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WTU SETS NEW ALL TIME SAFETY RECORD

A new all-time safety record was set on Dec. 31 when the employes of West Texas Utilities Company completed the year without a lost-time accident.

During the twelve-month period WTU's 1,040 employes worked a total of 2,221,674 man hours.

During its long history of providing electric service to customers in West Texas, never before has such a record been achieved. Several times during the past 10 years the perfect record was almost reached. In 1960 only two lost-time accidents were recorded. Three were charged to the

company's record in 1963; four in 1964; and only two in 1967. Since 1957 only 57 lost-time accidents have been recorded in the 10-year period.

Last September the WTU employes received special recognition when they were presented the Safety Achievement Award by the Bureau of Safety. This came after they had worked more than 2 million man-hours without a lost-time accident. The last recorded was in October, 1968. The record now reads: fourteen months without a lost-time accident.

MERKEL LIVESTOCK SHOW CONTRIBUTORS

The following are firms and individuals that contributed to the **Merkel Fat Stock Show:**

Bowman Lumber Company
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Windham Fina Station
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Dudley and Son
Joe Dudley
Merkel Restaurant
John Hamner

Harris Elected LSWU Officer

Robert Leo Harris, Merkel City Water Superintendent, was named vice president to the Lone Star Water - Utility Association at their recent meeting in Benjamin.

James Hewitt of Knox City was elected president; and Aubrey Simpkins, Sweetwater, secretary-treasurer.

The Water - Utility Association includes Roby, Merkel, Munday, Throckmorton, Goree, Haskell, Rule, Aspermont and Benjamin.

Also Stamford, O'Brien, Weinert, Knox City, Hamlin, Rotan, Rochester, Anson and Sweetwater.

Harris is also a member of Texas Water Utilities Association, Texas State Association of Plumbing Inspectors, and Texas Water Pollution Control Association.

The LSMU Association will hold their February 18 meeting at O'Brien.

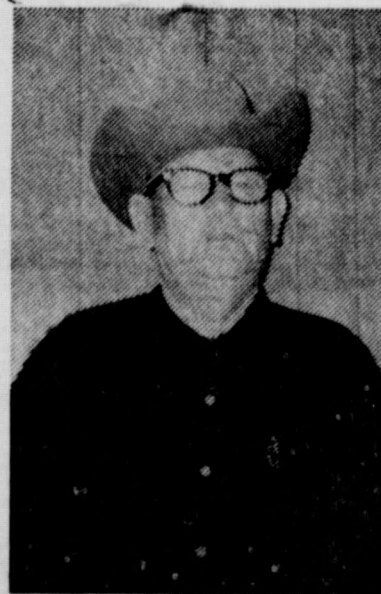
ROY BUCHANAN FILES FOR RE-ELECTION

Roy H. Buchanan, 711 Trundy, Merkel, will seek re-election to the Justice of Peace, Precinct 2, Place 2. Announcement was made to the Merkel Mail Friday, Jan. 23.

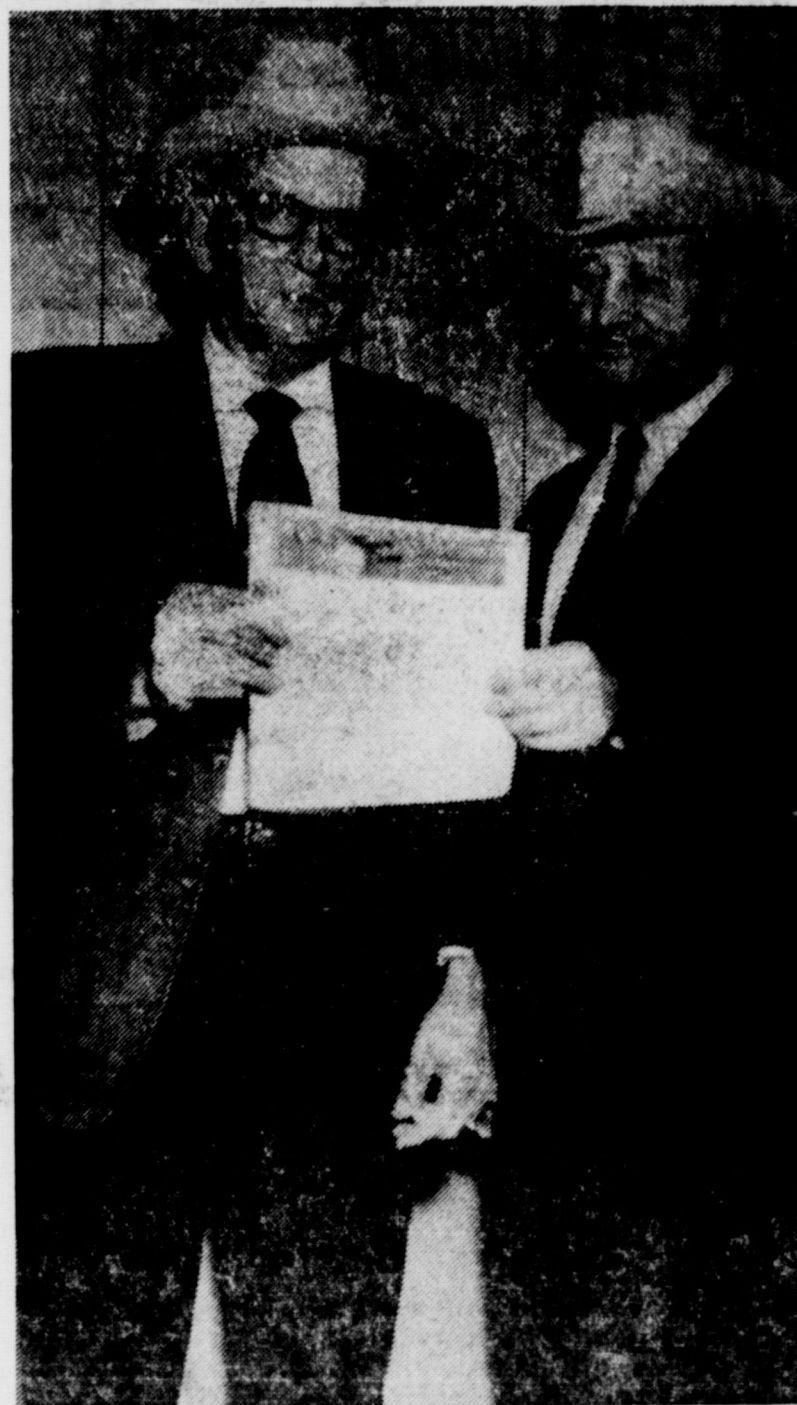
"In thinking back over the 12 years of serving you as Justice of the Peace, I have met and worked with a fine group of people, all of whom have been most cooperative. Such cooperation as helped me in my decision to file for re-election."

A native of Merkel, Buchanan attended Truby School in Jones County. He and his wife, the former Mattie Price, have two children. They are Mrs. Rene (Maxine) Barros of Sacramento, Calif., and Mrs. Billy Joe (Betty) Swinney of Lubbock.

The Buchanans have lived at their present address in Merkel for thirty one years.



ROY H. BUCHANAN
... for justice of peace



FARMERS UNION FLY-IN — Morris Smith, left, and Cramer Reynolds will leave the morning of February 1 for Washington, and the second of a series of 1970 Farmers Union Fly-Ins to begin Monday, Feb. 2. Their schedule will include meetings with officials and calls on Congressmen and Senators. (Staff Photo)

WORLD'S BEST PROS BEGIN COMPETITION

FORT WORTH (SpL) — More than \$90,000 in prize money and entry fees will be on the line Friday night, Jan. 30, as most of the world's best pro cowboys begin competition in the Fort Worth Stock Show Rodeo.

The rodeo, a part of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, will have 20 performances in 19 days. The championship finals will be Sunday night, Feb. 8.

The list of champions competing is headed by Larry Mahan of Salem, Ore., all-round champion cowboy for the past four years. Other 1969 world champions on hand will be Bill Smith of Cody, Wyo., saddle bronc; Gary Tucker of Carlsbad, N.M., bareback bronc; Doug Brown of Silverton, Ore., bull riding; Dean Oliver of Boise, Idaho, calf roping; and Roy Duval of Boynton, Okla., steer wrestling.

David Canary, "Candy" on the hit TV series "Bonanza," will be the rodeo's special guest star. He'll be accompanied by the New Establishment, popular recording artists.

Catholic Church's First Anniversary To Be Celebrated

Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church will have its first anniversary celebration Sunday, Feb. 1, according to Mrs. Juan Ybarra, publicity chairman.

Bishop Stephen A. Leven of the Diocese of San Angelo will celebrate mass at 10:30 a.m.

Following the services, a Mexican Dinner will be served at the Merkel School Cafeteria from 12 until 2 p.m. Tickets will be on sale at the door for \$1.25 per plate.

Physical Fitness To Meet Tonight

Twenty-five members attended the Physical Fitness Class held at the Merkel High School gym, Thursday, Jan. 22.

Mrs. Gerald Williamson, instructor, said the large group indicated a desire to continue the physical fitness classes.

The next meeting will be this evening at the gym, said Mrs. Williamson.

Stock Show Ticket Deadline Today

Bennie Melton, Merkel Chamber of Commerce executive secretary, reminded persons who plan to buy tickets to the Fort Worth Stock Show, to do so today.

"All tickets not sold must be returned by 5 p.m. this evening (Thursday)," said Melton.

Basketball Schedule

JANUARY
30 Coleman (there) A & B Boys
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

Voter Registration Deadline Is Saturday

As the January 31 deadline for voters to register draws near, Burl King, Taylor County Tax Assessor - Collector issued a "last call" to those in the Merkel area and in Taylor County to "get those voters' registrations forms in the mail."

"Registration may be done at the county tax assessor - collector's office," said King, "and we will be glad to assist in filling out the forms."

Forms may still be picked up at the City Hall in Merkel and at the Merkel Mail.

Roy Kimbrell, city secretary, said Tuesday that only a few more forms were left in his office and they would be handed out on a first come basis.

As of Tuesday morning, approximately 24,180 voter registrations had been counted, according to a representative at Unitab Inc., of Abilene.

"That still leaves some 3,800

voters of the approximately 28,000 potentials in Taylor County who will not get to vote unless their forms are in by the Jan. 31 deadline," said Joe Lassiter, Merkel democratic precinct chairman. He urged Wednesday that all people who had not registered to do so before midnight Saturday.

"Some contested races are already developing," said Lassiter, "and there will probably be more before the Feb. 2 filing deadline. We know there will be our local school board and city elections and in November the citizens will vote on important constitutional amendments. One of these amendments will be the local option sale of liquor by the drink."

Lassiter pointed out that these are only a few of the important reasons for registering.

"Remember, if you don't register you cannot vote. It's free—all you have to do is fill out your forms if you had one mailed to you in October, or get one at

the tax assessor - collector's office."

King reminded persons over 60 who live in towns of less than 10,000 or in rural areas that they must re-register every year.

"Under the old law, persons past 60 in small towns and rural areas did not have to register, but it now is required every year," explained King.

"And if they fail to register by Jan. 31, they will not be able to vote in this year's important elections."

King also pointed out that young people who will become 21 during 1970 can register before their 21st birthday. Tax office will mark on their registration certificate the date on which they will become 21 and therefore eligible to vote.

The Taylor County Tax Assessor - Collector office will be open until 4:30 p.m. Friday, but will not be open Saturday, according to King.

METHODIST Witness Mission To Begin March 6

Merkel's United Methodist Church will conduct a Lay Witness Mission to begin Friday, March 6, according to church pastor, the Rev. James Merrell. The Mission will continue through the morning worship hour Sunday, March 8.

"A group of thirty selected laymen have been invited to be in these services and relate to our church what Christ is doing in their lives and how this commitment to Him has become more meaningful," said the Rev. Merrell.

Visiting speakers will represent towns in New Mexico and others will be from Dallas, Midland, El Paso, Irving, Abilene and Arlington.

A dinner is scheduled in Fellowship Hall on Friday, March 6, with a Saturday morning coffee to follow and groups will "meet for prayer and meditation as directed by the Lay Witness team."

People in the Merkel area are given a special invitation to attend any or all of the Lay Witness services, said Merrell.

TC DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE URGES VOTER REGISTRATION

Highlight of the Taylor County Democratic Executive Committee meeting was a continued drive to get all eligible voters to register before the Jan. 31 deadline, according to chairman, Larry Cunningham.

Also on the agenda was the assessing of each candidate in the May Democratic Primary 10 per cent of the annual salary of the office he is seeking.

"This is in order to pay for election costs," said Cunningham, "and the percentage is the same used in the past several elections."

Note was made that one contested race has already developed and "there may be more before the Feb. 2 filing deadline." The contested race is for Precinct 4 Commissioner, where Abilene businessman Sheila Thornton is opposing longtime commissioner Jake McMillon of Lawton.

Others who have already filed for re-election include: Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 2, Roland Dunwoody; Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, Place 2, Roy Buchanan; County School Superintendent, Clive Pierce; District Clerk, Irene Crawford; County Judge, Roy Skaggs; State Rep., Dist. 62, Place 1, Grant Jones; State Rep., Dist. 62, Place 2, Frank Calhoun; Criminal Dist. Atty., Ed Paynter and U.S. Rep., 17th District, Omar Burleson.

Mrs. Bob Haile, Taylor County treasurer for the past 15 years, announced Monday, Jan. 26, that she will seek re-election in 1970, but will instead support her assistant, Mrs. Hayden Thomas of Potosi for the post.

Mrs. Thomas, who has been an assistant to Mrs. Haile for the past eight years, said she would file for the office with Cunningham before the Feb. 2 deadline.

Say!
Why don't you take a pencil - or pen - in hand and fill out a voter registration form and send it to your county tax assessors office so you can vote in 1970?
Okay!
Better hurry!
The deadline is Saturday January 31!



Muse-Jacobs Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Muse of El Paso are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Ann, to Mr. James Clark Jacobs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Jacobs of Rt. 3, Merkel.

March 27 in Northside Church of Christ in El Paso.

The bride elect is a junior at Abilene Christian College and also attended the University of Texas at El Paso.

A graduate of ACC, the bridegroom elect received a degree in range management and has completed a tour of duty with the U.S. Army.

Diet Peanut Butter for Low Sodium Diets



Peter Pan Peanut Butter Photo

The manufacturers of Peter Pan Peanut Butter have a product for those people who love peanut butter but are on low-sodium diets. No need to give up those peanut butter sandwiches. Spread diet peanut butter on special bread that has no salt added and you're all set. And, by the way, the low-salt bread comes in all your favorite types... rye, whole wheat and white.

Peter Pan's Diet Spread is like regular peanut butter but has no salt or sugar added. It contains no cyclamates or artificial sweeteners. The diet spread is available in a 9-ounce jar and is usually found in the special diet food department of the supermarket.

THE 123-DAY VOTER REGISTRATION PERIOD ENDS JANUARY 31!

IF YOU DON'T REGISTER YOU CAN NOT VOTE!

IT'S FREE! AT YOUR TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE!

BADGER TALES

By MIGNON CRAWFORD

Perhaps — just perhaps — by now most of our parents have "cooled off" about some of those grades that came out about two weeks ago. At least, we have a semester to change things,

different. She was paying too much attention to that little thing on her finger. See Karlen for more details.

The Annual TAP Carnival (Teens Against Polio) was held Saturday night. Merkel's contestant for TAP Queen is Carolyn Gilmore. The goal the teens have set is \$10,000. If you have any donations for the Teens Against Polio, see Carolyn Gilmore and she will pick them up.

Recently the Future Homemakers had their monthly meeting. The program was presented by Mrs. Jim Powell of Abilene, who demonstrated Fashion Two-Twenty make-up.

Both the "A" team girls and boys defeated Haskell, and they played them again a week ago. Last Friday, they both brought back victories from Anson. Tuesday they played Winters and Friday they will travel to Coleman.

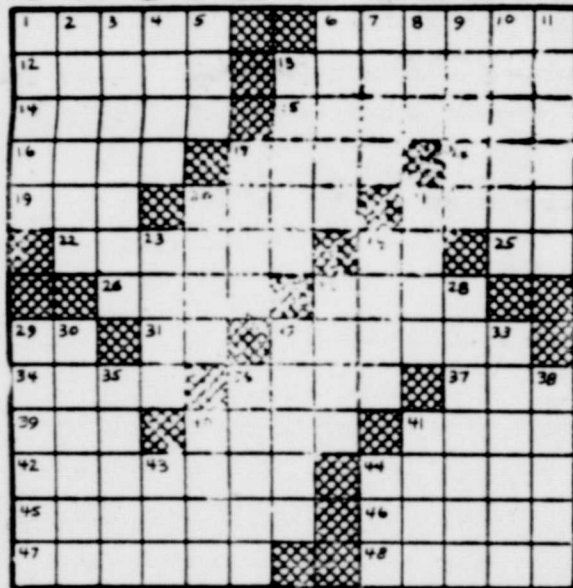
The Homemaking III girls had a practice wedding reception not long ago. Most of the teachers came and the Young Homemakers were also invited. They even had a groom's table. Of course, by now, they are almost professionals! They are especially good with three-tier wedding cakes. The "Specialists" with the cake were Cathy Beard and Nelda Tuckey.

As much as Diane Robinson hates to, she is going to have to share her award for "superior coordination" with Patricia McDeff and Karlen Gamble. Patricia just took one step up the stairs and down she went. I understand that she had rather fall up than down. With Karlen, things are

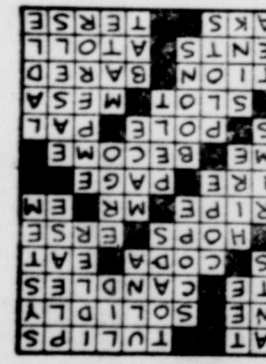
Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Herring
6. Flowers
12. Solo
13. Firmly
14. Flower
15. Tapers
16. Frots
17. End passage: music
18. Take food
19. Scene
20. Leaps
21. Gaelic
22. Streak
24. Male title: abbr.
25. Printer's measure
26. Ireland
27. Attendant
29. Chromium: chem.
31. Pronoun
32. Grow to be
34. Limbs
36. Rod
37. Companion: slang



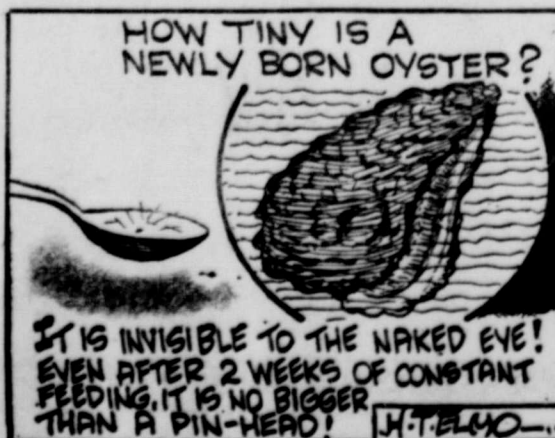
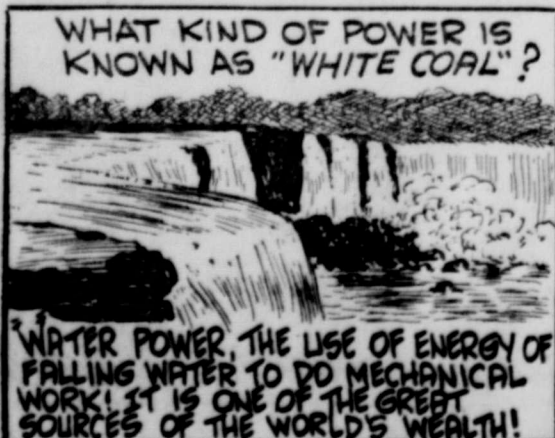
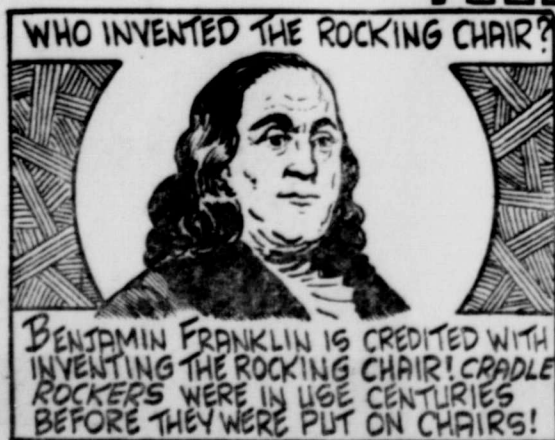
Answer to Puzzle



DOWN

1. Shiny fabric
2. Arranges
3. Rose-like object
4. Insects
5. Golf mound
6. Amphibians
7. Forearm bone
8. Cover
9. Lazy one
10. Satisfy
11. Method
13. Range
17. Contend with
20. Employ
21. Therefore
22. Edges
23. Spice
24. Skin
25. Ruler
29. Fastening device
30. Ceramic
32. Blessings
33. Stands
35. Class: verb
36. Semper
38. Dipper
40. Submerge
41. Counterpart
43. Beverage
44. Club

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ording to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

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

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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.

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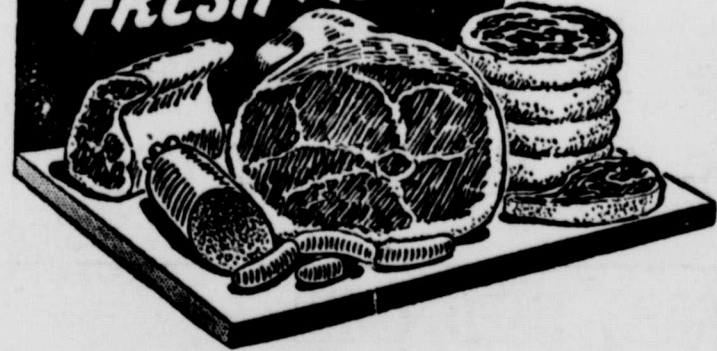
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Mrs. E. A. Click

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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 you.
Mrs. Troy Dickerson

CARD OF THANKS
OUR HEARTFELT THANKS to all who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the beautiful service, floral offerings, food and other kindnesses, we are deeply grateful.
Mr. and Mrs. Claud Warren
Mrs. Sharon Warren and family
Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Warren and family
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Frank Warren and family

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Dailey of Mt. Home, Idaho are the parents of a baby girl, born Jan. 17, and named Amy Noel. The baby weighed six pounds.

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MRS. ROBERT JAMES LEAMON JR.
... formerly Bronwyn Gamble

GAMBLE-LEAMON VOWS ARE READ

Wedding vows were read Saturday evening at First Baptist Church for Bronwyn Beatrice Gamble and Robert James Leamon Jr.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Gamble and Mr. and Mrs. Robert James Leamon Sr. of Imperial, Calif., are parents of the bridegroom.

The Rev. Kenneth Jones read vows. Mrs. J. H. Clark Jr. was organist.

Presented in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of candlelight silk with empire bodice and bishop sleeves. A sleeveless coat of candlelight cut velvet extended to form a train. A pill box cap of matching velvet held her cathedral veil. She carried gardenias with gypsophila.

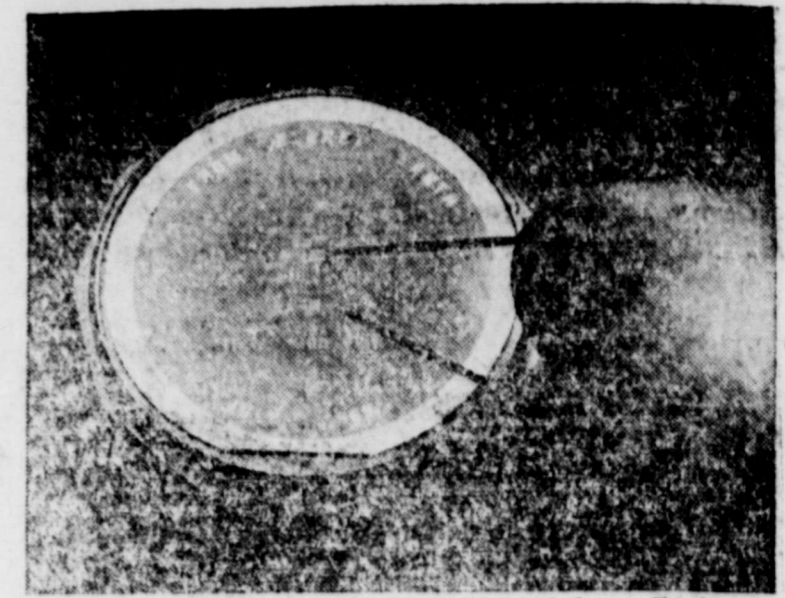
Her attendants wore gold sheer metallic blouses with white green velvet skirts and white shoes. Their bouquets were gold pumpkins.

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Her attendants were Mrs. Robert Shouse of Abilene, Pam Peterson of Austin and the bride's sister, Karlen Gamble.

Tami Higgins of Carlsbad, N.M. was flower girl.

Doug Calhoun of Imperial was best man. Groomsman and ushers were Stanley Leamon and Richard Seifried of San Antonio.



MICRO-MESSAGES FOR THE MOON from 74 heads of state plus four U.S. documents are contained on this 1 1/2 inch diameter silicon wafer in a Time Capsule left on the moon by the Apollo 11 astronauts.

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The Sprague process allows the pin-head sized messages to withstand temperatures over 1800°F indefinitely, something far beyond the abilities of microfilm and other previous micro-reproduction techniques.

Roy Lovorn With SCS Office

Roy Lovorn has reported for duty with the Abilene office of the Soil Conservation Service.

He will serve as conservation technician in the Abilene office. His primary duty will be to assist farmers and ranchers in Taylor County in layout and construction practices such as ponds and terraces. He will fill the vacancy created by the death of Alvis

Rodgers who passed away last fall.

Prior to coming to Abilene Roy worked at Taylor, Seguin and Stephenville with the Soil Conservation Service as a conservation technician and a construction inspector. Before starting to work with SCS he worked with the Blackland Experiment Station in Temple for nine years. He also owns a farm at Seguin.

Roy and his wife Maxine have purchased a home at 4612 Laurel in Abilene. They have one daughter, Juanita, who is married and lives in Topeka, Kan.



FARM LOCATIONS — Bob Price district conservationist, right, discusses locations of farms with Roy Lovorn, Conservationist Technician. (Photo Courtesy SCS)

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MERKEL TAP QUEEN — Carolyn Gilmore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gilmore is Merkel's contestee for TAP Queen and area teenagers are asking persons wishing to donate to "Teens Against Polio" to contact Miss Gilmore. Taylor County Teens have set a goal of \$10,000.

Farmers And Ranchers See Progress Film

Approximately one hundred farmers and ranchers and their wives attended the "Farming Frontiers '70," held in the Gold Room of the Merkel Restaurant Saturday evening.

The event hosted by Robert Malone of Malone Implementers, Merkel, and by John Deere Company, introduced to the group "new developments in farming, new crop varieties, new farm management ideas, and new equipment."

Mr. Gil Viers, a John Deere representative from Stamford, welcomed the group and concurred his remarks with a film, "Farming Frontiers '70."

Douglas Reddin of Trent won the John Deere Power Mower, given away at the meeting.

4-H Cooking Class Prepares Salad

The Second Year Cooking group of Merkel 4-H met Monday, Jan. 26 at Suzie Wilson's home for a cooking. They prepared Apple and Celery Salad and studied the fruit and vegetable's group.

Members attending were Torja Moore, Gayla Toliver, Kathryn Murrell, Cindy Byrd and Gayle Teaff. Suzie Wilson and Betty Johnson are the Junior leaders.

Their next meeting will be Monday, Feb. 2 when they will prepare Banana Bread and study the bread and cereal group.



DAVID W. RATLIFF
... state senator

Ratliff to Try For Re-Election

State Senator David Ratliff of Stamford announced today that he has filed with the County Democratic Chairman for reelection to the office of State Senator, District 24.

Senator Ratliff is presently Chairman of the Senate Oil and Gas Committee and serves on nine other standing Senate Committees. He is also serving on the Legislative Council and has served on the State and Local Tax Policy, Vocational and Technical Training and other important Interim Study Committees.

The 24th Senatorial District is composed of 21 counties consisting of Berden, Callahan, Coke, Coleman, Fisher, Garza, Glascock, Haskell, Howard, Jones Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Sterling, Stonewall, Taylor, Throckmorton and Young.

A formal announcement of his candidacy will follow in the next few weeks.

Mrs. Blackburn Celebrates 80th Birthday

Mrs. E. M. Blackburn observed her 80th birthday Thursday, Jan. 22 in the home of her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Meeks.

Those attending the birthday celebration were Mrs. Pierce Horton, Plainview, and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Houston Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Meeks, all of Merkel.



MR., MRS. EDGAR GRAYSON
... married 50 years

Mary Johnson, Bill Sherrod Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Johnson announce the marriage of their daughter, Mary, to Mr. Bill Sherrod Jr., of Stephenville.

The couple, both students at Tarleton State College, were married Tuesday, Jan. 20 in Stephenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sherrod Sr. are parents of the bridegroom.

The bride is a 1968 graduate of Merkel High School and is majoring in home economics at TSC. The bridegroom, a graduate of Stephenville High School is majoring in Agriculture.

The couple will live in Stephenville and continue their studies at Tarleton.



MRS. BILL SHERROD JR.,
... formerly Mary Johnson

FORMER MERKELITES TO CELEBRATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hugh Grayson will be honored at open house Sunday, Feb. 1 at their home in Monument, N.M. Calling hours will be from 2 until 5 p.m.

Children to host the Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary celebration are Mrs. Lillian Brooks, Jal, N. M., Hardy and Wardell Grayson and Mrs. Katherine Berryhill, all of Hobbs, N.M.

Mr. Grayson, brother of Mrs. Charlie Seago of Merkel, is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson of the Shiloh Community.

Mrs. Grayson, the former Willie Mae Hardy, is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hardy of Clyde. The couple was married Jan. 31, 1920 in Clyde.

Mr. Grayson farmed in the Shiloh Community until 1936 when he moved to Monument, N.M., where he worked for the Continental Oil Company until his retirement in 1961.

The Graysons are active members of the Monument Baptist

Church. They have 10 grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

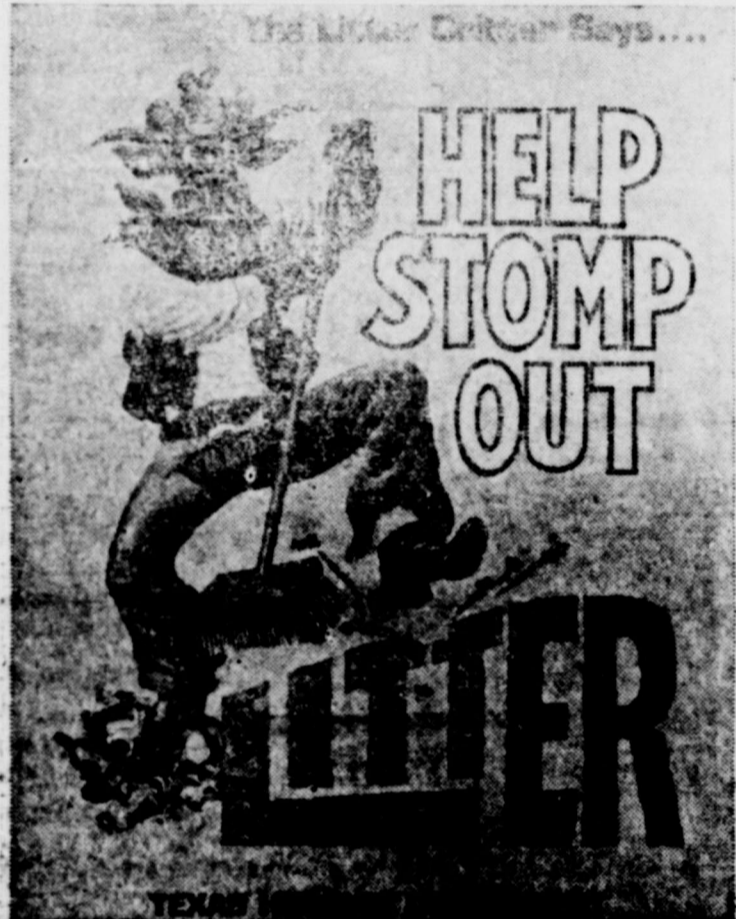
Mr. and Mrs. Seago plan to attend the celebration Sunday.

Mrs. Northcutt's Aunt Dies at 91

Funeral services for Mrs. Fannie Lunsford, 91, of Mt. Pleasant and aunt of Mrs. Eugene Northcutt of Merkel, were held Sunday, Jan. 25, at Mt. Pleasant. Burial was in the Concord Cemetery.

Mrs. Lunsford died Friday at the Mt. Pleasant Hospital and Clinic, following a lengthy illness.

Survivors besides her niece in Merkel are one son, Hollis Lunsford of Mt. Pleasant; six grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.



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Stith News
By MRS. FRITZ HALE



Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn and children and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hudman and children attended the Malone Implement Co. dinner held at the Merkel Restaurant Saturday evening.

Mrs. Ray Perry entered Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene Monday. Mrs. Perry fell at her home several weeks ago and injured her arm. She had surgery Tuesday.

Mrs. Fay Jones and son visited Mrs. Curtis Clyburn Thursday. Samatha and Jo Nell Mashburn

of Carlsbad, N.M., are visiting their grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn, J. R. Mashburn of Fort Worth, and Mrs. Sonny Hardin, James and Veronica of Lawn, visited in the Mashburn home last weekend.

Mamie Hardin and Reginal Bennett were visitors at the Stith Baptist Church Sunday morning.

Mrs. Nora McDonald spent several days last week with Mrs. T. E. Butler in Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Brown and children of Tuscola were supper guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Browning Sunday. Mrs. Browning is spending a lot of time at the Starr Nursing Home in Merkel with her father, the Rev. O. B. Tatum, who is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Holt Ford of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley Sunday. The Rev. James Williams was a supper guest in the Bradley home Sunday.

Joe Hill of San Angelo visited Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale Sunday.

Rodney Mashburn had a straight A report card at Cisco Junior College last semester. Congratulations Rodney.

"Busy Fours" Elect Officers

The "Busy Four" cooking class of Merkel 4-H Club met Monday, Jan. 26, and prepared combination salad. Junior leaders are Gail Boone and Dayna McAninch.

Officers elected at the meeting were Cindy Boone, president; Marsha Clyburn, vice president; Tonya Moore, secretary, and Vickie Reddin, reporter.

The class will hold their next meeting Monday, Feb. 2 at 3:30 p.m. at Gail Boone's home.

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Services Held For Gay Best

Funeral for LaWayne Gay Best, 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy W. Best of Brownwood, and great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lyday of Merkel, were held Wednesday, Jan. 21 at First Christian Church.

The child died Sunday in the Brownwood Community Hospital, following a sudden illness. She was born June 16, 1962 in Sweetwater and had lived in Brownwood for a year and a half.

Survivors besides her great-grandparents include her parents, a sister, Lana Joy of Brownwood; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Best of Bronte and Mr. and Mrs. Cal Hobbs of Alaska.

Couple Sets Feb. 7 Wedding Date

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Roan of Dallas announce the engagement of their daughter, Frances Lynn, to Nealon Roy McWilliams, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. McWilliams of Merkel.

Vows will be read in Lakeview Christian Church Feb. 7.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Bryan Adams High School and attended Stephen F. Austin College. She is employed by Bell Chemical Company.

Her fiancé attended Merkel High School and is employed by Shamrock Oil Co. in San Angelo.

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3. Make sure your child develops a good fear of the future, and fear of society. Let them see your own insecurity and give them no solutions to the world's ills. They will begin to REJECT the world that you have brought them into.
4. Make sure there is a LACK OF COMMUNICATION in your home. Let family conversation be replaced by the glittering TV screen. Don't talk to your children much, let them develop emotional problems.
5. Let them see a miserable EXAMPLE, the caloused unconcern, the public apathy. Let them retreat to the world of wild music and dances.
6. Be sure to allow the degenerative influences of life to rub off on them.
7. Then add the ingredient of human nature of vanity, selfishness, jealousy, lust and greed. And NEVER CORRECT THEM. And make sure they don't go to a Bible class where they are taught to SHARE and to be kind, and above all HONEST.

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MISS DONNA M. HARTER
... plans February wedding

**Donna M. Harter,
Jerry Don Doan
To Be Married**

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Harter of Columbia, Mo., announce the engagement of their daughter, Donna Marie, to Jerry Don Doan, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sanducky of Merkel.

Miss Harter is a junior at the University of Missouri majoring in fashion merchandising.

The bridegroom elect, formerly of Merkel, is now employed by Teeke Engineering in Casper, Wyo.

The wedding is being planned for Feb. 23.

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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 the suit.

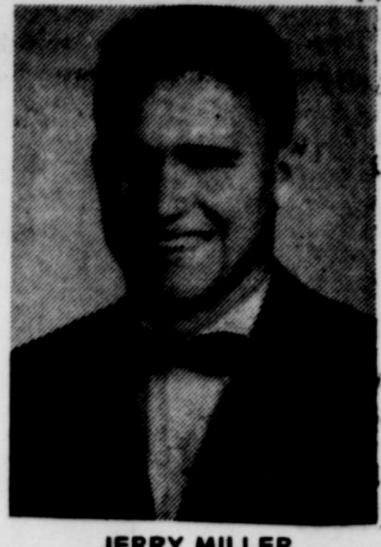
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Coach for the Locust Bulldogs is Jerry Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller Sr., of Merkel. He is a graduate of Merkel High School and of Abilene Christian College. Jerry played football in junior high and high school under former coach Carroll Benson.



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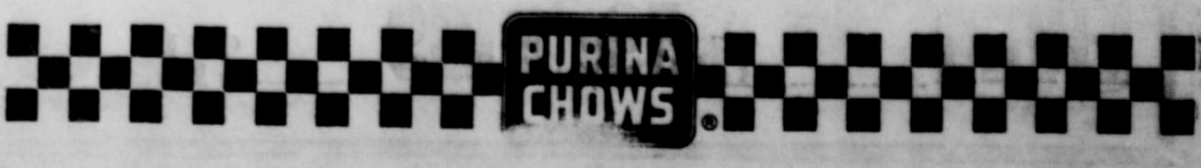
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FOLGERS Coffee (1 Limit) Pound Can **73¢**

CARNATION Coffee Mate 11 Oz. **63¢**

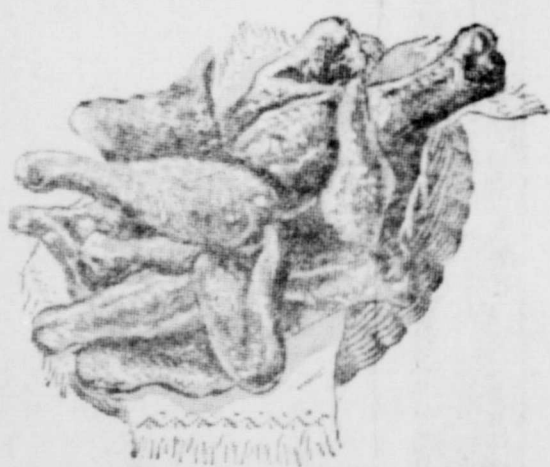
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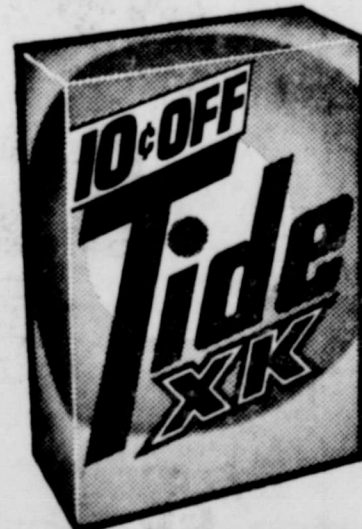
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