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Up The Canyon

By TOM RUSSOM

Well, we have most anything in real ideal weather here in the Canyon. Anyone could wish for at this time. It's real growing weather; in two ways - one for the weeds and grass and growing spirit for people to work. That means from lawn mowing to plowing in the fields and gar-

Sheep shearing is getting well underway in our area. Among the ones already sheared are sheep belonging to Frank Brnovak and Ford Butman. We are to shear ours this week if the rain stays off.

We received word this week that W. C. Clark Perkins, stockman on the Divide, underwent surgery at Hendrick Hospital on Monday of this week, and was reported doing good Monday night.

Well, Mrs. Sam Butman Jr. perhaps feels that good friends and loved ones mean more to her since last Sunday, when she was henored in her daughter's home, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Scott. We visited shortly Saturday night in Ranchers, like so many other the Scott home and around the suppertable we met two of Lillies early school day girl friends. One was Mrs. Ruth Beall from Chandler, Tex., and one was Mrs. F. H. Sally Horton. Mrs. Butman is the former Lillie Latimer: Ruth Beall, the former Ruth Martin, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Marbia, and Sally Horton, the former Sally Blackburn, daughter of uncle and Mrs. K. Blackburn, all early day residents of the Nublia Community.

Mrs. Butman stated Sunday at her party that it had certainly been a wonderful day for her. She was honored at Pioneer Church as the "oldest mother at church" and the pastor pinned a larges corsage on her.

Mr. and Mrs. Grif Barnett and daughter. Brenda of Anson, visited in the Dewell McLean home Sunday. Mrs. McLean reported that their son, Hollis, and family, would be returning to Texas in another month or so to make their home, after Hollis has spent some fiftee, years in the Air Force.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gray of Big Spring were guests in the Tom Russoms' home over the weekend. Mrs. Gray is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sloan of Big Spring, and a niece of Mrs. Tom Russom. They came for Mrs. Butman's party. Other out of town guests at the

Butman party were Dr. and Mrs.



READY FOR THE BIG SPLASH - Looking over the wall enclosing Merkel Motel swimming pool are four active youngsters who will be taking part in the Summer Recreation Program beginning June 9. They are, from left, Cindy Byrd, Debra White, Dana James and Jerry Butman. And volunteering the pool (at no charge) for the Summer Rec Program is Tommy McAlister, owner of Merkel Restaurant and Motel. (Staff

'WAR DECLARED' ON BRUSH BY TAYLOR CO. FARMERS, RANCHERS

counties, have joined hands with the Texas Brush Control and Range Improvement Association in an all out effort to do a better job of brush control and range improvement.

ing rangeland," said H. C. Stan- Businesses, foundations, city, ed by a group of interested tin, early day doctor of old Nu- ley, Taylor- County agricultural state and federal governing bod- ranchers and representatives agent. "But there is an urgent ies interested in the control of from the Farm Bureau, the Farraise funds for additional basic research. This research will be aimed toward new break-throughs

Postmaster Wrenn Durham said

he had been advised by Postmas-

ter General Winton M. Blount in

Washington, D.C. that the record

\$1.2 billion 1970 deficit compelled

President Nixon to seek postage

rate increases. Without higher

rates the Department will be left

with a staggering deficit that

would become an added tax bur-

In addition to increasing let-

ter mail from 6 to 7 cents, as

proposed by the Johnson Admin-

istration, President Nixon also

asked that second and third-class

mailers help reduce the large

postal deficit which would other-

POSTAGE INCREASE

TO BEGIN JULY 1

Taylor County Farmers and in brush control and range man-

Stanley said that all types of economic liability to any area of the state will be studied.

"Much research has been done landowners of Texas, one cent an of the State. on controlling brush and improv- acre per year for five years. The state association was formneed for a crash program to brush and land improvement "will mers Union, the Texas Sheep be asked for donations and assistance.

Funds will be spent for projects

other details on the proposed in-

First Class Mail - Letters and

post cards would be increased

one cent, to 7 cents an ounce and

6 cents a piece, respectively, on

July 1, 1969. Airmail postage

Second Class Mail - A handl-

ing charge of 3 tenths of a cent

per piece for circulation outside

home counties would become ef-

fective July 1, 1969. This would

be in addition to the 8 per cent

rise scheduled to take efect Jan-

Third Class Mail - For single

pieces, rates would be increased

one cent per piece. For regular

bulk third - class, the minimum

would be increased to a uniform

rate of 4.2 cents January 1, 1970,

uary 1, 1970.

would remain at 10 cents.

the land - increase the supply of water both to the land and to brush which have become an storage facilities over the State reduce the expense o operating farms and ranches - create The immediate goal of the as- more available wealth for the sociation is to raise, from the people and the governing bodies

and Goat Raisers, and the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. John Matthews of Abilene is chairman of the Association.

In Taylor County the Farm Bureau, Sheep and Goat Raisers and Farmers Union will help in conducting the publicity and fund drive, said Stanley.

Bobby Sayles, president of First State Bank, Tuscola, is the Taylor County Fund Drive chairman.

Contributions may be sent to Bobby Sayles or deposited with Booth Warren, Farmers and Merchants National Bank, Merkel: Garnet Wilks, Home State Bank, Trent; Farm Bureau office in Abilene or County Agents' office.

Space-Age Treat Today at WTU

Open House is being observed at West Texas Utilities today, and Merkel manager, Bill Button, extended a "special invitation to all area people to come in."

"We are offering a space - age treat for homemakers," said Button, "with a close - up look at the new automatic conveniences making their appearances on today's market."

Two West Texas Utilities home economists, Mrs. Linda Caton and Mrs. Jonnie Beasley will be on hand to demonstrate the various appliances on display and to answer questions concerning their

Refreshments will be served and favors and door prizes will be given, said Button.

Graduating Seniors To Receive Diplomas At the Baccalaureate services, F. Harendt, Billy Lynn Hatley,

kel High School Tuesday, May

Howard Payne College, Brown- the benediction. wood, will deliver the Commencement Address at 8 p.m. at the high school auditorium.

Baccalaureate services will be held, also at the high school auditorium Sunday, May 18 at 8 p.m. The Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor of he First Baptist Church will deliver the sermon.

Billy Patton, minister of the Church of Christ will ask the invocation, and Joe McDuff, president of the Merkel School Board, mond. the benediction at the commencement program.

Mack Fisher, superintendent of Merkel Public Schools, will present diplomas to the graduating class, and Edwin Read, principal of Merkel High School, awards and scholarships.

Janis Sue Long, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Harendt, will deliver the Valedictory address, and Kaye Lynne Conley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Conley, the Salutatory address.

Mrs. Norman Winter is pianist at both Commencement and Baccalaureate Services.



LARRY HARGROVE . . . spring graduate

Horace Hargroves To Attend Son's Graduation

Larry Hargrove, son of Mayor and Mrs. Horace Hargrove of Merkel, will graduate from Sul Ross State College with a B.S. degree in Physical Education, at the May 18 graduation exercises.

Mayor and Mrs. Hargrove will attend the exercises, which will be held at Jackson Field in Al-

Larry has played four years varsity football, two years for Cisco Jurior College and two years for Sul Ross. He was swimming pool manager and swimming instructor for Sul Ross during his senior year.

This summer Larry will be recreational director for Camp Musquiz, a boys camp at Fort Davis. In September he will be attending Mortuary School in Dallas He is a 1965 graduate of Merkel High School.

iors will receive diplomas in the Rev. Newton Daniel, pastor Deborah Ann James, Wally Lynn commencement exercises at Mer- of the First United Methodist Church, will ask the invocation. and the Rev. John Curtis, pastor Mashburn. Dr. Guy Newman, president of of the Assembly of God Church,

> Graduating seniors are Willie Asencio, Arthur (Tex) Barnhart, Tony Biera, Ronnie Mack Bigbee, Lawrence Bird, Debra Black, Robert Boyd, Patricia Lynn Tarpley, Harold (Bob) Tate, Lar-

> Conley, Gaylon Doan, Sharon Lee Ann Walker, Jimmy Ray Wil-Doan, Tommy Dean Doan, Michael Dudley, Suzanne Duran, ry Sue Wozencraft. Virginia Duran Hernandez, Daniel L. Estes and Rober D. Ham-

Also Linda Joy Hardy, William Six of this edition.)

Knight, Connie Lackey, Corkey Land, Janis Sue Long and Rodney

Also Charles M. Mills, Katie. Neill, Marylee Noster, Katherine Patterson, Kenneth Purser, Alan Reed, Nancy Rich Boyd and David Seymore.

Also Dale Shields, Ghronda Bunch, and Valorie Jean Buntin. ry A. Teaff, Johnny Thompson, Also David Coker, Kaye Lynne Floyd Wayne Tuckey, Jennifer liams, Kathy Windham and Ter-

> (EDITOR'S NOTE - See pictures of seniors on Page Seven and also congratulations on Page

ger problem is the financing

the compulsory 'Clean Air Act of

At last week's council meeting

Pat Pallerez was hired to work

extra with the garbage hauling

and also to "help out in other

departments."

SANITARY LANDFILL

Merkel City Council is currently in the process of petitioning for the past months, but a bigfor variance for delay until April, and getting equipment to meet 1970 to acquire site, equipment and financing of the compulsory sanitary landfill.

Deadline for beginning use of a sanitary land fill is July 1. Mayor Horace Hargrove said that time was needed "to select order and receive equipment, to prepare landfill site for operations by fencing, boundary dykes,

and initial trench excavation." "Merkel residents may continue to burn trash in barrels on their own property," said Hargrove. "However, there must be no burning at the city dump after July 1. This is compulsory."

Council members have studied surveys of other cities and have compared their findings in relationship to facilities available to Merkel. They have unanimously agreed that the sanitary landfill operation "would be the most practical method for Merkel to pursue.'

"We just need more time," said Hargrove. "Methods of disposing of refuse has been dis-

QM2 James O. Crawford, son

of Mr. and Mrs. Onis Crawford,

is currently on leave and visit-

On duty with the USS Worden,

Crawford has recently returned

from a tour in Vietnam. He will

report to duty June 1 to San Di-

Merkel Visitor

ing in Merkel.

Washington Film

Merkel 4-H Club met May 1 at the Taylor Electric Cooperative building with president, Robert Boyd, presiding.

4 - H Club motto, pledge and prayer was led by Jodie Roddy and American pledge by Becky

Members who went to District with their demonstrations told what they had won. Members who will be going to State at Texas A&M University are Dayna McAninch, Betsy Johnson, Robert Boyd, Kathryn Criswell, Leslie Reddin and Andy Stephan. Boyd announced that County Dress Revue will be held June

A Work Day to help younger members with records books was set for May 26

Tommy Cutler of Taylor Electric Cooperative, presented a program of slides on his trip to Washington, D.C. last summer. Mary Beth Boyd is club report-



NOODLE'S TOP STUDENTS - Evelyn Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Cook, was named valedictorian of the 1969 NHS graduation class, and Clint Byers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Byers, is salutatorian. Both were named "most likely to succeed."

as contrasted with the present rate of 3.6 cents and the rate of 4 cents beginning July 1, 1969. Beta Sigma Phi

Elects Officers

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Mrs. Almeda Bullock May 6 with president, Mrs. Larry White, presiding.

Programs of "Architecture" and "Home Building" were given by Mmes. Bobby DuBose, Dan Allen and Billy Lucas.

Officers for 1999-70 were installed. Taking oath of office were Mrs Jimmy Leverich, president, Mrs. Billy Lucas, vice president; Mrs. John Brady, recording secretary; Mrs. Bobby DuBose, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Dan Aller, treasurer, and Mrs. Bul-

lock director Members discussed holding a Garage Sale and set date or You Are Invited TO OPEN HOUSE

MERKEL HIGH SCHOOL

CARPENTRY CLASS' TRADES & INDUSTRIAL HOUSE 1515 Sunset

6-8 p.m.

wise be paid by taxpayers, the postmaster said. (Continued on Page 4)

IN MERKEL REVIVAL - The Payne Family Gospel Singers will be the evangelistic singers for the Victory Baptist Church Revival beginning Sunday, May 11. The family consists of the father, Vernon; mother, Dorothy; Judy, 18; David, age 15, and Kenny, age 7. Services will be held at 7:45 each evening.

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas -GREETING

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

Hubbard and wife, if any, Maude Hubbard Liskow and husband, John C. Liskow, Thomas Z. Hubbard, Eugene Hubbard and Clara You are hereby commanded to Beta Hubbard, children of Thomas Z. Hubbard, and if any of the named persons not be living, to the beirs, unknown heirs and per-

MANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse thereof in Abilene, TO: The following persons, if Texas, by filing a written answer

the first Monday next after the expiration of forty - two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 16th day of June, 1969, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court on the 1st day of May, 1969, in this cause, numbered 32,284-A on the docket of said Court and styled Edward D. Barfield, Individually and as Independent Executor of the Estate of Tessie Mae Barfield, deceased. Plaintiff. vs. Elmira E. Hubbard, Hardy Hubbard and wife, if any, Maude Hubbard Liskow and husband, John C. Liskow, Thomas Z. Hubbard. Eugene Hubbard and Clara Neta Hubbard, children of Thomas Z. Hubbard, and if any of the named persons not be living, the beirs, unknown heirs and personal representatives of such de-

title suit against the above De fendants, their heirs, unknown heirs and personal representatives who may have a claim to an undivided one - half interest) to recover title to the following described property

Lot 10, Block 90, Original Town of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved

and the mandates hereof, and

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this the 2nd day of May, 1969.

R. H. ROSS, District Clerk, 42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE understood that the repeal of LEGISLATURE OF STATE OF TEXAS: THE these sections shall not in any STATE OF TEXAS: way make any substantive Section 1. That Sections 42, change in our present consti-

Section 1. That Sections 42, 46, and 48 of Article III, Sections 3a and 7 of Article VII, Section 3 of Article IX, Sections 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 of Article XI, Sections 3, 4, 5, and 7 of Article XII, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of Article XII, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of Article XII, Sections 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of Article XII, Sections 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of Article XII, Sections 3, 4, 7, 13, 29, 32, 34, 35, 36, 38, 42, 45, 46, 54, 55, 57, 58, and 60 of Article XVI, Constitution of the State of Texas, be tion of the State of Texas, be necessary sections of the Conrepealed, it being specifically stitution.

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PUBLIC NOTICE Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NUMBER FOUR ON THE BALLOT (SJR6)

subjects within the limits of the authority levying the tax; but the legislature may, by general laws, exempt from taxation public property used for public purposes; all real and personal property owned by a nonprofit water supply corporation which is reasonably necessary for, and is used in, operation of the corporation in the acquisition, storage, transportation and sale of water as authorized as its sole legal purpose; actual places or limited actual places or listed exclusively and owned by qualified elections of this state at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in August, 1969, at which election all ballots shall have printed on them the following:

"FOR the Constitutional amendment to exempt non-profit water supply corporations from taxation."; and "AGAINST the Constitutional amendment to exempt non-profit water supply corporations of like character; also the endowment funds of such institutions of legal purpose; actual places or legal purpose; actual places or legal purpose and property used exclusively and owned by qualified elections of the first Tuesday after the first Monday in August, 1969, at which election all ballots shall have printed on them the following:

"FOR the Constitutional amendment to exempt non-profit water supply corporations from taxation."; and "AGAINST the Constitutional amendment to exempt non-profit water supply corporations from taxation."

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE such church or religious so-LEGISLATURE OF THE ciety; provided that such ex-emption shall not extend to Section 1. That Section 2,
Article VIII, Constitution of
the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows:

emption shall not extend to
more property than is reasonably necessary for a dwelling
place and in no event more than
one acre of land; places of ed to read as follows:

"Section 2. All occupation taxes shall be equal and uniform upon the same class of subjects within the limits of subjects within the subject with th

bonds or mortgages, that such exemption of such land and property shall continue only or two years after the pur-hase of the same at such sale y such institutions and no onger, and institutions of purely public charity; and all laws exempting property from taxation other than the property above mentioned shall be null and void."

water as authorized as its sole legal purpose; actual places or (of) religious worship, also any property owned by a church or by a strictly religious society for the exclusive use as a dwelling place for the ministry of such church or religious society, and which yields no revenue whatever to funds of such institutions of learning and religion not used with a view to profit; and when the same are invested in bonds or mortgages, or in land or other property which has been and shall hereafter be lought in by such institutions under foreclosure sales made vields no revenue whatever to satisfy or protect such institutions of learning and religion not used with a view to profit; and when the same are invested in bonds or mortgages, or in land or other property which has been and shall hereafter be lought in by such institutions of learning and religion not used with a view to profit; and when the same are invested in bonds or mortgages, or in land or other property which has been and shall hereafter be lought in by such institutions of learning and religion not used with a view to profit; and the same are invested in bonds or mortgages, or in land or other property which has been and shall hereafter be lought in by such institutions of learning and religion not used with a view to profit; and the same are invested in bonds or mortgages, or in land or other property which has been and shall hereafter be lought in by such institutions under foreclosure sales made view to profit; and the same are invested in bonds or mortgages, or in land or other property which has been and shall hereafter be lought in by such institutions of learning and religion not used with a view to profit; and the same are invested in bonds or mortgages, or in land or other property which has been and shall hereafter be lought in by such institutions and the same are invested in the same are inves

PUBLIC NOTICE Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NUMBER SEVEN ON THE BALLOT (HJR4)

STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Section 51-d, Article III, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows:

agents, including members of osition:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE enact any enabling laws in LEGISLATURE OF THE anticipation of this amendment, no such law shall be void by reason of its anticipa-tory nature."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the "Section 51-d. The Legisla- qualified electors of this state ture shall have the power, by at an election to be held on general law, to provide for the payment of assistance by the first Monday in August, 1969, State of Texas to the surviv-ing spouse and minor children shall be printed to provide for of officers, employees, and voting for or against the prop organized volunteer fire de-partments and members of or-Legislature to provide for payganized police reserve or auxil- ment of assistance to surviv make an arrest, of the state or of any city, county, district, or other political subdivision in ment of assistance to surviving spouses and minor children of governmental officers, employees, and agents, including members of organized who, because of the hazardous volunteer fire departments and nature of their duties, suffer certain organized police re-death in the course of the perthose official ous duties and are killed in the duties. Should the Legislature performance of those duties.'

PUBLIC NOTICE Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NUMBER THREE ON THE BALLOT (SJR31)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE lature. No Regular Session LEGISLATURE OF THE shall be of longer duration STATE OF TEXAS: Section 1. That Section 24, (140) days.

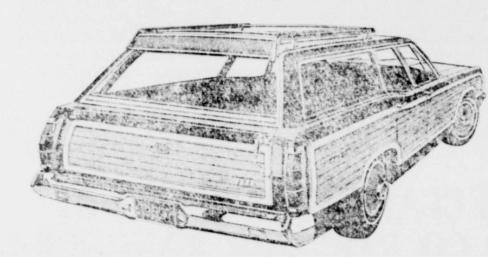
Article III, Constitution of the Sec. 2. The foregoing con-

than one hundred and forty

State of Texas, be amended to stitutional amendment shall be read as follows:

"Section 24. The Lieutenant qualified electors of this state Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives August 5, 1969, at which election the ballots shall be printed Public Treasury an annual sal- to provide for voting for or ary in an amount to be fixed against the proposition: "The by the Legislature, not to ex-ceed one-half the annual salary viding that the Lieutenant of the Governor. Each other Governor and the Speaker of member of the Legislature the House of Representatives shall receive from the Public shall receive a salary fixed by Treasury an annual salary to the Legislature, not to exceed be fixed by the Legislature, one-half the salary of the Govnot to exceed the annual sal-ary paid to a district judge islature shall fix the salary of from state funds. Members of the other members, not to exthe Legislature shall also receive a per diem of not exceeding Twelve Dollars (\$12) per day during each Regular and Special Session of the Legis-

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MASONIC MEETING Stated Meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710 on 2nd Saturday and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Members urged to attend.

BURR HENDRICKS, W. M. ROY MASHBURN, Sec'y.

WANTED - Two or three room building or house, suitable for farm storage. (Building to be moved) Reply Drawer A -Post Office Box 428, Merkel, Texas, 79536. 10 3tc

NOTICE - Lawnmower and small engine repair. See T. J Bird, one mile east town. 928-10 2tp

WANTED - Cooks, waitresses. and dishwashers. Merkel Restaurant, 928-4923. 8 tfc

GARAGE SALE - Thursday, Friday. Saturday at 810 Trundy. Conducted by Beta Sigma Phi members. Many, many items 11 1tc

WANTED - Merkel MHS Twirlers need odd jobs to earn money for Twirler's School and for uniforms. Contact any of the 11 tfr twirlers.

GARAGE SALE - Friday and Saturday. Includes gas cook stove, furniture, lots of misc. items. Also three point hook up planter, cultivator, three disc. Alamo plow. Mrs. J. D. Bradley, 1/4 mile of Fina Station on Farm Market Road.

WANTED - Ironing, also will baby sit in your home at night only. Mrs. A. B. Gregory. 11 2tp

LOST OR STRAYED - Bk. modey faced heifer cow, clipped right ear, brand "T" on top of "S", weighing about 600 lbs.

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PORCH SALE - Thursday thru Sunday, 1411 South 7. Lots of 11 1tc everything.

HAVE BUYERS for land around Merkel. Contact Roddy Realty,

WANTED - Any kind of yard work such as pruning trees and cleaning lots and plowing gardens. Go anywhere in 30 mile radius. Cecilo Hernandez, Rt. 3, Phone 928-5104.

- For Rent -

FOR RENT - Two bedroom furnished apartment. Bills paid. Contact Mrs. Harold Walker after 5 p.m., 928-5872. 10 2tc

FOR RENT - Furnished apartment, 3 rooms and bath, 411 Ash St. Merkel. Mary Collins, Telephone 928-4728 or 928-5746.

FOR RENT - 4 room runfurnished apartment, 406 Locust. Call Ray Wilson, 928-5615 or Wilson Food Store, 928-5713.

FOR RENT OR SALE - 3 bedroom, completely refinished, water well, large garden spot, 6 lots, reasonable. Mrs. Gordon Pursley, Rt. 2, Merkel, 928-5346. 9 2 ct

FOR RENT - Living room, 1 bedroom, bath and dining area. kitchen, unfurnished or partly furnished. 910 Rose, 928-5472.

- For Sale -

FOR SALE - Fedders ref. air cond. 12,000 BTU. Can be seen at Dudley TV and Appliance, 1412 South 3rd, Call 928-4872.

FOR SALE - Young man's dress suit. size 35. Call 928-5205.

FOR SALE - Practical' new electric lawn mower with cord. Bargain, call 928-5464 or see Mrs. John Shannon.

FOR SALE - At Haskell, 14 unit motel with 14 trailer space, 3 bedroom living quarters. Will trade for house or land. I will make someone a good trade. Contact owner, W. J. Roddy. Merkel, Texas, 928-4756, 11 2tc

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Charles Wayne Stump, De-

fendant, 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

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C. B. Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Duncan, Fort Worth: Mr. and Mrs. Peyton Scott and family, Cisco: Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pyle, Sweetwa'er: Mrs. Beall. Chandler. Mrs. R. H. Matthews Sr., and Mrs. R. H. Matthews Jr. Abilene; Mrs. O. W. Reed and Mrs. A. R. Toombs. Sixty five visitors registered at the party.

Vetermarian Here May 17

Merkel Optimist Club will have a licensed veteranian at the Merkel Fire Station Saturday, May 17 to give dog and cat rabbies shots, according to Optimist president Bill Button.

Hours are 1:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

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this citation, same being the 2nd day of June A.D. 1969, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 10th day of April A.D. You are hereby commanded to 1969, in this cause, numbered 4695 on the docket of said court and styled Joyce Lee Stump. Plaintiff, vs. Charles Wayne

> Stump, Defendant, A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, towit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about June 7, 1965 and became permanently separated on or about March 7, 1968.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment as is more ully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this

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 di-

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 15th day of April A.D. 1969.

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

The Merkel School Board is now receiving sealed bids, in the office of the school superintendent, for the sale of a 3-bedroom brick house, located at 1515 Sunset Street, being completed by the Merkel High School T&I Class. Bids must be submitted on or before 3:30 p.m., June 2. The school board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all

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TO: VERNON L ELLIS, Defendant, GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the honorable Court of the Domestic Reations of Taylor County, Texas at the Courthouse thereof in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10:00 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 9th day of June, 1969, A.D., to Plaintiff's Original Petition filed in said Court on the 21 day of April. 1969 in this cause, numbered 4723 on the docket of said Court and styled MARY W. LAGRANGE FLLIS Plairtiff, vs. VERNON L ELLIS. Defendant.

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the Plaintiff is sueing Defendant for divorce. If this citation is not served

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A brief statement of the nalaw, and the mandates hereof, ture of this suit is as follows, and make due return as the law directs

to-wit: The Plaintiff and Defend-Issued and given under my sequently became separated and hand and seal of said Court at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this the 21 day of April, 1969 A.D.

> R. H. ROSS District Clerk.

Taylor County Courthouse Abilene, Texas

By: Irene Craword. 8 4tc

CUSSING!

"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth . . ." Ephesians 4:29.

"If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, THIS MAN'S RELIGION IS VAIN." James 1:26 (Does that need repeating?)

What a disgusting thing when a man or woman who "seems to be religious" cannot (do not) control their tongue. Maybe James 3 needs to be studied, especially verse 10 "Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethern, these things ought not so to be." (Does that need repeating?)

"But I can't control it" is the excuse that's given. But you do when your preacher is around!

Of course the real problem is in the HEART. "It iust slipped out,' is said. It cannot slip if it isn't in the heart first. Jesus said. "Rut those things which proceed out of the MOUTH come forth from the HEART; and they de-FILE the man." Matt. 15:18.

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TO: Eunice M. Cherry, 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 2nd day of June AD. 1969, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 11th day of April A.D. 1969, in this cause, numbered 4700 on the docket of said court and styled Arthur E. Cherry, Plaintiff vs. Eunice M. Cherry, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to - wit: Plaintiff and Defendant was legally married on or about July 15, 1954, in Carlsbad, New Mexico. Lived together until or about February 27, 1955; No children were born, and no community property either real or personal. Plaintiff ask for an absolute divorce from defendant as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 16th day of April A.D. 1969.

Attest: R. H. ROSS, District Clerk, Domestic Relation Court, Taylor County, Texas By Faye Terry, Deputy.

Birthday Honoree

Mrs. E. C. Ray was honored April 22 with a birhday party, with Karen Ray Riley and Sharon Htuchins serving refreshments to the friends and relatives who

Attending were Messrs. and Mmes. Tom Rusom, Lem Dudley, Price Floyd, Will Butman, Joe Swinney and Lesa, V. V. White, Kenneth Ray and Michael and the Rev. and Mrs. David Hutchins and Sherre.

Also Mrs. Frank Brnovak, Miss Mabel McRee, Mrs. Billy Riley and son, Billie Ray and Mrs. Lottie Everett.

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 80th District Court of Harris County, of the 7th day of March 1960, by District Clerk of said County for the sum of One Thousand Six Hundred Eightyfive and 14-100 (\$1,685.14) Dollars and costs of suit, under a Execution, in favor of Schlumberger Well Surveying Corporation, in a certain cause in said Court, No. 466,979 and styled Schlumberger Well Surveying Corporation vs. C. D. Branham, placed in my hand for service, I, George Maxwell as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 25th day of April 1969, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: .013672 Royalty Interest on 20 acres Sec. 447 George Hancock 4-J Lease, Arrett Weeks Gene McCutchin Operator. .013672 Royalty Interest on 80 Acres Sec. 447, A Lease George Hancock 4-J Arrett Weeks Gene McCutchin Operator.

and levied upon as the property of C. D. Branham and that on the first Tuesday in June 1969, the same being the 3rd day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between

Traweek-Toler **Engagement Told**

Mrs. Mary Traweek of Merkel and Mr. J. E. Traweek of Abilene, announced the engagement of their daughter, Lois Janoma, to S.R. Larry Toler of Orlando,

The bridegroom - elect is the son of Mrs. Dolores Toler of Merkel and Mr. Charles Toler of Fort Worth. He attended Merkel High School and is presently completing Boot Camp at Or-

Miss Traweek is a junior student at Merkel High School. Wedding is planned for May 26.

PERSONALS

Approximately twenty - five friends and relatives visited Mrs. Sunday, May 4. Visitors were Ella Neeb and Mrs. Lena Reeder from Seymoure, Stith, Munday, Stamford, Abilene, Anson, Merkel

the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said George Maxwell, I will sell said above described Real Estate at week for three consecutive weeks public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of of sale, in the Merkel Mai, a By Robert H. Alexander Deputy. said C. D. Branham.

And in compliance with law, I County. give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a immediately preceeding said day newspaper published in Taylor

Witness my hand, this 25th day of April 1969.

GEORGE MAXWELL Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas



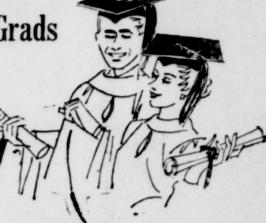
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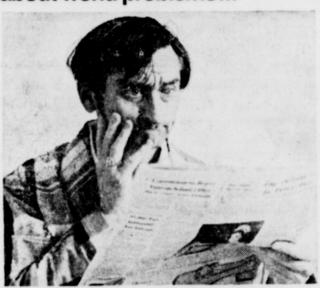
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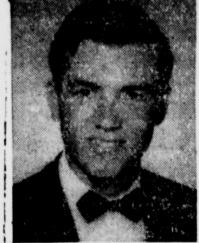
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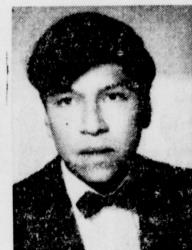
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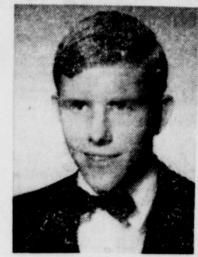


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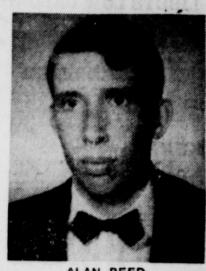




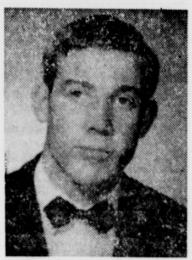
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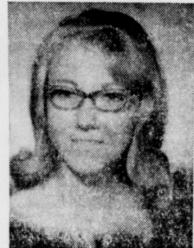




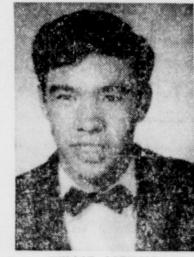




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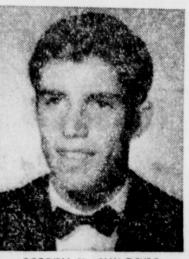
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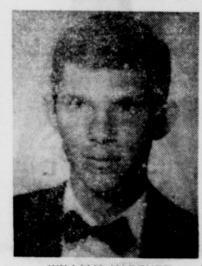






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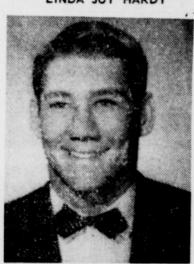
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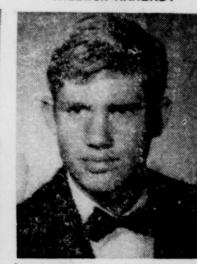
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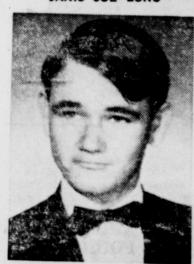
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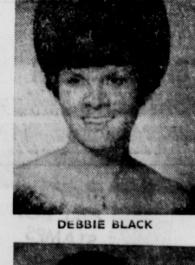
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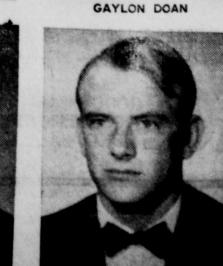


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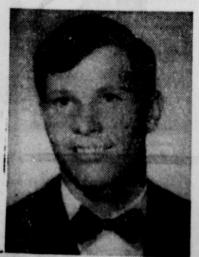




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