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Up The Canyon

By TOM
RUSSON

Cal-Tex Mighty Big Business!

I want to do something this week that I have been wanting to attempt to do for quite some time. I want to write a story about a man who started out early in life searching for a way to do something that he loved most, and at last found that way.

He was in his teens when he started with rodeo events — that was when I met him. Then he went into the ranching business.

This young man is R. L. Bland, general manager of Cal - Tex Feed Yards.

When R. L. left the ranching business I lost track of him; then later, he showed up with the construction of one of the largest feed yards in our entire area, with the yard room and equipment to feed some 30,000 head of cattle.

I have visited the Feed Yard several times and it is "out of this world."

A large number of local customers have cattle on feed there, with many customers a long way off — California, Arizona, New Mexico, Kansas, Colorado — and two big customers who live in Florida.

Recently we drove to the Feed Yards for an interview with R. L. and the entire office staff — a very warm reception we received and plenty of coffee to drink while we talked and toured the yards.

Even though Bland was quite busy, he took time off to answer questions and tell us the history of his plant.

Bland, no stranger in and around Merkel, came from a pioneer family. His parents were the Fate Blands, both raised in this area.

While discussing with Bland about the cattle feeding business, we asked if he didn't think it was a pretty "long step up the stairway" into the business.

Bland answered, "This is something that I have loved and wanted to do, so I got right into the business."

Bland told us he depends very much on Wayne Mills, cattle superintendent, and Wayne Jackson, mill superintendent — his two "right hand men."

A little run down on the Cal-Tex

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George K Brady Now In Vietnam

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brady received their first letter from their son, Seaman Apprentice George K., after his arrival in Vietnam. He wrote:

"I arrived here Friday, April 4, a day earlier, because we gained a day. It's hot over here. I'm having fun. Will write more when I get time."

George recently spent his four-teen day leave in Merkel, following completion of boot camp at San Diego, Calif. He left around the first of April for Norton AFB, Calif., and then flight to Da Nang.

Brady, a former student at Merkel High School, will complete his high school education while in the Navy. He plans to also enroll in college correspondence courses while in the service. He will be stationed aboard the USS Sanctuary.



VIETNAM BOUND — Seaman Apprentice George Brady, points out his destination to Larry Toler, just prior to leaving for Norton AFB, and then flight to Da Nang. Brady recently spent his 14-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brady. Toler, also a USN enlistee, left this past Tuesday for Orlando, Fla., for boot camp. (Staff Photo)

Little Leaguers Sign Up Saturday

This Saturday, April 12, is Registration Day at West Texas Utilities for Little Leaguers, according to Billy Patton, president of the Merkel Little League Association.

Tryouts for little league will be Monday, April 14 at the Baseball field and will start at 6 p.m.

"All boys who desire to play in the T-Shirt League must register Saturday afternoon," said Patton. "All boys who are or will be seven or before Aug. 1 through 8 years olds are eligible for T-Shirt League."

Patton said that all boys who did not play Little League last year and desire to play this year must also register Saturday afternoon. Eligibility is 9 (on or before Aug. 1) through 13 (on or before Aug. 1.)

Proof of birthdate is required, said Patton.

Registration applications can be picked up at Trent and Noodle Schools.

Registration application may also be found on Page Five of this edition of the Merkel Mail.

4-H Club to Give Demonstrations

4-H Demonstrations will be presented by members of the Merkel 4-H Club at 7:30 this evening at the Taylor Electric Cooperative building.

The public is invited to attend.

Taylor Electric Meet Is Thursday, April 17

One of the highlights for Merkel next week will be the 28th Annual Membership Meeting of Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., Thursday, April 17.

Norman Winter, manager, said that "over 2,000 members and guests are expected to be on hand for the day-long activities."

Activities are to begin with registration at 9 a.m. and to continue throughout the day with drawing for prizes, entertainment, a barbecue lunch, at noon, followed by a business session at 1 p.m., said Winter.

Entertainment will be by L. C. Agnew and a Western String Band and concert in gospel music by the Payne Family.

Activities will be held in the Cooperative's annex.

At a March 11 meeting the TEC nominating committee met and made nominations for the vacancies which will be filled at the April 18 Annual Meeting. Nominating committee members are Weldon Edwards, Clyde chairman; Dick Atkins, Tuscola; R. E. Clemmer, Mulberry Canyon; Berneil Teaff, Tye - Merkel, and H. H. McLeod, Trent.

Nominated for directors are: Zone 1 — Taylor County — J. R. Miller, incumbent; 2. Billy Standard.

Zone 2 — Callahan, Jones, Eastland, Shackelford counties — 1. Alton Whiteaker, incumbent; 2. Blain Odom.

Zone 3 — Coke, Fisher, Nolan counties — 1. C. L. McElmurray, incumbent; 2. Richard Gesin. "Nominations may also be made from the floor of the convention," said Winter.

Taylor Electric Cooperative, a large industry in Merkel and area is known and felt by hundreds of people. Beginning 28 years ago, with the first Membership Meeting being held in "the

Queen Theatre here," it has grown from 750 members to over 7,000 members in 1969.

TEC employs 44 persons and has an annual payroll of over \$324,000.00. The Cooperative services 3,275 farm and home consumers and 1,878 commercial consumers, and has 2,814.25 miles of line.

The present board of directors are O. S. Moore, chairman; J. Riley Miller, vice chairman; and R. C. Watts Jr., Jack Morrow, Ray Orsburn, Clovis McElmurray, Corner Haynes, Tommy Johnson and Alton Whiteaker.

The public is invited to the entertainment and to the noon luncheon, said Winter.



NORMAN WINTER
... to welcome members

OATH OF OFFICE GIVEN NEW MAYOR

Oath of Office to Merkel's new mayor, Horace Hargrove, and to city councilmen, Leon Walker and Derrell Farmer, began the regular monthly meeting agenda Monday evening at City Hall.

Administering the Oath of Office to Hargrove, following his formal resignation as councilman, was retiring Mayor Johnny Cox.

Hargrove then administered the oath of office to the two council-

men. Upon accepting the office of mayor, Hargrove expressed appreciation for himself and the councilmen to Cox, for his "years of unselfish service as Mayor of Merkel."

Councilmen also voice appreciation to Bill Burton, whose term expired this year as councilman. Cox expressed appreciation to the council for "their cooperation and hard work."

"Without your help and cooperation my job as mayor for the past four years would have been almost impossible," said Cox. "Indeed, I am most grateful." Prior to the oath of offices given, councilmen canvassed votes in the April 1 election.

Council also set Tuesday, May 27, for an election to be held in the City of Merkel for the purpose of electing one city alderman for an unexpired term of one year.

Filing deadline for the May 27 election is May 6.

"Candidates may register at City Hall," said City Secretary Mrs. Flossie McKeever.

Mayor Hargrove appointed Leon Walker as Mayor-Pro-Tem.

Councilmen appointed by the mayor to head the city departments were Clyde Wurst, Fire Department; Bob DuBose, Water and Sewer Department; and Derrell Farmer, Police and Street Department.

Attending the council meeting was Chief of Police, Mike Briley, who questioned councilmen concerning "any changes in the police department policies."

"Of course, you know my pol-

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MERKEL RECREATION GROUP 'GETS DOWN TO BUSINESS'

A meeting held last Thursday at the Merkel Restaurant by the Merkel Recreational Committee members, heard John Wolfe, area Farm and Home Administration supervisor, discuss application for a loan to acquire the present golf course, improve it, and make other recreational facilities available.

"Receipt of application for a loan has been acknowledged," said Wolfe. "However the original application has come up with modified guide lines."

Initial application was in the amount of \$176,732, and Wolfe pointed out that "Modified guide-lines stipulate that no more than \$750 can be loaned for each active member. In addition now requirement for loan stipulates that membership dues must be at least \$1.50 for each \$100.00 of the total debt each month."

"Based on these figures it seems rather obvious that our area could not support the initial project as we had outlined," said Dr. Don Warren, chairman of the MRC.

Members discussed the possibility of "the most that we could do at this time would be to acquire the present golf course, improve it by irrigating the fairways and re-working wells, placing new pumps and the continuous irrigation, using the tank already on the place."

In addition to the above, members saw the possibility of including a swimming pool, fencing in a patio area that would cost approximately \$23,000. Areas would be provided for picnicking, a lighted tennis court and croquet court. "When we have included these

things, along with increased parking area, equipment, maintaining golf course and swimming pool, we come up with a figure of ninety to one hundred thousand dollars," said Warren. "This would be the total cost of project."

A minimum membership of 100 becomes necessary, said Warren. And to retire the debt according to FHA requirements, the dues "would have to be in the neighborhood of \$10.00 per month, at least initially."

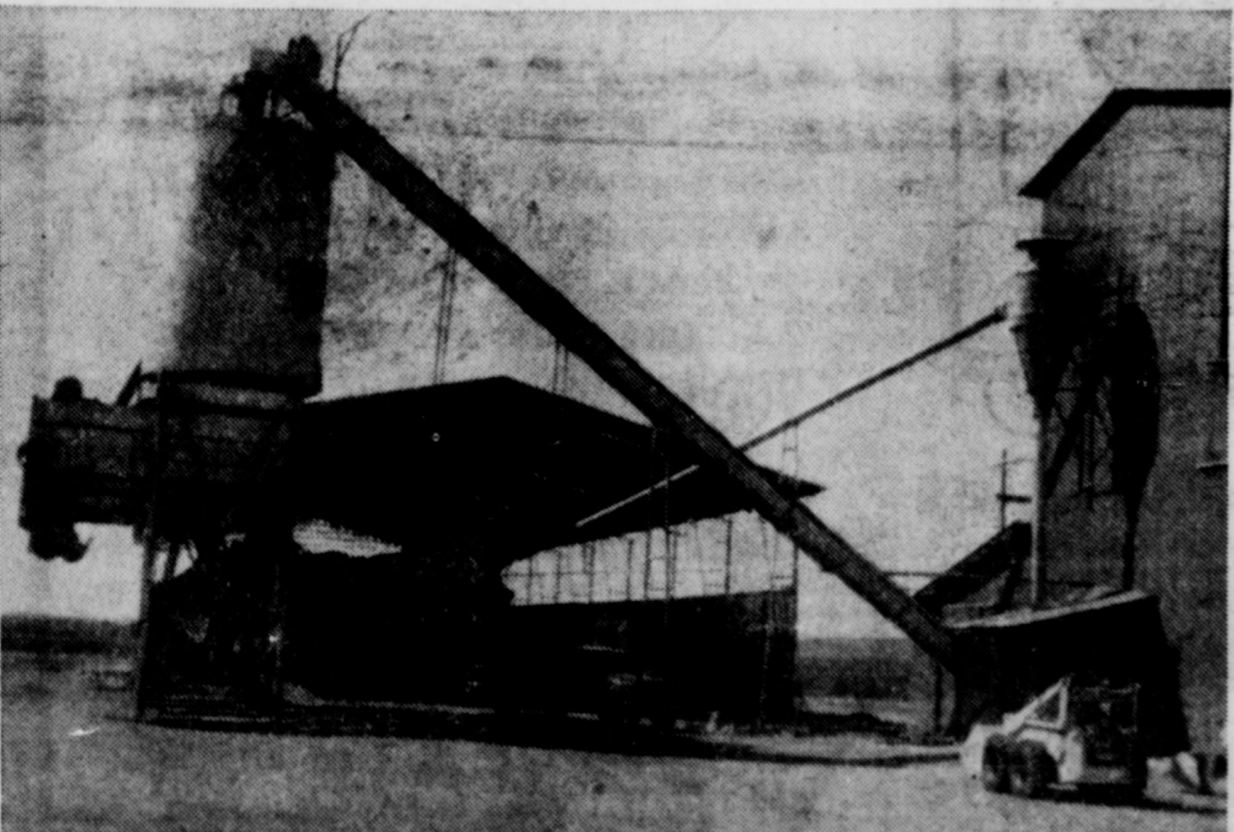
Warren explained that in the event that green fees, swimming pool fees, and other income should exceed expected amounts, "dues at that time could and would be reduced."

Wolfe assured the committee that at any time in the future, when the Center's operation is on a sound footing, "additional applications could be made for other improvements."

The above projected figures would include the probable dis-

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A BIG OPERATION — Rounding a curve on the Noodle Dome Road, you suddenly come upon a panorama of cattle, feed yards, fences and mills. Cal-Tex Feed Yards is a big operation, with activity going on day and night. Pictured at left shows only a part of the large feed mill on the sprawling yards that take in 60 acres of land. A large number of local



customers have cattle on feed at Cal-Tex, with many customers farther off. Customers in California, New Mexico, Arizona, Kansas, Colorado and Florida do business with Cal-Tex. There are around 26-27 thousand head on feed right now, with an average of 75-85 thousand head per year. (Staff Photos)

LEGAL NOTICE

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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 COM-

MANDED 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. 1969, 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 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.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: James Le Roy Smith, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-MANDED 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 23 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.
The officer executing this writ

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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 17 day of March A.D. 1969.
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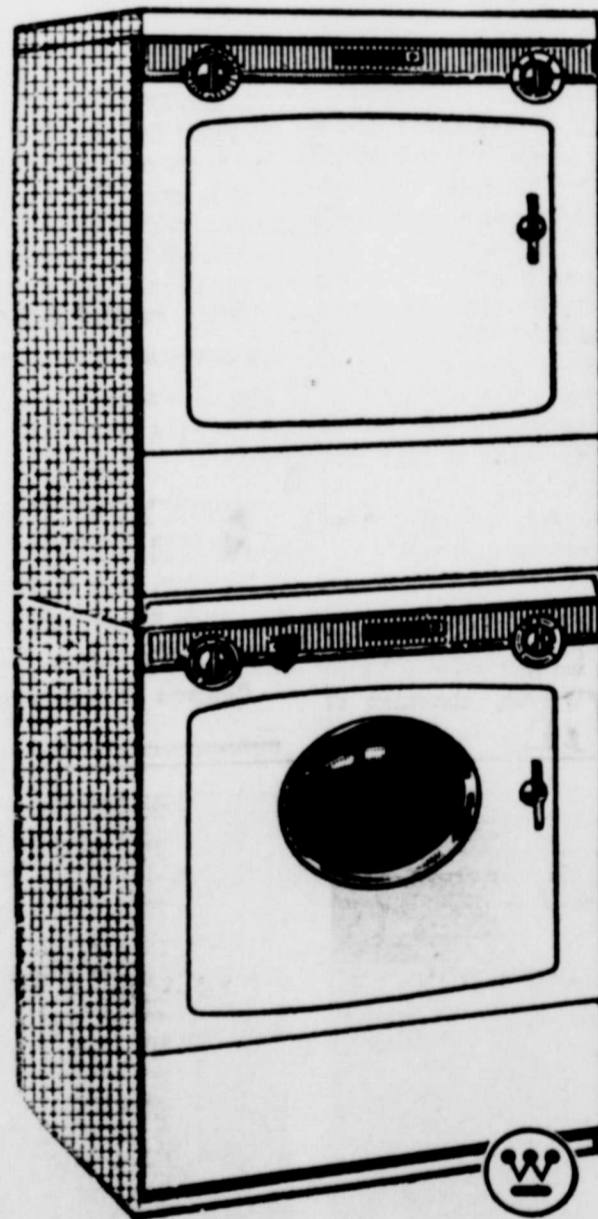
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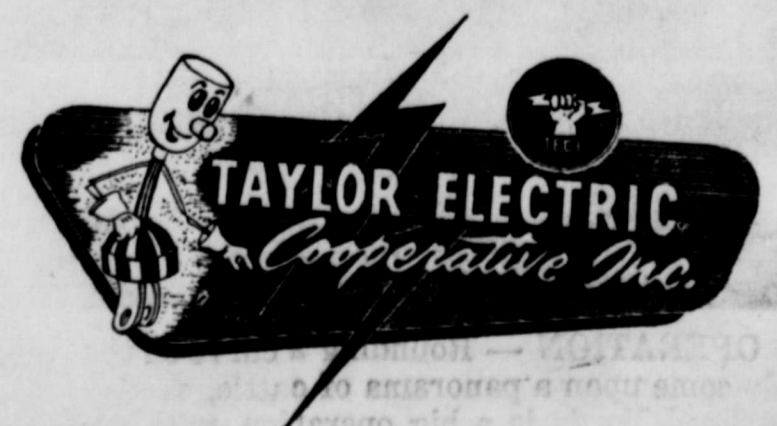
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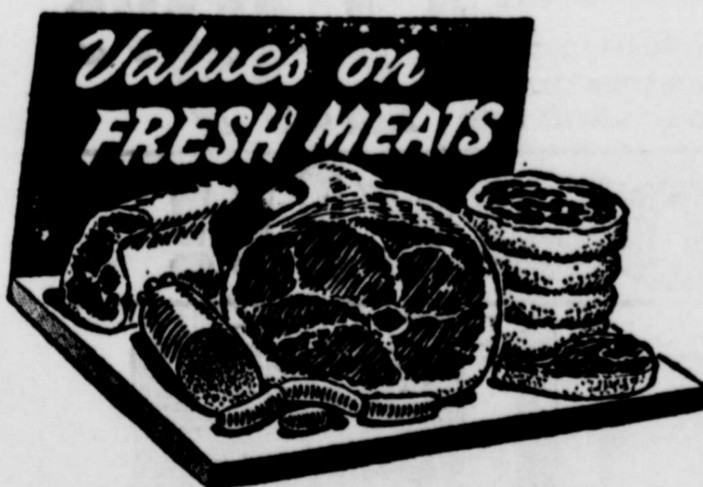
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Up The Canyon

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Tex Feed Yard history:
The yard began operation in August, 1967, and as Bland said, "we're still under construction."
"The main reason I came back to this area was because of the availability of cattle market," said Bland. "We have an advantage over the Plains area in selling these cattle - freight advantage to the larger cities."
He also pointed out that there's lots of milo.

"Dry land milo has higher protein and higher fat level than irrigated milo," he said. "We've got the cattle, we've got the grain, and we now have the cattle market."

Approximately 23 million pounds of milo was bought last year from local farmers, and Cal - Tex expects to buy "about 50 million pounds this year."

"We plan to buy at least 90 per cent of the milo raised here," Bland said. "We use 8 million pounds of milo per month. Our needs for the next 12 months should be somewhere around 90 million pounds."

Cal - Tex employs around 70 persons and "all from this area." There are eight families living on the yards and the payroll is \$30,000 per month.

Bland pointed out that the firm is "still under construction." They have around 25 - 27 thousand head on feed right now, making an average of 6,000 head in and out per month, and 75 - 85 thousand head per year.

At the present time construction is underway for the enlarging of office space.

Cal - Tex is certainly an asset to our area as we can tell from area employees, purchase of milo and many other factors.

This week, I personally salute Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bland and the entire staff at Cal - Tex - a great asset to our area.

RECREATION

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posal of part of the excess land, said Warren.

Warren pointed out that since these funds are available only for a limited period of time, "we must have signed up members within the next two or three weeks in adequate numbers to justify further work on the loan application."

"It is not anticipated that we will actually collect membership funds until such time as we have at least 100 families indicating an interest in becoming members," explained Warren.

A membership application is found on Page Two of this edition of The Merkel Mail for families to fill out, indicating their desire or interest in the Merkel Recreational Center.

Members of the Recreational Center committee besides Warren are Howard Carson, Robert Higgins, Dave Brumbeau, Herman Carson, David Gamble and Calvin Wade.

CARD OF THANKS

WE WISH TO EXPRESS our appreciation to our many friends and neighbors for your kind expressions of sympathy and for the food, flowers, cards and especially your prayers during the illness and loss of our loved one. May God bless each of you.

Mrs. Earl Foster
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Orsborn
Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Thompson
Mr and Mrs. Elbert Foster

CARD OF THANKS

OUR RECENT SAD LOSS leaves us with grateful hearts toward neighbors and friends. Their comforting expressions of sympathy and thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

The Mother and Sisters and Brothers of Keith Tarpley

CARD OF THANKS

WE ARE SINCERELY GRATEFUL to friends and neighbors and to the VFW Ladies Auxiliary for their many kind acts of sympathy during our sad bereavement. Our appreciation cannot be adequately expressed.

Mrs. Blanche Smith Black and family

PERSONALS

Mrs. Margaret Jackson spent the Easter holidays in the home of her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dumas.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning and children of Tuscola spent Easter Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Browning.

Keith Tarpley Dies At Age 33

Former Merkel resident Wendell Keith Tarpley, 33, died Friday, April 4, in an Evansville, Ind., hospital after a short illness.

Funeral services were held Sunday in Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel with Howard Sweeney, Anson Church of Christ minister, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

He was born July 23, 1935 in Jones County and lived in Merkel for several years before moving to Evansville.

Survivors are his mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Callaway of Anson; seven brothers, Monroe of Amity, Ark., David of Merkel, Ralph of Lamesa, Ray of Columbia, S.C., Joe of San Antonio, Garvis of Big Spring and Billy, with the U.S. Air

Force in Europe; six sisters, Mrs. Nellie Merritt of Eastend, Canada, Mrs. May Chandler of Arcadia, La., Mrs. Gertrude Wade of Merkel, Mrs. Pearl Van Huss of Wichita Falls, Mrs. Onida Sevey of San Angelo and Mrs. Leta Dixon of Abilene.

TC Homemakers To Meet at 7:30

Taylor County Young Homemakers will meet tonight at 7:30 at the Taylor Telephone Cooperative, according to Mrs. Billy Lucas, publicity chairman.

A program on flower arrangement will be given by Mrs. W. L. Brown, member of the Merkel Garden Club.

All Young Homemakers are urged to attend the 7:30 p.m. meeting, said Mrs. Lucas.

MHS Club Rodeo Is April 18-19

A Merkel High School Rodeo, sponsored by the Merkel High School Rodeo Club, will be held here at the Riding Arena Friday and Saturday, April 18 and 19.

Robert Boyd, president of the MHS Rodeo Club, said there would be two nightly performances, and would begin at 7. Entry fee is \$5 per event.

Events for 14 years and under include Bull Riding, Break-Away Roping, and Girls' Barrel Racing. For 15 through 18 years events include Bull Riding, Tie Down Roping, Ribbon Roping and Girls' Barrel Racing.

"Bull riding will be limited to the first 30 entries in each age group," said Boyd. "No entries will be accepted after the first thing."

Boyd explained that "girls must

run for the boys in the Ribbon Roping. Entry fee must be sent with entry blank, said Boyd. Entries are to be mailed to Boyd, Rt. 2, Merkel. Deadline is April 14.

Admission to the evening performances is \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for students.

W. W. Outlaw Dies In Stephenville

William Wiley Outlaw, 89, and father of Wiley Outlaw of Merkel, died Friday, April 4 at the Stephenville Hospital.

Funeral services were held Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Lingleville. Burial was in the West End Lingleville Cemetery.

Other survivors include his wife; three sons; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren.

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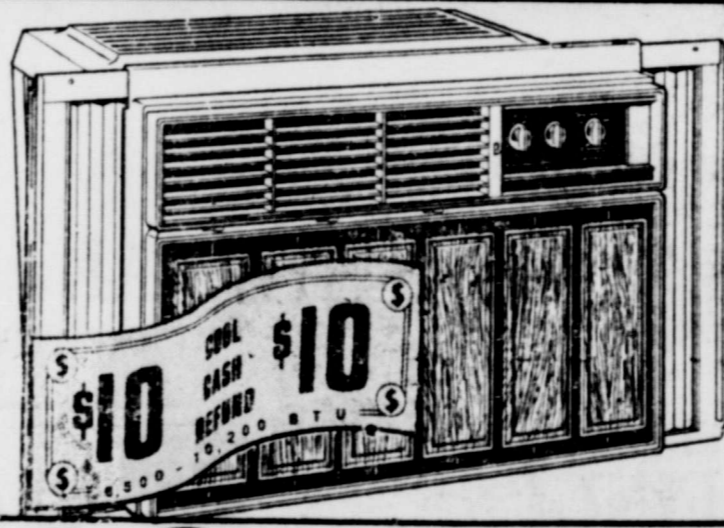
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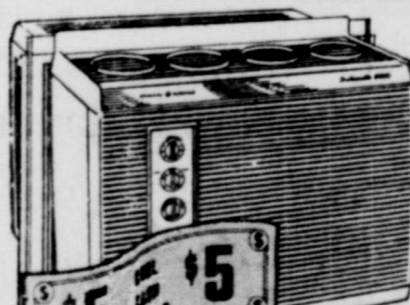
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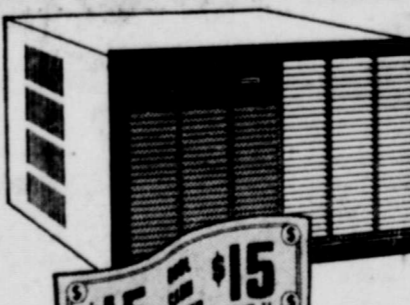


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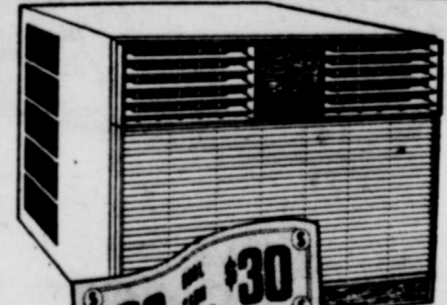


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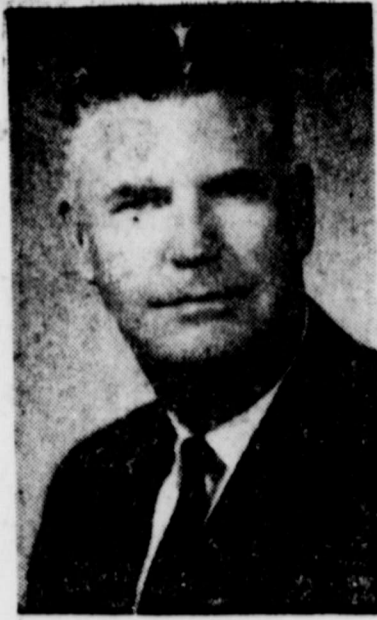
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Calvary Baptist To Begin Revival

A Revival Meeting will begin at Calvary Baptist Church Monday, April 14 and will continue through Sunday, April 20, according to church pastor, the Rev. Herschel Smith.

Services will be held each night at 7:30, said Rev. Smith, and "the public is given a special invitation to attend."

Guest speaker will be the Rev. Raymond Dunn, pastor and evangelist of Sweetwater.

"Rev. Dunn is a well known preacher in this area," said Rev. Smith. "He was reared in Coleman County and has pastored churches in Crane, Trinity Baptist Church in Abilene, Central Baptist Church in Coleman, and Decatur."

Rev. Dunn has been pastor of the Fundamental Baptist Church in Sweetwater for the past nine years.

Mrs. E. E. Akin Dies at Age 77

Funeral services for Mrs. E. E. Akin, 77, were held Saturday, April 5 at the First United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Jarrell Sharp, Methodist minister from Stamford, and the Rev. Newton Daniel, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mrs. Akin died Friday in Shady Oaks Nursing Home in Abilene after a long illness.

Born Virgie Belle McMillion Feb. 13, 1892 in Hill County, she married Mr. Akin Nov. 17, 1907, in Falls County. They moved to the Merkel area in 1930 and to Reno in 1945. They moved back to Merkel in 1962.

She was a longtime member of the Methodist Church and a member of Merkel Chapter 212 Order of the Eastern Star.

Mr. Akin died in January of this year. Mrs. Akin was also preceded in death by two daughters.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. V. H. Patterson of Merkel and Mrs. N. E. Lineweaver of Abilene; two sisters, Mrs. Sam Westmoreland of Edna and Mrs. George Adkins of Lott, Tex.; one brother, Otho McMillion of Waco; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

The Merkel Eastern Star Chapter held graveside rites.

Pallbearers were John Lineweaver, John Townsend, Larry Elledge, Bill Cooper, Joe Gibson and Milton Moore.

Service Held For J. E. Black

Services for J. E. Black of Joliet, Rt. 1, Bogata, were held Thursday, April 3 in the Joliet Baptist Church. Burial was in the Bogata Cemetery. The Rev. Garnett Wallace and the Rev. Marvin Gardner officiated.

Mr. Black died Wednesday, April 2.

He was born at Joliet, Jan. 29, 1898.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Blanche Smith Black; four children, Enoch Black, Fort Worth, Mrs. Bonnie Bell Hofman, Oxnard, Calif., Mrs. Elsie Lorene Toliver, Ontario, Calif., and Mrs. Lucile Jones of Terrell; a sister, Mrs. Ura Byrd, Bogata; a brother, Alfred Black, Joliet; and five stepchildren, James and Harold Smith, Abilene; John A. Smith, California, Mrs. James Womack, Merkel, and Mrs. Alma Lou Mays, Huntsville.

Short in Light Fixture Cause Of Elementary Fire

An electrical short in one of the light fixtures caused some damage to the Merkel Elementary School Building Tuesday afternoon.

The fire, discovered about 1 p.m. centered around the ceiling light fixtures in the hall of the school.

"Fire trucks on the scene within minutes did a real good job of putting out the fire," said Leon Walker, Elementary School principal. "In approximately forty minutes after the fire department got there the fire was out, and everything was cleaned up."

Walker commended the school children for the orderly manner in which they cleared the building after the alarm sounded.

"It took them one minute and 15 seconds to get out," said Walker, concerning the students. "They did a good job, and took every safety precaution."

Mrs. Everett Host To Garden Club

Mrs. Lottie Everett was hostess to the Merkel Garden Club at the Thursday April 3 meeting. A luncheon of foreign foods was served from a table with arrangements using identical centerpieces and pieces of plant material.

Club president, Mrs. G. R. Peachey, presided at the business session where plans for yearbook were discussed and beautification plans for the City Park were mapped out for spring and fall blooms.

Reports from the Chamber of Commerce banquet were given and plans for a Spring Pilgrimage were discussed.

Attending the noon meeting were Mmes. Carl Hughes, Dee Grimes, Peachey, Oda Clark, A. H. McMurray and Charlie Sherrill.

Also Mmes. Ora Griggs, Herbert Patterson, John Shannon, Jarrett Williams and Miss Christine Collins and Mrs. Everett, hostess.

Mrs. C. P. Stevens Birthday Honoree

On Easter Sunday Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Stevens of San Antonio and Mrs. Pearl McCartney were host and hostesses for the 88th birthday celebration of Mrs. C. P. Stevens in her home.

Among out of town guests were Messrs. and Mmes. Floyd Jones, Seymour, Johnnie Burnett and daughter Diane San Antonio; Royce Serdt, Midland; Hal Clayburne, San Antonio; and Mr. John D. Sullivan of Hobbs, N.M.

Approximately fifty of Mrs. Stevens' many friends dropped in to wish her "many more happy birthdays."

Many out of town friends who were unable to attend remembered Mrs. Stevens with gifts, floral arrangements, telegrams and telephone calls.

OATH OF OFFICE

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icy is impartiality," said Briley, "and I would like to know if you have any changes at this time."

Members informed Briley that "up to now you are doing a good job," and no changes were designated.

Councilmen spent the remainder of the meeting time discussing the July 1 deadline for trash disposal at the city dump grounds.

Beginning July 1, trash at the city dump ground can no longer be burned and members are looking into ways to dispose of the trash "at the most efficient and economical way."

Mayor Hargrove pointed out that residents could still burn trash in barrels on "their own property," but trash hauled to the dump grounds would have to be handled differently after July 1.

"It is most important that a good job of informing the public is done concerning this new law," said Hargrove. "We will have to abide by the new ruling and we want to adopt a method of disposal that will be economical. That is why we are studying every avenue possible before deciding on a method to use."

Members have discussed the possibility of going to the landfill lot. This is burying the trash. They also discussed the possibility of keeping the grounds open on weekends for residents who haul sticks and tree limbs and shrub trimmings to the grounds.

"However we handle it," said Hargrove, "our trash out there will have to be buried each day."

Little League Application

Date Age

Name Date of Birth

Address Phone No.

League Age Boy's Weight Height

Throws Left or Right?

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Abilene Horse Show June 7-8

Dates for the annual Abilene Horse Show for Crippled Children have been set for June 7 and 8.

Quarter Horse and Appaloosa divisions will be judged Saturday, June 7, and the Youth Activity Quarter Horse Show and Paint Division will be judged Sunday, June 8, according to show secretary, Clarence Tucker.

Judges will include Fred Stocum of Brady, Quarter Horse Division; Jack Bourland of Fort Worth, Appaloosa and Paints; and T. C. Jinks of Sylvester, Youth Activity Show.

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ENTERTAINMENT

ENTERTAINMENT WILL BEGIN AT 9 A.M. AND WILL BE FURNISHED BY L. C. AGNEW AND WESTERN STRING BAND, AND THE PAYNE FAMILY.

BARBECUE LUNCH

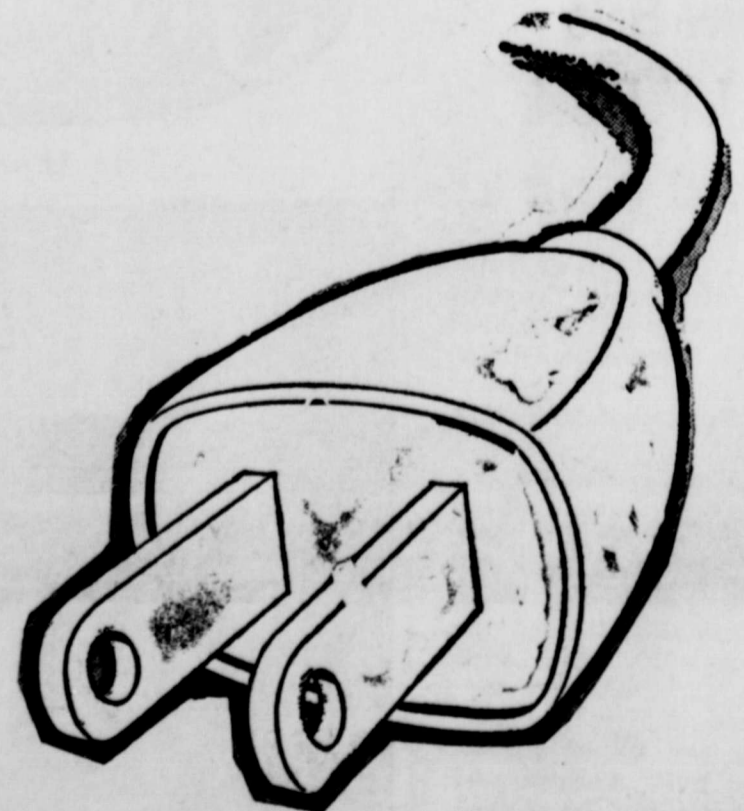
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SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m.-Registration
Entertainment
Noon Barbecue Lunch
1:30 p.m.-Business Meeting
Directors' Meeting
to Follow



LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
County of Taylor
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Execution issued out of the Honorable 95th District Court of Dallas County, of the 19th day of February 1969, by District Clerk of said Court for the sum of Two Thousand eight hundred ninety five (\$2,895.00) Dollars and costs of suit, under a Execution, in favor of Irving Bank and Trust Com-

pany in a certain cause in said Court, No. 68-9305-D and styled Irving Bank and Trust Company vs. Pearl B. Stewart, placed in my hands for service, I George Maxwell as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 7th day of April 1969, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: 1.3500 acres of George Hancock Survey 430 and levied upon as the property of Pearl B. Stewart and that on the first Tuesday in May 1969, the same being the 6th day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said Execution I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Pearl B. Stewart.

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Stith
News

By MRS.

FRITZ HALE



The Rev. and Mrs. Berbert Row and children returned to their home at Bledsoe Thursday after visiting a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley, and Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Row of Abilene. Other visitors in the Bradley home last week were Walter Vantresse of Arkansas and Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Row.

Recent visitors in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Swindell and son MacSherry were John Jones and Wayne Daily of Shepard AFB, Wichita Falls. Also visiting were Mrs. Wayne Dailey and Mr. and Mrs. Blondy Hanson. Myrna Liles of H-SU spent several days last week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald took their granddaughter and Mrs. Marnie Hardin to their homes in Midland and spent the weekend in the Doug Stephenson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Chaney and Sandra of Richardson visited over the weekend with Mrs. John Hobbs and Mr. and Mrs. Benny Hobbs and children.

J. R. Mashburn spent several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn and Rodney. Samatha and Jo Nell Mashburn returned with their father to Carlsbad, N.M., after spending two weeks with their grandparents.

Those helping Mrs. Roy Mashburn celebrate her birthday Sunday were Roy Mashburn, Mrs. Sonny Hardin and children of Lawn, Mrs. John Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shaw.

Mrs. Jean Newton, Kathy and Roger, of Midland, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale. Mrs. Newton and Kathy and Roger, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale and Ethel Canida attended

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hollis' 50th anniversary at the Lion's Building in Hawley Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kelso, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vantresse of Arkansas and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Mundy of San Antonio, attended the funeral of Ed Vantresse, Wednesday at Elliott Chapel of Memories. Burial was in the Stith Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kelso visited their son, Leon, during the weekend, and also Mrs. Ina Kelso in Anson Care Home.

Mrs. Ormer Bishop and Linda visited her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn and children Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn and children spent Easter in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kuch in Abilene. Others visiting in the Kuch home were Mrs. Charlie Barnes and children of Lubbock

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the City of Merkel, Texas on the last Tuesday of May 1969, the same being May 27, 1969, for the purpose of electing (1) City Alderman for unexpired term of (1) year term. Filing deadline for the above office is May 6, 1969.

Candidates may register at the City Hall.

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Mrs. Charles Reddin, Mrs. Don Clark and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn took the Merkel second grade class to Nelson Park in Abilene for an Easter egg hunt. They also went to the zoo. Mike Reddin, David Clyburn and Sherry Clark are in the second grade.

Mr. and Mrs. Babe Tarpley accompanied the Merkel seniors on their trip to Houston, Galveston and other places of interest. They reported a wonderful time.

The funeral of Keith Tarpley of Indiana was held at Starbuck Funeral Chapel in Merkel Sunday. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery. Mr. Tarpley, 33, was a brother of Dave Tarpley and Babe Tarpley's uncle.

Mrs. Stella Tarpley, Mrs. Wanda Maxwell and Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Hicks visited in the home of Babe Tarpley Sunday night.

Visitors at the Hope Church of

Christ Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kelso, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vantresse, Mr. and Mrs. David Chaney and son and Mrs. Jeunez Bicknell of Abilene and Mrs. Margaret Jackson of Odessa.

The trip included a tour of San Jacinto Park, a trip to NASA, a ferry ride, and a fishing trip. Seniors also embarked on frequent trips to the ocean, swimming pool, beach and the Bamboo Hut.

The Big Thing this week at school was the election of new cheerleaders for the 1969-70 school year. Tryouts were held Monday morning in the high school gym. Several girls tried out and then the student body voted by secret ballot. The results were:

Dwina McAninch, head cheerleader and Terry Sue Doan, Debbie Teaff, Glenna Doan and Cindy Wylie.

Twirlers started practicing this week and tryouts will be held soon.

BADGER TRACKS

By WALLY KNIGHT

Class resumed this week after the Easter Holidays.

The Seniors returned from their trip to Galveston early Sunday morning. They had a great time.

TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE :-:

I understand that many young people of the community are reading these articles each week, so I shall direct the next two especially to them.

Sometimes you are put into this class: "Our youth now loves luxury. They have bad manners, contempt for authority, they show disrespect for elders, and they love to chatter instead of exercise. They no longer rise when elders enter the room. They contradict their parents, chatter before company, gobble up their food and tyrannize their teacher." (By the way this was written by Socrates in 400 B.C.) But does not always fit all.

Let me deal with the subject of MORALITY as it seems to be the topic of discussion. Morality implies at least two very basic things:

1. An AUTHORITATIVE STANDARD, and
2. PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY to the authority behind the standard.

ALL AUTHORITY ultimately must rest with Jehovah God, and His standard of right and wrong is to be found in His Book — His Word — The BIBLE, and whether or not it is accepted does not change the fact. And God also teaches us that we are ALL PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE before God for the way we conduct ourselves. Read II Cor. 5:10.

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WINESAP **APPLES** LB. **23¢**

- HORMEL LITTLE SIZZLER SAUSAGE ... PKG. **45¢** CHOICE BEEF POUND **59¢**
- BACON** HORMEL RED LABEL POUND **59¢**
- CHICKEN FRIED **STEAKS** HORMEL PKG. **59¢**
- FRESH GROUND **BEEF** POUND **35¢**
- HAM** CENTER CUTS CURED POUND **98¢**
- BOLOGNA** FRESH ALL MEAT 2 LBS **89¢**
- FRANKS** HORMEL 12-OZ. PKG. **43¢**

DETERGENT (1 Limit)
AJAX GIANT BOX **59¢**
GIANT **PUNCH** BOX **53¢**
CLEANSER
AJAX 2 REG. FOR **23¢**
STA-FLO FABRIC FINISH ... 20-OZ. **49¢**

FRESH GREEN ONIONS ... 2 Bns. **19¢**
TEXAS GRAPEFRUIT OR ORANGES ... 5-Lb. Bag **49¢**
FRESH CARROTS ... Cello Bag **9¢**
GOLDEN BANANAS ... Lb. **10¢**
RED SPUDS ... 10-Lb. Bag **39¢**

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