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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 \$1,476.265 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 4h quarter for Merkel's F&M Bank were \$4,167,608 and for Home State Bank \$674,880.

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

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 crossbreed he will enter in Saturday's Merkel Livestock Show. Dean Goodman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Deavers, will also enter a lamb i 1 the show. The annual livestock show is

scheduled to begin at noon with the swin show. (Staff Photo)



People - plus - action - year in the Merkel Mail. No great, for 1969.

Schoolnews, youth activities, kel still a lively little city. stock shows and C-C projects for Governor's Report on Education bet the parts of the report that Merkel, are widely told this past School news, flanked by the would be detrimental to Merkel

highlights the news for Merkel earth - shaking events, but vol- a meeting being called for Jan. umns of activities that kept Mer- 7 to discuss the report and to

began the New Year (1969) with "plan plans" to study and com-

and other area small schools

Stock Show ls Saturday

at the Merkel High School vo-ag only." barn Wednesday morning, as FFA Clubbe s were busy getting ready for S. urday's annual Livestock Show.

at 12 noon, and Steve Cochran, Vocat nal Agriculture teachers at Assermont, will be judge.

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

Johnny Gray, swine: Mark Clemmer, Jr., lambs, and Melvin Parker Jr., steers.

The show will have wo 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 students enrolled in school and and have not graduated from high school are eligible to present livestock." Collinsworth also ex- ing with the cleaning of the buildplained that the "showman ship fing and to Adcock Cleaners for trophy presented each year by donation of drapes and cleaning Taylor Electric Cooperative will of the flag.

Penty of activity was going on be "given to livestock owners secretary - treasurer, Benny Mel-Collinsworth said that a horse to thank for their generous con-

show was not scheduled for this tributions.'

"We have always had a large ple to plan to "come out and see

purse for our annual show," said 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 admitthe "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, show," said Collinsworth. "Only neat and attractive place to meet.

> Special thanks went to the Merkel Fire Department for assist-

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

ton, "and we have the merchants

Collinsworth urged Merkel peo-

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 collect 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



en a big factor in our goo economy."

Carson Grocery Winners Named

Ten Merkelites were the lucky winners in Carson Super Market's \$500.00 Christmas prizes.

Winning \$100,00 in groceries was Mrs. Nig Palmer of Rt. 1, Merkel. Seventy - five dollar winners were Bettie Borwig. 304 Orange, and Ruth Lassiter, 1211 South 3rd. Fifty dollar winners were G. A. Fisher, 311 Runnels; Mary Lauw, Rt. 2, and Mrs. Kenneth Pee.

The four twenty - five dollar winners were Alma Massey, 1211 No. 2nd; Mrs. Roy D. Marton, 401 Manchester: James Bell, 803 No. 6th and Rafae Delagada, Rt. 2.

AT TRENT

COUNTRY, WESTERN **MUSICAL JAN. 17** The Senior Class of Trent High

School will be sponsoring a Country and Western Musical Saturday, Jan. 17 in the school gymnasium

Johnny Johnson, class president, said that admission will be fifty cents for adults and tweny - five cents for students.

Show is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. and close at 11.30 p.m. "Adding to the amusement will be a cake sale," said Johnson.

"Tickets for the cake sale will be sold at the door for twenty - five sponsor.



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)

Heading the planning committee for the musical is Reba Hellums. "We would like to have some musical talent from the Merkel

area to enter our western show." said Miss Hellums. "Anyone wishing to participate in the musical may contact J. W. Brewer at station KWFA in Merkel." Proceeds from the musical will be used by the senior class for regular class expenses.

Mrs. Mildred Toombs is class

Meeting at this Jan. 7 gathering were legslators, Grant Jones and Frank Calhoun, Taylor County

school superntendent Clive Pierce and Gordon Asbury, legal advsors for small school.

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

JANUARY, 1969

Joe Lassiter was named chairman of school committee to "do whatever is necssary 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 Merke! Livestock Show Jan. 11. Date for Hospital Bond sale was set for March 11.

Walter Henslee was named present 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

FEBRUARY, 1959

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

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

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

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

Adcocks have Open House for area people to see completed expansion and remodeling. Kathryn Criswell, daughter of

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GOODFELLOWS

VOLUNTEER WORKERS THANKS 'EVERYONE'

Lawrence Hewitt, 1969 Goodfellow chairman, expressed appreciation to all who in "any way had a hand in making this year's Goodfellows Drive such a success.

"I'm amazed at how good people give to the Goodfellows," said Hewitt. "We have to just make one plea in the newspaper and the contributions start coming in. It most certainly is the spirit of Christmas giving and the volunteers are most grateful."

Mrs. William R. Cypert, fund secretary - treasurer, said that a total of \$527.11 was collected for this year's drive.

"The large contributions made it possibe for us to help even more people this year," said Mrs. Cypert. "We had several families who needed warm clothing and shoes, and it made us feel good to know that we could help all who asked."

Eighteen families asked for help this year, and Mrs. Cypert estimated ten more families "heard about Merkel Goodfellows and came by mostly for clothing." Forty - two pairs of shoes were purchased by the Goodfellow fund. Hewitt expressed special thanks this week to members of the Masonic Lodge for sharing their building, to the Merkel merchants

who sold items at discount to the Elementary School, business clubs, social clubs and civic clubs for their contributions.

A special thank you was extended to the Rev. James Merrell,

TC Homemakers

The Taylor County Youny Home makers will have their regula meeting tonight Thursday) at 7:30 at the Home Economic Room at Merkel High School.

A film entitled "What Is a Young Homemaker?" will be shown.

All members and prospective members are urged to attend," said Mrs. Robert Leo Harris, publicity.

who distributed Gradfellow jars. and to Benny Melton and Mmes. Jimmy Leverich, Raymond Ferguson, Newton Daniel, Pearl Mc-Cartney, Minnie Howard, Jarrett Williams, Mary Mosier, and Cypert, for their volunteer work. A special thank you was also

extended to the Gleaners' Sunday School Class for donating left over clothes from Rummage Sale, and to Mr. H. R. McKeever for furnishing clothes racks

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 \$ 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



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)

'69 TOP NEWS LISTS ACTIVITIES

ONE

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Criswell and Mike Steck, son of Mrs. Mamie steck were the Taylor Electric Coperative craterical winners. The wo will go on a 17 - day tour of Washington D.C. in the summer.

Merkel Lions Club hears Maor C. A. Veteto, assistant chief of volice of the Abilene Police Department, speak on Law Enforcenent, at their noon luncheon.

Cub Scouts observe their Blue nd Gold Banquet at the Merkel afeteria.

Fortnightly Study Club hosted Tasting Tea in the home of members and guests at the an-Irs. Ben Robert Hicks.

Merkel Little League Association eens plans for summer leagues. Two more file for councilmen acancies - Benny Melton and ernon Wade.

neets and plans membership concerning Governor's Report on rive Tickets for Merkel's Annual

hamber of Commerce Banquet. or March 18, go on sale.

MARCH, 1969

Ray Wilson was elected Merkel hamber of Commerce president. ohnny Hammond, Mack Fisher nd Vernon Mansfield elected new house and displays space - age rectors. Seven candidates file for April

city election. Members and guests hear Judge aleigh Brown speak at annual hamber Banquet, Johnny Cox as named outstanding citizen

nd Comer Haynes outstanding rmer Billy Patton, Church of Christ

inster, was elected to head the erkel Little League Association. First Baptist distributes Good ews Bibles

Merkel High School Drama Club esents plaws.

an and Discount Department of ers e Farmers and Merchants Naonal Bank

Merkel Teen Council meets: ans for youth activities.

Large group of Merkel and called election. ea people attend the first pub-

. hearing of the proposed public Roundup at College Station. hool reform in Austin.

APRIL, 19669

Woodmen of the World Drill Team Competes in Dallas.

Lance Cpl. Robert (Frosty) (Continued from Page 1) Winter, receives purple heart for as president of Merkel Lons Chub. devotion beyond call of duty in Vietnam.

> Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc. holds annual meeting, and an "overflow" crowd heard manager Norman Winter welcome members and gues's

Merkel High School Rodeo Club Annual Pageant, holds first rodeo, and was termed "a great success.

Merkel Primary School holds annual pre - school roundup, hosting children who will enter first grade in September.

Brownwood High School athletic coach, Gordon Wood, speaks to nual Booster Club Banquet. Merkel Lions sponsor broom and

MAY, 1969

mon sale.

Jee Lassiter speaks to school Taylor County Farmers Union committee and presents facts Public School Education. Cal . Tex Feed Yard joins Mer-

kel Chamber of Commerce team. Merkel High School's top three students are Janis Long named valedictoraitn: Kay Lynn Conley, saluatatorian, and Alan

Reed, high point boy, West Texas Utilities holds open

The Rev. and Mrs. Newton Daniel of First United Methodist Church were honored.

Merkel Recreation Committee still working on a center project. Merkel Fire Department reelects Waymon Adcock as Fire

Chief Commencement exercises held for Merkel, Trent and Noodle

High Schools. Merkel City Council asks for sanitary landfill delay,

War declared on brush by Tay-Ted L. Smith promoted to the lor County Farmers and Ranch-

> Merkel people reminded they have a Field Hospital "always ready.

Ted Smth wins council seat in

Area 4-H'ers attend Annual 4-H Beta Sigma Phi sponsors Beauty Pageant.

School library in operation for

Wheat crops near peak in iocal area.

Dr. Don W. Warren installed FHA representative seeks building sites in Merkel.

Economic Specialist speaks to C-C directors on Small Business Administration. Cresta Sipe, daughter of Yates Sipe, named top senior beauty at

JULY, 19669

Babe Ruth and Little League All . Star Teams selected. Johnny Gray and Betsy Johnson captures top honors at 4-H Show

L. S. Tipton named FHA Committeeman.

City Tax Equalization Board of City of Merkel meets.

Pierce Manufacturing Corporation moves office near Merkel. Merkel's first Flea Market held, Scout Terry Reed paints street signs for community project. City of Merkel purchases a new garbage truck, a 64 International

Packer. Suzie Wilson and Katle Neil win first place in 4-H Electric Demonstraton at District Meet. Farm Safety Week proclaimed

by Governor Preston Smith. Area students enter Farm Bu-



WEST HIGHWAY 80

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MERKEL

AUTO PARTS

921 N. 2nd

WE WELCOME

YOUR BUSINESS

reau Queen Contest. Clark Perkins resigns as a mem-

ber of the board of directors of the Tayor Telephone Cooperative. Farmers and Merchants National Bank marks 10th anniversary in new building.

Merkel youngsters excel at City Recreation and Track Meet, Sheila Hamner named Taylor County Farm Bureau Queen.

AUGUST, 1969

Merkel 4-H Club has Annual Tour.

Rev. Jim Sinclair installed as area minister for Grace Presbyterian Church and West Texas Area Ministry.

First Baptist Church holds Summer Revival.

Ninety Day Delay given Merkel on Sanitary Landill. Merkel students register for

1969 Fall term of school. City Council clamps down on

burning trash in residential areas. Taylor Electric Cooperative's manager, Norman Winter, was re-elected secretary . treasurer of the Texas Electric Cooperatives.

Dan Allen was elected president of the 1969-70 Booster Club. Merkel Chamber of Commerce

names committees. Merkel schools enrollment is 603.

SEPTEMBER, 19669

19.6关

Judge; Roy Davis named new judge.

Merkel donates to Taylor County American Red Cross for Hurricane Camille victims.

First Baptist holds ordination service for Jacha Reynolds. Merkel's 1969 Homecoming held; Mrs. Robert Malone was named homecoming queen and E. A.

Conley, Mr. X. Badgers begin 1969 football activities.

Area Conservaton programs underway.

Presbyterans conduct Renewal Week.

John Hardesty, manager Taylor members and guests to its fourteenth annual meeting.

OCTOBER, 1969

Merkel Veterans of Foreign Wars host district eight convention

in Merkel wth Billy Patton chairman. 4-H Awards Banquet held in

Abilene. Area 4-H'ers honored. Area 4-H'ers display exhibits in Merkel businesses during Nation-

Bonfire begins Trent's 1969

Punt, Pass and Kick competi-

Page Two

Merkel City Council passes new garbage ordnance

houn speaks to Merkel Lions Club.

Hargrove.

Telephone Cooperative, welcomes

Community Fund Drive begins

al 4-H Club Week.

Homecoming events.

tion held at Badger Stadium.

Roy Kimbrell resigns as City Taylor County Judge Roy Skaggs State Convention in San Antonio, and state libraries.

C C K

AND DEEP FREEZERS.

THE MERKEL MAIL, MERKEL, TEXAS Thursday, January 8, 1970

Merkel High School Drama Club

Merkel business sign up for

McMurry Chanters present

Christmas program at First Unit-

DECEMBER, 1969

Bill Whisenhunt named football

Merkel Firemen sponsor Tony

Annual Christmas Parade at-

tracts large entry of floats and a

larger crowd on downtown streets.

rence Hewitt named chairman.

1969 Goodfellows organize. Law-

Merkel 4-H Club wins first place

in Christmas Parade float entry.

Christmas home lighting contest

Readers reminded to get voters

registration applications mailed

Farmers and Ranchers complete

Merkel senior librarians take

conservation program contracts

heo at Cheerleaders' Football

presents plays for public viewing.

Community Watch program.

ed Methodist Church.

Douglas in stage show

winners named.

on their land.

Farm Bureau members attend trip to Austin to tour schools, city

APPLIANCES

GREATLY REDUCED!

Banquet.

Pioneer Memorial Church in and Mrs. Dave Brumbeau honored for meritorious service to 4-H., Mulberry Canyon holds annual Lord's Acre Sale.

State Representative Frank Cal-

Community Radio Watch program announced by Mayor Horace

NOVEMBER, 1969

Merkel and Trent city officials

meet to discuss joint use of Mer-

Merkel Chamber of Commerce

Taylor Electric Cooperative

Teen Center members partici-

Joe Lassiter named to State

Lone Star Gas seeks increase

Merkel merchants get ready for

OUR SHOWROOM IN DOWNTOWN MERKEL IS BULGING WITH

APPLIANCES WE MUST MOVE OUT - REI RIGERATORS -

WASHERS - DRYERS - RANGES - DISHWASHERS -

Christmas shopping "spree.

pate in Community Fund Drive.

Employment Agency Regulatory

opens Westinghouse showrooms in

offers prizes to deer hunters.

Johnny Cox resigns as manager of Merkel Chamber of Commerce. Benny Melton named new C - C

manager. Tommie H. Russom, author of Up the Canyon, dies a age 61. 3.5

kel Sanitary Landfill.

downtown Merkel.

Board.

in rate.

Horace Hargrove was eected avor of Merkel in city election. nning election for two counciln vacancies are incumbent, rrell Farmer and Leon Walker. otball player, is offered UT Public Schools. holarship.

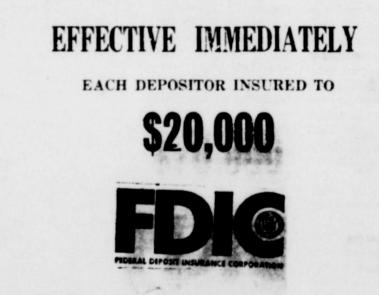
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JUNE, 1969

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Summer Recreation program begins, sponsored by Merkel Cham-Stan Hicks. Trent's all star ber of Commerce and the Mcrkel Kathryn Criswell and Mike

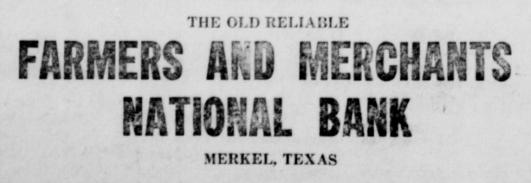
Seven area young people were Steck tour Washington D.C. nored by the Merkel Optimist Merkel Country Club's Annual ub at their annual Youth Ap- Golf Tournament begins three day activities.



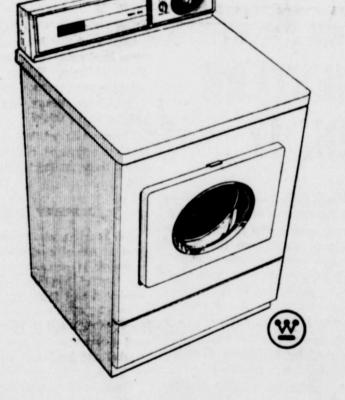
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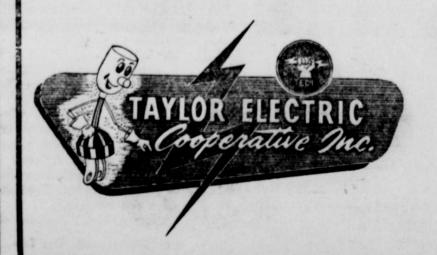
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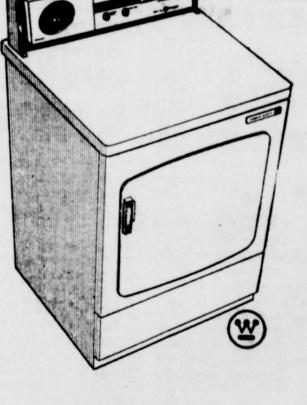
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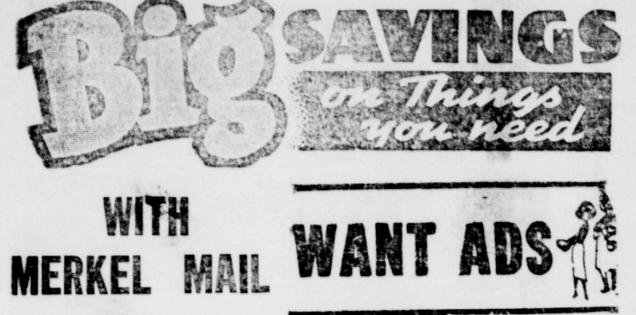
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· Miscellaneous -

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MASONIC MEETING

Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710 on Se 2nd Saturday and 4t4h Thursday of each month t 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. embers urged to attend.

WILEY NOAH W.M. ROY MASHBURN, Sec'y.

AY WE SUGGEST that you see our Wedding Invitations - Good selections of styles and type. reasonable too. Merkel Mail & Printing, 928-5712.

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CARD OF THANKS

comfort during our recent sad-

ness meant so much to us. We

thank each of you from the bct-

Use the Classifieds

The family of Steve Reddin

tom of our hearts.

- For Sale -

FOR SALE OR RENT - House, barn and lots, also some acreage at Trent. Ideal for trader. Contact M. L. Spence, 3366-2408, Fort Stockton, Texas. 43 4tc FOR SALE - Two Chevrolet schoo bus chassis, 19660, Submit bid on or before 3:30 p.m., Feb. 2, 1970. Mack Fisher, superin-

FOR SALE - 5 piece bedroom suite new box springs and mattrees. Sell reasonable, contact Mrs. Bill Merritt., 301 Kent 45 2tc

tendent Merkel Schools. 43 tfc

CARD OF THANKS

WE WISH TO EXPRESS OUR HEARTFELT THANKS to all who offered expressions of sympathy and help in the tragic passing of our loved one. For the food, flowers and beautiful service, we are

By MIGNON CRAWFORD

The buildance entry did as the fast and now everyone has ucly! Perhand the last half of the school year will "zecon" as fast as the first During the holidays the A-team irls and the A . tcom boys basketball teams were in tournament. the 18, 19 and 20 of December both boys and girls were in the Central Catholic Tourney. Boys won second place. A-team

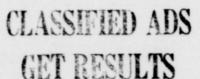
boyr also placed in the Stamford tournament. They won consoletica, A . team girls and the A and B boys played Hamlin Tuesday at Hamlin. This Friday A and B boys play Stamford at Merkel.

Hey Glenna, I heard you have Are you gonna tel us what it is? Resclutions

Donna Dlitz - Recolve not to little of Wally's help.

Judy Hester - Resove net to try to learn to ice skale anymore.

come more educated - in more ways than one!



NO. 2205 FSTATE OF ATT NY M. HARRISON DECEASED

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF TAYLOR COUNTY. TEXAS NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE FSTATE OF PATINY M. HARRISON. DECLOSED

iginal Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Hatley M. Harrison were issued to me, the undersigned, on the 5th day of Jonuary, 1970, in the proceeding indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that some having claims agains, said something new on your finger. estate which is being administer- 1917 in Merkel. He farmed and ed by me as Independent Execufall down on the ice - with a some to me respectively at the Dourly. address below given before suit Stephanie Walker - Resolve the time prescribed by law. My into Merkel from Mulberry Canthat I will sludy more and be- residence and post office address yon in 1949. is 521 West 4th Street, Tyler, Tex. He joined the Methodist Church

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1970. GRACE COKER Grace Coker. Independent Executrix of the Estate of Hatley M. Harrison, Deceased No. 9205, In the Courty Court of Taylor County, Texas.

Heusewarming Set for Stouts

A housewarming is planned for Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Stout Sunday, Jan. 11, from 2 until 5 p.m. The Stouts have recenty moved into their new home south of

Tyler, Roddy Hobbson, Arthur G. Stout and M. L. Dokey, all of Abilene.

BADGER TALES LEGAL NOTICE WILL W. TOOMBS DIES AT A

Teembs 77, were hold Seferday. Nov., 1968; also one brother H. Jan. 3 at the United Methodist H. Toombs Jan. 1966. Church, with the Rev. James Merrell, partor, the Rev. N. S. Daniel, paster - emeritus, and Min's. ter Pilly Patton of Morkel Church

of Christ officiating, Buriel was in Rese Hill Cemetery under the Notice is hereby given that cr- direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

> Mr. Toomhs, a Merkel pioneer residnt, died Friday morning at Hendrick Memorial Hospital after a short illness. He was born Oct. 13, 1892, in

I now hold such letters. All per- Mulberry Canyon. He was married to Bernice Crow Jan. 27. was a cotton brotter until 1947 ix in Taylor County, Texas, are when he went into the real eshereby required to present the tate business with the late Royce

After Dowdy's death, Termh upon same are barred by the gen- continued to run the business and eral Statute of Limitation, botton was active until the last several such estate is elected, and within days. He and his wife had moved

in toos and served several years DATED this 5th day of January, on the official board, He had also served as school trustee for the Merkel Independent School Dis-

trint Survivors include his wife: cne son, Stanley of Merkel: one daugphter, Mrs. Peggy Denison of Abilene: four brothers, John, L. 44 Ite T., and Jee B. all of Abilene and Leon of Merkel; five sisters, Mrs. Nat Anderson Mrs. Erron Walton, Mrs. Jewel Haskins and Mrs. Sallie Angus all of Abilene and Mrs

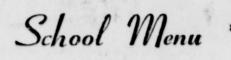
Myrtle Boden of Merkel; six grandchildren and one greatgrandchild.

Hostesses include Mmes Ernie

Functal services for Will W. one son, Willie B. Toombs in

Pallbearers included Connie Mack Seymore, E. A. Conley, William R. Cypert Herman Carson, Benny Melton and Roland Dunn.

Members of Mr. Toombs' Sunday School Class were honorary pallbearers.



THURSDAY

Italian Spaghetti, Cheese, whole kernel corn. English peas, cabbage - carrot - raisin salad, pull apart bread, butter, fruit cup with fresh oranges, milk.

FRIDAY

Hamburger, buttered oven fried petatees, leituce, enions, tomatoes, pickles, buttered buns. peanut butter ccokies.

MONDAY

Fried salmon patties with ketchup tomatoes, and macaroni, black eye peas, corn bread, sliced bread, butter, lemon pie, milk.

TUESDAY

Chili Beans, oven baked potaitoes, vegetable plate, bell peppers, carrots, radishes, onions, celery, whole wheat bread, butter, apple cobbler, milk.

WEDNESDAY

Chicken pie, celery, mxed vegetables, green beans, New potatoes, bett pickles, hot rol's, but-He was preceded in death hir ter, Devils Food Cake, milk.

WOZENCRAFT-PURSER

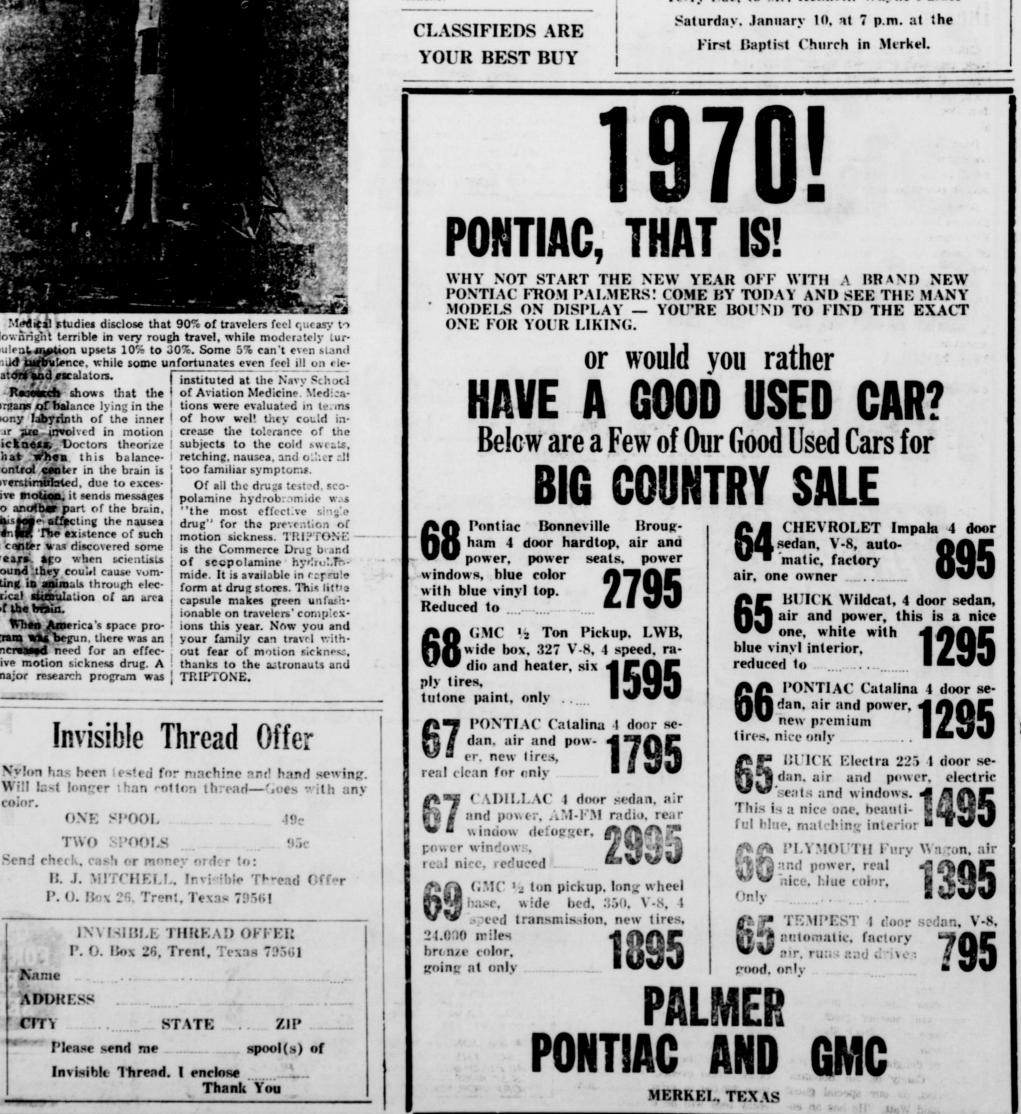
Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wozencraft request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Terry Sue, to Mr. Kenneth Wayne Purser First Baptist Church in Merkel.

Travelers Owe Thanks To Astronauts

Merkel.







FARMERS, RANCHERS REMINDED TO PLAN RANGE SEEDING

for farmers and ranchers to begin making plans to do their range seeding according to Micky Black, es should not be grazed the year of the Soil Conservation Service.

"A good native grass cover is the best method known to control wind and or water erosion," said Black. "In 1969 Taylor County farmers and ranchers seeded 3.435 acres to native range grasses. This included seecing old crepland fields back to native grass and range seeding following brush control.'

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

Establishing native grasses is Plains Conservation Program.

This is the time of the year no different than establishing cotton co wheat. Both require time to get established. Native grassseeded 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 plents to become better established and also allow the older grass plants to produce a seed crop.

> A farmers or ranchers' native grasslands are no be'ter than the management he applies to them. according to Black. If grasslands are continually overgrazed, the better native grasses will die cut 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

Vivian Davis and Ruth Pangle family spent the holidays with enjoyed having guests over the Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shuff of New Year's holidays. They were Sweetwater. Also visiting the Mrs. H. B. (Marine) Mooreland Shuffs were Mr. and Mrs. Robert of Plains, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Ragan of Big Spring, Mr. and Bob Pangle, Keith and Curtis of Mrs. Bob Joyner and Steve of Heusten, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Heusten, and Mr. and Mrs. David (Glenda) Haney, Sherry and Brin Biggerstaff of San Antonio, of Howe, Texas. Also visiting were Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Davis and Wayne of Abilene. Heliday visitors in the home of

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer J. Patterson Jr., and son Tommy of Arlington spert the holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E'mer had their grandson, Mike Wallace of Ft. Hood, in their home for the he'idays. Also visiting this week with the Pattersons were Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Frazier of

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Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Byrd and

in Abilene.

expires Dec. 31, 1972."

and price to the redistricting, the

Judge Re, Buchanan Merkel Jus-

sioners had indicated that there

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cinct to justify paying two JPs."

In a telephone conversation with

county had four JP precincts.

Merkel, Trent JPs

Thursday, January 8, 1970

Mr. and Mrs. Cramer Reynolds were three of their sons and families. Mr. and Mrs. Oris Reynolds, Mark, Becky and Peggy of Vermon, Texas, Chaplain (Capt.) and Patterson Sr. The Pattersons also Mrs. Jerry Don Reynolds of Fort Sam Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Jacky Reynolds of Merkel. The Reynolds received a telephone call from their other son, Pvt. Tommy Reynolds on Christmas Day. Tem-Monahana. Mrs. Frazier is a sismy is staticred at Ft. Richardter of Mrs. Patterson. son, neer Anchorage, Alaska. Peggy, the grand laughter of the Rey-

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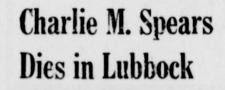
neds is extending her visit through New Year holidays.

MAX MELLINGER DIES AT AGE 80

kel businessman and civic leader, died Friday evening at Hendrick Memorial Hospital, after an extended iilness.

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 of which he was a member.



Charlie M. Spears, 63, of Lubbock, and brother of Bob Spears,

Max Melinger, prominent Mer- established his first dry goods store in Johnson City,

> He married Sallie Freedman en June 25, 1912, in Lockhart, After being in business in Trinity they moved to Merkel in 1920, where he established the Mellinger Day 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 crganize Abilene's Mizpah Temple,

In 1963 he was awarded a 50 year pin from the AF&AM Lodge tice of Peace, he said "Commisin Johnson City.

Mrs. Mellinger preceded him in death in 1964.

Basketball

Schedule

8 & 10 Merkel B Team Tourna-

9 Stamford (here) A & B Boys -

13 Ballinger (there) A & B Boys-

16 Haskell (there) A & B Boys

20 Haskell (here) A Boys, A 1 B

and A Girls - 5:00

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However, Commissioners indi-Survivors include three sons. cated that since Quattlebaum was Isadore, Meyer and Sylvian, all of Merkel; several nieces and elected to the office in 1968, he should get to serve his full term.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Listed Places 1, 2 Mrs. Wade Ensminger during the Christmas and New Year holidays were Warrant Officer William Mi-Trent and Merkel Justice of the chial Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. E. Peace offices became places 1 J. Patterson Jr. and son, all of and 2 following a meeting cf Arlington. Also visiting were Mr. Taylor County Commissioners' and Mrs. J. C. Frazier of Mona-Court Tuesday at the Courthouse hars.

According to Commissioners. **ACT Tryouts** the Place 1 post, presently held by Leonard Qua'tlebaum of Trent, will "be phased out when Quat-**Begin For** tlebaum's present four - year term **Licn In Winter** The action came as a result of the redistricting of Tayor County.

> Abilene Community Theatre will he holding trycuts for James Goldman's "The Licn 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 1966 and the basis of a film hit in 1968, has been scheduled as the 3rd major production

Persons in the Merkel area in-



Mrs. I. C. Stanley and Mrs. S. P. Curb, all of Merkel, died Wednesday, Dec. 24 in a Lubbock Hospi-

Born and raised in the Blair Community, Mr. Spears had resided in Lubbock since 1935 and was empoyed 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, Myr. le: a son, Emery "Butch" Spears of Lubbock: two daughters, Mrs Wayne Watkins and Mrs. Richard Armstrong, both of Lubbock; three brothers, Bob of Merkel, Henry of Brady and J. P. of Slaton: 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

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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

Girls non district - 5:00 22. 23. 24 Albany B Team Tournament

23 Anson (there) A & B Boys, A Girls - 5:00 27 Winters (here) A & B Boys A Girls - 5:00 30 Coleman (there) A & B Bows A Girls - 5:00 FEBRUARY

3 Hamlin (here) A & B Boys, A Girls - 5:00 6 Stamford (there) A & B Boys -6:15

10 Rotan (here) B Girls - 4:45 10 Ballinger (here) A & B Boys - 6:15 13 Haskell (here) A & B Boys, A

Girls - 5:00

The Commissioners' decision cf ACT's 1969-70 season. leaves the Taylor County with five justices of the peace at the present time - Roland Dunwody terested in trying out for parts

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.

-NEW-ARAIVALS-

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

Beach, Calif.

lavishly full of humor and melodrama, flavored with a touch of history, will open Feb. 11 for eight performances.

Gets Premotion

USS HENDERSON - Navy Sea-

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Mr. and Mrs. John Franklin Walker of Irving, announce the man Apprentice William D. White, birth of a girl, born Dec. 28 in son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy J. White the Irving Community Hospital. of 911 Oak, Merkel, Tex., was ad-The baby was named Charlotte vanced to his present rate while Marie. serving aboard the destroyer USS

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.

ties and his score on the Navywide test for promotion. TREE LIKE! THE RINGS ON THE MOUNTAIN SHEEP NDICATE ITS AGE!

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STOCK SHOW LISTS

Hereford and one polled Hereford Broadway musicals." steer competing in the 1970 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show Jan. 30 through Feb. 8.

Others entering from Merkel are Rusti, 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-

singer, too, with experience in Benny Melton, Merkel Chamber of Commerce manager, reminded ren people that tickets to the

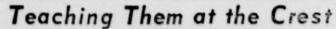
. are now on si'e. "Tick's may be purchased for \$3.00 each at the Chamber of Commerce office and the Merkel

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.



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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 au ences of youngsters at elementary schools in New York City. The object of the program is to teach the youngsta the essentials of proper dental care within a fun-fil format. Many of the children come from disadvantaged backgrounds and are being exposed for the first time t the basics of caring for their teeth. Joining in the program is Crest toothpaste, which is making available thro N. Y. U. toothpaste and toothbrushes to all o 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, 32. 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 WIDLLY: 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.

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The following made recent do- of Mack and Jennie Hode nations to the Merkel Cemetery J. M. Tucker for Etta Tucker Fund:

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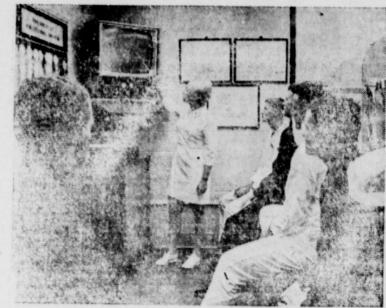
HAMPTON, Va. - Technical Sergeant Kenneth P. Hartless, husband of the former Patricia McKessan of Merkel, has been decorated wih the U.S. Air Force Commendation Medal.

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.



hen it comes to new developments in preventive dentisty, the Navy leads the way. At the U.S. Naval Academy in nnapolis, Md., young Midshipmen take advantage of the iew Oral Physiotherapy Center. There are no dental drills at the Center. Instead, Navy dentists use high-intensity icroscopes to project a patient's gum bacteria onto a 23-inch TV screen. According to studies, many of the oung men have gingival inflammation, which can lead to periodental 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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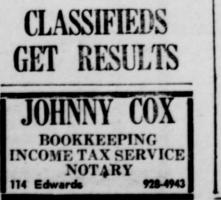
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Cemetery Care

Members of the Whte Church Cemetery Association are concerned over "trespassing" in the cemetery.

According to Mrs. M. R. Hail, 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. Hail



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HERNANDEZ-YBARRA **VOWS ARE READ**

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

The Rev. Kevn 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 Villalovos, sister of the bridegroom, and Betty Asencio.

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, Glora Franco of Wichita Falls, Marcella Asencio, Mary Ybarra of Hayward and Yolanda Domingues of Wichita Falls.

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

Bridesmaids wore aqua crepe mums.

Presented in marriage by her father the bride wore a gown of hand - clipped chantily lace with urri and Mary Gyndaline Smith. scalloped sabrina neckline and Manuel Hernandez Jr., brother of long sleeves. Bouffant skirt ex- the bride, was ring bearer. tended to form a chapel train. A The bride is a graduate of Coocrown of pearls and aurora bo- per High School and the briderealis held her full veil. Her groom a graduate of Merkel High bouquet was of mums.

MAS. S LVADOR YBARRA ... formerly Linda Hernandez

Groomsmen were Mike Hernandez. Raul Franco of Wichita Falls, Danny Mendoza, Demingo Villa real of Hayward, Joe Olivera of Waco, Marcus Jaramillo, Alex and chiffon dresses with match- Moreno of Merkel, Ray DeLara ing Elizabethan hats and carried of Mineral Wells, Luis Martinez ant of Hayward, and Luis Fernandez

of Wichita Falls. Flower girls were Dianae Vid-

School. Boh are employed by Ai-

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 cory.

CIITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Howard Warren Butler, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-MANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'cleck A.M. of the first Menday 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 Petitien 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, Defend-

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to - wit: Plaintiff and Defendent were married on or about March 4, 1936 ard lived together until on or about March 21, 1936. Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of harsh and cruel treatment. Plaintiff asks for cutody 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 the 23 day of December A.D. 1969, (Seal)

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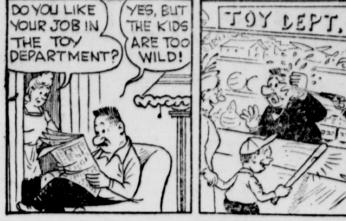
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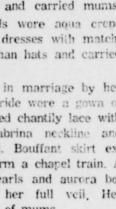
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from Monday to Thursday last

Mildred and Lonnie Harris, Dal-

las; the Rev. and Mrs. Jack Bed-

ord and children, San Angelo: Mr.

week. Telephone services is still

out Monday morning.

Bradley during the holidays were. the Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Row and children of Bledsoe. Also visitng 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-



