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Area Bank Loans 'All-Time High'

Loans in both Merkel and Trent banks hit an all-time record at the end of 1969, a report called for by the Comptroller of Currency and the State Banking Commission as of Dec. 31, showed.

Loans in Farmers and Merchants National Bank the 4th quarter, ending Dec. 31, 1969 were \$1,476,255 as compared to loans the 4th quarter of Dec. 31, 1968 of \$1,244,448. Home State Bank at Trent totaled 4th quarter Dec. 31, 1969 loans of \$368,988 compared to Dec. 31, 1968 4th quarter loans of \$293,918.

Deposits for the Dec. 31, 1969 4th quarter for Merkel's F&M Bank were \$4,167,608 and for Home State Bank \$674,690.

Of 1970 and the banking business J. G. Wilks Home State Bank president, said, "We are beginning a new decade with confidence."

"In 1968 we had a fairly good year although the cotton crop was short," said Wilks. "The grain crop was short too, but we were helped by the cattle prices."

Booth Warren president of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank "expects 1970 to be a rather tough year."

"The reason I make such a statement is there are so many readjustments that are going to have to be made because of influences affecting our economy," said Warren. "These are influences that could easily become out of control."

Of 1968, Warren said "It has been a real fine year."

Warren spoke with optimism of the cattle industry and said he thinks the livestock industry "has been a big factor in our good economy."

Carson Grocery Winners Named

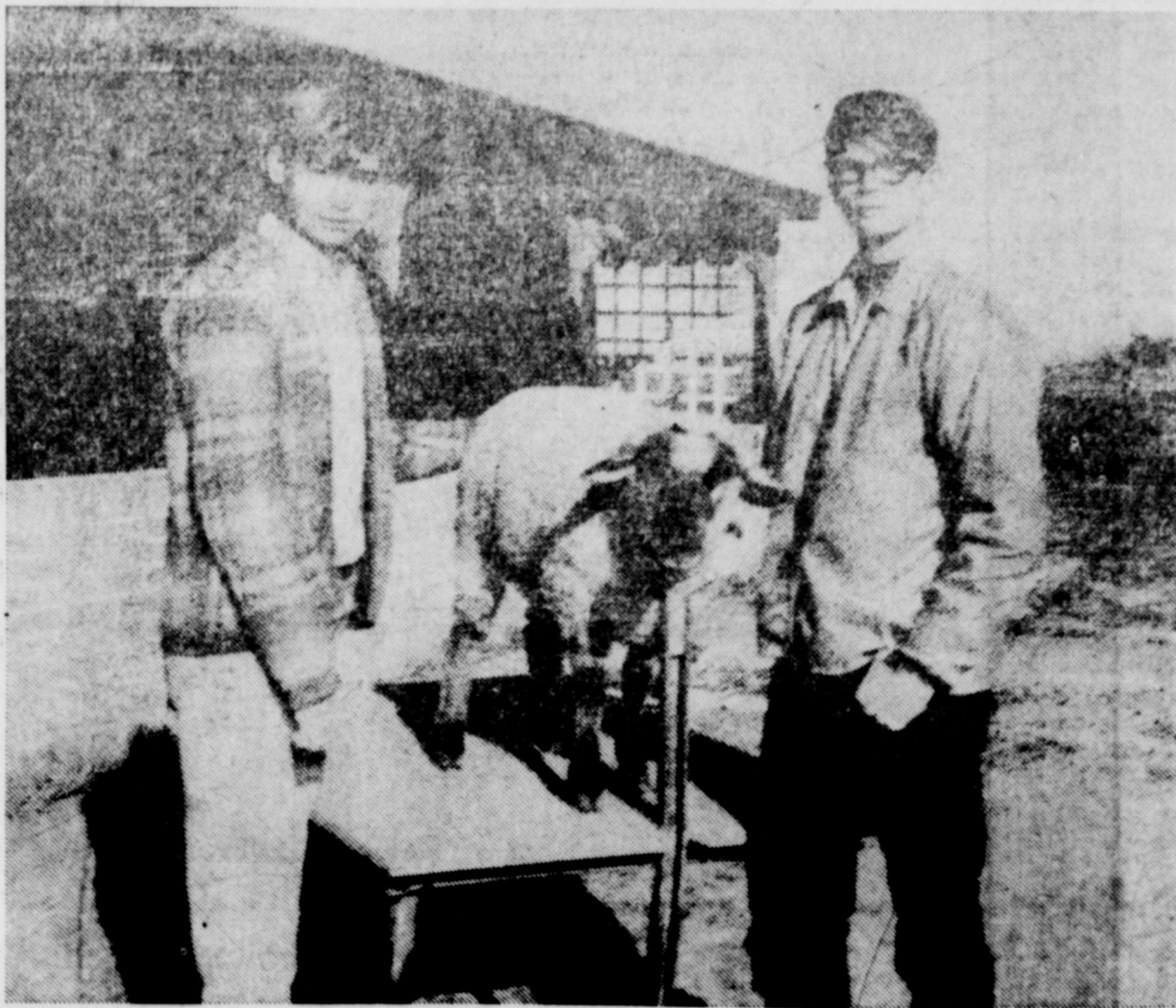
Ten Merkelites were the lucky winners in Carson Super Market's \$900.00 Christmas prizes.

Winning \$100.00 in groceries was Mrs. Nig Palmer of Rt. 1, Merkel.

Seventy-five dollar winners were Bettie Borwig, 364 Orange, and Ruth Lassiter, 1211 South 3rd.

Fifty dollar winners were G. A. Fisher, 311 Runnels; Mary Lauw, Rt. 2, and Mrs. Kenneth Fee.

The four twenty-five dollar winners were Alma Massey, 1211 No. 2nd; Mrs. Roy D. Marton, 401 Manchester; James Bell, 903 No. 6th and Rafael Delagada, Rt. 2.



READY FOR THE SHOW — Mike Brown, right, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Creamer, and a freshman FFAer at Merkel High School, exhibits the crossbred he will enter in Saturday's Merkel Livestock Show. Dean Goodman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Deavers, will also enter a lamb in the show. The annual livestock show is scheduled to begin at noon with the swine show. (Staff Photo)

MERKEL ACTIVITIES TOP STORIES

People — plus — action — highlights the news for Merkel for 1969.

School news, youth activities, stock shows and C-C projects for Merkel, are widely told this past

year in the Merkel Mail. No great, earth-shaking events, but volumes of activities that kept Merkel still a lively little city.

Governor's Report on Education School news, flanked by the

began the New Year (1969) with a meeting being called for Jan. 7 to discuss the report and to "plan plans" to study and combat the parts of the report that would be detrimental to Merkel and other area small schools.

Meeting at this Jan. 7 gathering were legislators, Grant Jones and Frank Calhoun, Taylor County school superintendent Clive Pierce and Gordon Asbury, legal advisors for small school.

The meeting got "things going," and an organized committee followed through until the final hearing.

JANUARY, 1969

Joe Lassiter was named chairman of school committee to "do whatever is necessary to prevent the loss of local control of the Merkel School District."

An all-time record for deposits were revealed by the Farmers and Merchants National Bank in Merkel and by Home State Bank of Trent.

Clear, brisk weather and an unusually large crowd attended the Merkel Livestock Show Jan. 11. Date for Hospital Bond sale was set for March 11.

Walter Henslee was named president of the Merkel Riding Club. Taylor Telephone Cooperative begins outside plant construction in the Hawley and Buffalo Gap areas.

Miss Betty Jane Tittle was named Farmers and Merchants National Bank Cashier.

School Committee continues study of Governor's Committee on Public School Education.

FEBRUARY, 1969

The world famous Hutcherson Flying Queens of Wayland College played in a basketball tournament at Merkel High School gym. Lawrence Hewitt joins West Texas Utilities firm.

Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes predicts defeat of School Consolidation Bill. Mether of Mercy Catholic Church was dedicated.

Bill Holloway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Holloway was the Reserve Champion winner in the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show.

Two file for April 1 City Election. Horace Hargrove files for mayor and Derrell Farmer files for councilman re-election.

Adeocks have Open House for area people to see completed expansion and remodeling.

Kathryn Criswell, daughter of

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Stock Show Is Saturday

Pent of activity was going on at the Merkel High School vo-ag barn Wednesday morning, as FFA Clubbers were busy getting ready for Saturday's annual Livestock Show.

Show time is scheduled to begin at 12 noon, and Steve Cochran, Vocational Agriculture teachers at Asaromont, will be judge.

Adult superintendents are L. J. Gray, swine; Sonny Sandusky, lambs, and Melvin Parker, beef cattle.

Junior superintendents are Johnny Gray, swine; Mark Clemmer, Jr., lambs, and Melvin Parker Jr., steers.

The show will have no classes of swine, four classes of sheep, one class of heifers and two classes of steers, according to vo-ag teacher, Chester Collinsworth.

Deadline for entries was Wednesday of this week.

"Entries turned in after January 7 will not be eligible to show," said Collinsworth. "Only students enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school are eligible to present livestock." Collinsworth also explained that the "showman ship trophy presented each year by Taylor Electric Cooperative will

be "given to livestock owners only."

Collinsworth said that a horse show was not scheduled for this year.

"We have always had a large purse for our annual show," said

secretary-treasurer, Benny Melton, "and we have the merchants to thank for their generous contributions."

Collinsworth urged Merkel people to plan to "come out and see the show."

MERKEL SCOUT HUT GETS FACE-LIFTING

Merkel Cub Scouts and adult sponsors have been "pretty busy" lately, getting the Scout Hut cleaned up and in good meeting order.

No doubt about it, Scouts admit the "Hut was in a mess when they started meeting there."

"But we've gotten it looking like a real meeting place now," said Mrs. Billy Fisher, den mother for Den Two. "With the help of Scouts, adult sponsors and others, we now have a clean, neat and attractive place to meet."

Special thanks went to the Merkel Fire Department for assisting with the cleaning of the building and to Adeock Cleaners for donation of drapes and cleaning of the flag.

After re-organizing, the Scouts now have three dens.

Den 1 meets on Mondays with Mrs. Tommy Swinney as den mother; Den 2, Tuesday, Mrs. Fisher, den mother, and Den 3, Thursday, Mrs. Willard Sanders, den mother.

A committee meeting is set for Jan. 13 at 7 p.m., in the coffee room of the Merkel Restaurant to outline projects for '70 and to discuss the up coming Blue and Gold Banquet for February.

Merkel Downs Hamlin, 44-43

With Tommy Anderson's lead of 18 points, the Merkel Badgers scored 12 points in the fourth quarter to edge the Hamlin Pied Pipers 44 - 43 at Hamlin this Tuesday night. The win keeps the Badgers in conference lead.

Allen Arnwine threw in 12 points to put the Badgers' record at 4-0 in District 7-AA, while Hamlin dropped to 3-1.

Merkel Girls A - team won over the Hamlin team, 58-31, and the "B" team for the boys was 43-35.

MERKEL (44) — Arnwine 5 2 12; Thames 4 0 10; Derrington 2 2 2; McLean 1 0 2; Anderson 9 0 18. Totals 20 4 44.

HAMLIN 10 18 8 7—43
MERKEL 9 11 12 12—44



JUST LOOK AT IT — Allen Fudge, son of Mrs. Jane Carson, kept telling the Merkel Mail Photographer that "we're in the ice age," and just to prove it he took us on a tour Thursday morning Allen is finding it most difficult to lift the ice-covered limbs on one of many trees just like it last week in Merkel. (Staff Photo)



WINTER WONDERLAND — Beth Hicks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Robert Hicks, just couldn't resist a tour around her neighborhood last week, inspecting ice covered shrubs and trees, with a little skating and sliding thrown in. Here she "peeps" out from an ice covered tree near her home at 711 Oak Street. (Staff Photo)

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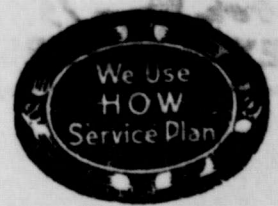
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FARMERS, RANCHERS REMINDED TO PLAN RANGE SEEDING

This is the time of the year for farmers and ranchers to begin making plans to do their range seeding according to Micky Black, of the Soil Conservation Service.

"A good native grass cover is the best method known to control wind and water erosion," said Black. "In 1969 Taylor County farmers and ranchers seeded 3,435 acres to native range grasses. This included seeding old cropland fields back to native grass and range seeding following brush control."

The most common native grasses being seeded on rangeland in Taylor County are sidon's grama, K. R. bluestem, little bluestem, Indiangrass, switchgrass, green sprangletop and blue panic, stated Black. The optimum time to seed native grasses is from the first of February to the first of May.

Establishing native grasses is

no different than establishing cotton or wheat. Both require time to get established. Native grasses should not be grazed the year seeded until about Nov. 1. Each following year the seeded area should be deferred at least 90 days during the growing season until grass is well established. This will allow young grass plants to become better established and also allow the older grass plants to produce a seed crop.

A farmers or ranchers' native grasslands are no better than the management he applies to them, according to Black. If grasslands are continually overgrazed, the better native grasses will die out and weeds and brush will replace them.

Black said farmers and ranchers in Taylor County can draw cost-share assistance on seeding native grasses through the local ASCS office or the Great Plains Conservation Program.

MAX MELLINGER DIES AT AGE 80

Max Mellinger, prominent Merkel businessman and civic leader, died Friday evening at Hendrick Memorial Hospital, after an extended illness.

Funeral services for Mr. Mellinger were held Monday in Loyd James Funeral Home in Tyler, with burial in Tyler Cemetery.

Mr. Mellinger was born Jan. 6, 1889, in Czechoslovakia and came to America as a young man. He first settled in the San Antonio - Johnson City area and

established his first dry goods store in Johnson City.

He married Sallie Freedman on June 25, 1912, in Lockhart. After being in business in Trinity they moved to Merkel in 1920, where he established the Mellinger Dry Goods Store, which still is being operated as a family business.

He was a charter member of the Merkel Lions Club, a Shriner and a member of the Hella Temple in Dallas. He helped organize Abilene's Mizpah Temple, of which he was a member.

In 1963 he was awarded a 50 year pin from the AF&M Lodge in Johnson City.

Mrs. Mellinger preceded him in death in 1964.

Survivors include three sons, Isadore, Meyer and Sylvian, all of Merkel; several nieces and nephews.

Charlie M. Spears Dies in Lubbock

Charlie M. Spears, 63, of Lubbock, and brother of Bob Spears, Mrs. I. C. Stanley and Mrs. S. P. Curb, all of Merkel, died Wednesday, Dec. 24 in a Lubbock Hospital.

Born and raised in the Blair Community, Mr. Spears had resided in Lubbock since 1935 and was employed by Bryant Taxi Co.

Services were held Friday in Sanders Memorial Chapel with the Rev. James Andrews of New Deal, officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Survivors include his wife, Myrtle; a son, Emery "Butch" Spears of Lubbock; two daughters, Mrs. Wynne Watkins and Mrs. Richard Armstrong, both of Lubbock; three brothers, Bob of Merkel, Henry of Brady and J. P. of Slanton; four sisters, Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Curb, both of Merkel, Mrs. A. B. Hodges of Big Spring and Mrs. W. F. Cleary of San Angelo.

Merkel Visitors

Mrs. John (Betty) Cleveland and Kathy of Dallas were holiday visitors in the home of Mrs. Cleveland's mother, Mrs. Dee Grimes.

After visiting a week with Mrs. Grimes and friends in Merkel, the Clevelands returned to Dallas Saturday.

AT FORT WORTH

STOCK SHOW LISTS SIX LOCAL ENTRIES

FORT WORTH — Grant Sandusky of Merkel will have one Hereford and one polled Hereford steer competing in the 1970 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show Jan. 30 through Feb. 8.

Others entering from Merkel are Rusty, Cathy, Lee Ann, Judy and Brenda Holloway.

"Early indications are that a fine, competitive show is shaping up, with high-caliber entries in every category," said W. R. Watt, stock show manager - president.

Watt said another great show is in store in the Stock Show Rodeo Arena.

"We're delighted to have David Canary, 'Candy' on the 'Bonanza' TV series, as our special guest star," said Watt. "He has an en-

gaging personality and he's a fine singer, too, with experience in Broadway musicals."

Benny Melton, Merkel Chamber of Commerce manager, reminded area people that tickets to the show are now on sale.

"Tickets may be purchased for \$3.00 each at the Chamber of Commerce office and the Merkel Drug," said Melton.

Other rodeo features will include trick roping and riding, and Arthur Allen's Border Collies, performing shepherd dogs that have starred in Walt Disney films.

Over 500 top pro-cowboys will compete in the Stock Show Rodeo's action events, where more than \$20,000 in prize money and entry fees will be divided.

ROUND-UP

By PAT BYRD

Vivian Davis and Ruth Pencie enjoyed having guests over the New Year's holidays. They were Mrs. H. B. (Marine) Mooreland of Plains, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pangle, Keith and Curtis of Houston, and Mr. and Mrs. E. (Glenda) Harey, Sherry and Brin of Howe, Texas. Also visiting were Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Davis and Wayne of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer J. Patterson Jr., and son Tommy of Arlington spent the holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Patterson Sr. The Pattersons also had their grandson, Mike Wallace of Ft. Hood, in their home for the holidays. Also visiting this week with the Pattersons were Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Frazier of Monahan. Mrs. Frazier is a sister of Mrs. Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Byrd and

family spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Snuff of Sweetwater. Also visiting the Shuffs were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ragan of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Joyner and Steve of Houston, and Mr. and Mrs. David Biggerstaff of San Antonio.

Holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cramer Reynolds were three of their sons and families. Mr. and Mrs. Oris Reynolds, Mark, Becky and Peggy of Vernon, Texas, Chaplain (Capt.) and Mrs. Jerry Don Reynolds of Fort Sam Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Reynolds of Merkel. The Reynolds received a telephone call from their other son, Pvt. Tommy Reynolds on Christmas Day. Tommy is stationed at Ft. Richardson, near Anchorage, Alaska. Peggy, the granddaughter of the Reynolds is extending her visit through New Year holidays.

Merkel, Trent JPs Listed Places 1, 2

Trent and Merkel Justice of the Peace offices became places 1 and 2 following a meeting of Taylor County Commissioners' Court Tuesday at the Courthouse in Abilene.

According to Commissioners, the Place 1 post, presently held by Leonard Quattlebaum of Trent, will be phased out when Quattlebaum's present four-year term expires Dec. 31, 1972.

The action came as a result of the redistricting of Taylor County, and prior to the redistricting, the county had four JP precincts.

In a telephone conversation with Judge Roy Buchanan Merkel Justice of Peace, he said "Commissioners had indicated that there is not enough work in the precinct to justify paying two JPs."

However, Commissioners indicated that since Quattlebaum was elected to the office in 1968, he should get to serve his full term.

The Commissioners' decision leaves the Taylor County with five justices of the peace at the present time — Roland Dunwoody and Silas Clark, in Prec. 1 which involves all of the City of Abilene and rural territory in each direction of highway bypasses of Abilene; Quattlebaum, Prec. 2, Place 1; Buchanan Prec. 2, Place 2; and Rex Redell of Buffalo Gap, Prec. 3.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ensminger during the Christmas and New Year holidays were Warrant Officer William Michael Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Patterson Jr. and son, all of Arlington. Also visiting were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Frazier of Monahan.

ACT Tryouts Begin For Lion In Winter

Abilene Community Theatre will be holding tryouts for James Goldman's "The Lion in Winter," Jan. 8 and 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the theatre in Rose Park.

The gracefully witty comedy about King Henry II of England, that was a Broadway stage success in 1965 and the basis of a film hit in 1968, has been scheduled as the 3rd major production of ACT's 1969-70 season.

Persons in the Merkel area interested in trying out for parts should plan to be at ACT headquarters at 801 S. Mockingbird at 7 p.m., Jan. 8 and 9.

"The Lion in Winter" is a play lavishly full of humor and melodrama, flavored with a touch of history, will open Feb. 11 for eight performances.

NEW ARRIVALS Gets Promotion

Mr. and Mrs. John Franklin Walker of Irving, announce the birth of a girl, born Dec. 28 in the Irving Community Hospital. The baby was named Charlotte Marie.

Mr. Walker is a quality engineer at Vought Aeronautics, and Mrs. Walker is a former teacher at Bowie Junior High School, Irving.

Mrs. Myrtle D. Walker of 502 Oak St., Merkel, is great-grandmother.

USS HENDERSON — Navy Seaman Apprentice William D. White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy J. White of 911 Oak, Merkel, Tex., was advanced to his present rate while serving aboard the destroyer USS Henderson homeported in Long Beach, Calif.

His advancement was based on time in service and rate, military appearance, performance of duties and his score on the Navy-wide test for promotion.

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Dressed as circus clowns, karate experts and magicians, students at the New York University College of Dentistry are performing "dental variety shows" to captivated audiences of youngsters at elementary schools in New York City. The object of the program is to teach the youngsters the essentials of proper dental care within a fun-filled format. Many of the children come from disadvantaged backgrounds and are being exposed for the first time to the basics of caring for their teeth. Joining in the program is Crest toothpaste, which is making available through N. Y. U. toothpaste and toothbrushes to all children taking part in the program.

Helpful Hints for Effective Bible Study:

- 1 STUDY WITH AN OPEN MIND: Try to find out what the Bible actually teaches instead of trying to prove what you already believe. God's word is not meant to PROVE YOUR POINT. II Timothy 2:15 "thyself"
- 2 STUDY THE BIBLE SYSTEMATICALLY: A student in school could not learn Math or any subject by beginning in the middle and skipping around from place to place, the same is true of Bible study.
- 3 STUDY THE BIBLE EVERY DAY: Acts 17:11. We should be encouraged to check the teachings of our instructors more so than they.
- 4 REALIZE "TRUTH" DOES EXIST: John 8:31. 22. We sometimes hear the statement that "you can prove anything by the Bible." Such a remark borders on blasphemy of God's word and God's character. If this were true then the Bible is full of contradictions and falsehoods teaching opposite doctrines on every page. If this were said of YOUR character, I'm sure most people could become very angry.
- 5 STUDY WIDELY: If we could learn everything God wants us to know in one single verse there would be no purpose for the rest of the Scriptures.

(You can take a free undenominational Bible correspondence course by just asking. No obligations except to God.)

BILLY PATTON, Minister
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Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Perspiration
6. Forbid
9. Seed vessel
12. Cut meat
13. Compass point
14. Halt!
15. Useful thing
18. Times to come
19. For it
20. Went down
21. Russian ruler
22. Affirmative
23. Strikes lightly
24. Helping to cure
25. Turkish title
31. Electrical current
32. One
33. Fasten
34. Bed frame
37. Thaw
38. Shelter
39. Arrived
41. Source
43. Tails

47. Evader
49. Mine excavation
50. Inquire
51. Gaelic "John"
52. Caught

53. Dance step
54. Building comedy wins
55. Frozen rain

19. Light comedy
22. Japanese coin
23. Flap
24. Grew old
25. Portable locus
27. Woman's title
28. Be ill
29. Permit
31. Devoured
35. Bribe
35. Oak fruit
37. Of the mind
40. Main spars
41. Gather crops
42. Bones: anat.
43. True
44. Coal product
45. Rapier
46. Shipped
48. Pastry

DOWN
1. Begone!
2. Lave
3. Gaelic
4. Turns aside
5. French "heads"
6. Ahead
7. Assyrian god
8. Mesh fabric
9. One who lives on others
10. Baking chamber
11. Writing table
17. Employed

Answers to Puzzle

CEMETERY FUND

- The following made recent donations to the Merkel Cemetery Fund:
- Jewell Dunagin in memory of W. I. Wozencraft
 - Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baze in memory of W. I. Wozencraft
 - Mrs. Eunice Massey in memory of W. I. Wozencraft
 - Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson in memory of W. I. Wozencraft
 - Wynona Scroggins
 - Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cypert in memory of Effie Rider
 - Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Pee in memory of Effie Rider
 - Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson
 - Mr. and Mrs. Forest Harper
 - Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler in memory of W. I. Wozencraft
 - Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent in memory of Mrs. Effie Rider and R. J. Starbuck
 - Mr. and Mrs. Ike Turner
 - D. O. Wortham
 - Vernon Horton
 - J. C. Tucker
 - Luna Johnson
 - Mrs. E. I. Grimes
 - Mrs. H. O. Irvin
 - Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Jones
 - Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Penchey
 - Avis Deavers
 - Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Justice
 - Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown in memory of Mrs. Effie Rider
 - Mr. and Mrs. R. A. McCollum
 - Mr. and Mrs. Jack P. Sublett
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 - Mr. and Mrs. Vertes Eller in memory of Roy Coats
 - Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Miller in memory of Dewell McLean and Mrs. Effie Rider
 - Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Carson
 - Mr. and Mrs. E. Yates Brown
 - Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ueckert
 - Mrs. Pet Touchstone, Mrs. Mossie Hatsfield, Miss Eula Sears, in memory of Roy Coats
 - L. R. Cade Estate
 - Mary Grimes in memory of Mrs. Glenna Eager
 - Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler in memory of Mrs. Glenn Eager
 - Mrs. Jennings Winter in memory of Roy Coats
- of Mack and Jennie Hode
J. M. Tucker for Etta Tucker Lot
Emmie L. Herron
Mr. and Mrs. George T. Greene
Mrs. Ucas Griffin in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Hode
Mary Collins
Mrs. R. F. Mashburn Lot
Mrs. Robert R. Buford
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hill
Mrs. Terrell F. Mashburn
Louise Wester
E. Doyle Garrett
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer D. Landroth
Mrs. Walter Frazier
Ira Stanley
R. J. Compton
Mrs. Walter Leach
Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Cruttsinger in memory of "Butch."

Cemetery Care

Members of the White Church Cemetery Association are concerned over "trespassing" in the cemetery.
According to Mrs. M. R. Hall, cows have been trampling the grounds and causing some damage to the cemetery.
"Please help us take care of our cemetery by seeing that cows do not roam the road and cemetery grounds," said Mrs. Hall.

CLASSIFIEDS GET RESULTS

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Receives USAF Commendation

HAMPTON, Va. — Technical Sergeant Kenneth P. Hartless, husband of the former Patricia McKessan of Merkel, has been decorated with the U.S. Air Force Commendation Medal.
Sergeant Hartless received the medal for meritorious service as a weather technician at Da Nang AFB, Vietnam.
Mrs. Hartless is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. McKessan.

INJURED IN FALL

Mrs. John Shaw fell early Friday morning at her home and dislocated her shoulder. She was taken to Sadler Clinic, but was transferred to Hendrick Memorial Hospital where she spent the day. She is doing very well. Visiting Mrs. Shaw over the weekend were M. J. Shaw, Mrs. Royce Mashburn, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shaw, Mrs. Brenda Hardin and children.



When it comes to new developments in preventive dentistry, the Navy leads the way. At the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., young Midshipmen take advantage of the new Oral Physiotherapy Center. There are no dental drills at the Center. Instead, Navy dentists use high-intensity microscopes to project a patient's gum bacteria onto a 23-inch TV screen. According to studies, many of the young men have gingival inflammation, which can lead to periodontal disease. This disease, which strikes the gums, is a prime cause of tooth loss among adults. After the "TV show," patients are encouraged to undertake an oral hygiene program that includes use of a stannous fluoride toothpaste which is recognized by the American Dental Association.

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HERNANDEZ-YBARRA VOWS ARE READ

Linda Hernandez and Salvador Ybarra were married Saturday in Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

The Rev. Kevin Heyburn officiated. Mrs. Johnny Herrera was organist.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Hernandez of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ybarra.

Honor attendants were Mrs. Felix Villalobos, sister of the bridegroom, and Betty Ascencio.

Bridesmaids were Mrs. Raul Franco of Wichita Falls, Mrs. Danny Mendoza, Mrs. Domingo Villareal, sister of the bridegroom from Hayward, Calif., Mrs. Joe Olivera of Waco, Mrs. Marcus Jaramillo, Gloria Franco of Wichita Falls, Marcella Ascencio, Mary Ybarra of Hayward and Yolanda Dominguez of Wichita Falls.

The brides' honor attendants wore white crepe and chiffon dresses with empire bodices, ruffles trimming neckline and sleeves. They wore matching Elizabethan hats and carried mums.

Bridesmaids wore aqua crepe and chiffon dresses with matching Elizabethan hats and carried mums.

Presented in marriage by her father the bride wore a gown of hard-clipped chantilly lace with scalloped sabrina neckline and long sleeves. Bouffant skirt extended to form a chapel train. A crown of pearls and aurora borealis held her full veil. Her bouquet was of mums.

Felix Villalobos was best man.



MRS. SALVADOR YBARRA
... formerly Linda Hernandez

Groomsmen were Mike Hernandez, Raul Franco of Wichita Falls, Danny Mendoza, Domingo Villareal of Hayward, Joe Olivera of Waco, Marcus Jaramillo, Alex Mereno of Merkel, Ray DeLara of Mineral Wells, Luis Martinez of Hayward, and Luis Fernandez of Wichita Falls.

Flower girls were Dianae Vidurri and Mary Gyrdalene Smith. Manuel Hernandez Jr., brother of the bride, was ring bearer.

The bride is a graduate of Cooper High School and the bridegroom a graduate of Merkel High School. Both are employed by Alleen Inc. in Abilene.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Howard Warren Butler, Defendant. Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse hereof, 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 9 day of February A.D. 1970, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 7 day of October A.D. 1969, in this cause, numbered 32,464-A on the docket of said court and styled Marsha L. Fowler Butler, Plaintiff, vs. Howard Warren Butler, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about March 4, 1936 and lived together until on or about March 21, 1968. Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of harsh and cruel treatment. Plaintiff asks for custody and support of the minor child. There is no community property to be divided 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 23 day of December A.D. 1969.

(Seal)

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD
Clerk, 42nd District Court
Taylor County, Texas
My Marie Gill, Deputy.

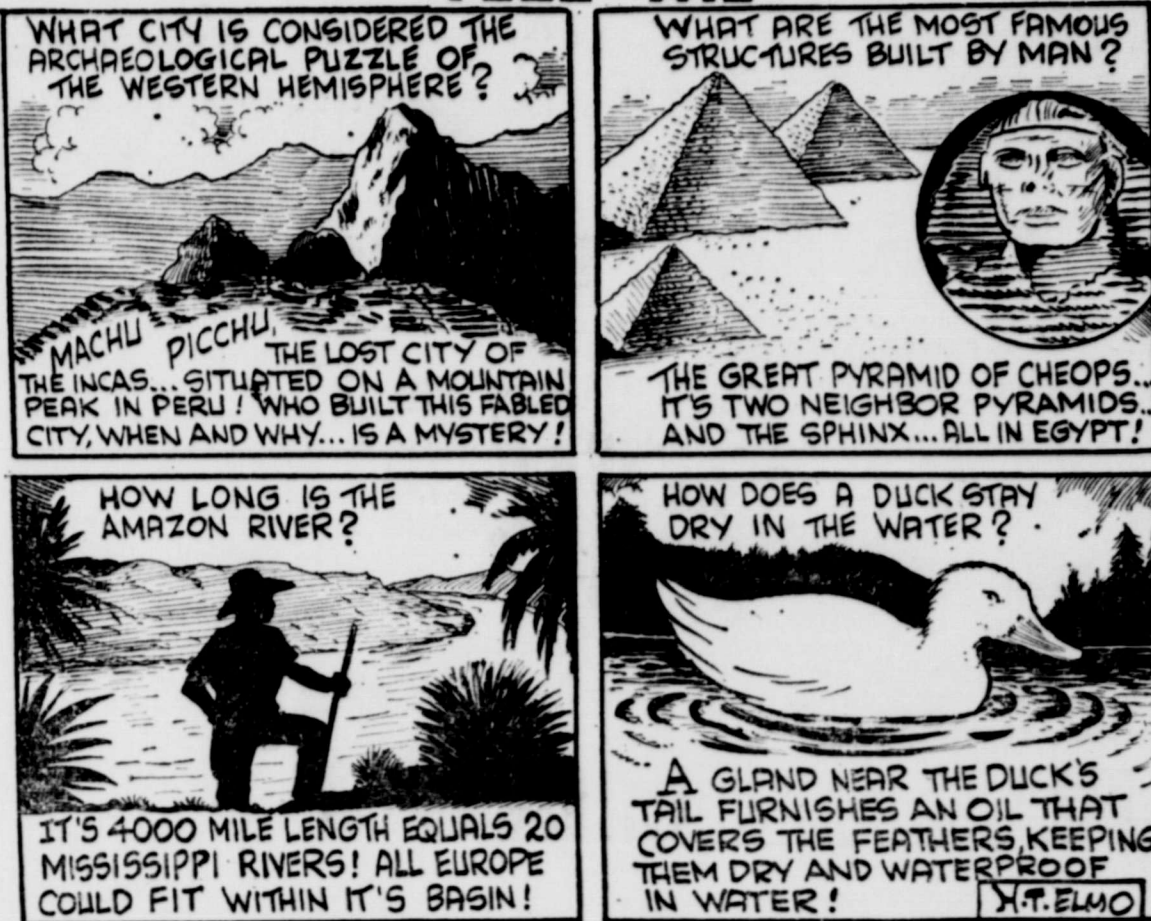
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SARDINES GO TO WASHINGTON

Nixon Girls Enjoy Playing 'Sardines' In White House, Says News Magazine

NEWSPAPERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY QUOTE NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE'S STORY THAT "SARDINES" IS PART OF THE FUN AT THE WHITE HOUSE THESE DAYS.

UNDER THE BED IS A GOOD PLACE TO HIDE - EVEN IF ABRAHAM LINCOLN SLEPT THERE!

DID YOU EVER PLAY SARDINES?
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Stith News

By MRS FRITZ HALE



The ice storm hit the Stith community hard. Electricity was out from Monday to Thursday last week. Telephone services is still out Monday morning.

Mildred and Lonnie Harris, Dallas; the Rev. and Mrs. Jack Bedford and children, San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning, Allen, Kay and Ray, Tuscola, spent Christmas with the John Brownings.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley during the holidays were the Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Row and children of Bledsoe. Also visiting were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wayne Berry and children, San Antonio; Mrs. E. L. Berry, Anson, Mr. and Mrs. Audrian Berry and Kathy Amherst, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Berry, Canon Bradley, Sandwich, Ill. and Sherman Bradley of Houston.

Visiting the Fritz Hales during the holidays were Mrs. Jean Newton, Kathy and Roger, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Malone, Monica and Hal, Taylor; Mrs. James Hale Shirley and Mike, Midland; Ronnie Ray, Amarillo; Ethel Canida, Debra and Donna Wallace, Abilene; Charles Hale, Merkel, and H. B. Chapin Boswell, Okla. Butch Parks of Midland visited the Hales Friday.

Mrs. Royce Mashburn of Bridg-

man, Mich., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Jehu Shaw, and also Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shaw.

Having Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns and Mamie Hardin were Mr. and Mrs. T. Burns and Marsha, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Burns and Sammie, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. David Glover, San Marcos, and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Harris and Kathy, Midland.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn and Rodney, Christmas day were Mrs. Roger Mashburn, Mrs. John Shaw, J. R. Mashburn, Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Hardin, Roxie and Barbara Meeks,

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shaw and Charlie Meeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Land and children moved Christmas week to the Fritz Hale place. Visiting the Lands New Year's Day were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Land and Bruce of Hawley.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fikes of Mt. Ida, Ark., are proud parents of a baby girl, born Jan. 2. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Odie Fikes, Stith, and Mr. and Mrs. Oda Clark, Merkel. The Charles Fikes family moved to Arkansas from Stith several months ago. Mrs. Clark, Glen Clark and Jerry Glen McNeal spent Christmas with the Fikes family.



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GREEN GIANT 303 **Green BEANS** 2 for **39¢**

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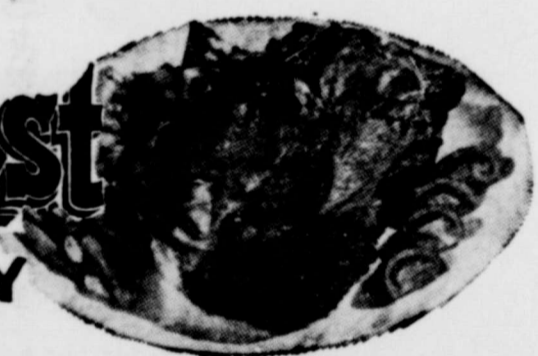
CREAMY (1 Limit) **3 Lb. Can** **69¢**

GLADIOLA **5 Lb. Bag** **49¢**

YUBAN PREMIUM (1 Limit) **Pound Can** **73¢**

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FRESH Ground 2 Lbs. **89¢**

BEEF LIVER **55¢**

FRESH Calf Lb. **55¢**

GLADIOLA **MEAL** 5 LB. BAG **39¢**

LIBBYS SWEET **PICKLES** 22 OZ. JAR **49¢**

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