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Up The Canyon

By TOM
RUSSOM

Another July 4 has passed. A few from our area attended the Stamford Cowboy Reunion, but many stayed home to keep cool.

My sister and family from Dallas visited us over the July 4 weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Moore has just returned home after a trip that took them several hundred miles.

The children of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jones, early pioneer family of the Canyon, met over the weekend for their annual reunion at the Butman Community Center.

Some of the children were unable to attend because of illness. Members came from California. Some friends who stopped by were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Demere, Mrs. Lottie Everett, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russom, Mrs. Sam Butman Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray.

David Hutchins, pastor of Pioneer United Methodist Church, left Monday morning for a three weeks school in Dallas. A former pastor of Pioneer Methodist, Larry Sullivan of Abilene, will preach at Pioneer Church this Sunday.

The last report we had on DeWitt McLean he was still pretty sick; however, he had shown some improvement over the weekend. McLean has been in the hospital for about two weeks after having a severe heart attack.

MAX MURRELL NAMED TADA AREA DIRECTOR

Max Murrell, Max Murrell Chevrolet Company in Merkel, has been appointed to the key post of area director of the Texas Automobile Dealers Association.

H. C. Pittman, TADA executive vice president in Austin, said that Murrell will report to the TADA Board of Directors on all phases of activity relating to the motor vehicle buying public in the Merkel area.

Toombs, Jacobs To Represent Farmers Union

Billy Bob Toombs and Charles Jacobs will represent the Taylor County Farmers Union at a "National Farmers Union Fly-in" in Washington, D.C., July 13-15.

These two representatives were elected at a meeting Tuesday evening, according to Pete Morgan, president of the Taylor Farmers Union.

The Farmers Union is in favor of the continuation of the 1965 Farm Act and will inform the legislature of its opinion. Congressman W. R. Poage, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, has scheduled hearings on a bill to make permanent the 1965 Farm Act before the House Agriculture Committee on July 15.

Secretary of Agriculture Clifford Hardin will be the first witness.

Morgan said, "We are fortunate to have two outstanding young farmers to give of their time to go to Washington to carry on our battle to try to keep the present farm program."

At the meeting it was also announced that Taylor County is one of the three counties in the state that reached its membership quota. In fact, 15 new members over the quota were signed up, said Morgan.



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT — Terry Reed, right, explains to Mayor Horace Hargrove, center, and Merkel Chamber of Commerce president, Ray Wilson, his plans for re-painting street signs on the south side of the city. Even though this particular sign is "pretty clear," Terry pointed out many others that needed re-painting. The project Terry plans will help him earn his Eagle Scout badge. (Staff Photo)

Pierce Manufacturing Corp. Moves Office Near Merkel

Pierce Manufacturing Corporation, a new industry moving near Merkel, is in the process of installing equipment in the Heart of Texas building, just east of the city.

Richard A. Pierce, owner, said that it would be "approximately

six weeks before all equipment is installed and ready to operate."

Production consists mainly of metal stamping and metal fabrication, the corporation deals in manufacturing cigarette vending machine kits, wholesale warehouse grocery carts, small bicycles, mail boxes and porch lights.

Punch and drill presses were being moved in Monday morning, with other equipment ready to be installed.

Mr. Pierce, originally from Illinois, and Mrs. Pierce, from the state of New Hampshire, live at 2317 Post Oak Road in Abilene, and until a few weeks ago, operated their manufacturing business at 1501 South Treadaway, which was destroyed by a fire. The building was heavily damaged and some of the equipment belonging to Pierce was salvaged.

"Some of the equipment and also orders ready to deliver were burned beyond salvaging," said Pierce. "Equipment that could be cleaned up and used has already been moved in, along with orders that were ready for shipment."

The Pierces moved to Abilene six years ago from San Antonio, when Mr. Pierce became general

manager of Master Corporation. In 1967 he formed his own company, which was located on the Treadaway address. They have seven children, ages ranging from nine to eighteen.

The present organization employs eleven people.

Chamber Plans Listing Service To Aid Hunters

As a special service to farmers and ranchers in this area, the Chamber of Commerce plans to establish an information bureau for hunters, announced Johnny Cox, manager.

This bureau will enable hunters from other parts of the state to find places to hunt deer and turkey.

Anyone having land who wish to lease it for this purpose should contact Cox. "There will be no charge to farmers and ranchers for the listing service," said Cox. "It is a public service project."

The chamber will keep a list of land available for hunting; and when hunters inquire, they may use this list to contact the owners.

C-C Directors Slate Flea Market July 26

Discussion of a new industry near Merkel, a business promotion, supplying materials for remarking streets on south side were highlights of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors' meeting this past week.

After a lengthy discussion on the business promotion, consensus was to have a Flea Market, whereby merchants would be invited to use their own methods of promotions and any individual or organization could bring their "wares" into Merkel and use

the sidewalks in front of businesses to set up their tables and display items they wished to sell.

Date for the Flea Market has been set for Saturday, July 26, from 9 a.m. until "selling out time in the evening."

"We have a lot of garage sales going on in our area," explained Ray Wilson, president, "and individuals or organizations may use this method to have a garage sale on the sidewalks in downtown Merkel."

Persons wishing to participate

in the Flea Market are asked to contact merchants in Merkel concerning locations in which to hold sales.

Board member, Herman Carson, told directors that he was sure there were "lots of people in and around Merkel who had things stored up they would like to sell," and explained that this would be a good time to get closets and storerooms cleaned out.

Other suggestions for the promotion included a Trades Day, Sidewalk Sales and Bazaars.

At the July 3 meeting at the Asteroid Restaurant, C-C directors voted to help finance a fire hydrant to be installed near the Heart of Texas building, just outside the city limits east of Merkel which is to house the Pierce Manufacturing Corporation, now in the process of moving equipment into the building.

Wilson explained to directors present that the new industry is "near enough to Merkel for us to call it ours. It will eventually mean something to Merkel," said Wilson, "and possibly within the future we can see other smaller industries moving our way."

In a previous meeting with Wilson, and Mayor Horace Hargrove, Terry Reed, Merkel Scout, asked that he be allowed to re-paint street signs on the south side of Merkel as a community service project toward earning his Eagle Scout badge. Members voted to supply materials so that young Reed could begin work on signs this summer.

Directors attending the meeting besides Wilson and Carson were David Gamble, Ted Smith, Mack Fisher, Vernon Mansfield and chamber manager Johnny Cox.

TERRY REED SELECTS COMMUNITY PROJECT

There's no doubt about it, as far as Scout activities are concerned, one Merkel Scout has the remainder of his summer vacation already planned.

Terry Reed, member of Merkel Scout Troop 18 realizes he has a Community Service project to choose and complete before he gets his Eagle badge, and he did a lot of thinking about that project before deciding on just the "right one."

After several "conferences" with his father, Glen Reed, who is also Terry's Scoutmaster, Terry decided that re-painting the street signs on the south side of town would "just about help everybody in Merkel as well as visitors."

"There's a lot of people who come to town looking for relatives' houses," said Terry, "and with so many of our street signs so dim, they have a hard time finding their way around."

So, young Reed took the matter up with Mayor Horace Hargrove and Merkel Chamber president, Ray Wilson.

If the city or chamber would supply the necessary materials, Terry said he would re-paint the letters on each sign, making them clearer and more easily read.

And at a C-C board of directors meeting Tuesday evening, members voted to supply the necessary materials for Terry to begin and complete his project and thereby gain a two-fold purpose. Terry would earn his Eagle badge and the City of Merkel (on the south side) would be able to read the street signs.

But this project will not begin until about the last of July since right now, Terry is off at Scout Camp. He will "rush in" Friday evening and begin packing for his trip to the Scout Jamboree at Farragut State Park in Idaho, for a two-week camp.

Actually, many projects have to be completed before Scouts

become Eagles. Since the first of May, Terry and Steve Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Walker, have completed six hikes — five ten mile hikes and one twenty mile hike.

On one hike the two boys were taken out south of Merkel to Castle Peak, and they hiked back to town. Another was north of Merkel, toward Noodle: one west toward Trent, and two toward Abilene.

That twenty mile hike took the boys out to the Old Anson Road north of Abilene, where they hiked back to Merkel.

With both boys, (Steve a 9th grader and Terry an 8th grader this fall in the Merkel Public Schools), busy during school time with so many activities, most of the Scout projects are undertaken during the summer months.

They never have to worry about "nothing to do all summer."



ON STEPS OF CAPITOL — Government - in - Action Youth Tour contest winners are shown in front of our nation's Capitol in Washington, D.C. They are Kathryn Criswell, Michael Steck, both of Merkel, and Pamela McElmurray of Trent. Miss McElmurray is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clovis McElmurray; Miss Criswell, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Criswell, and Steck is the son of Mrs. Mamie Steck. Local winners were sponsored on the 12-day tour by Taylor Electric Cooperative of Merkel. (Photo Courtesy of Texas Electric Cooperative)

MERKEL SCOUTS OFF TO US JAMBOREE

An exciting two weeks of traveling by bus, by plane, plus camping out and meeting new friends "from all over the U.S." are in store for two Merkel Scouts, Terry Reed and John Dixon.

Terry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Reed and John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Dixon.

And the main point of excitement is the National Jamboree at Farragut State Park in Idaho. Accompanying the two Scouts will be Troop 18 Scoutmaster, Glen Reed, who will also be assistant Scoutmaster on the trip. Dr. Joe Alexander of Abilene will be Scoutmaster.

The two Merkel Scouts and Reed will leave from Scout Headquarters in Abilene, along with other area Scouts and Dr. Alexander, on the morning of July 12. They will go by bus to Lubbock

and then catch a flight to Denver. From Denver they will fly to a point near the Farragut State Park.

Until July 22 the boys will have a scheduled of hiking, fishing, boating, archery, swimming and adventure trips.

In addition they will be meeting Scouts from all over the United States, sharing experiences, exchanging items, and "getting to know each other."

Scouts will be allowed "free time" in the afternoons, and in the evenings after campfire.

John and Terry will return to Merkel July 23, and we can be sure that a lot of Scouts have heard of Texas and the Big Country and Merkel; and "our Scouts" will bring back memories and experiences gained at National Jamboree.

All-Stars to Play Fathers July 11

The Little League All-Stars will play their fathers Friday, July 11, at 7:30 p.m. at Little League Park, according to Don King.

"The public is invited to attend," said King.

Children to Have Pictures Made

Winston Lucas, expert children's photographer, will be at Crawford's Department Store Saturday, July 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to take children's pictures.

The picture-taking is free of charge to parents, and appointments may be made by calling Mignon Crawford at 928-5412.

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THE MERKEL MAIL, MERKEL, TEXAS
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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 42nd District Court of Taylor County, of the 3rd day of March 1969, by District Clerk of said County, Taylor for the sum of Twenty - Six hundred twenty nine and 06/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Execution, in favor of F. B. McIntire vs. C. L. Cooke and Sons, placed in my hands for service, I, George Maxwell as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 27th day of June 1969, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: S439 Ft. 022 Scott Hwy. Abl. Et: Lt. 2 and W50 E66 S120 Lt. 2 and levied upon as the property of C. L. Cooke and Sons and that on the first Tuesday in August 1969, the same being the 5th day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor

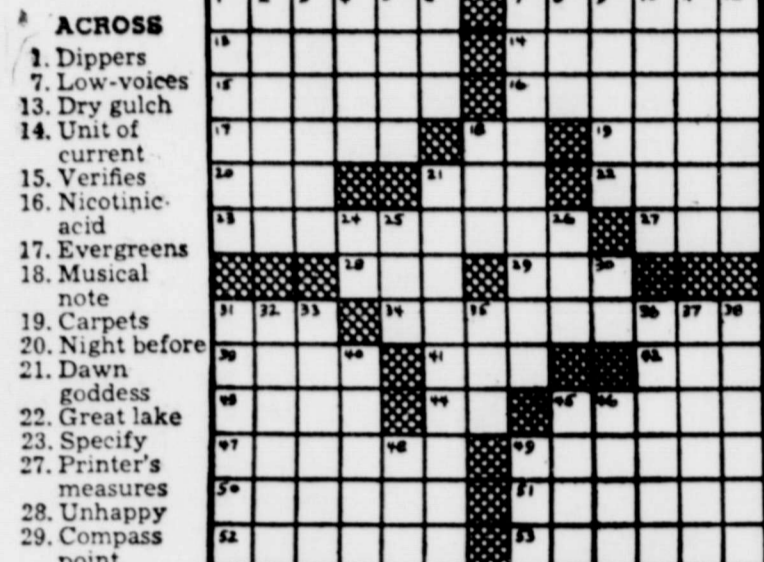
County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said George Maxwell I will sell said described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said C. L. Cooke and Sons. And in compliance with the law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County, Texas.

Witness my hand, this 27th day of June 1969.

GEORGE MAXWELL
Sheriff Taylor County, Texas
By R. P. Blackley Deputy.

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Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Dippers
 - Low-voiced king
 - Dry gulch
 - Unit of current
 - Verifies
 - Nicotinic acid
 - Evergreens
 - Musical note
 - Carpet
 - Night before
 - Dawn goddess
 - Great lake
 - Specify
 - Printer's measures
 - Unhappy
 - Compass point
 - Dry
 - Without facial hair
 - Norwegian king
 - Public notices
 - Portuguese coin
 - New star
 - State: abbr.
 - Raced again
 - God of light
 - Gambling
 - More brief
 - Display
 - Flowers
 - Absorbed
 - Perceives
 - Flightless bird
 - Strives
 - Exists
 - Chatter
 - Finish
 - Building wing
 - Musical composition
 - Runs away
 - Prance
 - Girl's name
 - Sinning
 - Session
 - Scorched railings
 - Untrue
 - Rant
 - Prince
 - Scanty sea god
 - Safe
 - Source
 - Jewel
- DOWN**
- Folded over
 - Reached
 - Male bees
 - Affection
 - Sight organs
 - Distress call
 - Staircase
 - French friend
 - Scanty sea god
 - Safe
 - Source
 - Jewel

MULBERRY CANYON 4-H CLUB
MEMBERS DISPLAY PROJECTS ON TOUR

Jerry Don Sandusky was chosen first place winner of the Mulberry Canyon 4-H Tour Judging Contest.

Judge for the contest was Dexter Sagebiel, who announced the results at a 4-H picnic - supper following the tour.

Second and third place winners were Pam Sandusky and Mark Clemmer, respectively.

The tour was conducted June 23 and began at the R. E. Clemmer home.

At the Clemmers Teresa exhibited a Cherry-O Tea Ring, preserves, jellies and vegetables that she had canned. She showed her year's hobby of "buggies with fringe on top," her new sewing machine, a pant dress and her winning dress revue dress.

Robert showed his ribbons for record book judging, lambs, rifle and second place rifle trophy. He told about his and Mark's registered filly.

Mark exhibited his grand champion lamb ribbons, rifle ribbons, and his high score junior rifle trophy. He showed Hampshire pigs that he and Robert will be showing this fall.

While at Lisa Swinney's home, Lisa had displayed her sewing, sewing kit and dress revue dress. She had baked a large tray of cookies for sampling.

Margo McAlister showed her summer sewing at the Price Floyd home and told about her Nutritional Activity Demonstration that she gave in county, district and state this year.

Judy Brovok has a garden exhibit of fresh vegetables, home

canned vegetables, pickles and jellies. She showed her dress revue dress, plus pant dresses and several others.

Arriving at Becky and Rocky Bryan's home, tourists watched Becky exhibit a cake, canned green beans, burlap flowers, pillows and dresses that she had made this summer.

Rocky told about entering the Favorite Food Show.

Next stop was at Lisa Hughes where tour members viewed a porch exhibit of her sewing.

At the Sandusky Feed Lot a class of heifer calves was judged by Sagebiel.

Mike Dudley summed up his six years of 4-H work and activities at his home and told that he and his partner had won third at state with their vegetable production and marketing demonstration. Mark told of his public speaking and showed his eight club lambs on feed and his horse.

Next 4-Her was Ray King. Besides demonstrating his home improvement project, he showed his rock collection and painted yard furniture.

Jan Beck exhibited burlap flowers, wood craft hobbies and her horse at the Whisenhunt home. Bart, Cindy and Jeff Whisenhunt each showed ribbons, trophies, a club calf and horse.

Katie Neill gave a summary of her 10 years activities in 4-H and told about her and her partner's state Electric Demonstration and showed ewe lambs.

Beverly Gilmore had ribbons and club lambs to show, and two

classes of lambs were judged at her home.

Johnny Gray exhibited champion swine ribbons, horse trophies, horses and swine. A class of pigs was judged here.

The final stop was at Suzie Riney's where Suzie showed her trophies and horses. The last judging of the day, horse judging, was conducted at the Rineys.

At the 4-H meeting year pins were presented. Mark Dudley, president, received his pin from Mrs. T. J. Neill.

The Neills were presented an appreciation plaque for serving as organizational leaders.

Gaylon Brovok received an alumni pin; Ray King and Jan Beck, membership pins; and Glenn Bryan and Mike Dudley, 4-H desk trophies. Mrs. Dudley also presented a trophy to Katie Neill.

Butman Assigned To Vietnam Unit

VIETNAM - Army Private First Class Robert W. Butman, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Butman, Rt. 2, Merke' was assigned June 9 to the 5th Transportation Company in Vietnam, as a seaman.

His wife, Linda, lives at 1201 N. Third, Merkel.



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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: Arvil Porter, 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 25 day of August A.D. 1969, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 4th day of June A.D. 1969, in this cause, numbered 4807 on

the docket of said court and styled Is Re: Sonja Dee Porter, Laura Lee Porter and Lisa Kay Porter, Minors, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Adoption Proceedings as is more fully show by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 7th day of July A.D. 1969.

(Seal)
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD,
District Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas
By Rilla Mahoney, Deputy.

Hogan Rites Read Tuesday

Merkel native Thomas R. Hogan Jr., 27, of Odessa was found dead about 4 a.m. Monday on the Mrs. Baird's Bakery premises in Odessa, where he had been working the past 18 months.

Funeral was held Tuesday at 4 p.m. in the Merkel United Methodist Church, with the Rev. James Merrell, pastor, and the Rev. Newton Daniel, pastor emeritus, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Wayne Deen, Glen Irvin, Jerry Goode, Kenny Hogan, Bobby Campbell, Ray Justice and David Chancey.

Born in Merkel June 23, 1942, he attended Merkel schools and graduated from Noodle High School in 1960. He married Sandra Bury in September of 1962 in Hamlin.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Kelli Reni and Christi Cherise, both of the home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hogan of Noodle; one sister, Joyce Kay Hogan of Noodle; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Ida Mashburn; his paternal grandfather, F. T. Hogan Sr. of Merkel.

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FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK
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At Close of Business June 30, 1969

RESOURCES	
Loans	\$1,279,352.74
Overdrafts	524.91
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	9,000.00
Banking House	50,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	10,000.00
Other Real Estate	1.00
AVAILABLE CASH:	
U.S. Government Bonds	\$1,003,682.50
Municipal Bonds and Warrants	1,018,134.55
Cash and Due from Banks	1,229,549.49
Total Available Cash	3,251,366.54
TOTAL	\$4,600,245.19
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 150,000.00
Surplus	150,000.00
Undivided Profits and Reserves	248,575.87
Dividend Payable June 30, 1969	15,000.00
DEPOSITS	4,036,669.32
TOTAL	\$4,600,245.19

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MILK Borden's Instant Dry 8-Qt. Size **89¢**

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

WANTED — Small child to keep in my home, days. Call 926-5777. 19 1tc

COMMERCIAL HAY BALING — Also hay for sale. Contact Don Ray 846-4160 or E. C. Ray, 846-4167. 19 3tp

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

WANTED — Lady to work in Snack Bar. Apply at Stuckey's, 928-5312. 17 2tp

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WANTED — Ironing. Also I have fishing worms for sale. Call 928-5586. No. 3rd & Nolan sts., Mrs. A. B. Gregory. 18 2tp

LOST — Pair boy's black rimmed glasses. Lost about 3 weeks ago at the Community Center. If found please call Jane Carson, 928-5835. 18 2tc

LOST — Poodle. White, miniature female with red collar. Lost somewhere in Trent or Merkel area. She answers to "GIGI." Call 862-2531 in Trent after 4:30 p.m. 18 2tc

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FOR RENT — 2 bedroom, furnished house, bills paid, also 1 bedroom furnished house, bills paid. 305 Kent or call 928-5959. 17 2tp

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Bridge Fun Day Slated in Baird

A "Fun Day for Bridge," sponsored by the Psi Pi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, will be July 15 in the Baird School Cafeteria, according to Mrs. Jon E. Hardwick.

This will be a partnership event with partners playing as a team throughout the day.

The day's event will begin with coffee at 9 a.m., followed by the morning session. Luncheon will be served at 12:00 p.m., and the evening session will start at 1 p.m.

Anyone who enjoys Contract Bridge is urged to enter this event, said Mrs. Hardwick.

Entry fee is \$2.50 per person. Reservations may be sent to Mrs. Hardwick, Box 936, Baird, phone 854-1256. Deadline for reservations is July 11.

"When submitting reservations be sure to include the names of each partner," said Mrs. Hardwick.

Winter Awarded Combat Ribbon

VIETNAM — Marine Corporal Robert H. Winter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman C. Winter of 1414 Heath St., Merkel, was awarded the Combat Action Ribbon while serving with the First Marine Division in Vietnam.

The newly created ribbon is awarded to a member of the armed forces who actively participates in combat action or is directly endangered by combat action.

JULY 4 CELEBRATED IN VARIOUS WAYS

Besides attending the Stamford Cowboy Reunion, Merkelites spent the Fourth in various ways — ranging from giving farewell parties, entertaining guests, watching boat shows and camping out.

The Billy Fishers entertained several local and out of town guests, including her brother whom she had not seen for six years. The L. D. Wells came from San Pablo, Calif., and the Vern Smith family from Hobbs, N.M. Attending from Sweetwater were Mmes. Iva Wells and Sara Egger. The G. A. Fishers of Merkel also dined with the Fishers.

Cpl. Dale Farmer, who leaves Saturday for Vietnam, was the honoree at a family get together hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones and Jana Sunday. Dale will be gone 12 to 18 months in special service. He will train 15 days at Camp Pendleton, Calif., before leaving.

Merkel citizens present were the Fred Perrys, Mrs. Grace Ingram, Mrs. Linda Butman, Miss Wanda and Mary Jo Barnes, Mrs. Ira Farmer, the Derrell Farmer family, and the Lawrence Hewitts. In addition to Dallas and Snyder guests, the Ruppert and Ronnie Woodard families of

Hawley, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Armstrong of Trent.

Taking a trip to Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gregory went to see his mother, Mrs. W. C. Gregory who is now living with her son Paul. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McKeenan of Sweetwater and the Robert Evans of Tennessee.

Several families attended the Boat Show on Sweetwater Lake and watched the fireworks display. Mrs. C. R. Tittle and Betty Jane spent the Fourth watching skiers as well as boat races. Another group including Lola Mae Holmes and Randy, the Kent Satterwhites, Travis and Pete Swinneys, all of Merkel and Sweetwater friends, also enjoyed the Boat Show.

Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Adecock of Merkel joined families from New Mexico, Vega, Midland and Fort Worth for a weekend in a cabin on the Colorado City Chamber Lake. The great niece of Waymon Adecock came back to Merkel to visit with the Adecocks for awhile.

To celebrate the Fourth, the Alvin Byrds of Tye entertained several families from California, Dumas and Brownwood. Guests from Tye included Yvonne Martin and Derrell, Lonnie Thompson, Janis Long, the Lee Hassevs and Miss Lula Hassey. Merkel families attending were Jean Thompson, T. L. Holloway, Jerry Byrd and Glenda Byrd.

Camping out was another favorite choice for the weekend even though it meant "getting chiggers," said Pat Byrd. Fishing and sitting around the campfire were the Rufus Graves, Linda; Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Bowen and Craig and the Jerry Byrds.

Merkelites Enter Stamford Events

Three Merkelites placed in events at the Stamford Cowboy Reunion this past weekend.

They are Don and Mark Dudley and Dayna McAninch.

In the open youth activities Thursday Mark Dudley, competing in the 13-15 class, placed third in flag racing and first in reining. Then on Friday in the youth activities show he placed fifth at showmanship at halter, riding Christ Scooter. Winner of the show was Harriett Martin of Aspermont, riding Mr. Badger 10.

Competing in the Quarter Horse Show Don Dudley placed third in halter classes, riding Lem-o-Dude, a stallion foaled in 1967.

Dayna McAninch captured fourth place in the barrel races Friday, with a time of 21.8 seconds. Brenda Dalby of Aspermont took top honors for the evening making her run in 20.5 seconds.

One Whale Of A Cavity



Dentists say that over half the toothbrushes in service are worn out and need replacement. One of the latest beneficiaries of this advice is Frances, a white whale, who opens her mouth daily for a regular scrubbing. The king-size brush is replaced by her keeper every four months—about the same toothbrush service life that the dental profession recommends for people.

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Take for example Christel Szymaniak, 35, the attractive blonde who has been driving for ten years and got her back license in 1966. She drives a Mercedes, works as much as ten hours a day when she wants to, and enjoys every minute of it. The pay is modest by U.S. standards, but higher than what she used to get as a shop assistant, and will average about \$125 per week once she saves enough to buy her own cab.

Christel is divorced and has no children, but most of her lady-cabbie friends are married, often to other taxi drivers or owners. They greatly prefer the day shift, though some spell their menfolk from 7 p.m. to midnight so's to have the daytime free for the house and children.

"I like driving because it lets me plan my own time," says Christel. "There's no-one always telling me what to do. And it's possible to take a short break for some quick shopping." How about smart-aleck fares? "No, I have never had any unpleasant experiences; the men as well as women are always most polite. And I'm glad to see even men who are often very critical of their wives' or daughters' driving, get into my cab without batting an eye."

VISITORS RECALL DECEMBER 1966 STORY

Visitors to the Merkel Mail office this week recalled a story written and published in the Dec. 29, 1966 issue of the Mail concerning the location of relatives whose "first names were Thomas and Pearl."

The visitors were Mrs. Harvey (Pearl) Allred, Rt. 1, Merkel, and her cousin, the Rev. Kenneth Kermit E. Neal of Little Rock, Ark.

In December, 1966, the Rev. Neal wrote to the Merkel Mail, asking help in locating a family "who were former Merkelites."

The letter read:

"Would you please publish my letter in your paper. I am trying to locate anyone who would know the whereabouts of the John McKinney family who did live in your town many years ago.

"The two oldest children of whom I know, and their names, were Thomas and Pearl.

"If you or anyone in your circulation area know of anyone who might know anything about the family, please ask them to communicate with me.

"I shall be forever grateful for any information concerning my family."

Shortly after the Mail was delivered on Thursday morning, Mrs. Allred said her "telephone began ringing."

"People called from all around Merkel, asking if I had read the

paper," said Mrs. Allred. "They said they just knew the story was about me."

Since that time, many letters and telephone calls have been "swapped back and forth" by Rev. Neal, his family and the Allreds — Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Clyde Allred, and Mrs. O. R. Ashford of Cisco.

The present trip to Merkel is the Rev. Neal's first visit since "contact" was made back in '66. Mrs. Allred, her two sisters and her brother, John McKinney, who is now deceased, visited the Neals in April, 1967.

Accompanying the Rev. Neal were his five children, Belva Joyce, Lawrence Franklin, Anita Fay, Bonita Kay and Byron David. They also visited in Snyder with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allred's daughter and family, Dr. and Mrs. W. B. McSpadden.

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ARNOLD, CASH TO PERFORM DURING WEST TEXAS FAIR

Nationally known singing stars Eddie Arnold and Johnny Cash will be among the featured performers at the West Texas Fair, Bob Morford, West Texas Fair president, announced.

The West Texas Fair is set for Sept. 8-13, Morford said.

Arnold, RCA recording star, will perform Sept. 8 and 9 and Cash, America's foremost storyteller, will perform Sept. 12 and 13. Performances will be at 8:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. at the Abilene Coliseum.

Announcements will be made later about other stars appearing at the Fair, Morford explained.

Eddie Arnold is one of the top three recording artists and was named entertainer of the Year in 1967, according to the Country Music Association. He has also been elected to the Country and Music Hall of Fame.

Arnold performs at concerts throughout America and has performed with symphony orchestras of Atlanta, Dallas, Hartford, Memphis, Phoenix and other major cities. He made his nightclub debut at the Coconut Grove in Los Angeles.

Arnold received a standing ova-



EDDIE ARNOLD



JOHNNY CASH

tion at Carnegie Hall in New York. He has appeared on television in America as well as in Europe. He has hosted the "Tonight Show" as well as several television specials, including nine Kraft Music Hall shows.

Among his recording hits are "Anytime," "Cattle Call," "Make the World Go Away," "I Want to go With You," "The Last Word in Lonesome is Me," "Lonely Again," "Misty Blue," and "Turn

the World Around." While Arnold's performances have become more cosmopolitan and more traditionally "pop" they have retained the down-to-earth quality of the Country and Western genre.

Johnny Cash, who has hosted Kraft Music Hall several times, has his own network television show. Cash says his music is "people's music; you'll just have to call me the way you see me." Philosophizing, Cash says there are three things you can't get away from — loneliness, that certain kind of woman and God.

Cash has written many of his biggest hits pertaining to this philosophy.

Among Cash's record albums are "All Aboard the Blue Train," "All Star Country," "American's Greatest Country Stars," "Bitter Tears," "Blood, Sweat and Tears," "Johnny Cash Sings Songs that made him Famous," and "Christmas Spirit."

He has also recorded "Ballad of a Teenage Queen," "Ballad of Ira Hayes," "Bells," "Big River," "Blue Train," and many others.

Church of Christ Revival July 14-20

Abel Lincoln, preacher and teacher from Lubbock's Sunset School of Preaching, will be at a Church of Christ revival July 14-20.

Meetings will be held each night at 8:00.

Minister of the Church of Christ, located at 818 Ash, is Billy Patton.

Treasure Spotted At Garage Sale

While browsing around a garage sale recently, Mrs. LaVonne Bunch discovered a very unusual item — a cradle churn.

Mrs. Goldia Malone had decided to part with a family heirloom, an 18th century cradle churn.

This peculiar apparatus was manufactured in Tennessee to affix to a cradle so that a mother could rock the baby and buttermilk at the same time, reported Mrs. Bunch.

About 1914, the pioneer Kent family progressed to a cradle/churn of the dasher variety, and the cradle churn was then used as a safety deposit box, according to Mrs. Bunch.

She thought this was a very clever idea, for "what robber would look for treasures in a churn, down in the cellar?"

Was the churn sold to a stranger interested in early Western history, or did Mrs. Malone replace it among other memories from long ago? "Indeed," said Mrs. Bunch, "she followed the latter course."

Concluding her story Mrs. Bunch said, "Perhaps when we reach our next sanitized carton of vitamin enriched, machine stirred buttermilk, we will think what a long way it has come."

James Funeral Held Thursday

Funeral for Marvin L. James, 73, resident of Merkel since 1901, was held Thursday afternoon at Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel.

The Rev. Jim Sellers, pastor of Trent Baptist Church, officiated. Burial was in Sweetwater Garden of Memories.

Mr. James died last Monday morning in a Corpus Christi hospital after a lengthy illness. He was born Oct. 29, 1895, in Hunt County.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. J. P. Hellinghausen of Portland; three sons, T. C. of El Paso, C. D. in the U.S. Air Force and Eldon of Sacramento, Calif.; three brothers, W. J. of Merkel, Nanson of Sweetwater and Robert of Abilene; five sisters, Mrs. M. L. Rutledge of Merkel, Mrs. Blanch Rutledge of Abilene, Mrs. Alice Beal and Mrs. Elmer Jeans both of Fort Worth and Mrs. Bess Mosley of Longview; five grandchildren.

Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ MALE



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry visited recently in Hawley with the Ribert and Ronnie Woodward families.

Leroy Armstrong of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Arnold Armstrong of Trent visited the Perrys Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning spent the July 4th holidays at Brownwood Lake with their children, Mildred and Lonnie Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Harris, all of Dallas; the Rev. and Mrs. Jack Bedford and children, San Angelo, and the Billy Ray Browning family of Tuscola.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Grebe and two sons of Taft visited last week with their grandmother, Mrs. Nora McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald and the Paul Bradleys.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hollis and the Lem Bockmans of Hawley visited Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale Thursday. Guests in the Hale home Sunday evening were Mrs. Myrna Hale and children from Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holt and Debbie Hobbs spent three days at Brownwood Lake last week.

Fort Phantom Lake was the place where Mr. and Mrs. Benny Hobbs, Ronnie and Mrs. John Hobbs spent July 4.

J. R. Mashburn and Samatha of Carlsbad, N.M., visited last week with the Roy Mashburns.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Stephenson and Melissa of Midland spent the Fourth with the F. J. McDonald family.

Mrs. Mamie Hardin returned to Midland with the Stephenson family after spending several weeks here caring for her mother, Mrs. Jim Burns.

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

The Hales and Charles attended the Hill Reunion at the Lions Club building in Anson Sunday.

The Roy Mashburn family attended the Stamford Rodeo last Friday.

CLASSIFIEDS GET QUICK RESULTS

Peace Corps Test Scheduled July 19

Two Peace Corps Placement Tests are scheduled for this summer. The dates are July 19 and August 16.

Local residents wishing to take the test may do so in Abilene in Room 2201 of the New Post Office Building.

On both dates the test will be administered beginning at 1:30 p.m.

The Peace Corps uses the Placement Test to determine how an applicant can best be utilized overseas. The test measures general aptitude and the ability to learn a language, not education or achievement. The test requires no preparation and is non-competitive; an applicant can neither pass nor fail.

Persons interested in serving with the Peace Corps must fill out an application, if they have not already done so, and present it to the tester before the test. Application forms are available from post offices or from the Peace Corps in Washington, D.C., 20520.

Fifteen thousand volunteers are currently serving in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands, working with the people of these nations in self-help projects ranging from food

Dudley to Dance In ACT Musical

Mark Dudley of Merkel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Dudley, is among the cast for the Abilene Community Theater's summer ten musical which began rehearsal July 7.

Dudley is one of the dancers in "Archie and Mehitabel." The play will be given a very experimental treatment, says managing director Gary Eldridge. Performances will be July 23-25 and July 30-August 2.

The plot is loosely based upon the humorous verse which Don Marquis ran first in his newspaper column early in the century and compiled into "Archie and Mehitabel" books.

Eldridge along with choreographer Marj Baucum and music director Pete Palasota intend to expand and vary the original work by devising new business and incorporating some songs from "Hair."

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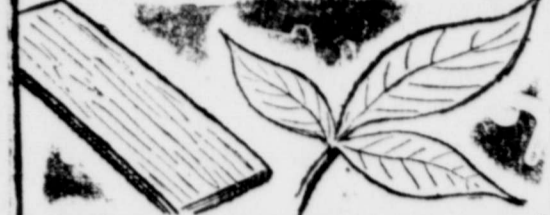
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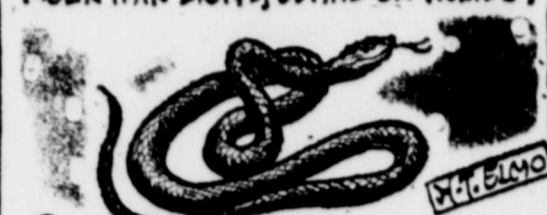
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You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty - eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Earnest Nathan McLoud, 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 4 day of August A.D. 1969, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court on the 20 day of June A.D. 1969, in this cause, numbered 4844 on the docket of said court and styled In Re: Dick Wayne Robey and Jeronia Kay Robey.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: In Re: Adoption 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 24 day of June A.D. 1969.

of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married Aug. 1, 1968, and became separated Sept. 1, 1968. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment. Plaintiff asks for custody of the minor child, Duan Bryan Odum, and for a reasonable amount of child support as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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(Seal)
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD, Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Marie Gill, Deputy.

Willie L. Stephens Killed in Odessa

Funeral for Willie Lee Stephens, 77, of California, former Taylor County resident, was held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel.

Burial was in Round Mound Cemetery.

Mr. Stephens, who was en route by bus from California to Merkel to visit relatives, was struck by a motor vehicle in Odessa Thursday. Reports say he disembarked from the bus at a rest stop in Odessa and was struck by a motor vehicle. He died at 5:10 a.m. Thursday in Odessa.

Born April 25, 1892, in Marshall County, Ala., he married Mollie Lesley Aug. 3, 1913 in Groesbeck. The couple moved to

Taylor County in 1925 and to California in 1946. His wife died in 1954.

Survivors include two daughters, one brother, nine grandchildren, and seven great - grandchildren.

Stevens Returns

Mrs. C. P. Stevens, 109 Runnels, just returned from a two weeks visit with her son and his family in San Antonio. Following her return, the Truitt Meeks from NNew Braunfels stopped by to see her.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: George Wilson Scott, 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
this citation, same being the 11
day of August A.D. 1969, to Plain-
tiff's Petition filed in said court,
on the 23 day of June A.D., 1969,
in this cause, numbered 4848 on
the docket of said court and styl-
ed In Re: Melinda Susan Scott,
Vicki Ann Scott, Rebecca Lea
Scott and Marc Allen Scott, Min-
ors.

A brief statement of the na-
ture of this suit is as follows, to-
wit: In Re: Adoption as is more
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and the mandates hereof, and
make due return as the law di-
rects.

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and the seal of said court at Abi-
lene, Texas, this the 23rd day of
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this citation, same being the 14
day of July A. D. 1969, to Plain-
tiff's Petition filed in said court,
on the 18 day of June A.D. 1969,
in this cause, numbered 4833 on
the docket of said court and styl-
ed Shirley Bryant, Plaintiff, vs.
Dwight Lee Bryant, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature
of this suit is as follows, to-wit:
Plaintiff and Defendant were mar-
ried on or about Jan. 18, 1966, and
became separated on or about
Oct. 19, 1968. Plaintiff sues for
divorce on the grounds of harsh
and cruel treatment. Plaintiff
prays for custody of the minor
child, Rebecca Ann Bryant, and

for a reasonable amount of child
support. There is no community
property for division, as is more
fully shown by Plaintiff's Peti-
tion on file in this suit.

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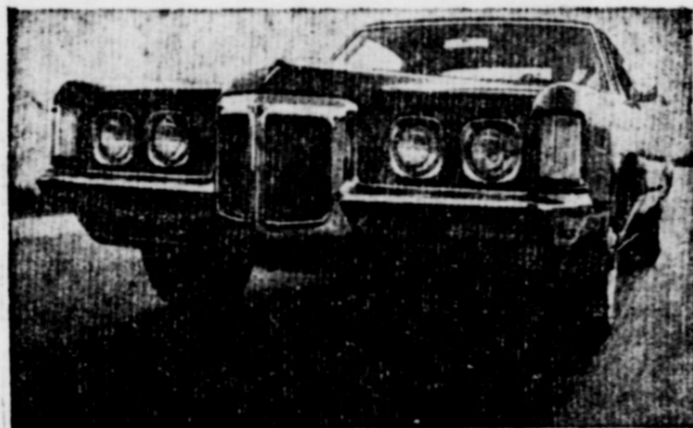
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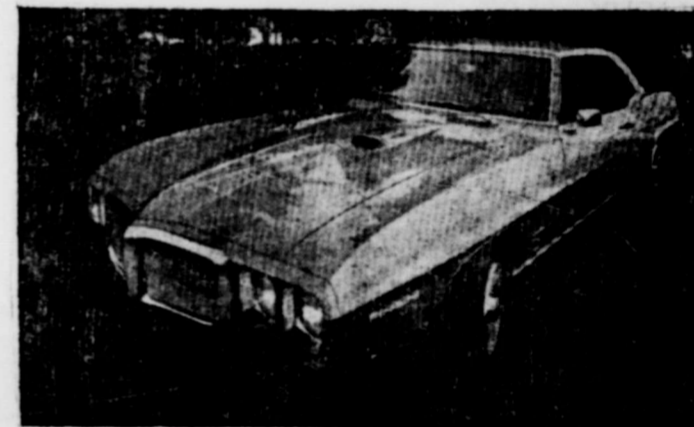
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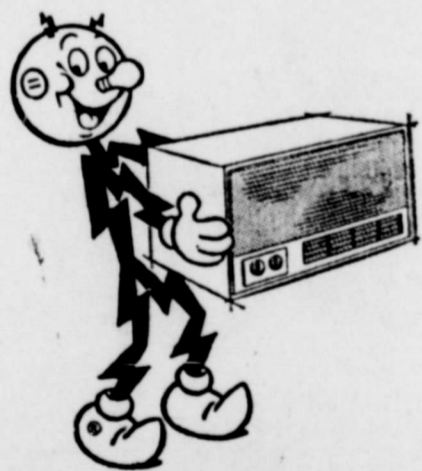
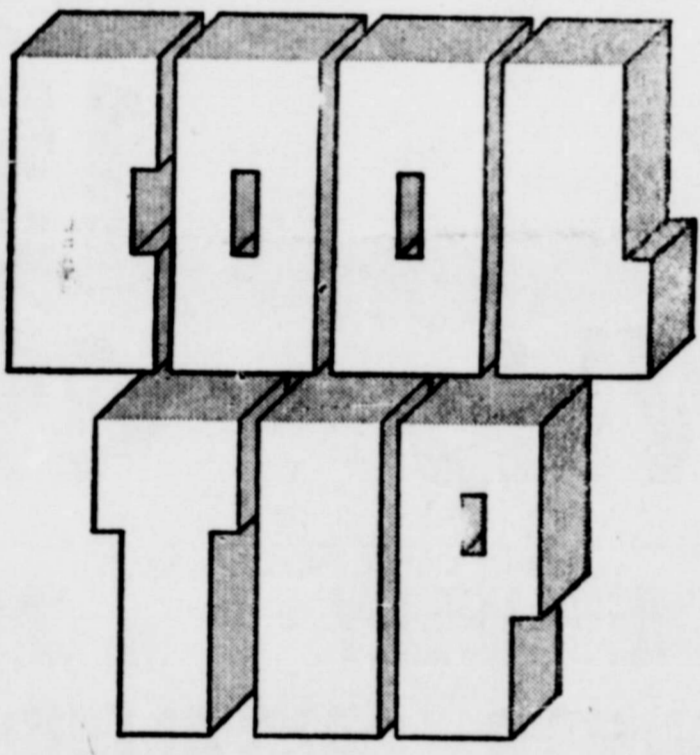
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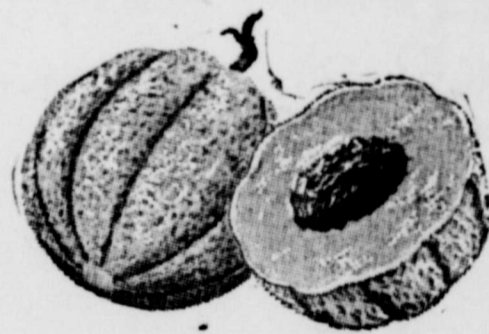
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