



GRAND CHAMPION — Mike Snowden, son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Snowden showed the Grand Champion Heavyweight hog in Saturday's Merkel Livestock Show. Mike, 15, is a freshman student at Merkel High School. (Staff Photo)

Merkel Stock Show Winners Are Named

Rusty Holloway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Holloway, showed the grand champion steer Saturday at the Merkel Livestock Show. Grant Sandusky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddy Glenn Sandusky showed the reserve champion.

Judging the show of ninety entries was Steve Cochran, vocational agriculture teacher at Aspermont.

Showmanship trophy presented each year by Taylor Electric Cooperative, was won by Carolyn Gilmore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gilmore. Results in other categories entered in first, second and third place order are: Heifer — Rusty Holloway (1st and second) and Melvin Parker. Lightweight Steers — Bart Whisenhunt, Wayne Holloway, Cindi Whisenhunt, LeAnn Holloway and

Jeff Whisenhunt.

Heavyweight Steers — Rusty Holloway, Grant Sandusky, Cathy Holloway, Grant Sandusky (4-5) and LeAnn Holloway.

Lightweight Barrows and Gilts — Mark Merrell Michael Ray, Mike Snowden, Eddie Merrell, Gaylon Boone Mike Steck, Johnny Gray, Cindy Boone and Larry Pack.

Heavyweight Barrows and Gilts — Snowden, Ray, Pack Boone, Ray, Curt Merrell and Gray.

Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Hog — Snowden.

Fine Wool Lambs — Suzy Riney, Robert Clemmer, Riney, Teresa Clemmer Pam Sandusky, Carolyn Gilmore, Mark Clemmer, Pam Sandusky, Beverly Gilmore, Mark Clemmer, Mike Brown (11, 12, 13 and 14) and Larry Pack.

Lightweight Lambs — Suzy Riney, Mark Clemmer, Riney, Robert Clemmer, Gilmore, Sandusky, Beverly Gilmore, Teresa Clemmer, Sandusky, Albert Castillo, Mike Brown and Dean Goodman.

Hamp and Dorset Lambs — Vickie Robertson; Suzie Riney; Mark Dudley; Carolyn Gilmore; Dudley; Riney; David Robertson; Dudley (8-9); Beverly Gilmore; Mark Clemmer; Gilmore; Vickie Robertson; Gilmore (14-15); Teresa Clemmer; Robert Clemmer; Dudley and Gilmore.

Southdown Lambs — David Robertson; Mark Dudley; Carolyn Gilmore; Dudley; Robert Clemmer; Vickie Robertson (6-7); Beverly Gilmore (8-9); and David Robertson.

Chester Collinsworth expressed appreciation to all who had a part in this year's Livestock Show.

"The weather was pretty crisp," said Collinsworth. "but we did have a good crowd and we do appreciate interest of the public in our annual show."

Benny Melton, Livestock Association secretary - treasurer, Wednesday morning had a special thanks to all individuals and merchants who so "generously contributed money to the show."

"This is something we do each year and it is gratifying that merchants donate so generously," said Melton.

A list of donors to the Merkel Stock Show will be published in the Jan. 22 edition of the Merkel Mail.

'69 REPORT

FIRE DEPARTMENT ANSWERS 188 CALLS

The Merkel Volunteer Fire Department answered 133 calls in 1969 in comparison to 188 calls in 1968, records reveal.

Fire Chief Waymon Adcock and Fireman Bobby Womack reported the following figures for 1969:

Eighty-five calls were grass fires; nineteen calls structural; and three calls were for cotton fires.

Others calls included car and truck fires, thirteen; miscell-

eous calls, four, and false alarms two.

In 1968 one hundred sixty three calls were for grass fires and ten calls for structural fires.

June was the busiest month for firemen and the month with the least amount of calls for 1969 was February.

One death was caused from a fire Dec. 27 when Franklin Harris died from burns in a firecracker stand fire.

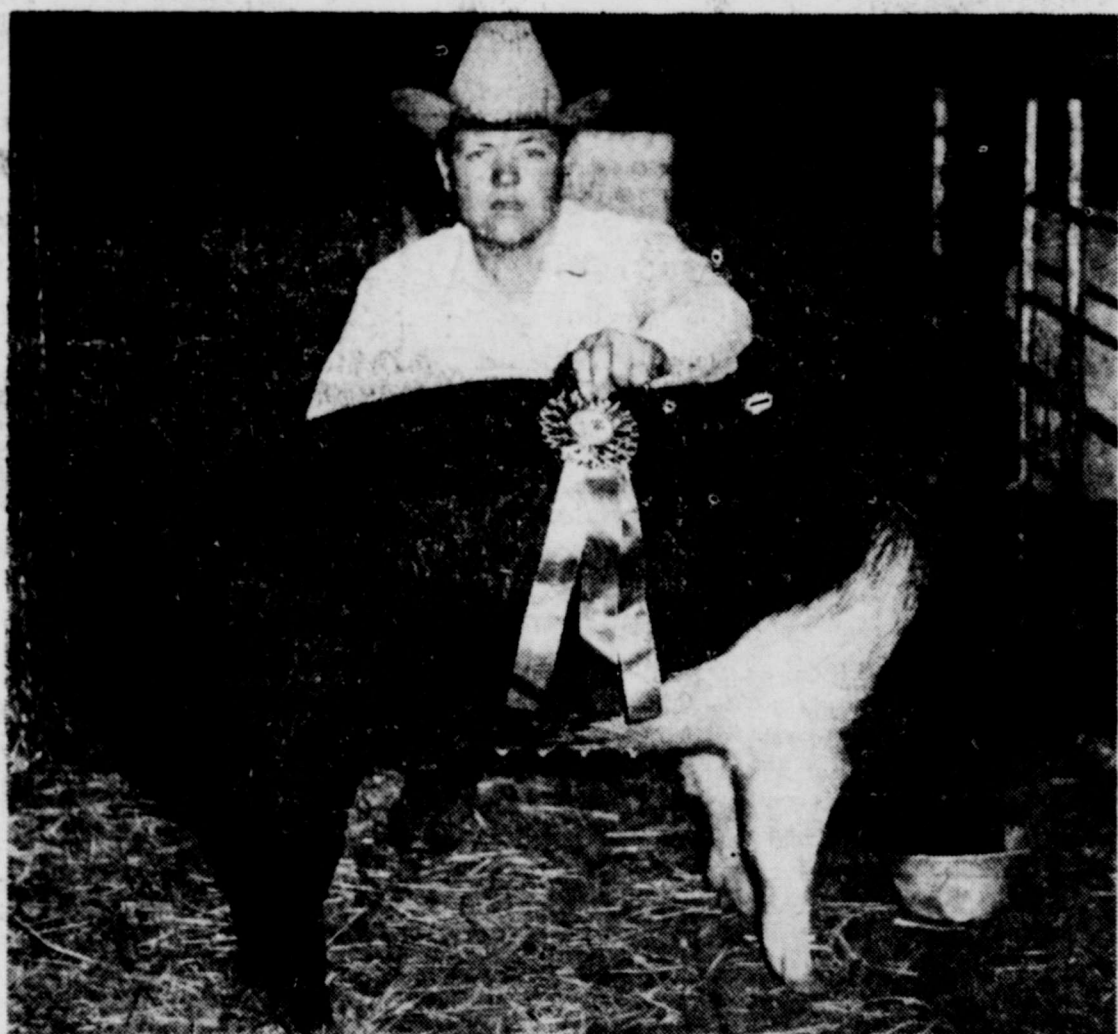
In a comparison of runs made in 1968 and 1969 by Merkel fire trucks Adcock points out that "actually keeping the old trucks up and in working order relieves the strain placed on the new trucks."

Runs by units for 1969 include the pumpers or city trucks. No. 482 made sixty nine calls; 483 made 42 calls as compared to 86 calls for 482 and 69 for 483 in 1968.

"As you can see, by using the older equipment it takes the wear and tear off the new trucks and they can be saved for the most severe emergencies," said Adcock.

Adcock also said that Unit 484 (Booster Truck) made seventeen calls in 1969, and the Rescue Squad made ten calls.

With a membership of thirty one in the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department the organization has held an attendance of eighty-two per cent for both 1968 and 1969.



CHAMPION GILT — Mark Williamson Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Williamson Sr., shows the champion gilt at the Trent Livestock Show Monday at the Trent Livestock Show Monday held Monday. Mark, 16, is Area IV vice president of Future Farmers of America. (Photo Courtesy Abilene Reporter-News)

GRAND CHAMPION HOG SHOWN BY TOM McLEOD AT TRENT SHOW

Grand champion hog winner at the Trent Livestock Show Monday was Tom McLeod and Randy Scott was reserve champion winner.

Mark Williamson was recipient of Taylor Electric Cooperative's showmanship trophy.

Showmanship awards for poultry and rabbits went to David Dickerson, sheep to Tom Stevens, horse and cattle to Robby Freeman and swine award to Sheila Hamner. Tom McLeod won the Kiwanis award.

T. C. Blankenship, vocational agriculture teacher at Hamlin was show judge.

Stock show results in first, second and third place order, are as follows:

Poultry
Pen of three broilers — Tom

McLeod (1-2); David Dickerson, Grand and Reserve Champion, McLeod.

Turkeys — James Hackney (1-2); David Hackney.

Grand Champion and Reserve — James Hackney.

Capons Lt. Wt. — Judy Brnovak; James Hackney.

Capons, Heavyweight — Brnovak (1-2); Hackney; Grand and Reserve Champion, Brnovak.

Rabbits

Chinchilla — Weldon Beaver.

California Does — Beaver.

New Zealand Does — Rocky Brenem, Don Heatley, Beavers.

Dutch — Beaver, Brenem (1-2); Doe and Litter — Beaver, Buck — Beaver.

Horses

Stallion — Alan Frazier.

Mare — Freeman.

Sheep
Crossbred — Brnovak (1-2).
Fine Wool — Brnovak (1-2-3); Tom Stevens.

Dorsett — Stevens.

Grandchampion — Stevens; Reserve — Brnovak.

Swine

Duroc Sow — Pau Poindexter.

Duroc Gilt — Randy Scott (1-2).
Edwin Moses.

Champion Sow — Poindexter, Reserve, Scott.

Duroc Barrow Lightweight — John McLeod; Buddy Slaughter, Johnny Jones.

Duroc Barrow, Heavyweight — John Slaughter, Jimmy Adams; Calvin Brown.

Champion — Slaughter; reserve John McLeod.

Hampshire Barrows, Lt. Wt. —

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MERKEL PTA MEETS TONIGHT AT 7:30

Tonight at 7:30 (Thursday) parents and teachers will meet at the Merkel High School auditorium for their second PTA meeting for the school year.

A musical program will be presented by Mrs. Norman Winter's eighth grade Choral Group and by Mrs. Vincent Barnett's first grade students, according to program chairman, Mrs. Carroll Benson.

PTA president, the Rev. James Merrel, urged all parents to "make an extra effort to attend their meeting."

"The Parent - Teacher Association is exactly what the name implies," said Rev. Merrel, "and it is an organization whereby parents and teachers may work and

meet together for the welfare of their students."

Other officers elected at the first meeting in December, 1969 are Bobby Toliver, vice president and Mrs. John Hardy, secretary - treasurer.

Mrs. Bobby DuBose is membership chairman and Mrs. Joe Holloway, publicity.

The membership drive for this year is lagging," said Mrs. DuBose, "with only forty seven members registered as of Tuesday morning. "Remember that during the school term 1968-1969, Merkel school patrons united in an effort to preserve the Merkel School District. And now is the time for patrons to unite again to keep our PTA strong."

TEC ORATORICAL CONTEST FEB. 23

Expense paid trips to the nation's capital city will be awarded winners of an oratorical contest announced by Norman Winter, manager of Taylor Electric Cooperative.

The contest is open to any boy or girl at least 16 years of age, but not 19 years of age prior to Sept. 1, 1970.

The entrants, with their parents will be the guests of Taylor Electric Cooperative at the judging on Monday night, Feb. 23. The judges will then determine the winning boy and girl, and the Government In Action Youth Tour winners along with alternates will be announced.

Entry forms are available at Taylor Electric Cooperative Inc., Box 250, Merkel, Texas 79536.

Winners of the TEC contest will join winners of similar contests sponsored by other electric cooperatives across Texas on the sixth annual Texas Electric Cooperative Government In Action Youth Tour to Washington D.C. All expenses of the 12 day trip, beginning June 12, will be paid by TEC. Winter said.

Winning last years' trip were

two Merkel High School students, Kathryn Criswell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Criswell, and Mike Steck, son of Mrs. Mamie Steck.

Entry forms should be mailed to Norman Winter Taylor Electric Cooperative Inc., Box 250, Merkel, not later than Feb. 9.

Winter said that reference material and question and answer sheets are available from the TEC office.

Physical Fitness Class to Meet

A re-organizational meeting of the Physical Fitness Class will be held Thursday (tonight) at the Merkel gymnasium at 6:45 according to instructor, Mrs. Gerald Williamson.

All persons interested in participating in the fitness classes are urged to make plans to attend this meeting.

"An average attendance of 20 members will be necessary to continue the classes," said Mrs. Williamson.



FIRST PLACE WINNER — Suzie Riney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy H. Riney took first place in the Fine Wool Lamb Show. (Staff Photo)

THE FIZZLE FAMILY



by H. T. ELMO

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: Ronald John Rhodes, Defendant; Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 23 day of February A.D. 1970, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 6 day of January A.D. 1970, in this cause, numbered 11.175-B on the docket of said court and styled In Re: Lorrie Jo Rhodes, a Minor.

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 6 day of Jan. A.D. 1970.

(Seal)
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD
Clerk 104th District Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Marie Gill, Deputy.
466 4tc

take effect and be in full force from and after the date of its passage at a single meeting and the approval thereof by the Mayor.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 12 day of Jan., A.D. 1970.
IDA MAE GRAHAM
Secretary

H. C. HAMNER
Mayor City of Trent, Texas
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TAYLOR

I, Ida Mae Graham, Secretary of the City of Trent, Taylor County Texas hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Trent at a called session held on the 12 day of Jan., 1970, as it appears of record in the Minutes of said City Council in Book 3, page 239.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID CITY, this the 12 day of Jan., A.D. 1970.
IDA MAE GRAHAM
Secretary City of Trent, Texas
46 1tc

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Froths
7. Rescind
13. Trunk arteries
14. Tillable
15. Trend
16. Planet's path
17. Chair
21. Baglike part
24. Give forth
25. Girl's nickname
28. Ghastly
30. Sheets, etc.
32. Hebrew month
33. Wingleike part
34. Bones: anatomy
35. Strange
37. Plump
38. Pig pen
39. Group of eight
41. Dorn
42. Synthetic material
44. Of the Pope
47. Lariat
51. Declaimed
53. Strage
54. Hinder
55. Property

DOWN

1. Feline
2. Fish eggs
3. Sea eagle
4. Over
5. Injured wheels
6. Steamship: abbr.
7. Sun god
8. Worn away
9. Pacl
10. Flow back
11. — Baba dish
12. Permit
18. Prefix: formerly
19. Subleases
20. Thought
21. Thick slices
22. Verify
23. Demented
25. Buffalo
26. Follow
27. Quartz
29. Man's name
31. Speck
33. Arms box
36. Moved on
37. Poles
40. French "end"
42. Head top
43. Wagon
44. Hawaiian
45. Fortify
46. Infant food
48. Ocean
49. Perched
50. Turkish weight
52. French "of" accounts
53. Prefix: apart

Answer to Puzzle



Demonstrate 4-H Know How!



ly bill computed at the above stated rates shall be subject to the following adjustments: Plus an amount equivalent to the proportionate part of any new tax, or increased tax, or any other governmental imposition, rental, fee or charge (except state, county, city and special district ad valorem taxes and taxes on net income) levied, assessed or imposed subsequent to July 1, 1969, upon or allocable to the Company's distribution operations by any new or amended law, ordinance or contract. Each gross monthly bill shall be adjusted proportionately. Company, at its option, may forego the application of this adjustment; however, failure of Company to apply such adjustment shall not constitute a waiver of Company's right from time to time, or at any time, to make such adjustment, in whole or in part in any subsequent current monthly bill that may be applicable to such bill.

Net rate shall apply to all bills paid within ten days from monthly billing date; gross rate shall be applicable thereafter.

The above rate is applicable to each residential and commercial consumer per month or for any part of a month for which gas is used at the same location.

In addition to the aforesaid rates Company shall have the right to collect such reasonable charges as are necessary to conduct its business and to carry out its reasonable rules and regulations in effect.

SECTION 2. The rate set forth in Section 1 may be changed and amended by either the City or Company furnishing gas in the manner provided by law. Service hereunder is subject to the orders of regulatory bodies having jurisdiction, and to the Company's Rules and Regulations currently on file in the Company's office.

SECTION 3. The fact that there is an imperative public need for an ordinance fixing and determining the rate for gas and gas service furnished to residential and commercial consumers creates an emergency, and the reading and passage of this ordinance at three separate meetings is hereby suspended and this ordinance shall

a Texas corporation, its successors and assigns, is hereby fixed and determined as follows:

First 800 cu. ft. or fraction thereof of \$1.960 Gross; \$1.764 Net
Next 1,200 cu. ft. at \$1.6922 per MCF Gross; \$1.514 per MCF Net
Next 3,000 cu. ft. at \$1.1267 per MCF Gross; \$1.014 per MCF Net
Next 20,000 cu. ft. at \$489 per MCF Gross; \$ 764 per MCF Net
All over 25,000 cu. ft. at .7933 per MCF Gross; \$.714 per MCF Net
No gas bill will be rendered to any residential or commercial consumer served under the above rate not consuming any gas during any monthly billing period.

ADJUSTMENT
The amount of each net month-

LEGAL NOTICE

N ORDINANCE FIXING AND DETERMINING THE GENERAL SERVICE RATE TO BE CHARGED FOR SALES OF NATURAL GAS TO RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CONSUMERS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH SUCH RATE MAY BE CHANGED, ADJUSTED AND AMENDED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TRENT:

SECTION 1. Effective with the first gas bills rendered after the final approval of this ordinance, the maximum general service rate for sales of natural gas rendered to residential and commercial consumers within the city limits of Trent by Lone Star Gas Company,

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CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF CONDITION, INCLUDING DOMESTIC SUBSIDIARIES, OF THE

Farmers & Merchants National Bank OF MERKEL, TEXAS

IN THE STATE OF TEXAS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON DECEMBER 31, 1969 PUBLISHED IN RESPONSE TO CALL MADE BY COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY, UNDER TITLE 12, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 161.

ASSETS

Cash and due from banks (including \$none unposted debits)	\$1,160,887.17
U.S. Treasury securities	1,012,491.50
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	1,007,392.60
Other securities (including \$none corporate stock)	9,000.00
Loans	1,480,361.74
Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises	60,000.00
Real estate owned other than bank premises	1.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$4,730,134.01

LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$3,313,330.05
Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	511,565.63
Deposits of United States Government	34,989.77
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	301,619.07
Certified and officers' checks, etc.	6,104.20
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$4,167,608.72
(a) Total demand deposits	3,656,043.09
(b) Total time and savings deposits	511,565.63
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$4,167,608.72

RESERVES ON LOANS AND SECURITIES

Reserve for bad debt losses on loans (set up pursuant to IRS rulings)	\$ 50,000.00
TOTAL RESERVES ON LOANS AND SECURITIES	\$ 50,000.00

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Equity capital-total	\$ 512,525.29
Common Stock-total par value	150,000.00
No. shares authorized 3,000 No. shares outstanding 3,000	
Surplus	150,000.00
Undivided profits	212,525.29
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$512,525.29
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES, AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$4,730,134.01

MEMORANDA
Average of total deposits for the 15 calendar days ending with call date \$4,213,746.22
Average of total loans for the 15 calendar days ending with call date 1,473,113.24
Interest collected not earned on loans included in total capital accounts 8,741.39
I, Betty Jane Tittle, cashier of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this report of condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

BETTY JANE TITTLE
We, the undersigned directors attest the correctness of this report of condition and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief is true and correct.
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DIRECTORS

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Mr. and Mrs. Rayford Tanner and family
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Tanner and family.

CARD OF THANKS
THE FAMILY OF MR. O. D. PRUITT express their gratitude to everyone who were so very kind to them during the passing of their father. Every deed was so greatly appreciated.

CARD OF THANKS
THE KINDNESS AND SYMPATHY of neighbors and friends in our recent sorrow will always remain with us as a precious memory. Our sincere thanks and gratitude for all their comforting acts.
Isadore Meyer and Sylvan Mellinger

CARD OF THANKS
MY HEARTFELT THANKS is extended to all who were so thoughtful during my recent surgery and my convalescence. For your prayers, cards, flowers, gifts, visits and telephone calls, may God Bless everyone.
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WILKS-CABE VOWS ARE EXCHANGED

Marilyn Wilks and Walter Wilson Cabe exchanged wedding vows Friday, Jan. 2 at Westgate Church of Christ.

John Allen Clark, minister of Highland Church of Christ, officiated. Sue Britt was organist; the bride's brother, Don Wilks, was soloist.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Garnett Wilks of Trent, Mo., and Mrs. Don Cabe of Huntsville, Ala., are the bridegroom's parents.

Mrs. Gerald Judd of Lubbock was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Gle Coulson and the bridegroom's sister, Shannon Cabe of Huntsville.

The bridegroom's father was best man, Groomsman were Harley Teffertiller and Bill Duguid, both of Jacksonville, Fla., and Steve Franklin of Atlanta Ga.

Robert Martin of Sweetwater and the bridegroom's brother, Scotty Cabe of Huntsville, were ushers.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an empire gown of ivory ottoman. Vertical rows of lace accentuated fitted bodice and long sleeves. Back folds of bell skirt formed the chapel train. Her mantilla was of lace matching trim on gown. She carried gardenias and roses on a Bible.

Her attendants' gowns were of moss green faille with vertical

rows of lace in empire bodice. Back bows accented the A-line skirt. Headpieces were bows and flowers of yellow roses and pom-poms.

Reception was at the Downtown or Motor Inn.

The bride is a graduate of Abilene Christian High School and will receive a BA degree from ACC in English in May. She is a member of Sigma Tau Delta, president of GATA social club, member of Big Purple Band and "W" Club. She is on the Dean's Honor Roll and is listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

The bridegroom was graduated from Lee High School at Huntsville and was a December graduate from ACC where he majored in religious education.

He was Student Association president, drum major for Big Purple Band, member of Blue Key, Alpha Chi and Alpha Psi. He was on the Dean's Honor Roll and is listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. He is employed at ACC.

The bridegroom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner in the President's Dining Room at McGlothlin Campus Center.

After a trip to New Orleans, La., and to Houston, the couple will live at 825 EN 16th.



MRS. WALTER WILSON CABE
... formerly Miss Wilks

HOMEMAKERS

STATE CONVENTION IS JANUARY 16-17

"YHT... the Wise Consumer," is the theme of the 1970 State Convention of the Young Homemakers of Texas, Jan. 16-17 in Galveston Hotel, Galveston. More than 600 Young Homemakers, homemaking teachers and guests are expected.

B. W. Outlaw Dies at Age 65

B. W. Outlaw, 65, died Monday, Jan. 12 at Gorman following an extended illness.

Funeral services were pending Wednesday with Starbuck Funeral Home.

He was born March 18, 1905 in Cameron and moved to the Salt Branch Community in Jones County in 1917. He moved to Merkel in 1929 and married Mary Cole Oct. 31, 1926 in Stephenville. He lived in Merkel all of his married life. He had been retired for several years.

Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Joyce Minnich, with her husband in the USAF in Italy; two brothers, Floyd Outlaw of Stephenville and S. L. Outlaw of Lingleville; one grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

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Pam McElmurray (1-2); Monty Heatley.

Hampshire Barrow, Hwy. Wt. — McElmurray, Scott; Williamson, Champion and Reserve — McElmurray.

Poland China Barrows — John McLeod; McElmurray and Tom McLeod.

Bershire Barrow — Mac Sipe, Chester White Barrows — Williamson (1-2).

Crossbred Gilt, Lt. Wt. — Sheila Hamner (1-2); Bill Hamner.

Crossbred Gilt, Hv. W. — Williamson; Scott, Polindexter.

Champion — Williamson; Reserve, Scott.

Crossbred Barrows Lt. Wt. — Bill Hamner (1-2); Moses.

Crossbred Barrows, Hwy. Wt. — Tom McLeod; Scott; Tom McLeod.

Champion — Tom McLeod; Reserve, Scott.

Grand Champion — Tom McLeod; reserve, Scott.

Cattle
Hereford Steers — Hackney.
Hereford Heifer — Williamson.
Commercial Cattle, pen of three — John Bland.

CLASSIFIEDS ARE YOUR BEST BUY

Members of the Merkel Chapter of Young Homemakers of Texas who plan to attend the State Convention are Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Patton, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leo Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bean.

A program geared to making YHT consumers wiser includes the address on money management by Dr. John W. Cashin, executive vice president, Texas Savings and Loan League, and associate professor of Finance at the University of Texas, Austin.

The Outstanding Chapter, Outstanding New Chapter and State Little Sister will be recognized with YHT awards for excellence.

Young Homemakers of Texas is a state association of young women not over thirty-five years of age who are interested in improving their knowledge and skills related to homemaking.

Mrs. Charles Jacobs, president of the Taylor County Young Homemakers, invites any Merkel women interested in improving homemaking skills to attend their monthly meetings.



WAYNE BORCHARDT
... to work with farmers

Texas Tech Grad With ASCS Office

Wayne Borchardt, a native of Lometa, has been assigned to the Abilene Soil Conservation Service office.

Wayne recently graduated from Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Science in Ranger Management. While attending Tech he worked for two summers with the SCS in Goldthwaite. He also attended Sul Ross State College and Tarleton State College.

While at Tarleton he was named to the Distinguished Student list. While in Abilene Wayne will be receiving training in working with farmers and ranchers to assist them to solve their soil and water conservation problems.

TREASURE CHEST SPECIALS

2/3 OFF

BOYS SCHOOL PANTS & SHIRTS

Narrow Ties \$1.00

ALL ITEMS BELOW COST

ADCOCK CLOTHIERS

MERKEL, TEXAS

Marriage In a Nut Shell

No. 1 Rule: DON'T NAG!
Does nagging and scolding and raging really change your companion? Only in one way — their attitude toward you the nagger. Many a wife has made her own martial grave with a series of little digs.

No. 2 Rule: DON'T TRY TO MAKE YOUR PARTNER OVER!
Believe in your companion. Accept them the way they are, encourage not discourage. The first thing to learn in relationships with others in noninterference with their own peculiar ways of being happy as long as it does not interfere with the rights of others. If your husband or wife likes sour pickles for breakfast, give it to them.

No. 3 Rule: DON'T CRITICIZE!
An American authority on the causes of marital happiness declares one of the main reasons so many romantic dreams break up is criticism — Fruitless heart-breaking criticism. PEOPLE WILL NOT CHANGE DUE TO UNKIND CRITICISM.

No. 4 Rule: GIVE HONEST APPRECIATION!
One has said, "Most men when seeking wives are not looking for executives but for someone with allure and willingness to flatter their vanity and make them feel superior." Women need it too.

No. 5 Rule: PAY LITTLE ATTENTIONS!
It's the little things that count.

No. 6 Rule: BE COURTEOUS!
Next to care in choosing a partner, this should be placed after marriage as most important. We are usually more courteous to the stranger at the door than to our companion.

No. 7 Rule: Read a good book on the sexual side of marriage that also gives the emotional side.

BILLY PATTON, Minister

CHURCH OF CHRIST

"COME VISIT WITH US"



MRS. KENNETH WAYNE PURSER
... formerly Terry Sue Wozencraft

WOZENCRAFT-PURSER VOWS EXCHANGED

Terry Sue Wozencraft and Kenneth Wayne Purser were married Saturday, Jan. 10 in First Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin P. Wozencraft are the bride's parents. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Purser.

The Rev. Sam E. Tullock, pastor of First Baptist Church, Waxahatchee, officiated. Organist was Mrs. Norman Winter soloist was Bill Jones.

The bride, presented in marriage by her father, wore an ecru gown with ruffled edging high neckline and long sleeves. A delustered satin band marked the empire line. A satin bow with streamers was at the back waistline.

A headress of lace and pearl petals held her chapel length veil. She carried gardenias.

Kaye Lynn Conley was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Janis Long of Abilene and Penny Tanager of Stratford.

They wore red velvet empire

gowns trimmed with rose braids. Headresses were Camelot hats with veils, flowers were single pink roses.

Becky Watts was flower girl; Kelly Knight, ring bearer.

Best man was the bridegroom's brother, Don Allan Purser. Red-roy Mashburn and Ronnie Bigbee were groomsmen.

Ushers were Tex Barnhart, Allen Fudge, Dale Shields and Gaylon Doan. Tim Wozencraft, the bride's brother, lighted candles.

Mmes. W. T. Sadler, Norman Winter and W. H. Bullock were hosts for the reception at Fellowship Hall.

The bride and bridegroom are graduates of Merkel High School and both are freshmen at Hardin-Simmons University, where the bride is employed in the Business Research Center.

The couple live in Abilene at 2742 Beech.

The bridegroom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner at Merkel Restaurant.

Services Held For Clayton Coats

Clayton Darrell Coats, 52, died Thursday, Jan. 8 in a Big Spring hospital after an illness of seven months.

Funeral services were held Saturday in Wesley Methodist Church with the Rev. Caleb Hildebrand officiating. Graveside services were held in Merkel Cemetery under direction of River - Welch Funeral Home.

Mr. Coats was born in Mulberry Canyon April 27, 1917 and was raised in the Merkel area. He married Dorris Diltz Aug. 21, 1938 in Big Spring.

He was a locomotive engineer for T&P Railroad and had lived in Big Spring since 1958. He was a member of Wesley Methodist Church, the Elks, Eagles and Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Danny of Big Spring; one daughter, Mrs. Sherry Lou Stinson of Fort Worth; one brother, A. D. of Abilene; one sister, Mrs. Margie Tate of Santa Ana Calif.; his mother in law, Mrs. P. A. Diltz, brother in law, Tommy Diltz, sister in law, Mrs. Mina Winter, uncle, M. R. Heil all of Merkel; four grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Services Held For John Stevens

John W. Stevens, 70, of Wichita Falls and formerly of Merkel, died Friday Jan. 9 in a Wichita Falls hospital.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church Monday with Dr. Landrum Leavell pastor, officiating. Burial was in Crestview Memorial Park in Wichita Falls.

Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Earl Thomas of Memphis, Tenn., and Mrs. Cecil Wilson of Wichita Falls; a sister Mrs. Jessie May Sabin of San Antonio; a brother, C. Roy Stevens of Littlefield, and seven grandchildren.



REYNOLDS, SMITH DELEGATES TO FEB. 1-4 'FLY-IN'

Cramer Reynolds and Norris Smith were elected delegates to the Feb. 1-4 "Fly-in" at Washington by members of the Taylor County Farmers Union at their Jan. 9 meeting.

"This will be a nationwide fly-in," said Billy Bob Toombs, Taylor County Farmers Union president. "Farmers and ranchers will go to Washington and lobby like members did in July of 1969."

Toombs emphasized the fact

that "anything that happens in Washington is due to a certain amount of pressure."

"And if Washington is swamped with farmers and ranchers from all over the United States, there's bound to be a big pressure," said Toombs.

During the Jan. 9 meeting members raised a total of \$87.00 for delegates expenses to Washington.

Toombs told the Merkel Mail Tuesday morning that other contributions since the meeting had raised the total to \$125.00.

"But we need a lot more than that," said Toombs. "And we will welcome any contribution from people in Merkel."

Persons who wish to contribute toward the Washington trip may leave donations at Mack Scymore office on North First Street, or contact Toombs.

"If you have a contribution and need it picked up," said Toombs, "just let us know, we'll be right there."

A membership drive is scheduled to begin at 9:30 Friday, Jan. 16.

Farmers Union members and others interested in participating in the membership drive are asked to meet at the Merkel Restaurant at 9:30.

Reddin-Mathews Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Reddin of Trent announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Betty Glynn to Mr. Orville Royce Mathews, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Mathews of Gruver, Texas.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Trent High School and is attending North Texas State University, Denton. The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Gruver High School and is also a student at NTSU.

Wedding is set for January 31 at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Trent Baptist Church.

TAYLOR COUNTIANS URGED TO REGISTER

"Unless they act quickly, over 6,000 Taylor County citizens will lose their right to vote in 1970," said State Representative Frank Calhoun. "I am advised that only 23,000 of the potential 29,000 county voters have actually registered."

The deadline for registering is midnight, January 31, and the penalty for not registering is the complete loss of a voice in representative government for the balance of this year.

Calhoun asks: "Is this an 'off year' at the polls?"

"Hardly, when you think about the great number of offices and issues at stake," he said. "A voter registration certificate qualifies you to vote in all 1970 elections."

Some of the elections coming up in 1970 are Justice of Peace, County Commissioners, Sheriff,

District Attorney District Judge, City Council Local School Board and Civil Appeals Court.

Also Criminal Appeals Court, State Supreme Court, State Treasurer, State Comptroller, Attorney General and Land Commissioner.

Also State Representative State Senator, Lieutenant Governor, Governor, State Education Board, U.S. Representative, U.S. Senator, Constitutional Amendments, School Bonds and Special Elections.

"As an added incentive, there will be a referendum item on the General Election Ballot on Daylight Savings Time," reminded Calhoun, "and a constitutional amendment to permit the sale of mixed drinks in Texas."

One of the best bargains today is a voter registration certificate and it's free if you act before Jan. 31.



MR. MRS. W. O. HARDY
... married 50 years

CHILDREN TO HOST HARDY ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hardy will celebrate their 50th anniversary Sunday, Jan. 18 with a reception at their home at 112 Ash, Calling hours will be 1 to 5 p.m.

Children of the couple and their families who will host the event are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Beauchamp, Haske; Mr. and Mrs. Travis Hardy, Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cox, Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hardy Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Royce Hardy, Merkel.

Hardy, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hardy, was born May 5, 1920 in Mt. Calm Texas.

Mrs. Hardy the former Hallie Dodd, was born in Sharp, Texas, March 26, 1908. She is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dodd.

The couple was married Jan. 18, 1920 at Sharp. They moved to Rotan in 1925 where Mr. Har-

dy operated a farm until 1938, when they moved to Stamford and farmed there for many years. They sold their farm and moved to Merkel Feb. 9, 1950 and purchased a drive-in grocery which they operated until 1965.

The Hardys are members of the First Baptist Church. They have eleven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

WWI Veterans Set Jan. 20 Meeting

The Veterans of World War I and Ladies Auxiliary of the Merkel - Trent Barracks 2248 will meet in regular session Tuesday, Jan. 20 at the Taylor Electric Cooperative building at 7 p.m.

Program will include installation of officers and also plans for the District meeting will be discussed, according to Command-Karl Borneaux.

Members were informed that District Commander Frank Sage of Cisco and district president of the Ladies Auxiliary Mrs. Anna Kay Haille of Abilene will be present at the District meeting.

Mrs. Borneaux, Ladies Auxiliary president, said that refreshments would be served at the Tuesday, Jan. 20 meeting, and urged "all members to make plans to attend."

Two Schwab Safes Ready for Bids

The Merkel Post Office is announcing the sale of two safes for which sealed bids will be received until 10 a.m. Jan. 23, according to postmaster Wren Durham.

For sale are one Schwab Safe, almost new, size 32"x30", four feet high with cabinet works (without Security Chest), and one Schwab Safe in good condition with cabinet works and Security Chest, size 42"x30", five feet high.

Sealed bids must be received for each safe," said Durham.

CLASSIFIED ADS GET RESULTS

JANUARY DOLLAR DAY COMBINED WITH JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE. PRICES GOOD STARTING THURSDAY, JAN. 15 AND CONTINUES FOR BALANCE OF THE MONTH

DOLLAR DAY SAVINGS

VALUES

SHEETS AND PILLOW CASES

WHITE COTTON DOUBLE BED SIZE
\$3.50 pair

WHITE CASES 98c pair

ALL FANCY SHEETS
\$2.79 each

FANCY PILLOW CASES \$1.39 pair

FANCY NO IRON SHEETS
\$3.98 each

No Iron FANCY PILLOW CASES \$2.79 pair

NO IRON WHITE SHEETS
\$2.79 each

No Iron WHITE PILLOW CASES \$1.79 pair

VALUES

STAY PRESS Dickie Khakis \$5.98

PLISSE CREPE AND Fancy Percale 39c yard

Outing 39c yard

Ladies Purses \$2.98 each

VALUES

1/2 PRICE SALE

INCLUDES YOUR CHOICE OF MENS AND BOYS SWEATERS MENS AND BOYS JACKETS MENS AND BOYS SPORT SHIRTS LADIES FALL DRESS SHOES FALL FANCY PIECE GOODS LADIES AND GIRLS SWEATERS LADIES WINTER GOWNS AND PAJAMAS LADIES FALL DRESSES LADIES AND GIRLS COATS ONE LOT LADIES BLOUSES ONE LOT LADIES PANTS

VALUES

ALL COTTON Dickie Khakis \$2.98

Broken Sizes Stay Press Levis \$4.98

Ladies Velvet Shoes \$3.98

VALUES

1/3 PRICE SALE

INCLUDES YOUR CHOICE OF Entire Stock Bath Sets 1/3 off

Entire Stock Bedspreads 1/3 off

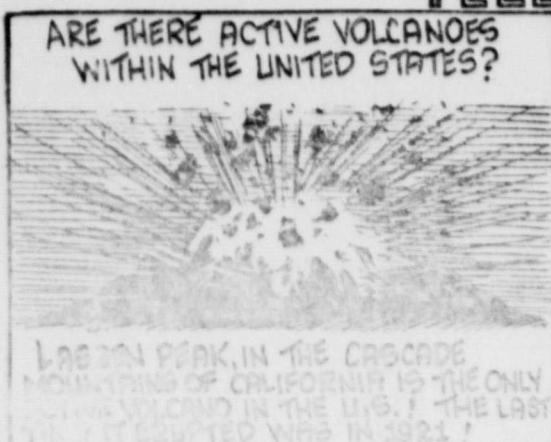
Entire Stock Blankets 1/3 off

Entire Stock Fancy Towels 1/3 off

MELLINGER'S

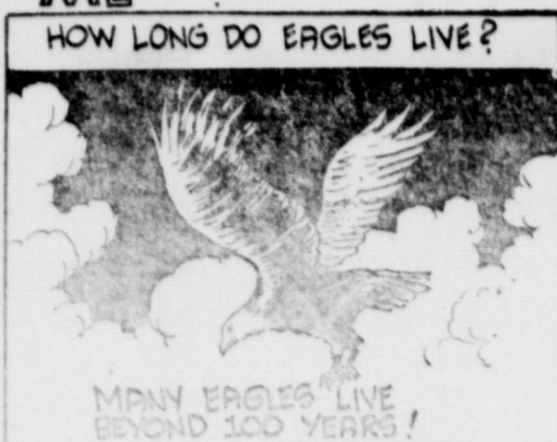
"MERKEL'S LARGEST DEPARTMENT STORE"

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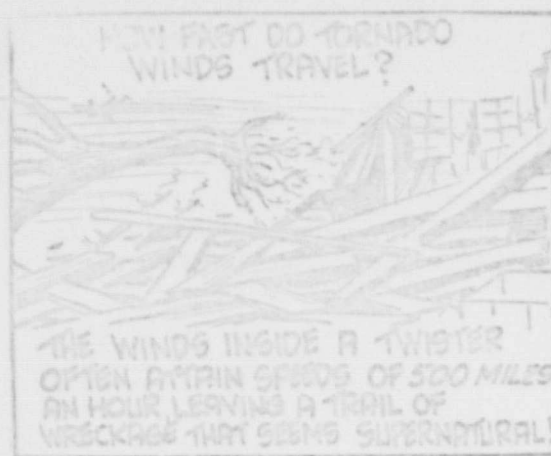
ARE THERE ACTIVE VOLCANOES WITHIN THE UNITED STATES?

LAKE TAHOE IN THE CASCADE MOUNTAINS OF CALIFORNIA IS THE ONLY VOLCANO IN THE U.S. THE LAST TIME IT ERUPTED WAS IN 1821.



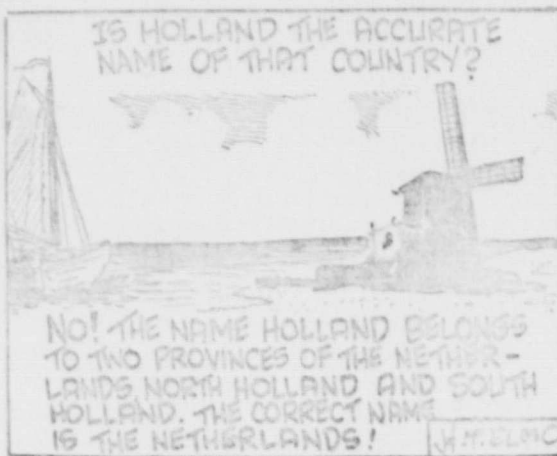
HOW LONG DO EAGLES LIVE?

MANY EAGLES LIVE BEYOND 100 YEARS!



HOW FAST DO TORNADO WINDS TRAVEL?

THE WINDS INSIDE A TWISTER OFTEN REACH SPEEDS OF 200 MILES AN HOUR LEAVING A TRAIL OF WRECKAGE THAT SEEMS SUPERNATURAL.



IS HOLLAND THE ACCURATE NAME OF THAT COUNTRY?

NO! THE NAME HOLLAND BELONGS TO TWO PROVINCES OF THE NETHERLANDS NORTH HOLLAND AND SOUTH HOLLAND. THE CORRECT NAME IS THE NETHERLANDS!

Services Held For O. D. Pruitt

O. D. Pruitt 55, former long-time resident of Merkel, died Saturday, Jan. 10 in a hospital in Wheeler after a long illness.

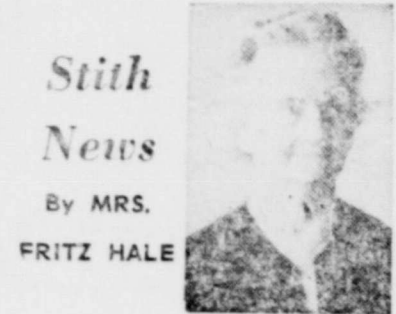
Funeral services were held Monday at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 15, 1884, in Cedar Gap, Mr. Pruitt was a former Jones County peace officer and

farmer. He left Jones County to live in Merkel in the early 1920s. He resided in Merkel until 1942 when he moved to Raton, N.M. From Raton he moved to Canon City, Colo., where he worked in resort area depicting a law officer of the old west. He moved to Wheeler in 1963.

Survivors include five daughters, Mrs. Lennie Williams of Wheeler, Mrs. Huey Snell of San Angelo, Mrs. Nell Weisbach of Beaumont, Mrs. Lindell Martin of Arkansas and Mrs. John Boyd of Merkel; one son B. L. Pruitt of Balmorhea; three sisters, Mrs. Eva Hickman of Abilene, Mrs. Villa Hafner and Mrs. David Simmons, both of Tuscola; one brother, M. H. Pruitt of Fort

Worth; several nieces and nephews.



Stith News By MRS. FRITZ HALE

Farming activities are at a standstill; there is yet some cotton to be harvested, but due to the weather it will be sometime before the farmers can get into their fields.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stephan and children of Tye, and Mr. and Mrs. Mason Barker of Hawley, visited Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn, Don, Marsha and David, during the weekend.

Sam Mashburn visited his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Toombs and Tommy in Lubbock, recently.

R. L. Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Benthall were visitors at the Stith Baptist Church Sunday morning.

Mrs. Bill Dunagin and Randy



BITTER CRITTER — The Little Critter, the Texas Highway Department's faithful sidekick in the battle against highway litter, now is making his appearance on colorful 17x22 inch posters. Litter pickup costs the Department \$2 million a year. Schools, garden clubs, and other organizations concerned about litter may obtain the posters from Highway Department District Offices, Tourist Information Bureau or the Travel and Information Division, Texas Highway Department, Austin, 78703. (Photo Courtesy THD)

BADGER TALES

By MIGNON CRAWFORD

visited Mrs. Margaret Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jackson and children in Odessa last week.

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Benny Hobbs and Mrs. John Hobbs were Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Hobbs, Grand Prairie; Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Hobbs, Fort Worth, and also Mrs. Ollie Fowler and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Fowler and children of California.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hudson and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Hudson of Rising Star visited Bob and Louise Hudson last week.

Ethel Canida of Abilene spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley visited Sunday in Merkel with Sam Mashburn and Mr. and Mrs. Alanzo Peterson.

If you are wondering why there has been a reduction in the number of kids riding around town, all of the credit goes to the teachers of Merkel High School — Yesterday, the mid-term grades came back and there may be a few unhappy parents around the town.

Last Tuesday, all three of our basketball teams brought home a victory from Hamlin. On Friday, the A and B boys both beat Stamford. In the Merkel 'B' team tournament, this past weekend,

the boys won first place and the "B" girls won consolation. Tuesday the A and B boys played Ballinger there. Finally, after a week and a half, the "A" girls, along with the A and B boys traveled to Haskell for a game this past Tuesday.

This week's award for superior "Cordination" goes to Diane Rob-

inson. You would think that after four years in high school, Diane would have learned to walk up and down the halls without falling down.



CLASSIFIEDS ARE YOUR BEST BUY

When Budget's Washed Up— Wash With Washing Soda



Heap big wash. That's what the holidays leave you with. Along with your regular weekly accumulation there are all those extra tablecloths, napkins, dishtowels. And if you had any stay-overnighters, there'll be additional bedding and guest towels. Your budget is already washed up so you want to launder without restocking the additives...your pre-soak product, bleach, softener and what-not. What to do?

Here's an answer which will render superlative results and even cut down by one third on the amount of detergent you usually use. Simply add three to four tablespoons of washing soda to each load. One of the least expensive products on your supermarket's laundry supply shelves, washing soda softens, brightens and thoroughly cleans your wash...and with less detergent.

Its tremendous power over grease qualifies it as your greatest ally in fighting the annual battle against turkey gravy stains on tablecloths. With stains that have had time to really settle into fabric, do this first before the washing soda wash: dampen stained area and rub on a little dry soda.

FINAL CLOSE OUT SALE

LADIES Dress Shoes 1/2 price	Jayson Shirts 1/2 price
Red Ball Shoes \$4.99	Mens Suits Big Savings for QUICK SALE
Purses \$1.00	Mens Shoes \$6.99
Blouses \$3.99	Knit Jump Suits \$15.99
Dresses 1/2 price	Jackets 1/2 price

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or would you rather HAVE A GOOD USED CAR? Below are a Few of Our Good Used Cars for BIG COUNTRY SALE

68 Pontiac Bonneville Brougham 4 door hardtop, air and power, power seats, power windows, blue color with blue vinyl top. Reduced to 2795

66 CHEVROLET Impala 2 door hardtop, V-8, automatic transmission, factory air, new premium tires, real clean, Only 1595

67 PONTIAC Catalina 4 door sedan, air and power, new tires, real clean for only 1595

67 CADILLAC 4 door sedan, air and power, AM-FM radio, rear window defogger, power windows, real nice, reduced 2995

69 GMC 1/2 ton pickup, long wheel base, wide bed, 350, V-8, 4 speed transmission, new tires, 24,000 miles bronze color, going at only 1895

54 CHEVROLET 1/2 ton pickup, 6 cylinder, standard transmission, good six ply tires, Only 245

65 BUICK Wildcat, 4 door sedan, air and power, this is a nice one, white with blue vinyl interior, reduced to 1295

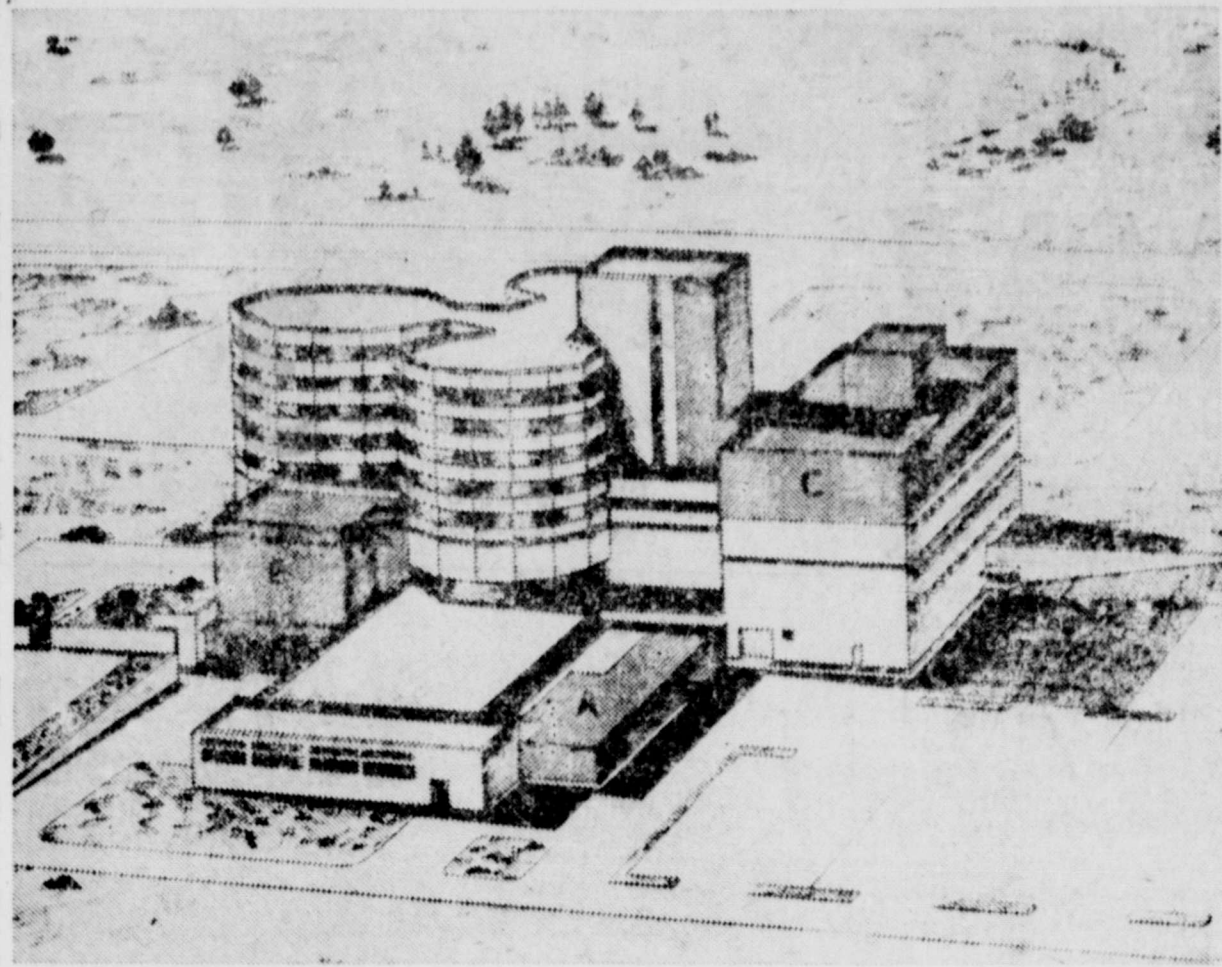
66 PONTIAC Catalina 4 door sedan, air and power, new premium tires, nice only 1295

65 BUICK Electra 225 4 door sedan, air and power, electric seats and windows. This is a nice one, beautiful blue, matching interior 1495

57 CHEVROLET Bel Air 4 door sedan, V-8, automatic transmission, radio and heater, only 345

65 TEMPEST 4 door sedan, V-8, automatic, factory air, runs and drives good, only 795

PALMER PONTIAC AND GMC MERKEL, TEXAS



BUILDING EXPANSION — Scott and Waite Memorial Hospital and Scott, Sherwood and Brindley Foundation, Temple, has let a contract for the construction of a three-phase project to the institution's combined hospital and clinic building. The three-phase program shows, (a) expansion of Emergency Room, Education and Research Offices, and Engineering and related facilities; (b) a three story addition to the southeast portion of the existing medical center facility, and (c) completion of two additional floors to the Clinic portion of the combined building.

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS GREETING:
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas — You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each

Reserve District No. 11

State No. 1378

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF CONDITION OF "HOME STATE BANK" OF TRENT, TEXAS,

And Foreign and Domestic Subsidiaries, at the close of business December 31, 1969, a state banking institution organized and operating under the banking laws of this State and a member of the Federal Reserve System. Published in accordance with a call made by the State Banking Authorities and by the Federal Reserve Bank of this District.

ASSETS

1. Cash and due from banks (including \$none unposted debts)	\$185,599.15
2. U.S. Treasury securities	175,000.00
4. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	4,124.86
5. Other securities (including \$3000.00 corporate stocks)	3,000.00
7. Federal funds sold and securities purchased agreements to resell	75,000.00
8. Other loans	368,988.23
9. Bank premise, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises	4,340.00
13. Other assets	356.38
14. TOTAL ASSETS	\$816,408.62

LIABILITIES

15. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$651,729.95
17. Deposits of United States Government	556.12
18. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	22,594.64
22. TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$674,880.71
27. Other liabilities	2,500.00
28. TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$677,380.71

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

35. Equity capital, total (sum of Items 36 to 40 below)	\$139,027.91
37. Common stock-total par value (No. shares authorized 250) (No. shares outstanding 250)	\$ 25,000.00
38. Surplus	75,000.00
39. Undivided profits	39,027.91
41. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS (sum of Items 34 and 35 above)	\$139,027.91
42. TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES, AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS (sum of Items 28, 29, 33 & 41 above)	\$816,408.62

MEMORANDA

1. Average of total deposits for the 15 calendar days ending with call date	\$667,175.05
2. Average of total loans for the 15 calendar days ending with call date	364,458.86
3. Unearned discount on installment loans included in capital accounts	8,368.86

I, J. G. Wilks, President, of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this report of condition is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. G. WILKS

We, the undersigned directors, attest the correctness of this report of condition and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief is true and correct.

DON WILKS
DOW WILLIAMSON
J. C. CRAIN
H. H. McLEOD
Directors

(Seal)

State of Texas County of Taylor ss:
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of January, 1970.
BETTY HAMNER, Notary Public

Basketball Schedule

JANUARY

16 Haskell (there) A & B Boys and A Girls — 5:00
20 Haskell (here) A Boys, A 1 B 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

ard lived together until on or about March 21, 1966. 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 the 23 day of December A.D. 1969.

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

44 4tc

THE MERKEL MAIL, MERKEL, TEXAS
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A Girls — 5:00

FEBRUARY

30 Coleman (there) A & B Boys

3 Hamlin (here) A & B Boys, A

A Girls — 5:00

Girls — 5:00

JOHNNY COX
BOOKKEEPING
INCOME TAX SERVICE
NOTARY
114 Edwards 928-4943

MERKEL ELEVATOR

(Edgar Davis Grain Co.)

North First Street in Merkel, Texas

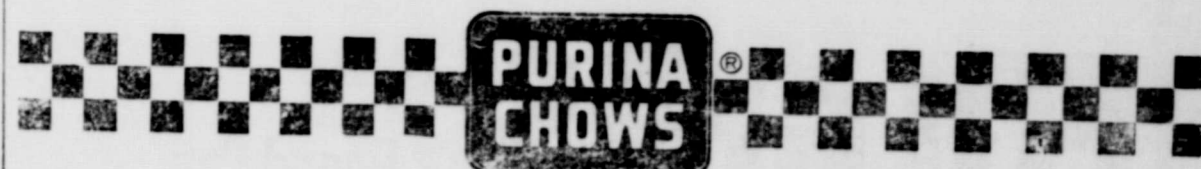
The Palston Purina Company is pleased to welcome this fine agri-business organization into its family of service-minded independent dealers.

These folks are anxious to serve the livestock and poultrymen in this community. We, at Purina, are sure that you are as pleased to have them serving you as we are to have them handling our products.

Here are just a few of the products and services that they are bringing to this area:

Purina Chows for livestock and poultry
Complete line of Purina Health Products
Purina Home and Garden Supplies
Seed and Fertilizer
Weed Killers
Farm Equipment and Supplies

Stop in and pay them a visit soon!



THANK YOU

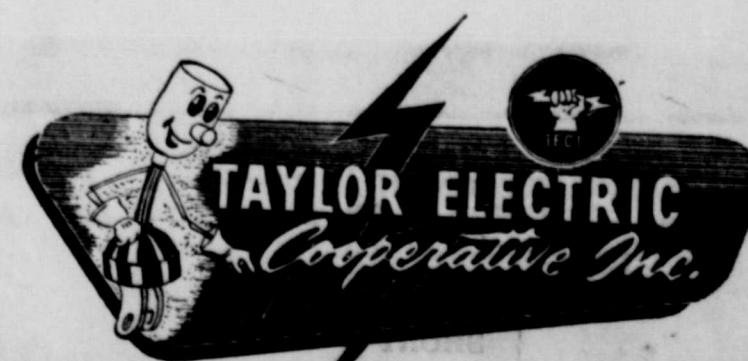
The fine spirit of understanding, the cooperation, and patience shown by our customers during the recent ice storm was an inspiration to all of us at Taylor Electric Cooperative.

Your patience and understanding certainly made the job easier for everyone — especially for the line crews and others working under difficult conditions to restore service.

We are aware of the inconvenience caused by service interruptions; and we shared fully your interest in getting service restored as quickly as possible.

Our appreciation is especially extended to those folks who offered to help in any way they could, and to those who in many instances, served our men coffee and spoke words of encouragement.

Thank you again for your help, understanding and most of all for your patience.



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, 1966



WATCH THAT SECOND TRACK
You have slowed down for the advance warning signs, stopped a safe distance from the tracks, and waited for the freight to pass. Don't get impatient now. You may dart out, just as the caboose passes, right into the path of a fast moving train on another track. Wait for the train to clear a sufficient distance to insure good visibility. Never move while the flasher lights are still operating. "Look Before You Leap."

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J. L. FISHER
FINA SERVICE
TWO LOCATIONS
INTERSTATE 20 &
WEST HIGHWAY 80
* * *

MERKEL
AUTO PARTS
921 N. 2nd
WE WELCOME
YOUR BUSINESS

ONLY 2 KINDS
of PRICES

Frozen Foods

MEADS
Hot **ROLLS** 24 oz pkg **25c**

BIRDSEYE
AWAKE 9 oz. can **29c**

GENNESSEE 10 OZ. PKG.
GREEN BEANS MIX 'EM OR MATCH 'EM
CUT CORN
GREEN PEAS
CHOPPED BROCCOLI **6 for 1.00**

CORN OIL BLEND
MAZOLA Lb. **39c**

FOLGERS Coffee
(1 limit)
2 Pound Can **1.39**

SHORTENING SWIFT
3 Pound Can **49c**

TUNA DEL MONTE
Flat Can **3 for \$1.00**

FLOUR Gold Medal
10 Lb. Bag **98c**

LEAN,
JUICY

GROUND BEEF



3 Pounds
FOR
\$1.00

BACON HORMEL B. L.
POUND **79c**

FRANKS HORMEL
ALL MEAT
12 OZ PKG. **49c**

SAUSAGE HORMEL
LITTLE SIZZLER
PKG. **59c**

STEAK CHOICE BEEF
LOIN OR
T-BONE LB. **\$1.05**

CHEESE WISCONSIN
CHEDDAR LB. **79c**

HORMEL
CHICKEN FRIED
STEAK Lb. **65c** CHOICE BEEF
SHORT
RIBS Lb. **49c**

ON DOLLAR DAY

LOW
and
LOWER

PRICES GOOD
THURSDAY THROUGH
TUESDAY
JANUARY 15, 16, 17, 19, 20



BORDENS 1/2 GAL.
HOMO 2
MILK 2 for **99c**

BORDENS 1/2 GAL.
BUTTER MILK 2 for **93c**

SCHILLING BLACK
PEPPER
4 OZ.
CAN **49c**

HUNTS 300
Tomato **JUICE** 8 for **1.00**

HUNTS 8 OZ.
Tomato **SAUCE** 8 for **1.00**

HUNTS 300
Stew **TOMATOES** 5 for **1.00**

HUNTS 14 OZ.
Tomato **CATSUP** 5 for **1.00**

HUNTS 300
SPINACH 6 for **1.00**

HUNTS 300 NEW
POTATOES 6 for **1.00**

HUNTS 2 1/2 CAN
PEACHES
4 LIMIT
4 for **\$1.00**

WOLF
BEEF STEW
24 OZ.
53c

OUR DARLING C. S. 303
Golden **CORN** 5 for **1.00**

DOUBLE LUCK 303
Green **BEANS** 8 for **1.00**

MISSION 303
Garden **PEAS** 7 for **1.00**



SPECIAL SALE
3 lbs. 1oz.
GIANT SIZE ONLY **63c**

JOY
REG. SIZE **23c**

DASH
JUMBO SIZE **1.93**

TRY NEW FAMILY SIZE TIDE XK
• Large Supply
• Convenient Package
• Reasonable Price



Family Size
16 LBS. 11 OZ.
2.19



WE GIVE
GIFT BOND
STAMPS
DOUBLE ON WEDS.

KRAFTS

Miracle Whip
Quart Jar **39c**

WITH \$5.00 OR MORE IN TRADE
EXCLUSIVE OF CIGARETTES

SUNSHINE
VANILLA
WAFERS
3 12 OZ.
BOES **1.00**

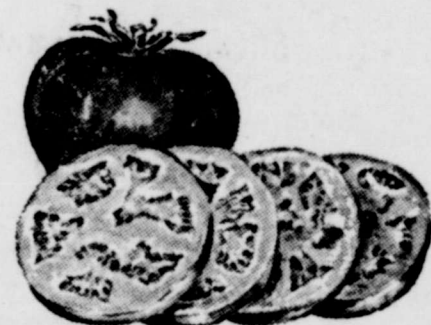
BORDENS
HOME TREAT
MELLORINE
1/2 GAL.
3 for **1.00**

KRAFTS
PRESERVES OR JAM
GRAPE
3 18 OZ.
JARS **1.00**

CAMPBELL
VEGETABLE
SOUP
2 NO. 1
CANS **29c**

PILLSBURY
BISCUITS
3 for **25c**

DEL MONTE
PRUNE JUICE
QUART
JAR **49c**



FRESH
TOMATOES
Lb. **29c**

SUNKIST
ORANGES Lb. **15c**

FRESH CELLO
CARROTS 2 Lbs. **29c**

GREEN
CABBAGE Lb. **9c**

YELLOW
ONIONS Lb. **9c**

RUSSET
SPUDS 20 Lb. Bag **79c**

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MERKEL, TEXAS
FRESH VEGETABLES
FREE DELIVERY
MON - WED - FRI
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