williams at the hospital Sunday and also visited Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Perry at Tye. Mrs. Perry visited Mrs. Osborn in Merkel Monday.

Mrs. Mat Ely of Tye visited last week with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Orval Ely.

Mrs. James Hale and Shirley, Midland, visited the Fritz Hales Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley visited Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Byrd at Tye Sunday. The Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Row and children of Bledsoe are spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. Bradley.

Mrs. John P. Swain visited her father, O. B. Tatum every day last week at the Starr Nursing Home. He is very ill.

Social security beneficiaries are reminded that if 1968 earnings were past \$1,650.00 a report must be filed with social security on or before April 15, 1969.

"Shopping Tips" Given HD Club

Goodwin H. D. Club met in the home of Mrs. Dan Butler Mar.

James M. Chaney Dies at Age 84

Funeral services for James M. Chaney, 84, were held Saturday, March 30 in the Assembly of God Church with the Rev. H. S. Earp of the Baker Heights Assembly of God Church in Abilene, and the Rev. John Curtis, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mr. Chaney, an early Taylor County rancher, died in Starr Nursing Home Thursday after a short illness.

Born April 17, 1884, in Stephens County, he married Donna Clara Stephenson May 6, 1905 in Center Hill. They moved south of Merkel in 1919, and ranched there until 1932. They lived in Abilene, Breckenridge, on the West Coast and in Fort Worth, and moved back to Merkel in 1951.

Survivors include his wife; five sons, Vernon of Los Angeles, Calif.; Lerner of Hawthorn, Calif.; James H. of Merkel, Dr. A. P. Jr. of Roswell, N.M.; two sisters, Mrs. Maggie Morris and Mrs. Lois Morris, both of Moran; three half brothers, Clyde of Temple, John of Coleman and the Rev. D. V. of Albuquerque, N.M.; two half sisters, Mrs. Irene Draper and Mrs. Iona Landrum of Coleman; 18 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were W. L. M. V., C. M., D. B., John and Richard Chaney.

28 with eight members present. Club president, Mrs. Carter, presided at the business session.

A program on vegetable salad, was presented by Mrs. Dennis Butler. Cake recipes were exchanged by members. Roll Call was answered with a "Food Shopping Tip."

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In your prayers of thanks for the miracle of Eastertime and thanks for your own blessings, include a prayer of guidance for civilized mankind towards the goal of world peace.

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—Author Unknown

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