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4-H Adult Meeting Set for March 2

A Taylor County 4-H Adult Meeting will be Monday, March 2 at the Taylor Electric Cooperative building at 7:30 p.m., according to Mrs. Calvin Wade, organizational leader.

The meeting will be a covered dish supper, with those who attend to bring two covered dishes, said Mrs. Wade.

The dinner is co-hosted by the Merkel and Countywide 4-H Leaders.

"Parents are urged to make plans now to attend this meeting," said Mrs. Wade.

4-H Food Group Make 'Burgers'

The "Food for Fitness" 4-H group met in the home of Mary Merrell Thursday, Feb. 12 for a study of the four food groups.

The group learned at a local grocery store how to buy milk and hamburger meat. They also learned to make hamburgers.

Members are Deborah White, Sharon Allen and Mary Merrell, junior leader.

4-H Tasting Tea Is This Sunday

Merkel 4-H Club will hold its annual Tasting Tea Sunday, Feb. 22 in the basement of First Baptist Church.

Kathy Mansfield, junior leader, said the Tea would begin at 2:30 p.m. and continue until 4 o'clock.

4-H'ers will present foods for "tasting" that will be displayed at the County Food Show in Westgate Shopping Center Saturday, Feb. 28.



DUANE SHUGART
... outstanding records

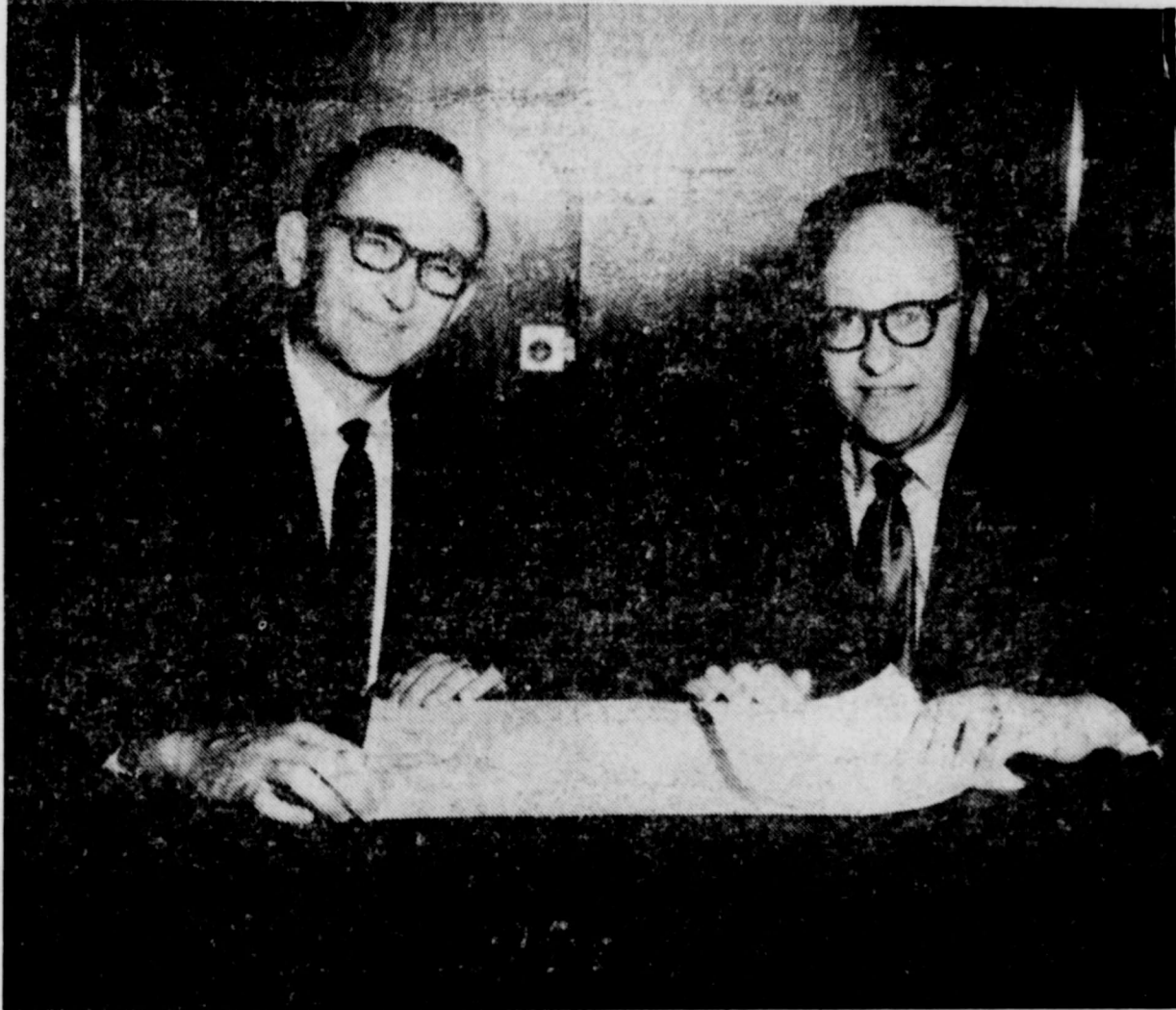
Shugart Named Master Salesman

Duane Shugart, with Palmer Pontiac Company, was named this week as being among the latest winners of Master Salesman's Guild Award from Pontiac Motor Division.

These awards honor outstanding records in selling new Pontiacs and Goodwill Used Cars. The Division congratulated Shugart on his "sincere desire to serve each customer intelligently and conscientiously."

Shugart has been in the car selling business for eight years, the last five with Palmer Company.

He is a native of Merkel and attended Merkel schools. He is a member of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, Masonic Lodge, Merkel Country Club and the First Baptist Church. He and his wife, the former Emma Lois Heatly of Trent, have four children and



FUND DRIVE CHAIRMAN — Delbert Allred, left, a 1954 graduate of Merkel High School will head the Taylor County Chapter, American Red Cross Fund Drive for 1970. Jack Holden, right, chairman of the Taylor County Chapter, made the announcement Monday. Allred, assistant vice president of First State Bank, Abilene, will announce his campaign goal in a few days. (Staff Photo)

MERKEL NATIVE TO SERVE AS COUNTY RED CROSS CHAIRMAN

Taylor County citizens will be asked to join millions of other Americans in March as the American Red Cross conducts its annual drive for funds.

Jack Holden, chairman of the Taylor County Chapter, American Red Cross, announced Wednesday that a Merkel native, Delbert Allred, would serve as chairman of the 1970 Taylor County fund drive.

Allred is now assistant vice president of the First State Bank of Abilene and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Taylor County Chapter of the Red Cross.

The countywide fund campaign excludes Abilene proper, which contributes to the Red Cross through its United Fund each year.

"We are very happy that Mr. Allred has agreed to serve as chairman of our March fund drive," said Holden. "He is a very capable young man, is a longtime resident of the county, and has a deep appreciation of the Red Cross and how it serves Taylor County and the nation," Holden said.

Holden said that Allred would announce his campaign goal in a few days.

Holden said that floods, hurricanes, tornadoes and other catastrophes drew heavily on human and financial resources of the Red Cross last year. "Hurricane

Camille was the biggest disaster of the year since it cost the American Red Cross more than \$20 million in assisting nearly 29,000 families who registered for Red Cross assistance. But Camille was only one of more than 2,000 major disasters that struck the United States," Holden said.

Last spring flooding caused serious personal property losses over 500,000 square miles area of the Middle West, and the Red Cross spent more than \$1 million in that relief operation. In addition, other floods, tornadoes and fires cost the Red Cross several million dollars more.

"I don't have to remind Taylor County residents that disaster could strike here," Holden said. "We all know that tornadoes are always a possibility, that floods sometimes strike in parts of Taylor County, and that explosions and fires can occur anywhere at any time and leave widespread damage and destruction."

Allred is a 1954 graduate of Merkel High School and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Allred who live 13 miles north of Merkel. He was born on the farm where his parents now reside.

After leaving Merkel High School, Allred attended McMurry College for one year and then completed his business education at Draughon's Business College. He has been with First State

Bank more than 12 years and worked for a time at Bible Hardware in Abilene prior to joining the bank staff.

Allred is past president of the Abilene Optimist Club and is still

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MERKELITE NAMED OUTSTANDING BY MCFSWC DISTRICT

Joe McDuff of Rt. 2 has been nominated as the Outstanding Conservation Farmer by the Middle Clear Fork Soil and Water Conservation District, for the state title.

A leader in the "Conservation Way" of Farming, McDuff, nominated as the local district winner, will compete in Fort Worth in the spring, according to Bob Price and Mickey Black of the Abilene SCS.

A native of Lueders in Jones County, McDuff moved to Taylor County when he was 27 years of age. He has been actively engaged in farming in Taylor County for 20 years. He attended Hardin-Simmons University and in 1959 moved to Merkel.

In 1960 he and his wife Pat, were recognized as Taylor County's Outstanding Young Farm Family. And in 1968, he was named the Outstanding Farmer by the Merkel Chamber of Commerce.

The MCFSWCD covers approximately 3/4 of Taylor County and about one third of Jones County, with portions of Callahan and Shackelford counties completing the area.

McDuff owns 383 acres and rents an additional 725 acres north of Merkel. He has been actively engaged in conservation activities since moving to the area.

It is not often that an individual will spend his own money to fix someone else's land, but this is the case with McDuff. In 1959, he entered into the Great Plains Conservation Program on land that he rented. While in the program he constructed terraces, waterways, diversions and a pond on the rented land. In 1967 he re-

Outstanding Citizen, Farmer To Be Chosen

Board of Directors of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce were busy this week laying plans for the recognition of the Outstanding Citizen and Outstanding Farmer or Rancher at the upcoming annual Chamber Banquet.

Date for the banquet is pending, awaiting reply from the guest speaker who has been invited to participate in annual affair, said Ray Wilson, Chamber president.

"We have been most fortunate in getting outstanding speakers for our annual banquets in the past," said Wilson, "and we certainly want to offer the people of Merkel and surrounding area the very best."

Wilson said Wednesday that a date would be announced this next week.

"The recognition of outstanding citizen and farmer or rancher has been received most favorably," said Wilson, "and we plan to continue this practice."

Outstanding Citizens recognized have been Booth Warren in 1968 and Johnny Cox for 1969. Outstanding farmers honored were Joe McDuff in 1968 and Corner Haynes in '69.

A ballot Merkelites and area people may use in naming their choices of Outstanding Citizen and Outstanding Farmer or Rancher is found on page one of this edition. Forms may be mailed to the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, P. O. Box 536, Merkel, Texas 79536.

Benny Melton, executive secretary, said that persons desiring to bring in forms may present them at the C-C headquarters at

Boney Insurance Agency.

Wilson stressed the importance of getting forms filled out and into the C-C office "as soon as possible."

"We want to stress that all of Merkel and area people may name their choices," explained Wilson. "This is not just for Chamber members, but for all of Merkel."

Other important matters to be taken up at the board of directors' meeting will be the naming

of three directors for the 1970-71 year.

Ballots went into the mail to Chamber members approximately two weeks ago and the fifty five cards mailed out as of Wednesday morning thirty five had been returned. Deadline for returning cards is this Friday, Feb. 20 at 5 p.m., said Melton.

Following the naming of directors, a president for the ensuing year will be named.

For Outstanding Citizen and Farmer or Rancher

(Write your choice for each of the following)

Outstanding
Citizen

Outstanding Farmer
or Rancher

Mail your ballot to the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, P. O. Box 536, Merkel, Texas 79536, or bring them to Boney Insurance Agency on North 1st St.

MELLINGERS

MERKEL 'LANDMARK' SOLD THIS WEEK

Mellinger Dry Goods Co., one of Merkel's "landmarks," has been sold for an undisclosed amount by his three sons to L&S Liquidators, a company associated with the Lubbock-based Skibell stores.

Future plans for the store have not been made public yet, but an L&S spokesman said Tuesday that an announcement would be made in the next week or two.

The three Mellinger brothers, Isadore, Meyer and Sylvan will continue to operate it until the new owners actually take over.

"Decision to sell was not easy," said Meyer, in an interview Wednesday morning. "The three of us, Isadore, Sylvan and myself, almost cut our 'eye teeth' on tables in the store. There are worlds of memories and so many will remain uppermost in our minds."

The store itself was started by the late Mr. Mellinger in the fall

Friday Singing

Third Friday Night Singing will be this Friday at 6 p.m. at the Victory Baptist Church.

President F. E. Sipe extended an invitation to all area people to attend.

of 1919 when he had been looking for new opportunities after his store in Kennedy, Tex., near Corpus Christi, was hit by the flood of 1919.

The Merkel store was the culmination of a familiar American story of an immigrant making good by long effort and hard work.

Compere HD Club Plans Auction

The Compere Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Don Adair Feb. 12 with a program on "Making Gifts for Bazaars. Members presented creative hobbies and gave directions for making them.

Plans were made to have a community auction of gifts with time and date to be announced later. Proceeds from auction will go to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene.

Refreshments were served to Mmes. Hugh Taylor, Ernest Spurgin, Ab Hunter, W. D. Bowsey, Clyde Chancey, Bernice Anderson, Clayton Dillard, Duane Johnson, Joe Amason, Don Adair and a visitor, Miss Debbie Moral.



CONSERVATION IN PRACTICE — Joe McDuff, picture at left, discusses chiseling of field with a hiredhand. In picture at right, are McDuff and his wife, Patsy. The Merkel farmer will be honored at District Conservation Awards Banquet March 16 and will also be entered in the state wide competition in Fort Worth. (Photos

FOR MERKEL PTA

DRAMA DEPARTMENT TO GIVE PROGRAM

Merkel Parent - Teacher Association will have their monthly meeting this Thursday, Feb. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school auditorium.

The High School Drama Department, under the direction of Mrs. Don Dudley, will present "The Faces of Love." The presentation is cuttings from three plays, combined to show the theme of love, said Mrs. Dudley.

PTA president, the Rev. James Merrell, said a business meeting will precede the evening's entertainment.

is urged that members and guests plan to be at the auditorium promptly at 7:30."

Also to be presented during the meeting will be the trophy given each meeting time to the grade or class having the highest per centage of parents and guests attending.

"Your Parent - Teacher organization needs you," added Merrell. "And remember, we can be as strong as our membership attendance is strong."

Merrell pointed out that projects are in the "planning stage" and membership attendance is

"This is an important business

THE FIZZLE FAMILY



by H. T. ELMO

BADGER TALES

By MIGNON CRAWFORD

The A and B team boys played their last district game last Tuesday — play off game for District Championship will be this Tuesday night with Coleman (Column turned in to Merkel Tuesday morning — see separate story on outcome). Last Wednesday the FHA had their monthly meeting and Waymon Adeock, Merkel Fire Chief, presented a program on safety.

The senior class is in the beginning stages of working on their money-raising projects for their senior trip. One project that is right now in the planning stage is a musical, so watch for further information and plan to be on hand — and "give generously to a needy cause." At the annual Sweetheart Banquet at First Baptist Church Saturday night, "royalty" was chosen, King was Paul Thames and Queen was Judy Hester. Remember, from now on, Paul is to be referred to as "King Paul!" Recognized as prince was Steve Walker, and Princess was Jan Beasley. Way to go, Jan! After next week, there will be only TWO more six weeks to go so CHEER UP, EVERYBODY!

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: Keith Carter, Defendant, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED 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'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 2 day of March A.D. 1970, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 14 day of Oct. A.D. 1968, in this cause numbered 31,977-A on the docket of said

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- ACROSS
1. Exclamations
 4. Pasteballs
 8. Raced
 12. Redoubt
 13. Wide awake
 14. Soil
 15. Hammer head
 17. Pennant
 19. Separated hand
 21. Separated
 22. Short sleep
 24. Wild flower
 25. Valia
 26. Hence
 28. Adherent suffix
 22. Poems
 23. Adam's son
 34. Auto fuel
 35. The up-conscience
 37. Made full
 39. Glass plate
 41. Fact collection
 42. Prayer book
 44. Leg joints
 48. Discourage
 50. Hit hard
 51. Beverage
 52. Scatter
 54. Age
 55. Sleeping
 56. Scotch chief
 57. Crafty
 20. Friends slang
 23. Hebrew letter
 25. Man's name
 27. Lashed
 28. Featen
 29. Tribes
 30. Demand
 35. Scarcity
 37. Musical note
 38. Writing fluid
 40. Snake
 42. Distance measure
 43. Italian coin
 45. Sheep
 46. English til
 47. Remain
 48. Pat
 49. Number
 53. Us
- DOWN
1. Rows
 2. Stop
 3. Heavenly body
 4. Mother slang
 5. Building
 6. Places
 7. Painted muscles
 8. Solid comb.
 9. Old
 10. Old
 11. Neither
 16. Rods
 18. Consumed
- Answer to Puzzle
- ACROSS
1. HEAVENLY BODY
4. PASTEBALLS
8. RACED
12. REDOUBT
13. WIDE AWAKE
14. SOIL
15. HAMMER HEAD
17. PENNANT
19. SEPARATED
21. SEPARATED
22. SHORT SLEEP
24. WILD FLOWER
25. VALIA
26. HENCE
28. ADHERENT SUFFIX
22. POEMS
23. ADAM'S SON
34. AUTO FUEL
35. THE UP-CONSCIENCE
37. MADE FULL
39. GLASS PLATE
41. FACT COLLECTION
42. PRAYER BOOK
44. LEG JOINTS
48. DISCOURAGE
50. HIT HARD
51. BEVERAGE
52. SCATTER
54. AGE
55. SLEEPING
56. SCOTCH CHIEF
57. CRAFTY
20. FRIENDS SLANG
23. HEBREW LETTER
25. MAN'S NAME
27. LASHED
28. FEATEN
29. TRIBES
30. DEMAND
35. SCARCITY
37. MUSICAL NOTE
38. WRITING FLUID
40. SNAKE
42. DISTANCE MEASURE
43. ITALIAN COIN
45. SHEEP
46. ENGLISH TIL
47. REMAIN
48. PAT
49. NUMBER
53. US

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TO: Gary John Pfaff, Defendant, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 23 day of March A.D. 1970, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court on the 9 day of Feb. A.D. 1970, in this cause, numbered 5323 on the docket of said court and styled In Re: David Bruce Pfaff and Keith Edward Pfaff.
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: In Re: Adoption as is more fully

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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.
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PERSONALS

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Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley spent Wednesday in San Angelo with Mrs. Pat Clearly.

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Mr. and Mrs. Elsie Roland

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MY SINCERE THANKS go to all who were so kind during my stay in the German Hospital. For visits, cards, flowers and prayers. May God Bless all of you.
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DO'S AND DON'TS FOR REGISTRATION

AUSTIN — The Texas Highway Department today reminded motorists of some DO'S and DON'TS for obtaining 1970 motor vehicle registrations.

The Motor Vehicle Registration Division of the Department has initiated a new computerized registration system this year.

In the past motorists have had to take their previous year's registration and auto title to the county tax collector's office or substation to obtain new license plates.

This year motorists were mailed a three - part computer - oriented registration form about January 1.

If a motorist wishes to renew his registration by mail he should mail the three - part form to his check for the registration fee county tax collector with his plus one extra dollar to cover postage and handling. Some county tax collectors will accept only money orders or cashier's checks.

If a motorist wishes to renew his registration in person he should take the three - part registration form to his county tax collector's office or substation with his check or money order.

Mail orders will be accepted only until March 1 allowing 30 days for delivery. Registrations will be made in person through midnight April 1 deadline for obtaining new auto license plates.

The Highway Department's list of DO'S and DON'TS for all motorists:

DON'T throw away your three-part registration application; it may be used both for mail and in person vehicle registration.

DON'T write on, mar or otherwise mutilate the three - part form. However DO show your correct address in accord with instructions on the form if the address is incorrect.

DON'T separate the three parts of the form; DO take to your county tax collector or mail it in one piece.

DON'T send your application to the Highway Department Motor Vehicle Division in Austin; DO send it to your county tax collector and DO enclose the amount of your registration fee and an extra dollar if ordering by mail.

DO send your application before March 1 if ordering by mail; no mail applications will be processed after March 1.

If you did not receive a three-part registration form in the mail or if you have lost it, DO take last year's motor vehicle registration and your car title to your county tax collector's office or branch station. Your vo-

bile registration will be processed as before and you'll receive a time - saving computerized form next year.

Remember, you will save time at your county tax collector's office if you use the computerized form. There is no extra charge if you obtain your license plates in person.

Coleman Wins Over Badgers

The Coleman Bluecats "edged" the 7-AA District Title from the Merkel Badgers Tuesday night at Rose Field House with a 45-42 win.

Standout for the Bluecats was Ben Wright, who stole, dribbled and scored and went into the final period to victory.

High pointers for the Badgers were Allen Arnswe, Tammy Anderson, Paul Thames and Bill Whisenbunt.

Merkel held the lead in the closing minutes until Wright made a 10 - foot jump shot, giving Coleman the lead 41-40 with only 44 seconds remaining.

Wright missed a shot from a foul from Whisenbunt and Anderson brought the Badgers in the lead for 42-41. With nine seconds left, the Bluecats' Dennis Wood gave Coleman the lead again 43-42. With 2 seconds left Coleman's Mark Martin sank two free shots from a foul he drew just before time out.

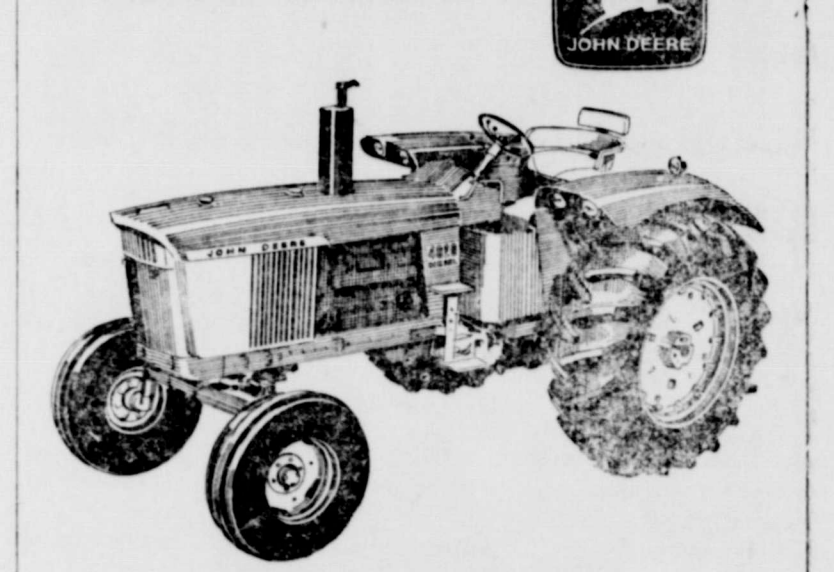
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For COLDS take 666

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New features and refinements increase leadership of John Deere 3020 and 4020 Tractors

Could they make them any better? Yes, John Deere engineers reworked the 70-h.p., 3020 and 94-h.p., 4020 Tractors to increase operating economy and reliability. New pistons, new cylinder liners more tightly fastened, alternators, oil coolers across the board, a new 12-volt electric system evenly charged—these and other features add up to extra value for your dollar. Ask us for details.



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MERKEL, TEXAS

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And We're "Lifting the Lid" on Car Prices!!!

Just Come In This Week and See for Yourself the Great Reductions on '70 Pontiacs Even Greater Reductions on

- GOOD USED CARS**
- 65 BUICK Electra 225 4 door sedan, air and power, electric seats and windows. This is a nice one, beautiful blue, matching interior. **1395**
 - 67 CADILLAC 4 door sedan, air and power, AM-FM radio, rear window defogger, power windows, real nice, reduced. **2995**
 - 66 PONTIAC Catalina 4 door sedan, air and power, new premium tires, nice only. **1295**
 - 57 CHEVROLET Bel Air 4 door sedan, V-8, automatic transmission, radio and heater, only. **245**
 - 67 PONTIAC Catalina 4 door sedan, air and power, new tires, real clean for only. **1595**
 - 66 FORD F-100 F1000 with Camper Shell, Good rubber. Real nice only. **1095**

"YOUR VOLUME DEALER IN MERKEL"
PALMER PONTIAC & GMC

WE NEED YOUR HELP

We need YOUR Help and Support. Behind every successful boy are interested parents who have encouraged him!

A judge of juvenile court of a large city recently said: "No boy has been in my court in all these years who plays sports."

Sports not only gives a boy something to do, but it also builds character and healthy bodies.

The FBI reported in its latest crime statistics that: Robbery is up 110 per cent, aggravated assault is up 485 per cent, auto theft is up 75 per cent. Our's in Merkel is down considerably from that and one reason for it is because of the sports activities that are carried on in the community almost all of the time.

But the question remains: "Shall we continue our VOL-UNTEER help in these programs?" and "Shall we encourage these boys in LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL to develop into our leaders of tomorrow?" To do that will require the help in PLANNING this season's program.

Thursday evening at 6:30, we need YOUR attendance at the Merkel Restaurant and your support for our boys. (Please note, time change to 6:30 p.m., for those who plan to attend the 7:30 PTA meeting.)

BULLY PATTON, Association President

ESSAY CONTESTANTS TO BE HONORED

Winners in the Conservation Essay Contest will be honored along with teachers and parents, at a banquet March 16.

Time and place will be announced later.

The annual banquet is hosted by Taylor Electric Cooperative of Merkel and by the Middle Clear Fork Soil and Water District.

Winners in grades 7 through 12 are:

Grade 7 — Teresa Clemmer, Merkel Elementary, 1st; Wanda Braune, Butterfield, 2nd, and Jani Wilson, Buffalo Gap, 3rd.

Grade 8 — Debbi Mann, Butterfield, 1st; Vickie Aldridge, Jim Ned Junior High, 2nd, and Steve Donaldson, Tye, 3rd.

Grade 9 — Melanie Harper, Wylie, 1st; Bob Benham, Hawley, 2nd; and Don Clyburn, Merkel, 3rd.

Grade 10 — Melda McDonald, Hawley, 1st; Mark Dudley, 2nd, and Johnny Wheeler, Wylie, 3rd.

Grade 11 — Gail Gentry, Merkel High, 1st; Vickie Walker, Hawley, 2nd, and Randy Long, Wylie, 3rd.

Grade 12 — Linda McAninch, Trent High, 1st; Carolyn Gilmore, Merkel, 2nd; and Shirley McKee, Wylie, 3rd.

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a member of the club's board of directors. He has worked in the Abilene Chamber of Commerce membership fund and has served on the Livestock Committee of the Abilene Chamber. He is past president of the Abilene Independent Automobile Dealers Association and is now secretary-treasurer of that organization. He is a graduate of the American Institute of Banking.

He and his wife, Aletia, who is a former resident of McCaulley, reside at 2243 Oakwood Lane and have two daughters, Tammy, 8, and Becky, 6.

Stallo-Land Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Stallo announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jo Ann, to Mr. Corky Lee Land, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Land.

The bride-elect is a 1968 graduate of Merkel High School. Land, also a graduate of Merkel High, is employed by Bill Sears' Grocery in Odessa.

Wedding date is March 28.



FFA WEEK — Governor Preston Smith signs the proclamation declaring the week of February 21-28, 1970, as FFA week in Texas. Looking on is Murray Edwards, left, President of the Texas Association of Future Farmers of America, and J. A. Marshall, Director of Agriculture Education.

FFA'ers to Exhibit Barrows In 1970 Houston Show

FFA promoters of Merkel will exhibit their barrows in the 1970 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, to be held February 23rd through March 8th. They are Michael Ray and Mike Snowden.

FFA and 4-H Club exhibitors will be competing for prizes in premium money plus an estimated \$130,000 in auction premiums above market value. These premiums will be divided among exhibitors of 8 breeds of beef cattle, 4 breeds of dairy cattle, 11 breeds of sheep and angora goats, 5 breeds of swine, 5 breeds of horses and many poultry and rabbit breeds.

4-H Group Discuss Feb. 28 Food Show

The Third and Fourth Year Cooking group met at Mrs. Robert Stephan's home Friday after school.

Members attending were Jerri Smith, Jerro Stephan, Annetta Stephan and Audy Ford. They fixed baked potatoes and discussed the Food Show to be held in Westgate Shopping Center Saturday, Feb. 28. Members also practiced setting the table. In prior meetings they made peanut butter cookies and sugar burgers.

FORTNIGHTLY CLUB HONORS TEACHERS

The Fortnightly Study Club honored the teachers of Merkel Public Schools Tuesday, Feb. 10 in the home of Miss Christine Collins.

Mrs. Don Wilson, Abilene, presented a book review "Due to Lack of Interest, Tomorrow Has Been Cancelled," by Irene Kampen. Miss Collins introduced Mrs. Wilson to club members and guests.

Refreshments were served to guests Misses H. B. Green, Ray Bean, Edwin Reed, Leon Welker, Glen Reed, Vincent Burnett, Joe Holloway and Al Walla.

A Lay Witness Mission is being planned and prepared by members of the First United Methodist Church and will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 6, 7, and 8.

A list of laymen who will be in Merkel to share their experiences with members and guests include people from Yuma, Ariz., Carlsbad, Roswell and Los Cruces, N.M., and from El Paso, Abilene, Midland, Irving, Arlington, Pecos and Dallas, Tex.

"A Lay Witness Mission gives to laymen an opportunity to share together with fellow laymen the reality of Christ in their lives," said Dr. Jarrett Williams, chairman. "Laymen from different communities with varying backgrounds and with stimulating experiences meet at the invitation of a church which has prepared the way for a lay encounter."

And preparation is being made by the First United Methodist Church members.

There will be a covered dish supper Friday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Saturday, coffee will be hosted in the homes of members. Mrs. Alma Bullock and Mrs. Jarrett Williams are co-chairmen of the coffee.

Saturday noon there will be a ladies salad luncheon at Fellowship Hall, a Dutch treat for the men at one of the local restaurants and a picnic lunch for

Also Misses Bill Tate, Carroll Benson, Hazel Pargament, Max Murrell, Brandon Wade, Nora Foster, Sus Wiggins, R. E. Bratcher, Olga Gamble, Jimmy Low, Abilene, and Miss Lydia Norcross.

Club members attending were Misses Bryan Donagan, Camer Hayes, David Gamble, Newton Daniel, Mack Davis, Pat Dudley, James E. Merrell, Ray Wilson, Charles Eger and Miss Collins.

Also Misses Albert Criswell, Johnny Cox, Mack Fisher, Eddie G. Sandusky, Billy Patton, Andy Shouse, S. E. Dixon and J. Lynn Knight.

LICENSE PLATE SALE HERE SATURDAY

Burl King, Taylor County Tax Assessor-Collector, advised Wednesday that he would have a representative from his office in Merkel Saturday, Feb. 21 to sell license plates. Location will be the showroom of Max Marrell Chevrolet Company.

License plates sale will begin at 9 a.m. and close at 4 p.m., said King.

A representative will also be at the City Hall in Trent between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. this Saturday.

King reminded people who had received the computerized registration cards, mailed out approximately Jan. 1, needed only to bring them along in order to get their 1970 plates.

"If you do not have a registration card then bring your car title

Please! Only you can PREVENT FOREST FIRES!

Official Memorandum

By
PRESTON SMITH
Governor of Texas

Austin, Texas

GREETINGS:

The Future Farmers of America organization is playing an outstanding role in assuring the future progress and prosperity of our State and Nation.

The importance of agriculture in our State increases as Texas progresses. It is vital to our well-being that we train skilled farmers and ranchers to provide a plentiful supply of food products in years to come and to train those who will provide services to the farmer and process and distribute farm products.

The FFA is composed of students who are studying vocational agriculture in the public schools in preparation for careers in farming, ranching, and related fields. In studying the science of agriculture, these Future Farmers are striving to continually improve this great industry for the welfare of all citizens.

Texas now has over 1,000 active FFA chapters with over 48,000 active members and more than a quarter of a million former members. During the past 40 years, the Texas Association, FFA, has performed valuable services to our State by developing leadership, encouraging cooperation, promoting good citizenship, teaching sound methods of farming, and inspiring patriotism among its members.

THEREFORE, I, as Governor of Texas, do hereby designate the week of February 21-28, 1970 as FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA WEEK (seal) in Texas.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 21st day of Jan. 1970.
PRESTON SMITH
Governor of Texas

CEMETERY FUND

The following made recent donations to the Merkel Cemetery Association:

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent in memory of W. W. Toombs
Clyde Irvin

Mrs. E. C. Tarvin in memory of Max Mellinger
Pauline Jackson
H. R. McKeever

Wm. R. Cyfert in memory of Mrs. Annie Winters
Buster Horton, Sybil Riney, Connie Carson and Mildred Winter
T. F. Morton

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Toombs in memory of W. W. Toombs and

Max Mellinger
Mrs. Leah Hand
Louise Hudson
Nora Hendrix
Gloria West
Lillie G. Mayhall and Jessie L. Mayberry
Winnie Cyfert in memory of Martha Lulu Sanders
Louise Winter
Pierce Horton
Mrs. O. A. Lucas
Mary Boyd

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SHOP...Special Grand Opening Bargains

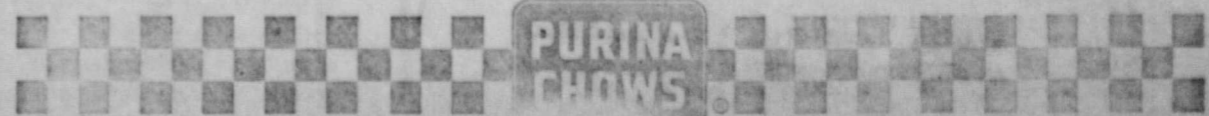
STOP IN...HAVE FUN

See our line of famous Purina Chows and Health Products. Meet our people. Hear about services we offer you.

We're looking forward to meeting you and serving you!

MERKEL ELEVATOR

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North First Street in Merkel, Texas



SPECIAL

Famous McKessons
VITAMIN C REGULAR

If you prefer the Famous Regular (EASY TO SWALLOW) McKESSON VITAMIN C TABLETS 100 mg., 250 mg. or 500 mg.

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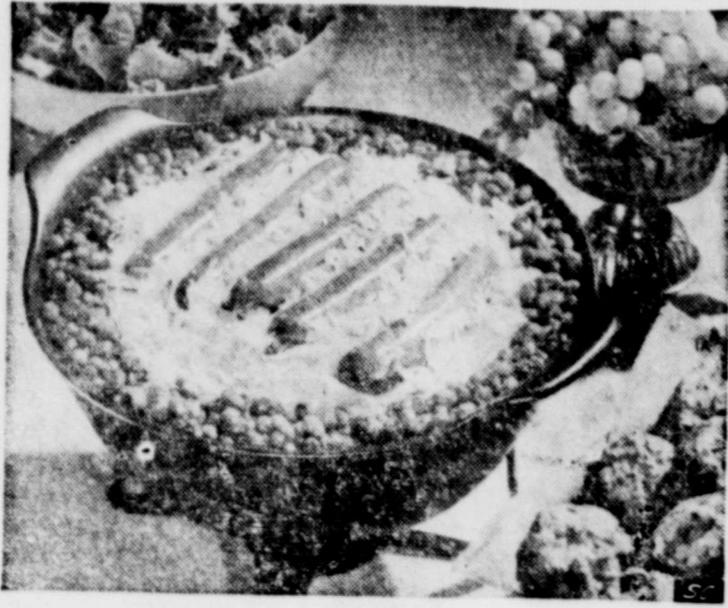
100 mg. — 2-100's — \$1.29

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Old World Flavor—New World Favorite



Just as Americans are a great 'melting pot' of nationalities, our foods are a potpourri from many different countries. This Wiener Bean Bake with sauerkraut, for example, combines favorite foods from two continents. Although 'boiled' beans will never be identified with any other locality, they were actually known to the early Romans and were commonly served in a mixture with other vegetables. Nobody knows for certain when or where the first wiener was made, but tradition has it that as early as 5 B.C. it was a popular food of the Romans. And sauerkraut is not all German as many think. Known as 'sour cabbage' to the Chinese, it achieved a historic role during the building of the Great Wall—it was served to starving workers to stave off starvation. So the wiener and bean casserole has an interesting history—yet it is a modern combination, easy to fix. WIENER BEAN BAKE, A LA KRAUT is bound to be your family's New World favorite.

WIENER BEAN BAKE, A LA KRAUT

- 1 1/2 lbs. (1 lb.) Oscar Mayer Wieners
- 2 cans (1 lb. ea.) pork & beans with tomato sauce
- 1/4 cup chili sauce
- 1 can (1 lb.) sauerkraut, drained
- 1 1/2 teaspoon dill weed

Preheat oven to 350°. Cut half of wieners into bite-size pieces. Combine with beans and chili sauce in 1-1/2 quart casserole. Cover with sauerkraut and sprinkle with dill weed. Bake 30 minutes. Top with remaining whole wieners and bake 15 minutes longer. Makes 6 servings.

Still Going Together



WIND AND WATER—The picturesque windmill pumping water for cattle is still a familiar sight on many ranches. By placing wells and windmills at strategic locations, the herds are spread out and thus graze over wider areas.

Cotton and cattle are still going together. Gone is the legendary cowboy who, with swirling rope and hissing branding iron, tamed the wild longhorn. Except for actual "working of cattle," the man on his mount has long since been motorized.

Gone, too, is the adventurous ranch life that was "hell on horses and women." Derring-do has faded away and the automobile, airplane, telephone and technology have banished solitude and drudgery. Home on the range has become sophisticated.

However, cottonseed meal, that valuable by-product of the cotton plant, has not disappeared from the cattle-raising scene. Far from it. Over a million tons of cottonseed meal are consumed annually by beef cattle. Dairy cattle eat up another half million tons.

What's in the meal that creates such demand? P.E.P. That stands for Protein, Energy, Phosphorus. Cattle need all three year-round for steady weight gains, good calf production, abundant milk and early weaning. Whenever grazing grasses fail to provide the right amounts of P.E.P., supplemental feeding with cottonseed meal is the safest, most economical way to get the job done, according to the National Cotton Council.

Take the well-known Swenson ranches at Stamford, Texas, which embrace 258,000 acres surrounded by barbed wire strung around for 650 miles. The fencing divides the four big spreads into smaller pastures to facilitate round-ups, control grazing and conserve grass.

The famous SMS brand (derived from the initials of Svante Magnus Swenson, who came from Sweden to settle in Texas in 1836) identifies 23,000 head of Hereford cattle. For over 50 years, the SMS ranches have produced top quality feeder calves and yearlings for commercial feed lots.

In normal years, despite the pesky mesquite, SMS pastures are covered with nutritious grasses but in wintertime the Swensons use cottonseed meal (in the form of pellets commonly called cake) as a regular supplemental feed.

As a matter of fact, ranch manager A. M. "Swede" Swenson, a former University of Texas football star, points out that in 1952 "our family started a cottonseed oil mill to make sure we had a regular supply of cottonseed cake for our cattle. We've been using it ever since."

Regarding mesquite, its present range far into the Southwest is believed to have resulted from seeds scattered during the thundering cattle drives of yesteryear. Mesquite is a spiny shrub or small tree with roots sometimes penetrating as deep as 70 feet. Its lacy, shadeless foliage has no grazing value. It exudes a gummy sap which is commercially worthless. So is the wood, though it was once used to make railroad ties.

The rapid sprouting of mesquite and the way it takes over pasture lands poses a constant threat to cattlemen. Early in the century, the Swenson ranches were overrun by prairie dogs which ate much of the grass and also mesquite seedlings. The prairie dogs were finally eliminated by poison but then the mesquite took over. Today, under a six-year rotating eradication program, the Swensons use treedozers, root cutters and anchor chains to keep the mesquite under control.

It's all part of modern ranching designed to insure properly managed nutrition. That, coupled with scientific breeding policies, means constant improvement in cattle quality which, in turn, provides the best in beef for the dining room table.



MRS. JOHN THOMAS
... "Granny Thom"

MRS. J. THOMAS BIRTHDAY HONOREE

Celebrating her 90th birthday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Billy West, Sunday, Feb. 8, was Mrs. John Thomas. A host of friends and relatives called Sunday afternoon to wish Mrs. Thomas, known as "Granny Thom," a happy birthday.

Relatives attending were Mrs. Zelta Mae Harris, Mrs. Leona Payne and son, William, and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hendrix of Arlington.

Also Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Thomas, Mrs. J. C. Thomas and daughter, Tammie, Mrs. Sylvia Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. John Stout, Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Wade, Mrs. J. T. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Shugart.

Also Lester Shugart Mrs. Howard Beard, Mr. Jim Oliver, Wayne Farmer, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Anderson, Mrs. S. C. Keith,

Mrs. Minnie Hunter and son, Buddy, Mrs. Kate Phillips, Mrs. C. C. Williams Mr. and Mrs. S. Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Edwards and daughter Jana, of Abilene.

Also Miss Joy West, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Caffey, and Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Thomas of Stamford.

Mrs. Thomas has fourteen grandchildren, thirty-one great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were married Christmas day, 1895 in Cross Roads, south of Merkel. He died in 1949 at the age of 73.

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JOIN THE STAR-SPANGLED FREEDOM PLAN

SIGN UP FOR U.S. Savings Bonds New Freedom Shares

Stith Club Meets With Mrs. Bradley

Mrs. Paul Bradley was hostess for the Stith Home Demonstration Club when it met Feb. 11 for their regular meeting. Mrs. Bradley gave the devotional, Mrs. Roy Perry lead singing and games were directed by Mrs. Vernon Hudson and Mrs. Wade Shaw.

Members elected Mrs. Hudson as candidate for District Meeting to be held in Vernon.

A program of Making Gifts for Bazaars was given by members. Gifts were displayed and flower making was demonstrated.

Hostess gift was presented to Mrs. Shaw.

Refreshments were served to eleven members, one child and one visitor, Mrs. Margaret Creig from Graham.

The club's next meeting will be Feb. 25 with Mrs. Curtis Clyburn as hostess. HD agent Mrs. Mary Newberry will also attend the meeting.

WANT ADS GET RESULTS!

There's a **Frigidaire** Refrigerator/Freezer Designed for You!



Yes, the wonderful new FRIGIDAIRE refrigerator/freezers now being shown at West Texas Utilities include a model and size for every home. Right now we're telling you about a Frigidaire model designed for the average home. It has two great features women will welcome with open arms! One is, it is frost-proof. You'll never have to defrost again. So you escape the drudgery of defrosting, and you lose no space to frost. The other is the automatic ice maker. Does away with ice trays! No fill. No spill. No forgetting to fill. It fills, freezes and releases cubes right into the handy server. Just dial the level of cubes you want on the level control and you will have all the cubes you want to keep handy. For a couple. For a crowd. See this wonderful Frigidaire refrigerator-freezer at West Texas Utilities.



MEDICARE HELP WILL BE GIVEN BY SS OFFICIALS

"Each medicare beneficiary should carefully check the 'Explanation of Benefits' form he receives after Medicare pays for his hospital or physicians' services," suggests R. R. Tuley Jr., Abilene Social Security District Manager.

"If the payment record seems incorrect, any discrepancy should be reported immediately to the Medicare paying agent or to a social security office," he went on.

Tuley emphasized that errors in billing can sometimes occur. A careful check of payment records can correct errors and help detect possible fraud attempts he added.

"In a program as large as Medicare," Tuley said, "with over 122 million bills received each year, even a tiny percentage of incorrect billings can add up to a lot of money. By reporting any ap-

parent mistakes, Medicare beneficiaries can help keep costs down."

The name and address of Medicare paying agent appears on all "Explanation of Benefits" forms, or questions will be answered by staff members of the Abilene Social Security Office (Telephone 667-5262 or Room 2321, P. O. Building, Abilene), Tuley added.

USE ZIP CODE

FEBRUARY looks forward... to Spring

AND IT'S SPRING AT CRAWFORD'S WITH YOU IN MIND!

100% NYLON Briefs \$1.00	Billfolds ASSORTED COLORS LEATHER AND PATTERNS \$1.00	Dresses \$5.00
Nylon Hose 2 pair \$1.00	COLORFUL SELECTION Scarves \$1.49	Mens Shoes \$6.99
Panty Hose THAT FIT What Will They Think of Next \$1.75 pr.	LADIES Shoes \$3.99	MENS Pajamas \$3.99
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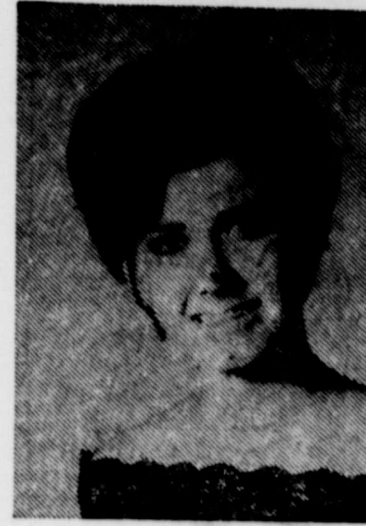
DIET COUNSEL

THERE IS ONE WAY TO LOSE WEIGHT AND STILL BE WELL-FED. NUTRITIONISTS SAY: EAT A COMPLETE VARIETY OF FOODS, BUT CUT DOWN ON THE TOTAL AMOUNT.

CARBOHYDRATES LIKE SUGAR AND STARCH, AND FATS ARE AS IMPORTANT IN YOUR DIET AS PROTEIN. THEY ALL BELONG IN A BALANCED DIET. AT ONLY 15 CALORIES PER TEASPOON, SUGAR IS ONE OF THE BEST DIETARY SOURCES OF ENERGY.

TO LOSE ONE POUND YOU MUST TAKE IN 3500 FEWER CALORIES (EAT LESS) OR BURN UP 3500 EXTRA CALORIES (DO MORE), SOME OF THE WAYS YOU USE UP CALORIES:

- BRISK WALKING (350 CALORIES IN 2 HOUR)
- DANCING (266 CALORIES PER HOUR)
- SWEEPING (56 CALORIES IN 2 HOUR)



MRS. MIKE HESTER
... suma cum laude

Honor Graduate At UT Arlington

Mrs. Mike Hester, the former Youlanda Marie Carey, was among 700 students graduating February 1 from the University of Texas at Arlington. She received her BA degree in English with high honors in the 5 per cent group, a suma cum laude graduate.

Daughter of Mrs. Frances Carey of Merkel, Mrs. Hester is now employed by Kennedale Public Schools, teaching high school English. She is a 1966 graduate of Merkel High School, and attended McMurry College, 1966-68.

Her husband, Mike, also a '66 graduate of MHS is a senior Aerospace Engineering student at UTA and is employed by Bell Helicopter at Harst.

Attending the graduating ceremonies from Merkel were Mrs. Carey, Wynna Carey, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Harwell, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hester, Judy Hester and Jim Hester.

Law School Picks Abilene Attorney

Abilene attorney Frank W. Calhoun has been named a Trustee of the Texas Tech Law School Foundation along with three other Texans.

A member of the Texas House of Representatives, Calhoun is serving his second term, representing District 62, Jones and Taylor Counties. He is currently serving on an interim House Committee studying the judicial system of the State of Texas.

The Texas Tech Law School Foundation was conceived as a vehicle for expanding the law school's contribution to the life of the profession and the community. Calhoun plans to attend and participate in the dedication ceremonies Feb. 23 in Lubbock.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF CITY ELECTION
Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the Merkel High School Gymnasium, in the City of Merkel, Texas, on the First Saturday of April, the same being April 4, 1970, for the purpose of electing three (3) City Aldermen for a Term of Two (2) Years Each.

Filing deadline for the above offices is March 4, 1970.
By Order of The City Council
LEON R. WALKER
Mayor Pro-tempore
Attested:
Roy J. Kimbrell
City Secretary

Gleaners Class Has Luncheon

The Gleaners Sunday School Class of the United Methodist Church met in Fellowship Hall Feb. 11 for a covered dish luncheon.

President Mrs. Minnie Howard, presided at the business session. Mrs. T. K. Anderson and Mrs. O. R. Douglas presented a musical program: Mrs. Roy Baccus the devotion and Mmes. Densil Cox and Newton Daniel gave opening and closing prayers.

Attending were the Rev. and Mrs. Newton Daniel and the Rev. and Mrs. James Merrell, and Mmes. Cox, Anderson Douglas, Howard Baccus, J. A. McWilliams, Mary Click, Winnie Cypert and Mattie Billingsley.

Also Mmes. W. W. Toombs, Dee Moore, W. S. J. Brown, Albert Criswell, Ada M. Johnson, John Shannon, O. E. Harwell, Ross Ferrer, Oswald Everett and Miss Mable McRee.

Matrons, Patrons Hear Mrs. Reid

The Past Matrons and Patrons Club met Feb. 10 at the Masonic Lodge Hall for their regular meeting, with Mrs. Wade Emsminger presiding. Devotional was given by Mrs. H. C. Reid.

Hosting the meeting were Mmes. Howard Windham and Florence Berry.



OUT OF DARKNESS INTO OBLIVION
It is night and the road is clear, you are pouring on the speed. You overdrive your headlights. Suddenly your headlights pick up the side of a train going over a crossing. You can't stop when you see the train. Consider the horror. The horrible pain of fear for the seconds it takes you to slide from the darkness into oblivion.

Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



Those attending the Cub Scouts' Blue and Gold Banquet at the Merkel School Cafeteria in Merkel Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn and children, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Barfield and David, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Clark and children.

Carolyn Lambert of Merkel spent Thursday night with Marsha Clyburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Barford Welch and children of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Alanzo Pet-

erson of Merkel visited the Bradleys Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kuch of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn and children Sunday. Mrs. Margaret Craig of Graham spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry.

Mrs. Curtis Clyburn visited her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mason Barker at Hodges Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Perry spent Sunday in Graham with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bauchhoffer, Jo Ann and Suzie.

Mrs. Mary Paulsen of Philadelphia Pa., flew in Sunday for a two-week visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dunagin. Mrs.

Margaret Jackson of Odessa is also visiting with her daughter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Malone, Monica and Haley of Taylor, visited over the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Malone and Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale.

The Fritz Hales and Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Malone and Monica Kay and Ethel Canida attended the wedding of Shiraz Joyce Hale and Ronald Horace Ray Saturday at the Crestview Baptist Church in Midland. Monica Kay Malone, cousin of the bride, was flower girl. The bride is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale.

"If You Want to Gather Honey, Don't Kick Over the Beehive."

(PART 2)

Abraham Lincoln said: "Don't criticize them; they are just what we would be under similar circumstances."

Do you know someone you would like to change and regulate and improve? GOOD! That is fine, but CRITICISM won't do it, it will change them, but only in their attitude toward YOU. If you want to stir up a resentment tomorrow that may endure until death, just let us indulge in a little stinging criticism... no matter how certain we are that it is justified.

Someone said: "Any fool can criticize, condemn, and complain... and most fools do. But it takes CHARACTER and SELF-CONTROL to be understanding and forgiving." A great man shows his greatness, by the way he treats little men.

Instead of condemning people, let's try to understand them. Let's try to figure out why they do what they do. That's a lot more profitable and kinder than criticism; and it breeds sympathy, tolerance, and kindness. "To know all is to forgive all."

God himself does not propose to judge man until the end of his days. And Jesus said: "Whatever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them;" - Matt. 7:12.

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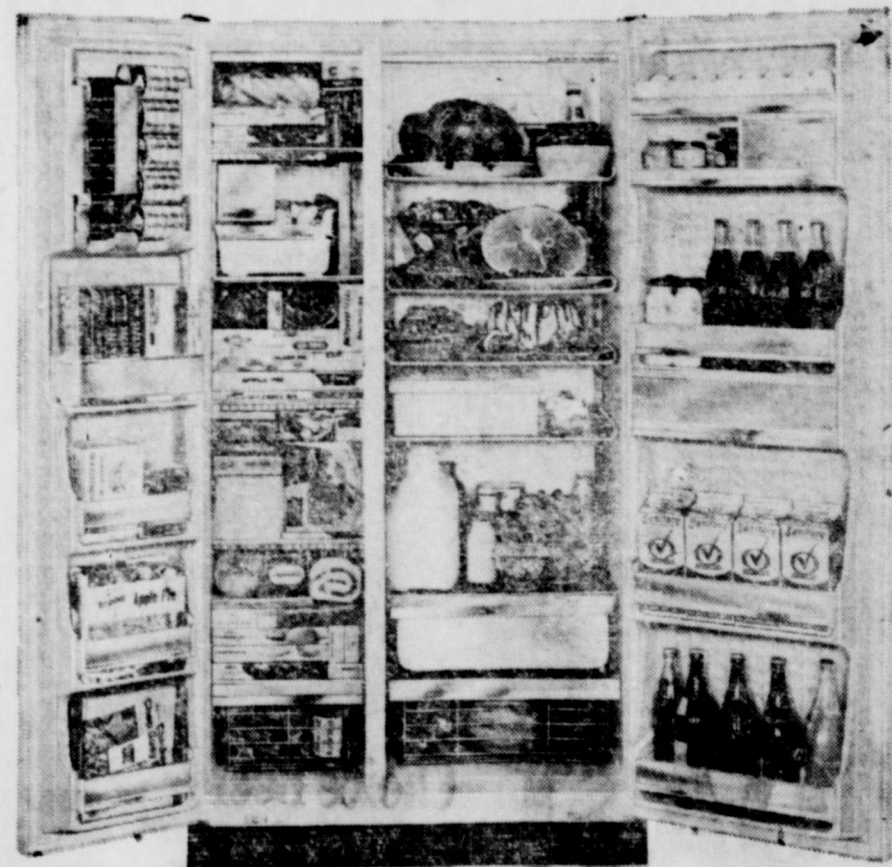
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DID COLUMBUS BELIEVE THAT THE EARTH WAS FLAT?

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